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Is tobacco near schools too close for comfort?

TOBACCO RESTRICTIONS SPARK DEBATE IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES

By **CONNIE CHEUNG**

California has some of the toughest tobacco laws in the country. In 2024, Newark and Union City both introduced an additional patchwork of regulations on flavored tobacco products and retail licenses. “I feel like this is a step in the right direction, but there are still lots of holes, and it’s a much weaker ordinance than what Union City has,” said a Newark parent who preferred to remain anonymous because her kids “don’t want their parents to be associated with ratting them out.”

Concerned about her hometown’s historically lax tobacco policies compared to neighboring cities, the parent remains frustrated by the presence of a vape shop in the shopping complex across from her son’s school. Like other locals, she advocates for more limitations on retailer proximity to youth or sensitive areas, as well as caps on issuing new tobacco licenses and transferring existing ones. “I’m not proposing [the shop] should be shut down, but the ordinance should be written in a way such that once the owner is ready to sell the business, it should not be replaced with another tobacco store,” she said.

This perspective pits parents and advocacy groups directly against local businesses. “Nearly 32% of convenience store in-store sales come from tobacco, with e-cigarettes contributing significantly,” wrote a Union City business owner earlier this year, arguing that stringent limitations would only hurt the local economy. Another resident pleaded passionately at a 2024 January city council meeting to leave tobacco licenses alone: “If we can’t sell our business, that’s my dad’s retirement.”

Shop owners argue that excessive restrictions on tobacco products will only fuel a black market. Some media outlets have reported the proliferation of goods online, while others tell stories of six-figures worth of vapes being confiscated from drug dealers allegedly selling to middle school kids. One proprietor of a Newark smoke shop recalled meeting a parent who appeared to select cartridges for her kid: “Do you like this, or this?” the woman asked the teen. When confronted, the customer claimed she was making purchases for herself.

For local retailers who play by the rules, it seems unfair to be punished with sweeping bans due to the actions of a few irresponsible people. “We’re not selling to minors,” said



Vape cartridges are cute but can hold as much nicotine as an entire pack of cigarettes. Photo titled “Pod Vape Systems” by James Dunworth, E-CigaretteDirect, shared under a Creative Commons Attribution 2.0 Generic License.

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New business and milestones in the Tri-Cities were announced in 2024, including Fremont Bank’s new building in Downtown Fremont. Photo Credit: Ron Essex Photography

2024 in review

THE STORIES THAT SHAPED OUR AREA

By **STAFF**

In 2024, the Tri-Cities and the East Bay Area saw changes to local government, big anniversaries for beloved institutions, new parks, businesses opening and some goodbyes from old friends.

Milestones

2024 marks the **East Bay Regional Park District’s 90th** year. The park district was established during the Great Depression, when East Bay residents made known that having access to the outdoors was critical for their welfare. Celebrations were held throughout 2024. tricityvoice.com/tri-city-voice-2024-e-edition-archive/

www.ebparks.org/celebrating-90-years
The City of **Milpitas** celebrated their platinum anniversary of **70 years** on Jan. 26 with an open house at city hall. Milpitas is a diverse community of approximately 80,000 residents. tricityvoice.com/tri-city-voice-2024-e-edition-archive/

On Jun. 2, the **Afro American Cultural and Historical Society** celebrated their golden **50th** anniversary in Newark. Jean Ficklin conceived the idea of a society that would promote education, networking and culture for individuals of African descent in 1974, and now in her 90s, Ficklin is still involved with the organization today. tricityvoice.com/golden-anniversary-for-afro-american-cultural-historical-society/

Also in June, **Fremont Bank** celebrated **60 years** at their new headquarters downtown. Over the decades the bank has stayed true to its community-focused vision. tricityvoice.com/fremont-bank-opening/ tricityvoice.com/fremont-bank-rings-in-60th-anniversary-and-new-headquarters-with-upcoming-celebration/

Goodbyes

After a goodbye holiday season, **Mission Coffee Roasting Company** closed for good in Jan. 2024. Located in a historical building in the Mission San Jose district, the small business survived a move and the pandemic.

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In June, this paper threw a **retirement party** for our founders and longtime owners **Bill and Sharon Marshak**, who ran Tri-City Voice for over 20 years. Current and former employees, community members and local officials gathered to wish them well. The paper also said hello to Dan Pulcrano, Samantha Campos, Daniel Payomo and the rest of the team at Weeklys. tricityvoice.com/tri-city-voice-2024-e-edition-archive/



After more than 20 years, founders of Tri-City Voice Bill and Sharon Marshak, celebrated their well-deserved retirement. Photo by Dave Lepori

In Oct. 2024, **Oakland Zoo** said goodbye to their last remaining elephant. Relocating to The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee, **elephant Osh** has the chance to make new friends. Oakland Zoo will do upgrades on the empty enclosure for the next animal residents. tricityvoice.com/osh-leaves-oakland-zoo-for-elephant-sanctuary/

Parks

After some delays, **Zocalo Park** opened in the unincorporated area of **Ashland** in

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Medfly crisis impacts food programs, local farms

FREMONT FOOD BANK UNABLE TO ACCEPT DONATION FROM CITY’S URBAN FARM UNTIL QUARANTINE LIFTED

By **PANASHE MATEMBA-MUTASA**

For 54 years, the Tri-City Volunteers Food Bank and Mobile Pantry (aka, TCV Food Bank) in Fremont has united farmers and families in need. But a recent Mediterranean Fruit Fly epidemic has put a pause on the distribution of homegrown goods, severing a longstanding connection between local growers and the community they nourish.

“People would just show up with a truckload of food, that was the beautiful thing about this place,” said the food bank’s executive director Linda Leu.

The Medfly infestation began in August with the detection of a single female fly in Fremont, prompting the USDA and California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to institute a quarantine. This measure prohibits the transport and distribution of over 50 types of homegrown “host” fruits, including apples, pears, peaches, plums and tomatoes. While food banks like TCV Food Bank can still receive shipments from large commercial farms, the quality often falls short of produce from local farms, which is fresher, more nutritious and less likely to be treated with harmful herbicides.

Adopting a client-choice model, TCV Food Bank prioritizes providing luxury service for its consumers. Stepping inside feels like entering a well-stocked grocery store, with neatly organized food bins and cheerful volunteers greeting each person. Pre-quarantine, clients could enjoy fresh organic produce, enhancing the experience. Now, they rely on shipments from the Alameda County Food Bank, which Leu said has been inconsistent with quality.

“Like yesterday, we had some real interesting mangoes,” Leu said, chuckling. “There was another day when a truck from the county came and it was only onions because that was all they had.”

Renee Best, a TCV Food Bank volunteer who gives her time twice a week, said that the hardest part of her job now is denying people the opportunity to contribute to their community. She recounted a recent situation that stuck with her.



Mediterranean Fruit Fly epidemic severs a longstanding connection between local growers and the community. All photos courtesy of Taylor Johnson

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Not Exactly Feeling “Happy New Year!” Right Now?

Steps You Can Take—Start 2025 on a Positive Note

“It is possible to feel joyful in spite of everything that is going on today,” says Seema Sehgal, MD. “Start by cultivating gratitude, which can open you up to joy.” Dr. Sehgal, a psychiatrist with Washington Township Medical Foundation (WTMF), has presented multiple seminars on mental health and how to reduce thoughts of anxiety and increase thoughts of joy.

For many, finding things to be grateful about over this past year may be challenging. “Many of us have experienced loss this year,” shares Dr. Sehgal. Nevertheless, she encourages people to focus on what makes them grateful. These can be simple, daily things, like the feel of sun on your face as you go for a walk or a friendly exchange with a co-worker.

Dr. Sehgal is quick to point out that the benefits of gratitude are supported by science. Numerous studies have concluded that people have the capacity to increase their level of gratitude, which in turn has been shown to improve health, lower pain, and increase happiness. “The studies are pretty clear that people who score higher in gratitude have better health,” notes Dr. Sehgal. “Feeling grateful improves mood, sleep, and even cardiovascular function.”

Journal of Gratitude

Dr. Sehgal supports keeping a journal of gratitude to reinforce positive thoughts. “In one of my favorite studies, participants were asked to keep a daily gratitude journal for one week, recording what they felt grateful for each day. At the end of the



week, participants were found to be 2% happier than before—which doesn’t sound like much,” Dr. Sehgal notes. “However, after a month, those same participants, regardless of whether they continued journaling or not, reported being 5% happier. And after six months, they were 9% happier—after just that one week of journaling.”

The amazing thing about gratitude, points out Dr. Sehgal, is that it can be increased with practice. Feeling grateful

becomes easier and more fulfilling over time. “You don’t have to write in a journal every day. You could do it just once a week. Or not write at all and instead set time aside, perhaps first thing in the morning or last thing at night, to think about the things that make you grateful,” she explains. In this way, gratitude can become a habit.

Forgiveness

Another personal step you can take to bring about greater peace of mind is

to forgive people who have hurt you. “Forgiveness is another important part of taking care of your mental health,” says Dr. Sehgal. Forgiveness is similar to gratitude in that it acknowledges and brings into greater focus how people and their actions have affected us. The reason to forgive someone is to allow yourself to let go of the anger and hurt a person caused you. “Anger and resentment can be like poison,” she points out. “But they are like drinking poison yourself and expecting it to make the other person sick. You do not need to forgive someone to make them feel better—forgive someone because you deserve to have peace within yourself. It allows you to move on”

Practicing gratitude could be the reset you need for the new year. One of the most important pieces of advice Dr. Sehgal gives to her patients right now is to keep working on maintaining social connections. “Make staying in touch with people a priority,” she suggests. “And particularly, stay in touch with people in your life who have an attitude of gratefulness. If you are around people who express gratitude, it is easier to have those feelings yourself.”

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“Feeling grateful improves mood, sleep, and even cardiovascular function.”

-Seema Sehgal, MD



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Prasad V. Katta, MD, MRCP
Endocrinologist



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Coping with Grief and Bereavement during the Holidays

Neeru Kumar, MD
Psychiatry



Coping with Grief and Bereavement During the Holidays
Wednesday, Dec. 4, 9 a.m.

Explore how grief can impact our mental health during the holiday season and strategies for coping.



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Prasad Katta, MD
Endocrinology



Diabetes Management: How GLP-1 Medications Work
Wednesday, Dec. 18, 9 a.m.

Join Dr. Prasad Katta as he explains how you can incorporate GLP-1 medications into your diabetes management plan.



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Krishna Suri, DO
Palliative Care Medicine



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Navigating a serious illness can bring new challenges for patients and loved ones. Dr. Krishna Suri explains what it means when palliative care is offered.



Managing Diabetes

Thomas Collins-Pallet, MD
Family Medicine



Managing Diabetes

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

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- Stroke Awareness
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Get Moving One Step at a Time

Local Physical Therapist Offers Tips for Getting Started



“No matter what your current physical condition is, you can improve your health by creating achievable milestones that can boost your motivation and momentum.”
—Matthew Stauffer, DPT

January is here and it’s time to get moving. You don’t have to go to the gym five days a week to get in better shape, but you do need to get started, whether your goal is to run a marathon or just get off the couch.

“Physical activity is medicine for the body,” said Matthew Stauffer, DPT, director of the Washington Outpatient Rehabilitation Center. “It helps you have a better quality of life and continued mobility as you age.”

Physical activity has been tied to many health benefits. It can reduce risk for a number of chronic diseases like diabetes and heart disease. Studies show that physical activity strengthens the heart muscle; increases good cholesterol; and lowers blood pressure, bad cholesterol, and blood sugar. Aerobic exercise and strength training can help prevent osteoporosis by slowing the loss of bone density.

Exercise can also improve mental health. Endorphins are released in the

brain that can help reduce stress, anxiety and depression. “No matter what your current physical condition is, you can improve your health by creating achievable milestones that can boost your motivation and momentum,” he explained. “First, it’s important to think about your goal because it’s hard to get started if you don’t know why you’re doing it. It might be that you want to keep up with your granddaughter, walk two miles with a friend, or enter a triathlon. Maybe you just want to feel better. Knowing why you want to get moving is the first step.”

He encourages people to be kind to themselves and remember that physical fitness looks different for everyone. “It’s not that ripped person you see in pop culture. That’s not a realistic goal for most people,” he added.

Getting started can be overwhelming for anyone, so Stauffer said to focus on incremental milestones that are doable. For example, if you want to be able to

walk to your local park a mile away, start by walking a quarter mile every day for a week. If that goes well, try to walk half a mile a day the following week, and so on. “Focus on your successes, not your failures,” he stressed.

Have Fun

It’s also important to pick something you enjoy doing and find a community, he said. Walking, bicycling and swimming are great activities that can be fun. Get family, friends or co-workers to join you, or find a walking club or other group activity. Your community can help provide motivation as well as accountability.

Home fitness equipment is helpful, but you don’t need it to improve your fitness level. Stairs can be used for step-up exercises and cans or other heavy items around the house can work well as weights.

“Stepping up one stair and then back down can help improve balance and leg strength,” Stauffer explained. “If you don’t have stairs, you can find a curb. Again, it’s

about setting measurable milestones so you can increase the number of step-ups you can do, or the number of times you can lift a water bottle or other hand weight over your head, and you will get closer to your fitness goal.”

There is no magic exercise or fitness routine. It’s really about finding an activity you can be passionate about and doing it.

Stauffer added, “Just get out there and start moving. It’s OK to feel aches and pains as your body gets used to movement, but slow and steady wins the race. Don’t overdo it and don’t forget to stay focused on your successes.”

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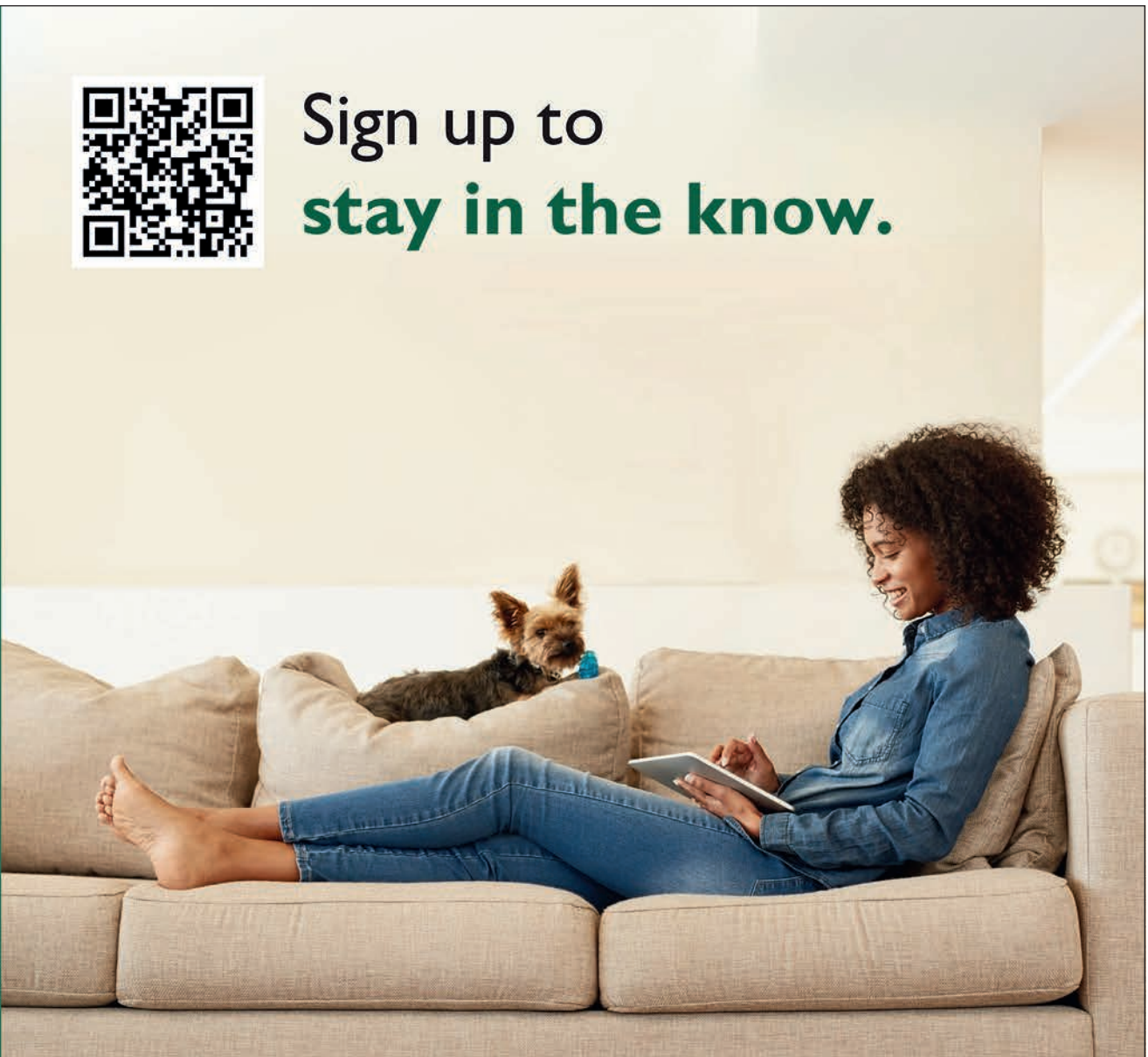
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Tri-City History A-Z in Photographs #12: Library

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

Library (noun): A building or room containing collections of books, periodicals and online resources for people to read, borrow or refer to.



The Washington Hotel, with the Mission San Jose branch library on the lower floor, around 1910. The library was in the northwest corner of the building, and the building was located on the east side of Vallejo Street (now Mission Boulevard) just south of the Old Mission buildings. (Mission San Jose) All photos courtesy of Washington Township Museum of Local History.



Interior of the Newark Library, 1911. This first Alameda County Library unincorporated Newark location was housed in a bungalow on Filbert Street, furnished by the Newark Development Company. Newark's first librarian was Mabel Fowler Callow. She is seen here working at her desk in the back room. (Newark)



Albert Norris Senior and his grandchild stand in front of the Alvarado Library. The County Free library stood at today's Smith Street and Vallejo Street. The building is now gone, replaced by the Old Alvarado Public Parking Plaza. The Alameda County Free Library logo can be seen on the building. (Alvarado)



Warm Springs Library, pictured around 1920. Joseph S. Brown and Manuel Azeveda established the Warm Springs Library in February 1912 in the same building that housed the general merchandise store. In 1960, the library was closed and an Alameda County Library Bookmobile began service in the same location. (Warm Springs)

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

Hayward and AC Transit appoints new board members



Hayward City Council elected Dr. Ana Alvarez as city manager. Photo courtesy of City of Hayward

By **STAFF**

The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (H.A.R.D.) elected Louis M. Andrade as Board President for 2025. He has worked with H.A.R.D. as a board member since 1994. At the board's Dec. 16 meeting, they also elected Sarah Lamnin as Vice President and Rick J. Hatcher as Secretary to the five-member board. www.HaywardRec.org

Hayward City Council elected Dr. Ana Alvarez as city manager. She will assume her new position on Jan. 9. Alvarez was elected after a six-month recruitment process, succeeding Kelly McAdoo who left the position in May. Most recently Alvarez served as deputy general manager for East Bay Regional Park District. In addition to 30 years of experience in municipal government, she has a Doctor of Policy, Planning and Development

degree and a master's degree in public administration. www.hayward-ca.gov

The Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit) Board of Directors appointed Kathleen Kelly as Interim General Manager. Kelly assumed the role on Dec. 16. She succeeds Michael Hursch in the role. Now the board will begin a national search for a long term general manager. actransit.org

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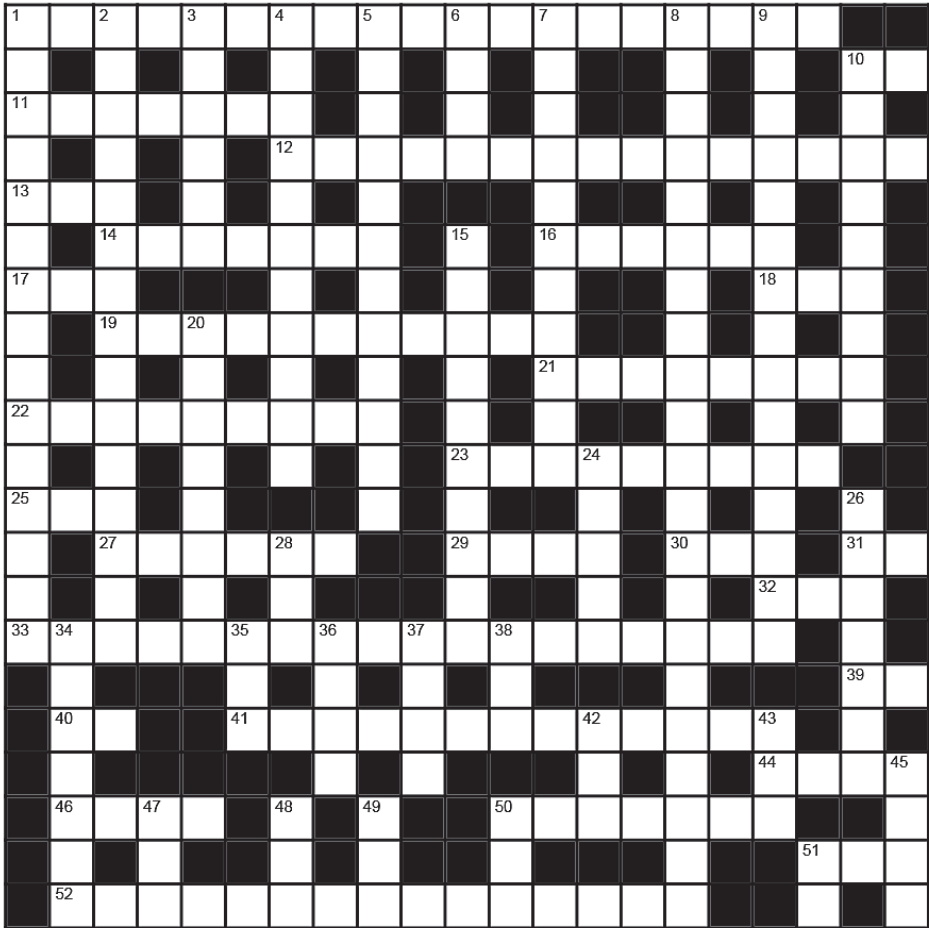
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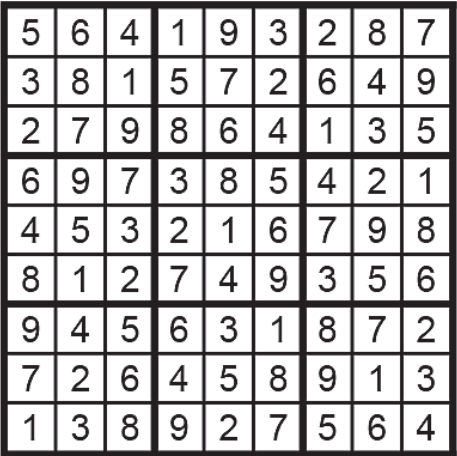
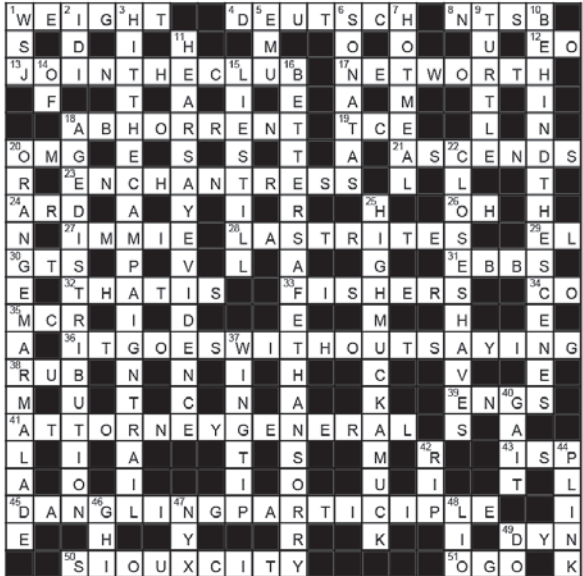
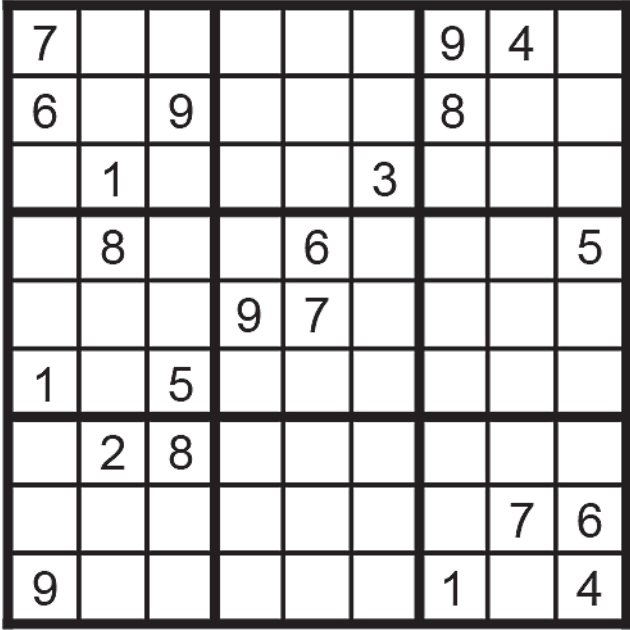
Crossword Puzzle



Across		40	"No kidding!" (2)	10	Support a Guns N' Roses guitarist? (9)
1	Come what may (7,5,3,4)	41	Old yarn (5-4,4)	15	Chipmunk's facial feature (5,5)
10	Happen (2)	44	Chinook salmon (4)	20	Heraldic (8)
11	Division (7)	46	Christian name (4)	24	Lucy's husband (5)
12	Literary profile (9,6)	50	E-mails anew (7)	26	Delivery aid (3,4)
13	___ and about (3)	51	Fold: Fr. (3)	28	Caribbean music (3)
14	Bonelike (7)	52	Shape shifter? (8,7)	34	Accumulate cumulus (5,2)
16	Come by (6)			35	AIDS treatment drug (3)
17	Bard's nightfall (3)	Down		36	River nymph (4)
18	Calder Cup rink org. (3)	1	Succumb to seasickness (4,4,7)	37	So-so grades (4)
19	Allowing light to pass through (11)	2	Exactly (5,2,3,5)	38	I love: Lat. (3)
21	Places for gates (8)	3	Online newsgroup system (6)	42	"Der Ring ___ Nibelungen" (3)
22	Gawker feature? (9)	4	Lenten treat (3,5,3)	43	Aliens, for short (3)
23	Sponsorship (9)	5	Around-the-world speed record breaker, 1938 (6,6)	45	___ chief (mag. boss) (4)
25	Hootchy-___ (3)	6	Actor Michael, costar of "Juno" (4)	47	Crew member (3)
27	German/Polish border river (6)	7	Boy with his head in the clouds? (8,3)	48	Once more: Abbr. (3)
29	Acid related to gout (4)	8	This puzzle's theme, whose first notes are indicated by shaded squares (3,4-8,6)	49	Add-on (3)
30	Epic Chinese author ___ Guanzhong (3)	9	Low ground (8,7)	50	Lisbon street (3)
31	That thing (2)			51	3.14 (2)
32	Available, at a bar (3)				
33	Between ___. (6,3,9)				
39	Belonging to (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 DECEMBER 31, 2024

All Signs: New Year's Day is a laid-back day—perfect for lounging around and watching movies. Keep in mind that as this New Year begins, we're still under the influence of retrograde Mars until Feb. 24. Wait until then to start a new job or open a new business. In the meantime, be skillful in dealing with old resentments and disappointments. This year will usher in a "Power to the People" movement, which will last for 20 years. Mind boggling technological advances will occur. I'll discuss this next week. Warmest wishes to you all for a Happy New Year!

Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20):

You're high viz. People admire you and think you're competent and capable even if you don't do anything special. This is the power of good lighting! (The Sun is at the top of your chart.) You will also find it pleasing and rewarding dealing with friends and groups. You're keen to make travel plans as well as study and learn something new. Many of you are still downsizing and letting go of stuff that you no longer need. However, relations with kids or romantic partners might be challenging. This tension will subside by March.

Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20):

Your mind is filled with travel plans. Do whatever you can because you need an adventurous shift. You might also explore study, finishing a manuscript or publishing. Fortunately, this is a great week to make your pitch to a boss because they will be receptive. Discussions about shared property, inheritances and debt can be productive. Be patient with home and family issues. A lot of this is old stuff coming to the surface. It's not easy figuring out what to do or how to be wise. But you can be tolerant.

Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20):

As this year begins, you're giving more thought to inheritances, shared property, taxes, and debt. Perhaps you want to have better defined boundaries? Unfortunately, communications with others are strained, especially with siblings, because Mars is retrograde in this

part of your chart. Discussions with partners and close friends can be meaningful. In the meantime, if you can grab a getaway trip for pleasure and fun – do it. It will make you feel so good.

Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21):

This year begins with the Sun opposite your sign, and the Sun is your source of energy. This means it is as far away from you as it can get all year. We're not talking 93 million miles. We're talking about five inches on your chart. This is why you will tire more easily. On the whole, relations with partners and close friends are positive. You're keen to work this week. Even though favors and money might come to you, issues related to your job and money might unearth secrets and resentments.

Leo the Lion (July 22-August 22):

Although you will enjoy socializing this week, you're also keen to be productive. In fact, you'll work efficiently to get the best results. Mars is retrograde in your sign, which can make you worried about past issues that might resurface and drag you down. You will also feel low energy. Yet, if someone challenges you, you might over react because you're off your game. The last time Mars was retrograde in your sign was 15 years ago. Cut yourself some slack. You're still the same entertaining, witty, caring, insecure person we all love.

Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22):

You were in fine form for the holidays, and this blessing

continues into the new year. This is because the Sun is in one of the most fun-loving parts of your chart. It's easy for you to enjoy the small pleasures in life. Fortunately, relations with coworkers are warm and supportive. Your reputation is excellent. It's timely that you have this support because privately, you might feel suppressed anger with others. You might even feel angry with yourself as you reassess past actions because retrograde Mars can bring hidden enemies to light.

Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22):

Your focus on home and family continues as this year begins. This is one reason you will welcome a chance to hide at home and take it easy. You need to recuperate and restore yourself after the holiday festivities. Nevertheless, you're keen to chat and learn new things. Short trips might appeal. Past hurts with friends and acquaintances will be uppermost in your mind. Let these feelings go. They serve you no purpose.

Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21):

You feel revved up as this year begins! You're eager to take short trips, explore new experiences and talk to everyone. Many of you are in school or signing up for courses. Relations with family members are warm and supportive. You're enjoying your home; in fact, many of you are still entertaining. Don't worry if you're not sure about your life direction. With retrograde Mars taking place at the top of your chart, your future looks uncertain. In reality, your future is going to unfold. Wait until March

to get a better idea of the path that you will choose.

Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21):

As this year begins, you're charming and diplomatic with everyone. This will energize your social life and make dealing with your everyday world more pleasant. You will see how much love there is in your everyday life. You will also enjoy the beauty of your daily surroundings. This might prompt you to rethink your values. You might feel frustrated about achieving your goals, especially in publishing, higher education and travel. You might also be in conflict with someone about beliefs or ideologies. Take time for patience, reflection and honest communication.

Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19):

You begin this year with confidence and energy because the Sun is in your sign. This is one of the blessings of being a Capricorn. This year is full of wonderful opportunities to improve your health as well as to improve your job. Meanwhile, this week you might buy pretty things for yourself and loved ones. Fortunately, you will also see ways to make money. Disputes about inheritances and shared property might get nasty because old resentments are exposed. Postpone important decisions until March. Be patient.

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

You begin this year in a low-key way because the Sun is hiding in your chart. It's the perfect time to

seek out some solitude. With Venus in your sign, you're charming, diplomatic and attractive. Nevertheless, partnerships (both professional and personal) have been challenging because problems and secrets from the past have resurfaced. Miscommunications and passive-aggressive behaviour might emerge. Delay important decisions regarding your relationships until March. Practice patience.

Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20):

Your popularity continues! This will make it easy for you to work and cooperate with others, especially in groups or organizations. It's also important to be yourself among your friends. Don't pretend to be anyone that you aren't. Secret love affairs might be taking place. Your greatest source of angst right now is your job and health. The thing to know is that the problems that are surfacing in these areas will be far easier to deal with in March. In fact, March might bring solutions. It will certainly bring hope and a sense of direction.



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Losing community connection as donations are turned away



USDA and California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) instituted a quarantine prohibiting the transport and distribution of 50 "host" fruits.

"One time someone showed up with a whole lemon tree and I had to turn them away," she said. "It's sad, just seeing the looks on their faces."

With no expiration date set for the quarantine, TCV Food Bank staff fear losing touch with their dedicated donors. Leu hopes that when the quarantine is lifted, local supporters will return, remembering the crucial role they play in sustaining the food bank.

"It's a really big channel for engagement that has been taken away from us," Leu said. "When donors come here and actually see the people they're serving, it inspires them. It's more personal."

One of TCV Food Bank's key food donors is LEAF (Local Ecology and Agriculture Fremont), the city's first urban farm. Operated entirely by volunteers, LEAF is transforming a large plot of land into a thriving urban garden. Rows of vibrant collard greens, butternut squash, tomatoes and more fill the space. President Elaine Owyang expressed her frustration over the Medfly crisis, lamenting that despite an abundance of fresh produce, she has nowhere to send it.

"We can't give out our tomatoes, so we take them home and make tomato sauce," Owyang said. "But we'd rather be donating them to people who need them."

For more info, visit tcvfoodbank.org and fremontleaf.org.



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City of Fremont announces \$100,000 hiring bonus for Lateral Police Officers

THE CITY HAS IMPLEMENTED PROGRAMS TO INCREASE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF EXISTING POLICE OFFICERS

Submitted by
CITY OF FREMONT

The City of Fremont has established a new \$100,000

signing bonus for up to 10 newly hired Lateral Police Officers. The bonus is one of the nation's largest law enforcement hiring incentives, significantly increasing the city's current \$20,000 Lateral Police Officer signing bonus.

In addition to the new hiring incentive, the city has recently established additional hiring incentive programs aimed at improving retention and

benefits for existing police officers. In recent years the law enforcement profession has experienced a dramatic decrease in applicants and despite the many challenges contributing to the current vacancy rate within our Police Department, the city has been actively implementing measures to overcome this obstacle.

Since January, the city has hired 17 police officers. Despite accelerated

marketing and recruitment efforts to increase the number of applicants in recent years, the vacancy rate has fluctuated between 30-35 officer jobs at any given time. The vacancy rate is attributed to a variety of factors including less applicants interested in a law enforcement career. Over the last five years, the Fremont Police Officer's Association (FPA) has received a 30.5% salary increase and recently

accepted additional retention benefits mid-contract to further address the vacancy rate.

Other noteworthy hiring and retention incentives recently approved for Fremont Police Officers include an expedited hiring and training program for lateral officers, a double-overtime pilot program, and new longevity pay for officers who have served for eight years.

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HAPPY SILLY NEW YEAR!

Start 2025 with smiles and laughs with these silly games! Being silly can bring smiles and laughs to your friends and family, too!

New Year Bingo

- Cut out these bingo cards and give one to each player.
- Once the game starts, everyone looks or listens for the words on their card.
- When you see or hear one of these words related to New Year's celebrations, cross it out.
- After one hour, time's up! The player who crossed out the most words wins!

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple written directions.



New Year Guessing Game

Each player chooses something related to New Year celebrations, like balloons or confetti. The other players ask YES or NO questions to try and guess what it is, asking no more than 20 questions. Each time someone asks a question with a NO answer, they have to dance and cluck like a chicken!



Hey, kid! That is **NOT** how I dance! What the heck?

Stinky Sock Game

Seat everyone in a circle. Quickly pass a pair of rolled-up socks around as music plays. When the music stops, the person holding the socks leaves the game. The last person left is the Toe-tally Tops!

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple written directions.



How many socks do you see here?

Extra! Extra! Silly Headlines

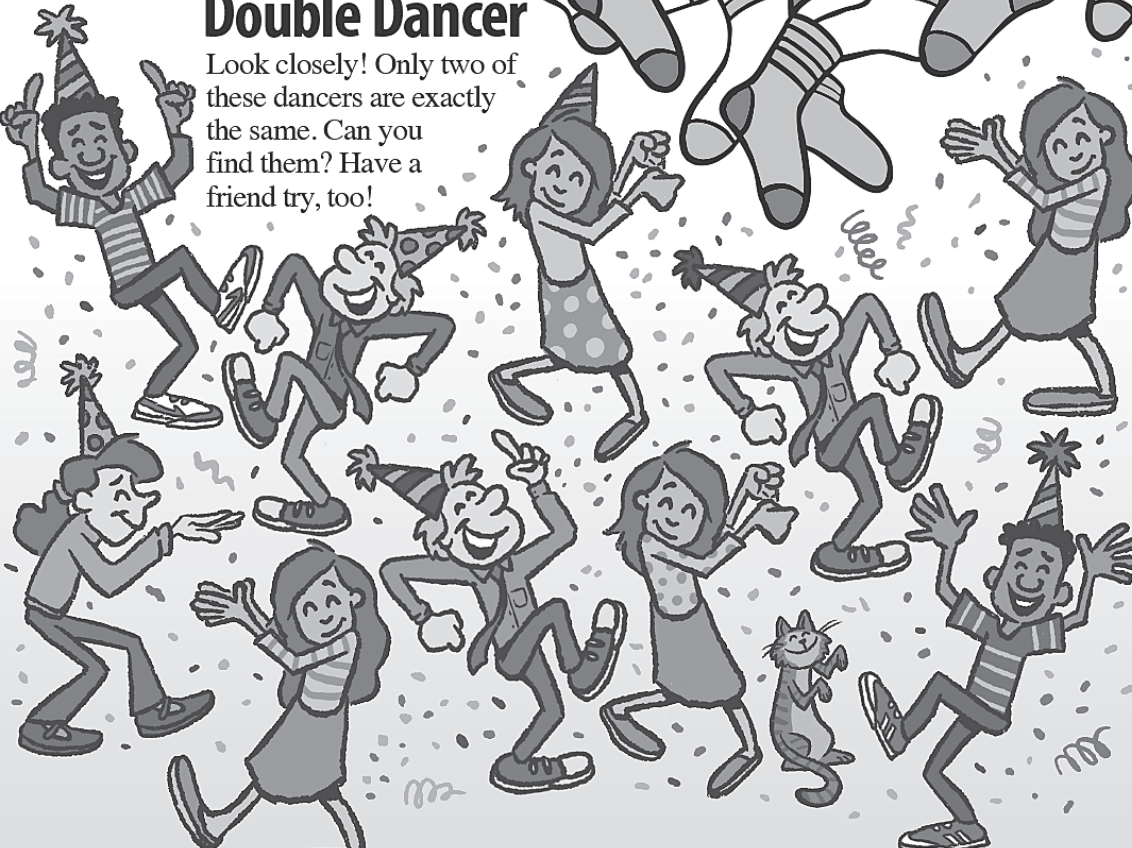
Clip newspaper headlines and paste them together to create silly news items. For example:


Spaghetti rocket travels to MOON hotel

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple written directions.

Double Dancer

Look closely! Only two of these dancers are exactly the same. Can you find them? Have a friend try, too!





Kid Scoop Together Funny Fill-In

Ask a family member for each kind of word below. Then fill in the blanks to create a very silly story to read aloud!

Our Annual Silly New Year Party

My parents like to host a New Year's Eve party every year. And these _____ parties are hilarious!

Dad likes to wear a party hat made from _____ and _____.

Mom wears a _____ gown covered with sparkly _____.

They greet each of their guests by shouting "_____!"

_____ music plays as everyone _____ begins to dance and _____.

Ambrose has a _____ voice and likes to _____ loudly.

People bring lots of _____ appetizers and _____ snacks, such as cheesy _____, sweet _____ and spicy _____ on toothpicks. Aunt Clara always fills the punch bowl with _____ which the guests look forward to each year.

As the clock strikes midnight, everyone shouts "_____!" and many _____ are dropped from upstairs onto the surprised and delighted party guests. It's sure a _____ way to start the New Year!

Kid Scoop® Puzzler

Toilet Paper Tower Toss

Make a tall tower of toilet paper rolls. Take turns trying to knock over as many rolls as you can by tossing a rolled up sock at the tower three times.



Which player knocked over the most rolls? Add up how many rolls they knocked over with each turn to see who won.

Aziz	6	4	2
Carlos	3	2	4
Kendra	4	4	5
Anna	1	4	6
Mia	5	2	3

Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums and differences.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

ASK
BALL
CLOCK
DANCE
GAME
HOUR
MIDNIGHT
MOON
MUSIC
PARADE
PARTY
SOCK
TOSS
TOWER
YEAR

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

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This week's word: CELEBRATE

The verb **celebrate** means to do something enjoyable for a special holiday or occasion.

We always **celebrate** New Year's Eve at my cousin's party.

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



FROM THE Kid Scoop® LESSON LIBRARY

What's New?

Look through the newspaper for three things that didn't exist when your parents were born. Ask them which of these things made the biggest difference in their lives.

Standards Link: Follow simple written instructions.



What do frogs shout on the first day of January?

ANSWER: "Happy New Year!"



Write On! Let's Get Silly!

How would you like to get silly in the New Year? What silly things would you do? Write about them.



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EmpowerHer has donated over 10,000 hygiene products to women in need



Members of EmpowerHer donated sanitary products to shelters like Shepherd’s Gate. Photo courtesy of EmpowerHer

SPOORTHI BEDADAM’S MISSION SUPPORTS WOMEN AND PROMOTES SUSTAINABILITY

Submitted by
EMPOWERHER

Spoorthi Bedadam, a passionate junior at Dougherty Valley High School, has turned her compassion into action through her nonprofit organization, EmpowerHer. Founded during her freshman year, EmpowerHer combines environmental sustainability with a deeply personal mission to support

women in need, particularly those who struggle to afford essential hygiene products. The core mission of EmpowerHer is twofold. The first part focuses on environmental impact: Spoorthi creates and sells reusable tote bags adorned with hand-painted designs to reduce plastic usage at local farmers markets. These eco-friendly bags are stylish alternatives to single-use plastics, encouraging shoppers to make sustainable choices. However, the second mission that lies closest to Spoorthi’s heart is helping women who lack access to essential sanitary products. Proceeds from the sale of her tote bags are used to

purchase hygiene products such as sanitary pads, soaps, combs and body creams, which are then given to women in shelters like Tri-Valley Haven and Shepherd’s gate. “For many women in underserved communities, accessing sanitary products is a constant struggle,” Spoorthi explained. “I wanted to create a solution that not only empowers the environment, but also addresses this pressing need, giving women the dignity and support they deserve.” Since its inception, EmpowerHer has raised approximately \$2,000, enabling the organization to donate over 10,000

essential items. These contributions have made a significant difference in the lives of women and families supported by local charities. “Knowing that we are helping women meet their basic needs is incredibly rewarding,” Spoorthi shared. “It motivates me to keep going and find even more ways to make an impact.” EmpowerHer has garnered praise from local organizations for its efforts to uplift women in the community. Representatives from Tri-Valley Haven, expressed their gratitude: “Spoorthi’s contributions have been transformative for many women who face daily challenges. Her work

through EmpowerHer is not only inspiring, but also vital for addressing a critical gap in support.” Spoorthi’s journey with EmpowerHer highlights her exceptional leadership and commitment to making a difference. Balancing academics with her nonprofit work, she has shown that young leaders can drive meaningful change. Her innovative approach to sustainability and philanthropy sets an example for others. Looking ahead, Spoorthi plans to expand EmpowerHer’s reach, aiming to support more women in underserved communities while continuing to promote

sustainable practices. “EmpowerHer is about giving back in every sense of the word—helping the planet and helping people, especially women, who need it most,” Spoorthi said. EmpowerHer is more than a nonprofit; it is a movement fueled by compassion, creativity, and a commitment to empowering women and protecting the planet. Spoorthi Bedadam’s initiative proves that with determination and heart, even small steps can lead to transformative change.

Ohlone faculty of the month and major donation



Ohlone College received a \$200,000 donation from the DiMino Foundation.

By **STAFF**

Ohlone College has chosen Dr. Teresa Massimo of the Communication Studies department as faculty of the month for Dec. 2024. Her courses include public speaking and intercultural communication. She is also director of the

Communication Lab. Massimo has worked at the college for 24 years. In December 2024, Ohlone College received a \$200,000 donation from The Frank DiMino Foundation, which they will use for the Lytton Center for History and the Public Good. The DiMino

Foundation first donated to the school in 2018, with a gift of 9.8 Million. Lytton center programs include funding library resources, hosting a speaker series and providing grants for student public arts projects. These projects include field trips, cultural activities and performances,

and booking speaking engagements with artists and researchers. Grants also go toward student artwork that beautifies the campus—for example the owl mosaic sculpture outside the art building.



Dr. Teresa Massimo has worked at Ohlone for 24 years. Photos courtesy of Ohlone College

Home & Garden

Holiday plants can be keepers



Cyclamen with white, pink, rose, lavender or bicolor flowers look like shooting stars. All photos credit to MelindaMyers.com



Frosty Fern is actually a type of moss.



Lemon Cypress with its upright growth makes an excellent holiday plant.

By **MELINDA MYERS**

Add colorful flair to your holiday décor and gift-giving by including a few unique holiday plants. You and your gift recipients will appreciate their uniqueness and beauty throughout the holidays and beyond.

Poinsettias are a favorite and now you can find unique colors from Pure White to Hot Pink, and others with variegated leaves or flowers, which are actually modified leaves called bracts, like Sparkling Rouge.

Include some other unique holiday plants available from your favorite garden center. You'll find a variety of cyclamen plants with plain or ruffled white, pink, rose, lavender or bicolor flowers

that look like shooting stars. The blooms hover over heart-shaped leaves with silvery highlights. These plants prefer cool, bright, draft-free locations. Water when the soil is dry just below the surface.

Use miniature cyclamen and poinsettias as a place card holder at your next gathering or to brighten any small space. Dress up the dinner table, mantle or side table with one of the larger varieties. Large or small, any holiday plant makes wonderful party favors and hostess gifts. Place the plants in a decorative container, basket or colorful tin for a more impressive display. Be sure to include care directions.

Add a bit of lemon fragrance with the chartreuse foliage of Lemon Cypress (*Hesperocyparis macrocarpa* formerly *Cupressus*

macrocarpa). Its narrow upright growth habit makes it an excellent holiday plant. Grow it in a sunny window with six to eight hours of sunlight a day. Water thoroughly when the top inch or two of the soil is dry. Group it with other plants or set the pot on a gravel tray. The pebbles elevate the pot above the water in the saucer, avoiding root rot while increasing humidity around the plant. Those gardening in Zones 7 and warmer can grow this as a landscape plant. Those in colder climates can move it outdoors for summer and back inside in the fall.

Frosty Fern (*Selaginella*) with white-tipped, scalelike leaves has become a recent holiday favorite. It is a spike moss, not a true fern, and thrives in moist soil with good

drainage. Use distilled or rainwater for the best results and check soil moisture several times a week. This is a perfect plant for those that tend to overwater. Grow frosty fern with other houseplants, on a gravel tray or under a glass enclosure like a terrarium or Wardian case as it requires high humidity to survive. Place this plant in a bright location out of direct sunlight. Don't be alarmed as the white tips will fade as spring approaches but the texture continues to add interest to any indoor plant collection.

Whether giving, receiving or buying some for yourself, living gifts like these will brighten anyone's mood and indoor décor.

Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including

Midwest Gardener's Handbook, Revised Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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New Year, New Habits: Splash Into Water-Saving Resolutions

Start 2025 with these water-saving tips and keep conserving all year long!

- Reduce shower times.
- Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes.
- Scrape food scraps off plates before rinsing.
- Convert lawn to water-efficient landscape.
- Install a rain barrel and harvest rainwater from downspouts.
- Inspect your landscape and home regularly for leaks and make repairs if needed.

Have a happy and healthy new year! For more water saving ideas and rebate information, visit acwd.org/conserve.

Arts & Entertainment

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

award-winning artist Marsha Heimbecker of San Mateo. Portola Art Gallery 75 Arbor Rd., Menlo Park www.portolaartgallery.com 650.321.0220

Sundays - Saturdays
Recreational Swim \$
12:30pm - 5pm
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. Donation accepted. Larry Orozco Teen Workshop 33623 Mission Blvd., Union City 510.675.5487 www.unioncity.org/723/Larry-O-Teen-Workshop RobertS@unioncity.org Second and fourth Sundays of the month

Upcoming Events
Tuesday, Dec. 31
Hand on Science
1:30- 3:00pm
Meet and greet Oreos, the King Snake from Coyote Hills Regional Park. Oreos does cool, interesting things like shedding their skin. Excited to hear more? Come to meet Oreos!
Fremont Main Library 2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont 510.745.1400 aclibrary.bibliocommons.com/events

Tuesday, Dec. 31
New Year's Spectacular \$
8pm
Improv games and an audience inspired improv movie plot. With party favors and a champagne or sparkling cider toast to celebrate the new year!
Made Up Theatre 4000 Bay St. 2F, Fremont https://madeuptheatre.com/

Wednesday, Jan 1
New Year's Day Half Marathon 10K 5K R\$ 8:30am
Start the year off by hitting the trails at Lake Chabot Regional Park. Lake Chabot, Castro Valley https://brazenracing.com/newyearsday/

Wednesday, Jan. 1
New Year's Wassailing the trees
10:30am – 12 noon
Help make freshly pressed apple cider that we'll drink as

we celebrate New Year's the Victorian way by wassailing the trees. This is a drop-in program; no registration is required.
Ardenwood Historic Farm 34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont 510.544.2797 Free

Wednesday, Jan. 1
Mysterious Monarchs
1:30 – 2:30pm
Ardenwood's eucalyptus grove is one of the historic overwintering sites used by monarch butterflies along the California coast. Meet at the Greenhouse to explore this special place and see if any of these mysterious insects are in residence this season. This is a drop-in program; no registration is required. Ardenwood admission fee applies. Ardenwood Historic Farm 34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont 510.544.2797 Free

Thursday, Jan. 2
Tiny Art Show
All day
Pick up a tiny canvas from the reference desk. Draw, paint, or collage your artwork onto the canvas. Return your finished canvas to the library by Jan. 25, 2025 to be included in the art show.
Union City Library 34007 Alvarado-Niles Rd., Union City 510.745.1464

Saturday, Jan. 4
Fix-a-flat Bicycle Workshop
11am – 12:30pm
Bike Easy Bay will teach you the basics of finding holes and patching flat tires, an essential cycling skill for anyone. For all ages.
Fremont Main Library 2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont 510.745.1400 aclibrary.bibliocommons.com/events

Saturday, Jan. 4
Portrait Drawing
2:30 – 4:30pm
Masha Lakhtikova is an artist and an art teacher who specializes in portraits. Masha will demystify portrait drawing for beginners and provide new insights for intermediate students.
Newark Library 37055 Newark Blvd., Newark 510.284.0675

Saturday, Jan. 4
Bird Exploration
9 – 11am
New and experienced birders alike join us as we discover

patterns of behavior, migration, and habitat.
Sunol Visitor Center 1895 Geary Rd., Sunol 510.544.3245

Wednesday, Jan. 8
US Citizenship Exam Prep Class
10am – 12pm
This is a class to help you prepare for the US Naturalization interview.
Newark Library 37055 Newark Blvd., Newark 510.284.0675

Saturday, Jan. 11
Nature Learning Center Open House
10am – 2pm
Looking for some adventure? Join us at the Nature Learning Center's Open House for a day of discovery!
Nature Learning Center 40224 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont

Monday, Jan. 13
Appointments for Tax-Aide
AARP Tax-Aide returns to the Castro Valley Library for appointment-only, on-site tax preparation on Wednesdays and Thursdays starting February 5, 2025 through April 10, 2025. No walk-ins are permitted. The library will start taking appointments on Monday, January 13, 2025, by phone or in person.
Castro Valley Library 3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley 510.667.7900

Tuesday, Jan. 21
Artist informational session
6:30 - 8:30pm
For artists (visual, performance, musical, literary) who are interested in participating and learning more about Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month in April
Artist Walk 3888 Artist Walk Common, Fremont fremontcreates.com

Saturday, Jan. 25
Diamonds in Education Gala
6 – 10pm
Help raise funds for students. Buffet dinner, casino games, live and silent auction and more
Paradise Ballroom 4100 Peralta Blvd., Fremont www.diamondsineducation.com Tickets: \$175/ \$150

Continuing Events:
Mondays and Tuesdays
Practice Your English at Fremont Main Library
Monday: 7pm - 8pm (starting 11/4)
Tuesday: 4pm - 5pm
Practice English with tutors. Fremont Main Library 2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont aclibrary.org

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
Music and Storytime
11:30am - 12pm
Join us for stories, music, and movement. For babies, toddlers, kids, and preschoolers.
Cherryland Community Center 278 Hampton Road, Hayward 510.626.8522

Tuesdays
Comfort & Joy Ukulele R
1:30pm - 3pm
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

Wednesday, Dec. 4 – Friday, Feb. 21
The Bridge and the Point: A Photographic Investigation
11am – 4pm
Exhibit images were shot by students in the Advanced Photography class at Ohlone College during the Fall 2024 semester. Professor Paul Mueller and his class visited abandoned industrial areas around Alameda Point and Dumbarton Bridge, places familiar to those who live in the area, but generally overlooked by everyone else.
Louie-Meager Art Gallery, Smith Center for Fine and Performing Arts Ohlone College 43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont
Free and open to the public

Wednesdays, Jan. 8 – Mar. 5
US Citizenship Exam Prep Class
10am – 12pm
This is a class to help you prepare for the US Naturalization interview.
Newark Library 37055 Newark Blvd., Newark 510.284.0675

Thursdays
Family Board Game Night
3:30pm - 5:30pm
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

Thursdays and Saturdays
Story Time
10:30am - 11am
Picture book story time
Banter Bookshop 3768 Capitol Ave. Ste. F, Fremont 510.565.1004 bit.ly/3VFpbpc

Saturday, Dec. 21, 2024 - Friday, Jan. 11, 2025
Castro Valley Library Reading Winter Challenge
All-day
Children are invited to stop by the Castro Valley Library to pick up a game board for the Winter Reading Challenge. Young readers will be able to read to earn prizes including a final prize from generous local business Beard Papas. Pre-readers will be able to complete literacy activities and earn small prizes along the way.
3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley 510.667.7900

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
Ashland Community Center 1530 167th Ave., San Leandro Noel Munivez: 510.317.2303 munn@HaywardRec.org

Sundays
Farmyard Games
1pm
Try your hand at classic American pastimes including stilts, sack races, and the potato-spoon race. Drop-in program; Ardenwood admission fee applies.
Ardenwood Farms 34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont 510.544-2797

Sunday, Dec. 1 – Monday, Jan. 14
Life is a Joy Exhibit
11am – 4pm
Portola Art Gallery presents “Life is a Joy - New and Recent Works Inspired by Tomorrow and Yesterday,” expressive oil paintings by

Niles Essanay January 2025 offerings

By **STAFF**

Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum is starting off 2025 with a lineup of their traditional Saturday night shows, covering the works of Buster Keaton, Charlie Chaplin, and more, preceded by vintage film

shorts. Events also spill over into Friday and Sunday. The first film night of the year on Jan. 4 features the Buster Keaton film Spite Marriage, a story about a fan marrying a popular actress. The second Saturday of the month is Feel My Pulse, where a woman inherits a sanitarium that's actually a

front for bootleggers. In the middle of the month the theater will show a Sunday matinee and Friday night movie, both “talkies.” Jan. 12, starting at 3pm, is a lineup of Laurel & Hardy, Our Gang, and Charley Chase shorts, while the next Friday, Jan. 17 is the Marx Brothers film The Coconuts, where the quirky

characters take over a Florida hotel. On Jan. 18, three films (Dancing Mothers, “The Mothering Heart,” and “The Making of Broncho Billy”) are accompanied by a book signing from Simone O. Elias, author of Old Films, Young Eyes: A Teenage Take on Hollywood's Golden

Age, which explores how old movies can resonate with teens in the age of social media. The month ends with a comedy shorts night on Jan. 25, starring Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton, Harold Lloyd, and Laurel & Hardy. Doors open at 7pm on Saturday; requested donation

is \$8 for members, \$10 for not yet members.

Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum
37417 Niles Blvd., Fremont nilesfilmmuseum.org

Menorah Lighting held in Downtown Fremont



About 120 came out to the 12th annual Chanukah Lighting in Fremont. All photos by Andrew Cavette.

By **STAFF**

Chabad of Fremont held the 12th annual Menorah lighting to celebrate Chanukah at the Downtown Fremont Event Center and Plaza on Dec. 29, the fifth night of the holiday. About 120 residents attended.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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PLAINTIFF-IN-INTERVENTION'S STATEMENT OF DAMAGES
COMPLAINT-IN-INTERVENTION FILED:
OCTOBER 13, 2023
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
UNLIMITED JURISDICTION
CASE NO. 22CV016190
CITY OF FREMONT, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PETITIONER, V.
LESZEK J. SZYMANSKI; AND DOES 1-25, RESPONDENTS
ZCA HOMES LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PLAINTIFF-IN-INTERVENTION,
V.
LESZEK J. SZYMANSKI; AND DOES 26-35, INCLUSIVE,
DEFENDANTS-IN-INTERVENTION
Plaintiff-In-Intervention ZCA HOMES, LLC ("ZCA") submits the following Statement of Damages pursuant to C.C.P. Section 425.11(c):
ZCA seeks damages in the above-entitled action against Defendant-In-Intervention Leszek J. Szymanski as follows:
(1) Damages for breach of contract in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00
(2) Interest at a rate of 10% per year on damages from October 24, 2022, until judgment is entered.
(3) Attorney fees in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.
(4) Costs in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00.
Dated: 12/6/2024
Alvis Quashnock and Associates, LLP
By: Marie G. Quashnock
3341 Walnut Blvd., Suite 350
Brentwood, CA 94513
Telephone (925) 516-1617
Facsimile: (925) 775-7008
marie@aqalegal.com
Attorneys for Plaintiff ZCA Homes, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company
12/17, 12/24, 12/31/24, 1/7/25
CNS-3878533#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 611072
Fictitious Business Name(s):
TANGO CONSTRUCTION, 715 37TH STREET, OAKLAND, CA 94609 County of ALAMEDA
MAILING ADDRESS: 2075 SACRAMENTO STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94702
Registrant(s):
TUAN NGO, 2075 SACRAMENTO STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94702
Business conducted by: an Individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2020.
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/ TUAN NGO,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 12/06/2024.
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/31/24, 1/7, 1/14, 1/21/25
CNS-3882250#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610922
Fictitious Business Name(s):
EASY CLEANING SQUAD, 3573 EUGENE ST, FREMONT, CA 94538 County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
ANDRESSA FERREIRA, 3573 EUGENE ST, FREMONT, CA 94538
Business conducted by: an Individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2024.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
S/ ANDRESSA FERREIRA,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 11/27/2024.
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
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12/24, 12/31/24, 1/7, 1/14/25
CNS-3881295#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 611133
Fictitious Business Name(s):
UNITY L4 INTERNATIONAL, 35958 COPPER ST., UNION CITY, CA, 94587, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
YIRUN LI, 35958 COPPER ST., UNION CITY, CA 94587
YUXIA LI, 35958 COPPER ST., UNION CITY, CA 94587
Business conducted by: MARRIED COUPLE
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
S/ YIRUN LI
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 12/11/2024.
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
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12/24, 12/31/24, 1/7, 1/14/25
CNS-3880396#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610965
Fictitious Business Name(s):
THE SVL AGENCY, 36167 EASTERDAY WAY, FREMONT, CA 94536 County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
SILICON VALLEY LATINO INC, 36167 EASTERDAY WAY, FREMONT, CA 94536
Business conducted by: a Corporation
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09/16/2024.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
S/ ALEJANDRO ONTIVEROS
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 12/03/2024.
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of

Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/24, 12/31/24, 1/7, 1/14/25
CNS-3880394#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610948
Fictitious Business Name(s):
DOTCOM, 34618 FREMONT BLVD, FREMONT, CA 94555 County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
UZMA ALMAKKY, 34618 FREMONT BLVD, FREMONT, CA 94555
Business conducted by: an Individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 8/19/1995.
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/ UZMA ALMAKKY,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 12/02/2024.
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
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12/24, 12/31/24, 1/7, 1/14/25
CNS-3879962#

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 593508
The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name(s):
The Fictitious Business Name Statement filed on 11/18/2022 in the County of Alameda.
MAGIKID ROBOTICS LAB, 2675 STEVENSON BLVD #101, FREMONT, CA, County of: 94538.
Registered Owner(s):
ROBOTECO INC., 3685 MADISON COMMON, FREMONT, CA 94538
This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to this section that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ YUNJIA XU
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda County on DEC 09, 2024.
12/17, 12/24, 12/31/24, 1/7/25
CNS-3879064#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 611075
Fictitious Business Name(s):
DOMESTIC TRUCK DRIVING SCHOOL, 7921 ENTERPRISE DRIVE UNIT E, NEWARK, CA 94560 County of ALAMEDA
MAILING ADDRESS:4414 CRERTFIELD DR., SAN RAMON, CA 94582
Registrant(s):
SHARIF AHMED AHMADI,4414 CRERTFIELD DR., SAN RAMON, CA 94582
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/01/2020
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/ SHARIF AHMED AHMADI
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 12/06/2024
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
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12/17, 12/24, 12/31/24, 1/7/25
CNS-3879061#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610564
Fictitious Business Name(s):
TINA NAFEI CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC, 1860 MOWRY AVE, FREMONT, CA 94538 County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
TINA NAFEI, 1860 MOWRY AVE SUITE 303, FREMONT, CA 94538
Business conducted by: an Individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/25/2007.
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/ TINA NAFEI,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 11/12/2024.
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
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12/17, 12/24, 12/31/24, 1/7/25
CNS-3879025#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 611071
Fictitious Business Name(s):
GENIUS KIDS FREMONT MISSION, 43423 MISSION BLVD., FREMONT, CA 94539, County of ALAMEDA
MAILING ADDRESS: 990 YUCATAN CT., FREMONT, CA 94539
Registrant(s):
SHIKSHA LLC, 990 YUCATAN CT., FREMONT, CA 94539
Business conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 07/01/2023
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
S/ VAISHNAVEE RAGAVAN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 12/06/2024
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
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12/17, 12/24, 12/31/24, 1/7/25
CNS-3878126#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610876
Fictitious Business Name(s):
STARBIRD, 33018 CARRARA TERRACE, UNION CITY, CA 94587 - 2164 COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):
FLORENCE TSANG, 33018 CARRARA TERRACE, UNION CITY, CA 94587
Business conducted by: an Individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 08/15/2024.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
S/ FLORENCE TSANG,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 11/26/2024.
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/17, 12/24, 12/31/24, 1/7/25
CNS-3877294#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610944
Fictitious Business Name(s):
KHAKH COURIERS, 29394 TAYLOR AVE, HAYWARD, CA 94544 County of ALAMEDA
MAILING ADDRESS: PO BOX 55031, HAYWARD, CA 94544
Registrant(s):
PARAMJIT SINGH KHAKH, PO BOX 55031, HAYWARD, CA 94545
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/18/2019
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
S/ PARAMJIT SINGH KHAKH
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 12/02/2024
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/17, 12/24, 12/31/24, 1/7/25
CNS-3877292#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610923
Fictitious Business Name(s):
MASTERING SPANISH, 6404 MARKET AVE., NEWARK, CA 94560, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
TSU-KE WANG, 6404 MARKET AVE., NEWARK, CA 94560
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/02/2024
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
S/ TSU-KE WANG
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 12/02/2024
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/10, 12/17, 12/24, 12/31/24
CNS-3877014#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610773
Fictitious Business Name(s):
CASH NOW FREMONT, 38790 PASEO PADRE PKWY, FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
SA FINANCIALS INC., 38790 PASEO PADRE PKWY, FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDA
Business conducted by: A CORPORATION
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/04/2003
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/ SUKHRAJ GHUMAN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 11/21/2024
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/10, 12/17, 12/24, 12/31/24
CNS-3877005#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610788
Fictitious Business Name(s):
MISSION PEAK BROKRES / MISSION PEAK / MISSION PEAK FINANCIAL SERVICES / MISSION PEAK BUSINESS BROKERS / MISSION PEAK COMMERCIAL BROKERS / MISSION PEAK COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE / MISSION PEAK COMMERCIAL LOANS / MISSION PEAK LOANS / MISSION PEAK BUSINESS LOANS / MISSION PEAK COMMERCIAL GROUP / MISSION PEAL CAPITAL / MISSION PEAK PROPERTIES / MISSION PEAK REAL ESTATE ADVISORS / MISSION PEAK BUSINESS ADVISORS / MISSION PEAK INVESTMENT ADVISORS / MISSION PEAK FUNDING GROUP / HARRY SIDHU / MISSION PEAK REALTY / MISSION PEAK REAL ESTATE SERVICES, 46560 FREMONT BLVD, STE 111, FREMONT, CA 94538, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
MISSION PEAK BROKERS INC., 46560 FREMONT BLVD STE 111, FREMONT, CA 94538
Business conducted by: A CORPORATION
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/12/2010
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
S/ HARPREET SIDHU
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 11/22/2024
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious

business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/10, 12/17, 12/24, 12/31/24

CNS-3875854#
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610759
Fictitious Business Name(s):
AUTO EMPORIUM, 420 MOWRY AVE #A, FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDA
MAILING ADDRESS: 28720 VISTA GRANDE DR., HAYWARD, CA 94544
Registrant(s):
MUHAMMAD IMRAN, 28720 VISTA GRANDE DR., HAYWARD, CA 94544
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/23/24
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/ MUHAMMAD IMRAN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 11/21/2024
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/10, 12/17, 12/24, 12/31/24
CNS-3875726#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610598
Fictitious Business Name(s):
DUTY FREE TERPENES, 30099 AHERN AVE, UNION CITY, CA 94587 County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
TERPENE BELT PROCESSING, LLC, 30099 AHERN AVE, UNION CITY, CA 94587
Business conducted by: a limited liability company
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2023.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
S/ SHAREEF E SISSI
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 11/13/2024
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/10, 12/17, 12/24, 12/31/24
CNS-3875726#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610764
Fictitious Business Name(s):
EHSAAH CANDES, EHSAAH,3312 MORNING VIEW TERRACE, FREMONT, CA 94539, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
PARUL PATEL, 3312 MORNING VIEW TERRACE, FREMONT, CA 94539, County of ALAMEDA
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
S/ PARUL PATEL
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 11/21/2024
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/10, 12/17, 12/24, 12/31/24
CNS-3875721#

GOVERNMENT

CITY OF FREMONT PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the City of Fremont City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the following proposal. Said public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 14, 2025, Council Chambers, 3300 Capitol Ave., Bldg. A, Fremont, CA, at which time all interested parties may be heard and be recorded:
2024 Code Update - Housing Element Implementation - Citywide - PLN2025-00074 - Public Hearing (Published Notice) To Consider Adoption of a Resolution for Objective Design Standards for Historic Homes Associated with State law Compliance and an Ordinance for Exemption of 15183 (Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning), and to Consider Exemptions for the Proposed Amendments From the Requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Each on a Separate and Independent Basis, Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061 (Review for Exemption), §15183 (Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning), §15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies), and §15378 (Project).
PALISADE FREMONT BOULEVARD - Fremont Boulevard & Ice House Terrace - PLN2024-00090 - Public Hearing (Published Notice) To Consider a Proposed General Plan Amendment From Regional Commercial to Tech Industrial, Corresponding Rezoning from Commercial - Regional (C-R) to Tech Industrial (I-T), Discretionary Design Review, to Facilitate the Development of an Approximately 70,000-Square-Foot Industrial Building, and to Consider a Draft Negative Declaration Prepared and Circulated for the Project in Accordance With the Requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
Information on how to participate will be made available, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting, on the agenda posted online.
If you challenge any decision of the City Council in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.
SUSAN GAUTHIER, CMC – CITY CLERK
12/31/24
CNS-3881374#

CITY OF FREMONT SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE
As Introduced December 17, 2024
SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FREMONT AMENDING VARIOUS CHAPTERS OF FREMONT MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE), TITLE 8 (HEALTH AND SAFETY), TITLE 17 (SUBDIVISIONS), TITLE 18 (PLANNING AND ZONING) TO CLARIFY AND ENHANCE DEFINITIONS, PROCEDURES, AND STANDARDS RELATED TO DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY AND IMPLEMENT PROGRAM 35 OF THE CITY'S 2023-2031 HOUSING ELEMENT, AND MAKING FINDINGS OF CEQA EXEMPTION (PLN2025-00065)
On December 17, 2024, the Fremont City Council introduced the above ordinance, amending various chapters of Fremont Municipal Code Title 2 (Administration and Finance), Title 8 (Health and Safety), Title 17 (Subdivisions), Title 18 (Planning And Zoning) to clarify and enhance definitions, procedures, and standards related to development and use of property within the city

and implement Program 35 of the City's 2023-2031 Housing Element; and making findings of CEQA exemption (PLN2025-00065).
A certified copy of the full text of the ordinance is posted in the office of the City Clerk, 3300 Capitol Avenue, Fremont, and is available for review upon request. The second reading for adoption is currently scheduled for January 7, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall, 3300 Capitol Avenue, Fremont.
SUSAN GAUTHIER, CMC – CITY CLERK
12/31/24
CNS-3881366#

CITY OF UNION CITY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CITY PROJECT NO. 23-26 NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed bids for the main distribution switchboard specifications entitled: **PROCUREMENT OF MAIN DISTRIBUTION SWITCHBOARD, CITY PROJECT NO. 23-26**, 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, January 13th, 2025, 1:30PM PST**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read in the Council Chambers of said building.
Bids are required for the entire work described herein. This contract is subject to the State contract nondiscrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code section 22950.
Bid Package & Bid Package Location: All of the project work is to be done in accordance with the bid package on file with the Public Works Department - City of Union City, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, California 94587. Eligibility to bid on this project requires bid package to be electronically obtained from the City. Bid package may be obtained at no charge via email request to the City at publicworks@unioncity.org. Non-biddable plans and specifications shall be available to view at various Builders' Exchanges throughout the Bay Area and on the City of Union City website at www.unioncity.org.
General Work Description: The City of Union City is seeking bids for the procurement of one (1) Main Distribution Switchboard (MDS) that will meet the requirement listed in the specification document.
All questions should be emailed or fax to **Tommy Cho, email: tommyc@unioncity.org**. The bidder must include bidder's security in an amount of at least ten (10) percent of the total of the bid price. Bidder that elects to provide bidder's security in the form of a bid bond must execute a bid bond using the form provided.
The City reserves the right to reject any and all quotes and/or to waive any quotes irregularities to the extent permitted by the law. If the City elects to award a contract to procure the switchboard, the contract will be awarded in accordance with California Public Contract Code Section 20162 and other applicable law to the responsible bidder submitting a responsive bid with the lowest bid price. All bids will remain valid for 90 days after the bid opening.
12/24, 12/31/24, 1/7/25
CNS-3879584#

PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER SCOTT MIROV CASE NO. 24PR102940
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: CHRISTOPHER MIROV
A Petition for Probate has been filed by RUSSELL MIROV in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.
The Petition for Probate requests that RUSSELL MIROV be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on JANUARY 29, 2025 at 9:45 A.M. in Dept. 201 Room N/A located at 2120 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR WAY, BERKELEY, CA 94704.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Petitioner: 540 DEODARA DR, LOS ALTOS, CA 94024, Telephone: 650-533-8448
12/24, 12/31/24, 1/7/25
CNS-3881274#

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SUSAN M. FITZSIMMONS CASE NO. 24PR102454
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: SUSAN M. FITZSIMMONS
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JEAN M. FITZSIMMONS

PUBLIC NOTICES

hearing time.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner: JOSEPH D. DERMER - SBN 237985
5448 THORNWOOD DRIVE, SUITE 200
SAN JOSE CA 95123
Telephone: (408) 395-5111
12/17, 12/24, 12/31/24

CNS-3879123#

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF GRACE C. TEXERA CASE NO. 24PR101157

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: GRACE C. TEXERA
A Petition for Probate has been filed by STEVEN TEXERA in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.
The Petition for Probate requests that STEVEN TEXERA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on 1/17/2025 at 9:45 A.M. in Dept. 202 Room N/A located at 2120 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR WAY, BERKELEY, CA

94704.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner: SRIJANA DHAKHWA, 900 MISSION AVE 11C, SAN RAFAEL, CA 94901, Telephone: 415-488-5552
12/17, 12/24, 12/31/24

CNS-3878110#

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOSEPH HAICHIAG CHOU AKA JOSEPH HAICHIANG CHOU CASE NO. 24PR097097

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: JOSEPH HAICHIAG CHOU AKA JOSEPH HAICHIANG CHOU
A Petition for Probate has been filed by LILIAN CHOU AND KENNETH CHOU in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.
The Petition for Probate requests that LILIAN CHOU AND KENNETH CHOU be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on 1/6/2025 at 9:45 A.M. in Dept.

202 Room N/A located at 2120 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR WAY, BERKELEY, CA 94707.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner: LILIAN CHOU & KENNETH CHOU, DONAHUE FITZGERALD LLP, 1999 HARRISON STREET, 26TH FLOOR, OAKLAND, CA 94612, Telephone: 510-451-3300
12/17, 12/24, 12/31/24

CNS-3877413#

PUBLIC AUCTION/SALES

Storage Auction of household goods to be held online at www.storageauctions.com on 1/7/25 by Flat Rate Moving Systems, located at 3656 Enterprise Ave, Hayward, CA 94545. The following accounts will be auctioned: Austin Hills, Ava Love, Beverly Mitchell, Brandi Cecil, Cherryleen Montemayor, Joan & Tristen Marzink, Maximilian Fischer, and Shivam Ashoka.
12/31/24

CNS-3882223#

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION / LIEN SALE
NOTICE HEREBY IS GIVEN that a mobilehome registered to GEORGIA R. MAGG aka GEORGIA R. MAAG and OMAR BRODRICK (TOD Beneficiary), and described as a 1971 ESPRIT mobilehome, Decal Number ABD5726, Serial Number S869, Label/Insignia Number A478942, and stored on property owned by Millennium Housing of California ("The Tropics MHP"), at 33000 Almaden Boulevard, Union City, CA 94587, Alameda County (specifically, those goods located/stored at 291 Maui Circle within the park), will be sold by public auction at The Tropics MHP on January 21, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. and such succeeding sale days as may be necessary, and the proceeds of the sale will be applied to the satisfaction of the lien, including the reasonable charges of notice, advertisement, and sale, as

well as costs and attorney's fees pursuant to contract statute and/or law.
This sale is by public auction on a certified funds basis (money orders, cashier's or traveler's checks only). **Must have money order(s), cashier's/traveler's check(s) made payable to Millennium Housing of California to participate/bid.** NO cash, NO personal checks, NO business checks, NO guarantees or letters of credit allowed. NO exceptions. Payment is due and payable immediately following the sale. The mobilehome and/or contents are sold as is, where is, with no guarantees. The Tropics MHP reserves all rights. This sale is conducted under the authority of California Civil Code § 798.56a and Commercial Code §§ 7209-7210.
DATED: December 5, 2024
/S/ Stephanie D. Rice
LAW OFFICES OF JOSEPH W. CARROLL, P.C.
Attorney for Millennium Housing of California
610 Fulton Avenue, Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95825
(916) 443-9000

12/24, 12/31/24

CNS-3881665#

TRUSTEE SALES

T.S. No. 126996-CA APN: 543-312-24 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 9/24/2018, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 2/5/2025 at 12:00 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 9/28/2018 as Instrument No. 2018189103 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Alameda County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: MARY ALICE SASS, AS TRUSTEE OF THE 2007 SASS LIVING TRUST DATED MARCH 23, 2007 WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; AT THE FALLON ST. EMERGENCY EXIT OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1225 FALLON ST. , OAKLAND, CA 94612 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: LOT 29 BLOCK 3, AS SAID LOT IS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF TRACT 3002, NORTHGATE UNIT NO. 1, CITY OF FREMONT, ALAMEDA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, FILED JULY 25, 1968 IN BOOK 57 OF MAPS, PAGES 73 TO 79, INCLUSIVE, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF ALAMEDA COUNTY. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 34216 AUCLAND PL, FREMONT, CA 94555-2326 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation

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Monarchs listed as threatened



The federal government recently granted threatened status to monarch butterflies after a decade of petitioning by green groups. Credit: Pexels.com.

From THE EDITORS OF E - THE ENVIRONMENTAL MAGAZINE

Dear EarthTalk: What is the status of the monarch butterfly in the U.S. and is it listed as threatened or endangered? -- M. Smith, Raleigh, NC

The monarch butterfly, known for its awe-inspiring migration across North America, has become a symbol of both ecological wonder and environmental decline. Once abundant across the continent, their numbers have plummeted in recent decades, raising concerns about the species' long-term survival.

In 2014, the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD),

a leading conservation group, petitioned the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) to list the monarch as "threatened." FSW launched a review of the butterfly's status, concluding six years later that listing was warranted although other species took priority. In 2022, CBD filed a federal lawsuit and won a settlement calling for the government to decide whether to list monarchs by late 2024, which FSW did in December, finally granted "threatened" status to the species.

The monarch's eastern population, which migrates from the U.S. and Canada to central Mexico for the winter, has experienced a staggering 80 percent drop over the past 20 years,

largely due to habitat loss, especially the destruction of milkweed—the sole food source for monarch larvae. The widespread use of herbicides and pesticides kill both milkweed and other pollinator-friendly plants. Climate is compounding the issue by altering the availability of suitable habitats, affecting migration patterns. The monarch's western population migrates along the U.S. West Coast to winter in California, and has also seen a drastic decline. It has not yet been listed as threatened or endangered by FWS, but the western monarch is still considered to be in serious jeopardy, with some estimates suggesting a 99 percent decline since the 1980s.

Being listed as "threatened" means that while monarchs are not yet in immediate danger of extinction, their populations are at significant risk. This status has prompted federal agencies to prioritize monarch conservation, leading to a variety of initiatives aimed at halting or reversing the decline. FWS has created a recovery plan, which includes restoring migratory and breeding habitats, reducing pesticide use and raising public awareness about the importance of monarchs and pollinators in general.

Despite official recognition of the problem and action, habitat destruction continues at an alarming rate, exacerbated by logging and urban sprawl. In

response, conservation and governmental agencies and researchers are all working toward restoring monarch habitats and promoting the planting of milkweed.

Everyone can play a role in helping the monarchs. Readers can help by planting milkweed in your garden, backyard or community space. You can also reduce pesticide use in your yard and choose organic gardening practices. Support organizations working to protect monarch habitats and advocate for policies that protect pollinators and raise awareness about their decline can also create broader change.

CONTACTS: FSW, <https://www.fws.gov/> initiative/pollinators/monarchs; Monarch Watch,

<https://www.monarchwatch.org>; Monarch Joint Venture, <https://monarchjointventure.org>.

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Resident of Redwood City
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ALOAH JANET KING
October 17, 1928 – December 4, 2024



Aloah Janet King of Fremont California passed away on December 4, 2024. Aloah was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and dear friend to many.

Aloah was born on October 17, 1928, in Shoals, Indiana, to IO and Audrene Crim. She grew up in Shoals with her parents and seven siblings until she moved away to Florida to attend Florida Christian College. This is where she met her husband, Dwight King. He “caught her attention” by waiting for her at the bottom of the stairs every night for dinner until she noticed him. They continued their education at Harding University in Arkansas where she received her degrees in Home Economics and Music.

After graduation from Harding University, Dwight and Aloah moved to Houston, Texas. Aloah started her career as a music specialist in the Houston Independent School District. While in Houston, they had their three children: Candance, Timothy and Penelope.

In 1969, the family moved to Fremont, California. Aloah was the Music Specialist at Millard Elementary School for over 35 years in the Fremont Unified School District. She was a prominent member of the Fremont Philharmonic Society and started the Children's Concerts' program that still take place today. Aloah was a devout Christian and a member of the Church of Christ. She is survived by her children: Tim and Penny Jo, her grandchildren: Aaron, Amy and Hayden, and her great-grandchildren: Elle and Mikey. She will be dearly missed by her family, friends and community.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to her favorite charity: the BAY PHILHARMONICS GUILD.

FRIEDA FAY SCHMITZ
January 17, 1942 – December 24, 2024



Frieda Fay Schmitz, 82, of Manchester, Iowa, passed away on Christmas Eve Day, Tuesday, December 24, 2024, at Meth-Wick Woodlands in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Survivors include her two sisters, Mary Lee Tripi of California and Sharell Ann Holverson. She is also survived by other family members, Vinnie (Kari) Tripi, Jaden, and Mason Tripi, and Stephen Baum.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be directed to Camp Courageous in Monticello, Iowa.

Online condolences may be sent to www.leonard-mullerfh.com

Funeral Service: 11:00 a.m., on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at Leonard-Muller Funeral Home in Manchester, Iowa, with Pastor Carin Bringelson, officiating.

Visitation: 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at Leonard-Muller Funeral Home in Manchester, Iowa.

Interment: Cass Township Cemetery, Strawberry Point, Iowa.



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KATHARINE ELAINE
“KITTY” LEARY

April 13, 1956 – December 21, 2024



Katharine Elaine “Kitty” Leary passed away in the early morning hours of Saturday, December 21, 2024, after a brief illness. She was the eldest daughter of Arvid and Helen Leary.

Katharine was born on Friday, April 13, 1956, in Oakland, CA. Her family moved from Oakland to Union City in 1968, and she resided in Union City at the time of her death. She was a 1974 graduate of James Logan High School, attended Chabot College, and had retired from working a few years ago.

She was the coolest, most stylish elder sister of Kristin, Kim and Karrol Leary. She was the beloved godmother to Kaylynn Ulrich and Sophia Simoni. Katharine loved Paris, jewelry, handbags and enjoyed decorating and accessorizing. She would have loved to have been a hippie, but alas, was born a bit too late. She also loved live music, theater and musical theater. She was a life-long Barbra Streisand and Beatles fan, also loved Bette Midler, Pink Floyd and Led Zeppelin, was known to enjoy a little Bailey’s and Kahlua now and then, was quick-witted, the queen of making up nicknames, loved cats and peace signs, and was a trivia game ace. She had many aunts and uncles and had dozens of cousins, who were her first friends. She loved them all and they loved her in return. She was also the special ‘big sister’ to many of her younger cousins and a special ‘auntie’ to many of her cousin’s children too.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in Katharine’s name to the charity of your choice. Some of her favorite charities include St. Jude’s, Alameda County Food Bank, Cat Town of Oakland, American Cancer Society and the Alzheimer’s Association.

A celebration of Katharine’s life will be forthcoming. In the meantime, add a shot of Bailey’s and Kahlua to your coffee, and raise a toast to Kitty.



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Health crisis or government overreach?



Tri-City parents are concerned over the close proximity of vape shops to schools and shopping centers where teens spend much of their time. Photo via Shutterstock/Daisy Daisy

Jason Singh, whose family owns nine convenience stores that sell tobacco products in the Bay Area. “I think there needs to be enforcement all around,” he added.

One challenge is the varying standards of enforcement. An online petition from Newark claimed that youth decoy operations on 16 of the city’s tobacco retailers found seven that sold tobacco products to minors in 2020, and that “Newark was tied with Oakland at 43.8% for the highest violation rate in Alameda County that year.”

In reporting this article, not a single Newark smoke shop owner was willing to speak on the record to the media, for fear of increased scrutiny. “I think we’re in the wrong business. Every year, it’s ‘Don’t sell this, don’t sell that,’” one owner said, on the condition of anonymity.

E-cigarettes, or vapes, are particularly worrisome to public health officials because of their toxins and potential to be abused by minors. According to this year’s California Healthy Kids Survey, nearly 1 in 5 juniors in both Newark and Union City high schools reported having tried vape products, an increase from last year. In contrast, a much smaller fraction of students

claim to have “ever smoked a whole cigarette.” The same report shows that vape usage disproportionately affects students whose parents have lower than high school degrees, as well as Black and Latinx populations.

“I’ve seen this epidemic on my high school campus grow increasingly prevalent from my sophomore to my senior year,” said Fatima Khawaja, who graduated from James Logan High School last year. Khawaja recalled going to the bathroom during exam season her junior year and finding girls using e-cigarettes in the stalls. “People were literally skipping out on their finals to vape,” she said.

A single smoking cartridge can hold as much nicotine as an entire pack of cigarettes. With delicious fruity flavors packaged in discreet containers—“a little battery powered thing like your AirPods case that you can hide in the palm of your hand,” one parent said—vapes are easy to conceal. Enforcing school tobacco policies are also highly disruptive to learning. “They basically search all the kids. They need to search the classrooms, and the girls are hiding the vapes in their bras,” another parent explained.

At the same time, the vast majority of local juniors say

they’ve never tried vaping or tobacco products before. In Fremont, which passed a tobacco ordinance five years ago banning flavored tobacco products but not e-cigarettes in entirety, only 8% of juniors reported having “ever tried vape products.” In contrast, 9% of Grade 11 students reported having had alcohol in the past 30 days. It’s unclear whether low rates of tobacco use are due to Fremont’s much earlier adoption of restrictions, or because a population that applauds early adoption of such measures tends to be less vulnerable to tobacco usage.

Singh is frustrated by what he feels is unfair public antagonism towards tobacco products. He points to the harmful effects of sugary drinks, alcohol and even social media, which can all be easily abused by minors. “Those are bad decisions... but there’s no limit to fast food or Coke,” he said. Many grocery store items like processed foods and alcohol are highly addictive and have been associated with cancer, yet there are no bans on their sales.

“Why are you targeting us?” Singh asked. “We’re not doing anything bad. We’re just running a business. We’re being compliant... We’re paying payroll tax

to the federal government, we’re paying licensing fees, we’re giving back to the city.”

Others disagree. “The scale is skewed,” said Khawaja, when she reflected on the tradeoffs between local business and public health. Since most adult smokers begin their habit in adolescence, Khawaja explained, “Even a single exposure to tobacco can cause lifelong addiction, generational addiction and even poverty. The effects of tobacco are far more harsh than sugary drinks.”

Bay Area communities have to wait and see how much the updated local ordinances in 2024 will impact underaged tobacco usage in the future. In the meantime, retailers are bracing for lost revenues today.

Sources:

- Letter to the Editor: Strengthening Newark’s Tobacco Retail Licensing Ordinance, Tri-City Voice Newspaper
- Letter to the Editor: Union City can impact teen vaping by enforcing a ban on disposable flavored vapes; The East Bay Echo



League of Women Voters year in review

Submitted by
ANGELINA REYES

The League of Women Voters Fremont Newark Union City (LWVFNUC) had an exciting and challenging year culminating with the 2024 November elections. The LWVFNUC Board Members are grateful for the members who volunteered to assist in empowering voters and defending democracy. Efforts were more than staffing a table at a public event—including reading, studying and participating at events to educate voters. We appreciate that our informational articles were freely published by Tri-City Voice.

We are proud to note that our first Saturday of the month programs at Niles Discovery Church were well-attended. Having a local venue monthly was a great benefit this

election year. We appreciate the church fellowship for allowing this partnership. In January, we had a panel with Dr. Ben Sanders, Director of Civics Education for Alameda County and Cheryl Cook-Kallio, M.A., a Congressional Fellow.

For the March primary election, we increased voter registration efforts. The League continued hosting first Saturday programs for topics such as gun control, climate change impacts and oversight of the Santa Rita jail facilities. Of course, we celebrated Fourth of July by walking in the Fremont Midtown Parade and staging a booth with activities for children to highlight our red, white and blue theme.

Our Youth Voter Movement (YVM) founder and coordinator, Julie Dunkle provides overall project management of our youth registration drives. She and her team trained volunteers from local high

schools to assist in voter registrations, including an amazing event in October. We pre-registered and registered hundreds of new voters at Foothill High School in Pleasanton. Over 800 students, Pleasanton Mayor Brown, Council Member Balch and local school board members were hyped about the election. Almost 500 affidavits that were validated, and the event was highlighted on local news stations, the Independent and NY Times! We are so proud to add this to the 3,500 students registered in the Spring at high schools in Fremont, Newark and Union City.

This drive resulted in a new milestone—registering about 14,000 new young voters in the last six years. YVM also partnered with AC Library’s Civics Interns, to co-sponsor both the Presidential Debate and a few weeks later the Vice-

Presidential debate at the Fremont Library.

Without a Voter Service Coordinator, Co-President Angelina Reyes, with the help of past president Syeda Inamdar, took charge of the in-person candidate forums. Experienced members volunteered to moderate the forums, which covered mayoral, council and school board candidates running for office in all three cities. James Logan High School Logan Live students recorded the forums. We placed them on our website and social media for those who missed the in person forums.

This year’s Pros and Cons Coordinator was Sam Neeman. She provided overall project management of a team that researched resources, developed the pros and cons of every state and local propositions on the ballots and made presentations at various venues, including senior residence centers as the

Acacia Creek residents. The team—consisting of Rachael Sun, David Fishbaugh, Cathie Kelly, Angelina Reyes and Rita Manning—also presented at the Niles Discovery Church, women’s clubs, DKG- Alpha rotary clubs and other non-profits, connecting with about 400 voters in person.

Our biggest challenge was our Voter information Book (VIB) which was published as a booklet for each of the three cities. Each booklet contained information submitted by candidates of each prospective race in the three cities. Contacting candidates, gathering of information, preparing articles, selecting vendors for printing and distribution took time and effort. This year, high postage costs impacted our budget. On Oct. 14, 81,639 households in Fremont, 21,920 households in Newark and 15,450 households in

Union City—119,009 households total—received a VIB.

With the election over, Political Analyst Larry Gerston was invited to present his version of the results of our November election.

The day after this paper prints, we will enter 2025. The League’s work is unending, and we intend to ensure a democracy that is not just a spectator sport. We hope this article inspires you to join us. We are proud of our 2024 accomplishments, of the thousands of hours our members volunteered, and thankful for the funds provided by those donors who believe in our mission. We repeat the Suffragist slogan: “Onward Together!”

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Look back at the Tri-Cities’ biggest moments in 2024



Malaya officially launched its Union City chapter. Photo courtesy of Malaya Union City



The Save Union City group came together to protest against cannabis dispensaries. Photo by Roelle Balan



Din Ding Dumpling House in Fremont’s Downtown has been busy since its opening this August. Photo by staff



Unincorporated area of Ashland held the Zocalo Park grand opening. Photo by Stephanie Uchida



After years of preparation, Washington Hospital in Fremont unveiled the Level II Trauma Center in the Summer of 2024. Photo by staff



Tony Gemignani, pizza extraordinaire, returned to his East Bay roots and opened Slice House in Castro Valley. Photo credit: Marc Fiorito Gamma Nine

July. The park gives local kids a place to play, and an open plaza can host pop-up markets. tricityvoice.com/ashland-residents-embrace-zocalo-park/

Sulphur Creek Nature Center in Hayward also saw some upgrades. On Nov. 7, the center staff and Hayward Area Recreation and Park District showed off the new amphitheater, updated signage and a site map, classroom pavilion and welcome kiosk. tricityvoice.com/sulphur-creek-nature-center-completes-renovation/

New Businesses

After losing a previous Fremont location to a fire in 2021, **Din Ding Dumpling House** opened in Fremont Downtown in August. [tricityvoice.com/locally-owned-dumpling-house-](https://tricityvoice.com/locally-owned-dumpling-house-opens-second-location/)

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Castro Valley Marketplace welcomed the 15th **Slice House** and the return of Tony Gemignani’s to the unincorporated area on Sept. 14. tricityvoice.com/castro-valley-celebrates-tony-gemignanis-return/

Qamaria Yemeni Coffee held a soft opening in June, establishing itself as a popular late night study and coffee spot in Warm Springs before holding a grand opening in December. tricityvoice.com/coffee-energizes-community/

Sports

Moreau Catholic High School’s football team the **Mariners** fought for a groundbreaking season, winning a North Coast Section Division 7 state championship on Nov. 30. This is the first such

win in the school’s history. tricityvoice.com/moreau-catholic-earns-trip-to-cif-state-title-game/

Newark Memorial High School’s cross country team also made school history. For the first time the Lady Cougar girls’ team qualified for the state championship meet in Fresno alongside the boys. tricityvoice.com/newark-memorial-cross-country-make-their-mark-at-state-championship/

Elections

In **Fremont**, longtime councilmember Raj Salwan was elected Mayor. Yajing Zhang and Raymond Liu joined the council. tricityvoice.com/raj-salwan-elected-fremont-mayor/

In **Newark**, Mayor Michael Hannon was reelected. Terrance Grindall

and Eve Marie Little joined the city council, with Little replacing Mike Bucci who resigned in June. tricityvoice.com/newark-voters-re-elect-mayor-michael-hannon/

In **Union City**, Gary Singh became Mayor. He previously served on the city council and as planning commissioner. Lance Nishihara joined the council, representing District 1. tricityvoice.com/union-city-elects-gary-singh-and-lance-nishihira/

Fremont

Washington Hospital opened a new **Level II Trauma Center** on Jul 1., 2024. This means patients can receive critical care without needing to be transported to Eden or San Jose medical centers. [tricityvoice.com/washington-hospital-dedicates-its-new-](https://tricityvoice.com/washington-hospital-dedicates-its-new-level-ii-trauma-center/)

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On Jul. 9, a **new community center** was approved for Central Park. tricityvoice.com/fremont-community-center-plan-goes-to-council/

Newark

Newark appointed Jonathan Arguello as police chief, taking effect Apr. 11. <https://tricityvoice.com/tri-city-voice-2024-e-edition-archive/>

In May, New Horizons K-8 Private School closed due to lack of funds and mismanagement. tricityvoice.com/tri-city-voice-2024-e-edition-archive/

Union City

Malaya Tri-City launched as an official chapter of Malaya on Jun. 23. Now **Malaya Union City**, the

group raises awareness of human rights violations in the Philippines and advocates for free speech. tricityvoice.com/tri-city-voice-2024-e-edition-archive/

On Jun. 25, the group **Save Union City** protested against cannabis dispensaries. tricityvoice.com/tri-city-voice-2024-e-edition-archive/

Castro Valley

Beloved wandering theatre company **Plethos Productions** announced in early 2024 that they would be raising money to open their own permanent theater space in 2025. tricityvoice.com/tri-city-voice-2024-e-edition-archive/

OPINION

Off the page

By **STEPHANIE UCHIDA**

As it happened, my editorial fell on the last day of 2024. I was set to write about favorite articles that we published in the paper, but as I looked back over the year, what stood out the most were the times I got out of the office.



Stephanie Uchida

In 2024, I got the chance to present on what it's like working at a print newspaper at Fremont Chamber's Leadership Fremont program and Connect 2 Succeed Connection Club. I'm not really a "subject matter expert," but people always seemed curious to know what goes on behind the scenes and how they can collaborate with newspapers. In September, I moderated a debate for the Fremont Mayor candidates, which was extremely challenging. It's a big

responsibility to be the one in charge of the flow of questions and answers and keeping everybody on track. Writing about new restaurants for the paper also meant I got to try delicious soup buns at Din Ding Dumpling House and Yemeni desserts and coffee at Qamaria Coffee. I even made it out to some local events covered in the paper. It should be a no-brainer that you can cover an area better when you explore it and do the activities locals do, but it's

hard to prioritize those things when they aren't "work." In April, I joined the Hayward Lit Hop and read with the East Bay Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers. I don't think I've ever seen my husband having more fun than when we went to see Plethos' improv play Yes And D&D. I also brought my husband to Ride the Rails for Relay as neither of us had been on Niles Canyon Railway or seen the canyon from that perspective before.

Usually I think that my writing is the real me, and my face is incidental. This was the first year in my career that it seemed like people were recognizing me in person as a point of contact from Tri-City Voice. I want to continue working hard for everybody in 2025.

Letter to the Editor

A Christmas Tale

It was the week before Christmas and Fremont had business. Council posted an ordinance with 5-day notice, were they hoping, just hoping, that no one would notice? They were making a choice, just giving their voice. Should new council members and the old city management, have a first meeting together and be rid of encampment. They voted on an ordinance spanning municipal coordinates, to

take 612 homeless to make them now hopeless. No camping, no cars, no RVs, no bars, just pick up your tent if you can't pay your rent. It's time to move on, you people are gone, take your trash and spare cash, it's the end of your song. It's been tough to enforce, help police reinforce. Give them rules to dispel these "encampments" of hell. So, businesses are happy, the streets are not crappy,

and what if it's you, your neighborhood too? Seventy-two hours not enough, 24 – now that's tough! Newark, Union City, San Jose, even Hayward, just keep moving along so long as you're wayward. But alas, a ghost of those soft-hearted repliers, show up to protest including old timers. They warn of a graveyard, the words gotten out, and plead for a continuance, and they

continue to doubt. Just delay so they say, don't vote, there's some hope! But the vote goes ahead, City votes four to two, spoken to homeless and that's it for you. The ghosts will return, next year's coming term. Scrooge will listen again and decide who will win. Compassion or fashion, whatever the cause, the council will settle, there's not too much pause. Tiny Tim and Bob Cratchit, you're

facing the end, less street people find some new way to mend. They're leaving this city, and won't get much pity, don't have a home, and they're destined to roam. Score one Mr. Scrooge, you may feel alright, but look out for the ghosts, they'll return for a fight.

**Richard Godfrey
Fremont**

Letter to the Editor

Native Americans: A group we have forgotten

Imagine a towering totem pole, a symbol of a country's strength and history. As you go down the pole, each figure, colored in vibrant colors and built out of red cedar, represents a different group, idea or chapter in the nation's story—some at higher, others lower, with each playing its part in the broader monument. Yet, at the base of the totem pole, there is a figure that is largely overlooked. The figure is overshadowed by those above, representing a community whose history has been buried and whose influence has been minimized and erased. This is the life of Native Americans—more specifically, how they are portrayed in high school history books.

Since the invasion of Europeans on Native soil, the lives of Native Americans have continued to be systematically suppressed. This sentiment extends beyond physical actions and to the way they are portrayed in modern education—often neglected and largely erased. My school, American High School, has been one of many to continue this cycle. Our U.S. history book allocates eight pages out of 500 to discuss Native Americans' influence on America; the AP U.S. History textbook only devotes around 10 out of 867 pages. Even these few pages are often filled with the various genocides and atrocities committed against natives, leaving many Native American influences and

efforts forgotten. However the issue goes beyond mere ignorance. The way Native Americans are framed teaches students a dangerous belief: the mindset that the past is the past and it doesn't reoccur in the present or future. History is taught to us in a way that makes these events seem like they never would happen again. When you think of slavery, you think of the unjust practice held in the 1700 and 1800's, however, slavery is still prevalent and increasing around the world. The same sentiment is carried to Native Americans, where native land, sacred and historical, is still forcefully destroyed and taken from them and their long-lasting culture and heritage is stripped due to

assimilation policies. To this day, they still face the highest poverty rates due to limited economic opportunities, lack of resources and historical disenfranchisement. Despite their minority in the U.S., Native Americans play a pivotal role in U.S. history: they significantly influenced the implementation of checks and balances in the Constitution, they have contributed to many world wars on behalf of the U.S and created various medicinal advancements that have saved millions of lives. The purpose in learning history is to gain a deeper understanding of the present by analyzing past events and understanding to never make those decisions again. Yet, as

a society, we have failed to internalize this lesson. In a world where you have to fight to be acknowledged, Native Americans continue to stay at the bottom of the totem pole, stemming from the way they are written, talked about and remembered. Until we acknowledge their contributions and suffering, Native Americans will continue to stay ignored and invisible.

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New Year's traditions old and new

FROM EATING GRAPES TO BREAKING PLATES. HOW DO DIFFERENT COUNTRIES CELEBRATE WHEN THE CLOCK STRIKES 12?

By **DHANYA GANESH**

3, 2, 1... Happy New Year! This iconic countdown is heard across the globe, but everything that happens after the clock strikes twelve varies from one tradition to another. From eating grapes in Spain to leaping off sofas and into the new year in Denmark, every country has its own way of saying goodbye to the past

year, and hello to the new one. The midnight kiss, the Times Square ball drop, the fireworks are all classics in America, but how exactly does the rest of the world celebrate this momentous time? The first New Year's celebrations we know about began over four thousand years ago in Babylon, where the new year was celebrated in spring with the Akitu festival. Other ancient civilizations, like Egypt, coincided their new year to natural events, such as the Nile's flooding. The early Roman calendar, created in the eighth century B.C., initially had 10 months, with the new year starting at the vernal equinox. Later, Julius Caesar introduced the Julian calendar making Jan. 1 the first day of the year to honor the god Janus. Romans celebrated with sacrifices, gifts, and parties.

Today, New Year's celebrations vary vastly across the world, with each culture adding its own unique touch to its festivals. Eating lucky foods is a common tradition in Spain, Portugal and Latin America, where twelve grapes or raisins are eaten, while in Italy, twelve spoons of lentils are enjoyed. France indulges in pancakes, Germany in marzipan, Netherlands in ring-shaped food, and the Swiss have whipped cream as their treat of choice. Scotland celebrates Hogmanay where people sing "Auld Lang Syne" and swing giant fireballs on poles. In the Philippines, people wear polka dots, while in Brazil, people wear white and jump over seven ocean waves to make wishes. In Mexico, people walk around with an empty suitcase to hope for travels in

the new year and in Cuba, they throw a bucket of water out the door to get rid of bad spirits. In Greece people hang pomegranates and smash them for luck, while Russians have 12 seconds of silence before midnight to reflect over the past year. In Denmark, people jump off chairs at midnight and break plates, and in Italy and Spain, wearing red underwear for luck is a common tradition. In Japan, people visit temples to exchange lucky charms, while in Ireland, an extra place is set at the table for loved ones lost during the past year. In India, people would create a sculpture of an "old man" to represent the old year and burn it at midnight, as a way to move towards the new year. New Year's celebrations around the world are diverse, but they all share

the common goal of saying their goodbyes to the old year and looking forward to the new one with new wishes. From unique foods to wearing special clothes, these festivities are a way for people to connect with their cultures while expressing their excitement for the next year.

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