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The play structure was instantly popular. Credit: Stephanie Gertsch

Ashland residents embrace Zocalo Park

RIBBON CUTTING SEES ATTENDANCE FROM LOCAL OFFICIALS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS, OLD AND YOUNG

By STEPHANIE GERTSCH

At the grand opening of Ashland Zocalo Park, a one-acre urban recreational space, speeches of praise and gratitude from the various local and state agencies were nearly drowned out by the shouts of children already enjoying the playground, wide lawn and mist water feature that was perfect for a sunny July day. The ribbon cutting on July 17, 2024, was the culmination of four years of planning and over a year of construction. And the well-attended opening showed that the community is eager to take advantage of its new open space.

Nonprofit The Trust for Public Land (TPL) was awarded a \$7.2 million state grant to develop the park, in collaboration with the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (H.A.R.D.). This grant is part of California's Prop 68. Passed in 2018, the proposition authorizes 4 billion in general obligation funds for local parks, environmental restoration and similar projects.

Annie Youngerman, Senior Program Manager with TPL, said, "We believe at the Trust for Public Land that everyone deserves a quality park within 10 minutes walk. In an area where space is at a premium, transforming a lot into a neighborhood or community park makes it possible for everyone to get outside close to home."

Perched on the corner of 166th Avenue and East 14th Street in the unincorporated area of Ashland, the park is easily identified by the red and orange sail-like shade structure on the corner, the lawn and the tall play structure. The park also includes an outdoor stage, space for popup markets, fountains that spray mist, a demonstration garden by San Lorenzo High School's

Druids Environmental Club, and mural by The Bay Area Mural Program.

Street parking is limited, as the park is really intended for the 11,000 Ashland residents that live within a 10-minute walk. However, there are two accessible gender neutral restrooms at the park, one with a changing table. Parents with small kids will be glad they won't have to trek back home every time someone needs a toilet or a diaper change. The mosaic of local plants and animals adorning the restroom exterior is the work of Oakland artist Debbie Koppman, created with the input of Ashland residents.

Speakers at the grand opening included H.A.R.D. Board of Directors-President Peter Rosen, Annie Youngerman, Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, Deputy Director of California State Parks Sedrick Mitchell and Deputy Secretary of California Natural Resources Agency Gloria Sandoval. Maggie Chan, representing the Alameda County Assessor's Office, presented a commendation to H.A.R.D. and TPL.

Gloria Sandoval spoke about her memories of going to parks with her family when she was young, adding, "Unfortunately not everyone has access to parks and public lands. One out of every four Californians does not have a park or open space [nearby]. Why is this important? Running, walking, playing soccer, admiring art such as this," she gestured to the mural beside her, "or simply lying on the grass can improve our mood and happiness and help with many health issues."

"Zocalo" in Spanish is a public square, and it is already fulfilling this role for Ashland. The park seems ready to see many more hours of gatherings, events and play with the community.

Diverse City

FREMONT BRINGS TOGETHER MANY CULTURES, EXCELS IN EDUCATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

By PANASHE MATEMBA-MUTASA

This is the second part of an article begun last week exploring Fremont's resident experiences in light of its recent recognition as America's happiest city.

Riding out the heat wave on his bicycle near the Fremont BART station, former Oakland resident William Davenport says he moved to Fremont to escape the crime. In 2020, a report found Fremont's crime per 100,000 residents was 168.7, lagging significantly behind Oakland's rates of 691.6. The same report from City Data found Fremont to have one of the lowest crime rates for cities its size in the Bay Area.

"It feels safe, like home away from home," Davenport says.

But moving south has presented challenges. Despite a sense of community being one of the factors that helped Fremont top the list, Davenport says that's the one aspect he feels is lacking. As an African American man, he says he struggles to find the community he found in Oakland. City Data reports Oakland's Black population is 20%, while Fremont's is just 2.3%. So while he says he is generally happy, he still still wants more from the city.

"It's a tight-knit community but hard to find people who look like me," Davenport says.

Uber driver Sayed Zaida has been in Fremont for six years and says he is happy there. Originally from Lahore, Pakistan, he enjoys the shift to a less-polluted city. He also appreciates the large South Asian community and the businesses that come from it. The Asian population in Fremont is 63%, according to City Data.

"As a South Asian person I have a lot of food options here, a good place for our community," Zaida says.

Like Davenport, Zaida mentions his gripes with the city. He is concerned about the ever-growing homeless population, a phenomenon that's rippled through the Bay Area. According to the city's administration, Fremont's homeless population increased by 69% from 2019 to 2022. In response, the city launched a Homeless Response Plan that includes strategies to prevent homelessness, connect people to shelter and mitigate the impact of homelessness on the community.

Those who crave a bustling big-city feel may also not feel as happy in Fremont. In a post on the city's subreddit, a now-deleted user claims they are leaving Fremont, calling it "boring, lame, and pointless." With a population of 225,000, it's no dwarf city, but "lack of things to do" has been a common sentiment, especially among younger residents.

Report Card

In tandem with the "Happiest City" ranking this year is another Wallethub honorable mention for the city. In March, Fremont topped Wallethub's list of "Best Places to Raise a Family." One of the city's strengths that continues to attract people is its highly ranked school system. 2023 Niche rankings show that Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) scored 2nd out of 17 for "Districts with the Best Teachers in Alameda County," 18th out of 98 for "Districts with the Best Teachers in the San Francisco Bay Area," 78th out of 680 for "Districts with the Best Teachers in California," and 729th out of 11,466 for "Districts with the Best Teachers in America." Some other notable rankings included "Best School Districts in America" and "Best School Districts in California," both earning the school slots in the 85th percentile.

With rankings like these, it's unsurprising

that the youth are thriving. Reading and math proficiency rates soar at 77% and 69% respectively, and the average ACT composite score is 32. For comparison, the state average ACT score is 26.5, and English and math proficiency rates are respectively 47% and 33%. FUSD also boasts a 92% graduation rate, compared to the state's rate of 84.7%.

FUSD outgoing superintendent CJ Cammack attributes this success to the city's sense of community, saying parents, teachers and staff all work together to ensure academic success of their students. The district provides resources like family engagement workshops and multicultural events to support students and families as they navigate their children's educational journey.

"The Fremont community has a strong tradition of supporting our schools and students, and our district's consistent record of fostering student success and academic achievement is part of the reason families choose to live in Fremont," Cammack says.

Recipe for Success

Over on Washington Boulevard, Patty Salas-Maciell brings a slice of Mexico to the city. Cantaritos Restaurant and Bar is a popular Mexican cuisine restaurant Maciell

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Broncho Billy, regarded as the first cowboy movie star.

BRONCHO BILLY SILENT FILM FESTIVAL

Film Festival celebrates western star, Niles and film history

Submitted by NILES ESSANAY SILENT FILM MUSEUM

Broncho Billy rides again! That's right - the first cowboy movie star in the world made his mark right here in Niles. In our vintage nickelodeon-era 1913 movie theater, we will showcase his cinematic exploits and the women of Essanay, the Chicago-based silent film studio that had its western division headquarters in Niles from 1912 to 1916.

There will also be a focus on Greta Garbo and comedian Billy Bevan. We are screening

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Bug Bites to Burns, Don't Ruin Your Summer Fun

Local Family Physician Offers Helpful Advice

For many people, summer is a time for barbecues and outdoor activities. But there are also some risks that come with spending more time outdoors. Burns, cuts and scrapes, and bug bites can also be part of summer.

"The best thing you can do this summer is be prepared," notes Harpreet Singh, MD. Dr. Singh is a primary care physician with Washington Township Medical Foundation. "I recommend having a first-aid kit that you can take with you on trips and outings, wherever you go," he says. "The kit should contain bandages and antibiotic cream for any cuts and scrapes. It may also include an antihistamine like Benadryl for bug bites and poison oak, and aloe vera gel for sunburns. Insect repellent, sunscreen,

tweezers, scissors, gauze and disinfectant wipes are also great additions." This type of kit can be kept in the car.

These are some of the items that can help with minor burns, cuts and scrapes, and bug bites. Dr. Singh continues, "Most of the time, minor injuries can be treated at home, but for major falls, deep cuts, and other more serious events, contact your doctor or go to the emergency room."

Treating Burns

Most burns that result from barbecuing or cooking can be treated at home. Run room-temperature or cool tap water over the burn for no more than 5 minutes. A wet towel can be applied to the burn for up to 30 minutes. Do not apply ice to the burn, as that can make it worse. Cover the wound

with a sterile, non-adhesive bandage. If the burned skin is dirty, it can usually be cleaned with a gentle soap and water. Vaseline or bacitracin ointment can be applied to superficial burns. A doctor should be consulted if the burn is more extensive.

Sunburns should be treated with aloe vera gel or cream. Dr. Singh advises to make sure aloe is the main ingredient and that the gel or cream doesn't contain a lot of other ingredients or chemicals. Cool baths or showers can help relieve some of the discomfort. Dr. Singh also recommends drinking plenty of water to keep the skin hydrated. "It's important to protect yourself from the sun," he adds. "You should wear sunscreen, a hat, and protective clothing when you're outside. Be sure to use sunscreen with at least 30 SPF and reapply it frequently."

Cuts and Scrapes

Dr. Singh further advises, "Cuts and scrapes should first be rinsed with cool water to remove dirt or debris, then cleaned with soap and water." Stronger cleaning solutions like alcohol or hydrogen peroxide are not recommended because they can irritate the wound.

It's important to stop any bleeding by applying firm, direct pressure using a clean cloth or gauze. Once the bleeding has stopped and the wound is clean, apply Vaseline or bacitracin ointment. Next, cover the area with a sterile bandage or gauze pad and tape. If the cut or scrape is small, you may want to leave it uncovered, but for most wounds, it's a good idea to cover them. Change the bandage every day until the wound starts to heal.

The majority of minor cuts and abrasions can be easily treated at home, but Dr. Singh is quick to point out, "If it's a deep cut or

won't stop bleeding, then you should seek medical care. Watch for signs of infection as the wound heals. If it swells or oozes puss, it may be infected and you should talk to your primary care physician."

Bug Bites

With all the time spent outdoors this summer, bug bites are bound to happen. Dr. Singh recommends wearing insect repellent that contains DEET to protect against mosquito bites and ticks. "While the risk is not high, mosquitoes can carry West Nile virus and you can contract Lyme disease from ticks. After you spend time hiking or being out in nature, you should check your clothing and body for ticks," he adds.

Bug bites can be treated with baking soda and water. Make a paste and apply it to the bite. You can also buy over-the-counter creams and lotions that can help reduce the redness, swelling and itching.

Summer is a time for outdoor fun. A little preparation before an outing can go a long way towards protecting you and your family members from the not-so-fun aspects of summertime. For information about Washington Hospital programs and services that can help you stay healthy, visit www.whhs.com. For information about Dr. Singh, visit <https://www.mywtmf.com/find-a-doctor/harpreet-singh-md/> or scan the below QR code.



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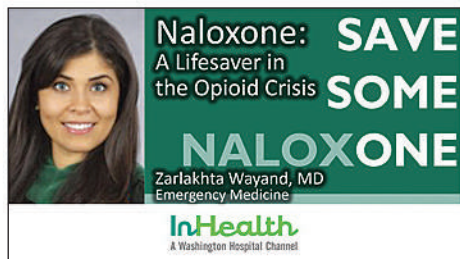
Managing Diabetes
Given the prevalence of diabetes in our community, many households have felt the impact of this condition. Family medicine physician, Dr. Thomas Collins-Pallet offers a conversation on how diabetes can be managed through lifestyle changes and medication.



Heart Valve Disorders in Adults: Types and Treatments
Wednesday, July 24, 9 a.m.
Dizziness, shortness of breath, chest pain and fatigue: these may be signs of heart valve disorders. Join cardiologist Harsh Agrawal, MD, to learn the various types of valve disorders and treatment options.



Causes and Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea
Wednesday, August 14, 9 a.m.
From persistent fatigue and daytime drowsiness to headaches and irritability, untreated sleep apnea can significantly impair cognitive function and overall well-being. Join Jason Van Tassel, MD, to learn treatment options for sleep apnea.



Naloxone: A Lifesaver in the Opioid Crisis
What is naloxone (Narcan) and how can it save lives? Discover why understanding naloxone and its proper administration is crucial for anyone who may encounter opioid emergencies.

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This is the Second of a Two-Part Series on Sleep Apnea

Reclaim a Better Night's Sleep

Local Patient Shares His Story

There is nothing like a good night's sleep to help you feel refreshed and ready for what the day will bring. But when your sleep is continually interrupted, that refreshed feeling is allusive.

Sleep apnea is a condition where the upper airway becomes blocked or partially blocked, causing the sleeper to wake up to breathe. The cycle of restricted airflow, waking, falling back to sleep, then waking again continues throughout the night. This cycle stops the individual from sleeping soundly and prevents vital organs from getting sufficient oxygen. Untreated, sleep apnea can lead to fatigue, headaches, irritability and other more serious health issues.

John Zubiena had suffered from sleep apnea for nearly 20 years. "Without really understanding why, I would wake up and start my day, not feeling rested," he explains. Once he was diagnosed, John tried various remedies, but they never really worked.

Eventually he heard about Inspire®, a highly regarded, minimally invasive surgical alternative to stop sleep apnea. He researched the procedure, but initially, his health insurance wouldn't authorize it.

Zubiena's experience was that health insurance companies don't approve Inspire for sleep apnea until a patient demonstrates that they have exhausted all other remedies without success. This includes using a CPAP (continuous positive airway pressure) device and, if that doesn't work, trying a special dental device designed to assist breathing while asleep. These methods were unsuccessful for Zubiena. Eventually, after a four-year effort, he qualified for the Inspire procedure.

Last year, Zubiena became a patient of Jason Van Tassel, MD, a Washington Township Medical Foundation (WTMF)

ENT and otolaryngology physician, who performs the minimally invasive procedure. Though Inspire has been in use for more than 10 years, recent surgical refinements have increased both the efficacy and the popularity of the procedure. Inspire currently shows a 74% success rate in reducing sleep apnea.

"Inspire has been life changing," Zubiena notes. "I wake up less tired and much more refreshed—as one should after a good night's sleep. For me, it certainly has been worth the effort to get insurance approval."

The two-hour outpatient surgical procedure involves placing a miniature computing device (CPU) under the skin in the chest area. A nerve stimulator from the CPU is connected internally to some of the branches that control tongue protrusion. When the patient initiates a breath, it is detected by a sensor lead that communicates with the CPU. It then sends a signal to the tongue to move it out of the way, alleviating the obstruction, while at the same time coordinating with the patient's natural breathing cycle. The net effect is that the obstructive sleep apnea is alleviated.

Zubiena uses an external device similar to a computer mouse to start, pause or stop the sensor from running. He starts the device when he goes to bed and turns it off in the morning. It can be paused during the night if he gets up and then restarted. It's totally under his control.

"My quality of life has improved immeasurably since the Inspire procedure," Zubiena says. "I hope others now suffering from sleep apnea have an easier path to obtaining the relief they need."

To learn more about Dr. Van Tassel or the Ear, Nose and Throat program at WTMF, visit mywtmf.com/services/ear-nose-throat/.



A better night's sleep has been key to improved quality of life for local patient, John Zubiena.

An online Health & Wellness seminar, "Causes and Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea" will be presented on the Washington Hospital YouTube channel, [YouTube.com/whhsInHealth](https://www.youtube.com/whhsInHealth) starting Aug. 14, at 9 a.m. This seminar can also be viewed live at [facebook.com/WashingtonHosp](https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonHosp).

"I wake up less tired and much more refreshed—as one should after a good night's sleep."
John Zubiena



Wednesday, Aug. 28
9 a.m.

Stroke: Warning Signs and Risk Factors

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Chabot Space explores the science of all things bubble



Bubbles are mysterious - and scientific!
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ANDREW NGUYEN, SUNCREST HOSPICE

A Hospice Chaplain with five years of experience supporting dementia patients and their families. With a background in Catholic seminary, he offers compassionate spiritual care and continually expands his knowledge to better serve those affected by dementia during end-of-life journeys.

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Submitted by
SCOTT HORTON

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Ohlone College launches Resilient Roofs Grant to support students facing homelessness and housing insecurity

Submitted by **DR. CELINA BARRIOS**

Ohlone College is proud to announce the successful conclusion of the 2024 Spring and Summer Resilient Roofs Grant, a collaborative grant program aimed at providing essential support to students struggling with homelessness and housing insecurity. This grant, co-led by the Associated Students of Ohlone College (ASOC) and the Basic Needs Resource Center through the Office of Student Life, awarded 44 students with sliding scale grants based upon severity of need, where 33 students were impacted by homelessness and 11 students were impacted by severe housing insecurity.

The Resilient Roofs Grant is made possible through the generous contributions of the Office of the Vice President of Student Services, the Ohlone College Foundation, and the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Campus Inclusivity. Their support underscores the college's commitment to addressing student needs and fostering an inclusive and supportive educational environment.

Addressing Basic Needs for a Brighter Future

The Resilient Roofs Grant is a response to the critical issue of homelessness and housing insecurity affecting students at Ohlone College. According to the Ohlone College Student Needs Survey fielded by Temple University's Hope Center in Spring of 2023, 12% of Ohlone College students experience homelessness, 38% face housing insecurity, and 36% deal with food insecurity. In total, half of the student body is impacted by at least one of these basic needs insecurities.

"It is with intention, passion, and authentic care for our students that Ohlone College has prioritized Basic Needs as a critical resource within Student Services. Supporting our students in meeting their holistic basic needs is inextricably connected to equity and retention and we stand firm in our belief that we must continue to expand our Basic Needs resources for students as we empower them in achieving their biggest educational dreams and aspirations," said Dr. Cristine Sidela, Director of Student Life.

"Nearly every week, I meet with students who have been deeply impacted by homelessness and housing insecurity through our work at the Basic Needs Resource Center. Developing community-wide responses to

student housing crises is about more than just providing resources, it is about honoring the dignity and humanity of our students by acknowledging their struggles and seeking a brighter future, together. We are incredibly grateful for programs like the Resilient Roofs Grant, which bring us one step closer to that collective future," said Paul Simpson, Basic Needs Coordinator/Resilient Roofs Grant Committee.

How the Grant Works

For the Spring and Summer 2024 semesters, the Resilient Roofs Grant distributed \$18,400 in direct funding to students, with individual grants ranging from \$200 to \$600 based on the severity of need. The grant covered expenses related to housing, food, transportation, hygiene, and mandatory school costs such as tuition, fees, and required books.

The application process prioritized those experiencing homelessness, with a thorough but confidential assessment of each applicant's situation completed by a staff and student-led committee.

The grant functions as a means of providing critical support to students facing crises, while also serving as a touchpoint for students to gain exposure and awareness of the support available through the Basic Needs Resource Center (BNRC). The BNRC, offered through the Office of Student Life, supports students in accessing free groceries, applying for public benefits, and navigating campus and community resources. To learn more, visit ohlone.edu/basicneeds.

Voices of Impact

Student testimonials highlight the profound need that financial support can address. One RRG awardee shared, "Over the past 30 days, I have adapted to living in my car, finding alternative methods to stay cool as temperatures rise. My AC isn't currently functioning so to ensure my well-being, I have arranged to stay with friends during extreme heat and to utilize their kitchen for cooking hot meals on occasion. This past year has been tough because it's my second year being homeless. It's not always the same; sometimes there are really hard days. But I keep pushing through and try to use the resources I've made and that have been helping me and keeping me uplifted... My car is very old, and I would



love to fix the AC and heater since they haven't worked for a long time and would make living in my car much more comfortable."

Another RRG awardee expressed, "I have lived in poverty and through homelessness since I was 18 (for 10 years) and this is the first apartment I have ever gotten even with roommates. My hope is to continue working and keep going to school so I can further my education and never have to struggle to find shelter, food or basic necessities ever again."

"After 6 years of being homeless, living in the streets and sleeping on sidewalks, my home definitely is important. I have kids and struggle often to keep everything going. With this grant I'd be able to have a little extra to provide for things I may need that I'd otherwise wouldn't be able to have," a RRG awardee shared.

Community Effort

Advocacy and support for the successful launch and completion of the grant could not have been possible without the leadership of our Vice President of Student Services, Lizette Bricker, who is a champion for Basic Needs and is a strong advocate for holistically serving the needs of all students. Along with the generous contributions of campus departments, the Resilient Roofs Grant would also not be possible without the investment of time and care from several partners: the Communications and


Marketing team, Public Information Officer Dr. Celina Barrios and Marketing Specialist Angela Ramos, whose outreach nearly tripled the applications received; the Fiscal Services team, Accounting Manager Desire Andjou and Senior Accountant Nam Hoang, who managed funds transfers from generous donors; Dean of Enrollment Mike Leib and his team at the Financial Aid Office, Financial Aid Specialists Spencer Washington and Minh Dinh, who have handled all award disbursements.

Join Us in Making a Difference


Ohlone College is actively seeking to raise funds to meet the goal of \$25,000 per semester for the Resilient Roofs Grant. Community members, alumni and supporters are encouraged to contribute to this vital cause, helping ensure that all students have the stability they need to succeed.


Together, we can build a stronger, more resilient community where every student has the opportunity to thrive.


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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT JEFFREY LIN UPGRADES DONATED COMPUTERS FOR THOSE IN NEED

Submitted by **JOYCE YIN**

In Silicon Valley, access to technology is almost a guarantee, but this isn't the case for the majority of the world. In fact, a third of the world population has never even accessed the internet in their lives. During the modern age, this "digital divide" means that many people miss valuable opportunities for career and social advancement, all while the gap grows wider as more and more technological advancements are made. A recently created initiative headquartered in Fremont has set their sights on solving this issue. Technogear, created by Mission San Jose High School student Jeffrey Li, aims to bridge the digital divide by collecting used electronics, refurbishing them, and donating them to people in need.

Li was originally inspired by his background in modifying his computers. "During the pandemic, I used an old and slow Lenovo Thinkpad to attend online classes," Li said. However, after discovering an online community of Thinkpad enthusiasts, he learned that he could make his computer run much more smoothly by switching from Windows to Linux and expanding his laptop's memory. A few years later, Li's passion for electronics would be met with his desire to benefit the community when at a food drive, he learned of a woman who couldn't afford a laptop for her son. Hearing this, Li realized the gap in technology access and decided to create Technogear.

Currently, Technogear has collected over 60 computers generously donated by community members. The organization upgrades each computer's hardware (i.e. by switching out the hard disk with a solid state drive) while also installing Mint Linux, a free, lightweight operating system. Each computer is also equipped with essential software like web browsers and word processors. People can apply to get a computer using the form on the organization's website. Along with collecting and donating electronics, this organization aims to increase digital literacy by providing technical skill classes and online resources. Recently, Technogear also set up a booth at the 2024 Fremont July 4th Parade after party, where Li introduced participants to the organization. "This was a great way to interact with the community, and in the future I hope to be able to introduce more people to Technogear at events like fairs and conferences," Li said.

However, running this organization has not been without its challenges. "One of the biggest challenges



Jeffrey Li introduced more community members to Technogear at the Fremont 4th of July party. Photo Courtesy of Joyce Yin.

right now is finding people to donate to," Li said. "A lot of the computers are still just sitting around, and it's hard to contact specific people who need help." To solve this issue, Li wants to collaborate with organizations, such as homeless shelters and soup kitchens.

In the future, Technogear hopes to expand operations to different places around the nation and even internationally. In addition, the organization intends to go beyond donating laptops. "I want to establish a computer lab at a homeless shelter or a library using the desktop computers we have. I also want to host events similar to a food drive where people can receive laptops and interact with volunteers," Li said. This coming fall, the organization is also looking to recruit volunteers to join the organization's technology, education and outreach teams.

Technogear can be contacted at technogearclub@mptfusa.org. Learn more about Technogear on its website, technogear.carrd.co.

Ohlone College wins \$50,000 grant

NATIONAL FOUNDATION RECOGNIZES COMMUNITY COLLEGE EXCELLENCE WITH MINI-GRANT AWARDS

Submitted by **DR. CELINA BARRIOS**

Ohlone College is proud to share that we have been selected as one of the grantees of Lumina Foundation's mini-grant opportunity and first-ever Instagram challenge. A total of seven community colleges have been awarded \$50,000 each to enhance their digital outreach and marketing efforts. Our engaging Instagram Reel showcased the exceptional value and vibrant experiences that Ohlone College offers, helping us stand out among over 100 entries from public, accredited two-year institutions nationwide.

The Winners:

1. Ohlone College, CA
2. Ocean County College, NJ
3. Community College of Beaver County, PA
4. State University of New York (SUNY) Niagara, NY
5. Owens Community College, OH
6. Chaffey College, CA
7. Jefferson State Community College, AL

The Instagram challenge invited community colleges to create a 90-second Reel, highlighting why

their college is the best choice for practicality, convenience and excellence. By participating, we aimed to showcase #WhatsExcellent about Ohlone College and demonstrate the vibrant experiences and opportunities available to our students.

"Congratulations to Dr. Celina Barrios and Angela Ramos on their outstanding achievement in securing the \$50,000 Lumina marketing and communications grant for Ohlone College. This is a testament to their dedication and expertise, and it will undoubtedly have a positive impact on our institution. I am incredibly proud of their hard work and commitment to advancing Ohlone College's mission and vision," said Ohlone College President/Superintendent Charles Sasaki.

"For the past two years, Lumina has engaged in a national conversation about understanding and strengthening community college brands," said Mary Laphen Pope, Lumina's strategy officer for participation. "While discussions often focus on challenges such as enrollment declines, success stories about community colleges and their

students are rarely highlighted. We aim to change that."

Community colleges like ours embody the dreams and aspirations of our communities, offering excellent student services, beautiful campus facilities, heartfelt community engagement, and dynamic classroom experiences. We are excited to continue sharing our stories and highlighting the diverse and profound impact of a community college education.

"We were excited to offer this mini-grant opportunity and so impressed by all the outstanding video reels we received. We hope this initiative will help shift the narrative around community colleges and all that they offer," added Laphen Pope.

Lumina invites community colleges to continue sharing their stories and highlighting their excellent work. For more information about the mini-grant challenge and to apply for future opportunities, visit www.luminafoundation.org/challenge/mini-grant/.

About Lumina Foundation

Lumina Foundation is an independent, private foundation in Indianapolis committed to making opportunities for learning beyond high school available to all. We envision higher learning that is easy to navigate, addresses racial injustice, and meets the nation's talent needs through a broad range of credentials. We are working toward a system that prepares people for informed citizenship and success in a global economy.

South Hayward Market launch

BART STATION MARKET RUNS MONTHLY THROUGH OCTOBER

Submitted by **CITY OF HAYWARD**

The South Hayward Market will be launching the first of its monthly events on Sunday, July 28 at the South Hayward BART Station. Market attendees will get to enjoy 30 local food vendors, a variety of entertainment and the opportunity to learn more about the work of local nonprofit organizations. The market will be open on the last Sunday of every month from July to October of 2024.

The market is a project of the Hayward People's Budget in partnership with Eden Youth, Organize

Hayward, Agricultural Institute of Marin, and Bay Area Rapid Transit. For more information about South Hayward Market, email EdenYouth@southhaywardmarket@gmail.com or follow the market on Instagram at [@southhaywardmarket](https://www.instagram.com/southhaywardmarket)

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Rebuilding the backbone of BART is improving the rider experience

NEW REPORT SHOWS 400 FEWER DELAYED TRAINS AS OLD RAIL REPLACED

Submitted by **BART COMMUNICATIONS**

The latest progress of the Measure RR rebuilding program is making a difference for riders by enhancing the reliability of the system and reducing service delays. The number of trains delayed due to outdated rail fell by more than 400 instances thanks to work that in some cases replaced track that had been in place since the start of BART service in 1972.

The reduction in service delays is among the findings in the latest Measure RR Annual Report published by the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC). The BOC's independent oversight of the rebuilding program emphasizes cost-effectiveness, quality, and timeliness of work completion. The new annual report was presented to the BART Board of Directors at its meeting on Thursday, July 11.

"Measure RR is a crucial part of our ongoing efforts to ensure BART is truly the safest way to get around the Bay," said BART General Manager Bob Powers. "This Measure RR Annual Report highlights how the rebuilding program is boosting safety, making our core infrastructure more resilient, and improving our on-time performance for our riders."

Through March 2024, \$1.81 billion of Measure RR funds have been invested in rebuilding projects. There are now 157 projects in planning, design, construction, or have been completed. A total of 61 projects are complete, including 13 projects

that have been completed since the BOC issued its last annual report in 2023. Measure RR money spent, and work completed to this point, have exceeded initial expectations.

Much of this progress for riders has been accomplished during weekend track shutdowns, when crews temporarily close a portion of the trackway to expedite track work that's too large to accomplish during the few overnight hours when BART is not running trains. An example of this work is the ongoing effort to rebuild the core of the system in Oakland. You can learn more about the project and upcoming work dates www.bart.gov/.

Measure RR is a \$3.5 billion bond measure to replace BART's aging infrastructure. It was approved by voters in Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Francisco counties in 2016.

BOC members review projects and data presented by BART staff in quarterly briefings. Members of the committee can request additional documents, information, and presentations on an ad hoc basis. The BOC is comprised of volunteers who represent a diversity of expertise. The organizations represented on the committee include the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, the Project Management Institute, and the League of Women Voters of the Bay Area. You can learn more about the committee at bart.gov/bondoversight.

Honor Roll

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- Radhika Shirode of Newark
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Sewa AmeriCorps' ASPIRE

BOOSTING ATTENDANCE FROM UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES



Kids at a geography class held by an ASPIRE volunteer at Lincoln Elementary School, Newark. Courtesy of Rohit Kulkarni



Aspire volunteers and officers at Schilling School in Newark. Courtesy of Rohit Kulkarni

Submitted by **ROHIT KULKARNI**

Like many districts in California, Newark schools saw a significant drop in attendance and enrollment during the pandemic. Public school enrollment in Newark dropped by 1,000 students over two years during the pandemic, impacting vital programs.

"It has impacted our funding, as fewer students mean fewer dollars coming in," says Ofelia Melerio, coordinator for expanded learning and childcare in the district. "It has impacted our ability to run special programs as those require extra staffing."

Lincoln Elementary, with roughly 285 students, exemplifies these challenges. Principal Amanda Gollhofer notes a decrease in overall family engagement. "On top of lowering enrollment that impacts funding, we are seeing families more likely to take their kids on vacation because they do not prioritize daily attendance. They keep kids home for minor sniffles."

According to Ed Source, in California, the percentage of chronically absent students rose sharply from 12.1% before the pandemic (2018-19) to 30% by 2021-22. Nationally, since the pandemic began, the number of chronically absent students nearly doubled to approximately 13.6 million, including 1.8 million in California, as reported by Stanford University in collaboration with The Associated Press. Chronic absence is defined as missing 10% or more of the school year, equivalent to about one month of missed school days in a typical 180-day calendar year.

Newark's demographics also play a part. Newark Unified District enrolls 4,955 elementary students, with nearly 44% socio-economically disadvantaged, over 22% English learners, and 0.2% foster youth. Additionally, more than half the students are from Spanish-speaking families.

A beacon of hope came last year when Sewa International, a Hindu faith-based nonprofit, partnered with AmeriCorps to launch the ASPIRE program at Lincoln Elementary. ASPIRE (Achieving Students Progress, Instilling Resilience, and Excellence) is an after-school program—focused on math, English language, arts, and enrichment—that provides supplementary language intervention and helps improve academic performance for children from

kindergarten to sixth grade. Most students come from underserved, refugee and immigrant communities.

Partnering with Sewa allows the school to offer ASPIRE programs at minimal cost to all students, regardless of socio-economic background, serving as a significant motivator for low-income families to engage more with the school. "It's not just intervention. Yes, we have learning gaps but we also have students who are farther ahead, and they need the support too. With ASPIRE's help, we can do more small groups and provide that extra push," says Gollhofer. Lincoln Elementary is seeing a real positive impact on their test scores, attendance and the overall general feeling of community.

Results are promising. Lincoln has seen a significant rise in attendance and test scores. "Our students are growing academically and socially," Gollhofer reports. Beyond core subjects, ASPIRE offers enrichment activities like robotics and geography, further boosting engagement.

The program has expanded to other Newark schools like Coyote Hills and Schilling Elementary, with positive feedback from parents and students noting improved grades, increased confidence and faster integration into the American schooling system.

Currently, the district is partnering with Sewa's ASPIRE to offer a comprehensive 30-day summer program to jumpstart the next school year by getting more kids interested in after-school activities. "Plans include student competitions and attracting volunteers with diverse skillsets to introduce students to new career paths," says Sudha Prabhunandan, who heads Sewa's ASPIRE program in the Newark school district.

Sewa's ASPIRE program exemplifies successful nonprofit-government partnerships addressing local community needs. Currently active in immigrant communities across major cities like Atlanta, Houston and the San Francisco Bay Area, ASPIRE aims to expand within the Newark Unified District and to schools throughout the Bay Area. Sewa International is actively seeking corporate partners who share their vision to enhance community benefits through collaboration.

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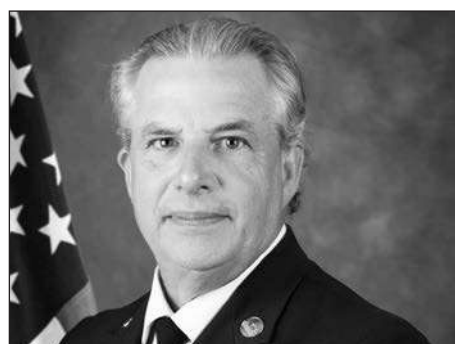
Retirement of Fire Engineer Allan Diaz

Submitted by **FREMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Engineer Allan Diaz has completed his last shift with the Fremont Fire Department after nearly 31 years of service.

Allan was hired as a firefighter in November 1993 and his career has been filled with many remarkable achievements and contributions:

- Major Contributor to the Burn Foundation: Allan has been a dedicated supporter of our local burn foundation, helping to raise awareness and funds for burn victims.
- Combat Challenge Participant: Demonstrating his commitment to excellence, Allan participated in the Firefighter Combat Challenge.
- HERS Foundation Organizer and Volunteer: In addition to his duties at the firehouse, Allan dedicated his time to organizing and volunteering for the HERS Foundation, supporting women in their battles against breast cancer.
- USAR Logistics Team Member: Allan was an integral part of the Urban Search and



Fire Engineer Allan Diaz served Fremont Fire Department for 30 years. Photo source: Fremont Fire Department

Rescue (USAR) logistics team, providing critical support during Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma.

- Antique Fire Engine Manager: Allan took great pride in managing and maintaining the Local 1689 antique fire engine, preserving a piece of our department's history.
- Purple Heart Recipient: In recognition of a significant permanent or long-term injury received while operating at an emergency incident, Allan was awarded the Purple Heart.
- Community Outreach Events: Allan has been a familiar face at public events, representing the department with dignity and fostering strong community relations.

Congratulations on your retirement, Allan! We are grateful for your dedicated service and wish you all the best for the future!

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StopWaste Awards celebrate local innovation and leadership



2024 StopWaste Award recipients (L to R): Drake's Brewing Company (Hal McConnellogue), Mohr Elementary School (Susanne Frey and Sarah Gahl), oWOW (Jeremy Harris), Vesta Foodservice (Jin Ju Wilder and Bonnie Ainsworth), Spectrum Community Services (Becky Bruno) and Sparkl Reusables (Paul Liotsakis). Photo credit: StopWaste.

Submitted by **STOPWASTE**

At a June ceremony, six Alameda County entities were honored with 2024 Environmental Leadership Awards from public agency StopWaste. Winners included Sparkl Reusables and oWOW in Oakland, and Mohr Elementary School in Pleasanton. The other three were from the East Bay Area.

Vesta Foodservice: Excellence in Food Recovery & Donation

Vesta Foodservice in Hayward delivers food to restaurants, hotels, hospitals and other foodservice providers throughout California and beyond. Their Chefs to End Hunger (CTEH) program makes it easy for customers to donate surplus prepared foods and perishables like dairy, produce and meats that are close to expiration dates. Vesta drivers pick up food from customers during their regularly scheduled deliveries and bring them to the warehouse in Hayward. From there, Vesta's food recovery partners distribute food to nearby vulnerable communities. By utilizing the trips Vesta drivers already make, carbon emissions from transport are minimized. Vesta offers the program to customers at no additional cost, including donation kits consisting of a box, three sheet pans and labeling. Last year, the amount of surplus food they helped redistribute to communities in Alameda County exceeded 760,000 lbs.

Spectrum Community Services and Sparkl Reusables: Excellence in Reusable Foodware Partnership

Nonprofit Spectrum Community Services in Hayward provides low-income and older Alameda County residents with healthy meals for pickup at locations in Alameda, Oakland, San Leandro, Castro Valley, Hayward and Union City. With over 400 meals served each day, they

were troubled by the amount of waste from disposable food containers and searched for a solution. They found it in Oakland-based Sparkl Reusables, a reusable foodware service provider. At eight of their 10 distribution sites, Spectrum clients now pick up their meals in reusable containers, to be carried away in reusable bags. On their next visit to a meal site, seniors drop off the empty, rinsed containers in designated collection bins. Sparkl staff pick up the used foodware for washing and on the same trip drop off freshly-sanitized containers for the next day's meal distribution. The innovative partnership prevents some 10,000 pieces of disposable foodware from being wasted each month.

Drake's Brewing Company: Excellence in Waste Prevention and Reuse

At Drake's brewery in San Leandro, beer kegs used to be stacked on wooden pallets that break often and were secured with disposable plastic pallet wrap as they were moved between facilities for cleaning and refilling, or for shipment to off-site taprooms. In 2019, Drake's switched to reusable plastic pallets and replaced the plastic wrap with reusable wraps and pallet-sized rubber bands. In the first year alone, they eliminated 16,000 lbs of pallet wood waste and 290,000 square feet of plastic wrap—an amount that would be enough to cover five football fields! In addition to cost savings, the reusable solutions save time because they are easier to apply and have improved worker safety. Drake's Brewing Company has made many other efforts to reduce their environmental footprint, from minimizing brewery water use to creating customized signage that helps taproom guests properly sort their trash.

To learn more about the awards visit www.stopwaste.org/2024awards.

Park District signs Letter of Intent for Point Molate

RICHMOND OPEN SPACE IS ON ITS WAY TO BEING PRESERVED FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Submitted by **DAVE MASON, PUBLIC INFORMATION SUPERVISOR**

In a special meeting on Friday, July 12, the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) Board agreed unanimously to sign on to the Letter of Intent (LOI), a three-party agreement between the City of Richmond, the Guidiville Rancheria of California, and EBRPD, to acquire the 80-acre Point Molate property located on the Point San Pablo Peninsula in Richmond.

"Today we are one step closer to bringing Point Molate into the Park District's impressive portfolio," said Park District General Manager Sabrina Landreth. "People love this place and we are proud to be part of securing it as a public open space for the community for decades to come."

This LOI is a precursor to the Purchase and Sale Agreement which will transfer the property to EBRPD no later than January 15, 2025.

Disability Pride Month

HAROLD WILLSON'S FIGHT TO MAKE BART ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL



Harold Willson (left) smiles at Eric Staley (right) on a BART train in 1972. Photo courtesy of Kaiser Permanente Heritage Resources.



Photo courtesy of Kaiser Permanente Heritage Resources.

Submitted by BART COMMUNICATIONS

Last week, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed July as Disability Pride Month. The month marks the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) that was signed into law on July 26, 1990. The ADA was a major milestone for civil rights in the U.S. that "prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life, removing barriers to employment, transportation, public services and other critical areas," per Newsom's proclamation.

More than 7% of BART riders have a disability, and BART is continuously working to make the system as easy to use as possible for every single person who rides and relies on us. Our work is ongoing.

This month, BART will be celebrating riders with disabilities and the contributions they have made to our transportation system and region.

We begin with the story of Harold Willson, originally published in 2022

When Harold Willson was 21 years old, his life forever changed.

The West Virginia native dropped out of university when his funds ran out and started working as a coal miner. On a regular day in February 1948, about two years after he began working in the mines, Willson was caught in a slate fall. He suffered severe spinal damage, broken ribs, and a broken back.

Willson's tragic accident spurred a lifetime of advocacy. His work to raise awareness and secure rights and access continues to impact the freedom and mobility of transit riders across the nation. Thanks to Willson's efforts in the 1960s, BART became the first public transit system in the nation with accessible trains and stations.

"Never again would skeptics be able to argue that trains could not be made wheelchair accessible" after Willson, write Doriz Zames Fleischer and Frieda Zames in "The Disability Rights Movement."

Four months after his accident, Willson was transferred by train to the Kaiser Foundation Rehabilitation Center in Vallejo. It was a felicitous move, one that would forever alter the course of his life and public transportation. In his two years at the facility, Willson underwent intensive physical ther-

apy and multiple surgeries. Doctors told the young man he would use a wheelchair for the rest of his life.

In 1950, Willson joined Bank of America and married Patricia Leister, who was a member of the nursing staff that treated him at Kaiser. Six years later, he completed a degree in business administration at Golden Gate College, and a year after that, he was hired as an accountant at the Kaiser Foundation Medical Care Program. Willson would go on to hold a variety of positions at Kaiser throughout his life. He'd retire as a senior financial analyst for the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan in 1977.

Said Cuong Le, historian for the nonprofit health care provider: "Kaiser Permanente is fortunate to have passionate and influential employees like Harold Willson, whose remarkable success advocating for historically overlooked needs of people with disabilities led to substantially improved conditions."

During the years that Willson lived in the Bay Area, the region was aflutter with the news of a soon-to-be-constructed rapid transit system that would connect the Bay. The tenor of excitement shifted for Willson when he learned the system, to be called the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District, or BART for short, would not be accessible for people with disabilities. Four percent of the Bay Area population at the time had severely limited mobility, meaning the BART system would exclude them from its ridership.

"When the system was built in the 60s, the elevators weren't a consideration," said Bob Franklin, BART's Director of Customer Access and Accessibility. "They were completely an afterthought."

Willson reached out to BART and offered his services as a "volunteer consultant" to the BART Board starting in 1964. He had a unique and compassionate approach to advocacy, according to the people who knew and worked with him.

"His suggestion was novel for rapid transit, no one had tried it," A.E. Wolf, the General Superintendent of Transportation for BART, is quoted as saying in the Spring 1973 issue of "Accent on Living." "It posed all kinds of problems; cost was significant. Our staff, including myself, was hardly enthusiastic."

"But, he did not threaten, nor picket, nor sulk, nor lose patience," Wolf continued. "Instead, he was professional, pleasant, firm and persistent. As a result, he won the support of each of our board members while maintaining a friendly relationship with our staff."

Willson's approach was to "sell" the idea for an accessible BART system by contacting people one by one and having individual conversations with them, slowly winning them over to his cause.

"You could be a pioneer in being the first major public transportation system to be accessible to the handicapped," Willson told the BART Board and staff in 1963, according to Michael Healy's "BART: The Dramatic History of the Bay Area Rapid Transit System."

Willson's methods worked. In 1968, the BART Board requested \$7 million from the California legislature to include accessible elevators in its plans (the figure was later revised to \$10 million).

Willson's advocacy did not stop there. He and representatives from BART continued to lobby Sacramento until \$150 million in additional funding for wheelchair accessibility was allocated to the under-construction system in March 1969. BART, with Willson's guidance and persistence, was ahead of its time. It would be more than two decades later that the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law.

Among the accommodations the funding secured were elevators at every station, telephones in elevators and stations that were accessible for wheelchair users, special service gates and handrails, Braille symbols on elevator door casings, loudspeaker directions, closed-circuit televisions as needed, and level boarding between the platform and train.

In the years since Willson's advocacy, BART has added even more accessible features to the system, which you can read about on bart.gov/guide/accessibility.

After BART was built, Willson would go on to continue advocating for accessibility. In 1971, Willson and Wilmot R. McCutchen, Chief of Design for BART, testified before a special U.S. Senate Committee on Aging. Their testimony was "an important precursor to raising public consciousness of the issue of disabled access," writes Healy in his BART

book. A robust disability rights and independent living movement would emerge in the years that followed Willson's lobbying. Willson died in the Bay Area in 1994.

His legacy continues to reverberate across the nation. After BART, the newly built transit systems WMATA and MARTA also made their systems accessible, setting a new precedent for future generations of public transit.

"All of this is possible because one man had a bright shiny dream, and he made it come true," Wolf is quoted as saying in a 2008 journal.

Denise Figueroa, the Executive Director of the Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley and a longtime transit advocate, noted that transit has "come a very long way in terms of accessibility" from the 1950s and 1960s.

"In those days, when Willson first started out, there wasn't an expectation of accessibility," she said by phone. "Over the years, what has changed is that the public expects transit to be accessible – even non-disabled people."

Figueroa said the mentality of transit systems was often, "It's not my problem." She said agencies would routinely cite cost as the prohibiting factor.

"The argument was always: It's too expensive," she said. That changed with the passage of ADA (1990), as well as Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (1973), which requires public entities that receive federal funding to ensure that people with disabilities are not discriminated against, nor denied goods or services.

Today, BART continues to bolster its efforts to make the system accessible for all riders. The transit agency hosts a monthly BART Accessibility Task Force on the fourth Thursday of each month, where the public can voice concerns, ask questions, and provide input. BART, which is ADA accessible by law, also encourages passengers to make a Reasonable Modification Request if their needs are not being met.

When transit systems are accessible for all, said Franklin in closing, everybody wins.

"It's a federal law now that we're accessible to everyone," he said. "And when we design it that way, everyone benefits. The more universally we can design something, the better it will be."

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"Unity" by Bruce Beasley, constructed in 2014. Photo Credit: Samantha Campos

started with her husband nine years ago. The pair took over the space when the previous owner developed Lyme's Disease, refinancing their home to be able to afford the cost. They still face some of the hefty financial costs of doing business in Fremont, but to them, it's worth it.

"I love the community, we have a large clientele of people who say this space feels like home," Maciel says.

According to USA.com data, Fremont's Hispanic population is around 14%, with 78% of them Mexican. Maciel said one of the joys she gets to experience is people from diverse backgrounds enjoying

her food. To her, it's a reminder of the city's diversity and intercultural appreciation.

"I think of Fremont as a melting pot," Maciel says. "I remember when we first started, I got surprised when other races were coming in and I was like 'wow they like Mexican food.'"

Just like the community has poured into her business, Maciel says she values making customers feel welcome and at home. Food at Cantaritos is made fresh and from scratch; tomatoes and chilis are roasted in-house, and nothing comes frozen.

"People tell me it reminds them of their grandmas," Maciel says.

Fridays and Saturdays are their busiest days, and people often have to call in for reservations to get their Mexican culinary fix. Sometimes, she is still in awe of the continuous support she's received from the community and the fandom she has built. She's glad she can be a part of Fremont's happiness by contributing authentic, hearty Mexican dinners.

"Sometimes me and my kids look around, like, 'Is this our place?'" Maciel says. "It's shocking, we have so much support and it feels good."

One of the most evident displays of happiness in the city can be found in its parks. The largest park, 450 plus-acre Central Park, offers expansive views of Lake Elizabeth, along with facilities for picnics, parties and recreational activities.

Summer days can bring oppressive heat, but evenings are

much cooler as the sun sets behind the Mission Peak Hills. By 6pm, the park is bustling, with cyclists and rollerbladers cruising down the winding pathways. Whether in a stroller or using a walking cane, everyone seems to find joy as they bask in all the park has to offer.

Ohlone College student Elizabeth Prewitt sits on a bench overlooking Lake Elizabeth as she embraces her dog seated beside her. Prewitt acknowledges some of the city's challenges, namely the homelessness crisis that many residents say is getting worse.

"Maybe it's the happiest for the people who can afford it," Prewitt says.

Still, Prewitt appreciates where Fremont has excelled. According to a city report, homelessness is now down 21% from 2022, numbers that show the city is ahead of others in Alameda County. As a young person she admits that the suburban atmosphere can feel "sleepy" at times. But it's days by the lake with her dog that remind her of what the city has to offer: a melting pot of people and cultures enjoying life in a very happy city.



Louis Profumo coaching local kids. Photo courtesy of Lou's Dugout



Members of Lou's Dugout at a get-together on November 13, 2021. Photo courtesy of Lou's Dugout

Supporting local sports

THE GENEROSITY OF LOU'S DUGOUT

By **ETHAN YAN**

Founded in 2002 by Louis Profumo and based in San Leandro, Lou's Dugout is an organization that supports sports events in its surrounding area. Due to the high costs associated with maintaining a sports organization, Lou's Dugout aims to keep as many people in sports as possible through many generous donations.

Born in Alameda, Profumo grew up in San Leandro and was originally a baseball player drafted by the Boston Red Sox who played minor league baseball for several years. He was coached by 1966 Baseball Hall of Fame inductee Ted Williams. Later, Profumo got a full-time job at the San Mateo Boys Club and worked as a garbage collector. Profumo continued his lifelong passion of baseball by becoming a baseball coach, beginning his journey by coaching Junior Varsity Baseball at Pacific High School in San Leandro. He coached thousands of San Leandro residents in youth baseball,

women's softball and senior men's baseball; many of them professional players, such as Steve Lubratic, Gary Varsh, and Brian Smith, who played in the Los Angeles Angels, Iowa Cubs, and Bakersfield Dodgers systems, respectively. Profumo would coach many baseball players free of charge and would often pay out of his own pocket in order to fund his athletes' competitions and equipment. "Lou never charged anyone a dime to play sports," Principal Officer of Lou's Dugout and one of Lou's close friends Michael Munoz said.

Profumo and friends often hosted lunches at restaurants such as Manor Grill in San Leandro as a way for athletes to hang out and bond over the experiences they have shared together. "If you've played sports, you know you can make lifelong friendships, and that's really what Lou's Dugout is," Munoz said. Lou's Dugout values these experiences and hopes to foster them further through their donations. The lunch hangouts, sometimes including as many as 50 people,

eventually developed into Lou creating the name of Lou's Dugout and establishing the group as a nonprofit organization, giving out tens of thousands of dollars since its creation.

Profumo worked a total of 37 years for the City of San Leandro, such as serving as a groundskeeper for Memorial Park on Bancroft Avenue. "He was outspoken; he told people what he thought, and he's just a local, calm town hero," Munoz said. Profumo was later inducted into the San Leandro Sports Hall of Fame in 2017 for his service to the city. He unfortunately passed away on July 5, 2021, but his legacy is carried on by his daughters Karen and Kathy and his son-in-law Robert.

The board meets every three months at the Manor Grill to discuss future events. Their main beneficiaries are the high school sports programs within San Leandro and the little leagues along with girls' softball programs of San Leandro and San Lorenzo. One major donation the organization awards is a Lou Profumo scholarship given to a school-selected senior baseball and softball player at San Leandro High School each year. However, they donate to a variety of other sports as well, such as boxing and cheerleading programs.

In the summer of 2023, Lou's Dugout made a donation to San Leandro High School's first ever girls' flag football team. The high school's athletic director Nick Thomas said in a Tri-City Voice article (July 11, 2023), "San Leandro would like to give a huge thank you to Lou's Dugout for their continued support. They purchased uniforms for our flag football team to help us get started and have our girls looking great."

"Our goal really is to get kids on the sports fields, and we don't care what sport it is. [...] I feel an accomplishment of what all of us have done — the whole board has done — to keep some of these programs going," Munoz said.

Lou's Dugout has a minimal overhead of around \$100 to maintain their website and P.O. box. The organization is also planning a fundraiser, where they will showcase an hour-long interview with Profumo, where he talks about his love for San Leandro, to honor his legacy.

To support further charitable activities, donate to Lou's Dugout through their website at www.lousdugout.com or send a check to their P.O. box in San Leandro, 94579.

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International Day of Friendship July 30

The International Day of Friendship was proclaimed in 2011 by the UN General Assembly with the idea that friendship can make the world a more peaceful place.

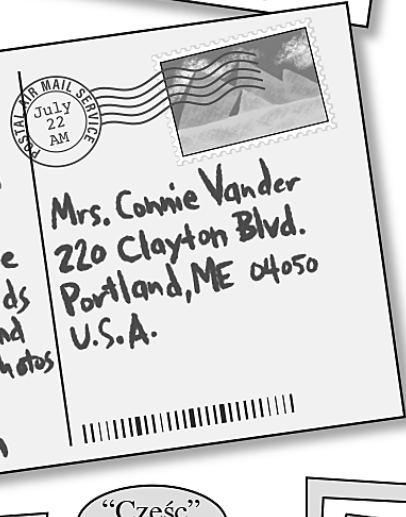
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Mystery Postcards

Some young travelers have sent postcards home to family in the United States, but the senders forgot to say which country they were visiting. Can you use the geography clues to determine which country each postcard was sent from?

Standards Link: Social Science: Use map and globe skills to find the absolute location of places; use the internet or encyclopedia to research.



Border Clues

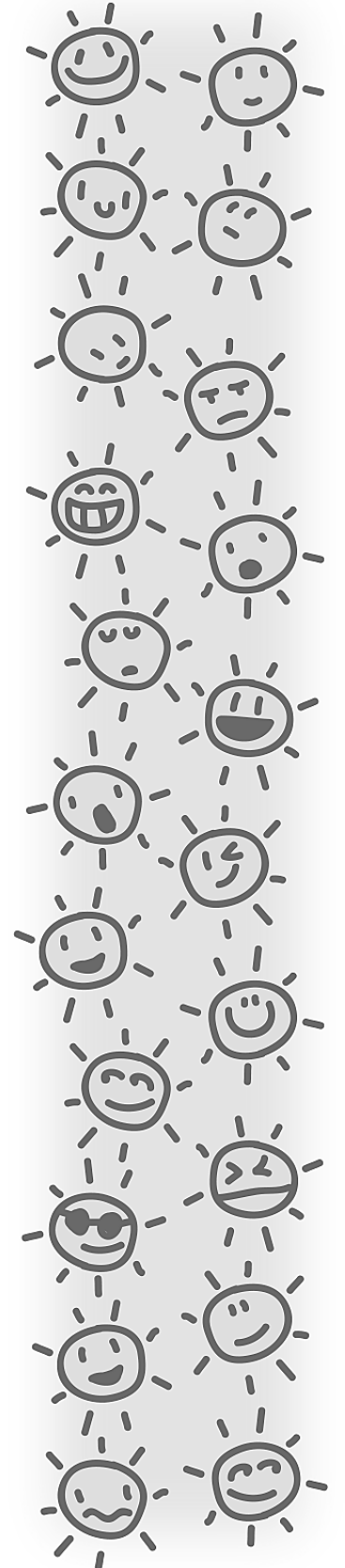
The names of the four countries where these postcards came from are hidden in the letters that form the border at left and right. To find out the names, circle every third letter—starting with the starred one in each row of letters.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Understand simple written directions.

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Fun in the Sun

Look closely. Only two of these suns are exactly alike. How quickly can you find them? Have a friend try.



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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS
This week's word: **INTERNATIONAL**
The adjective **international** means relating to two or more nations.
An **international** group of students came on an exchange program during the summer.
Try to use the word **international** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

Extra! Extra!

Cities Search

Look through the newspaper for names of 10 different cities. Arrange these words in alphabetical order.

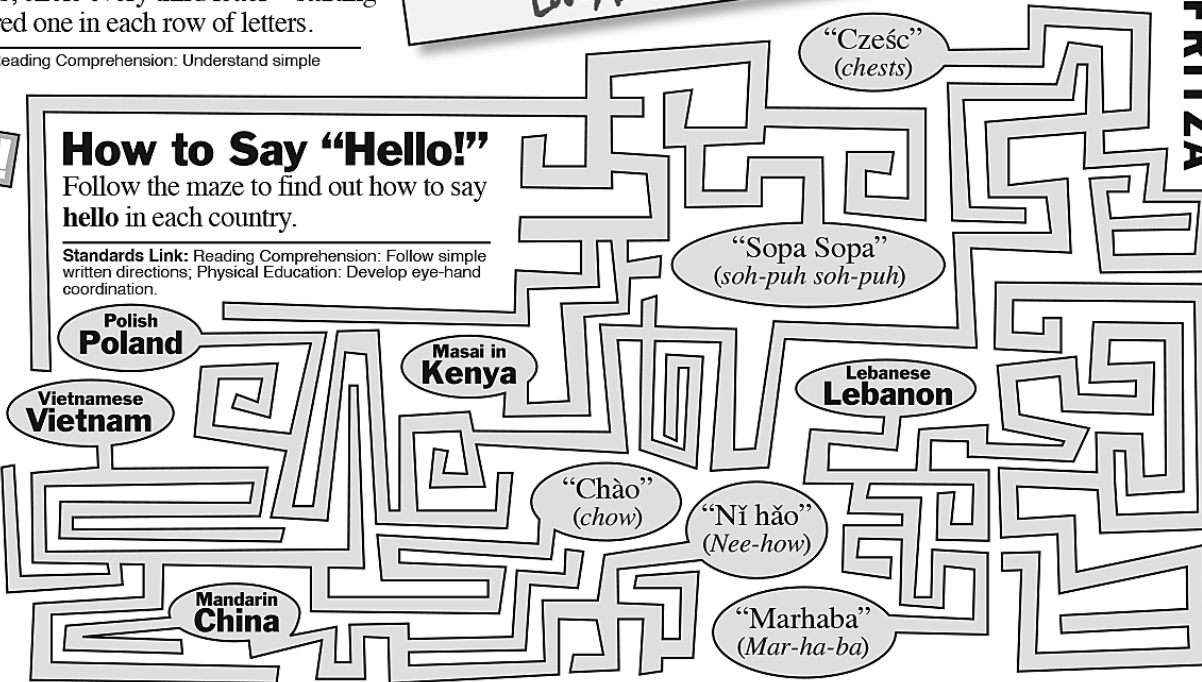
Standards Link: Spelling: Arrange letters in alphabetical order.

Activities on today's page were adapted from the National Geographic Society's educational materials.

How to Say "Hello!"

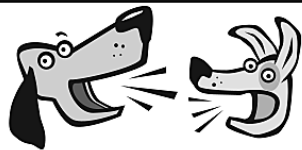
Follow the maze to find out how to say hello in each country.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions; Physical Education: Develop eye-hand coordination.



Fido Phrases

What do dogs "say"? In English we imitate them by saying, "Bow wow!" People in other countries have their own ways to copy the sound a dog makes. Can you find each of the dog sounds in the word puzzle?



HINT: One of them is spelled around a corner.

- English: **Bow wow!**
- Chinese: **Wang wang!**
- Russian: **Gav gav!**
- German: **Vow vow!**
- Swahili: **Wow wow!**
- Hebrew: **How how!**
- Japanese: **Wan wan!**
- Swedish: **Voff voff!**
- Spanish: **Gwow gwow!**

F G A V G A V O
O W A N W A N O
V O F F V O F F
O W O W W O W W
W G H O W B N A
G W O V W O V N
W O V G N A W G
O W O H W O H O
B O W W O W O B

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- REEF
- CHINA
- POLAND
- VIETNAM
- KENYA
- LEBANON
- METRO
- SALSA
- HELLO
- WORLD
- NILE
- LEFT
- CHAO
- GOT
- LINKS
- TRIP

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

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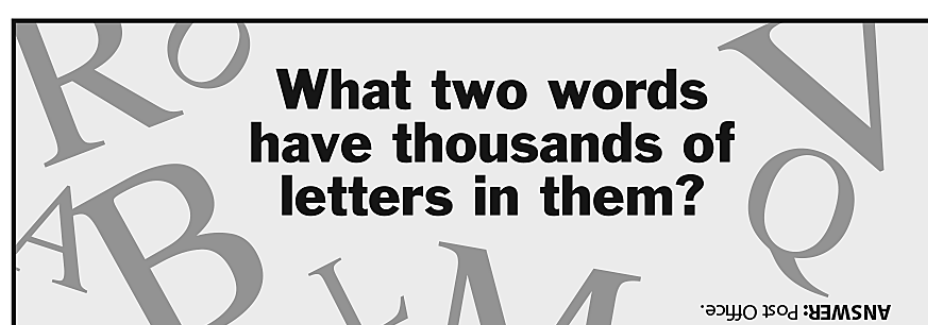
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Sports Stars of the World

Look through the newspaper for names of famous sports stars who come from other countries. Make a collage about your favorite star with newspaper articles, maps and pictures.

Standards Link: Social Science: Recognize similarities and differences in cultures around the world.



What two words have thousands of letters in them?

ANSWER: Post Office.

Write On!

Friends

What makes a good friend?

Standards Link: Write descriptively using main idea and supporting details.



Tri-City History A-Z in Photographs #7: Gardens

By **KELSEY CAMELLO**,
Washington Township Museum of Local History

Gardens (noun): Grounds used to grow vegetables, fruit, herbs, or flowers



A member of the Martin Family at Thomas's Cactus Garden, owned by Frank J. Thomas, at the corner of Mission Boulevard and E Street, Decoto. Credit: Washington Township Museum of Local History



Saint Mary of the Palms School for Girls - group photo in the garden, Mission San Jose. Credit: Washington Township Museum of Local History



Harrison Mayhew and daughter Florence in their orange orchard on the hillside above the town of Niles. Credit: Washington Township Museum of Local History



Stanford Ranch gardens near the residence of the Stanford Family, Warm Springs. Credit: Washington Township Museum of Local History.

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.

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BRONCHO BILLY SILENT FILM FESTIVAL

Film Festival celebrates western star, Niles and film history



Saturday Night Film Screening: *Flesh and the Devil*

one of the most iconic films with Ms. Garbo and John Gilbert in *The Flesh and the Devil*. There will be some informative documentaries including the brand new **FILM IS DEAD - LONG LIVE FILM!** Special guests will present about filmmaking in Hollywood.

There truly is something for everyone the weekend of July 26 to 28 as we round out the offerings including a focus on film collectors, lenticulars and silent oddities. The \$35 Weekend Pass gets you all the film programs, Niles walking tour and reserved seating.

Friday, July 26 Evening Film Presentation 7:30pm

THE LOVE GODDESSES

(1965, Walter Reade-Sterling Presentation)
Director Saul J. Turell's exploration of sex in the movies. From the silent era and Clara Bow to Cinemascope and Marilyn Monroe, see how the movie industry's depiction of sex has changed through the decades.

Preceded by:
The Western Costume Company (circa 1951, unknown studio)
This business has been a landmark in Hollywood for decades. Not only has it supplied "Western" costumes to movie producers, but costumes, armor, weapons, medals, furniture and props of all kinds from all periods of history.

Saturday, July 27 11am

Walking Tour
Discuss important landmarks and hear stories about what happened here one hundred years ago. Meet at the museum. Walking tour booklet included. (\$5 donation)

Screening (free program)

Broncho Billy: The First Reel Cowboy (1998, Arkansas Educational Television Network)
Gilbert M. "Broncho Billy" Anderson, the very first cowboy movie star, acted in more than 200 silent Westerns and was instrumental in the formation of the genre.

The Movies Go West (1974, Bell)
With filmmaker Geoffrey Bell and narrator Hal Angus, this mid-1970s film explores the Essanay Film Manufacturing company as it existed 100 years ago. Invaluable images of Niles in the 1970s are also contained in the film.

1pm Screening: The Women of Essanay

We will screen a selection of Essanay Film Manufacturing Company films made in Chicago and Niles focusing on the feminine. At Essanay, they were stars, but most of them are not remembered today. They include, Ethel Clayton, Martha Russell, Dolores Cassinelli, Ruth Stonehouse, Eleanor Blevins, Marguerite Clayton, Evelyn Selbie, Bessie Sankey and Margaret Joslin. (Piano accompaniment by David Drazin)

3:30pm
GARBO (2005, Turner Classic Movies)
Produced in 2005, the centenary of the birth of Greta Garbo, the film explores the iconic movie star's early years in Sweden, film acting and life after movies. Directors: Kevin Brownlow, Christopher Bird; Producer: Patrick Stanbury Narrated by Julie Christie with music by Carl Davis.

Evening Film Presentation 7:30pm

FLESH AND THE DEVIL

(1927, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer)
In Greta Garbo's breakthrough picture she delivers a luminous performance as a new type of vamp: less consistently cruel and more subtle than earlier styles. Her name was listed under the title, which would change after the film's phenomenal success. Starring Greta Garbo, John Gilbert and Lars Hanson, Directed by Clarence Brown.

Preceded by a salute to Billy Bevan
The Golf Nut (1927, Mack Sennett Comedies)
Ice Cold CoCos (1926, Mack Sennett Comedies)

(Kurzweil Keyboard accompaniment by **Jon Mirsalis**)

Sunday, July 28

10:45am
Behind-the-Scenes REAL vs. REEL (FREE program)
Vintage Los Angeles film studios expert and special guest **Marc Wanamaker** will share behind-the-scenes images and amazing tales of REAL California history intertwined with motion picture history.

12:30 pm
Hidden Colors of the California Nursery in Niles and Beyond: Lenticular Kodacolor Home Movies (FREE program)
Local horticultural historian Janet Barton and our museum's own Zack Sutherland walk you through this long-defunct technique of color film processing, and the resulting footage taken in Niles and elsewhere in California.

2:30 pm
THE ISLE OF HOPE (1925, Richard Talmadge Productions) Film collector Michael Aus was scrolling through eBay one night when he found this formerly-lost film for sale. After acquiring the only print, Aus deposited the film here at our museum – giving us an opportunity at this year's festival to demonstrate how film collectors have been essential over the decades to making rare or lost material visible to the public.

The Isle of Hope is a stunt-filled adventure feature film starring Richard Talmadge, a former circus tumbling performer turned movie actor and producer, later turned Hollywood stuntman. Also featured are Helen Ferguson (a former player at the Essanay Film Manufacturing Company in Chicago), James A. Marcus, and



George Reed. (High-definition digital presentation)

Silent Oddities on our big screen

We have searched our archives for hidden and forgotten gems, and we've put together a show of some of the best: *An Animated Lunch-oon*, filmed in 1900 at Edison's Laboratory, and another "trick film," *Enchanted Glasses* (Pathé 1905); a rare cartoon from the Essanay Studio, *Dreamy Dud, He Resolves Not To Smoke* (1915); several human interest stories from a Hearst newsreel and *Dog Comedy: Train Wreck* which has an all-animal cast.

(Piano accompaniment by **Bruce Loeb and David Drazin.**)

4:30 pm FILM IS DEAD. LONG LIVE FILM!

(2024, Cold Eye Films)
Award-winning documentary exploring the vanishing world of private film collecting. Condemned as pirates and hounded by the FBI, film collectors have long lurked in the shadows. Yet their efforts have resulted in the survival of countless films that would otherwise have been lost to history. Produced and directed by Peter Flynn.

Preceded by short subjects from the museum's archive:
Ringling Brothers Circus Parade (1902)
Suzie Loses Her First Tooth (early 1920s)

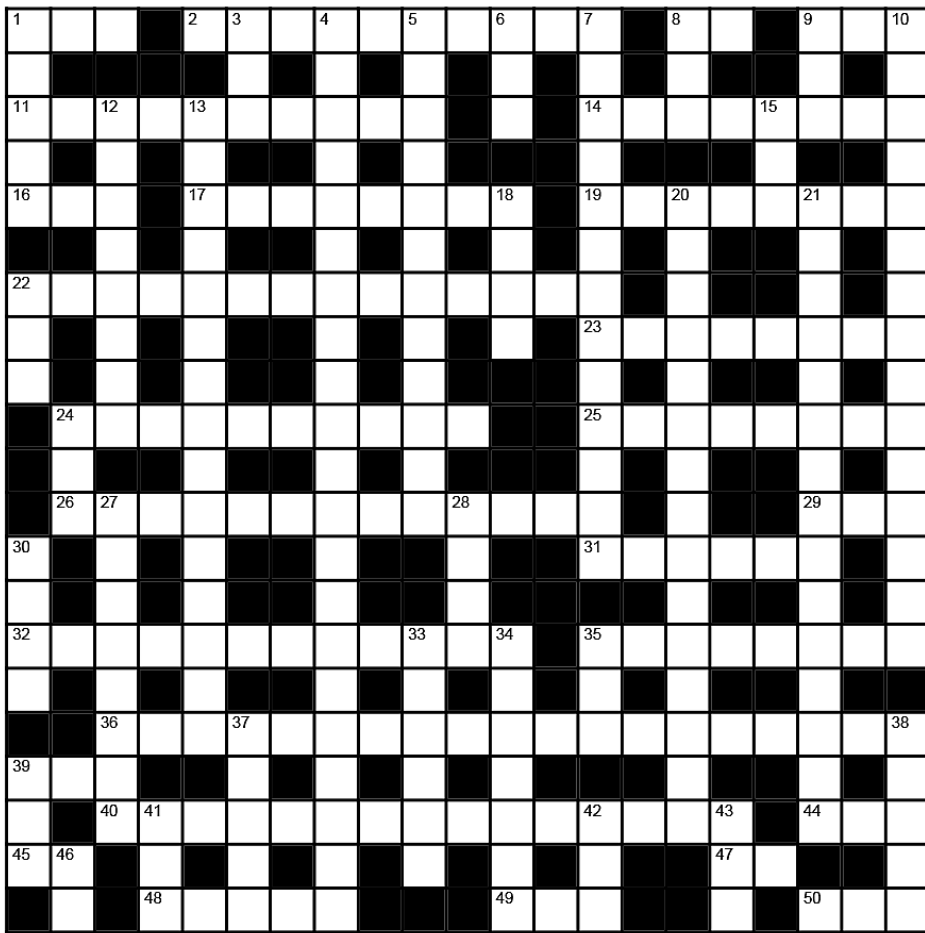
(Piano accompaniment for shorts by **Bruce Loeb**)

Weekend Passes: \$35
Requested donation for individual screenings: \$8 Museum Members; \$10 Not Members Yet

2024 Broncho Billy Silent Film Festival
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Mind Twisters

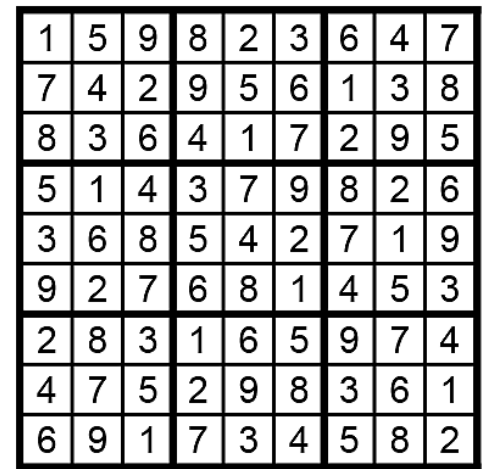
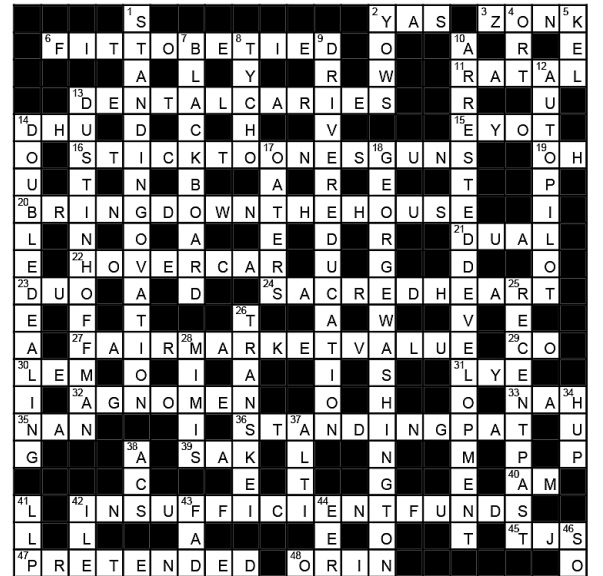
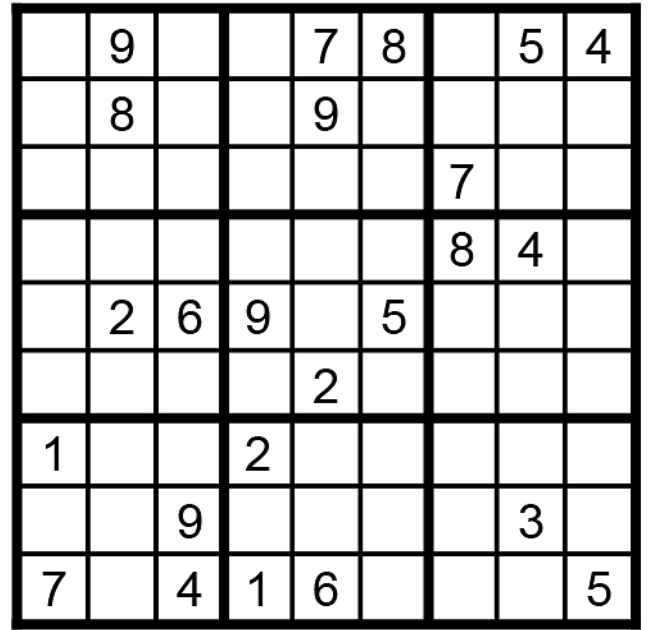
Crossword Puzzle



- Across
- 1 "You Forgot It In People" band, briefly (3)
 - 2 Giant's chant (3-2-2-3)
 - 8 "No kidding!" (2)
 - 9 Big ___ (3)
 - 11 Lucille Ball was one (10)
 - 14 Most nuts (8)
 - 16 Jimmy Stewart syllables (3)
 - 17 Not familiar with (6,2)
 - 19 Canal locale (5,3)
 - 22 Like some suits (6-8)
 - 23 Absorbed (8)
 - 24 Longneck (4,6)
 - 25 Bible-passage analysis (8)
 - 26 Ezekiel and Jeremiah (5,8)
 - 29 Hung. neighbor (3)
 - 31 Ace (6)
 - 32 Jazz-piano music style (6-6)
 - 35 Raccoon (4,4)
 - 36 "Of course this car isn't voice-controlled!" (2,4,7,6)
 - 39 Back-to-work time: Abbr. (3)
 - 40 A postal service (7,8)
 - 44 Shine, in ad-speak (3)
 - 45 Above (2)
 - 47 Part of "be" (2)
 - 48 Treasury (5)
 - 49 Elmer, to Bugs (3)
 - 50 "___ Mine" (Beatles tune) (3)
 - Down
 - 1 Girl's nickname (5)
 - 3 Life in a UFO (3)
 - 4 Dimensionless physical quantity at the heart of Michael Atiyah's purported proof of the Riemann Hypothesis (4-9,8)
 - 5 "We've had some sex...uh... setbacks," for example (8,4)
 - 6 And so ___ (3)
 - 7 Meat-ban cause (3,3,7)
 - 8 Be decisive (3)
 - 9 Cecil ___ Mille (3)
 - 10 Earthquake, e.g. (7,8)
 - 12 Lead the wrong way (8)
 - 13 Risk-it-all bet (6,2,7)
 - 15 Discount rack abbr. (3)
 - 18 Dog bowl bits (4)
 - 20 Doctor's implement (6,9)
 - 21 Momentous (15)
 - 22 "Robocop" setting: Abbr. (3)
 - 24 Depress, with "out" (3)
 - 27 Giving the go-ahead (8)
 - 28 LP player (2-2)
 - 30 "The Mission" author Hans (4)
 - 33 Medieval unions (6)
 - 34 Let out (7)
 - 35 ___ cross (3)
 - 37 ___ citato (5)
 - 38 "Johnny B. ___" (5)
 - 39 Initialism for the series of "Avengers" movies (3)
 - 41 Other than: abbr. (3)
 - 42 London's Old ___ (3)
 - 43 Ming of the Houston Rockets (3)
 - 46 3.14 (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 OF JULY 23, 2024

All Signs: This week two major changes occur: For the next four weeks, the Sun will be in Leo and Mars will be in Gemini. This Leo Sun can happen only once a year, and this Gemini Mars can happen only once every two years. Everyone will be more playful and ready to put out energy towards fun activities like sports events, movies, the theater and playful times with kids. Plus, people will eat out, vacation, and stay in hotels. Romance will be intriguing and dramatic. Don't run from temptation – it may not come your way again!

Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20):

The next four weeks have lots of Fire energy, which is good news for you, a Fire sign. Meanwhile, your ruler fiery Mars is moving into your House of Communications. This means the month ahead is the perfect time to express yourself to others. It will be great for those of you in sales, marketing, teaching, acting and writing. However, both the Sun and Venus in the most fun part of your chart will also make this a fabulous time for vacations, social outings, romance, sports events and fun times with kids.

Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20):

In the next four weeks, the Sun and fair Venus will encourage you to relax at home and make where you live more attractive. You'll want to entertain as well. You might be involved with family more, especially a parent. Invite family and friends over because people will enjoy sharing good food and drink. Meanwhile, this happy emphasis on home and family by extension means that the next four weeks are an excellent time to explore real-estate deals.

Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20):

Fiery Mars has moved into your sign for the next few weeks. (This can happen only once every two years, and it lasts for about six weeks.) Mars will boost your energy, aggressiveness and sex drive. It will make you more of a fighter for your rights. Your physical energy level will be high, which makes you pumped! Meanwhile, this Leo Sun in place

for the next four weeks will quicken your daily pace and make you eager to talk. It will make you just as eager to learn new things, and travel to new places.

Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21):

Don't be surprised if you find that in the next four weeks, your focus is on money, cash flow, earnings and possessions. You're never casual about money; and by nature, you are thrifty and frugal. Nevertheless, in the next few weeks, you will spend money on beautiful things, clothing, jewelry, art objects, and leather goods. However, at a deeper level, you'll be thinking about your core values and what is important to you. You will want to know what really matters, because if you don't, you might miss the boat.

Leo the Lion (July 22-August 22):

This week the Sun moves into Leo to stay for four weeks. (Happens only once a year.) This will boost your confidence. This is your chance to recharge your batteries for the rest of the year. This is why you will project yourself to others more forcefully. You'll also feel a need to express yourself because the Sun and Venus are both in your sign, making you charming, diplomatic and energized! Knowing this, the month ahead is obviously the time to go after what you want. Doors will open for you.

Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22):

Your personal year is drawing to a close because your birthday is a month away. This means the next

four weeks are limbo-like. However, you can use this window of time to think about what you want for your new year ahead (birthday to birthday). Why not identify some goals? Goals give you a sense of purpose. They give you a clearer focus on what's important, which ultimately gives you better control over your future.

Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22):

Good news! The next four weeks will be the most sociable times of the year for you! And you are one of the most sociable signs in the zodiac. This is why friendships will be important to you right now. You'll want to catch up with people and exchange histories. You might also wonder what role certain friends play in your world? You want to find people who accept you for who you are, better yet, they love you for who you are. This is also a great time to work with others. Partnerships will flourish. Your idealism will be aroused. A fascinating month ahead!

Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21):

The Sun is at the top of your chart for the next four weeks, which is eventful. This happens only once a year and when it does, it symbolizes that you're in a spotlight. And this spotlight is flattering! This means you look great to others, which is why you might be asked to take on increased responsibilities or given a promotion. Fear not, you can handle whatever is expected of you because people admire you! This is the perfect time to advance your agenda. However, do not pretend to be something that you are not.

Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21):

Lucky you! You are the traveler of the zodiac, and for the next four weeks, the Sun is urging you to travel, learn and study. Meanwhile, Venus will attract new romance with someone "different." Naturally, you'll welcome chances to travel for pleasure in the next four weeks, even a tiny get away. However, this week, fiery Mars moves opposite your sign, which could make you irritated with partners and close friends. It's an opportunity to practice patience. (Mars opposite your sign happens only once every two years for six weeks.) You can handle this.

Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19):

The next four weeks will be passionate because heady romance will be the stuff of movies. In fact, you might encounter someone who triggers self-inquiry. They might even be a force for change in your life. Meanwhile, you will also have a stronger than usual focus on financial resources, shared property, taxes, debt and inheritances. You might also be concerned about trying to borrow money or get financial backing. Underlying all these possibilities, you will have a strong desire to be the best that you can be.

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

Once a year, for four weeks, the Sun is opposite your sign. That time has arrived. This will make you have a strong focus on partnerships and close friendships. This is not the time to go it alone. The good news is this polarized position of the Sun

gives you more objectivity to understand your relationships. While you cannot change the other person, you can certainly change yourself and how you respond to that person. This means this is your best chance all year to improve your closest relationships!

Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20):

You'll be surprised at how gung-ho you are to work in the next four weeks. You intend to work efficiently, effectively and probably longer hours. Naturally, you will have a strong sense of reward and satisfaction from what you do. If you work with others, coworkers will be supportive and helpful. In fact, some of you might strike up a work-related romance in the next few weeks. Meanwhile, home improvements or visiting guests will make you put out extra energy to pull things together at home.



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Home & Garden

Prune raspberries for an abundant harvest



Proper pruning of raspberries can maximize the summer and fall harvest. Photos courtesy of Melinda Myers

By **MELINDA MYERS**

A bit of summer pruning goes a long way to keeping your raspberries healthy and productive. So, get out the mosquito netting, long sleeves, and pruners and get busy.

A raspberry summer harvest is produced on two-year-old canes called floricanes. Remove those that bore fruit to ground level once your harvest is complete. These canes will not produce more fruit, and their presence can increase the risk of insect and disease problems. This is also a good time to remove damaged, insect-infested or discolored canes.

Summer is also a good time to thin the remaining canes on summer-only bearing raspberries. Remove weak or damaged canes, leaving three or four of the sturdiest per foot

of row or six or eight stems per hill when growing in the hill system. Thinning increases airflow and light penetration, resulting in healthier plants and a better harvest next season. Wait until next spring to reduce the height of the remaining canes. At that time, you can determine winter dieback and damage, and prune accordingly.

Everbearing raspberries are often called fall raspberries and form fruit on first-year canes called primocanes. You can manage these types of raspberries for a single fall harvest only. Wait until plants are dormant, then cut the whole planting back to ground level. There will be a larger and earlier harvest when pruning everbearing raspberries this way. Although this pruning technique eliminates the summer crop, it is much easier, less time-consuming, and eliminates animal and winter damage in just one cut.

The other option is to prune everbearing raspberries for a fall and summer harvest. The new growth produces the fall crop. These canes are left to produce berries the following summer. Prune these two-year-old canes after the summer harvest as you would on a summer-only bearing raspberry.

Maximize your summer and fall harvest by planting a summer and a fall-bearing raspberry patch. You'll enjoy summer raspberries from one planting plus a larger, earlier harvest from the fall-bearing raspberries when pruning all those canes to ground level each year during the dormant season.

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Number of Persons in Household	Total Gross Annual Household Income
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3	\$70,100 or less
4	\$78,000 or less
5	\$91,450 or less
6	\$104,900 or less
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CONTINUING EVENTS

Mondays and Thursdays

Food Garden Volunteer

9am - 12pm
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

6pm - 10pm
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

2pm - 4pm
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

11:30am - 12:00pm
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

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

Wednesdays

Folk Dancing Social R

9:00am - 10:30am
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

10am - 12pm
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

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

Thursdays

Chinese Calligraphy Social R

2pm - 4pm
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

10am - 4pm
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

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

5pm - 8pm
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

Thursday, June 13 - August 3

54th Annual Textile Exhibition

Thurs - Sun; 12 noon - 5pm
Artwork will showcase a variety of textile techniques including quilting, macrame, wearables, sculpture, hand-dyed/painted fabrics, and much more.
Olive Hyde
123 Washington Blvd., Fremont
(510) 791-4357

Thursday, August 14 -

Saturday, October 5

Women Create Space juried exhibition

Women Create Space will spotlight women sculptors and 3D artists of the Northern California Women's Caucus for Art and Olive Hyde Art Guild in a gallery-wide installation.
Olive Hyde Art Gallery
123 Washington Blvd., Fremont
(510) 791-4357

Thursdays and Saturdays

Story Time

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

Fridays and Saturdays

Free Telescope Viewings

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

Friday - Sunday, July 19 -

August 4 StarStruck Theatre's Beauty and the Beast

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Alan Menken and the late Howard Ashman, along with new songs by Mr. Menken and Tim Rice. The original Broadway production ran for over thirteen years and was nominated for nine Tony Awards, including Best Musical.
Ohlone College
Smith Center
43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont
starstrucktheatre.org
(510) 659-6031
Tickets: \$25 - \$35

Saturdays

Laugh Track City R\$

8pm
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

12pm - 2pm
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\$

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

Saturday, July 20 - Sunday, August 4

Waiting in the Wings

Saturday: 8pm
Sundays: 2pm
The play explores ins and outs of daily life within a framework of both the pleasures and sadness of aging. Hanging over the community are the whims of the theater board that runs the home.
Fridays, Aug 9 & 16: 8pm
San Leandro Museum/Auditorium
320 West Estudillo Ave., San Leandro
(510)895-2573
www.slplayers.org
Tickets: \$25 general; \$20 seniors & under 12 (other discounts may apply)

Sundays

Farmyard Games

1pm
Join us for some old-fashioned fun! Try your hand at classic American pastimes including stilt, sack races, and the potato-spoon race. This is a drop-in program; no registration is required. Ardenwood admission fee applies.
Ardenwood Farms
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
(510) 544-2797

Sundays

Practice Your English: Group Conversation for Adults

2pm - 3pm
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 - Saturdays

Recreational Swim \$

12:30pm - 5:00pm
Attractions may vary.
Silliman Activity and Family Aquatic Center
6800 Mowry Ave., Newark
(510) 578-4620
bit.ly/3nxx0is

Sundays

Larry "O" Teen Workshop

10am - 12pm
Used bikes, bike parts for sale and bike repair.
Larry Orozco Teen Workshop
33623 Mission Blvd., Union City

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(510) 675-5487
www.unioncity.org/723/Larry-O-Teen-Workshop
RobertS@unioncity.org
Donation accepted.
Second and fourth Sundays of the month

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, July 24

Moon Gardening
6:00pm – 7:30pm
Garden by the light of the moon with us. Gloves, tools and good vibes will be provided for this garden work party. All ages and experience levels welcome.
3801 Nicolet Ave., Fremont
(510) 795-2629
fremontneighborhood@aclibrary.org

Friday, July 26 - Sunday, July 28

Broncho Billy Silent Film Festival
In our vintage nickelodeon-era 1913 movie theater, we will showcase Broncho Billy's cinematic exploits and the women of Essanay, the Chicago-based silent film studio that had its western division headquarters in Niles from 1912 to 1916. Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum 37417 Niles Blvd., Fremont (510) 494-1411
www.nilesfilmmuseum.org
Fees and donations: \$8 - \$35

Friday, July 26

San Leandro Disability Pride Celebrations
10am – 2pm
Celebrate Disability Pride Month with storytelling and art, screening the film "Crip Camp," and ice cream social.
San Leandro Main Library
300 Estudillo Ave., San Leandro
(510) 577-3971

Saturday, July 27

Creek Trail Cleanup
9am - 12pm
We'll clean up trash, pull invasive plants, and discuss habitat restoration and barrier removal efforts benefiting fish and people along the creek.
1004 Old Canyon Rd., Fremont
Register at:
https://caltrout.org/event/alameda-creek-clean-up

Saturday, July 27

Party HARD in the Park
1pm – 4pm
Free carnival-themed family-fun. Dive into carnival games, groove with live entertainers, explore mobile recreation activities, and meet animals from Sulphur Creek Nature Center. No registration required.
Southgate Community Park
26780 Chiplay Ave., Hayward
(510) 881-6700
info@haywardrec.org

Saturday, July 27 - Sunday, July 28

Bubblefest
Bubble experts showcase the coolest tricks and mind-blowing science behind bubbles
10am - 4pm
Chabot Space and Science Center
10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland
(510) 336-7300
https://chabotspace.org
Tickets: \$30 adults, \$25 senior / youth 2-12 / student

Sunday, July 28

First South Hayward Market
12pm - 4pm
Enjoy 30 local food vendors, a variety of entertainment and the opportunity to learn more about the work of local nonprofit organizations.
southhaywardmarket@gmail.com
South Hayward BART Station
28601 Dixon St., Hayward

Tuesday, July 30

American Red Cross Blood Drive
11am – 5pm
Blood drive
Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley
(510) 667-7900

Thursday, August 1 - Friday, August 2

Heal with Art Workshop
10am – 12pm
Elementary age kids make get well soon cards, stress balls and port pillows to donate to patients in need.
35206 Cabral Dr., Fremont
https://tinyurl.com/healwart2024

Friday, August 2 and Sunday, August 4

Douglas Morrison Theatre Chorus Summer Concert
Friday, Aug 2; 8pm
Sunday, Aug 4; 2pm

Rousing numbers ranging from La Bamba, Salsa rhythms and Caribbean and Mexican folk songs, to Harry Belafonte and Cole Porter favorites, promise a lively, upbeat program.
Douglas Morrison Theatre
22311 N. Third St., Hayward
(510) 881-6777
douglassmorrisontheatre.thundertix.com/events
Tickets: \$25

Saturday, August 10

11th Annual Larry-O-Car Show
9am - 3pm
Displays of classic and custom cars, trucks and hot rods. Live music, prizes, raffles and food trucks.
Ruggieri Center
33997 Alvarado Niles Rd., Union City
(510) 675-5495

Saturday, August 10

Splash Day
1pm – 3pm
Teens (13-17) join us and beat the heat with inflatable water slides, water games and ice cream. Registration is free.
Register: haywardrec.org/register-Activity #29980
Meek Estate Park
240 Hampton Rd., Hayward
(510) 881-6700
info@haywardrec.org

Saturday, August 10

Annual Obon Festival
Food Sales: 5pm
Obon Dance: 7pm
Obon dancing, Japanese Music with the San Jose Chidori Band, and Japanese Foods. Everyone is invited.
Optional: Obon Dance Practices
7pm on 7/30, 8/1, 8/5, 8/7 & 8/8
Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church
32975 Alvarado-Niles Rd., Union City
www.sacbc.org
(510) 471-2581

Saturday, August 10

King of the Kongo
7:30pm
Showing King of the Kongo transition/hybrid movie between silent and talkie, with a music soundtrack throughout and segments in each chapter with speech (synchronized sound).
Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum
37417 Niles Blvd., Fremont
(510) 494-1411

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Saturday, August 17

Touch-A-Truck
1pm – 3pm
Touch-A-truck is a hands-on family event that allows children to explore a variety of vehicles up close. From public service emergency vehicles and fire trucks to police cars and utility trucks, kids have the chance to honk horns, push buttons and more.
Register here at haywardrec.org/register-Activity #30942
San Lorenzo Community Park
1970 Via Buena Vista, San Lorenzo
(510) 881-6700
info@haywardrec.org

Saturday, August 17

BWOPA Voter Information presentation
10am – 11am
Presentation will include information covering overview of elections, pro and cons of bills and on-site registration
Hayward Area Historical Society
22380 Foothill Blvd., Hayward
Registration required: Hayward-areahistory.org/calendar
Free

Sunday, August 18

Pacific Bus Museum Open House
11am – 3pm
Tour them museum and the antique and modern buses on display. Food will be available for purchase.
Pacific Bus Museum
37974 Shinn St., Fremont
www.pacbus.org
info@pacbus.org

Friday, August 23

Under the Boardwalk Movie Night
8pm
Gather everyone together, pack up your snacks, grab your lawn chairs and blankets, and don't forget those flashlights. We'll be screening "Under the Boardwalk" (PG). No registration required.
Castro Valley Community Park
18988 Lake Chabot Rd., Castro Valley
(510) 881-6700
info@haywardrec.org
Free

Summer Concerts

Groovin' at the Grove
Friday, July 26
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Gates open 4 p.m.
July 26 Opening: One More Time; Headliner Tortilla Soup Shirley Sisk Grove (by NewPark Mall)
39270 Cedar Blvd., Newark

Summer Concert Series
Thursdays: July 25; August 1, 8
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
(Parking lots fill up by 5 p.m.)
July 25: Bombay Disco Co. (Bollywood)
August 1: 925 Band (Party Band)
August 8: You Should Be Dancing (Bee Gees Tribute)
Central Park Performance Pavilion
40000 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont
www.fremont.gov

Summer Concert Series
Fridays, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
July 26: Neon Velvet (70s, 80s, 90s, contemporary hits)

August 23: East Bay Mudd (Classic Soul, R&B)
September 27: Foreverland (Michael Jackson Tribute)
The Block Plaza (near Kojia Kitchen)
43806 Pacific Commons Blvd., Fremont
https://pacificcommons.com/

Summer Concert Series
Second Thursdays
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
August 8: Mark Hummel (Blues harmonica and vocals)
September 12: Broken Compass Bluegrass
Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley
510-667-7900
www.aclibrary.org

Niles Concerts on the Plaza
Saturdays: Aug 10, Sept 14
3 p.m.
August 10: Jinx Jones & the Kingtones, with Loren O
September 14: Hijinx, with Jeremy Landicho
Niles Town Plaza
37482 Niles Blvd., Fremont
www.niles.org

Concerts in the Park
Sundays, Aug 4, 11, 18, 25; Sept 8, 15, 22, 29
1pm - 5pm
Aug 4: 3 O'Clock Jump, Main Street Dawgs, Carbon Complex
Aug 11: Giant Garage Spiders
Aug 18: Yolanda Cazessus, Gravity+4, Alrighly Then
Aug 25: Kari & the SweetSpOts, Gary O and Friends, The TaleSpinners, Dee Smith & Friends
Sept 8: Hayward High School Cheerleaders
Sept 15: Oasis Big Band, In Full Swing Big Band
Sept 22: Memphis Blues Project, CSUEB Aphasia Tones, East Bay Youth Orchestras' Symphony Orchestra
Sept 29: East Bay Symphonic Band, Hayward High Marching Band & Color Guard, Hayward High Jazz Band
Hayward Memorial Park (behind Hayward Plunge)
24176 Mission Blvd., Hayward
www.HaywardLodge.org

Summer Food Trucks

Special events

Fremont Festival of the Arts
Saturday, Aug 3 - Sunday, Aug 4
10am - 6pm
Paseo Padre Parkway (Stevenson to Mowry)

Ongoing

Niles Street Eats
Wednesdays
5pm – 9pm

Niles Town Plaza
37592 Niles Blvd., Fremont

City of Fremont Concert Series
Thursdays: July 25, August 1
5pm – 8pm
Central Park
40204 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont

Fremont Street Eats
Fridays
5pm – 9pm
Downtown Event Center
3500 Capitol Ave., Fremont

Ohlone College Flea Market
Second Saturdays
9am – 3pm
43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont

Summer Outdoor Movie Nights

Aloha Movies
8 p.m.
August 2: Moana
Kennedy Community Park
1333 Decoto Rd., Union City

Friday, July 26
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem
Delano Manongs Park
1650 McCandless Dr., Milpitas

Friday, August 9
The Mighty Ducks
Dixon Landing Park

Milmont Dr. & Jurgens Dr.

Movies Under the Stars at the Smith Center
7 p.m. Vendors, food & fun
8:15 p.m. Movie starts

Friday, August 9
Grease Sing-a-Long
(Classic cars show)

Friday, September 6
Wonka
(Contest: Find a golden ticket)

Smith Center at Ohlone College
43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont
(510) 659-6031
www.smithcenter.com
\$5 per person; \$25 movie pass for four (\$30 at the door)

Free Outdoor Movie Nights
Fridays, 8 p.m.

August 23: Under the Boardwalk
Castro Valley Community Park
Quail Ave, Castro Valley

September 13: Super Mario
Meek Park
240 Hampton Rd, Hayward

www.haywardrec.org

Ardenwood Historic Farm Movie Night: *Wish!*
Saturday, August 17
8:20 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
(510) 544-2797
www.cbpc.org

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

John C. Fremont context

THE DARK SIDE OF A HAPPY CITY'S NAMESAKE

I was pleased to see California senator and presidential candidate, John C. Fremont historically contextualized in the July 16, 2024 issue of the Tri-City Voice. He was a murderer and committed genocide on behalf of the US government. He led the Sacramento River massacre, Klamath Lake massacre and Sutter Buttes massacre. The government who hired him to kill indigenous tribes went on record; displeased about how violent he was. Those killing fields are a part of California history as much as his name is a part of this city.

It was a bit startling to see his image directly under an article about how unflinchingly happy we all are here in Fremont, but again, I am pleased that his cruelty and savagery were mentioned with his name.

ANDREW CAVETTE
Fremont

SF water quality control board issues permit requiring nutrient reductions

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO COST \$11B+ REGIONALLY

Submitted by **VIOLETTA MUSELLI**

On Wednesday, July 10, the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board voted to approve a Nutrient Watershed Permit for 40 Bay Area wastewater facilities that requires steep reductions for nutrient levels in treated wastewater discharged to the San Francisco Bay over the next ten years. Nutrients, such as nitrogen and phosphorus, are products from human waste, detergents and other community water uses. These nutrients travel with other sewage to Bay Area wastewater agencies. Along with impacts related to climate change, the San Francisco Bay has been studied to determine if nutrient reduction will prevent future mortality of fish. Specifically, the Regional Board's new permit requires dischargers to reduce dry season total

inorganic nitrogen loads to San Francisco Bay by 40 percent region-wide compared to 2022 loads.

Facility upgrades required to meet the Regional Board's new nutrient load reduction requirements will represent the most significant simultaneous investment of public money in wastewater treatment infrastructure across the Bay Area region since the inception of the Clean Water Act in the 1970s. The necessary upgrades are estimated to cost Bay Area residents and businesses more than \$11 billion dollars. This could translate to a yearly cost increase of several hundred dollars per Bay Area household. As of yet, there are no federal or state funds set aside to defray these costs for Bay Area residents and businesses.

"The Regional Board's action today will trigger 40 facilities to construct billions of dollars in infrastructure upgrades within

10 years," said Lorien Fono, Executive Director of the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies. Fono further states it will cost Bay Area wastewater ratepayers substantially to meet this narrow window of compliance, "While the public wastewater agencies who discharge to the San Francisco Bay are deeply committed to protecting the San Francisco Bay, we believe for a price tag this large for Bay Area residents, the best approach is for the Regional Board to extend the compliance schedule to allow agencies to build multi-benefit recycled water projects that add to the region's water supply while simultaneously reducing nutrient loads."

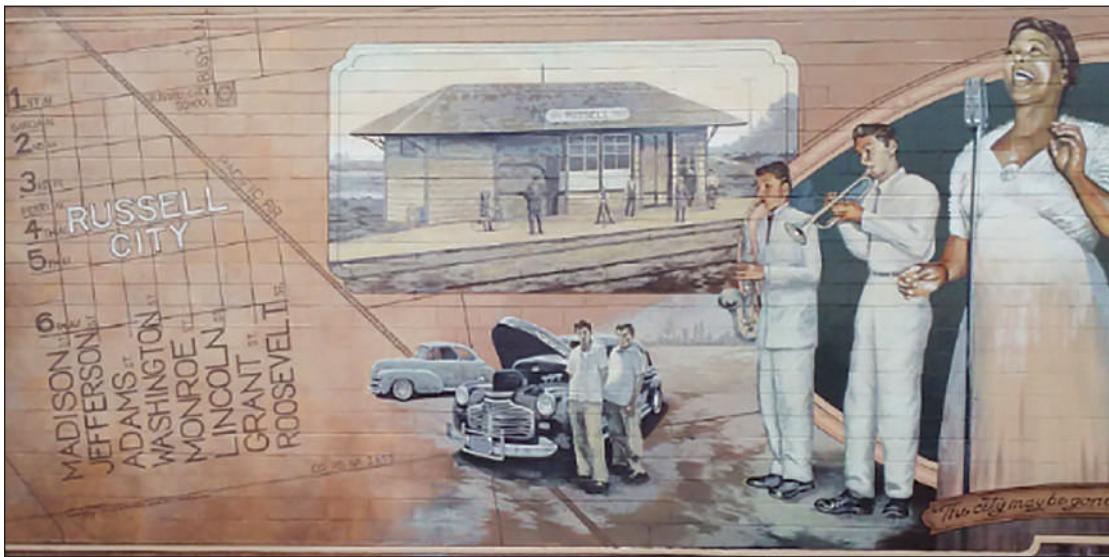
Nutrient reduction projects are very costly and require careful planning because wastewater treatment plants must operate 24 hours a day, even throughout construction. To date, 14 of the 40 regional wastewater facilities have already enhanced nutrient

removal, and several more are implementing upgrades. The 10-year compliance schedule required by the new permit will make implementing large and complex projects difficult. The Water Board adopted a resolution concurrent with the permit adoption directing their staff to explore avenues to extend the Compliance Schedule.

"The current compliance timeline will disincentivize innovative projects in favor of traditional gray infrastructure and projects that can be completed quickly, even if they are not the best for the community," says Fono. "The Regional Board has pledged to work with the State Water Resources Control Board to allow for longer compliance timelines so that we can create a coordinated regional plan that maximizes benefits to people and the environment while managing rate increases."

Online Town Hall meetings to explore Russell City Reparative Justice proposals

FORCED RELOCATION ADDRESSED WITH INPUT FROM FORMER RESIDENTS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS



A mural of Russell City features a street map, train depot and Blues band.

Submitted by **CITY OF HAYWARD**

The City of Hayward will hold a series of Russell City Reparative Justice Project town hall-style meetings and public comment periods to explore proposed reparative responses to the impact of local redevelopment policies on former Russell City residents.

A once unincorporated area of Alameda County located near the Hayward shoreline south of Hayward Executive Airport, Russell City was annexed into the City of Hayward as part of an early 1960s redevelopment plan that entailed the forced relocation of Russell City residents and businesses to make way for industrial development.

The Russell City Reparative Justice Project is the city's response to a recommendation of its Community Services Commission, which called for Hayward to work with former Russell City residents and descendants to "determine appropriate restitution" for its involvement in inequitable treatment of Russell City community members.

Proposed responses to be explored during the upcoming Town Hall meetings were recommendations presented to the Hayward City Council in March 2024 by a Steering Committee of former Russell City residents and descendants.

The town hall-style meetings will take place online on Zoom on five Wednesday evenings in July,

August and September starting on Wednesday, July 24—with each followed by a 16-day public comment period for community members to share additional feedback on the proposals. There will be Spanish interpretation available at all Town Halls.

For more information on the schedule, proposals and how to participate, go online to the Russell City Reparative Justice Project portal on the City of Hayward website and click on the Community Meetings section.

Russell City Reparative Justice Project
<https://www.hayward-ca.gov/rcrjp-portal>

Park District lauds full exoneration of Port Chicago Black sailors

CONCORD PARK KNOWN AS 'HOME OF THE PORT CHICAGO 50'

Submitted by **DAVE MASON, PUBLIC INFORMATION SUPERVISOR**

East Bay Regional Park District General Manager Sabrina Landreth made the following statement July 17 about Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro's full exoneration of African American sailors who were charged in 1944 with mutiny after the explosion at Port Chicago, the worst home front disaster of World War II:

"Today's historic decision by Navy Secretary Del Toro shows leadership unmatched for the preceding 80 years. The Park District has long supported the resolution calling on the Navy to exonerate the Port Chicago 50. We hope today's significant announcement creates momentum for us to realize our dream of a world-class visitor center where people can learn and share important stories of social injustice and civil rights that have shaped history, as well as providing an opportunity to heal and reflect on our collective past, as we look toward a future inclusive of all."

The Park District listened to the community and named the associated park in Concord on the site of the former Naval Weapons Station "Thurgood Marshall Regional Park – Home of the Port Chicago 50." By doing so, the Park District

became the first agency to identify a regularly accessible space for people to discover the courage and legacy of these sailors. The nearby National Park Service Memorial site serves as the final resting place for the sailors who died. The events that occurred at Port Chicago served as a catalyst for civil rights and social justice locally and nationally.

In 2009, President Barack Obama signed the Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial Enhancement Act. Included in that legislation was language that specifically authorized the National Park Service to partner with the Park District to establish a future visitor center within a regional park near the Memorial. A visitor center at the future regional park will provide broader access to the important history of Port Chicago due to access restrictions for the public to reach the actual National Memorial site located within an active Army base.

Read more at:

www.ebparks.org/sites/default/files/ExonerationBrochure-PortChicago50-web-2022-10-4v2.pdf

Marty Kludjian appointed to sanitary district board

Kludjian will serve the remainder of Director Tom Handley's term

Submitted by **MICHELLE POWELL**

Union Sanitary District's (USD) Board of Directors unanimously voted to appoint Marty Kludjian to serve the remainder of late Director Tom Handley's term representing Ward 3 in Fremont. Kludjian will be sworn into office at the District's July 29, 2024 Board meeting.

"USD welcomes Marty Kludjian to the District's Board of Directors and looks forward to working with him," said Board President Jennifer Toy. "During the interview process, Marty demonstrated familiarity with the District's services and strong support for building on its successes. Marty's extensive involvement with local community organizations will be a great foundation to draw upon as the District continues its work to provide reliable, cost-effective service to customers."

The District received six applications by its June 17, 2024 deadline. All applicants were considered during interviews held June 25, June 27, July 8 and



Marty Kludjian will be sworn in to the board on July 29. Photo credit: John Schinkel-Kludjian.

July 10, 2024. On July 10, the Board adopted a unanimous motion to appoint Kludjian to fill the Ward 3 vacancy. At its July 15, 2024 meeting, the Board adopted a resolution memorializing the appointment. Ward 3 encompasses the City of Fremont with the exception of the area west of Interstate 880 and north of Highway 84.

www.unionsanitary.ca.gov

What Newark needs!

Submitted by **CITY OF NEWARK**

Thank you to the hundreds of residents who participated in our recent Community Survey on City service needs and priorities! We are looking forward to incorporating your feedback in this year's budget process.

You told us how important it is that Newark must have control over local funds for local needs to allow the city to continue to be self-reliant in requiring that our tax dollars be spent for Newark residents, with funding that can't be taken by Sacramento.

Residents identified the following city service priorities:

- Repair potholes and city streets.
- Maintain neighborhood police patrols/fire protection and 911/emergency medical response.
- Upgrade fire stations to ensure rapid response times/accommodate modern firefighting and life-saving emergency equipment.
- Enhance parks/recreation programs and maintain sports fields and children's play structures.
- Improve emergency dispatch for rapid response during an earthquake or major disaster.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Congratulations Fremont

Allow me to share the good news with TCV readers that I came across last week through digital media outlets.

According to a recent survey conducted by personal-finance website WalletHub (July 2024) that has named Fremont the "least stressed city in America." That is wonderful news.

Fremont scored 18th among 181 cities in an evaluation that includes lifestyle, financial stability, the lowest crimes and poverty rates while Oakland, Santa Rosa, San Francisco and San Jose are ranked the "most stressed cities" in the greater Bay Area.

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Fremont City Council



Detective Michael Gebhardt was honored for 20 years of service with Fremont Police Department.

July 16, 2024; 7pm

Consent Items

- Selection of Desrie Campbell as Vice Mayor for the period covering July 2024 through March 2025
- Adopt a resolution delegating authority to city manager during City Council recess, July 17, 2024 through September 2, 2024
- Set the Annual Tax Rate for Voter-Approved General Obligation Bonds Debt Service for Fiscal Year 2024/25 and authorize the County of Alameda to collect and enforce the Levy on behalf of the city
- Approval of Plans and Specifications; Award of Contract to Environmental Systems, Inc. (ESI) in the amount of \$1,752,600 (including 15% contingency) for the Police Department Chillers Replacement Project (PWC9097)
- Authorize a service agreement with Deckard Technologies, Inc. to provide short term rental host compliance monitoring services for a term ending June 30, 2029, in an amount not-to-exceed \$138,700

- Approval of Purchase Orders through Cooperative Agreements with The Ford Store San Leandro for the purchase of Ford Fleet Vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$2,305,000 and with National Auto Fleet Group for the purchase of various make vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$321,000
- Execute an On-Call Maintenance Service Agreement with Pitcher Services, LLC., in an amount not to exceed \$750,000
- Approval of agreements for On-Call Civil Design & Project Management Consulting Services in the amount of \$1,250,000 per agreement with BKF Engineers, Consor North America, Inc., and Mark Thomas & Company, Inc.
- Execute Amendment No. 1 to the service agreement with Partners in Communication LLC to increase the not to exceed amount to \$130,000 and extend contract term through August 31, 2024
- Execute a Four-Year Lease Agreement with the State of California for a total of 8,051 square feet of office and common area space for the employment

- development department located at the Family Resource Center
 - Accept \$4,098,000 in Grant Funds from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Housing Incentive Pool (HIP) Program; adopt resolution of local support and the allocation of funds to planned complete street projects along Fremont Boulevard in the Centerville and downtown areas
 - Execute a Proposition 218 Certification and Indemnification Agreement with the County of Alameda for the Collection of Taxes and Assessments for Fiscal Year 2024/25
- Mayor Lily Mei
Desrie Campbell
Teresa Cox
Teresa Keng
Jenny Kassan
Raj Salwan
Yang Shao

- Aye
- Aye
- Aye
- Aye
- Aye
- Aye

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OPINION

Regional promotion

By **BILL MARSHAK**

With part two of "HappyMont" by Panashe Matemba-Mutasa running in this issue, we saw a connection to Bill Marshak's editorial from January 29, 2013, proposing a visitor's bureau to promote truly local features. There is much to see and do within Fremont and the surrounding cities, and the charm goes beyond shopping and consuming. Why not have a central place for visitors to find out what's unique to the area?

One of my pet peeves is the notion that without a "big brother" or "big sister" neighbor, such as Silicon Valley, San Francisco, San Jose, Oakland, etc., the greater Tri-City area has little to offer. I have heard countless times that we are simply a "bedroom community" for more affluent and recognized areas. In my opinion, this is not only untrue, but an indication of a basic inferiority complex that should not be tolerated. The emergence of our area as a vital and essential component of the San Francisco Bay Area is not a recent phenomenon; this area

has been a critical resource of the peninsula and cities of San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose for over a century. Agriculture, manufacturing and recreation have excelled here as well as leadership in water conservation and environmental preservation. Our problem has not been the lack of resources, quality of life or innovation in arts and sciences, rather the promotion of these virtues.

Although business-oriented Chambers of Commerce currently exist in each of our cities and focus on supporting an important sector of our economy, a regional perspective including promotion of a rich quality of life and venues would appeal to visitors and enhance our own self-image. Actions by city-oriented economic development personnel have produced successful outcomes at times including the recent groundbreaking of Whole Foods in Fremont. However, a different, complementary organization - a Convention & Visitor's Bureau - has been used in other locales with success.

It is time to consider a Visitor's Bureau for the Greater Tri-City area. It will not only promote the valuable qualities of our corner of

the world to visitors, but reinforce positive aspects to residents. Ever check out local hotels and see what they promote in brochures and literature for those who visit? Very few, if any, speak of the local amenities. "Local" for many visitors means traveling—and spending their money—many miles from their hotel to cities in the greater Bay Area without much regard for what is available within steps.

A Visitor's Bureau would be tasked with identifying and promoting what we have without municipal bickering. If something is worth promoting, whether in Fremont, Newark, Union City, Hayward or Milpitas, it will be done. This means that visitors will be more likely to hang around at least for a day or two and spend their money in our cities. Instead of slogans of "Shop - (fill in the city)", we would actually promote the beauty and offerings of our area. Over time, the multitude of unfulfilled, dusty plans for museums, convention centers and performing arts venues would not only be revived, but find support, funding and become reality.

THE ROBOT REPORT

Automating food production, one serving at a time

By **MIKE OITZMAN**

The path to success in food robotics is littered with interesting concepts that failed to deliver. Chef Robotics is a young startup that has built a healthy portfolio of clients and iterated quickly over the last two years to mature the capabilities of its autonomous meal assembly solution.

The company is crossing the chasm from early adopters to gain its initial foothold in what promises to be a huge market for food manufacturing automation.

From its San Francisco headquarters, the company has been flying below the radar while doing all the hard work to build, fail, and iterate on the path to a viable roadmap.

Chef Robotics co-founder and CEO Rajat Bhageria was an entrepreneur from an early age, and he brings a unique set of experiences to the job as a startup founder. While he has a bachelor's degree from The Wharton School and a Master's Degree in Robotics and Machine Learning, he is also an articulate communicator. He launched his first startup in high school and wrote a book about his high school experiences before heading to college.

Before launching Chef Robotics, Bhageria approached food automation from a market analyst perspective. He completed a market research study, dissecting the market to better understand where the bottlenecks are in food production and to identify the opportunities.

As he likes to tell it, "Fine dining is extremely complex for AI and robotics. In a typical commercial kitchen, operations are divided into prep, cook, and plating. Interestingly, we learned that assembly or plating the food (what you visually see at Chipotle) is 60-70% of the labor in a non-fine-dining commercial kitchen. The reason is that the labor to do food prep scales sub-linearly with volume since there's a lot of traditional food processing equipment (like Robo Coupe and similar industrial equipment). And cooking you can do in batches so a few people can cook for hundreds. The best place for robotics to start helping food companies overcome the labor shortage and increasing production volume is food assembly."

He said the biggest takeaway from the market research was that early food automation companies got it wrong: they focused on cooking



Chef Robotics food automation pods assemble ready-to-cook meals for leading food manufacturers. Credit: Chef Robotics

with robots. But cooking isn't the labor bottleneck in food production, the most labor-intensive is plating, assembly, and portioning.

Big market

The global robot kitchen market size is projected to grow from \$2.73 billion in 2023 to \$3.35 billion in 2024 at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 22.7%. The market is anticipated to reach \$5.94 billion by 2028, driven by advancements in artificial intelligence, integration with smart homes, and the rise of cloud-connected kitchens.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the food industry has the highest labor shortage of any U.S. industry with 1,137,000 unfilled jobs, a sign that people don't want to work in food preparation or food service. This presents a huge opportunity for automation.

There have been several failures of companies over the years in this market including Zume Pizza, Karakuri, Spycy, and Chowbotics. All of these companies attempted some form of commercial kitchen automation.

In evaluating the market opportunity, Bhageria realized there was a real opportunity in the food manufacturing and plating segment because of terrible worker conditions: long hours inside a refrigerated room, scooping individual servings of peas, potatoes, or rice for

hours on end. This fulfilled one of the key criteria for a successful automation business: eliminating dull and dangerous jobs.

Also, in a restaurant, low-volume, high-mix meal preparation requires generalized skills. While automating high-volume, high-mix applications can be a target market, it's a difficult problem to solve, and it's the hardest problem to train an AI for. Chef Robotics decided to start with high-mix, high-volume applications, where labor availability is a concern, and from which large amounts of data can be gathered to continuously improve the operation and capabilities of the solution.

"To be able to automate a restaurant, you need an extremely intelligent AI system," said Bhageria. "But if you can start in manufacturing, over time you can develop that and get to something more complex like a restaurant. This is similar to what Tesla did – start with the Roadster and over time get to the Model 3."

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If you would like to help sponsor this event, or would like additional information, please contact UCPD Community Coordinator Crystal Raine at UCPDCommunity@unioncity.org.



EARTHTALK® FROM THE EDITORS OF E - THE ENVIRONMENTAL MAGAZINE

Dear EarthTalk: Styrofoam is terrible for the environment and hard to recycle but still prevalent across the U.S. What's being done to phase it out?

Plastic foam, better known under its brand name of Styrofoam, has been used for insulation, packaging and foodware (cups, takeout containers, etc.) for decades. Also known as expanded polystyrene, the foam is made from a carcinogenic chemical called styrene. The material remains prevalent today, especially in the food industry, as countless foodware products are still distributed globally.

The light weight and superior insulating ability of plastic foam makes it a convenient resource for the transportation of goods, but it is also a serious threat to many natural habitats. It can break apart and get picked up by the wind very easily, causing it to disperse rapidly across all kinds of landscapes. In

2022, the International Coastal Cleanup program picked up over 8.7 million plastic foam food containers globally, making it the seventh most common item collected that year. Seals, seabirds and fish tend to mistake the foam for food and eat it, often poisoning them due to the toxic chemicals in the foam. Styrofoam also cannot be properly recycled, though many people recycle it by mistake. As a result, it contaminates recycling efforts, making it more expensive to salvage than to simply manufacture new. The toxic chemicals that are coated on many foams may even harm people, and especially children.

Many governments around the world have taken measures to mitigate the risks. At present, 15 countries, 12 U.S. states and dozens of U.S. cities have banned the sale or distribution of plastic foam in food service establishments. Many citizens have also led successful anti-Styrofoam campaigns by contacting elected officials and educating the public about the benefits of alternatives. Major U.S. efforts to support a transition away from Styrofoam have also been made by organizations such as the



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Department of Environmental Conservation and Environment America. These efforts include enforcement of bans and education to assist food providers in finding new, affordable alternatives. Some exceptions are allowed for the use of plastic foam with mutual aid organizations and nonprofits who need cheap materials, but these communities have otherwise proven that we can run communities without using Styrofoam.

To assist in efforts to ban plastic foam, start by researching the

status of plastic foam laws in your city, state or local community. Effective ways to implement Styrofoam bans include promoting alternative food containers, and bringing your own reusable containers to restaurants for your leftovers. Also, visit the Ocean Conservancy's website to find out if there are any volunteer Coastal Cleanups near you.

CONTACTS

Ocean Conservancy
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 24CV072991 Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA Petitioner of: KULWANT SINGH GANDHAM for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner KULWANT SINGH GANDHAM filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: KULWANT SINGH GANDHAM to KULWANT SINGH

under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6/24 CNS-3832688#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Fictitious Business Name(s): JW HOMES, 1951 CHROMA COMMON #402, FREMONT, CA 94539, County of ALAMEDA Registrant(s): JIAQI WU, 1951 CHROMA COMMON #402, FREMONT, CA 94539, County of ALAMEDA Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to 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/ JIAQI WU

CNS-3829167#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 586087 The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name(s): The Fictitious Business Name Statement filed on JAN 31, 2022 in the County of Alameda: POLYGNON-USA, 5795 FORBES DR., NEWARK, CA 94560, County of ALAMEDA.

CNS-3834063#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Fictitious Business Name(s): IRVINGTON CLEANERS, 3932 WASHINGTON BLVD, FREMONT, CA 94538, County of ALAMEDA Registrant(s): SANJIV KUMAR, 3932 WASHINGTON BLVD, FREMONT, CA 94538, County of ALAMEDA NEELAM SAROI, 3932 WASHINGTON BLVD, FREMONT, CA 94538, County of ALAMEDA Business conducted by: MARRIED COUPLE

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Fictitious Business Name(s): JCD CLEANING SERVICES LLC., 1934 DALISAI CT, STOCKTON, CA 95206 County of ALAMEDA Registrant(s): JCD CLEANING SERVICES LLC., 1934 DALISAI CT, STOCKTON, CA 95206 Business conducted by: a limited liability company

14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6/24 CNS-3829171#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Fictitious Business Name(s): PEST MED, 842 BOGGS AVE STE F, FREMONT, CA 94539 County of ALAMEDA Registrant(s): MICHAEL COLLINS HILL, 1845 EDNAMARY WAY APT E, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94040 KENDRA KESSINGER, 842 BOGGS AVE STE F, FREMONT, CA 94539 MONICA KESSINGER, 842 BOGGS AVE STE F, FREMONT, CA 94539

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Fictitious Business Name(s): COMPONENTRY, 4791 WARM SPRINGS BOULEVARD STE 1 UNIT 315, FREMONT, CA 94539 County of ALAMEDA Registrant(s): KIM COFFEE LLC, 44358 OLD WARM SPRINGS BLVD., FREMONT, CA 94538

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOYCE ELIZABETH COOK

Case No. 24PR083923 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: JOYCE ELIZABETH COOK A Petition for Probate has been filed by BENJAMIN BENTLEY AND BRIAN BENTLEY in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.

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Notice is hereby given that The County of Alameda General Services Agency will receive sealed bids for RFPQ #23007 SRJ Kitchen Renovation NON-MANDATORY VIRTUAL BIDDERS CONFERENCE: Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 10:00AM - To Attend Online: join via Microsoft Teams

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CITY OF UNION CITY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CITY PROJECT NO. 23-24 NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS Sealed proposals for the work shown on the

plans entitled: Decoto Road Project, Phase 1, City Project No. 23-24, 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, July 30, 2024, 2:00 PM PST, at which time they will be publicly opened and read in the Council Chambers of said building.

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.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ANIL JACOB

Case No. 24PR076962 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: ANIL JACOB A Petition for Probate has been filed by EVANGELENE ANIL in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BENJAMIN BENTLEY AND BRIAN BENTLEY

Case No. 24PR083923 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: BENJAMIN BENTLEY AND BRIAN BENTLEY in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.

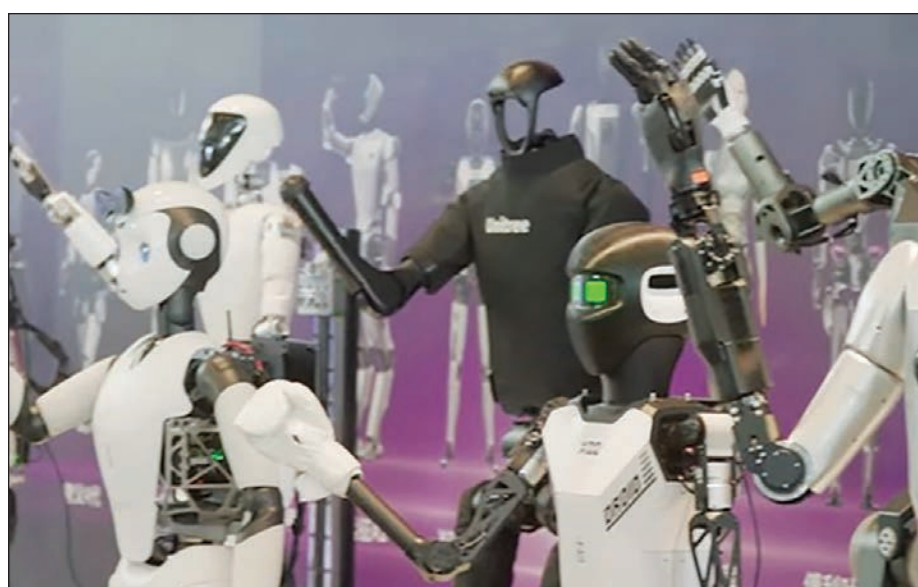
THE ROBOT REPORT

Humanoid Guidelines

CHINA PROPOSES GLOBAL GUIDELINES FOR FUTURE HUMANOID DEVELOPMENT

By MIKE OITZMAN

After almost two years of climbing the hype curve, humanoid robots are reaching the point of maturity where it is becoming viable to deploy them into real-world applications. The race is heating up around the world, as dozens of humanoid robot companies put all of their energy, expertise, and knowledge into the creation of this interesting robot form factor.



The World AI Conference brought together 18 humanoid robotics companies from across China. Photo Credit: WAIC

As reported in the South China Morning Post (SCMP), five Shanghai-based industry organizations have draft a set of guidelines for humanoid robot development in China. These organizations included the Shanghai Law Society, the Shanghai Artificial Intelligence Industry Association, and the National and Local Humanoid Robot Innovation Centre.

The guidelines were published last week in Shanghai during the World Artificial Intelligence Conference (WAIC). The organizations behind the guidelines are advocating for global cooperation, as fledgling companies and mature companies alike all jockey for dominance in this market.

According to the SCMP, 18 humanoid robotics companies demonstrated their systems last week at the WAIC event, including U.S.-based Tesla.

Agility humanoid goes to work

Agility Robotics was not in Shanghai, but it is the first North American company to sell and deploy a humanoid robot into a real warehousing application at GXO. The Agility Robotics Digit was one of the first robots in the humanoid market, with more than a decade of development.

The past 18 months have been a maelstrom of news about the fast-paced progress of humanoid robots, as the companies have attempted to outdo each other week after week with viral marketing videos.

Elon Musk and Tesla have done much to amplify the concept of humanoids and to sell the idea of a future where such robots can do real work on the manufacturing floor, in warehouses, and ultimately (according to Musk) in our homes. Tesla also claimed that it has deployed the Optimus humanoid robot into real manufacturing work, and the company has the advantage of owning its own automotive manufacturing facilities.

This is an advantage for the Optimus product development team, because the team can work closer with their end users than any other humanoid robot company, and close the loop on issues and features. The disadvantage is that Optimus isn't in the same spotlight as the Digit robot, working at a paying customer facility.

Safety is Job 1

With all of the hype, the group of organizations in China sought to pull a set of

guidelines together before all of these young robotics companies got too far ahead of their development efforts and something tragic happened that might cause harm to this emerging market segment.

Echoing the original "3 Laws of Robotics" by Isaac Asimov, the group said it believes that humanoid robots should "safeguard human dignity" and "not threaten human security," according to the SCMP. Embedded in the hype is the potential for humanoids to replace human labor across a wide variety of applications.

This opportunity enralls the investors in this technology, but humanoid developers must also be concerned about the nature of robotic controls and safety deployment protocols in the real world. Nobody wants to see a humanoid robot injure or kill their grandmother, child, or pet.

The "Guidelines for Humanoid Robot Governance" aim to promote the ethical and

secure development of humanoid robots, aligning with human values, rights, and safety. It advocates for global investment, cooperation, and standardization, with robust intellectual property protection and talent development.

Risk management measures include compliance with laws, ethical use training, privacy protection, and emergency response systems. The guidelines also call for global governance, consensus-based regulation, lifecycle management, safety assessments, public education, and global regulatory integration.

It is important to note that no official safety standard currently exists for the humanoid design. Not having an approved safety standard is a barrier to the broad acceptance of humanoids because every paying customer will have to perform a safety risk assessment before deploying these robots in a factory or warehouse.

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers has initiated a Humanoid Study Group to explore all of the current worldwide standards and determine where the gaps are for this form factor. The group will also outline what needs to evolve to create standards around testing, safety, and performance of humanoid robots. I am participating in this inaugural working group, so I'll keep you up to date on the progress of this important project.

Mike Oitzman is Senior Editor of WTWH's Robotics Group and founder of the Mobile Robot Guide. Oitzman is a robotics industry veteran with 25-plus years of experience at various high-tech companies in the roles of marketing, sales and product management. He can be reached at moitzman@wtwhmedia.com.

'Be Their Guest' at StarStruck Theatre's *Beauty and the Beast: The Musical*



The ensemble cast show dance and vocal skill in choreographed numbers. Photo credit: Rosaura Sandoval



Belle (Gracie Wagner) and the Beast/Prince (Neil Basu) captivate with sparkling chemistry. Photo credit: Rosaura Sandoval

By HUGO VERA

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder at StarStruck Theatre's production of *Beauty and the Beast: The Musical*. Based on the Broadway musical adaptation of the iconic 1991 animated Disney film of the same name, Directors Lori and Courtney Stokes' local production offers joy, laughs and thrills for audience members of all ages.

Set in provincial-era France, audiences follow the story of a young woman named Belle and her well-meaning but hapless father Maurice. When Maurice is unexpectedly taken prisoner at a castle belonging to a former prince turned into a hideous monster (after the latter was cursed by an enchantress for his selfish ways), Belle frees her father by taking his place as the Beast's prisoner. As Belle and the Beast grow closer, Belle's unwelcome suitor (a pugnacious hunter named Gaston) looks to end their courtship and force Belle's hand into marriage. All the while, Belle and the Beast embark on a journey to find love and the power to lift the curse imposed on the fallen prince and his subjects.

The crux of the production are undoubtedly the performances of Belle (played by Gracie Wagner) and the Beast/Prince (played by Neil Basu). Wagner and Basu not only have the on-stage chemistry needed to tell a romance story of this scale, but their renditions of the musical's songs elevate the viewing experience. The duo's renditions of tracks (both from the musical and the animated feature film) such as "Belle," "Something There" and "A Change in Me" easily convey the show's themes of hope, redemption and the importance of inner-beauty.

There are no protagonists without an equally effective antagonist poised opposite of them and such a feat is expertly accomplished through Christopher Apy's performance as Gaston. With the use of muscle-padding, physical comedy and on-stage swagger, Apy's Gaston is simultaneously repulsive and charismatic as



L to R: Ishaan Wankhade as Cogsworth, Lici Carey as Mrs. Potts and Russell Lym as Lumiere. Photo credit: Rosaura Sandoval



Christopher Apy's Gaston plays a charismatic villain with physical comedy and swagger. Photo credit: Rosaura Sandoval

the hunter's hubris and antiquated world views ultimately get the better of him. Complementing this performance is AJ Torrado's depiction of Gaston's sidekick Lefou. The duo of Apy and Torrado and their impeccable comedic timing provide much-needed comic relief that provides balance to some of the more surreal and bittersweet aspects of the story.

Other noteworthy acting, dancing and singing performances include those of (but not limited to), Russell Lym as Lumiere, Ishaan Wankhade as Cogsworth, Lici Carey as Mrs. Potts and Araceli Herrera as Chip. This ensemble of characters representing the cursed subjects of the Beast's castle (who find themselves turned into personified versions of household items) utilize a wide range of choreographed dances and immense

vocal talent for larger-than-life performances. Lym and Wankhade's rendition of "Be Our Guest" and Carey's singing of the penultimate "Beauty and the Beast" track are stand-alone triumphs that are elevated even higher by an army of skilled background dancers and stagehands.

Much recognition is also due to the set design whose quality equals (if not exceeds) that of its Broadway counterparts. The use of massive painted backdrops, pyrotechnics and double-sided rotating set pieces assist in transporting the audience from the quiet village life in provincial France to the Beast's imposing Gothic castle before ultimately concluding with the castle's decadent interior during the finale.

For fans of the 1991 animated film, the 2017 live-action adaptation or any other

iteration, StarStruck Theatre's *Beauty and the Beast: The Musical* is sure to capture the hearts and minds of all who attend.

StarStruck Theatre's *Beauty and the Beast: The Musical*
Dates: July 19 - August 4, 2024.
Location: Smith Center at Ohlone College, 43600 Mission Boulevard, Fremont, CA 94539
Showtimes: Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30pm, Sundays at 2:30pm
Tickets, pricing and more information: www.starstruck.org

The Hunchback of Notre Dame at Castro Valley Center

Submitted by TERRY LIEBOWITZ

Producer Dayna Speed knew that this year's summer musical at the Castro Valley Center for the Arts would have to be something special following the success of last season's *Bright Star*. Speed admits that she loves to introduce audiences to new shows and chose another lesser-known musical, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, as this summer's blockbuster. Presented by Castro Valley Arts Foundation and TMC Arts, *Hunchback* runs July 26-August 4. The stage production includes the sweeping Menken and Schwartz score of the Disney animated film and the epic story of the 1831 Victor Hugo novel of love and acceptance. It explores what it means to be truly human. "Above all," Speed shared, "I want to present shows that move people and *Hunchback* fits the bill in spades!"

"The interest in this show has been phenomenal," said Speed. The artistic team comes from all over the Bay Area. Director Enrico Banson is joined by music director Camden Daley, choreographer Katherine Cooper, scenic designer Carrie Mullen, sound designer Joshua Price, and lighting designer Mark Decker. Susanna Susoeff is directing the Castro Valley High Alumni Chorale. "This group of professionals is unmatched!" shared Banson. He explained that at the beginning of every project he asks, "What is the story we want to tell? Whose journey is it?" He sees *Hunchback* as a tale of redemption and

references the lyrics of one of the show's songs, "Someday": "Someday when we are wiser...to live and let live." As his team crafts the story, they create a divisive world where connections can only be bridged through kindness, listening and putting yourself in someone else's shoes.

Come see Danila Burshteyn as Quasimodo, the deformed bell-ringer; Matthew Liebowitz as Dom Claude Frollo, the conflicted archdeacon; Solona Husband as Esmeralda, the fiery Romani woman; and the rest of the exceptional cast. For those of us who never read the weighty tome, we will finally understand the universality of this classic tale.

Tickets are available at cvartsfoundation.org or (510) 889-8961. Parking is free. *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* is appropriate for middle school audiences and older.

The Hunchback of Notre Dame
Friday, Jul 26 – Sunday, Aug 4
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Sun: 2pm
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left to right: Danila Burshteyn (Quasimodo), Matthew Liebowitz (Dom Claude Frollo) and Solona Husband (Esmeralda). Photo by Berenice Sullivan

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MRS. RITA AGUIRRE

May 23, 1925 – July 10, 2024

Chapel of the Chimes is saddened to share the news of the passing of Mrs. Rita Aguirre, aged 99.

She was a devoted Catholic, a loving mother, and a cherished grandmother. Her life was marked by dedication to her family and her unwavering faith. Her wisdom, laughter, and gentle spirit will be dearly missed. She will be joining her late husband, Jose Aguirre.

Born in New Mexico, in 1925 to Victorio and Rosalia. Rita raised four children with love and care. Daughters: Rosemary Aguirre, Irma Breglia, Blanca Garcia and Susan Espinoza. In addition to her children, she leaves behind a legacy of love through her grandchildren; Jose Luis Aguirre, Maricela Tovar, Elena and Samuel Breglia, Elissa and Amanda Espinoza, Alejandro and Elva Mae Garcia. Great Grandchildren: Lorenzo and Claudia Aguirre, Ysabella and Adriana Tovar, and Rose Morales.

Viewing Services will be held at Chapel of the Chimes, Hayward on July 24, 2024. Friends and family are invited to pay their respects and celebrate the life of this remarkable woman.



PATRICIA LEE O'NEILL BUCHANAN

September 25, 1928 – July 7, 2024

Patricia Lee O'Neill Buchanan of Hayward, CA, peacefully entered a new life at 95 years old surrounded by family and loved ones. Pat was an only child born and raised in Woodland, CA, to Leland Frances and Clare Gertrude Rooney O'Neill. She attended the Holy Rosary Academy and thrived in the small-town community. She graduated from UC Berkeley in 1951 as an English major. She married her college sweetheart, Duncan Francis Buchanan, on May 16, 1953, raised 5 children, and worked for 14 years as a social worker in Family Services for the County of Alameda. Pat had varied interests, pursued lifelong learning, and was passionate about social causes contributing significantly to numerous organizations.

She is survived by 4 of her 5 children: Mary Clare Samarron, Paul Duncan Buchanan, Catherine Buchanan Kaneko, and Margaret Mary Read, having lost Maureen Ann Redmond in 2006. She was a proud grandmother of 13: Linda Martinez, Sarah Newcomb, Thomas Samarron, Melissa Redmond Antz, Shannon Redmond, Jason Thorpe-Buchanan, Lillianne Stellmon, Claire, Madeline and Abigail Kaneko, and Rachel, Megan, and Emily Read; and doting great-grandmother to Eli and Skylar Martinez, and Violet and Clementine Stellmon. She will be missed by her family and community.

Family, friends and acquaintances are invited to attend the funeral services at St. Clements Church in Hayward, on Friday, August 16, 2024 at 10 am.



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From Ghana to California - Lally Pia, MD to speak at Banter Books

Submitted by TISH DAVIS

Lally Pia's journey to become a physician began shortly after her birth in Sri Lanka when her father attended a worship service where he was told by a revered holy man that his daughter, Lally, would become "a doctor of doctors." The journey turned out to be a tortuous one.

Forced out of Sri Lanka by ethnic turmoil when Lally was an infant, the family moved to Ghana where Lally eventually attended medical school, only to have a military coup close the medical school and force the family to flee once again. Thus began an unlikely quest across three continents to fulfill the holy man's prophecy and become a physician. Among the challenges she faced were a botched American Green Card application, an abusive marriage, poverty, supporting of two daughters, a job dismembering bodies for the Donated Body Program at UC Davis, and a re-taking of the medical school classes that she had already taken in Ghana. With grit, grace and determination, she became a US citizen and a

successful child and adolescent psychiatrist with a practice in Sacramento.

On Thursday, August 1 at 7pm at Banter Books, Dr. Pia will read from her award-winning book, *The Fortune Teller's Prophecy: A Memoir of an Unlikely Doctor* and answer audience questions. The event is free, but due to space limitations, Banter Books requests that attendees pre-register at <https://banterbookshop.com/events>.

Author event – Lally Pia

Thursday, Aug 1

7pm – 8:30pm

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