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## Berkeley celebrates all things BOOK

BY STEPHANIE GERTSCH

Like many good things, the “Bay Area Book Festival” started with someone noticing what was missing and creating what she wanted to see. In this case, it was Festival founder Cherilyn Parsons, who on moving to the

Bay Area in 2009, missed the Los Angeles Times Festival of Books. In 2015, she was able to launch the Bay Area book festival she had imagined, with help from sponsors and co-organizers. The first festival had 300 authors and a lively outdoor fair. After the 2016 election, the festival grew to incorporate more social justice-oriented themes, and in 2020 the event went virtual for Covid safety. But

the vibe has always been curious, inclusive, and fun. In 2023, Parsons stepped down as Executive Director, and in 2024, with new Managing Director Samee Roberts, the Festival will celebrate its 10th year.

This year the festival occurs over two weekends—with a special family day on May 4 with readings and panels

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## Leadership Fremont: The program is over, the work continues



Leadership Fremont Cohort at the Anderson Auditorium at Washington Hospital.

BY STEPHANIE GERTSCH

On May 22, the 2023 - 2024 Leadership Fremont Cohort celebrated a year of developing career skills and helping their community. Each year, the program takes a team of aspiring business leaders and guides them through a course of professional development, where participants get the chance to make a difference for a real community organization. This cohort chose the Afghan Elderly Association (AEA), a nonprofit that works to improve the lives of Afghan women in the Tri-City Area.

In particular, Leadership Fremont had the goal of raising funds for the social meal portion of AEA's Healthy Aging program. These weekly lunches allow the Afghan ladies to share a meal, access health and nutrition services, and just get out of the house and have fun with friends. But renting a big enough space with a kitchen is costly, especially since the pandemic. Leadership Fremont's goal was to raise \$35,000 in monetary donations and \$5,000

in in-kind donations. Their final count is \$41,653.50 in monetary donations and \$6,616.74 in in-kind donations.

Nasrat Quarabaghy, Administrative Assistant with AEA, says, “The Afghan Elderly Association is delighted with the successful collaboration with the Leadership Fremont class of 2024...This partnership significantly boosted our community engagement and support for our Healthy Aging Program. It was the first time that AEA received such tremendous support from Leadership Fremont, and the outcome has been amazing.”

Ava Lazor, a member of the Leadership Fremont cohort (otherwise Hydrogeologist for the Alameda County Water District), reflects on the collaboration. “I think making a lasting, positive change is most successfully accomplished close to home. It's incredible to me how much of a positive impact AEA has had at the hyper-local level, on Afghan people—and especially women—in the Tri-City area. AEA proves that an initiative to do

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## Butterfly and Bird Festival

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Join us at our annual celebration to connect with parks, people, and pollinators and mark the Park District's 90th anniversary. Enjoy garden tours, family-friendly activities, special presentations, music, and more!

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The festival is suitable for all ages; parent participation required. Parking fees apply where charged. Wheelchair accessible. This is a drop-in program; no registration is required.

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# Pride in Mental Health

Local Psychiatrist Offers Perspective on Mental Health in the LGBTQIA+ Community

Your family may include an individual who identifies as LGBTQIA+, or perhaps you know LGBTQIA+ individuals at work or among your friends and neighbors. Lacking clarity, understanding, or up-to-date knowledge of communication issues in the community, you may hesitate to engage with them for fear of saying something hurtful or harmful to the person.

Conversely, if you are an LGBTQIA+ individual, your conversations with those unfamiliar with the LGBTQIA+ community may trigger difficult feelings. “LGBTQIA+ individuals face unique mental health issues as they navigate the broader community,” says Suselina Acosta-Goldstein, MD, a psychiatrist and behavioral health specialist with Washington Township Medical Foundation. “The everyday language we use matters.”

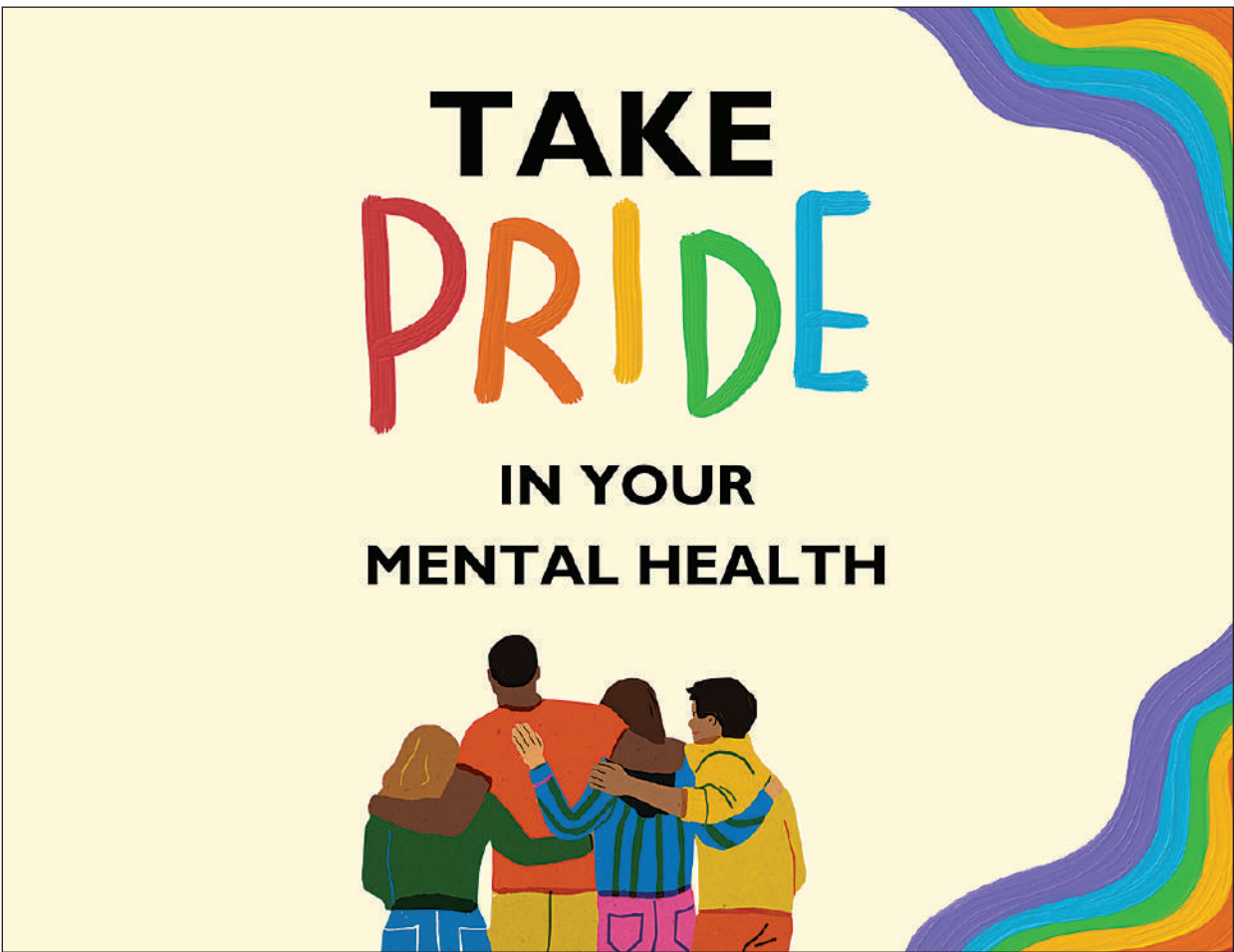
Dr. Acosta-Goldstein will discuss “Mental Health in the LGBTQIA+ Community” at an online Health & Wellness seminar, Wednesday, June 19. The 11 a.m. program can be viewed on Washington Hospital’s Facebook or YouTube page. If you cannot join the live program, the presentation will continue to be available on the Hospital’s YouTube page, [YouTube.com/whhsInHealth](https://www.youtube.com/whhsInHealth).

The presentation will focus on the unique mental health issues LGBTQIA+ individuals face, emphasizing the importance of awareness, acceptance and support. Understanding these challenges can foster resilience, promote well-being, and create a more inclusive society.

Dr. Acosta-Goldstein notes, “As society works to create safety and inclusivity in private and public spaces, both communities can work towards reducing the possibility of the unintentional harm that we deliver and/or internalize. All of us can do this by being more aware of the words we choose. We in the LGBTQIA+ community can also achieve this by letting go of unintentional harm or boundary setting when we cannot or should not.”

Dr. Acosta-Goldstein will discuss two main strategies for the LGBTQIA+ individuals to navigate: boundary setting and acceptance. She defines microaggressions as, “brief and commonplace daily verbal, behavioral, or environmental indignities—whether intentional or unintentional—that communicate hostile, derogatory, or negative slights.”

Microaggressions are something that many people may be guilty of whether they realize it or not. It is not the responsibility of the target to simply accept and move on.



Dr. Acosta-Goldstein explains, “The language that we all use every day, from casual conversation to deep discussion, is reflective of society’s values, knowledge and experiences. Every individual whether LGBTQIA+ or not cannot escape society’s daily messages of what is valuable.”

For example, unintentionally calling someone he/him even after knowing this is not the person’s preferred pronouns can be completely normal. She adds, “In modern society, we may see dozens or even hundreds of faces every day. It would be impossible to get everyone’s gender identify right in our every thought. The key is intention and effort. Acknowledging your mistake or apologizing can go a long way in reducing harm. A gender-nonconforming person can also recognize the mistake and not absorb it as an insult, reducing the harm they allow into their well-being. Observe it, don’t absorb it.”

Dr. Acosta-Goldstein notes that when a person consciously changes the words they use, they can also change their own perspective of others. She says, “Society needs to change their perspective of the LGBTQIA+ community to one that sees us as valuable, capable equals. This alone can do so much for the mental health of the LGBTQIA+ community.”

At this seminar, Dr. Acosta-Goldstein will review how boundary setting can be an achievable goal. Additionally, she will offer other stress-reducing activities including sufficient sleep, socializing with your chosen community, hobbies and activities that bring you joy, engaging with nature regularly, and 30 minutes of sunshine a day. If mental health difficulties continue, she advises seeking help from a mental health professional well-versed in LGBTQIA+ issues. For more information, or to register for the June 19 seminar, visit [whhs.com/events](https://www.whhs.com/events).



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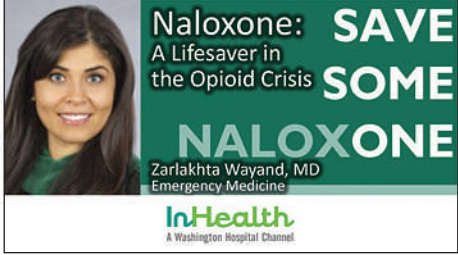
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**Mental Health in the LGBTQIA+ Community  
Wednesday, June 19, 11 a.m.**

Dr. Suselina Acosta-Goldstein explores the unique mental health challenges faced by individuals within the LGBTQIA+ community, emphasizing the importance of awareness, acceptance and support.



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# High School Students Goals of Health Care Careers Get a Boost

Washington Hospital Service League Offers Scholarships



Veda Jadaprolu

The Washington Hospital Service League is well known for its many dedicated volunteers, both adults and students, who work with Hospital staff to provide care and support to patients, families, and visitors.

What may not be as well known is that the Service League also supports the community by providing scholarships to residents who are 22 years of age or younger, live in the Washington Township Health Care District, and who wish to pursue a career in health care. The Service League's Scholarship Program, which has contributed to the training and education of many young people in the community, was established in 1961. The first nursing scholarship of \$150 was awarded to a nursing student training at Highland Hospital.

During the last 68 years, the Service League has awarded a total of \$383,905 in scholarships to deserving students. The Service League grants two \$1,000 scholarships annually that are renewable for three additional years, based on the student's academic performance and continued focus on the health care field.

"Our volunteers enjoy working in the Hospital and helping patients and families, but it is also meaningful for them to give assistance and support to future doctors, nurses and other health care professionals in our community," explained the Service League's scholarship chair, Dian Zarzycki. "Meeting these impressive young people and learning about their past accomplishments and future goals is inspirational. The Service League of Washington Hospital is honored to play a small part in developing future health care providers."



Sripradha Manikantan

Veda Jadaprolu was awarded the four-year (\$1,000 per year) Katherine Fusco Health Career Scholarship. She will be attending the University of California, Irvine, and her career goal is to become a pediatric neurologist. Based on her work ethic, optimism and excellent communication skills, the scholarship committee also awarded Jadaprolu the one-time \$1,055 Gene McGhie Memorial Health Career Scholarship.

Sripradha Manikantan was awarded the four-year (\$1,000 per year) Josephine Walton Health Career Scholarship. She will be attending Brown University. Manikantan has been accepted into their eight-year BS-MD program, to earn a bachelor of science and medical degree concurrently. She is majoring in human biology with the goal of becoming a physician. Based on her

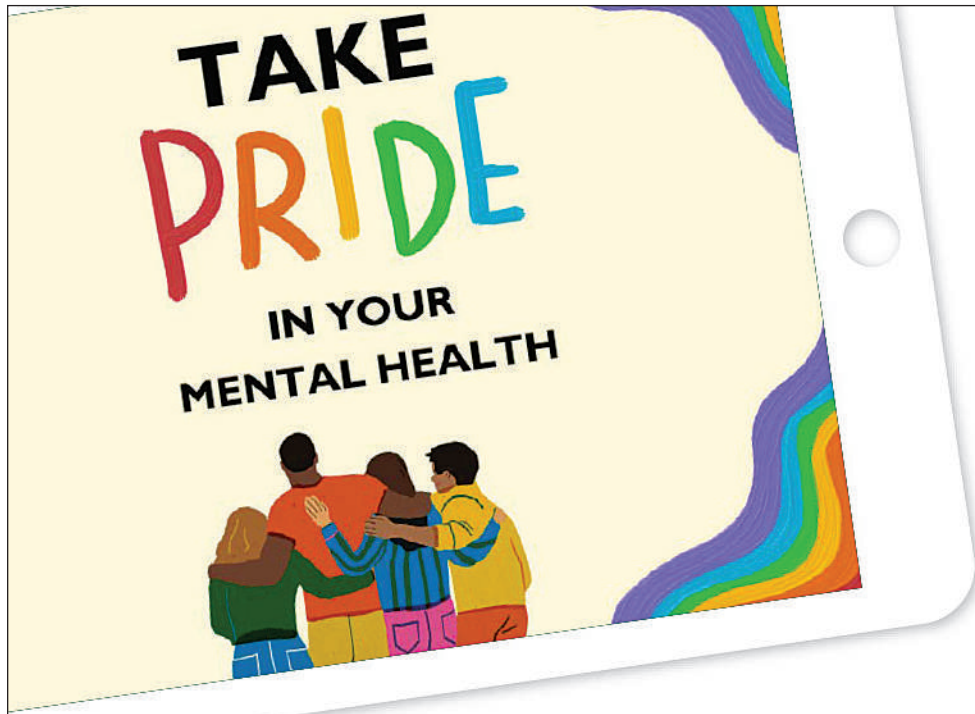
desire to advocate for others and the execution of her ideas, the scholarship committee also awarded her the one-time \$1,000 Ruth Nelsen Memorial Health Career Scholarship.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

To find out more about the Washington Hospital Service League, including how to become a volunteer, visit [www.whhs.com/volunteer](http://www.whhs.com/volunteer) or scan the below QR code.



*"The Service League of Washington Hospital is honored to play a small part in developing future health care providers." - Dian Zarzycki, Service League volunteer, chair of scholarship committee*



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Suselina Acosta-Goldstein, MD  
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# Ohlone College empowers incarcerated individuals through the Rising Scholars Program

SUBMITTED BY  
**DR. CELINA BARRIOS,**  
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Ohlone College proudly announces the expansion of its Rising Scholars Program, dedicated to supporting incarcerated, formerly incarcerated, and system-impacted students in pursuing their academic goals. Spearheaded by the passionate leadership of Brenda Ahnholz, Professor of Communication Studies and Gender & Women's Studies, and Jose Alonzo, program coordinator, the Rising Scholars Program is a beacon of hope, offering tailored support services to empower individuals to reclaim their futures through education.

In a landscape where access to education remains a critical challenge for incarcerated individuals, the Rising Scholars Program stands as a transformative initiative. With a mission to guide students through their academic journey, the program offers personalized assistance in navigating the application process, scheduling counseling appointments, and accessing both on and off-campus resources. Additionally, the program informs students about Re-Entry Scholarships and provides success workshops available to all students to

facilitate their transition into higher education.

Brenda Ahnholz, a dedicated professor and the driving force behind the Rising Scholars Program, exemplifies Ohlone College's commitment to educational equity and access. Ahnholz has played a pivotal role in organizing trips for professors to visit Elmwood, facilitating planning meetings between our Rising Scholars team and the correctional facility's programs department, developing courses, and more. "We believe in the power of education to break the cycle of incarceration and create brighter futures," Ahnholz stated. "Through the Rising Scholars Program, we aim to provide incarcerated individuals with the support and resources they need to succeed both academically and personally."

The impact of the Rising Scholars Program extends beyond individual transformation, contributing to broader societal goals. With California facing significant challenges in its criminal justice system, including high incarceration rates and staggering recidivism rates, education emerges as a potent tool for change. Studies have shown that education can reduce recidivism rates by as much as 38% to 43% (Davis et al., 2013), underscoring the importance of initiatives like the Rising Scholars Program in promoting rehabilitation and reintegration.

At the heart of the Rising Scholars Program lies a commitment to academic excellence and student empowerment. Elmwood Enrollment statistics reveal the program's growing impact, with a notable increase in Ohlone class offerings and student enrollments. From courses in disciplines like DAID, COMM, and ENGL to student performances showcasing the transformative power of education, the Rising Scholars Program is a testament to the resilience and potential of every individual.

As Larissa's COMM 130 class, Rose's ENGL 101A class and our podcast class demonstrate, students within the Rising Scholars Program are not just hungry for education—they are eager to learn, grow, and contribute to their communities. Most notably, our podcast class gives our Elmwood students the opportunity to enlighten listeners about their journeys navigating life and education while incarcerated. Their voices, infused with life experiences and a thirst for knowledge, underscore the transformative potential of education behind bars.

Looking ahead, the Rising Scholars Program remains committed to expanding its reach, offering more classes, certificates, and even an AA degree at Elmwood. By recruiting additional faculty, enhancing student services, and building partnerships with released Elmwood students, Ohlone College is paving the way for a brighter, more inclusive future for all.

For more information about the Rising Scholars Program, please contact Jose Alonzo at [jalonzo4@ohlone.edu](mailto:jalonzo4@ohlone.edu) or visit [ohlone.edu/justice-involved-students-pathway-program](http://ohlone.edu/justice-involved-students-pathway-program)

# Newark Develops Broadband Master Plan

By JACK ALCORN

At Newark's April 25 City Council meeting consultants from Government Technology Group (GTG) presented a draft Broadband Master Plan. The presentation included a 'Smart City' Report recommending strategies for the city to increase the availability, affordability, and quality of broadband Internet services.

In March 2021, the federal government awarded the City of Newark \$11.8 million in post pandemic recovery funds for economic stimulation. In October 2021, Newark approved two spending initiatives for these funds that support new infrastructure to provide robust broadband services throughout the city.

The first initiative, development of a Citywide Broadband Master Plan, was allocated \$200,000. The second initiative, broadband infrastructure (partial implementation of the Master Plan), was allocated \$1,000,000. The City of Newark then received \$1.8 million from the State of California to follow findings, recommendations and strategies of the Broadband Master Plan. The grant allows Newark to focus on the priorities developed through the Master Plan process and improve the existing broadband network.

In March 2023, Newark City Council approved a contract with Government Technology Group (GTG) to develop the Plan. The April 25 report to the City

Council includes the progress made on the draft Broadband Master Plan and Smart City Report. The final Broadband Master Plan and Smart City Report will be presented at a future City Council meeting.

Development of the Broadband Master Plan employed a collaborative effort that included staff and community input through surveys, meetings and workshops. Newark residents voiced a desire to improve Internet reliability and speeds in the city, including wireless and 5G technologies.

Smart City broadband infrastructure enables innovation in business. Communities are demanding new communication speeds to simplify and speed up their work. Fiber infrastructure provides efficient error-free communications that allow for real time-sharing of information between city facilities, including traffic signals and public safety. A new broadband network will also improve Internet services for residents, businesses, schools, health services, and other organizations.

Broadband is a 21st century challenge, ranked as one of the most important technology investments. Broadband is key for economic development, competitiveness, job creation and more prosperous communities. The City of Newark's Broadband Master Plan is a framework for the next ten years that will facilitate the city's mission of providing superior public services that enhance the quality of life for the community.

The Council voiced no opposition to the direction of the plan and the Mayor endorsed the effort. "I want to be a Smart City," said Council Member Sucy Collazo.

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## Adopt a Pet Month

SUBMITTED BY KELLY MIOTT

The Tri-City Animal Shelter (TCAS) is waiving adoption fees on all animals in the shelter through June 29, 2024. Visit [www.TriCityAnimalShelter.org/Adopt](http://www.TriCityAnimalShelter.org/Adopt) to apply! TCAS provides animals with the appropriate vaccinations, flea treatment, deworming, and

medical care to be ready for adoption and a new life. Additionally, all cats and dogs are spayed/neutered and microchipped before adoption. Based on our shelter resources, we provide treatment for the medical conditions found to be affecting the animal's current quality of life while in the shelter.

## Missing Hiker and Dog Found Safe

SUBMITTED BY JEN VANYA

The missing person has been located. Alex Stecher and his dog Apollo were located in good health on May 20 at approximately 12:15 p.m., by workers in the area of San Antonio Reservoir. The East Bay Regional Park District would like to thank all of the volunteers and allied agencies who responded to assist with the search including Alameda County Sheriff Search and Rescue (SAR), Cal SAR, and the National Guard.

## Newark Symphonic Winds Free Summer Concert

SUBMITTED BY JIM CARTER

Newark Symphonic Winds invites you to transition into summer with a free concert at Newark Memorial High School on Saturday, June 1.

We'll begin this evening's performance with "Commonwealth Fanfare," composed by Carl Holmquist – a wonderful rapidly moving piece that is an exciting introduction to this evening's performance. Next will be a medley of the best-known compositions of the

great Dave Brubeck in "Dave Brubeck: It's About Time," arranged by Charles Sayre. It is laced with the iconic and unusual tempos for which Brubeck is so well known. Following Brubeck will be "The Parting Glass" by Matt Conaway, an extremely expressive and flowing composition. We'll end the first half of our performance with a medley of tunes from the box-office breaking musical "WICKED" written by Stephan Schwartz and arranged by Jay Bocook in "Selections from WICKED."

The second half of our performance will begin with the wonderful music of the extremely talented Pleasantones clarinet quartet. The quartet is comprised of Tony Altweis, Sydney Moura, Brenda Nixon, and Rob Mayfield. They will be performing "Ain't Misbehavin'" by Fats Waller, "Golliwog's Cakewalk" by Claude Debussy, "Java Jive" by Drake and Oakland, "Tico Tico" by Zequinha de Abreu, and "La Rana Loca" by Mike Curtis.

Once the Pleasantones complete their excellent

performance, the symphony will then return to the stage and begin the second half of our performance with Alfred Reed's "A Festival Prelude." We'll then continue with the "Symphonic Suite from The Band of Brothers" by Michael Kamen and arranged by Jerry Brubaker. Next will be "Festive Dance from Faust" composed by Charles Gounod and arranged by Andrew Glover. We'll end our performance with an arrangement by Ira Hershenson of a medley of tunes by the Beatles: "Abbey Road: A Symphonic Portrait."

We are once again extremely fortunate to have this performance sponsored by the Fremont Bank Foundation. As always, the concert is free of charge, and no tickets are

Michael J. Klarman's *Brown v. Board of Education and the Civil Rights Movement*.

### D-Day

Eighty years ago, in—May 1944—most of Western Europe lay under the domination of Nazi Germany. American and British troops had cleared Axis forces out of North Africa in the winter of 1942-1943. In July 1943, the Allies captured Sicily, and then began moving northward through Italy. By the spring of 1944, the German forces had blocked the Allies south of Rome; In the east, meanwhile, Soviet forces stood poised to shatter the thin Axis lines and drive deep into Central Europe. All the while, Hitler's Final Solution—the genocide of Europe's Jews—was in full operation.

The cross-channel Allied invasion of France—known as Operation Neptune (everything up to the landings) and Operation Overlord (the landings themselves)—would decide the fate of western Europe. Because of the Allied deceptions—including the creation of a mythical "Ghost Army,"—Hitler thought the landings would take place at the English Channel's narrowest point, the Pas de Calais. Instead, American, British, Canadian, and "Free French" forces would invade Normandy.

Paratroopers, including the American 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions, began landing just after midnight on June 6, 1944. The infantry came ashore at daybreak on five beaches: Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno, and Sword. At Omaha, the U.S. 29th and 1st Divisions took terrible losses, as immortalized in the movie *Saving Private Ryan*, but U.S. Army Rangers scaled the sheer cliffs at Pointe du Hoc against fierce German resistance. Eventually the landing beaches were secured at the cost of thousands of casualties, including 2,501 Americans killed in action. Their bravery and sacrifice ensured the freedom of millions.

For more information about D-Day, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends John McManus's *The Dead and Those About to Die*, *D-Day: The Big Red One at Omaha Beach*.

*Ed Lengel is an author, a speaker, and a storyteller.*

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necessary. Simply come and enjoy the evening with all of your local musicians - and – be certain to bring your family and friends.

As a reminder, we often have a full house at our performances; therefore, please plan on arriving early to get the seating you prefer. You can find more information about our performances on our website (<https://newarksymphonic.org>), as well as a map to the venue and parking information.

All our best wishes, and hope to see all of you Saturday evening June 1, 2024, at our Free Summer Concert.

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## Tri-City History A-Z in Photographs #5: Eateries

By **KELSEY CAMELLO**, FOR THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUSEUM OF LOCAL HISTORY  
*Eateries (noun): a restaurant or other place where people can be served food.*



Larry Medeiros in his restaurant on Mission Boulevard inside the Guadalupe Inn.



Niles Chamber of Commerce in front of the Florence Restaurant on Niles Boulevard



Mission Pine Restaurant – interior scene, in Mission San Jose.



Cloverdale Creamery (now home to Bogie's Pet Store) night scene, in Centerville.

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](mailto:info@museumoflocalhistory.org).

## Honor Roll

### Mount St. Mary's University Dean's List

- Alyssa Alexander of Fremont

### SNHU Winter 2023 Dean's List

- Sean O'Neill of Hayward
- Azja Walker of Hayward

- Denean Jackson of Hayward
- Luz Fuentes of Hayward
- Brejonne Clinton of Fremont
- Ryan Santos of Milpitas
- Stella Hernandez of Milpitas

### Trine University 2024 Gradates

- Kenneth Weng Keat Chong of Milpitas
- Jiaze Li of Milpitas

- Jiaxi Liu of Newark
- Yuan Sun of Milpitas

### Angelo State University 2024 Graduates

- Jeffrey Rovner of Hayward

### Utah Tech University 2024 Dean's List

- Jenna McDonnell of Newark

### Chadron State College 2024 Dean's List

- Melvin Lipsey of Hayward

## State and Local Climate Change Law

SUBMITTED BY  
REPUBLIC SERVICES

Did you know that all residents and businesses in California are required to separate compostable (organic) and recyclable materials from landfill (garbage) materials? This requirement was established by California Senate Bill (SB) 1383, the State's mandatory organics reduction and recycling law, which is implemented in Union City under Municipal Code Chapter 7.24 in partnership with Republic Services, Tri-CED Community Recycling, StopWaste, and the Alameda County Environmental Health Department.

### Why Should I Compost?

When food scraps and other compostable materials such as food-soiled paper and yard trimmings break down in landfills, they produce methane, a harmful greenhouse gas 80x more

potent than carbon dioxide. Landfills in California are responsible for 20% of statewide methane emissions. When Union City residents place compostable materials in their green compost cart, they not only reduce methane emissions and address climate change, but they also create compost – a valuable soil amendment that retains moisture, conserves water, and nourishes plants and trees.

Union City residents are provided a Food Scraps Kitchen Pail to conveniently collect and transport food scraps and food-soiled paper to your green curbside compost cart. Please contact Republic Services at (510) 657-3500 to request a Kitchen Pail at no additional cost. Remember to place compostable materials such as yard trimmings and untreated wood directly in the curbside compost cart.

Visit [www.unioncityrecycles.org](http://www.unioncityrecycles.org) to learn more about what is accepted in Union City's curbside compost collection program and to download free resources. Visit [StopFoodWaste.org](http://StopFoodWaste.org) for simple shopping, cooking, and food storage tips to prevent food waste from being generated in the first place.

## Union City Celebrates Earth Day with new Compost Hub

SUBMITTED BY  
CITY OF UNION CITY

This past month, Union City celebrated Earth Day 2024 with a ribbon cutting ceremony to unveil Union City's Community Compost Hub located at 35700 Alvarado-Niles Road. The event was attended by esteemed guests including the City Council, representatives from Senator Aisha Wahab's office,

Assemblymember Liz Ortega's office, Board Supervisor Elisa Márquez, City staff, and valued community partners, StopWaste, Republic Services, and Tri-CED Community Recycling.

At this self-serve Compost Hub, Union City residents can now pick up loose compost year-round at no additional cost. The Compost Hub represents a significant step forward in the City's efforts to address climate change and adhere to the State mandate requiring cities to use material generated from residents and businesses composting food scraps, food-soiled paper, and yard trimmings through the City's compost collection programs.

"This Compost Hub not only reflects our City's dedication to environmental sustainability but also demonstrates the power of collaboration. Through the diligent efforts of City staff across

multiple departments, we are proud to unveil the Compost Hub, which benefits our residents and positions our City well to meet state regulatory compliance," stated Mayor Dutra-Vernaci.

Compost serves as a valuable natural fertilizer to enrich soils, it enhances soil structure, improves nutrient and water retention, reduces the need for fertilizers and pesticides, and increases microbial activity, ultimately fostering healthy plant growth and combating climate change by sequestering carbon.

"By offering this vital resource to our residents, we empower the community to engage in waste reduction efforts, promote soil health, and contribute to a resilient environment for future generations," said Mayor Dutra-Vernaci. "Together, we are building a vibrant, sustainable future for Union City and beyond."

Union City residents are encouraged to visit the self-serve City Compost Hub to obtain loose compost for their home gardens, contributing to the City's sustainable future. For more information, please visit: [www.UnionCity.org/Free-Compost](http://www.UnionCity.org/Free-Compost).





PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A public hearing will be held at 2:15pm on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 in the Central Meeting Room at the Fremont Unified School District located at 4210 Technology Dr., Fremont, CA 94538.

The California Department of Education has directed all SELPAs in the state to conduct a public hearing on their 2024/2025 Annual Budget and Service Plans. This public hearing enables the Mission Valley SELPA to comply with this instruction. Copies of the plans are available for inspection at the Special Education Office in each District.

New openings and June happenings in Downtown Hayward

By Nick Yoo,  
Assistant District Manager of  
The Downtown Hayward Improvement  
Association

Make this summer one for the books and head over to Downtown Hayward! Booming with new businesses and community events, the neighborhood will ensure you make the most of the season. Make sure you seize the chance to explore the latest additions to the scene and join in the festivities coming this June.

New Businesses

Downtown Hayward has seen the arrival of two new businesses: a Thai restaurant, and a gym. Khao Hom, a breakfast-brunch eatery, takes a refreshing and modern twist on traditional Thai cuisine. From their signature dish, the Khao Hom Waffle, to the savory Mango Sticky Rice, Khao Hom invites guests to explore their delicious offerings. Gonz9 is designed to optimize the performance of people of all ages and abilities through interval training, HIIT classes and strength training. Gustavo, the owner of Gonz9, will be offering personal training as well as small group classes.

A Look Ahead

In addition to new businesses, there are many exciting events on the horizon! Right around the corner is the return of the Annual Latin Jazz Festival, sponsored by the Downtown Hayward Improvement Association and taking place on Saturday, June 1 from

12 noon to 7 p.m. The streets of Downtown Hayward will be filled with the lively tunes of jazz music as local artists from around the Bay Area showcase their talent. The free festival will feature Latin food vendors, art and crafts, and above all, three stages of entertainment highlighting some of the Bay Area's favorite Latin Jazz artists. This year's lineup of musical talent includes Sentimiento Y Manana, Latin Rhythm Boyz, Mio Flores SalSazz Allstars, Mombotombo SF, Louis Carranza's "All Star" Desgarga, and Louie Romero y Grupo Mazacote, with "Ricky Aguilar." Hosted by Hayward native and devoted community member, Alfredo Rodriguez Jr., the Annual Latin Jazz Festival promises to have you movin' and groovin' all night long.

Juneteenth Hayward (www.juneteenthhayward.com) is set to unfold on Saturday, June 22 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. The gathering will showcase live music, family festivities, culinary delights, and more, all in tribute to the Black community. At the event, beloved children's entertainer Meekah will make a special appearance offering fans a chance for a Meet and Greet. Join the community for this honorary celebration in Heritage Plaza and support local Black-owned businesses and connect with the community.

For the latest updates on Downtown Hayward Improvement Association, please visit [visithaywardca.com](http://visithaywardca.com) and follow us on Instagram @DowntownHayward, and Facebook @DowntownHaywardCA.



San Leandro Launches mobile app

SUBMITTED BY  
PAUL SANFTNER

The City of San Leandro is excited to announce the launch of My-SanLeandro, the new Mobile 311 app, which will officially launch on Monday, June 3rd, at 9 a.m. Before the official launch, the city invites residents to become "BETA" testers of the new app. Residents can download the app from the Apple or Google App stores or visit [SanLeandro.org/ReportaConcern](http://SanLeandro.org/ReportaConcern) to submit a work request. We appreciate your patience with the previous Mobile 311 app and look forward to your feedback on the new app.

As part of the Community Care initiative, San Leandro's

My-SanLeandro is a mobile 311 application and website for residents to quickly and easily report non-emergency city-wide issues.

Emergency Reporting please note that My-SanLeandro is not monitored real-time 24/7. To report an immediate concern or emergency, please contact the San Leandro Police Department (non-emergency number) at (510) 577-2740 or dial 911.

Reporting a Concern  
Residents can now report issues for any of the following:

- Abandoned and illegally parked vehicles
- Code violations
- Overtgrown vegetation
- Potholes
- Public property concerns

- Sidewalk damage
- Signage
- Trash, debris and litter

The city encourages residents to sign up for an account through the My-SanLeandro application to track inquiries and follow up on the status of the reported concern. In addition to tracking your concern on the My-SanLeandro app, city staff contacts are at the bottom of this page. It is highly recommended residents complete the My-SanLeandro request before contacting individual staff members.

Visit  
[SanLeandro.org/ReportACConcern](http://SanLeandro.org/ReportACConcern)

City of San Leandro  
835 East 14th St., San Leandro  
(510) 577-3372  
[psanftner@sanleandro.org](mailto:psanftner@sanleandro.org)

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Leadership Fremont:  
The program is over,  
the work continues



L-R: Zohra Reza, AEA Health Promoter; Hamida Obeid, AEA Executive Director; and Nasrat Quarabaghy, AEA Administrative Assistant



L to R: Hamida Obeid, AEA Executive Director; and Diane Brasil, Management Analyst for Fremont Police Department

great things for others in need is tenable, and I'm so proud that our cohort recognized the opportunity to partner with an organization we could help in a significant way."

The collaboration will continue beyond graduation. Three Leadership Fremont Members—Ava Lazor, Muirgheal Forro (Operations and Outreach Manager, HERS Breast Cancer Foundation), and Matthew Sciamanna (Director of Nutrition and Services, Washington Hospital)—will join the AEA board of directors. Forro shares, "We are looking forward to guiding the group to further success. This experience not only allowed us to grow as individuals but most importantly utilized our strengths to come together and successfully accomplish our goals.

We would not have done this all without the dedicated support of our local community."

Fremont Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications for the next Leadership Fremont cohort. Information is on their website.

Leadership Fremont  
<https://www.fremontbusiness.com/leadership-fremont.html>

Afghan Elderly Association  
<https://www.afghanelderlyassociation.org/home.html>



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Special events

Dale Hardware Stars & Stripes BBQ  
Saturday, May 25  
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Dale Hardware  
3700 Thornton Ave., Fremont

Pride Fair  
Saturday, Jun 15  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Fremont Main Library  
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont

Dale Hardware  
110th Anniversary Block Party  
Saturday, Jun 29  
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

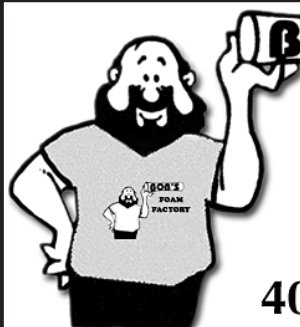
Dale Hardware  
3700 Thornton Ave., Fremont

San Leandro Artisan Market  
Saturday, Jul 13  
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
222 Davis St., San Leandro

Ongoing

Fremont Street Eats  
Fridays  
5 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
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# Flash Fiction Winners

For April 2024 Flash Fiction Contest, people wrote on the theme "Dreams." We are running the winning entries in the paper. To read all the winners, and for information on the Fall 2024 contest, go to [www.fremontculturalartsCouncil.org](http://www.fremontculturalartsCouncil.org).

## Overdue

BY VINCENT NGHIEM

On the car ride to school, I muster up the courage to ask my father what he wanted to be when he grew up.

"If I was born again," he says slowly, "I wish I could be a doctor."

He's grizzled, past retirement age, and would rather chastise me for not eating breakfast or staying up too late last night rather than tell stories from his past. His employee badge, nestled in the tangles of his lanyard, momentarily gleams in the morning sunlight: "Electronic Technician"

He scoffs. Speaks of how, under the iron fist of the communists four decades ago, he

was denied entry to medical school. How, when he fled to the U.S. years later, he couldn't become a doctor because of his unfamiliarity with English. How bitter that language could taste.

I look at him. Headstrong, chiseled and as sturdy as a marble statue, yes, but weathered. There's a boy peeking through the cracks, someone who laid his dreams down, let them decompose into a bed of soil sturdy enough for me to stand upon.

"Why?" Red light. "I wanted to help people. Help my family, help myself. I feel the same amount of satisfaction, working with electronics. But if I could do it over again..."

The sun glimmers through the windshield, and my father and I blink. Our eyes briefly meet in the rearview mirror. I fear that's enough looking back for the day, or at least until the next time, sometime far away in the future, I'm brave enough to ask him another prying question.

My father looks at me and smiles, slaps me on the shoulder with a heavy, lined hand. "But I have you, and your brother and Mommy." And I hope that we can shoulder his dreams together. Possibly.

# 'Meet Me at the Mission' Exquisite Gala



SUBMITTED BY  
GARY DORIGHI

In the earliest days of the 19th century, Old Mission San José was the literal center of the region and thus an important landmark for people from distant locales to "meet up."

On Saturday, June 8 starting at 5 p.m., The Committee for Restoration of the Mission San José invites you to "meet up" at its "Meet Me at the Mission" Fundraising Gala, an evening of wine, food, and music held in the beautiful Mission Patio Garden. You will experience wonderful mariachi music to greet you, local wine by Mission Peak Vineyards, tasty tapas, a historic artwork silent auction, an organ concert of 17th century music followed by luxurious desserts.

Advance tickets are required and can be purchased at <https://crmsjca.org>. (Go to "Gala Tickets" at the menu at the top of

the screen.) Sponsorship opportunities are still available at <https://crmsjca.org/gala2024> or by contacting [crmsjca@gmail.com](mailto:crmsjca@gmail.com). All proceeds support the preservation and restoration needs of Mission San José.

**'Meet Me at the Mission'**  
**Exquisite Gala**  
**Saturday, Jun 8**  
**5 p.m. Mariachi Greeting, silent auction**  
**7 p.m. Spanish Organ Concert, dessert reception**  
**Mission Patio Garden**  
**43300 Mission Blvd., Fremont**  
**(510) 657-1797**  
**<https://crmsjca.org>**  
**Tickets: \$85**



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Address: 6430 Thornton Ave, Newark, CA 94560

<https://farmersandfarmerettes.org>

## Alameda County Water District awards scholarships at Annual WaterClips Student Video Contest

SUBMITTED BY  
SHARENE GONZALES,  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
SUPERVISOR

The spotlight shined on Tri-City area students as the Alameda County Water District awarded contest winners at a special Board Meeting on May 15 for their cinematic achievements in the 5th annual WaterClips Student Video Contest. Over 100 students competing as individual or team entries submitted 30-second videos to raise awareness about an essential water topic – finding and fixing leaks.

Live-action and animated videos dominated submissions, with students vying for scholarships up to \$500. The contest challenged students to convey the importance of finding and fixing leaks to conserve water and reduce water waste in Fremont, Newark and Union City homes, schools and businesses.

The District also awarded classroom scholarships to teachers for sponsoring winning student videos and to teachers sponsoring ten or more qualified video entries. Distinguished representatives from government, television and

environmental industries served as judges to select winning video entries from students in grades 6-12 in Middle and High School categories.

"The talent and creativity demonstrated by our students in tackling the issue of detecting and addressing leaks is truly inspiring. Their award-winning videos promote awareness about a water waste culprit and inspire action for a more sustainable future," said ACWD Board President Jim Gunther.

**First Prize Winner \$500**

Middle School: Eesha Rustagi and Aarush Sundarajan, Grade 8, Video: "Leaky Faucet – We Got It!" John M. Horner Middle School

High School Winner: Daniel Loy, Garde 10, Video: "Find and Fix Leaks: Save Water," Circle of Independent Learning

**Second Prize Winner \$250**

Middle School: Dhaanush Karthikeyan, Grade 7, Video: "How to Find and Fix Leaks," Thornton Middle School

High School: Semi Jung, Gitasri Dintakurthi, Aditi Pangal and Joyce Yan, Grade 10, Video: "L.E.A.K.S.," Mission San Jose High School

**Third Prize Winner \$100**

Middle School: Aditya Madhavani, Grade 7, Video: "Finding and Fixing Leaks," William Hopkins Middle School

High School: Roland Lee, Nolan Lee, Himank Gangwal, Nikhil Cidambi and Aarush Laddha, Grade 10, Video: "Don't Let Leaks Drain You," Mission San Jose High School

In addition, award-winning student entries received a free movie ticket and local movie theaters will show winning entries in advance of featured films beginning May 17.

For a complete list of winners, honorable mentions and recognized teachers, and to watch the winning videos about finding and fixing leaks, visit [acwd.org/waterclips](http://acwd.org/waterclips).



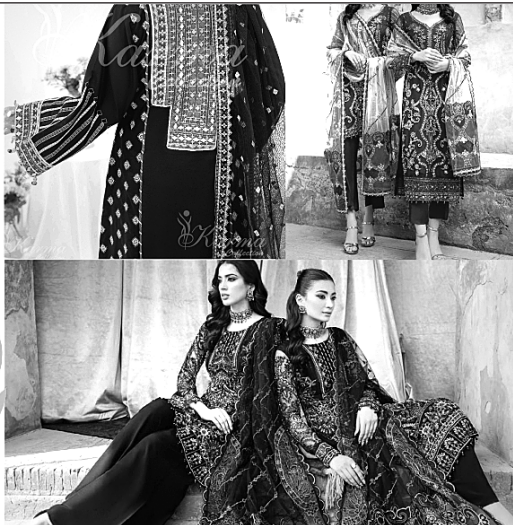
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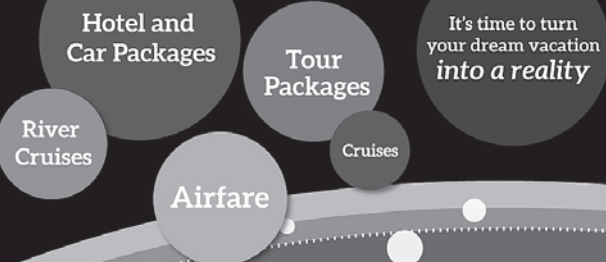
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## Hand Shadow Puppets

Creating the shapes of animals, trees and faces using hand shadows is fun and sometimes challenging. You'll need a dark room and a flashlight or small desk lamp. Then, try to create some of the hand shadows on this page. See if you can make your hand shadow puppets speak or move realistically. It takes some practice!

Standards Link: Follow visual cues.

Match the hands to each of the animal shadows.

Can you create these shadow animals? Give it a try!



How many differences can you find?



Standards Link: Find similarities and differences in common objects.



wolf

bull

crab

bird

chicken

reindeer

elephant

swan

bunny

### Extra! Extra! Comical Shadows

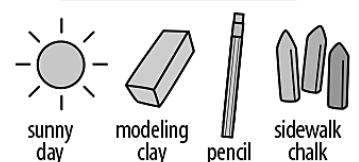
Look in the newspaper comics and find a character you like. On a piece of construction paper, carefully draw the character's outline. Cut out the shape and tape it to a popsicle stick. Use a flashlight to project its shadow on the wall and see if your friends and family members can recognize the character.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

## Kid Scoop Together Shadow Path

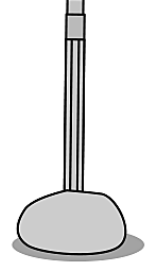
Work with a family member to see how a shadow changes throughout the day.

### STUFF YOU'LL NEED:



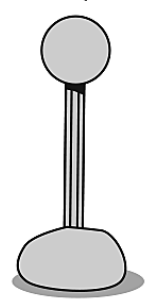
### STEP 1

Make a ball of clay and place it on the cement outside. Stick the pencil in the clay so it stands upright.



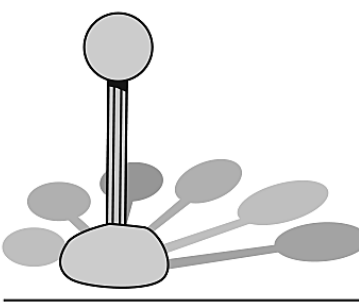
### STEP 2

Make another small ball of clay. Stick it on the top of the pencil.



### STEP 3

Starting at 1:00 p.m., use sidewalk chalk to trace the shadow. Trace it once an hour for six hours to show how the shadow moves and changes as the sun gets lower in the sky.



Standards Link: Follow multiple-step directions.

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## Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:

**CREATE**

The verb **create** means to make something.

I was able to **create** a small cow out of modeling clay.

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

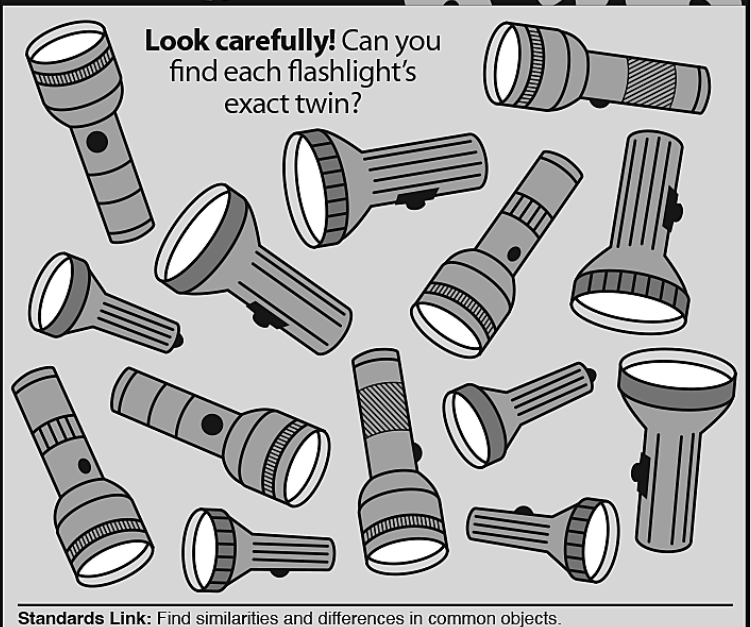
## Write On!

Where does your shadow go at night?

Write about it. Be creative!

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write using descriptive details.

## Kid Scoop® Puzzler



Look carefully! Can you find each flashlight's exact twin?

Standards Link: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

## Double Double Word Search

- ANIMALS
- CREATE
- CUT
- DRAW
- FIND
- FLASHLIGHT
- FUN
- HAND
- LAMP
- MOVE
- PAPER
- PUPPETS
- SHADOW
- TAPE
- WALL

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

T	H	G	I	L	H	S	A	L	F
S	J	M	W	D	F	U	N	S	L
L	D	O	T	N	R	S	K	T	C
A	W	J	S	A	Z	A	P	E	R
M	M	A	V	H	P	M	W	P	E
I	O	B	L	W	A	E	K	P	A
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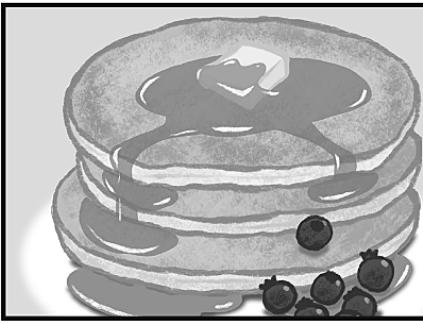
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

### Highlighting Happiness

Look through the newspaper for a story about a person or group of people making a positive difference in your community. Discuss with your family ways you can also help.

Standards Link: Social Science: Understand civic responsibility.



Why do flashlights love pancakes?

ANSWER: Because they're battery-y!





# The Fremont CONNECTION



## Take our Survey on the City's Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025



Municipal budgets are complex, and the City of Fremont wants to ensure that community members have access to information that supports engagement in the budget process. To that end, we'd like to hear from you. Please take one minute to respond to this quick survey to inform us how to keep you informed on the City's budget process: [my.fremont.gov/citybudget](https://my.fremont.gov/citybudget).

On May 14, the City's Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 was presented to the Fremont City Council. The City has two remaining public budget meetings on Tuesday, June 4 and Tuesday, June 11 at 7:00 pm to provide the City Council and community with an overview of the City's budget process and the current financial standing. Both meetings will be held at Fremont City Council Chambers located at 3300 Capitol Ave., Building A. The meetings can also be viewed virtually via Zoom or on Cable TV Channel 27, the Fremont Government Channel.

The City's proposed operating budget will provide an action plan for the upcoming fiscal year (July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025) that reflects resource allocations consistent with City policies, goals, and priorities. For more information visit [my.fremont.gov/citybudget](https://my.fremont.gov/citybudget).

## New Active Transportation Plan Survey & Interactive Map

The Active Transportation Plan Phase 3 outreach has kicked off! Tell us what kinds of walking and biking projects and programs are most important to you! Provide your input on project and program priorities through the survey ([my.fremont.gov/active-transportation-plan/surveys/phase-3-survey](https://my.fremont.gov/active-transportation-plan/surveys/phase-3-survey)) and location-based input on the proposed bicycle network and pedestrian priority areas through the interactive map ([my.fremont.gov/active-transportation-plan/maps/phase-3-interactive-map](https://my.fremont.gov/active-transportation-plan/maps/phase-3-interactive-map)). The survey and interactive map will close at the end of June.

The team will also have in-person pop-up tabling at the June 9 Irvington Farmers Market and June 22 Niles Farmers Market to receive input in-person. The team hopes to hear from you either online or in-person!

Learn more at [my.fremont.gov/active-transportation-plan](https://my.fremont.gov/active-transportation-plan).

**Active Transportation Plan**  
Tell us what projects and programs are most important to you!

**Surveys Close on June 28th**

Phase 3 Survey and Interactive Map available at: [my.fremont.gov/active-transportation-plan](https://my.fremont.gov/active-transportation-plan)

## Fremont Police Department Shares 2023 Annual Report

**Fremont Police Department  
2023 Annual Report**

Want to know what our Police Department has been up to in the last year? Check out the Fremont Police Department's 2023 Annual Report. In the report, you'll find data such as:

- Our Department answered 297,302 calls in 2023 – averaging 815 calls answered per day.
- FPD personnel spent 48,044 hours in training.
- There were 16,889 original police reports documented.

The report also contains statistics on special deployments, personnel composition, equipment, and much more. View the report at [fremontpolice.gov/annualreport](https://fremontpolice.gov/annualreport).

## Pet Adoption Fees Waived through June 29

The Tri-City Animal Shelter is waiving adoption fees on all animals in the shelter through June 29, 2024. Visit [TriCityAnimalShelter.org/Adopt](https://TriCityAnimalShelter.org/Adopt) to apply!

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# Tick Season Advisory

SUBMITTED BY  
FLORA CSONTOS

Whether you’re hiking in East Bay Regional Parks, venturing into nearby open spaces, or simply relaxing in your own yard, it’s important to be wary of ticks, which are often present in tall grass, brush, and wooded areas. Visitors are encouraged to keep tick safety precautions in mind when visiting East Bay Regional Parks throughout the spring, summer, and fall seasons.

Ticks carry germs that can cause a number of diseases, including Lyme disease. Lyme disease is an infectious disease transmitted by the bite of a tick. It may be treated and cured with early diagnosis, but if not properly treated, it may persist in the body for years. Visit

www.bayarealyme.org for more information.

## What Does a Tick Look Like?

In California, the western black-legged tick is the major carrier of Lyme disease. The adult female is reddish brown with black legs, about 1/8 inch long. Males are smaller and entirely brownish black. Both are teardrop shaped. Most ticks can’t fly or jump. They wait on the tips of grasses and in shrubs along well-used paths. With their front legs outstretched, they easily climb aboard unsuspecting hosts when they brush by.

### Tick Safety Tips


- Wear long pants, long sleeves, and closed-toe shoes.
- Tuck shirt into pants, and pants into socks.
- Use insect repellent on shoes, socks, and pants.
- Check yourself, your children, and your pets for ticks thoroughly and frequently.
- Keep children and pets nearby. For maximum safety, consider

keeping your dog on a leash.  
• Stay on trails. Avoid brush and grassy areas.

## What to do if bitten by a tick

- Pull the tick gently from the skin using a tissue or tweezers (not with bare hands).
- Scrape to remove any mouthparts left behind. An item such as a credit card can be used.
- Wash hands and the tick bite with soap and water; apply antiseptic to the bite. Prompt removal of ticks may prevent disease transmission.
- See a physician immediately if you think you have found a tick attached to your skin and you have any of the symptoms. Early symptoms may include a spreading rash accompanied by fever, aches, and/or fatigue.


Additional information is available at  
ebparks.org/safety/wildlife-encounters.



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**Ticks and Seeds**



# Coyote Advisory

SUBMITTED BY FLORA CSONTOS

As visitation to East Bay Regional Parks increases in warmer months, encounters with coyotes become more common. Coyotes are native to California and are found in various wildland habitats, as well as in rural and urban areas. They hold cultural and ecological importance throughout the state.

Coyote parents are active and protective of den sites from spring through fall, when new pups are born. It is a normal reaction for them to run away when spotted, although some have become used to human presence and will continue their activities while being watched. Visitors are encouraged to keep coyote safety precautions in mind when visiting Regional Parks throughout the year.

### Coyote Safety Tips

1. Avoid hiking alone so you have help in case of emergency.
2. Keep children and pets nearby; keep your dog(s) on a leash.
3. Be aware of your surroundings as you walk, jog, or ride.
4. Stay on trails.
5. Never attempt to feed a coyote.

## What to do if you see a coyote

Keep an eye on the coyote and observe from afar. Do not approach or engage with the coyote; walk

away calmly and leave the area quickly. Do not run. If you have small children, keep them close by. If you have a small dog, keep them on a leash.

## What to do if approached by a coyote

Rarely, a coyote may approach you. If a coyote moves within 50 feet and does not go away on its own, encourage the coyote to move away to help it retain a natural fear of humans.

1. Be as big and loud as possible; shout in a deep, loud, and aggressive voice.
2. Wave your arms.
3. Keep dogs and children nearby.
4. Maintain eye contact, which can make coyotes uncomfortable and timid.
5. If the coyote continues to approach, do not run or turn your back on the coyote but continue to exaggerate the above gestures while backing away slowly.

Help protect all wildlife and their environment. Never feed, approach, or pet wild animals. For emergencies, contact 911 or the East Bay Regional Park District Public Safety line (510) 881-1833, 24 hours a day.

For more information, visit  
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# Return of the Big Trucks



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CITY OF NEWARK

Beep beep! Get ready to honk your horns and join the 2nd annual “Big Truck Day!” This free event, open to the public, is rolling into the Silliman Center’s parking lot by the turf fields on Wednesday, June 5 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

Kids of all ages can take pictures, ask questions, and climb aboard the coolest trucks in town. Discover the mighty machines that keep our city clean and safe, from gigantic garbage trucks to massive fire engines! But wait, there’s more! We’ll have arts and crafts, jumbo games, giveaways, and fun for the whole family.

Last year, we kicked off this celebration to honor our dedicated Public Works Department. Thanks to the Street, Parks, Fleet, and Building Divisions, we’ve had a blast

showing off the hard work they do for Newark Recreation. This year, we’re shifting into high gear with special appearances by trucks from Newark Public Works, Newark Police Department, PG&E, and Alameda County Fire. The Kona Ice Truck will be there too, with special treats for purchase.

Don’t miss out on the truckload of fun! While registration isn’t required, we’d love to know if you’re coming so we can prepare for all our fantastic guests. Register now at [newarkca.activityreg.com](http://newarkca.activityreg.com). Let’s make this Big Truck Day the biggest and best yet!

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# Home & Garden

## Summer equals Strawberries



### Strawberry spread

- Fresh strawberries - One pound
- Sugar - Half cup
- Small apple - Grated

Wash fresh strawberries under cold water, remove greens, and chop into pieces. Sprinkle in two tablespoons of sugar and let rest for about 20 minutes for juices to release. Transfer berries and juices to a heavy-bottom three-quart pan. Add remaining sugar and the grated apple, and cook on a low to medium flame for about 10 minutes while frequently stirring and mashing berries to prevent sticking and burning. Skim off any foam. Turn up the heat as the mixture starts to bubble, and cook until it has thickened (about 15 minutes). To check if the spread is ready, put a small amount on a chilled plate and tilt. If the spread holds its shape, it's ready. If not, cook for a bit longer, testing until you achieve a firm consistency.

Let the spread cool and store in the refrigerator in a glass jar. It's ready to eat, but as it sits in the refrigerator, it thickens up some more. It can be stored this way for up to two weeks, or in the freezer for a month for best flavor.

### Chocolate covered strawberries

- Strawberries - Half a pound
- Chocolate chips - One cup

Wash and clean strawberries and let dry completely. Insert toothpicks into tops (stem ends). Line a tray with parchment paper.

Melt chocolate chips in 15 second intervals in a microwave or in a double boiler, stirring occasionally until chips have melted. Holding the toothpick, dip two thirds of the strawberry into melted chocolate, giving a whirl to coat the strawberry. Allow excess to drip and place on the parchment paper. Leave strawberries at room temperature for a few minutes and in the fridge for fifteen. Enjoy!



*Note: This article gives an overview of growing plants, sun and soil requirements, moisture needs etc. Plant health and growth will vary based on various factors. This article is intended for gardening and culinary inspiration only. Please consult your healthcare provider should you have any questions or concerns about adding any new foods or ingredients to your diet.*



Strawberries grow best in sandy, well-draining soil with a pH of 5.5 to 7.5, and need at least 8 hours of sunlight. A soil testing kit can reveal the pH. Plant strawberries in containers, planter boxes, or beds that are at least 12 inches deep. Prepare the area with nutrient rich soil and a slow-release fertilizer.

Strawberries can be planted from potted nursery plants, or as bare roots. When planting, make sure soil does not cover the crown portion of the plant. You may also use "daughter" plants. Original "mother" plants reproduce through sending off runners that root and make a new daughter plant. One can let runners establish if more plants are desired, as mother plants need to be replaced every three years. If not, runners can be snipped as they drain energy from the mother plant. I prefer not to let runners establish and try out new varieties every few years. (Some varieties like alpine strawberries generally do not produce runners.)

Since the tender strawberry fruit hangs low, it needs protection from bruising and contact with direct moisture (to prevent rot). Using drip irrigation, growing in a raised area, or protecting with mulch can help. Strawberry plants have shallow roots and require consistent moisture throughout the growing season. They prefer small applications of fertilizer to produce fruit continuously. Additional nitrogen-based fertilizer is needed if the plants look weak and leaves are light green. Water right after the fertilizer application to allow nutrients to reach the roots.

As much as I like to eat the fruit of my labor, I do get a lot of competition from the pests. Snails, slugs, earwigs, and birds all show up to the party! I use baits to control slugs and snails, and soy sauce and vegetable oil traps for earwigs. (Instructions for these traps can be found online.) Controlling weeds is also important. This helps reduce competition for nutrients, not to mention keeping our gardens tidy!

Strawberries taste best when they've had a chance to fully ripen on the plant. Gently pick ones that look bright and ripe by snipping them with the stem attached. Rinse under cool water and pat dry. While our household eats lots of fresh strawberries in salads and cereals, we do indulge in occasional treats. Here are some favorite recipes:



By MADHVIKA SINGH

Although called berries, strawberries are actually a false fruit belonging to the rose family. They consist of many tiny individual fruits called achenes, embedded in a fleshy receptacle and surrounding a tiny seed. Strawberries are one of my favorites for the home garden for many reasons. They are versatile in where they can be planted, do not take up lot of space, and the contrasting colors of the leaves and the fruit are an attractive addition to the garden. They can be planted as a patch, or in hanging baskets, containers, or raised beds. And since they are perennials, they save time and effort by not needing frequent replanting.

When choosing varieties, decide if you want all your harvest at once, or spread out over months. But why pick one, if you have the space and the desire! Strawberries are essentially two types – short-day cultivars and day-neutral cultivars. Short day produce fruit when days are cool and short. Called June-bearers, they produce a large crop for about three weeks, whereas day-neutrals produce fruit over months.

Type also determines planting time. Short-day won't flower and fruit properly if planted in spring when days are getting longer. Short-day planted in August yield a small crop in the fall and a larger crop the following spring, into summer. Day-neutral or everbearing may be planted in the fall. Check with your local garden centers and nurseries to see what's available for your area.

## THE ACWD CONNECTION

### Local Organizations Named For Exemplary Water Use Efficiency

Thank you for your water use efficiency efforts. Keep up the good work!

Each year, ACWD recognizes organizations in the Tri-City area for their water use efficiency efforts. Our landscape water use efficiency awards are for organizations with dedicated landscape meters who tracked at or below their calculated landscape water use budget.

ACWD also highlights organizations that participate in the California Green Business Program which helps prevent pollution, reduce waste, conserve natural resources and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

For the list of organizations and landscape contractors that managed their landscape water use effectively in 2023, visit [acwd.org/news](https://acwd.org/news). To learn how your organization can qualify for these programs, email [water.cons@acwd.com](mailto:water.cons@acwd.com).



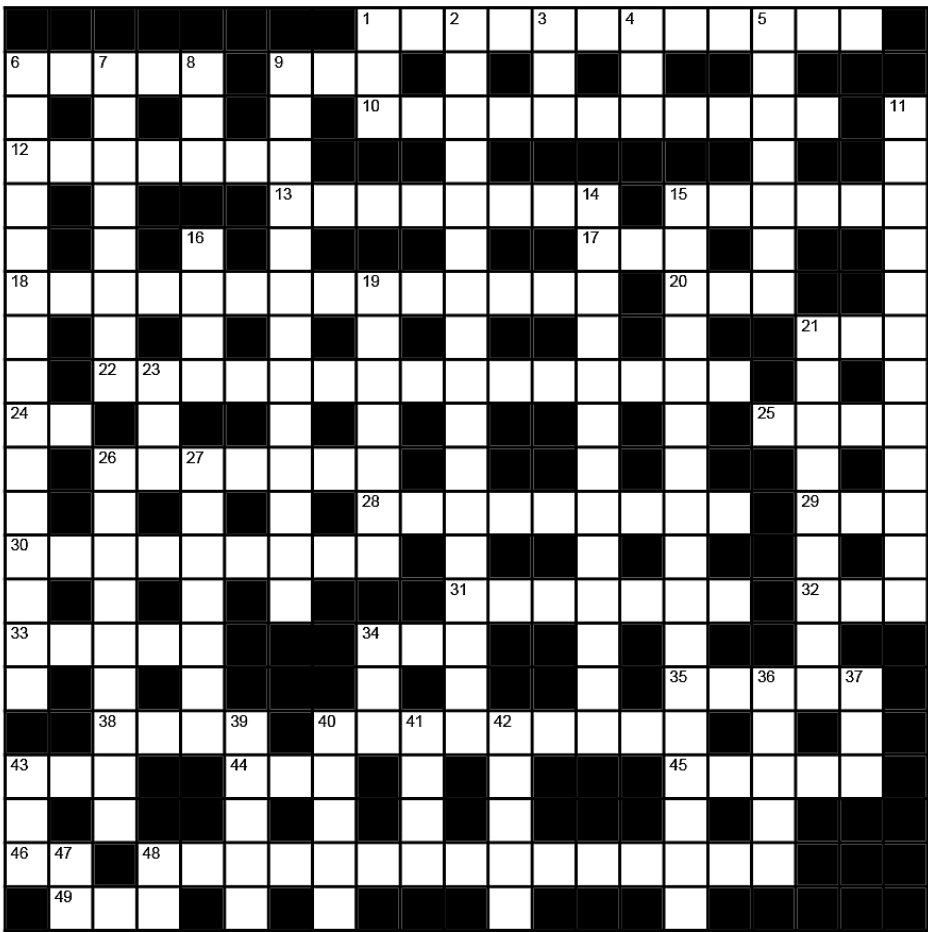
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# Mind Twisters

## Crossword Puzzle



- Across

1

Accept responsibility (4,3,5)

6

Some sports cars, for short (5)

9

GWB successor (3)

10

Gung-ho to a fault (11)

12

"Gullible's Travels" writer (7)

13

Party pooper (8)

15

Waggish behavior (6)

17

Hawaiian baking pit (3)

18

Patisserie purchase (4,2,8)

20

Deferential (3)

21

Nasdaq unit: Abbr. (3)

22

Extreme defensiveness (6,9)

24

Therefore (2)

25

Large family (4)

26

Bears the expenses of (7)

28

Show participant (9)

29

"The Wonder Years" nickname (3)

30

Thieves' tools (9)

31

Assure the accuracy of (7)

32

Candy striper's coworkers: Abbr. (3)

33

Bakery workers (5)

34

Infinite: Abbr. (3)

35

Prepare for a transplant (5)
- 38

Cushioning system from Nike (4)

40

Love songs (9)

43

"\_\_\_ Como Va" (1971 Santana hit) (3)

44

Tempe inst. (3)

45

Best Actor of 1990 (5)

46

Execute (2)

48

300 to 3,000 kilohertz (6,9)

49

"\_\_\_ me?" (3)
- 14

"Long Tall Sally" singer (6,7)

15

Exercise 3 (for rash folks) (4,2,11)

16

"Rolling Stone" co-founder Wenner (4)

19

Absorbs gradually (7)

21

Turkey (9)

23

A abroad (3)

26

Lessens (9)

27

Becomes the responsibility of (5,2)

34

Japanese apricot (3)

36

Indiana's state flower (5)

37

Belly warmer (3)

39

2005 Coldplay album with the single "Speed of Sound" (1,3,1)

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Give the short version (3-2)

41

Massage deeply (4)

42

Famous (5)

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Former California fort (3)

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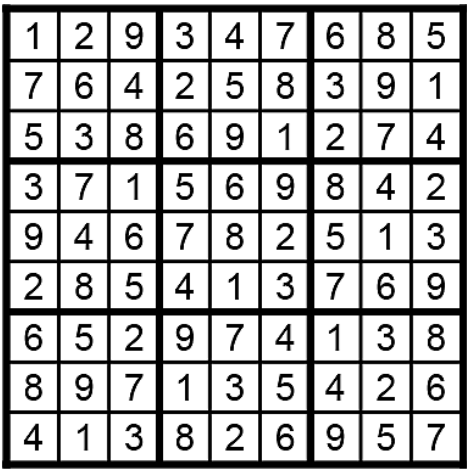
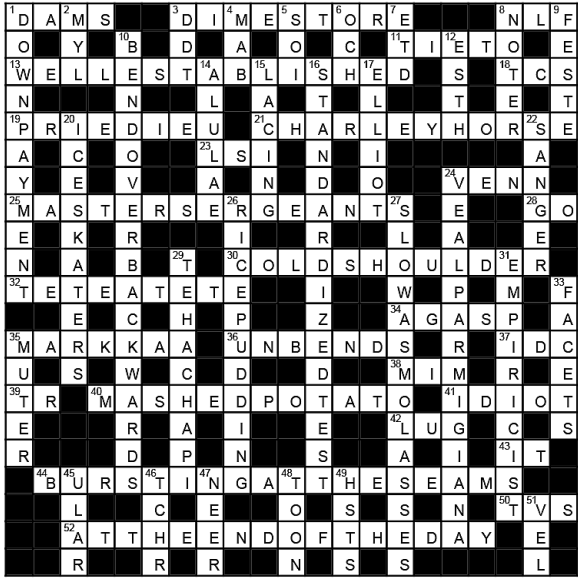
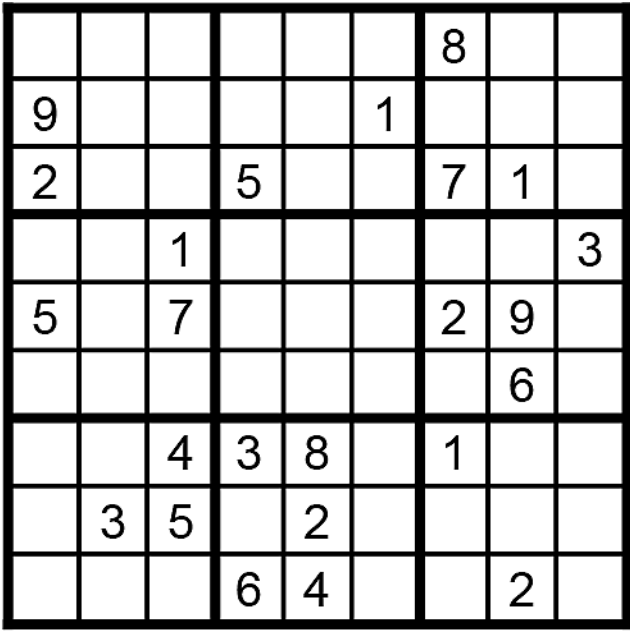
"That hurt!" (2)

48

I give you \_\_\_ word (2)

## Sudoku:

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



## Tri-City Stargazer FOR WEEK: MAY 28, 2024

All Signs: Monday is a fantastic day to socialize and enjoy the company of others. Tuesday offers romantic opportunities for a date night. By midweek, we can work hard and be productive. Friday is a lovely date night. And the weekend is highly sociable – favoring friendships, plus joining clubs and organizations. Note: If you want more friends in your life, don't be afraid to be the first one to smile. Most people are a bit shy but respond to warmth and friendliness.

**Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20):**  
Get ready for an upbeat, busy, enthusiastic week! Your ruler fiery Mars is in your own sign right now, which means you have extra energy to do whatever you want. This is excellent for sports competitions. Mars will also give you the drive to wrap things up. Meanwhile, both the Sun and lucky Jupiter are in your House of Communications, giving you energy to communicate. This will boost your effectiveness if you're in sales, editing, writing, marketing or if you drive for a living, because you'll feel confident about your future.

**Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20):**  
This is an excellent week for you because there's a strong emphasis on your Money House. Be on the lookout for ways to improve your cash flow. You might also make some purchases that please you. Meanwhile, with Mercury in your sign, this is a great time to express your point of view to others. You will appear to be busy and stimulated; you'll enjoy talking to everyone. One tiny caveat: if you think someone out there does not have your best interests at heart – pay attention. This is a potential problem.

**Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20):**  
This is a positive week for you! (In fact, it's the beginning of a wonderful year because lucky Jupiter is in your sign.) But this week, the Sun is also in your sign giving you a double blessing. Because Mercury is hiding in your chart, you'll find that research will flow easily and you'll discover answers to old problems if you dig

deep for them. Meanwhile, this is an excellent time to formulate goals and actively pursue them. Note: You will more easily achieve your goals by working and cooperating with others.

**Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21):**  
Although this is a positive, upbeat week, you might choose to play things low-key and seek privacy. Having said that, you'll have discussions with younger people. Because your ambition is strong, you'll be focused on whatever it is that you want to achieve. But in the bigger picture, you can take it easy this weekend, and sit on the sidelines. It's not that you're doing nothing. Au contraire! You're doing some heavy thinking with profound thoughts, especially about what is meaningful to you. What do you really believe?

**Leo the Lion (July 22-August 22):**  
This is a popular week! Many of you will be involved with clubs and organizations. Your desire to travel is strong. Because you're making an effort to expand your world, you're speaking up. You won't hesitate to talk to bosses, parents and authority figures to share your ideas. This is good because Leos are quick to see the big picture. In fact, this can be frustrating for you because you immediately see what is happening, or what isn't working, but it invariably takes a while for others to appreciate what you're saying.

**Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22):**  
This is a strong time for you because you're in a four-week window where the Sun is at the top of your chart. (This can happen

only once a year.) It will create an illusion of putting you in a flattering spotlight. (Making it a reality.) People will admire you, especially authority figures, even if you don't do anything different. Obviously, this is an advantage you can use! It might help you in disputes with shared property and inheritances. It might also help you travel or explore opportunities in publishing and higher education.

**Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22):**  
You have wonderful opportunities to travel not only this week and this month, but for the rest of the year! In addition, you have similar opportunities opening up in publishing, the media, medicine, law, and anything to do with higher education. (Note: These opportunities are the best you have had in over a decade!) Discussions about shared property, taxes and inheritances are likely this week. Meanwhile, be patient with partners and close friends because Mars is opposite your sign, which can create conflict with others. Rise above this.

**Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21):**  
This is an industrious time for you, which is why you'll be able to work hard and accomplish a lot. Discussions with others are busy because Mercury is opposite your sign. Avoid ego conflicts because they won't benefit you. Look for compromise. Meanwhile, the gods are with you now, which means favors, money, and practical gifts will come your way. Some of you might inherit. Others will be happy because partners or someone close receives a bonus. Either way – you benefit!

**Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21):**  
You need more sleep. (This happens for four weeks once a year, and it's happening for you now.) Don't let yourself get exhausted because then your efficiency diminishes. This is a positive year for you because certain aspects of your life are coming to a culmination. Nevertheless, resist the urge to go after everything you want. Learn to work with someone else because this will result in mutual growth. Authority figures might be difficult at this time, especially if they feel you're asking for too much. Fortunately, partnerships have never been better.

**Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19):**  
You work hard for what you want, and this is a relatively easy time for you because you're willing to make an effort to get results. This means you'll excel in your current job, or find a better job. Your chances to improve your job or find a better one are the best they've been in over a decade! Ironically, this same blessing applies to your health. (And you are a long-lived sign.) You have energy to assert yourself effectively. However, you might be quick to anger. Don't waste your energy on this.

**Aquarius the Water Bearer (January 20-February 18):**  
Life is playful and wonderful for you because both the Sun and lucky Jupiter are in one of the most fun parts of your chart. Take a vacation. Even one day, if you can. You want to have fun times! Sports events, playful activities with children, social outings and the arts will all please you. Plus, your desire

to express your own creative energy is strong. You also have lots of mental energy, which makes your everyday exchanges more powerful. Others will recognize your achievements.

**Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20):**  
You have a warm feeling in your tummy because relations with family members are becoming mutually beneficial. Family members are being more generous to each other; and you can be a direct recipient of this benefit. Possibly, others will help you improve your home. They might also help you find a different home that you like better. Keep in mind that some of you can also speculate in real estate and make a profit. Meanwhile, you're working hard for your money and you're spending as well!



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# New Haven Schools Foundation Celebrates Pathways to Success Scholarship Awards

SUBMITTED BY HELEN KENNEDY

The New Haven Schools Foundation (NHSF) proudly hosted its 17th annual Pathways to Success Scholarship Awards event on May 21, 2024. This year's ceremony saw a record-breaking 246 scholarships awarded to 150 deserving local students, totaling an unprecedented \$240,000 in scholarship funds.

Held at James Logan High School, the event was a celebration of academic achievement and potential for students from Logan, Conley-Caraballo High School, and the Decoto School for Independent Study. The Performing Arts Center was filled with proud families, educators, community leaders, and donors, all gathered to honor the hard work and dedication of the students.

NHSF President John Shockley opened the ceremony. "Each of these scholarships represents a belief in the power of education to transform lives," said Shockley. "We are incredibly proud of our students and grateful to our donors for making these opportunities possible."

The event's top sponsors included Fremont Bank and Kaiser Permanente, along with Albert and Marsha Badella, Supervisor Elisa Márquez, and Washington Township Medical Foundation. NHSF was also presented with a \$95,000 grant

from Kaiser Permanente to fund mental health telehealth services in New Haven Unified School District, and a \$6,000 grant from Dawn Foods to support the scholarship program.

The scholarships, which range from academic and athletic awards to those recognizing community service and overcoming personal challenges, are designed to support students as they pursue higher education and career training. The diversity of scholarships ensures that a wide array of students benefit from this support.

This year's event was particularly notable for the significant increase in both the number of scholarships and the total amount awarded. This achievement is a testament to the growing support from the community and the dedication of the NHSF to expanding opportunities for students in Union City.

One of the program's highlights was the presentation of the Community Service All Star Awards, given to five students who have performed a combined 7,543 hours of volunteer work during their high school careers. Executive Director Helen Kennedy presented the awards to Anisha Pallikonda, Anoushla Kolluru, Fatima Khawaja, Sripradha Manikantan, and Awesta Amiri.

The keynote speaker for the event was San Francisco District Attorney,



Community Service All Stars Anisha Pallikonda, Anoushla Kolluru, Fatima Khawaja, Sripradha Manikantan.

Brooke Jenkins, an alum of the James Logan High School Class of 1999. She shared the story of her college and career success. The main message was that when opportunity knocks, students should be ready to answer and open to exploring unexpected change.

Each year, the Foundation selects an exemplary scholarship sponsor for the Art and Cheryl Kuhlmann Award. This year's honoree was Kay Emanuele, who has been a supporter of NHSF since it was founded in 1981 by her husband, Superintendent Guy Emanuele.

The New Haven Schools Foundation extends its deepest gratitude to all the sponsors, donors, volunteers, and

community members who have contributed to the success of the Pathways to Success Scholarship program. Scholarship sponsors include individuals, families, alumni, local businesses, and numerous organizations. The full list of sponsors may be found here: <https://nhsfoundation.awardspring.com/Home/Donors>.

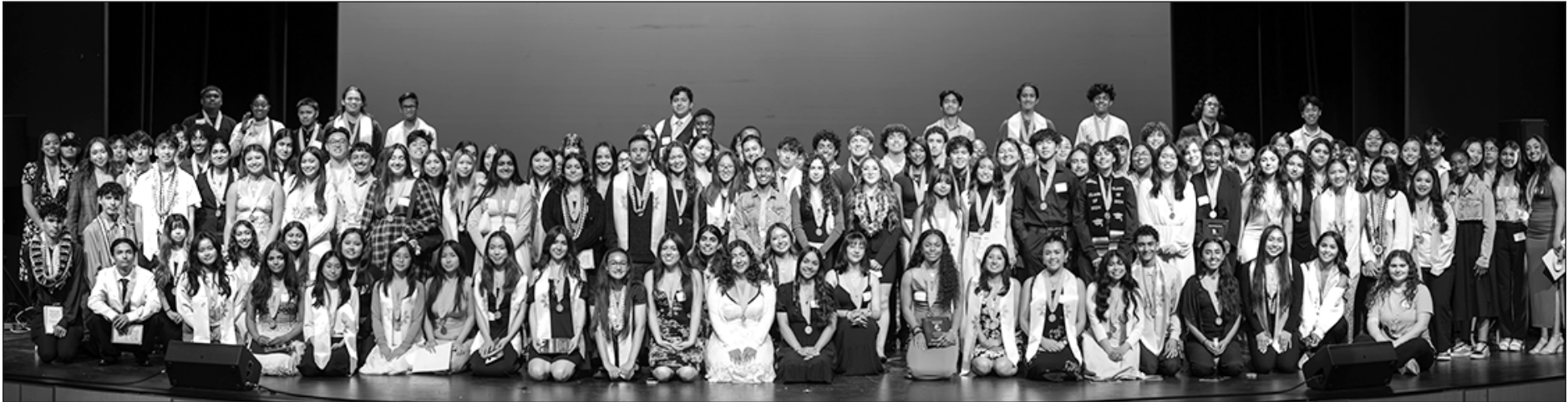
For more information about the New Haven Schools Foundation and how to support future scholarship initiatives, visit [www.nhsfoundation.org](http://www.nhsfoundation.org).



Kaiser Permanente executives Debra Flores and Dr. Kapil Dhingra, present grant to NHUSD Superintendent John Thompson and NHSF President John Shockley.



Kay Emanuele receives the 2024 Art and Cheryl Kuhlmann award.



Scholarship recipients at 17th Annual Pathways to Success Scholarship Awards on May 21, 2024



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- Jesuit Worldwide Learning, Kerala, India - Higher Education Support Centers for marginalized communities
- Youth Empowering Service, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, India - Summer Shapes teaching rural & disadvantaged youth
- Student Scholarships, Vietnam - financial aid to impoverished students
- Missionaries of the Poor, Philippines - Divine Mercy Center for abandoned elderly and children

SCHEDULE	TIME	EVENT
	8:00 AM	Holy Mass in Mission Church
	10:00 AM	Holy Mass in St. Joseph Church
		Cultural Food Courts (Open from 9am - 5:30pm)
	12:00 Noon	Holy Mass in St. Joseph Church
		Dance Troupes Traditions (Indian, Filipino, Chinese, Hawaiian, Vietnamese & Dragon Dances); Monkey Show
	4:00 PM	Holy Mass in Mandarin in Mission Church
		Holy Mass in Vietnamese in St. Joseph Church
	5:30 PM	Raffle Drawing
	6:00 PM	Closing and Clean up

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MORE INFORMATION

## Photography—the Creative Realm

SUBMITTED BY  
LINA MELKONIAN

Fremont Art Association (FAA) is delighted to have Susan Harding as the guest artist at its virtual “General Meeting and Art Demo” on Wednesday, June 5 at 1 p.m.

Harding is an award-winning photographer whose thought-provoking body of work masterfully captures the essence of life's fleeting moments with immense respect and compassion for her subjects. In her demo, “Photography—the Creative Realm,” Harding will showcase her intriguing approach and technique in creating collages that integrate her spellbinding photographic portraits with her intricate photorealistic charcoal drawings.

Harding holds a BFA from San José State University in Photography. She has exhibited her work from coast to coast in the U.S. as well as internationally. At her core, Harding is an unabashed and authentic storyteller. Her expansive body of work unveils intimate reflections of our humanity.

In one of her most recent and intriguing exhibitions, “La Vue” at San José State University in March 2024, Harding put the lens on how societal pressures from objectification to invisibility influence women's relationships with their own bodies. Her creative process for this show involved thoughtful engagements with women to learn their stories, followed by a photoshoot and the selection of one image from the series of photographs for each subject. She then tore/cut the photograph apart and drew in the missing pieces. This consolidated representation of each woman, as Harding puts it, was the act of “tearing apart and putting back together stronger.”

Harding's talent and life experiences have conspired to bring her to this juncture of boundless creative energy. Her genuine interest in her subjects,



craftsmanship, and keen eye make us stop in our tracks to look at her exquisite photographs.

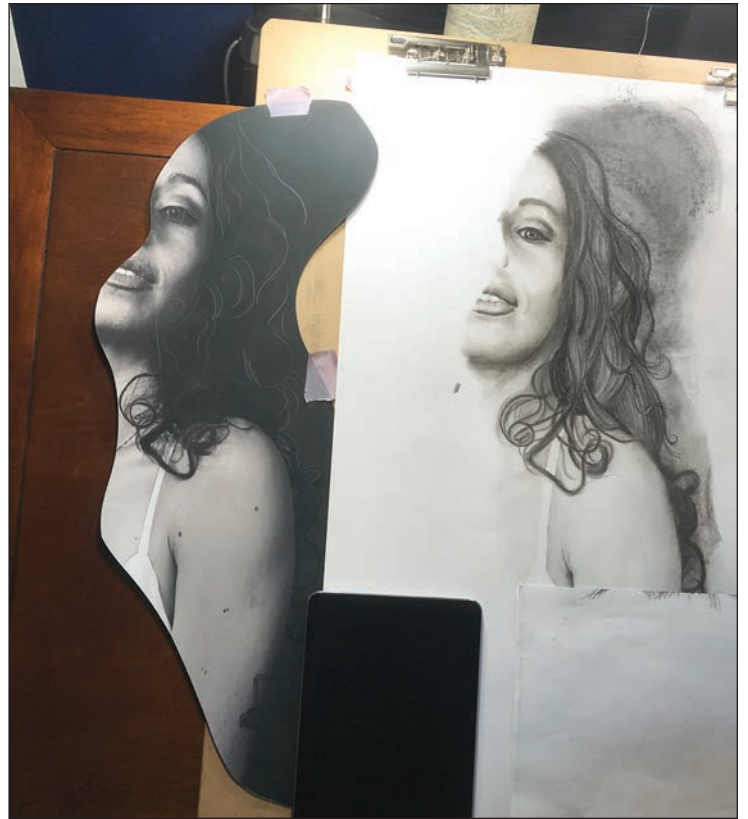
You may view Harding's work at:

[www.susanharding.photography/](http://www.susanharding.photography/)  
[www.instagram.com/susan\\_harding\\_artographer/](https://www.instagram.com/susan_harding_artographer/)

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](http://www.fremontartassociation.org/monthlymeetinganddemo).

**FAA General Meeting and Art Demo**  
**Wednesday, June 5**  
**1 p.m. – 3 p.m.**  
**Online via Zoom**  
**Register at:**

[www.fremontartassociation.org/monthlymeetinganddemo](http://www.fremontartassociation.org/monthlymeetinganddemo)



## NSW Newark Symphonic Winds

Newark Symphonic Winds

**Summer Concert**

- Newark Memorial High School Theatre  
39375 Cedar Blvd.
- June 1, 2024  
7:00—9:00 PM

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Richard Wong  
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**Saturday, June 1, 2024**  
**7:00—9:00 PM**

Enjoy an evening of absolutely wonderful symphonic music provided free by the Tri-Cities' own 50 musician symphony - the Newark Symphonic Winds - directed by Richard Wong.

Listen to the magnificent music of Brubeck in “Dave Brubeck: It's About Time”, “Selections from WICKED” by Stephan Schwartz, music from the “Band of Brothers” by Michael Kamen, and a bit of the Beatles in “ABBY ROAD: a symphonic portrait” arranged by Ira Hearshen - as well as many other wonderful compositions.

In addition, there will be a wonderful performance by the talented Pleasantones - Clarinet Quartet.

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Schedules are subject to change.  
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CONTINUING  
EVENTS

Mondays and Thursdays

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

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

**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

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  
Drop-in. For everyone.

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  
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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.

Arts & Entertainment

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

**Historic Days**  
10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Ride a narrow-gauge train, tour the beautifully restored Patterson House Museum. Every historic day ends with an animal feeding at 3 pm. 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

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

Thursday, April 18 – June 8

**Image Central Spring Exhibition**  
Lower Gallery: Mon 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.,  
Tues & Thur 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Upper Gallery: Mon - Fri 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
The Annual Spring Exhibition at the ImageCentral Gallery (formerly PhotoCentral) has bloomed once again. This exhibition showcases work from over 20+ artist from many walks of life! An eclectic group show with amazing images to match. Vote for your favorite image at the reception and help crown the People's Choice Awards! Celebrate this fun extravaganza with us, take in the imagery, meet the artist's, make memories, and acquire some incredible art! The event is free and the public is invited.  
Image Central Gallery  
1099 E St., Hayward  
(510) 881-6721

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/3VFpbc

Thursday, June 13 – August 3

**54th Annual Textile Exhibition**  
Olive Hyde  
123 Washington Blvd., Fremont  
(510) 791-4357

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, April 4 – Saturday, June 4

**Sun Gallery Climate Justice Exhibit**  
Thurs, Fri, Sun: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Sat: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Local artist submissions with the theme “Climate Justice: World Peace & Security.”  
Sun Gallery  
1015 E. St., Hayward  
(510) 581-4050  
http://sungallery.org/

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.

Saturdays

**Teen Cohort for Outdoor Education R\$**  
10 am – 4 pm  
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  
munnn@HaywardRec.org

Sundays

**Farmyard Games**  
1:00 pm  
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

Sundays

**Practice Your English: Group Conversation for Adults**  
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
Improve your conversation skills by chatting with other people about everyday topics in a friendly, welcoming group  
Castro Valley Library  
3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley

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  
6800 Mowry Ave., Newark  
(510) 578-4620  
bit.ly/3nxx0is

Sundays

**Larry "O" Teen Workshop**  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
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Larry Orozco Teen Workshop  
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## Berkeley celebrates all things BOOK

geared toward kids, teens, and parents; and the main festival the first weekend in June. Saturday workshops are geared toward writers, with speakers weighing in on how to develop skills—from travel writing to haiku to historical fiction—and even how to navigate the publishing world, or create a space for writers in your community.

In just one example, poet Judy Halebsky, director of the MFA program at Dominican University of California, is one of the panelists at Saturday's workshop "Breaking Through: Finding the Unexpected in Your Writing." In a world where art is increasingly commodified and tailored to fit algorithms, this workshop is about being open to the inherent surprises in the writing process. Halebsky shares that even when she reaches a place where she thinks she knows where a work will go, often "another voice comes in." She says, "And I always try to follow that."

The fellow panelists from Dominican show this flexible style isn't only for poets. Iris Jamahl Dunkle writes biographies of overlooked literary women. Lee Kravetz will talk about narrative medicine, the practice of incorporating writing into the healing process. Overall, says Halebsky, "How you feel writing it is also how you feel reading it. To revise in a way where the fun and inspiration and aliveness of the process is still there [in the piece] in its final form."

Some authors will participate both days, like Faith Adiele, Chair of the

Writing & Literature Program at California College of the Arts, who will be at the workshop "Take Me Away! Writing About Places Near and Far." Travel writing can take many forms, any time readers are immersed in a sense of place. Adiele talks about how it's also important to question the tropes. "We not only have to change the stories and change who gets to be the traveler, and widen our definition of travel, but actually look at the words that we use...because they're very acquisitional. Like, 'You've worked so hard, you deserve to go to this place where people will perform authenticity for you so that you can relax!'"

On Sunday, Adiele will join the panel "Immigration Narratives: Expansive Genres, Expansive Identities" which explores how the stories we tell around immigration also impact the legal system and how people vote around these issues. She shares, "If you go to the courts for your hearing, and you don't tell the kind of narrative we expect...it's not seen as valid." The panel encompasses many genres and perspectives: Lauren Markham speaking on the criminalization of migration, Bill Hing on racial justice in the U.S. immigration system, and Tessa Hulls on experiences across multiple generations of Chinese women. Adiele shares on her own experiences on identity and belonging, growing biracial in a family of Scandinavian-American immigrants, and then journeying to Nigeria to find her father's side of the family.



Sunday is also the outdoor fair, with 100 exhibitors, ranging from authors, independent booksellers, writing clubs, illustrators, reading resources, and more. (Of course, there's also a food court.) Closing out the evenings of both days will be ticketed speaker events with celebrated authors. This year the festival welcomes Naomi Klein, Joan Baez, Viet Thanh Nguyen, Piper Kerman, and Alka Joshi.

"The beauty of the festival is that it's so inclusive from wherever you are," Adiele reflects. "If you're a reader, if you're a budding writer, if you're an experienced, accomplished writer, if you have kids. That's what I love about it. They've got this whole family day part, this year Saturday is leaning onto these free workshops for people to dip their toes into different types of writing. There's an incredible amount of diversity too. It's not just literary writing, there's genre stuff."

There's key important stuff about putting together multi-racial, political movements. I think there's something for everyone."

**10th Bay Area Book Festival**  
**Saturday, Jun 1 – Sunday, Jun 2**  
**11 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Park**  
**2151 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley**

**Berkeley Public Library**  
**2090 Kittredge St., Berkeley**

**Freight & Salvage**  
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[www.baybookfest.org](http://www.baybookfest.org)





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Newark Memorial students honored by City Council

By April Ramos

Newark Memorial High School students were recognized by the Newark City Council for their great achievements throughout the 2023-2024 school year. Before the commendations Mayor Hannon noted, “It’s our responsibility to recognize these students when we have the opportunity to do so.”

Joy Lee, a junior from Newark Memorial High School, was given a commendation for her services as a part of the Newark Unified School District Board of Education and her contributions her school and community, including her leadership in multiple school clubs and team, as well as organizing a shoe drive where she collected over 120 pairs of shoes for Soles4Souls.

Newark Memorial Rocketry Club was also honored by Newark City Council. The club is made up of two teams that participated in two different programs, NASA Student Launch Initiative and The American Rocketry Challenge. One team competed in The American Rocketry Challenge in Washington, D.C. where they placed 73rd in the country among hundreds of teams. The second team of students participated in the NASA Student Launch Initiative in Huntsville, Alabama, home of NASA’s Marshall Space Flight Center.



Newark Memorial student Joy Lee with Mayor Hannon and City Council members.



Newark Memorial High School Rocketry team.



## PUBLIC NOTICES

Alameda County Water District  
Notice of Proposed Transfer of Unclaimed Money to General Fund

The Alameda County Water District ("District") hereby gives notice to the following persons and organizations, pursuant to California Government Code Sections 50050 – 50053, that unclaimed money in the amounts shown below, will become the property of the District and will be transferred to its general fund on July 6, 2024 unless a claim is filed with the Treasurer of the District before that date. The unclaimed money is represented by checks issued by the District payable to the persons and organizations listed below which have not been cashed for three years or more. If you believe you are entitled to such money, you must file a written claim stating your name, address, phone number, the amount of the claim and the grounds on which the claim is founded. If you still have the check, it must be submitted along with the claim. The Treasurer may require you to provide additional information and will inform you whether the claim has been accepted or rejected. Claims should be addressed to:

Jonathan Wunderlich, Treasurer  
Alameda County Water District  
43885 South Grimmer Boulevard  
Fremont, CA 94538

If you have any questions, please contact accounts payable at 510-668-4259.

DATE	WARRANT #	PAYEE	AMOUNT
10/25/2019	245837	Little Apples Learning Center	3840.77
12/13/2019	246289	Wolf Family Development	240.00
2/28/2020	246931	Dulam, Vijaya Mani	407.92
5/1/2020	247493	Jacobs	2632.90
5/15/2020	247557	Apex	195.00
9/11/2020	248575	AI&T Wirelless	1812.53
1/29/2021	249748	Tesla	4201.92
10/15/2019	3006867	KRC Property Management I, INC	79.53
10/15/2019	3006871	Krishna Atturi	163.63
10/30/2019	3006885	Luis Plascencia	62.55
11/18/2019	3006911	Robert Hemmer	116.88
11/18/2019	3006917	B.A.R.M.S. INC	128.41
11/27/2019	3006934	Chandrasekar Mohan	23.59
11/27/2019	3006940	Imelda Bauzon	68.25
11/27/2019	3006943	D D & B Construction	312.81
12/03/2019	3006947	Howard Jung	59.43
12/31/2019	3006977	T Arulmozhi	129.55
12/31/2019	3006978	Michels Pipeline Construction	518.91
01/07/2020	3006987	Giselle Erazo	108.84
01/07/2020	3006989	Sunny Hawkins	25.30
02/05/2020	3007033	Disney Construction Inc	1015.84
02/20/2020	3007060	Carney Construction Consulting Inc	25.00
02/20/2020	3007061	Accountable Property Management	132.34
03/11/2020	3007084	MPC & Associates INC	26.51
03/23/2020	3007095	Birchfield Property Management	89.78
03/23/2020	3007097	Benchmark Communities	638.80
05/22/2020	3007161	Antoine Vu	157.99
06/17/2020	3007193	Wilma Kop	27.28
06/17/2020	3007197	Lamond McCoy	56.50
06/17/2020	3007199	William Lyon Homes Inc	82.05
06/17/2020	3007207	Union Alaska	527.00
06/17/2020	3007210	FB-2 Solutions	194.37
07/08/2020	3007252	Springsky Investment LLC	104.78
07/08/2020	3007255	Wei Dang	46.33
07/21/2020	3007278	Prithi Yadav	69.85
10/13/2020	3007394	Compliance Engineering Service Inc	586.90
12/29/2020	3007475	Regina Miller	48.39
01/29/2021	3007488	Zei-Fang Hsu	114.90
02/09/2021	3007513	Glass Bay Homeowners Association	162.32
02/09/2021	3007514	Windy Hill PV Thirteen MF LLC	98.84
02/23/2021	3007523	Harold Giang	122.36
03/30/2021	3007559	Michael Eads	106.20

Date: May 21, 2024

Jonathan Wunderlich, Treasurer

CNSB # 3814725

## CIVIL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 24CV074132

Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA  
Petition of: NAJIBULLAH KOHISTANI , NAJIA AZAMI for Change of Name  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner NAJIBULLAH KOHISTANI , NAJIA AZAMI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

YONUS KOHISTANI to JASOOR KOHISTANI  
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
Notice of Hearing:  
Date: 07/26/2024, Time: 9:30AM, Dept.: 1B, Room: --  
The address of the court is 1225 FALLON ST., OAKLAND, CA  
(To appear remotely, check in advance of the hearing for information about how to do so on the court's website. To find your court's website, go to [www.courts.ca.gov/find-my-court.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/find-my-court.htm).)  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause must be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: TRI CITY VOICE  
Date: MAY 03, 2024  
THOMAS J. NIXON  
Judge of the Superior Court  
5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11/24

CNS-3813684#

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 24CV073990

Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA  
Petition of: OLIVIA CHRISTINE CASILLAS for Change of Name  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner OLIVIA CHRISTINE CASILLAS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

OLIVIA CHRISTINE CASILLAS to OLIVIA CHRISTINE FLORES  
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
Notice of Hearing:  
Date: 07/26/2024, Time: 9:30AM, Dept.: 1B, Room: --  
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A copy of this Order to Show Cause must be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: TRI CITY VOICE  
Date: MAY 02, 2024  
THOMAS J. NIXON  
Judge of the Superior Court  
5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4/24

CNS-3812380#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAMESFICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 606448

Fictitious Business Name(s):  
**MOBILE NOTARY BY VICTORIA ROSE, 1303 MCFARLANE LANE, HAYWARD, CA 94544**, County of ALAMEDA  
Registrant(s):  
VICTORIA MUNOZ, 1303 MCFARLANE LANE, HAYWARD, CA 94544, County of ALAMEDA  
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL  
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)  
/s/ VICTORIA MUNOZ  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 05/16/2024

NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11/24

CNS-3817523#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 606244

Fictitious Business Name(s):  
**ITECH N TALK, 39164 PASEO PADRE PARKWAY, FREMONT, CA 94538**, County of ALAMEDA  
MAILING ADDRESS: PO BOX 8201, FREMONT, CA 94537  
Registrant(s):  
SHAIMA YUSUFZAI, 39164 PASEO PADRE PARKWAY, FREMONT, CA 94538, County of ALAMEDA  
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL  
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)  
/s/ SHAIMA YUSUFZAI  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 05/09/2024

NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.

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CNS-3816600#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 606270

Fictitious Business Name(s):  
**YUAN'S EXPRESS, 36824 BONITO DR., FREMONT, CA 94536**, County of ALAMEDA  
Registrant(s):  
LICHIAO YUAN,  
36824 BONITO DR., FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDA  
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL  
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 05/10/2024

NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.

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CNS-3815037#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 606279

Fictitious Business Name(s):  
**A-1 LOCKSMITH, 1576 2ND ST #F, LIVERMORE, CA 94555**, County of ALAMEDA  
Registrant(s):  
HASMATULLAH NAWABI, 1576 2ND ST #F, LIVERMORE, CA 94555, County of ALAMEDA  
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL  
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2023

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)  
/s/ HASMATULLAH NAWABI,  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 05/09/2024  
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CNS-3813696#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 606191

Fictitious Business Name(s):  
**SNOWFLAKES MONTESSORI, 5373 TORK DR., FREMONT, CA 94536**, County of ALAMEDA  
Registrant(s):  
HEMA KUPPUSWAMY, 5373 TORK DR., FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDA  
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL  
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2/1

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)  
/s/ HEMA KUPPUSWAMY  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 05/08/2024  
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.

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CNS-3813690#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 606126

Fictitious Business Name(s):  
**BOLLYPULSE, 3519 LAKE ONTARIO DR., FREMONT, CA 94555**, County of ALAMEDA  
Registrant(s):  
SHUBHADA YADAV, 3519 LAKE ONTARIO DR., FREMONT, CA 94555  
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL  
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 05/06/2024

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)  
/s/ SHUBHADA YADAV  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 05/06/2024  
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CNS-3813687#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 605730

Fictitious Business Name(s):  
**TRI-CITY PLASTICS, INC., 3315 SELDON COURT, FREMONT, CA 94539**, County of ALAMEDA  
Registrant(s):  
TRICITY PLASTICS, INC., 3315 SELDON COURT, FREMONT, CA 94539, County of ALAMEDA  
Business conducted by: A CORPORATION  
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on JANUARY 1, 2001

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)  
/s/ BRIAN PETERSEN  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 04/22/2024  
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CNS-3812660#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 606136

Fictitious Business Name(s):  
**TAMASHA, 39030 ARGONAUT WAY, FREMONT, CA 94538**, County of ALAMEDA  
Registrant(s):  
AIAVAB KITCHEN INC., 39030 ARGONAUT WAY, FREMONT, CA 94538, County of ALAMEDA  
Business conducted by: A CORPORATION  
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)  
/s/ BALWINDER S VIRK  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 05/06/2024

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CNS-3812658#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 606136

Fictitious Business Name(s):  
**TAMASHA, 39030 ARGONAUT WAY, FREMONT, CA 94538**, County of ALAMEDA  
Registrant(s):  
AIAVAB KITCHEN INC., 39030 ARGONAUT WAY, FREMONT, CA 94538, County of ALAMEDA  
Business conducted by: A CORPORATION  
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)  
/s/ BALWINDER S VIRK  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 05/06/2024

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CNS-3812658#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 605680

Fictitious Business Name(s):  
**GFB TRANSPORT, 26877 TYRRELL AVE, HAYWARD, CA 94544** County of ALAMEDA  
Registrant(s):  
GUILLERMO FIERRO, 26877 TYRRELL AVE, HAYWARD, CA 94544  
Business conducted by: an Individual  
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)  
/s/ GUILLERMO FIERRO,  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 04/18/2024.  
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4/24

CNS-3812658#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 605855

Fictitious Business Name(s):  
**FLORENTINA DECOR, 5331 BURNSIDE COURT, FREMONT, CA , County of ALAMEDA**  
Registrant(s):  
FEIXIA SUN, 5331 BURNSIDE COURT, FREMONT, CA , County of ALAMEDA  
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL  
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on APRIL 01, 2024

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)  
/s/ FEIXIA SUN  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 04/26/2024  
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28/24

CNS-3809381#

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 605416

Fictitious Business Name(s):  
**KUMAR INVESTMENTS, 36640 MAGNOLIA STREET, NEWARK, CA 94560** County of ALAMEDA  
Registrant(s):  
PARMJIT KAUR, 36640 MAGNOLIA STREET, NEWARK, CA 94560  
VINOD KUMAR, 36640 MAGNOLIA STREET, NEWARK, CA 94560  
Business conducted by: a Married Couple  
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09/01/2010.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)  
/s/ VINOD KUMAR  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 04/08/2024.  
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28/24

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PUBLIC NOTICES

laterals.

All work associated with this contract shall include, but not be limited to, mobilization and demobilization, traffic control, inspection and testing, discharge treatment, permitting, fencing, and other items or details that are required by the Contract Specifications and Plan and Standard Specifications to be performed, placed, constructed, or installed.

The successful bidder will have one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days to complete the Project from the Notice to Proceed.

The Engineer's Estimate for this Project is \$675,000

**Prebid Conference**  
A non-mandatory virtual prebid conference call will be held at 10:00 A.M. local time on June 6, 2024. Instructions on how to join the prebid conference are as follows:  
To attend the prebid conference by web browser, use the Zoom link below for video and audio: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84059028585>  
To attend the pre-bid conference by phone: Call: 1-888-788-0099 or 1-877-853-5247  
Meeting ID: 886 1591 3395#  
Participant ID: #

**Bid Opening**  
Bids will be publicly opened, examined, and declared on said day and hour, and will be referred to the District Board of Directors for subsequent action. The bid opening will be web casted on the internet starting at 2:30 p.m. local time. Instructions on how to join the bid opening are as follows:  
To attend the bid opening by web browser, use the Zoom link below for video and audio: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84059028585>  
To attend the bid opening by phone: Call: 1-888-788-0099 or 1-877-853-5247  
Meeting ID: 840 5902 8585#  
Participant ID: #

A site visit prior to bidding is not mandatory for bidders to be qualified to bid on the project. Some prebid photos and videos of the Site of Work as described in the Contract Documents are available to download and view at the hyperlink below:  
<https://www.unionsanitary.ca.gov/about-us/usd-construction-projects/prebid-photos-and-videos>  
If bidders wish to attend a voluntary site visit, bidders shall contact the District's Project Manager, Lupita Leon, at (510) 477-7605 to schedule a site visit. Bidders shall contact the District's Project Manager at least 72 business hours in advance. The site visits shall be conducted in the presence of the District's Project Manager or their designee. All bidders making a voluntary site visit shall comply with the current as of the date of Work site visit appointment. The District may utilize a touchless thermometer to confirm bidders do not have a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher before allowing entry.

Under California Laws and Regulations, the District shall inform all prime contractors of public works, to the maximum feasible extent, of the work requirements as listed in Section 00010 of the Contract Documents.

All bidders shall consider and incorporate measures to ensure compliance with all applicable state and county health orders, including but not limited to Alameda County Health Order No. 20-14a, as may be updated from time to time (County Health Order) and the Construction Project Safety Protocols in Appendix B to the County Health Order. Among other things, compliance shall include but is not limited to the designation of a site-specific COVID-19 officer or supervisor, daily screening protocols, the implementation of social distancing, the provision of personal protective equipment (PPE) and requirement to wear face coverings, the implementation of cleaning and sanitizing requirements, and posting of signage and notices. For Large Construction Projects, compliance also includes but is not limited to preparation of a new or updated Site-Specific Health and Safety Plan and designation of a site-specific COVID-19 Third-Party Jobsite Safety Accountability Supervisor.

Copies of the Contract Documents are available for public inspection at the District's website: <https://www.unionsanitary.ca.gov/about-us/usd-construction-projects/projects-out-to-bid>. A paper copy of the Contract Documents, including full size drawings, may be purchased at the District Office for a non-refundable \$50 charge, which includes the appropriate State sales tax and UPS Ground shipping costs. Bidders can provide their UPS or Fed Ex account number for any overnight shipping, but the charge will not be discounted.

Partial sets of bid documents are not available from the District. Bids for plans and specifications, and specs by sending a check made out to Union Sanitary District, 5072 Benson Road, Union City, California 94587, or by going to our website [www.unionsanitary.ca.gov](http://www.unionsanitary.ca.gov) for payment by VISA or MASTERCARD credit card.

All bidders submitting a bid must purchase and receive a paper copy of the Project Manual of FY23 Cast Iron/Pipe Lining, Project No. 800-578 from the District prior to the bid opening date. All submitted bids must be on bid forms included in the purchased paper copy of the Project Manual or subsequent addenda. A bid submitted to the District by a bidder who has not purchased and received a paper copy of the Project Manual of FY23 Cast Iron/Pipe Lining, Project No. 800-578, or submitted on bid forms not included in the purchased paper copy of the Project Manual or subsequent addenda shall be considered non-responsive and shall be rejected by the District.

Each bid must conform and be responsive to the invitation, the Plans and Specifications, and all documents comprising the Contract Documents. Each bid shall be presented under sealed cover and shall be accompanied by a certified check or bidder's bond, made payable to the District, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid. The said check or bidder's bond shall be given as a guarantee that the successful bidder will execute the contract in conformity with the form of agreement contained within the contract documents, and will furnish bonds and insurance policies as specified within ten (10) days after notification of the award of the Contract to the successful bidder.

Cost for work described in each addenda issued during the time of bidding shall be included in the Bid and the addenda shall become a part of the Contract documents.

Bidders shall develop and submit bids at their own expense. The District will not reimburse any costs associated with the development and submittal of any and all bids.

The District reserves the sole right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in a bid. No bidder may withdraw its bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the date set for the opening thereof.

At the successful Contractor's option, securities may be substituted for the required retention, in accordance with the provisions of Section 22300 of the State of California Public Contract Code.

In accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code Section 3300, the District has determined that the Contractor shall possess, as a minimum, a valid Class A License. In accordance with the provisions of California Business and Professions Code Section 7028.15, a bid submitted to the District by a Contractor who is not licensed in accordance with Chapter 9 of the California Business and Professions Code shall be considered non-responsive and shall be rejected by the District.

Questions concerning this project should be directed to:  
Union Sanitary District  
Attn: Lupita Leon  
5072 Benson Road  
Union City, CA 94587  
Phone: 510-477-7605  
By: Pat Kite

Secretary of the Board  
Union Sanitary District  
Date: 05/28/2024  
5/28, 6/4/24

CNS-3817510#

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**  
Sealed bids will be received in the Office of Purchasing Services at 3300 Capitol Ave., Bldg. B, Fremont, California, up to the hour of 2:00 PM on June 20, 2024, at which date, time and place the bids will be opened publicly and the dollar amounts of each bid will be read aloud. The bids will be opened by Purchasing and the initiating department representative. A preliminary bid result will be posted on the City's website the same day by 4:00 p.m.

Centerville Community Park Restroom and Underground Utilities PWC 8392B  
A BIDDERS' CONFERENCE: A conference will be held on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 10:00am, at the following location: Centerville Community Park, 38261 Hastings St, Fremont CA 94536, by the scorekeeper's shack of the ballfield, behind the home plate, to acquaint all prospective bidders with the Contract Documents and the Worksite. The bidders' conference is not mandatory. Plans, special provisions and standard proposal forms to be used for bidding on this project can be obtained for a non-refundable fee at ARC San Jose located at 2070 Ringwood Avenue, San Jose, CA 95131 via Phone(408) 295-5770 oremail: [sanjose@e-arc.com](mailto:sanjose@e-arc.com) or through [planwell.net](http://www.planwell.net) [www.e-arc.com/location/santa-clara](http://www.e-arc.com/location/santa-clara). Please reference BID #24-027. No partial sets will be issued; cost is non-refundable. Call to confirm availability of copies before coming to pick up documents. For more information on this project, contact the City of Fremont Purchasing Department at [jbecerra-sc@fremont.gov](mailto:jbecerra-sc@fremont.gov) JANICE BECERRA, CPPB PURCHASING DIVISION CITY OF FREMONT 5/28, 6/4/24

CNS-3817427#

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Union City for the purpose of considering the following: The City of Union City's 2024-2025 Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Annual Action Plan ("the Plan").

The Plan identifies CDBG funding priorities and describes the activities the City will undertake to address the City's housing, community, and economic development needs in fiscal year 2024-2025. A draft of the Plan is available on the City's website at the link below and hard copies are available at City Hall and the Union City Library. <https://www.unioncity.org/293/Community-Development-Block-Grant-Progra>

**This item will be heard at a public hearing by the City Council at the meeting listed below.** You may attend the meeting and voice your comments in person, via Teleconference, or you may submit comments in writing prior to the hearing. Written comments may be submitted to [Housing@UnionCity.org](mailto:Housing@UnionCity.org) or to City of Union City, Attn: Francisco Gomez Jr., 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, CA 94587.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, June 11, 2024**  
**Said hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. In the Council Chambers of City Hall, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City and via Teleconference.**

The meeting packet, which includes the meeting agenda and staff report, can be accessed on-line on the City's Agendas and Minutes webpage which is located at <https://www.unioncity.org/199/City-Meetings-Video>. Meeting packets are generally available on-line the Friday before the meeting.

To access the meeting remotely, please see Teleconference Guidelines for the City of Union City Council at: <https://www.unioncity.org/199/City-Meetings-Video>

City Hall is accessible by Union City Transit lines 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9 and AC Transit line 97. BART station can transfer to these bus routes at the UC BART station. For information, please call Union City Transit at (510) 471-1411 and AC Transit or BART at 511. Union City Transit maps and schedules are available at [www.uctransit.org](http://www.uctransit.org).

**Staff Contact:** Francisco Gomez Jr., Housing & Community Development Manager, can be reached at (510) 675-5322 or via email at [FranciscoG@unioncity.org](mailto:FranciscoG@unioncity.org). 5/28/24

CNS-3817392#

**CITY OF FREMONT PUBLIC HEARING**  
Notice is hereby given that the City of Fremont City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the following proposal: Said public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 11, 2024, Council Chambers, 3300 Capitol Ave., Bldg. A, Fremont, CA, at which time all interested parties may attend and be heard:

**SECOND PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF FY 2024/25 OPERATING BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT**  
Second Public Hearing (Published Notice) and Adoption of the FY 2024/25 Operating Budget and Appropriations Limit

Information on how to participate will be made available, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting, on the agenda posted online.

If you challenge any decision of the City Council in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

SUSAN GAUTHIER, CMC – CITY CLERK 5/28/24

CNS-3817384#

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
**Tuesday, June 11, 2024**

**Publication Date: May 28, 2024**  
**The meeting will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers at 37101 Newark Boulevard, Newark, CA 94560.**  
**Members of the public may attend the meeting in person and may watch the meeting via YouTube or Cable Channel 26.**

Pursuant to California Government Code §6061, §65090, §65091, §65094, §65095, and Newark Municipal Code (NMC) §17.31.060, §17.34.070, §17.36.030, and §17.35.050, on June 11, 2024, at or after 7:00 p.m., the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider:

1. DR2023-004, V2023-001, and MUP2023-009, A Design Review, Variance, and Minor Use Permit to allow for a new four-story 97-bed assisted living facility building and associated on-site improvements at 6214 Thornton Avenue (APN: 92A-1036-29-2). The subject site is zoned RH: Residential High Density and has a General Plan designation of High Density Residential.

The applicant, MNMA LLC, and property owner, Ashit and Monisha Jain, are proposing to construct a new four-story 97-bed assisted living facility building and associated on-site improvements at 6214 Thornton Avenue. The subject site is zoned RH: Residential High Density and has a General Plan designation of High Density Residential. The subject site is bounded by Thornton Avenue, Newark Boulevard, Arden Street, and Civic Terrace Avenue. The project is categorically exempt from CEQA as per CEQA Guidelines, Article 19, §15332 (In-fill Development Projects).

Any interested person or authorized agent, or interested members of the public may appear at the public hearing to be heard and may submit written comments or request to view project details and information, including the complete application and project file (including any environmental impact assessment prepared in connection with the application) by contacting the project planner, Joseph Balatbat, via email at [josephb@newark.org](mailto:josephb@newark.org).

If you challenge a City action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Newark at, or prior to, the public hearing. 5/28/24

CNS-3817274#

**Public Notice**  
Notice is hereby given that the City of Fremont Finance Department is holding unclassified funds in Accounts Payable and Payroll totaling \$46,509.99. Listed are the individual payee and check amounts.

ADITHYA IYER \$60.00 IL MACK SOCCER CLUB \$20.00 AFLAC \$1,149.00 JMT AQUATICS, INC \$ 849.56 AISHA JASPER \$300.39 JMT AQUATICS, INC \$1,223.37 Alexander Kimberly N. \$38.24 JULIE ESCALANTE \$190.00 ALLAN HIRSCH \$3,979.39 KAISER \$2,466.74 ALLEN MCGAWAN \$25.00 KAJSA VANGBO \$25.00 AMIT RAMI \$35.00 Kamal Elias \$159.46 AMY SOLARZ \$48.44 KERN SEGAL & MURRAY A LAW CORPORATION \$5,382.25 ANNETTE BERRY \$111.50 KRATI AHUJA \$500.00 BAY NEXUS PRINTER & DATA SERVICES INC \$983.25 LI MA & LEE TAN \$60.00 BLACK & VEATCH CONSTRUCTION INC \$38.77 LORETA FERRER \$59.99 Buffey Sara \$329.83 MARIA REDIBUE \$35.00 CFCA \$50.00 Martinez Bianca \$139.30 CHENG SHAO \$578.74 MELISSA SYFERT \$65.00 CHILDRENS HOSPITAL OAKLAND \$785.00 MICHAEL PLATE \$60.00 CHOIE SANGYU PRIYA \$17.25 MICHAEL CORDERO \$823.50 CINDY MCALISTER \$35.00 MIKE GUGLIELMINO \$35.00 CMS \$3,078.36 MIOVISION TECHNOLOGIES INC \$152.00 CONCEPCION LOPEZ \$ 98.00 MNS ENGINEERS INC \$701.46 LOSCO FIRE PROTECTION INC \$159.60 NEXUS ENERGY \$95.48 COSTCO SERVICE EXPERTS \$171.00 OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT \$30.00 DAMARIS RODAS \$93.40 PALLAVI JAGADISH \$35.00 DANIEL FONG \$179.97 PASTEL SCHWAY \$ 60.00 DANTE GIANNINI \$35.00 PG&E \$2,068.74 EMM ALOKOTAI \$412.45 SANCHEZ LEANDRA \$241.00 DEREK BAE \$60.00 SANDRA POTTER \$50.37 DIANNA M. WILLIAMS \$35.00 SARODA CHATTOPADHYAY \$35.00 DINO TOMASSI \$361.97 SAROJ SHARMA \$40.00 DURGHABHAVANI SHANKAR BANDA \$ 63.00 SHRISH CHOUDHARY \$60.00 ELIZABETH CAZARES \$275.00 SOPHIE HERNANDEZ \$78.00 ELIZABETH CAZARES \$275.00 SRI DEVELOPMEN CO \$,252.81 ERP OPERATING LIMITED PARTNERSHIP \$472.00 STRKER NEUROVASCULAR \$95.00 EVA CHEN \$6,339.71 STRYKER NEUROVASCULAR \$ 500.00 FORENZO MOTORSPORTS LLC \$1,334.57 TAIT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC \$250.00 FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ \$35.00 Taylor James \$153.25 FREMONT FEE OWNER LLC \$400.00 TESLA INC \$190.00 FREMONT URGENT CARE \$120.00 TESLA, INC. \$95.48 GE SOLAR \$2,469.21 TURF & INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT \$54.41 GEORGE PERLEGOS \$181.32 UNIGEN CORPORATION \$95.00 GO CONSTRUCTION SERVICES LLC \$218.80 UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD \$1,000.00 GUNA KANI & THANGA MEENAKSHI \$60.00 VERONICA N LAM \$34.00 GURDWARA SAHIB SINGH SABHA \$165.00 VORWERK LLC - THERMOMIX \$275.00 HAN RAINTRREE \$56.66 WILLIAM DICKSON \$250.00 HUNT & SONS \$250.00

The payee may claim these funds by submitting a written claim to the City of Fremont Finance Department c/o Mario Rosas, Accounts Payable and Purchasing Manager, P.O. Box 5006 Fremont, CA, 94537-5006, or via email at: [accounts payable@fremont.gov](mailto:accounts payable@fremont.gov) NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM ON June 14, 2024. Payee must include: name, address, amount of claim, grounds for claim, and other information you feel will benefit in getting the claim resolved. If the City of Fremont does not receive a written claim by June 14, 2024, the funds will become property of the City of Fremont. 5/28, 6/4/24

CNS-3816704#

**CITY OF UNION CITY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 22-17**  
**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**  
Sealed proposals for the work shown on the plans entitled: **Decoto Road Rehab Phase 1 Project, City Project No. 22-24**, will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Union City, City Government Building, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, California, until **Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 2:00 PM PST**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read in the Council Chambers of said building.

The Contractor shall possess a Class A California contractor's license at the time this contract is awarded.

Bids are required for the entire work described herein. This contract is subject to the State contract nondiscrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code Section 12990.

Bid Package & Bid Package Location. All of the project work is to be done in accordance with the bid package on file with the Public Works Department - City of Union City, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, California 94587. Eligibility to bid on this project requires bid package to be electronically obtained from the City. **Bid package may be obtained at no charge via email request to the City at [publicworks@unioncity.org](mailto:publicworks@unioncity.org).**

Non-biddable plans and specifications shall be available to view at various Builders' Exchanges throughout the Bay Area and on the City of Union City website at [www.unioncity.org](http://www.unioncity.org).

General Work Description: The project consists of rehabilitation of Decoto Rd. roadway from southern city limits (Alameda Creek bridge) to Station Way. Travel lanes geometry will be reconfigured to add a Class 2 buffered travel lane with improved visibility. The Engineer's Estimate for the project base is Two Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,400,000). The allotted time to complete the project will be 80 working days (5-calendar day).

**All questions should be emailed or fax to the City of Union City, email: [treuteau@unioncity.org](mailto:treuteau@unioncity.org) or fax (510) 483-9468.**

The successful bidder shall furnish a Payment Bond, a Performance Bond, and a Maintenance Bond.

Minimum wage rates for this project as predetermined by the Secretary of Labor are set forth in the special provisions. If there is a difference between the minimum wage rates predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and prevailing wage rates determined by the Department of Industrial Relations for similar classifications of labor, the contractor and his subcontractors shall pay not less than the higher wage rates.

Pursuant to Section 1773 of the Labor Code, the general prevailing rate of wages in the county in which the work is to be done has been determined by the Director of the wage rates appear in the Department of Transportation publication entitled General Prevailing Wage Rates, (current semi-annual which have been predetermined and are on file with the Department of Industrial Relations as referenced but not printed in said publication. 5/21, 5/28, 6/4/24

CNS-3815332#

**CITY OF UNION CITY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CITY PROJECT NO. 22-17**  
**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**  
Sealed proposals for the work shown on the plans entitled: **UNION LANDING PYLON SIGN RENOVATION PROJECT (Project)**, City Project No. 22-17, will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Union City, City Government Building, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, California, until **Wednesday, June 12 2024, 1:30PM PST**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read in the Council Chambers of said building.

The Contractor shall possess a Class C-45 and/or Class C-61/D-42 Contractor's License California contractor's license at the time this contract is awarded.

Bids are required for the entire work described herein. This contract is subject to the State contract nondiscrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code Section 12990.

Bid Package & Bid Package Location. All of the project work is to be done in accordance with the bid package on file with the Public Works Department - City of Union City, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, California 94587. Eligibility to bid on this project requires bid package to be electronically obtained from the City. **Bid package may be obtained at no charge via email request to the City at [publicworks@unioncity.org](mailto:publicworks@unioncity.org).**

Non-biddable plans and specifications shall be available to view at various Builders' Exchanges throughout the Bay Area and on the City of Union City website at [www.unioncity.org](http://www.unioncity.org).

General Work Description: The work to be completed by the contractor shall consists, in general, of furnishing all labor, materials, and equipment for the renovation work associated with removing existing neon tubing signs on top and logos on bottom, pressure washing and painting exterior surfaces, fabrication and installing stainless steel strips for the semi-circular side rings, illuminated channel letter signs on top, and non-illuminated pin-wheel logos on the bottom for the two pylon signs at Union Landing Shopping Center.

**All questions should be emailed to Tommy Cho of City of Union City, email: [tommymc@unioncity.org](mailto:tommymc@unioncity.org).** The successful bidder shall furnish a Payment Bond, a Performance Bond, and a Maintenance Bond.

Minimum wage rates for this project as predetermined by the Secretary of Labor are set forth in the special provisions. If there is a difference between the minimum wage rates predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and prevailing wage rates determined by the Department of Industrial Relations for similar classifications of labor, the contractor and his subcontractors shall pay not less than the higher wage rates.

Pursuant to Section 1773 of the Labor Code, the general prevailing rate of wages in the county in which the work is to be done has been determined by the Director of the wage rates appear in the Department of Transportation publication entitled General Prevailing Wage Rates, (current semi-annual which have been predetermined and are on file with the Department of Industrial Relations as referenced but not printed in said publication. 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4/24

CNS-3812319#

PROBATE

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ABDUL QAYOUM HAMID CASE NO. 24PR074992**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: ABDUL QAYOUM HAMID A Petition for Probate has been filed by NAJIA HAMID in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The Petition for Probate requests that NAJIA HAMID be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on JUNE 10, 2024 at 9:45 A.M. in Dept. 202 Room N/A located at 2120 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR WAY, BERKELEY, CA 94704.

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

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

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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

Petitioner: NAJIA HAMID, 405 RANCHO ARROYO PKWY #321, FREMONT, CA 94536, Telephone: 510-492-5211 5/21, 5/28, 6/4/24

CNS-3815079#

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SVETLANA URITSKY AKA SVETLANA N. URITSKY CASE NO. 24PR074589**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: SVETLANA URITSKY AKA SVETLANA N. URITSKY A Petition for Probate has been filed by IRINA LEWIS in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The Petition for Probate requests that IRINA LEWIS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The Petition requests the decedent's will

and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on JUNE 14, 2024 at 9:45 A.M. in Dept. 202 Room N/A located at 2120 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR WAY, BERKELEY, CA 94704.

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

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

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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

Attorney for Petitioner: CAROLE M. SCAGNETTI, 101 MONTGOMERY STREET, SUITE 1600, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104, Telephone: 415-693-0550 5/14, 5/21, 5/28/24

CNS-3812531#

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CLIFFORD ALLEN DIAS CASE NO. 24PR073854**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: CLIFFORD ALLEN DIAS A Petition for Probate has been filed by SCOTT DIAS in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The Petition for Probate requests that SCOTT DIAS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on: JUNE 5, 2024 at 9:45 AM in Dept. 201 located at PROBATE DIVISION 2120 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WAY, BERGELEY CA 94704, BERKELEY COURTHOUSE.

**REMOTE APPEARANCE:**  
The Court allows, but does not require, all parties who wish to attend the hearing on the above date and time, including those who wish to state objections, to appear by audio or video technology. The parties should consult the court's website for the specific telephonic and video applications available. The parties may also contact the probate clerk in the respective department for information concerning remote appearances. Parties must be present at least five (5) minutes before the scheduled hearing time.

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

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

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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

Attorney for Petitioner: JUSTIN ISAAC, ESQ., LAWYER IN BLUE JEANS GROUP 3990 OLD TOWN AVENUE, SUITE A102, SAN DIEGO, CA 92110 Telephone: 619.683.2545 5/14, 5/21, 5/28/24

CNS-3810828#



SUBMITTED BY JO LOSS

The Castro Valley Women's Club (CVWC) and League of Women Voters Eden Area will be presenting a Town Hall on June 8, at the CVWC clubhouse on Redwood Road.

Our goal is to educate and engage the “average community member” about the realities, challenges and resources that surround homelessness. This event is being held to give people the information and tools they can use to better understand and cope with situations they encounter.

The panel will feature five speakers from different areas of working with the unhoused: Aaron Horner, Pastor of Community Outreach, First Pres; Officer Oliveri,

California Highway Patrol; Melissa Moore, Street Medicine Institute; Sabrina Fuentes- Case Manager HEPPAC and Lucy Kasdin, Director of Alameda County Healthcare for the Homeless program.

They will have the opportunity to educate and engage our community with their expertise and real-life experience. Audience members will hear honest stories about the people they see each day and the situations that create and impact unhoused individuals. The League will collect questions from the audience for the panelists.

The event will also feature tabling by programs assisting the unhoused to provide context to the conversation. Organizations are welcome to contact LWVEA to participate.

This forum is being held in support of the goal of the Castro Valley Community Alliance to support the unhoused within Eden Area.

**Town Hall on Homelessness**  
**Saturday, Jun 8**  
**11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**18330 Redwood Rd., Castro Valley**

Town Hall – ‘A Conversation on Homelessness in Castro Valley/Eden Area – Reality, Challenges and Resources’



# Homelessness in Hayward

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF HAYWARD

Newly released findings of the 2024 count of people experiencing homeless in Alameda County show Hayward is sheltering a greater share of its homeless population—a continuation of a positive trend amid concerns that homelessness appears to be on the rise in the city.

According to Point in Time (PIT) Count estimates, which were arrived at based on a physical count carried out across the County on the morning of January 25, Hayward is sheltering 44 percent of its homeless population—up from 30 percent in 2022, 24 percent in 2019 and 21 percent in 2017.

While overall numbers of people experiencing homelessness are beyond any

one city’s direct control, how cities respond is not. By that measure Hayward is making sustained progress moving people off the streets and out of encampments and into emergency and transitional shelter programs.

“We are concerned about and will get to the bottom of the overall increase in homelessness in Hayward as reflected in the 2024 PIT Count,” Mayor Mark Salinas said, referring to a PIT Count finding that the City’s homeless population increased by 114 individuals or 30 percent over the 2022 Count. “At the same time, Hayward can be very proud of how we are responding to this regional crisis.”

As Vice President of the Alameda County Mayors Conference and a member of its Homelessness Task Force, Mayor Salinas added that cities will continue working together to coordinate resources to help more people.

Progress in the sheltering of people experiencing homelessness in Hayward began in 2019 with the City’s declaration of

a homelessness emergency and the opening of the Hayward housing Navigation Center in November of that year. Since opening its doors on November 18, 2019, the Navigation Center has moved 264, or 54 percent, of individuals served into permanent housing. And the Center is just the first of multiple responses that have been undertaken.

In 2021, the City launched HEART (Hayward Evaluation and Response Teams), an intradepartmental initiative of the Hayward Fire and Police Departments and Office of the City Manager to involve mental health clinicians and coordinated case management in calls for service for people experiencing mental and behavioral health episodes.

Also in 2021, First Presbyterian Church of Hayward and its South Hayward Parish location expanded services, originally offering 18 drop-in beds to unhoused individuals during instances of inclement weather in winter months to now offering 21 drop-in beds and operating year-round.

In May 2023, Depot Community Apartments, a contemporary new residence of 125 micro units with wrap around services at 2595 Depot Road began accepting applications from individuals and two-person households who were either experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless.

And in November 2023, the State of California announced the award of \$9.6 million for a new initiative of the City of Hayward, and partners Union City and nonprofit Bay Area Community Services (BACS), to purchase and operate single-family homes for people experiencing homelessness.

To learn more about Hayward’s homelessness response, check out *Let’s House Hayward! Strategic Plan to Reduce Homelessness* on the City of Hayward website.

www.hayward-ca.gov

# CNA applauds California Senate for removing medical debt from credit reports

SUBMITTED BY CALIFORNIA NURSES ASSOCIATION

California Nurses Association (CNA) applauds the California Senate’s passage (31-8) of S.B. 1061, which would prohibit consumer reporting agencies from including medical debt on credit reports. The bill, authored by Sen. Monique Limón’s (D-Santa Barbara) and sponsored by CNA, Attorney General Rob Bonta, and a diverse coalition of organizations, would also prevent medical debt collectors from sharing medical debt information with credit reporting agencies.

“Our patients should not have to suffer by being reported to creditors due to medical debt,” said CNA President Cathy Kennedy, RN. “We deeply appreciate the California Senate for voting in favor of S.B. 1061. This is a major first step towards removing all medical debt from credit reports because we need a fair credit system that will not penalize patients when they get the care they need and deserve.”

Nurses have long witnessed patients delay care or forgo essential medical care because of medical debt. At least 1 in 5 (over 6 million) California adults have medical debt that would not be included in their credit reports because of this bill.

## Medical debt has a deep impact on people’s lives:

- Californians with medical debt are twice as likely to skip care due to costs compared to those without medical debt.
  - More than half of low-income Californians report that they postponed health care due to cost concerns.
  - One in two low-income Californians have medical debt
- Many patients who face damaging medical debt on their credit reports are uninsured or underinsured when they receive hospital or other care. Moreover, medical debt disproportionately impacts marginalized communities. Existing racial and socioeconomic health disparities are exacerbated when health care providers and medical debt collectors report unpaid medical bills to credit reporting agencies.
- The legislation would also protect patients’ personal information by requiring that any medical debt collection contracts bar medical debt information from being shared with credit reporting agencies. To enforce the prohibition of medical debt on credit reports, that debt would be voided if the information is provided to a credit reporting agency.
- The bill now moves to the California Assembly.

# Park District Launches Pilot Program to Expedite Entry to Del Valle Regional Park on Weekends and Holidays



SUBMITTED BY JEN VANYA

Beginning Memorial Day weekend (Saturday, May 25), the Park District is launching a pilot project to streamline entry at Del Valle Regional Park on weekends and holidays. Under the pilot project, visitors will pay a single \$10 flat fee to enter the park rather than individual fees based on park use. The \$10 flat fee will cover parking, trailers, and dogs.

As part of the pilot project, a limited number of advance park entry passes will also be available for purchase. Advance park entry passes can be purchased at

[http://apm.activecommunities.com/ebparks/Activity\\_Search/52680](http://apm.activecommunities.com/ebparks/Activity_Search/52680).

Fishing and quagga inspection fees are not included in the \$10 flat fee and will be available for purchase in the marina area.

Entering the park will look a little different with the pilot project.

- As vehicles approach the kiosk, there will be a separate line for pre-paid parking, visitors with camping reservations (not picnic reservations), Park District staff, and residents.
- Regional Parks Foundation members can enter through the pre-paid line, as free park entry and parking is a membership

benefit. Learn more at [www.regionalparksfoundation.org/join](http://www.regionalparksfoundation.org/join).

The pilot project is testing potential ways to improve the visitor experience and reduce traffic congestion when entering the park on busy spring and summer weekends and holidays. The pilot project runs through Labor Day weekend (Monday, Sept. 2).

The Del Valle Entry Fee Pilot Project was developed by park staff to better serve the public through a faster and easier park entrance experience and increased public information services within the park.

# Congratulations 2023 Officer of the Year!



UCPD Officer of the year Zakariya Ali surrounded by his team.

SUBMITTED BY UNION CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Zakariya Ali was honored Thursday, May 9 as the 2023 Officer of the Year at a breakfast sponsored by the Optimist Club from Newark. Officer Ali was recognized for his outstanding contributions to the department.

Officer Ali is currently a Field Training Officer (FTO) and Crime Scene Investigator (CSI). He was selected to be trained as an Acting Sergeant and lead a shift for four days while all supervisors and management were away at a Team Building Workshop in March. This speaks highly to the degree of trust that the department has in him.

FTO Ali consistently strives to better those around him. He is thorough, detailed, and relentless in his work as a Field Training Officer. He teaches his recruits not just the how, but also the why behind the various topics, scenarios, and situations that arise on calls for service.

He has also taken on planning for the upcoming wave of new hires, coordinating the entire New Hire Orientation schedule. He is helping to shape the next wave of employees at the

department through his continued work in the Field Training program.

Recognized as a mentor among his peers, he readily lends an ear and provides guidance to younger officers. He approaches each task with a sense of urgency and completes them with precision and efficiency. FTO Ali has gone above and beyond, completing numerous New Hire Orientation processes and tirelessly seeking opportunities to enhance the learning experience for new recruits. By identifying gaps between academy learning and real-world application, he has played a pivotal role in improving the department.

Despite his numerous achievements, he remains humble and grounded, placing honor above glory and demonstrating genuine care for the well-being of his fellow department members. His actions speak volumes about his character and his unwavering dedication to serving the community and upholding the values of the department.

FTO Ali truly embodies Chief Rinetti’s philosophy of “Service from the Heart” by living by the motto on a daily basis and allowing it to come through in his work product. An award, well- deserved!

# SLPD makes arrest in domestic violence and sexual assault case

SUBMITTED BY SAN LEANDRO POLICE DEPARTMENT

On April 19th, 2024, SLPD officers responded to the 100 block of Haas Avenue regarding a domestic violence incident. The victim was found to have suffered significant facial injuries at the hands of the suspect, her boyfriend. The victim also disclosed to officers that she was held against her will and sexually assaulted by the suspect.

Special Victims Unit (SVU) detectives took over the investigation and successfully acquired an arrest warrant for the

suspect, a 31-year-old resident of Lathrop.

On May 15th, after an hours-long surveillance operation, the suspect was taken into custody by undercover SLPD detectives in Fremont. SVU detectives were able to obtain a full confession during an interview of the suspect.

Earlier today, the suspect was charged by the Alameda County District Attorney’s Office with felony domestic violence, false imprisonment, and forcible sexual batteries.

Domestic violence related crimes are often some of the most under-reported incidents. We strongly encourage anyone experiencing domestic violence, or anyone who knows of someone being victimized, to report it to your local police agency. For support and referrals for services, you may call the National Domestic Violence Line at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or call the 24-hour crisis line for domestic violence victims at (510) 757-5123 or 1-800-947-8301.



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Thomas R. Handley

Resident of Fremont

March 17, 1952 – May 16, 2024



Thomas R. Handley, 72, passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at the Kaiser Permanente Fremont Hospital, in Fremont, California, surrounded by his family. Tom was born on March 17, 1952 in Muncie, Indiana, to the late George (“Dick”) and the late Miriam (Cooper) Handley. He grew up in Selma, Indiana, attended Culver Military Academy and graduated in 1970 from Muncie Central High School. Later he received his bachelor’s degree from Indiana Wesleyan University and his master’s degree from the University of Phoenix. For a number of years, Tom worked in the family business, Peoples Studio and Photo Center in Muncie, where he became a skilled photographer and manager of the photo finishing plant. In 1990 he moved to Fremont, California where he worked as a production manager, first for Fuji Film and then for Oatey plumbing products, and later became a realtor for Intero Realty in Fremont.

Tom was an avid scuba diver and underwater photographer, skills he learned in the gravel pits of Muncie, Indiana, and later taught and practiced in

California and in his many travels, especially to Hawaii. He thrived on civic engagement: he was elected to the Board of Directors of the Union Sanitary District where he served for over 20 years; he also served on the Board of the Bay Philharmonic and at the time of his passing was its Vice-President; he was a long-standing member of the Rotary Club of Mission San Jose, the Elks and the Commonwealth Club. Tom was a good friend to many and a mentor to a number of young people. He is survived by his sisters, Cheryl Handley and Carol Paz, his nephew, Reza Handley-Namavar, his nieces Tanya Paz and Roxanna Handley-Namavar. (husband, Shamim Ahmed), grand-nephew Alexander Ahmed. and his stepson Marvier Tayao. He is also survived by many close friends. Celebration of Life Services will be held at a later date in Fremont, California and in Muncie, Indiana. Burial of Tom’s ashes will be in Elm Ridge Cemetery in Muncie, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Brain Tumor Association at www.abta.org and/or to the Bay Philharmonic at www.bayphil.org. Berge, Pappas, Smith Chapel of the Angels, Funerals and Cremations, in Fremont, California, are in charge of arrangements. Online condolences and memories of Tom may be left for the family at www.bpschapel.com.

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Ask Rusty –  
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Social Security’s  
Future

Dear Rusty: I keep reading that the SSA will only be able to pay out 75% of benefits come 2033. If congress were to do nothing and this reduction in benefits occurred, would seniors already collecting benefits in 2033 have their benefits reduced or would it only be those who have not begun to collect have their future benefits reduced? I will be collecting my benefits no later than 2027 but my wife will not reach full retirement age until 2033 and we are looking for information on whether we need to adjust savings now to account

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for mine or my wife’s possible reduction in benefits.  
Signed: Worried Senior

Dear Worried Senior: If Congress does nothing to prevent Social Security’s reserves from depletion, Social Security – by law – will only be able to pay out benefits equal to income, which is estimated to be about 23% to 25% short of what will be needed to pay full benefits starting in 2033. That would mean everyone who is already receiving monthly Social Security benefits would get a payment 23% to 25% less than they were previously receiving. And without reform, new beneficiaries would get benefits similarly reduced.

The action needed to prevent those cuts from happening resides with Congress, and any program reform they enact would likely only affect those who are not yet collecting. Whether or how that would affect you and your wife as future SS beneficiaries depends on the scope of reform Congress will enact which, of course, is not yet known. That uncertainty,

itself, is reason enough to bolster your savings for your future retirement.

The probability of Congress allowing the Trust Funds to be depleted, thus necessitating an across the board cut in everyone’s benefit is, in my opinion, slim (it would be political suicide). Congress already knows how to fix Social Security’s financial woes – they just currently lack the bipartisanship and political fortitude to do so. And it’s doubtful any Social Security reform will happen this election year – rather, the opposing sides will likely just sling accusations at each other in 2024. But rest assured that both sides of Congress are acutely aware that reform of the Social Security program is needed soon, and we are already seeing signs that progress on reform may be forthcoming (but not until after the 2024 elections).

Congress is notorious for waiting until the last possible moment to act, and I don’t suggest you alter your Social

Security claiming strategy based on the unknown. But building a bigger nest egg for retirement is always a prudent goal. Also, calling your Congressional Representative to endorse needed Social Security reform which ensures your future benefits will not be cut would be a good move.

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California advances legislation  
cracking down on stolen goods resellers and auto theft

BY TRÂN NGUYỄN,  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The California Senate approved a bipartisan package of 15 bills Wednesday that would increase penalties for organized crime rings, expand drug court programs and close a legal loophole to make it easier to prosecute auto thefts.

One proposal would require large online marketplaces — like eBay and Amazon — to verify the identities of sellers who make at least \$5,000 profit in a year, an attempt to shut down an easy way to sell stolen goods.

“This is not a game,” said Senate President Mike McGuire, a Democrat who represents the North Coast, adding that he hopes to get the bills to Gov. Gavin Newsom’s desk within weeks. “We are working together for safer California, putting aside politics and making sure we do right for our communities.”

It normally takes months for lawmakers to deliver bills to the governor in California, but the commitment to quick actions is driven by a new

get-tough-on-crime strategy in an election year that seeks to address the growing fears of voters while preserving progressive policies designed to keep people out of prison.

Large-scale thefts, in which groups of people brazenly rush into stores and take goods in plain sight, have reached a crisis level in the state, though the California Retailers Association said it’s challenging to quantify the issue because many stores don’t share their data.

The Bay Area and Los Angeles saw a steady increase in shoplifting between 2021 and 2022, according to a study of the latest crime data by the Public Policy Institute of California. Across the state, shoplifting rates rose during the same period but were still lower than the pre-pandemic levels in 2019, while commercial burglaries and robberies have become more prevalent in urban counties, according to the study.

Assembly lawmakers also advanced several other retail theft measures Wednesday, including a bill authored by Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas taking aim

at professional theft rings. It would expand law enforcement’s authority to combine the value of goods stolen from different victims to impose harsher penalties and arrest people for shoplifting using video footage or witness statements. The measure also would create a new crime for those who sell or return stolen goods and mandate online sellers to maintain records proving the merchandise wasn’t stolen and require some retail businesses to report stolen goods data.

Lawmakers also passed proposals that would crack down on cargo thefts, restore the district attorney’s authority to go after thieves and resellers who operate beyond their jurisdictions and allow retailers to obtain restraining orders against convicted shoplifters.

All the bills now head to the second chamber before they could reach Newsom’s desk in June.

The advancement of a slew of measures further cements Democratic lawmakers’ rejection to growing calls to roll back progressive policies like Proposition 47, a ballot measure approved by 60% of state

voters in 2014 that reduced penalties for certain crimes, including thefts of items valued at under \$950 and drug possession offenses, from felonies to misdemeanors.

Money saved from having fewer people in prison, which totals to \$113 million this fiscal year, has gone to local programs to fight recidivism with much success, state officials and advocates said. But the proposition has made it harder to prosecute shoplifters and enabled brazen crime rings, law enforcement officials said. An effort to reform the measure failed in 2020.

As major national stores and local businesses in California say they continue to face rampant theft, a growing number of law enforcement officials and district attorneys, along with Republican and moderate Democratic lawmakers, say California needs to consider all options, including rolling back the measure. The coalition backing the initiative last month submitted more than 900,000 signatures to put it on the November ballot. The signatures are being verified.

Over \$450K recovered for workers of California mushroom farms that were sites of fatal shootings

ASSOCIATED PRESS

The owners of two Northern California mushroom farms where a farmworker killed seven people in back-to-back shootings last year will pay more than \$450,000 in back wages and damages to 62 workers, the Labor Department announced Monday.

The owners of California Terra Gardens and Concord Farms in Half Moon Bay will also pay \$70,000 in civil penalties for illegally deducting money from

the workers’ pay for housing them in cramped cargo containers, dilapidated trailers and a moldy greenhouse infested with insects and surrounded by trash, the department said in a statement.

Chunli Zhao, who worked at California Terra Gardens and had worked at Concord Farms, was charged with seven counts of murder and one count of attempted murder in the Jan. 23, 2023, shootings that stunned the small coastal community about

30 miles (48 kilometers) south of San Francisco. He has pleaded not guilty.

Authorities said Zhao opened fire at California Terra Garden, killing four co-workers and wounding another one. They said he then drove about 2 miles (3.2 kilometers) to Concord Farms, a mushroom farm he was fired from in 2015, and shot to death three workers.

California Terra Gardens, Inc.’s owners, Xianmin Guan and his wife, Liming Zhu, illegally

deducted money from workers’ pay for substandard housing, federal officials said. Federal investigators discovered 39 workers housed in cramped cargo containers, garages and dilapidated trailers furnished with filthy mattresses, the department said.

At Concord Farms, owner Grace Tung housed workers in moldy, makeshift rooms inside a greenhouse infested with insects, federal officials said.

Emails from The Associated Press seeking comment from the

farms’ owners were not immediately answered Monday.

“Our investigators found workers at California Terra Gardens and Concord Farms housed in sickening conditions, forced to sleep near garbage and with insects all around,” said Wage and Hour Division Assistant District Director Alberto Raymond in San Francisco.



# AAUW Scholarship Winners



Skylesha Marcel



Alain Morel



Aunyah Campbell



Alexis Gonsalves

SUBMITTED BY JENNIFER FOSTER

Four hardworking Ohlone College students took home \$7,000 in scholarships from the Fremont branch of the AAUW during the May 1 Scholarship Awards ceremony held at Ohlone.

Alexis Gonsalves, of Fremont, received our \$4,000 scholarship and will be continuing her education in the fall at San Jose State. She plans to major in communication studies. She's going to get her master's degree and join the graduate teaching associate program, eventually becoming a college communication professor.

SkyLesha Marcel, also of Fremont, received our \$1,500 scholarship and plans to attend UCLA this fall, studying cognitive science. She hopes to go into artificial intelligence.

Winners of \$750 scholarships for continuing students at Ohlone are Alain Morel and Aunyah Campbell, both of Fremont.

Several AAUW members were at the ceremony to cheer for our Scholarship winners. Kathy Scrivani represented the committee that reviewed the applications of transferring students, and Becky Denevan represented the committee that analyzed the applications for continuing students.

Behind the scenes were the AAUW members who reviewed and analyzed the scholarship applications. Reviewing the applications for students who are transferring from Ohlone to a four-year school in the fall were Avis Kresin, Kathy Garfinkle, Kathy Scrivani, Karen Fong, Jennifer Foster, Nkechi Uzoegwu, Joyce Ruiz, Judy Young, and Janice Longo.

Reviewing applications for students continuing at Ohlone were Jeanne Delp, Becky Denevan, Carolyn Hedgecock, and Randy Fewel.



Alexis Gonsalves with AAUW members Kathy Scrivani (left) and Becky Denevan.

## Ohlone College Celebrates Bright Futures as Renée Diop Embarks on Next Chapter

SUBMITTED BY CELINA BARRIOS

Ohlone College proudly announces Renée Diop, a distinguished student leader, as one of its newest alumnae. Renée's journey at Ohlone College exemplifies the transformative power of education, dedication, and community engagement.

Renée's path to Ohlone College was marked by a commitment to her passion for political science. Originally a transfer student from CSU Long Beach, Renée chose Ohlone College to pursue her academic and professional aspirations in a more intimate and supportive environment.

Reflecting on her connection to Ohlone College, Renée expressed gratitude for the enriching experiences and close-knit community she found. "Ohlone College was a surprising reward, and I see it as a blessing to be able to attend this school," she shared. Renée's involvement in campus life, including serving as a founding member of the Ohlone Politics Club and participating in the Associated Students of Ohlone College, further enriched her collegiate experience.

Inspired by the events of 2020, including the Black Lives Matter movement and the global pandemic, Renée discovered her calling in political science. "Now, I realize that the world isn't as doomed as I thought it was in high school, and that's why I hope to continue changing it in my future," she stated.

As Renée prepares to embark on the next phase of her academic journey, she plans to transfer to either UC Berkeley or Howard University to pursue her bachelor's degree. She also looks forward to her internship this summer under the U.S. Department of State at the Office of the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy.

Her time at Ohlone College has equipped her with the skills and determination needed to thrive in a competitive environment, setting the stage for future success in the field of politics.

Renée's impact on the Ohlone College community has been profound, marked by her intentional leadership and dedication to civic engagement. From spearheading Civic Engagement Workshops to receiving recognition as the most Outstanding Student in Political Science, Renée's contributions have left an indelible mark on campus.

Looking ahead, Renée remains committed to empowering future leaders and advocating for women in male-dominated industries. "Be prepared to be alone," she advises aspiring women leaders, emphasizing the importance of resilience and self-advocacy.

As Renée prepares to graduate from Ohlone College, she leaves behind a legacy of inspiration and empowerment. Her message to future alumnae echoes the transformative power of seizing opportunities and embracing the supportive community at Ohlone College.

"Ohlone College is a beautiful school, but like any, it is what you make of it," Renée remarked. "I hope to hold onto this mindset for when I transfer to university, just as I will hold onto the many relationships I formed here."

Renée Diop's journey serves as a testament to the bright futures awaiting Ohlone College graduates as they embark on their next chapter. Join us in celebrating Renée and the Class of 2024 at the May Commencement on Friday, May 17, 2024.

For more information about Ohlone College, please visit [www.ohlone.edu](http://www.ohlone.edu) [or link to alumni webpage or directly to commencement page].

## San Leandro Police make arrest in Safeway homicide

SUBMITTED BY  
SAN LEANDRO  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

On Tuesday, April 2, 2024, around 5:15 p.m., San Leandro Police responded to Safeway, located at 555 Bancroft Avenue, regarding a stabbing that just occurred. Arriving officers found the victim, 18-year-old Zion Gooden, inside the store suffering from stab wounds to his arm and chest. Life-saving measures were initiated, and Gooden was subsequently transported to a local trauma center. Despite the efforts of medical personnel, Gooden succumbed to his injuries later in the evening.

Investigators were able to piece together what transpired through reviews of surveillance footage and interviews of witnesses at the scene. It appeared that a dispute arose between Gooden and a suspect, a 13-year-old juvenile, over the juvenile's interaction with an

associate of Gooden's. The confrontation escalated into a fight, during which Gooden was stabbed by the juvenile with a knife.

The suspect was eventually identified from surveillance footage.

On Thursday, May 16, the suspect was safely taken into custody at his school in a neighboring jurisdiction. A search warrant yielded further evidence linking him to the crime.

The Alameda County District Attorney's office has since filed criminal charges against the suspect.

While an arrest has been made, SLPD continues to urge anyone with additional information regarding this incident to contact us via any of the following methods: Detective Sergeant J. Vincent at (510) 577-3315, anonymous tip line at (510) 577-3278, or Text-to-Tip at 888777 (keyword: TipSLPolice).

## EBRPD Police Chief greets President Biden



East Bay Regional Park District Police Chief Filice with President Joe Biden May 10.

SUBMITTED BY  
EAST BAY REGIONAL  
PARK DISTRICT

On Friday, May 10, 2024, Police Chief Roberto Filice from East Bay Regional Park District Police Department was one of 10 Bay Area Police Chiefs selected to meet with President Joe Biden. Biden's trip to California was his first since February, and Chief Filice said he was honored to accept the invitation.

"Those of us in law enforcement take our jobs very seriously. We love our communities and continually

strive to reduce crime, save lives, and restore peace of mind and security to the people we serve. Anytime we have an opportunity to meet with politicians - including the President of the United States - to express the importance of public safety for those we serve, it is a good day."

Chief Filice came to the East Bay Regional Park District Police Department in January this year, after being the police chief in Salinas since 2021. He has been hailed as a highly experienced, respected, and seasoned leader throughout his 25-year career in law enforcement.

## Sideshow Crackdown

SUBMITTED BY  
ALAMEDA COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Over the weekend, the Regional Sideshow Enforcement Team (RESET) demonstrated its commitment to community safety. Comprised of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, Hayward Police Department, California Highway Patrol, and San Leandro Police Department, RESET's targeted enforcement is a testament to the power of collaboration. Each operation's location is strategically chosen based on intelligence about pre-planned sideshows, racing events, or specific needs in that jurisdiction.

RESET's vigilance and effectiveness were on full display as they swiftly responded to intelligence indicating a sideshow was about to erupt near the



intersection of Mission Boulevard and Harder Road in Hayward. Their proactive and decisive action disrupted the sideshow before it could escalate and overtake the intersection. Some highlights:

- Traffic stops: 65
- Citations: 21
- Arrests: 6 misdemeanors/5 felonies
- Firearms: 2 (and high-capacity magazines)
- Vehicles towed: 10

Several dangers exist with illegal sideshows. Law enforcement continues to pursue new technological equipment that will assist in safely capturing fleeing suspects. With the assistance of UAVs, air support (ACSO, CHP, and OPD), and other resources, no one could elude capture.

Thank you, RESET, for your outstanding work toward achieving safer communities.



# World’s Rhino Populations

## EARTHTALK®

FROM THE EDITORS OF E - THE ENVIRONMENTAL MAGAZINE  
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### Dear EarthTalk: How are the world’s rhino populations faring these days?

The rhinoceros, famous for its impressive size and striking horns, is one of the biggest land mammals in the world. Once widespread, the species has now become a symbol of catastrophic population decline within conservation discourse. But with more media attention and therefore increased conservation efforts, the situation of rhino populations around the world might be looking up.

There are five different species of rhinos across Asia and Africa: Sumatran, Javan, Black, Greater one-horned and White rhino. Species count is varied, with numbers ranging between 34-47 (Sumatran rhino) and 16,803 (White rhino). Still, all species have significantly declined throughout the 20th century. In 1900, an estimated 500,000 rhinoceros existed. By 1970, this dropped to 70,000, by 2022 to 27,000. All five rhino species are now considered endangered and two have less than 100 individuals in the wild.



Declines are often human-caused. Poaching for rhino horn remains the greatest threat, since rhino horns are often falsely considered aphrodisiacs or luxury goods. According to Save the Rhino International, 9,415 African rhinos have died due to poaching in the last decade. Another threat to rhinoceros is habitat loss, occurring due to the conversion of land for human settlement, agriculture or logging. Rapid human population growth and urban expansion have led to over 17 countries losing their entire rhinoceros populations. A newer threat to rhino populations is climate change. According to Timothy Randhir from the University of Massachusetts, “Rhinos need really unique [climate] conditions.” Increased precipitation and longer monsoon periods in Asia as well as rising temperatures in Africa already negatively affect the survival chances of rhinos and will continue to do so in the future.

Recently, the number of rhino individuals has been rising across species. According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature’s (IUCN) African Rhino Specialist Group, the global rhino population increased from 26,272 in 2021 to about 27,000 in 2022.

Black and Greater one-horned rhinoceros numbers have been steadily increasing over the past two decades. Sub-species like the Southern White rhinoceros have shown an impressive recovery. In 1900, there were only 20 individuals left. Numbers have continuously been rising since, with now over 16,800 Southern White rhinos existing.

Improvements have not come about through a reduction in threats, but through improved protection. While there has been a marked decline in poaching from the 2010s, it is now on the rise again. Some 561 rhinos died due to poaching in 2022, more than in 2021 (501) and 2020 (503). Due to persistent threats, very few rhinos survive outside of national parks and reserves. Through conservation in protected sanctuaries, species like the Black rhino have increased by nearly five percent in only one year. But Michael Knight, chair of the IUCN rhino group, warns: “It is imperative to further consolidate and build on this positive development and not drop our guard.”

Some species, like the Javan and Sumatran rhino, remain in decline. The Northern White rhino has only two individuals remaining, and both are female.

#### CONTACTS:

IUCN SSC African Rhino Specialist Group,  
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## Girls Basketball Camp accepting registrations

SUBMITTED BY DARRYL REINA

Join us for our Cougars Summer Basketball Camp! The camp is designed for 3rd - 8th grade girls at all skill levels to enjoy and improve. The week-long camp begins Monday, July 8 to Friday, July 12 at the Silliman Center Gymnasium in Newark.

Come enjoy our camp where you will learn basketball skills and have in fun during daily drills and activities. We can't wait to see you there! To register visit, <http://www.newark.org>

For more information contact Camp Director and Newark Memorial Coach Darryl Reina at [darryl14r@aol.com](mailto:darryl14r@aol.com).

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Newark residents- \$125  
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## Fremont Football League Gold Tournament

SUBMITTED BY FATIMA ROCHA

Fremont Football and Cheer League will be hosting their first annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser. The tournament will be held at the Callippe Golf Club in Pleasanton on Friday, June 14.

Registration will include 7:30 a.m. breakfast, a golf cart, beverages and snacks on the course and a post-game meal. There will also be a chance to win cash prizes for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners!

Register by Monday, June 10th at [fllgolfevent@gmail.com](mailto:fllgolfevent@gmail.com).

Fremont Football League Golf Fundraiser  
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Registration: \$195  
Registration deadline: June, 10  
[www.fremontfootball.org](http://www.fremontfootball.org)

## Glads Runners Roar at State Meet



SUBMITTED BY CHABOT COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Chabot runners delivered some huge efforts at the 3C2A Track and Field Championships at Saddleback College to complete the season.

The Glads had three All-Americans with top-four individual finishes and took seventh place in the men’s team standings.

Robert Stitts, a true freshman out of El Cerrito High, set the school record in the 200 meters with a runner-up finish in a blazing 20.84 seconds, after previously sharing the 200-school mark. Stitts also finished fifth in the 100. He won both sprints in the NorCal meet at American River in fast times.

Kyle Galinis delivered monster efforts in distance running, with a third in the 10K in a time of 30:48 and sixth in the 5K, 14:53, obliterating his 5K personal best of 15:08.

Sophomore Santa Clara University commit, Daniel Trampe, made a big push for the lead with 1,600 to go in the 5,000 en route to a third-place finish, with a time of 14:35. Mt. SAC’s Mathew Donis, a two-time state champion, and Riversides ‘Athlete of the Meet’ Ernesto Ruiz finished one-two.

Freshman Shawn Carter, a basketball player, was 12th in the long jump.



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