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Improv Comedy ready for the New Year

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MADE UP THEATRE

Fremont's own award-winning Made Up Theatre is preparing to debut a brand new stage and set design for their "New Year's Eve Spectacular" on December 31. This annual event will feature both of Made Up Theatre's unique and fully improvised comedy shows, Laugh Track City and 5 Play. Laugh Track City is similar to the hit TV show "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" and 5 Play showcases a fully improvised one-act play. "We are

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SUBMITTED BY BEVERLY ORTIZ

Find out about Ohlone basketry, Pomo basketry, Yokuts cultures, and contemporary Ohlone cultural involvements through rarely known and shown films, introduced, described, and discussed within their full cultural context and meaning. The "California Indian Film Festival" was conceived as an opportunity for people to begin their new year with film showings that focus of the first peoples of Central California, with an emphasis on Ohlone peoples of the Bay Area, their cultures and history, past to present. Participants in this free film festival can enjoy the films and the beauty and tranquility of the park on New Year's Day.

Films to be shown:
"Indians of California"

Made in 1954 on the banks of the Kern River, this film features a Yokuts family sharing the old ways of their people, including house building, basketry, arrowhead making, hunting, acorn cooking and more.

"Roots of Beauty"

This film features the making of Pomo baskets, beginning with the gathering and processing of materials used to weave the baskets.

"Buried Stories: Featuring the life of Ella Rodriguez (Esselen)"

Taken from her family at the age of thirteen to an Indian boarding school and consequently criminalized as a runaway, Ella Rodriguez spent her early years labeled as a juvenile delinquent. "Buried Stories" follows Ella in her seventies as

Native American film festival

she finally faces these memories. This journey extends to her ancient past as her work in archaeology unearths lost dimensions of her cultural heritage.

"Ohlone Basketry: Featuring the basketry of Linda Yamane (Rumsien Ohlone)"

This video short provides an overview of the steps involved in weaving Ohlone basketry, from the gathering of the materials, to the steps in weaving the basket.

"Excerpts of footage from the Gathering of Ohlone Peoples at Coyote Hills Regional Park"

Selected footage from Ohlone presenters at this annual gathering that has taken place from 1994-2013.

"Cotanoan Rumsen Tribe of Ohlone People: Reclaiming Land, Language and Spirit"

Five new documentary shorts that reflect the tribe's current cultural reclamation projects made in collaboration with Pitzer Adjunct Professor Gina Lamb and Media Arts Social Justice students.

"Bridge Walkers"

Bridge Walkers is an 18-minute documentary about Ohlone sacred sites that offers a fresh look at the cultural and spiritual significance of these locations to Ohlone people today, and the importance of preservation in light of the historical experience of Ohlones of San Francisco and Bay Region.

California Indian Film Festival
Wednesday, Jan 1

10 a.m. - noon: featuring Ohlone peoples today)

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.: featuring basketry and other themes Coyote Hills
8000 Patterson Ranch Rd., Fremont
(510) 544-3220 www.ebparks.org
Free admission \$5 parking

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As January 1 approaches, many are looking for fun and memorable ways to step into the New Year. Whether it be dancing, eating, hiking, laughing, or jumping into a cold swimming pool, the Tri-Cities has several options for those who want to shake off the past and start their year with an exclamation point:

Ring in 2014 in style at the Hilton Newark/Fremont! The New Year's Eve festivities include dinner, music and dancing with DJ Ryan Perez and live band Mirage, ballroom drop and champagne toast at midnight, New Year midnight breakfast buffet, and Revive Reception.

New Year's Eve 2013

Tuesday, Dec 31
7 p.m.

Hilton Newark/Fremont
39900 Balentine Dr., Newark
(510) 490-8390
Tickets: \$65
(dinner and dance only),
\$85 Ballroom Gala
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New Year's Eve Party, Resolutions!
Tuesday, Dec 31

7:30 p.m.
Chandni Restaurant
5748 Mowry School Rd., Newark
(925) 895-7132
Tickets: \$69 adults, \$39 children

Enjoy a fully stocked open bar with unlimited premium drinks and dance the night away to the beats of DJ Shem at Milpitas' India Community Center. A sumptuous Indian dinner buffet will be catered by Amber India. Great entertainment, party tiaras, hats, and noisemakers for all. Special kids area with magic show.

New Year's Eve at ICC
Tuesday, Dec 31

8 p.m.
India Community Center
525 Los Coches St., Milpitas
(408) 934-1130

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OneChild

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Children

Hospital Staff's Donations Support Local Children's Organization



Bernadine Dutra, president of OneChild, speaks at OneChild's Holiday Luncheon at Washington Hospital on December 12, 2013.

This year, the nonprofit organization OneChild, started by Bernadine Dutra in 2001, has a lot to be thankful for. In addition to serving a milestone 5,000th child, the organization also moved into a new space at 1900 Mowry Avenue in Fremont that is bigger, brighter and more welcoming. “We were so happy to have many of our friends and long-time supporters in attendance, on November 14, for the ribbon cutting ceremony at our new location,” said Bernadine Dutra, president of OneChild. “This wonderful space is warm and friendly with bright green and pretty blue walls, new carpeting, private dressing rooms, and plenty of room for children and their families to browse through clothing.”

Since its inception, OneChild set out to help one child in need at a time by providing new clothing and school supplies. Children have their own hour to come in and “shop” free of charge by browsing the racks of goods, just like in a regular store. The new clothes, backpacks and school supplies promote self-esteem in underprivileged children. “Many children go to school with raggedy hand-me-downs and end up concentrating on their looks instead of on their studies,” Dutra added. “By providing new pants, shirts and shoes, we give children the self-esteem they need to accomplish things.” The reward for making someone’s day is not easily forgotten. “One little boy came to our store, and his guardian warned

me that he does not smile,” she continued. “He had the biggest smile on his face by the time he came out of the dressing room, and even took a moment to style his hair before showing off his new clothes. Those moments warm my heart and remind me why I do what I do every day.” Washington Hospital’s generosity is crucial to OneChild’s success. Employees at Washington Hospital go above and beyond to ensure the continued success of the organization. This year, on December 12, Washington Hospital managers donated gifts to celebrate the holidays at OneChild’s Holiday Luncheon. “Nancy Farber and Washington Hospital have been incredible to our organization,” said Dutra.

“At Christmas, every manager receives the name of a child, their age and their sizes. Then, they go out and shop for that child. The gifts under the tree this year are proof of their big hearts. The children are ecstatic to receive these gifts, and the staff at Washington Hospital is rewarded by the experience.” In addition to Washington Hospital, OneChild receives regular support from Fremont Bank and the Fremont Rotary Club. AT&T, the 49ers and People Magazine have also supported the organization by giving grants over the years. “Working for a nonprofit is the best job you can possibly have because everyone is working to do something good for someone else,” noted Dutra. “Everyone is

happy. We feel privileged to have served over 5,000 children so far, and we don’t expect to stop anytime soon.” OneChild offers a variety of volunteer opportunities, and they also welcome monetary donations of any amount. “We hope that you will also be inspired to help children within the community,” she concluded. “Your help goes a long way in bringing joy to the lives of children, one child at a time.” To learn more about OneChild and the difference one person can make in the lives of local children and their families, visit www.onechildca.org. To learn about volunteer opportunities at Washington Hospital, visit www.whhs.com/giving.

InHealth broadcasts on Comcast Channel 78 in Fremont, Newark and Union City and online at www.inhealth.tv



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The full schedule of InHealth programs listed below can also be viewed in real time on the Washington Hospital website, www.whhs.com

	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
	12/24/13	12/25/13	12/26/13	12/27/13	12/28/13	12/29/13	12/30/13
12:00 PM							
12:00 AM							
12:30 PM							
12:30 AM	Deep Venous Thrombosis	Movement Disorders, Parkinson's Disease, Tremors and Epilepsy	Sidelined by Back Pain? Get Back in the Game	Hip Pain in the Young and Middle-Aged Adult	Strengthen Your Back! Learn to Improve Your Back Fitness	Community Based Senior Supportive Services	Diabetes Matters: Vacation or Travel Plans?
1:00 PM							
1:00 AM	Minimally Invasive Treatment for Common Gynecologic Conditions	Voices InHealth: Healthy Pregnancy	Women's Health Conference: Can Lifestyle Reduce the Risk of Cancer?	Get Your Child's Plate in Shape	Minimally Invasive Surgery for Lower Back Disorders		Women's Health Conference: Age Appropriate Screenings
1:30 PM	Women's Health Conference: Aging Gracefully						
1:30 AM							
2:00 PM							
2:00 AM	Strengthen Your Back! Learn to Improve Your Back Fitness	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 11th, 2013	Turning 65? Get To Know Medicare	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 11th, 2013	Don't Let Back Pain Sideline You	Deep Venous Thrombosis	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 11th, 2013
2:30 PM							
2:30 AM							
3:00 PM							
3:00 AM	Minimally Invasive Surgery for Lower Back Disorders	Heart Healthy Eating After Surgery and Beyond	Treatment Options for Knee Problems	Lunch and Learn: Healthy Holiday Cookies	Alzheimer's Disease	Your Concerns InHealth: Senior Scam Prevention	Varicose Veins and Chronic Venous Disease
3:30 PM	Cataracts and Diabetic Eye Conditions						
3:30 AM							
4:00 PM							
4:00 AM	Your Concerns InHealth: Vitamin Supplements	Raising Awareness About Stroke	Vitamins and Supplements - How Useful Are They?	Diabetes Matters: Research: Advancing Diabetes Management		Sidelined by Back Pain? Get Back in the Game	Latest Treatments for Cerebral Aneurysms
4:30 PM	Wound Care Update			Inside Washington Hospital: The Green Team			
4:30 AM							
5:00 PM							
5:00 AM							
5:30 PM							
5:30 AM							
6:00 PM							
6:00 AM							
6:30 PM							
6:30 AM	Kidney Transplants	Diabetes Matters: Top Foods for Heart Health	Deep Venous Thrombosis	Voices InHealth: The Greatest Gift of All	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 11th, 2013	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 11th, 2013	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes Meal Planning
7:00 PM				GERD & Your Risk of Esophageal Cancer			Diabetes Matters: Diabetes Viewpoint
7:00 AM							
7:30 PM							
7:30 AM	Shingles	Varicose Veins and Chronic Venous Disease	Diabetes Matters: Key To A Healthy Heart with Diabetes	Living Well with Diabetes: Overcoming Challenges	Diabetes Matters: Research: Advancing Diabetes Management	Fitting Physical Activity Into Your Day	Learn Exercises to Help Lower Your Blood Pressure and Slow Your Heart Rate
8:00 PM						Lunch and Learn: Healthy Holiday Cookies (New)	Important Immunizations for Healthy Adults
8:00 AM							
8:30 PM							
8:30 AM	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 11th, 2013	Diabetes Meal Planning: Strategies for Seasonal Success	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 11th, 2013	Peripheral Vascular Disease: Leg Weakness, Symptoms and Treatment & Percutaneous (Under the Skin) Treatment	Diabetes Meal Planning: Strategies for Seasonal Success	Skin Cancer	Your Concerns InHealth: Senior Scam Prevention
9:00 PM					The Weight to Success		
9:00 AM	Lunch and Learn: Healthy Holiday Cookies	Learn If You Are at Risk for Liver Disease	Living with Heart Failure		How to Maintain a Healthy Weight: Good Nutrition is Key	What You Should Know About Carbs and Food Labels	Diabetes Meal Planning: Strategies for Seasonal Success
9:30 PM							
9:30 AM							
10:00 PM							
10:00 AM	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes Viewpoint	Keeping Your Heart on the Right Beat	Do You Suffer From Breathing Problems? Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease or Asthma	Financial Scams: How to Protect Yourself	Keeping Your Heart on the Right Beat	Diabetes Matters: Research: Advancing Diabetes Management	Alzheimer's Disease
10:30 PM							
11:00 PM							
11:00 AM							
11:30 PM							
11:30 AM	Superbugs: Are We Winning the Germ War?	Healthy Nutrition for Your Heart	Lunch and Learn: Yard to Table		Wound Care Update	Turning 65? Get To Know Medicare	

Washington Hospital Volunteer Gives Back to Her Community, Gains Acceptance to Medical School

Years ago, when she was in sixth grade, Durany Mohammed wrote an essay saying that she wanted to be a doctor when she grew up. Today, the Santa Clara University graduate is one step closer to achieving that goal after learning she has been accepted to medical school next fall.

After three years as a Washington Hospital Service League volunteer in the emergency department (ED), Durany gained a greater understanding of health professionals and the medical field. Beyond the reward for her service, she has also gained a sense of accomplishment in giving back to her community.

"I have lived in Fremont most of my life, and I have always been interested in the field of medicine," Mohammed noted. "I was volunteering with the HERS Breast Cancer Foundation (located in Washington West at 2500 Mowry Avenue in Fremont), and I saw a flyer about other opportunities for volunteering at the hospital. I decided to volunteer in the ED because I thought I would see more patients there and be ex-

posed to a broader array of medical conditions."

Durany's primary responsibility in the ED is to be a patient companion and provide emotional support to patients and their families while they wait to be seen.

"I've had a lot of memorable experiences in the ED," she said. "For example, I vividly remember a woman who came into the ED with her husband. She was having complications with COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), and I ended up having a long conversation with them, which helped her relax and get her mind off her worries. It's rewarding when you're able to help other people like that."

She also runs errands for the ED staff, including trips to the laboratory and pharmacy.

"I learned a lot from observing people on the ED staff and seeing how well they work together," she added. "The people on the staff are all very friendly, and they are always thanking the volunteers. The hospital even acknowledges our contribution of volunteer hours in their newsletter. It's nice to be appreciated that way."



Durany Mohammed, a Washington Hospital Service League member, volunteers in the emergency department. To learn more about volunteer opportunities at Washington Hospital and how to become a volunteer, visit www.whhs.com/volunteer/.

Durany's appreciation for Washington Hospital's Service League is not limited to their coordination and teamwork.

"What I like about the Washington Hospital volunteer program is that you can sign up for a schedule that matches your own,"

she explained. "The shifts range from two to four hours, and you can sign up for as many or as few shifts as you want. When I was taking more classes in college, I could cut back on volunteering, but during the summers I could volunteer more often."

"I also appreciated the extensive training they provided before I began volunteering," she continued. "They have you go through an orientation and two separate training sessions. During the training, new volunteers accompany long-term volunteers on their shifts to learn the ropes."

Part of Durany's inspiration for becoming a hospital volunteer came from her parents.

"My dad runs his own business, and my mom is retired from working in the banking industry," she said. "They have always reminded me that the opportunities I have been given are due partly to other people who have given back to the community. I do think my experience volunteering at Washington Hospital played a part in gaining acceptance to medical school, but my involvement has meant a lot more than that to me. All the time I spend volunteering at the hospital, I am helping someone — either patients or staff. It's a great feeling to know I've taken some time out of my day to help someone else."

As she moves forward into medical school, currently with the intention of specializing in family medicine or pediatrics, it is a sure bet that Durany will continue giving back to those around her.

Washington Hospital Service League volunteers work closely with the hospital professionals to help provide care and support to patients, families and visitors. Since its founding in 1955, three years before Washington Hospital actually opened its doors, the Washington Hospital Service League has provided more than 1.8 million hours of service and donated more than \$2.2 million to the hospital. To learn more about volunteer opportunities at Washington Hospital and how to become a volunteer, visit www.whhs.com/volunteer/.

The New Year is a Good Time to Make Positive Changes

Washington Hospital Diabetes Seminar Focuses on Setting Realistic Goals

It's almost time to leave 2013 behind. The New Year offers a fresh start. Forget about old habits and think about what you want your life to be moving forward. For a person with diabetes, this could mean making positive changes that can help better manage the disease and



Diana Jaycox, a certified diabetes educator at Washington Hospital, presents "New Year, New You: Setting Goals for Diabetes Success" on Thursday, January 2, from 7 to 8 p.m. The seminar is part of Washington Hospital's free monthly Diabetes Matters education series and will be held at the Conrad E. Anderson, M.D. Auditorium, 2500 Mowry Avenue (Washington West) in Fremont. No registration is required — just show up! To learn more about Diabetes Matters and other diabetes programs at Washington Hospital, visit www.whhs.com/diabetes.

reduce the risk for serious health consequences like heart disease, stroke and blindness.

"New Year's resolutions are great for making important changes in our lives," said Diana Jaycox, a certified diabetes educator at Washington Hospital. "All of our mistakes from last year are behind us, and we can start fresh. The key to success is setting realistic goals that have measurable results."

In her presentation, "New Year, New You" on Thursday, January 2, from 7 to 8 p.m., Jaycox will offer goal-setting tips that can help turn

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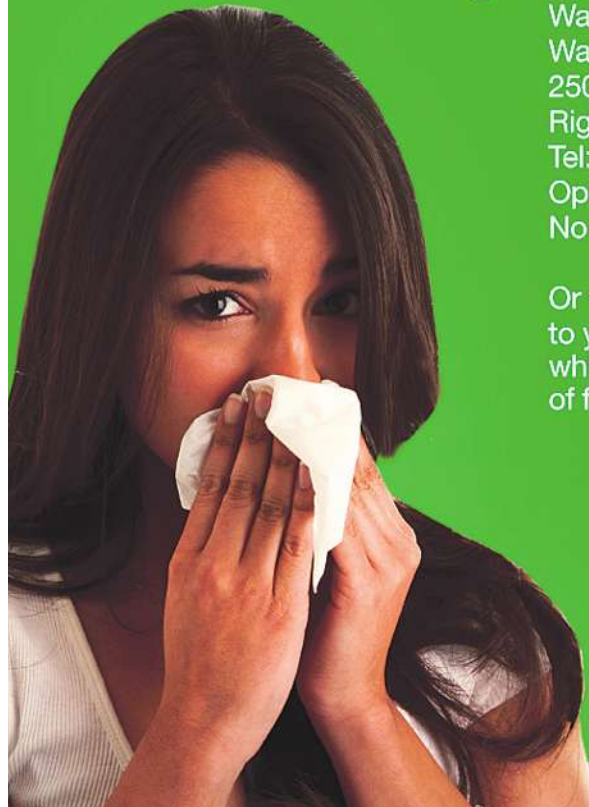
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Think Fremont

City of Fremont Scores High on Community Survey

Fremont has always been a city that prioritizes its residents. And it looks like its high touch approach is paying off. The City has been scoring some high ratings in the community satisfaction department.

In October of this year, the firm FM3 conducted a community survey, interviewing 602 randomly-selected Fremont residents. The goal of the community survey was to take a broad look at how residents feel about Fremont and various City services, as well as other priorities.

The survey found that, overall, Fremont residents are very satisfied with the services the City provides and the way in which the City's financial affairs are managed. In fact, four out of five Fremont residents rate the quality of life in the City as "good" or "excellent." In addition, the survey revealed that the most important services to the community continue to be public safety, garbage and recycling, street maintenance, traffic enforcement and economic development.

Additional highlights include the following:

- In general, residents are optimistic about life in Fremont, which was also reflected in last year's survey.
- Fewer are concerned about the City's budget and the local economy, and satisfaction with many City services has slightly increased over the already high satisfaction ratings from last year's survey.
- A strong majority continue to see Fremont's diversity as an asset, feel safe in the city, and view it as a great place for families and seniors.
- Majorities still see housing costs (56%) and freeway traffic (56%) as "extremely" or "very" serious problems in Fremont, which is consistent with other Bay Area cities.
- Public safety – particularly police protection – are again top priorities.
- Most feel positive about the rate and type of development in Fremont, though many would like to see more entertainment options and nightlife.

To view the full survey results, please visit www.Fremont.gov/CommunitySurvey.

Fremont is looking to the Future with its First Information Technology Strategic Plan

On Sept. 17, Fremont took a big step toward growing its technological footprint. On this day, Marilyn Crane, Fremont's director of information technology services, presented the City's first Information Technology Strategic Plan to the City Council.

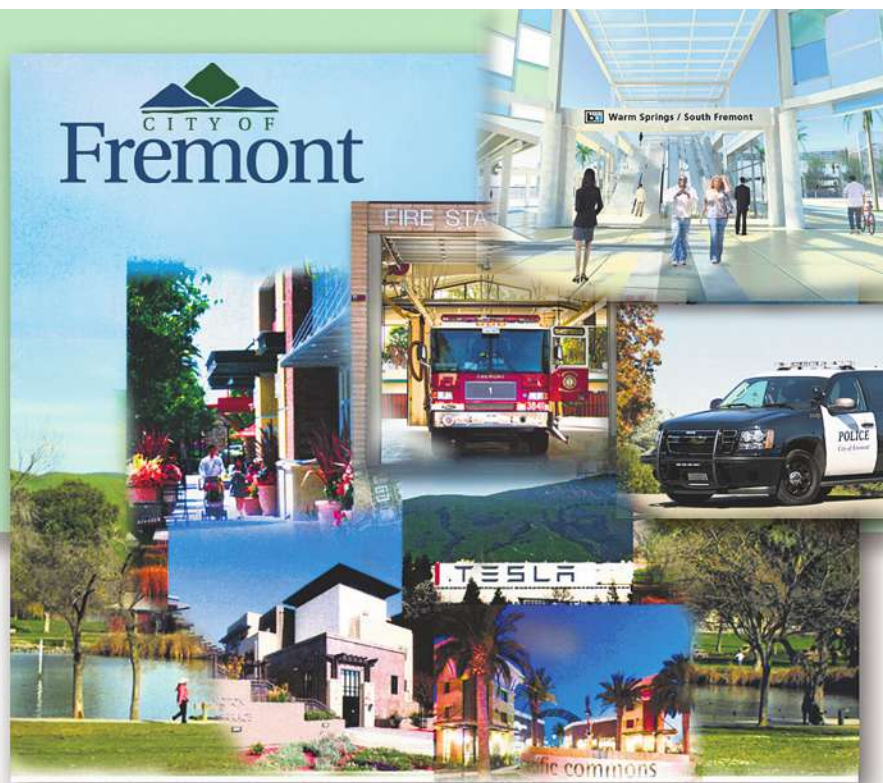
The Strategic Plan is a roadmap for technology, which outlines how the City will provide technological resources to residents and City employees over the course of five years.

The Plan identifies eight major technology initiatives that will improve delivery of services: open data, mobile applications, enterprise applications, business intelligence, citywide security, IT fiber optic infrastructure, Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) telecommunications, and citywide broadband (Internet) and wireless access in the community. These eight technology initiatives support the City Council's goals for an effective and efficient city government, a vibrant local economy, civic engagement, and access to open government.

The IT Strategic Plan marks an important milestone for Fremont. The City's first priority has always been its residents. By proactively embracing new technology, this initiative will significantly improve accessibility and open up the channels of communication between the City and its residents. Plus, it's further validation that Fremont is an innovative, tech-savvy city to look out for.

To view the full IT Strategic Plan, please visit www.Fremont.gov/ITStrategicPlan.

Information Technology Strategic Plan Fiscal Years 2013/14 – 2017/18



City of Fremont Holiday Closure Scheduled for Dec. 23, 2013 - Jan. 1, 2014 Police, Fire Services Not Affected

The City of Fremont is implementing a Holiday Closure for many non-essential City Services from Monday, Dec. 23, 2013, through Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014. The Holiday Closure is scheduled for Dec. 23, 26, 27 and 30, 2013, while City holidays are observed on Dec. 24, 25, 31, 2013, and Jan. 1, 2014. City offices participating in the Holiday Closure will re-open for business on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014. This closure will not affect police and fire services.

Offices that are taking part in the Holiday Closure include:

- City Hall, 3300 Capitol Ave., Building A and Building B (Administrative offices)
- Fire Administration, 3300 Capitol Ave., Building A
- Development Services Center, 39550 Liberty St.
- Maintenance Center, 42551 Osgood Rd.
- All Community Centers

Offices and facilities providing limited services during the Holiday Closure include:

- Parks and Recreation, 3300 Capitol Ave., Building B (for enrollment of recreation programs only, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (510) 494-4300 for additional information.)
- Community Centers and Recreation buildings with Holiday Day Camps, Programs, and pre-booked facility rentals
- Life ElderCare (clients should contact (510) 574-2090 for additional information)
- Afghan Elderly Association (clients should contact their caseworker for additional information)

During the Holiday Closure:

- The Fire Department and Police Department will continue to provide public safety services.
- A minimum number of City staff will be available in an on-call status to provide emergency maintenance services such as responding to storm-related issues.
- Animal Services will provide regular services and the Tri-City Animal Shelter, located at 1950 Stevenson Blvd., will be open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Dec. 26-28.
- The Human Services Department will have two crisis counselors available at the Family Resource Center, located at 39155 Liberty St.
- The Parks and Recreation Department will offer camps and other programs.
- Community members with active building permits can call (510) 494-4885 for inspections on Dec. 23, 26, 27, and 30, 2013.
- The Fremont Tennis Center will be open for public play, weather permitting. Some holiday public hours; call (510) 790-5510 for tennis-related information.

Historically, demand for many City services during the December and January holiday season is low. It is anticipated that the Holiday Closure will have little or no impact on service delivery efficiency.

For more information, visit www.Fremont.gov/HolidayClosure or call (510) 284-4093.

Give a Pet a New Home

**Free Pet Adoptions through Jan. 4, 2014
at the Tri-City Animal Shelter**

Through Jan. 4, 2014, all pet adoptions from the Tri-City Animal Shelter will be free to qualified and approved homes. The adoption will include spay or neuter, a rabies vaccine, and a microchip; the pet license for Fremont residents will be the only item not included.

Currently, the shelter is full of pets just waiting to be taken home to their new forever home. The Tri-City Animal Shelter is open Tuesday through Friday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The shelter is closed every Sunday and Monday and will also be closed for the City-observed holidays of Dec. 24, 25, 31, 2013, and Jan. 1, 2014.

To view all of the available pets, visit www.PetHarbor.com and search for the Fremont Animal Shelter.



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Heri za Kwanzaa



While December is filled with the sights and sounds of the Christmas season, the month also plays host to a cultural holiday, which celebrates and reinforces family, community, and culture.

Taken from the phrase “matunda ya kwanza” meaning “first fruits” in Swahili, Kwanzaa is an African American and Pan-African holiday created by professor, author, and activist Dr. Maulana Karenga in 1966. Realizing the need to preserve, revitalize, and promote African American culture, Karenga established Kwanzaa as a way to reaffirm and restore the vibrant African heritage, as well as strengthen and reinforce the bonds between its people.

Kwanzaa begins on December 26 and runs through January 1. The seven days of the holiday reflect the Nguzo Saba, the Swahili term for the Seven Principles. Umoja (Unity), Kujichagulia (Self-Determination), Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility), Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics), Nia (Purpose), Kuumba (Creativity), and Imani (Faith) are the values on which community is built, and serve as the heart of Kwanzaa. People are called to remember their ancestors, reflect on what it means to be African, and recommit to their ancestral legacy during the seven days, a time to consider the questions: Who am I? Am I really who I am? Am I all I ought to be? These questions center and ground a

person, bringing purpose and direction to a life and solidifying identity, as well as making the commitment to bring good into the world and sustain the positive seeds that have been planted.

Beautiful, cultural items are used in the celebration, such as colorful African cloth, pieces of art, books, fresh fruits and vegetables, the kikombe cha umoja (unity cup), and a special candle holder called the kinara, which holds seven candles. Black, red, and green are the colors of Kwanzaa; black standing for the people, red for their struggles, and green for the future and hope that comes from the struggles. One of the candles is black, three are red, and three green, together representing the Seven Principles. The black candle stands in the center representing Unity. The red candles represent Self-Determination, Cooperative Economics, and Creativity and sit on the left. The green candles represent Collective Work and Responsibility, Purpose, and Faith and sit on the right. The black candle is lit on December 26 with the other candles lit from left to right, one on each of the following days. This shows that people come first, then struggle, and finally hope.

Millions of people celebrate Kwanzaa across the world in a celebration of their uniqueness as a people, and in the continual effort to improve themselves and their relationships in order to foster a world of good and promise.



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Santa commutes to Southgate in December

Parents, students and siblings of Southgate School in Hayward received special visits from Santa Claus during the month of December. Although it's a busy time of year at his North Pole workshop, Santa found time to spread cheer and safely escort pedestrians across busy Calaroga Avenue for a few hours each day. Although some motorists stared in disbelief, Santa in the persona of Ed Gonsalves, merrily waved and received in return, waves, thumbs up signals and calls of "Merry Christmas." Students showed little reluctance to embrace this genuine visitor from the North Pole and gathered to receive candy canes and share their joy of the season with the jolly visitor.

Gonsalves will return to safely escort students in more traditional garb when school resumes in January. He says his white beard will remain and, of course, he plans frequent northerly trips during the off season to keep tabs on the elves. Although a crossing guard at South-



gate for just a few months, he has quickly become a beloved fixture at the school. Beginning with a Santa hat to celebrate the season, Gonsalves decided that more was needed, the entire wardrobe. He has been asked to appear at other venues and does (how can Santa say "no").

Currently, Santa is busy preparing for the big night and then plans to take a well-deserved break. Gonsalves says that interacting during the year with students, even without the Santa suit, is fun. He says, that the energy and enthusiasm of his young charges "gives me vigor."

Merry Christmas to all from Santa Claus (and Ed Gonsalves too)!



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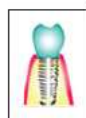
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Donate a bicycle helmet

SUBMITTED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Newark Police Department (NPD) is collecting bicycle helmets to distribute to children who are found in need and without the means to afford one.

NPD would like to remind all parents of the crucial role they play in helping their children develop good bicycle and other wheeled device safety habits. As you all know, it is required by law that all children and teens under 18 years of age wear a properly fitted and secured helmet while using a bicycle, skateboard, scooter, or any other wheeled device, in order to greatly increase their chances for a quick recovery in any type of collision or fall.

Newark Police Department will accept donations of new, unwrapped bicycle helmets in child, youth, and teen sizes, for distribution to those children who are found in need of a helmet and without the means to afford one. Helmets can be dropped off at the Newark Police Department located at 37101 Newark Blvd., Newark.

Newark Police Department introduces Citizen RIMS

SUBMITTED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Newark Police Department, in cooperation with Sun Ridge Systems, is pleased to introduce "Citizen RIMS" (Response Information Management System). Some features of the program are:

Live incident mapping: This shows what's going on, mapping active calls for service. Clicking on the map icon for an incident displays, (limited) data, available for the incident. This function also has a feature that lets the user "slide" a control on the screen to move through what occurred at any point in the past 24 hours. For example, news media or citizens can locate an incident that happened earlier in the day. When mapped, an incident loca-

tion is deliberately blurred to the nearest hundred block level.

Incident mapping: This is a pin mapping for historical RIMS data with the user picking the date span to be mapped. It is otherwise similar to the Live Incident Mapping function using the same mapping.

Crime mapping: This is the common crime pin mapping feature where the user picks a date frame and the crime types/categories to be mapped. For RIMS, crime data equates to cases. Clicking on a mapped case icon shows more info about the case.

Arrests: An arrest log displays arrests for the past 30 days. The log displays basic information, but rolling the cursor over a listed arrest shows personal data (allowed by statute/law) and the mug shot of the arrestee.

Stolen Vehicles: This lists recently stolen vehicles.

Alerts: This feature lets site visitors subscribe to a free service that emails new incident/crime data on a daily or weekly basis to them.

Incorporated into the system are a wide variety of fields as part of the mapping feature. Please take a few minutes and play with the multiple tabs and crime types. By limiting the crimes or calls for service you can search a broader range of dates and really see what is happening in your neighborhood.

The link to the site is located at: <http://npd.crimegraphics.com/2013/default.aspx> and can also be located on the Newark Police Department's web page: <http://www.newark.org/departments/police/>.



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Arrest in lewd acts with a child

SUBMITTED BY SGT. KEN FORKUS, HAYWARD PD

On November 18 the Hayward Police Department was notified, via a state mandated reporter, of a possible sexual child abuse. The Hayward Police Department initiated an investigation, and learned the victim (now 14 years old) had been in a sexual relationship with the suspect, Mia Cummings (now 29 years old), since he was 12 years old. The investigation revealed that Cummings was employed at All Saints Catholic School as an after school program assistant, while the

victim was a student at the school.

Cummings was arrested on November 26, and booked at the Hayward Police Department Jail on multiple felony counts of lewd acts with a child. She is currently in custody at the Alameda County Jail and has been charged with eight felony counts. Her bail has been set at \$800,000.

All Saints Catholic School administration has fully cooperated with this investigation, and at this time, we have no indication that Cummings victimized any other children.

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Fremont Police Log

SUBMITTED BY GENEVA BOSQUES,
FREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Saturday, December 14:

At approximately 4 a.m., a Street Sweeper noticed the front door to the CVS on Mission Blvd in Warm Springs had been vandalized. Officers responded and observed the glass doors were smashed out by pieces of cement. Officers utilized a K9 to search the inside of the store. A responsible party for the business later arrived and confirmed the business had been burglarized. Loss was approximately 80 cartons of various cigarettes (approximate value: \$4,000). The burglary was captured on video.

Suspect #1 is described as a black male adult approximately 6'01", 165lbs, wearing a black leather jacket with a brown hoodie covering his head, baggy blue jeans, and distinctive black Nike basketball shoes with red laces and white soles.

Suspect #2 is described as a dark skinned male approximately 6'01, 165lbs, wearing a black jacket with a white hoodie, black pants, black gloves, and black shoes.

Sunday, December 15:

Three neighboring businesses were vandalized via window-smash sometime during the night. Cases documented by Ofc. Ehling and CSO Baca. The business included:
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At 12:10 p.m. officers responded to an auto theft report on the 4200 block of Bay St. A black 1996 Honda Accord 4-door bearing California license plates #6WUL086 was reportedly stolen between 12:30 p.m. on

Hayward Police Blotter

SUBMITTED BY HAYWARD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Tuesday, December 10:

The Hayward Police Special Duty Unit (SDU) attempted to stop a vehicle driving recklessly after leaving a funeral at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery. The driver failed to yield and accelerated to over 100 mph on Mission Blvd. The officers discontinued following the vehicle, and a short time later it crashed into two vehicles and a light pole at Foothill Blvd. and Main St. The driver fled the scene of the collision and was apprehended on E St. and Second St. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence, evading the police, hit and run and possession of a controlled substance.

Wednesday, December 11:

An officer was patrolling the municipal parking lot across from the Chances Are Sweepstakes Café. The officer noticed a vehicle driving through the parking lot that looked suspicious, and learned the vehicle was reported stolen. The driver, and sole occupant of the vehicle, was arrested and the vehicle was recovered.

Thursday, December 12:

Vice-Intelligence detectives, in conjunction with the school resource officers, conducted a tobacco operation. Four smoke shops were visited by undercover juvenile decoys who attempted to purchase tobacco products. Two businesses were cited for selling tobacco to underage customers, and two businesses refused to sell.

Saturday, December 14:

A robbery/carjacking occurred in the parking lot of 1190 W. Tennyson Rd. Four juveniles confronted the

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The New Year is a Good Time to Make Positive Changes

New Year's resolutions into permanent lifestyle changes. The seminar is part of Washington Hospital's free monthly Diabetes Matters education series and will be held at the Conrad E. Anderson, M.D. Auditorium, 2500 Mowry Avenue (Washington West) in Fremont. No registration is required - just show up!

"Managing diabetes can be a challenge," Jaycox acknowledged. "It's a chronic disease, so it's not going away. It's something you have to live with every day for the rest of your life. But the good news is you will feel much better if you can keep it under control."

Diabetes occurs when the body does not produce enough insulin or is not able to use it properly. Insulin is a hormone that helps convert food into energy. When this process doesn't work right, glucose (sugar) in the blood can get too high and lead to complications.

"Diabetes can negatively impact every part of the body, so it's critical to keep blood sugar levels under control," she added. "At the same time, many every day decisions impact blood sugar, particularly when it comes to food choices."

One Step at a Time

Jaycox will talk about how to set reasonable goals that are measurable. The first step

is determining what you want to achieve as well as what it will take to get there. "Instead of saying you want to lose weight, decide how much weight you want to lose by a certain deadline," she said. "That way you can measure your success." It's also important to break down goals into smaller achievable milestones and measure progress along the way. For example, losing 25 pounds by summer requires losing a pound to a pound and a half each week.

"Taking weekly weight measurements will help determine whether or not you are on track," Jaycox stated. "Modifying your eating habits and exercise regimes will also help ensure success. By keeping a food diary, it will be easier to monitor your consumption habits and make changes if necessary."

Exercise is also important for keeping diabetes under control. But instead of saying you want to exercise more, set a realistic and measurable goal.

"Say you want to exercise 30 minutes a day, but right now you aren't getting any exercise," Jaycox continued. "Start by walking 10 minutes a day for a set amount of time, and then work your way up."

She will also discuss the importance of rewarding yourself for achieving your goal.

"Human beings are really motivated by tangible rewards," Jaycox explained. "That's how our brains work. 'I'll talk about ways you can reward yourself. For example, maybe your reward is that you get to do an activity you enjoy. I'll help people think about the reward system in a positive, healthy way.'"

To learn more about Diabetes Matters and other diabetes programs at Washington Hospital, visit www.whhs.com/diabetes.

Veteran women wanted for survey

SUBMITTED BY SERGIO REYES

Senate Majority Leader Ellen M. Corbett (D-East Bay) invites all women veterans in the Bay Area and throughout California to participate in the important biennial 2013 Women Veterans Survey.

The 2013 Women Veterans Survey is an extensive statewide effort that will allow the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) to improve services for women veterans and their families. The California Research Bureau, in collaboration with the CalVet and the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls, has conducted this comprehensive survey since 2009.

To ensure that the results accurately reflect the California women veteran population,

Senator Corbett encourages women veterans of all eras, backgrounds and experiences to participate before the survey concludes in mid to late December.

"With over 185,000 women in California that have bravely served our country, it is critical that we reach as many women veterans as possible in the next few weeks so that they may participate in this important survey that will help assemble necessary data to assist current and future women veterans," said Senator Corbett. "Over 10% of California's 1.8 million veterans are women, so we must ensure that this information is compiled in timely fashion so that we may enhance services for women veterans and their families."

The online survey is available at www.calvet.ca.gov/women/WomenSurvey.aspx.

Winter weather donations remain in high demand

SUBMITTED BY PAUL ROSYNSKY

While the weather outside is not as frightfully freezing as it has been in recent weeks, the stubbornly low overnight temperatures offer a vivid reminder of the need for warmth. Unfortunately, for many living in Alameda and Santa Clara counties, warmth is a luxury out of their reach.

Abode Services is helping to provide that basic need to more than 4,000 children and adults who are currently or formerly homeless and very low-income, and is asking the community for help. Abode Services needs donations to ensure everyone living in the Bay Area can stay warm for the holidays and through the New Year.

As the freezing temperatures of early December proved, life without a home can be deadly. At least six homeless people in the Bay Area lost their lives since Thanksgiving due to cold overnight temperatures.

A simple donation of a cold-weather sleeping bag, a new pair of gloves, or a knit cap can make a difference in the lives of those most in need. Donations of gift cards, transportation funds, or simple monetary contributions will also help our community bring an end to homelessness.

Here's how you can help: Bring cold-weather donations that are new or in very good condition to Sunrise Village Emergency Shelter in Fremont. Pick up a \$25 gift card while waiting in a check-out line during a holiday shopping trip. Cards to stores such as Target, Safeway, or Payless ShoeSource help families purchase the items they need the most.

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Arson destroys girls' soccer shed at American High School

SUBMITTED BY
JERRY M. LOSSON, P.E.
DEPARTMENT CHAIR

The girls' soccer storage shed at American High School in Fremont was set on fire, Saturday, December 14, at approximately 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. The Fremont Fire Department and Police Department are ruling it as arson, after their investigation.

Over \$7,000 of equipment was lost in the fire, including practice balls, game balls, training vests, cones, a scoreboard controller, and portable sound system.

Mission Valley United Soccer has stepped in to help with corner flags for matches and training equipment for practices. They are loaning American

High the use of their items while the school tries to gather donations to replace gear and equipment.

The Girls Soccer program at American High is requesting donations to replace what the fire destroyed. Anyone interested in donating may send a check to:

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History Native Plants

Pioneer farmers had their share of difficulties trying to earn a living from the soil. The soil was rich, but it sometimes sprouted plants that created special problems. Wild mustard made it hard to harvest grain because all the stalks had to be separated.

There was a market for mustard seed so Erastus Johnson decided to gather and thresh it. He got a canvas, hired a man, hauled the mustard after grain harvest and separated the seed with horses and a roller. He shipped the seed to New York and netted about \$1,000. His success be-



Mustard plants at Silva home



Mabel Breitweiser in her rose garden in Warm Springs

spring bulbs and English irises. All family members were proud of the garden which furnished seeds and cuttings to hundreds of gardens. People sent flowers to them and it became a mass of lovely old-fashioned flowers.

Mrs. Proctor's garden had the finest collection of native wild flowers in California. She gathered flowers and shrubs from canyon and hillside, and they grew for her as never before or since. There were plenty of gardens all over the broad valley by 1890, but no successor to that marvelous collection of wild California violets, lilies, irises, vines and shrubs of Mrs. Proctor.



Fremontia

came known, and neighbors saved their own seed after that. His brothers, Charles and George, came from the mines the next year and, needing something to do, joined the mustard harvest.

They decided to try harvesting mustard on the uncultivated prairie lands owned by non-residents. They took a team and reaper and began harvesting mustard. In about three weeks all the mustard in reach had been harvested. The price had fallen, so they only netted about \$600.

Erastus got lost one night in "the mustard forests." Even when he stood up in the saddle he could not see lights from settler's houses. His pony finally groped

country was covered with acres and acres of wild oats, tall enough to tie over the head of a man on horseback. Wild mustard from six to fifteen feet high rolled in golden billows over the valley and up the hill-sides, and birds nested and sang among the blossoms. They decorated the Town Hall for their "Golden Jubilee" in 1904 with great branches of golden mustard blooms, California poppies and wild oats in luxuriant profusion.

The writers observed some changes in the 1950 edition. "Wild poppies and mustard still color uncultivated places, but the mustard and wild oats no longer can be tied above a man's head."

Mustard continued to appear in writings. The first students at Centerville School noted that they "cheerfully walked three long miles of lonely road with tall mustard growing high above their heads

on either side." Another writer wrote about a lost gravel yard. "Wild mustard grew like the veritable tree of the Bible and covered everything with its rank growth," until destroyed by fire.

A few native plants became part of local government. Fremont's original City Seal was designed with a poppy on the left side, but at the suggestion of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Marks, the Fremontia was chosen as the city's flower. The Fremontia with five petals, just as Fremont had five communities, is a golden native California plant discovered by John C. Fremont.

Charles Shinn wrote that the Todd and Proctor flower gardens were the most noted of pioneer days:

"Grandma" Todd's garden had roses, lilacs, oleanders, jasmines,

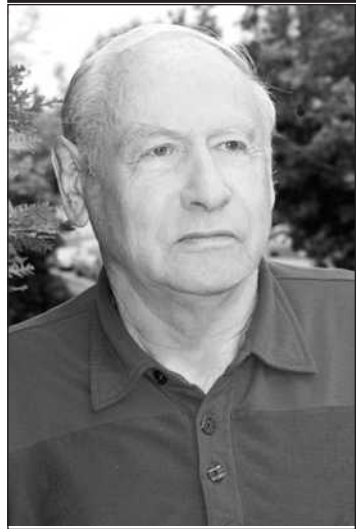


Erastus Johnson

his way out of the mustard about midnight. The pony was apparently in no hurry because he nibbled at the grass along the way.

About this time, Rufus Denmark and his wife came from the East to Irvington. Mrs. Denmark had procured a package of mustard seed to plant here because "mustard was so good for greens after the snow melted." The mustard seed was ruined when it got wet while they were crossing the Isthmus, and Mrs. Denmark deeply mourned her loss. The party reached San Francisco, crossed the Bay and rode the stage 30 miles to the "Corners" through the most luxuriant wild mustard ever seen. The stage road wound through mustard so tall one could not see the stage.

The authors of the History of Washington Township wrote in 1904 that in pioneer days, the



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Ohlone Humane Society

Keeping it kind

BY NANCY LYON

2014! A new year and an old song... "What the world needs now is love, sweet love"... that keeps running through my mind. Sounds pleasant but what do the words really say? Well, to me, it's about non-violence, acceptance of our differences, compassion and kindness toward all beings.

A pretty tough order so where do you start? In a long ago conversation with a school teacher while discussing how to teach children about kindness toward animals, she wisely said, "You have to reach young children before the world hardens them."

That has always stayed with me but raises the question... how do you reach very young kids?

One way is sponsoring a wonderful publication put out by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) called the Kind News. Kind News is an eight-page, bi-monthly magazine offered during the school year that is filled with animal-related articles, short features, and fun activities that children and teachers love. The animal-themed materials offer children an opportunity to put themselves in the place of other beings and become familiar with welfare issues, the environment, and habitat protection.

Its mission is aligned with National Education Standards and readily incorporated into subjects like math, science, and language arts or simply handed out for students to read during free time or at home. It also supports the directive of the California State Board of Education Code that encourages each teacher to "...endeavor to promote harmonious relations, kindness toward domestic pets and the humane treatment of living creatures..."

There is a natural kinship that young people have with non-human animals, something special that reaches out and engages them on an empathetic level; and in support of this wonderful quality, the award-winning program provides lesson plans and worksheets that give teachers and humane educators means to encourage compassion and respect in an appealing manner that kids "get."

The goals and their presentation have so impressed OHS that for the past 10 years we have offered to adopt and sponsor all elementary classrooms Kindergarten-6th grade in the Tri-City area. Today with the number of area schools soaring to 42, we continue in our commitment of providing this outstanding resource to children.

We feel that the magazine's emphasis on values of fairness, compassion, respect, non-violent conflict resolution, and encouraging good character in children with its colorful design, simple vocabulary, and appealing subject matter will help get children into the reading habit and open a more humane world to them.

OHS wants to continue to nurture these wonderful qualities in children and early next spring we will again be contacting teachers and encouraging them to familiarize themselves with the material offered and hopefully participate in this enriching program – all at no cost.

Kind News can be reviewed at <https://www.facebook.com/KindNewsMagazine> and on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/KindNewsMagazine>.

Ohlone Humane Society is solely dependent on public support for its programs and is not associated with, nor receives any funding, from any national organization. Your support is greatly appreciated and allows us to continue in our humane mission.

Editor's Note:

Additional information about Ohlone Humane Society is available at: www.ohlonehumanesociety.org



Stay safe and save energy

SUBMITTED BY TAMAR SARKISSIAN

As customers decorate homes and trees this holiday season, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) encourages them to keep safety and energy efficiency in mind. Holiday lights bring joy to the season, but they can also bring hazards and added costs to your energy bill. PG&E offers the following holiday lighting tips:

Holiday Lighting Efficiency

- Purchase energy-efficient light-emitting diode (LED) holiday lights. LED lights can reduce energy consumption by as much as 90 percent when compared to traditional holiday lights and can shine brightly for up to 20 holiday seasons.
- A string of 300 LED holiday lights can cost less than \$0.50 to operate during the holiday season, compared to nearly \$70.00 for a string of 300 large incandescent holiday lights.
- LED holiday lights are available at many retailers in Northern and Central California. For more information about LED holiday lighting, visit <http://www.pge.com/myhome/saveenergymoney/savingtips/seasonaltips/winter/led/index.shtml>.

Holiday Lighting Safety

- In addition to being shatterproof and shock resistant, LED lights produce almost no heat, making them safe to touch and greatly reducing the risk of fire.
- Look up and live! Before stringing outdoor lights, check for overhead power lines. Never place yourself or any object – like a ladder – in a position where you or it may come in contact with a power line – the result can be fatal. Keep at least 10 feet away from overhead lines.

- Before stringing lights on outdoor trees, make sure tree limbs haven't grown into or near power lines. Branches, entire trees and even the ground adjacent to a tree can become energized when trees contact power lines.
- Make sure lights used to decorate the outside of the house are approved for outdoor use. Never use indoor lights outdoors.
- Follow the manufacturer's limits for the number of light strings that can be connected together safely.
- Check all light strands for cracked or broken plugs, frayed insulation or bare wires. Worn cords can cause fires, so discard damaged sets of lights.
- Route cords inside your home so they won't trip anyone. Don't place them under rugs, furniture or other appliances. If covered, cords can over-heat or become frayed, increasing the risk of fire.
- Always turn off decorative lights – indoors and outdoors – when leaving the house and before going to bed.
- Do not place your tree near a heat source such as a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, making it more susceptible to fires caused by heat, flame or sparks.

PG&E Video: Decking the Halls Safely and Efficiently <http://youtu.be/aWho0B9twY>

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Late hours for BART on New Year's Eve

SUBMITTED BY BART

BART will extend service until 3 a.m. on New Year's Eve and deploy extra staff and trains to help get people home from their festivities. BART will run a normal weekday evening service schedule which will extend until 3 a.m. Trains will run every 20 minutes after midnight with extra trains standing by in downtown San Francisco after the fireworks show.

To further ease platform crowding at the busiest stations, Embarcadero, Montgomery, and West Oakland, beginning at 8 p.m., BART will utilize a "skip-stop" train pattern into and out of San Francisco with one important change from past years:

Going into San Francisco:

Trains from the Dublin/Pleasanton and Fremont lines will not stop at Montgomery Street Station but will stop at Embarcadero Station.

After the fireworks end:

Passengers on the Dublin/Pleasanton and Fremont lines must use Embarcadero Station, as trains heading to Dublin/Pleasanton and Fremont will not stop at Montgomery Street Station. New this year... Dublin/Pleasanton and Fremont trains will not stop at West Oakland and will make their first East Bay stop at Lake Merritt.

For more information visit, www.bart.gov/news/articles/2013/news20131219.

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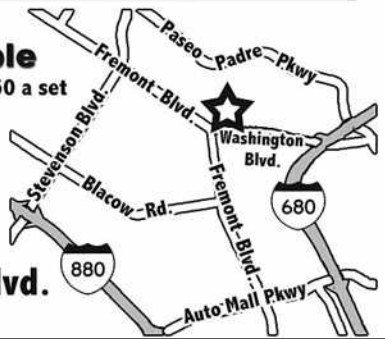
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**How Fed's pullback of
stimulus could affect you**

BY PAUL WISEMAN
AP ECONOMICS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP), Con-
sumers will likely pay more for
home loans. Savers may earn a
few more dollars on CDs and
Treasuries. Banks could profit. In-
vestors may get squeezed.

The Federal Reserve's move
Wednesday to slow its stimulus
will ripple through the global
economy. But exactly how it will
affect people and businesses de-
pends on who you are.

The drop in the Fed's monthly
bond purchases from \$85 billion
to \$75 billion is expected to lead
to higher long-term borrowing
rates. Which means loan rates
could tick up, though no one
knows by how much.

The move could also weigh on
stock markets from the United
States to Asia, even though the
early response from investors was
surprisingly positive.

Just keep in mind: The impact
of the Fed's action is hard to pre-
dict. It will be blunted by these
factors:

– It's a very slight reduction.
Economists had expected the
Fed's monthly purchases to be cut
more than they were.

– Even though it will buy
slightly fewer bonds, the Fed ex-
pects to keep its key short-term
rate at a record low "well past"
the time unemployment dips
below 6.5 percent from today's 7
percent. Many short-term loans
will remain cheap. "They have
tried to sugarcoat the pill," says
Joseph Gagnon, senior fellow at
the Peterson Institute for Interna-
tional Economics.

– The Fed thinks the economy
is finally improving consistently.
An economy that can sustain its
strength can withstand higher
borrowing rates.

All of which suggests that
while Wednesday's action marked
the beginning of the end of ultra-
low interest rates, the pain may
not be very severe.

The Fed's bond purchases,
begun in the fall of 2012, were
meant to stimulate the economy.
The purchases were designed to
lower mortgage and other loan
rates, lead investors to shift out of
low-yielding bonds and into
stocks and prod consumers and
businesses to borrow and spend.
Here's a look at the likely ef-

fects of the Fed's decision:

**CONSUMER AND BUSI-
NESS LOANS**

Mortgage rates have already
risen in anticipation of reduced
Fed bond purchases: The average
on a 30-year U.S. fixed-rate
mortgage has increased a full per-
centage point this year to 4.47
percent. Analysts say it will likely
head higher now.

"Homebuyers aren't going to
be happy," says Ellen Haberle, an
economist at the online real-estate
brokerage Redfin. "In the weeks
ahead, mortgage rates are likely to
reach or exceed 5 percent."

Still, higher mortgage rates
won't likely reverse the recovery
in the housing market. As the job
market strengthens and con-
sumers grow more confident, de-
mand for homes could more than
make up for slightly higher mort-
gage rates.

"It's a better economy that
gets people to buy houses," says
Greg McBride, senior financial
analyst at Bankrate.com.

Likewise, an improving econ-
omy means stronger sales for busi-
nesses, even if they, too, have to pay
a bit more for loans. And rates on
auto, student and credit card loans
are unlikely to change much.
They're tied more to the short-term
rates the Fed is leaving alone.

SAVERS

Savers have suffered from the
Fed's low-interest rate policy.
Wednesday's move could offer
some relief to people who keep
money in three- and four-year
CDs. But it probably won't mean
a big jump from, say, the average
0.48 percent rate on 3-year CDs.

"They're starting from such a
low point, it's not going to be
nearly enough to make three- and
four-year CDs anywhere near
compelling," McBride says.

By keeping short-term rates
near zero, the Fed move does
nothing for people with money
in savings accounts and very
short-term CDs.

BANKS

Banks earn money from the
difference between the short-term
rates they pay depositors and the
longer-term rates they charge con-
sumers and businesses. The gap
reached a five-year low in the mid-
dle of this year. But it's likely to
widen as longer-term rates rise and
short-term rates stay fixed. Bank
profits should rise as a result.

Banks will also benefit if an
improving economy leads more
credit-worthy businesses and con-
sumers to seek loans.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

The Fed intended its bond
purchases, in part, to push bond
yields so low that investors would
move money into stocks, thereby
driving up share prices. Since
mid-November 2012, the Dow
Jones industrial average has
surged 28 percent.

Many Wall Street analysts
feared stocks would plummet
once the Fed announced a pull-
back in its bond buying. On
Wednesday, the opposite oc-
curred: The Dow rocketed 293
points. Investors appeared to
focus more on the good news
(the economy is improving) than
the bad (the easy-money days
may be ending).

The celebration might not
last.

"As the tapering continues,
there will be less liquidity going
into the stock market," and the
rally will either slow or end en-
tirely, says Sung Won Sohn, an
economics professor at the Mar-
tin Smith School of Business at
California State University.

Over the past year, the super-
low U.S. rates had led investors
to seek higher-yielding invest-
ments in emerging markets. Last
summer and fall, speculation
about a slowdown in the Fed's
stimulus sent stocks tumbling in
the developing world.

Indonesia's market has sunk
nearly 19 percent since investors
began anticipating the Fed move
in May. Stocks in Thailand are
down 18 percent. Without Fed
policy driving cash into develop-
ing markets, these stock markets
might have further to fall.

Mark Olson, a former Fed
governor, says the central bank
succeeded in convincing investors
that a slight pullback in bond
purchases is hardly the same as
tightening interest-rate policy.

The stimulus continues –
through record-low short-term
rates and the continuing, though
reduced, bond purchases.

"And for once," Olson says, "I
think the markets read it the way
the Fed had hoped."

*AP Economics Writer Josh Boak
contributed to this report.*

**USGS finds land
sinking rapidly in
Central Valley**

BY JASON DEAREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO (AP), Land in California's
San Joaquin Valley is sinking more rapidly than
usual because of increased pumping from under-
ground sources, a phenomenon that is damaging
vital water infrastructure, the U.S. Geological Sur-
vey said Thursday.

The USGS study found that land sinking had
been measured at nearly one-foot per year in one
area, and that it is reducing the flow capacity of
the Delta-Mendota Canal and the California
Aqueduct, two key sources of water.

"We were surprised at the amount of land
being affected," Michelle Sneed, a USGS hydrolo-
gist and the report's lead author. "We were also
surprised by the rapid rate of (sinking)."

Because canals were built with a small slope to
propel the water, sinking land can change that
slope in random areas and affect flows, Sneed said.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, which op-
erates the canals, will use the USGS data to miti-
gate damage and factor into current and future con-
struction projects.

"Nothing to date, to my knowledge, has af-
fected our ability to deliver water to our cus-
tomers," said Richard Woodley, the bureau's

**New daily
paper planned
for Los Angeles**

BY ANDREW DALTON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES (AP), The owner of the Or-
ange County Register plans a new daily newspaper
in Los Angeles, the boldest step yet in an expansion
across Southern California that emphasizes printed
publications while others in the industry are focus-
ing on digital.

The new seven-day-a-week paper will be known
as the Los Angeles Register, Freedom Communi-
cations CEO Aaron Kushner told The Associated
Press on Thursday night, a few hours after an-
nouncing the move to his staff in the Orange
County Register's newsroom.

In addition, Kushner said the Register would
open an unspecified number of Los Angeles com-
munity weeklies.

Kushner didn't give many specifics about plans
for the paper but said it will be launched "quickly"
and will be widely distributed in Los Angeles
County. The Register's story said the paper would
begin publication early next year.

The announcement follows Freedom's recent
purchase of the Riverside Press-Enterprise, the

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assistant regional director. “Our main point is to get ahead of that.”

The issue of sinking land in the San Joaquin Valley is not new, but had slowed in recent decades after the construction of the California Aqueduct and Delta-Mendota Canal.

Those canals helped meet water demand from farms and growing Southern California with waters flowing on the land surface, which reduced demand on aquifers.

But the sinking problem in the two years studied 2008-2010 was exacerbated by drought, the report found.

In those dry years, there was less rain, but also limits placed by water regulators on surface water use. This caused farmers and others to increase the amount of water pumped from underground; there are no restrictions on groundwater pumping in California.

Canals aren’t the only area at risk, USGS said.

Railways, roads and pipelines – things that extend over a long distance – are also under threat from an increase in the rate of ground sinking, Sneed said.

For California’s bullet train project, which would speed through the Central Valley, the sinking ground is being taken into account for the system’s design, Frank Vacca, the chief program manager for the California High Speed Rail Authority.

He said the rail system will be made of a flexible material that can give into movement.

“This is just one more box to check on our list of engineering considerations,” Vacca said.

Woodley said the issue has already affected construction projects on the massive San Joaquin River restoration, already projected to cost \$1 billion.

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largest daily newspaper in California’s Inland Empire east of Los Angeles, and last summer’s launch of a new daily newspaper in Long Beach, a city of 470,000 between Orange County and Los Angeles.

Ken Doctor, a newspaper industry analyst with Outsell Inc., said the move may be an attempt to find new revenue to cover Freedom’s fast-growing costs, but it’s startling nonetheless.

“Aaron Kushner and Freedom Communications are making the most contrarian play in American newspapers,” Doctor said.

“While newspapers overall are receding and retracting and cutting, he is in expansionist mode.”

Kushner purchased the Orange County Register in July 2012 and immediately went on a hiring binge, adding 200 people and greatly expanding the number of pages in each day’s paper.

He said the new LA Register will share Orange County’s content in sports and other areas with regional relevance, but emphasized it will be a distinct entity with a Los Angeles office.

The staff will be made up mainly of existing Register employees with some new hires.

“It will be the LA Register, not the Orange County Register,” Kushner said in a phone interview. “We’re not a national paper, we are a local community-building paper, so that means having local people in the community they’re covering.”

Shortly after the announcement, Orange County Register staffers received an email asking about their interest in covering Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles Times’ last citywide daily competitor, the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner, folded in 1989, and while plans for startups have been proposed since, all have faltered. In recent years the Daily News of Los Angeles has pulled back and focused on the suburbs north of the city.

Kushner said he believes there is a place for a paper with a different emphasis and perspective.

“We think the LA Times is a great national newspaper. We are a very different kind of newspaper,” Kushner said. “Obviously, we have a very different political perspective. We’re not liberal and we’re not reactionary. We believe in free markets.”

Asked to respond, Times spokeswoman Nancy Sullivan said in an email, “Our first and foremost mission is serving Southern California, as we have for 132 years.”

Freedom’s \$27.2 million purchase of the Press-Enterprise from Dallas-based A.H. Belo closed last month.

US economy expands at 4.1 percent rate

By Martin Crutsinger
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP), The U.S. economy grew at a solid 4.1 percent annual rate from July through September, the fastest pace since late 2011 and significantly higher than previously thought. Much of the upward revision came from stronger consumer spending.

The Commerce Department’s final look at growth in the summer was up from a previous estimate of 3.6 percent. Four-fifths of the revision in the report released Friday came from stronger consumer spending, mainly in the area of health care.

The 4.1 percent annual growth rate in the third quarter, as measured by the gross domestic product, came after the economy had expanded at a 2.5 percent rate in the second quarter. Much of the acceleration reflected a buildup in business stockpiles.

On Friday, President Barack Obama pointed to the upward revision to GDP growth as one of several signs of improvement in the economy. They include four straight months of solid job growth and a drop in the unemployment rate to its lowest point in five years.

“What it adds up to is we head into next year with an economy that’s stronger than it was when we started the year,” Obama said at a White House news conference. “I firmly believe that 2014 can be a breakthrough year for America.”

The GDP report also gave a boost to Wall Street. The Dow Jones industrial average was up about 80 points in late afternoon trading.

Economists still expect growth to slow a bit in the current October-December quarter. In part, that’s because two-fifths of the third-quarter gain in GDP came from a buildup in business stockpiles. That gain isn’t likely to be repeated in the fourth quarter. Many analysts think growth will slow to an annual rate between 2.5 percent and 3 percent this quarter before picking up next year.

The third-quarter increase in GDP – the economy’s total out-

put of goods and services – was the best performance since a 4.9 percent increase in the final three months of 2011.

Still, analysts expect that for the year, the GDP will expand only around 1.7 percent, down from the 2.8 percent growth of 2012. Much of that drop-off occurred because consumer spending was depressed by higher taxes that took effect last January and the government’s across-the-board spending cuts. The Congressional Budget Office has estimated those two factors shaved 1.5 percentage points from growth in 2013.

But the drag from the government is expected to lessen in 2014. Many analysts are looking for growth to hit 2.5 percent or better in 2014.

Outside the volatility caused by changes in stockpiles, many analysts say the economy has begun to improve in the current quarter. Steady hiring has lowered the unemployment rate to a five-year low of 7 percent. And much of the November data so far have been upbeat.

Consumer spending at retail businesses rose by the most in five months. Factories increased output for the fourth straight month, led by a surge in auto production. Builders broke ground on homes at the fastest pace in more than five years, strong evidence that the housing recovery is accelerating despite higher mortgage rates. Auto sales haven’t been better since the recession ended 41/2 years ago. And the stock market is at all-time highs.

Analysts will pay close attention to consumer spending in the fourth quarter. It drives 70 percent of economic growth.

The government significantly boosted consumer spending in Friday’s revised data, increasing it to a 2 percent growth rate, up from just 1.4 percent in the previous estimate, which has been the slowest pace since late 2009.

Economists said Friday that the new-found strength in the third quarter was an encouraging development but the period was still dominated by an unsustainable buildup in inventories which will act as a drag on growth in the current quarter.

Pierre Ellis, an economist at Decision Economics, said that the final look at third quarter GDP did offer hope that growth will strengthen in coming months, given the greater strength in consumer spending.

Congress gave final approval Wednesday to legislation that reduces federal spending cuts and averts the risk of another government shutdown early next year. The prospect of less fiscal drag next year has led many economists to predict a better year for the economy in 2014.

A stronger outlook for the economy and job market prompted the Federal Reserve this week to begin winding down its bond-buying program, which was intended to lower long-term interest rates and encourage more borrowing and spending.

The Fed said Wednesday that it would begin reducing its \$85 billion-a-month in bond purchases by \$10 billion in January. Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke said that if the economy keeps improving, the bond purchases will be trimmed by similar amounts at coming meetings next year.

Changes ordered for college loans for gay couples

By Philip Elliott
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP), Students in same-sex marriages will be treated the same as their straight married classmates when it comes to federal college loan ap-

plications, Education Secretary Arne Duncan said Friday, in a shift that reflects this year’s Supreme Court ruling that broadened gay rights.

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White House to keep NSA, cyber oversight together

AP Wire Service

WASHINGTON (AP), A group reviewing the National Security Agency’s surveillance programs and cyber command operations sent President Barack Obama more than 40 recommendations on intelligence collection and government spying.

The White House did not make the task force’s report public. Published reports Friday described the recommendations as limited in scope.

The Review Group on Intelligence and Communications Technology held no public meetings and met several times with business and privacy groups out of the range of the media and public.

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Lake Tahoe Ferry Project

SUBMITTED BY JENNIFER BOYD

Plans for vessels that would ferry up to 150 local commuters as well as visitors on Lake Tahoe with marina stops on the north and south shores are available for public comment through Jan. 3, 2014.

The Lake Tahoe Passenger Ferry Project is part of an overall public/private partnership strategy introduced by the Tahoe Transportation District to reduce traffic congestion, vehicle emissions, and air pollution on highways throughout the basin by creating regional transportation alternatives for the lake. TTD is working closely with Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and US Department of Transportation to reduce dependency on the private automobile use as well as im-

draft EIR/EIS. Issues TTD will address following the public comment period include marina parking, park and ride routes, dredging, public bus stops as well as bike and pedestrian trails.

The final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement is expected mid-2015, with permitting and pier upgrades to follow. The project could then hit the water with passenger service beginning in 2016. Preliminary plans include year-round transportation on the ferries with as many as eight trips daily during peak summer months. The cost of the project is estimated at \$33 million with a \$3 million annual operating cost. Federal grant money would cover start-up costs with a combination of state and federal money for annual expenses.



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Passenger ferry service, a waterborne alternative transportation option is one of the opportunities being evaluated in the "North-South Transit Connection Alternatives Analysis," for federal funding consideration. TTD would implement the service while a private company would manage daily operations. The analysis identified the ferry as the preferred alternative to connect the north and south shore of Lake Tahoe via public transit.

The Notice of Intent/Notice of Preparation for the Lake Tahoe Passenger Ferry Project began Nov. 11, 2013. Public comment will be included in a

"This as an environmentally-friendly, economically sound and beneficial way of breaking the geographical barrier when it comes to traveling around Lake Tahoe," said TTD transportation project manager Alfred Knotts. "It's the equivalent to a light rail system with Lake Tahoe as the tracks and marinas serving as the depots."

By contrast, more cars on the roads require more maintenance and additional costs at the federal, state and local level. Ferries would improve air quality and lake clarity by reducing emissions. More than 70 percent of the pollutants affecting Lake Tahoe's clarity are attributed to erosion/developed-area runoff, much of it related to existing transportation systems.

Holiday Dazzle

SUBMITTED BY JULIE REMS-SMARIO

The California School for the Deaf (CSD) held its annual Holiday Dazzle on Dec. 16, hosted by (CSD) Superintendent, Dr. Sean Virnig. CSD students from early childhood education to high school were invited to Fair Oaks Garden (FOG) to enjoy hot chocolate, hot cider, and treats while signing winter songs in American Sign Language (ASL) with Rosa Lee Timm, a performance artist known for her YouTube ASL music videos, her one woman show called The Rosa Lee Show, and her role as the lead actress in ASL Films' feature film, Versa Effect. Currently, in addition to being the Early Childhood Education ASL teacher, she serves as the managing editor of KISSFIST magazine and an executive producer of a talk show called, Kitchen Talk.

Rosa Lee led a celebration of ASL songs through eyes, hands, motion and rhythm as elements of American Sign Language. ASL is a "three dimensional" natural language consisting of phonology, morphology, semantics, syntax and pragmatics, just like spoken languages.

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Small-business owners to receive millions

SUBMITTED BY BRIAN MILLER

Michelle Steel, Vice Chair of the State Board of Equalization, announced that the Members of the Board have voted unanimously to eliminate the agency's automatic security deposit requirement and begin the process of releasing over \$296 million to small-business owners.

"This is a great victory for taxpayers and small businesses," said Vice Chair Steel. "Ending this program will allow new businesses across the state to keep capital in their pockets, available to invest in their businesses or to support their families, instead of having to send a large security deposit to the state."

"The elimination of unnecessary security deposits is the right thing to do," said Teresa Casazza, president of the California Taxpayers Association. "This state is a notoriously tough place to run a business, especially for small business owners who struggle to keep up with California's costly taxes, fees, and regulations. There is simply no need for the state to hold on to millions of taxpayer dollars. We thank BOE Vice Chair Steel and the entire board for voting to return this money to the taxpayers."

Beginning in February of 2014, staff will begin to release over \$296 million in existing security deposits – more than \$67 million of which is in cash and other liquid assets – after applying any outstanding liabilities, starting with the oldest deposits first.

For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

Rocha named Alameda County Fire Chief

SUBMITTED BY ALAMEDA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT



The Alameda County Board of Supervisors announced the appointment of David Rocha as Interim Alameda County Fire Chief, effective January 1.

Rocha has served as Deputy Fire Chief since 2006, most recently under Fire Chief Demetrious Shaffer who announced his early retirement effective December 31, 2013.

"We are pleased to announce the appointment of Dave Rocha as the Interim Fire Chief," said Keith Carson, President of the Board of Supervisors and Fire District Board.

"He will provide stability and strong leadership to the department during this time of transition."

Rocha joined the Alameda County Fire Department in 1995 after eight years with the San Leandro Fire Department. In seven years as Deputy Fire Chief, he has been responsible for the Fire department's administrative services including the budget during challenging financial times. He also has been closely involved in consolidation efforts geared at achieving regional efficiencies in the delivery of fire services.

Susan S. Muranishi, County Administrator, said, "We look forward to working with Interim Chief Rocha and know that the department, contract cities and the County will benefit from his many years of experience and his commitment to providing efficient and effective regional fire services."

For more information, visit: www.acgov.org/fire

Electric vehicle charging ordinance

SUBMITTED BY SCC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors approved a Plug in Electric Vehicle (PEV) Charging System Ordinance which requires pre-wiring for electric vehicle charging systems in new buildings in the unincorporated areas of Santa Clara County.

The ordinance applies to new single family residences, multi-family dwellings, and non-residential buildings. Three types of PEV chargers are currently available: Level 1 charger, using 120 volts of electricity and charge a vehicle in 5-20 hours; Level 2 charger, using 240 volts of electricity and can charge a vehicle in 4-7 hours; and Level 3 charger, which transfers 400-500 volts directly current to vehicle batteries, and can charge a vehicle in as short as 15 minutes.

Under the ordinance, new residential developments are required to pre-wire for Level 2 chargers at the time of construction; new large multifamily buildings and non-residential buildings with more than 100 new parking spaces are required to install Level 2 chargers in at least 1% of the parking spaces.

For a typical single family home, the installation of pre-wiring during construction is estimated to cost up to \$200. In contrast, the same pre-wiring that would be installed after the building is constructed could cost up to \$2,000 due to the need to tear up walls or other improvements.

For more information on Santa Clara County's PEV Ordinance, visit www.sccgov.org/sites/planning/PlanningStudies/PEV

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More victims of online abuse reach out to parents

By ANNE FLAHERTY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP), Sarah Ball was a 15-year-old high school sophomore at Hernando High School in Brooksville, Fla., when a friend posted on Facebook: "I hate Sarah Ball, and I don't care who knows."

Then there was the Facebook group "Hernando Haters" asking to rate her attractiveness, plus an anonymous email calling her a "waste of space." And this text arrived on her 16th birthday: "Wow, you're still alive? Impressive. Well happy birthday anyway."

It wasn't until Sarah's mom, who had access to her daughter's online passwords, saw the messages that the girl told her everything.

More young people are reaching out to family members after being harassed or taunted online, and it's helping. A poll released Thursday by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and MTV found incidents of "digital abuse" are still prevalent but declining somewhat. It found a growing awareness among teenagers and young adults about harm from online meanness and cyberbullying, as well as a slight increase among those willing to tell a parent or sibling.

"It was actually quite embarrassing, to be honest," remembers Ball, now an 18-year-old college freshman. But "really, truly, if it wasn't for my parents, I don't think I'd be where I'm at today."

The survey's findings come a week after two Florida girls, ages 12 and 14, were arrested on felony charges for allegedly bullying online a 12-year-old girl who later killed herself by jumping off a tower at an abandoned concrete plant.

The AP-NORC/MTV poll found that some 49 percent of young people ages 14 through 24 in the U.S. said they have had at least one brush with some kind of electronic harassment, down from about 56 percent in 2011. Of those who have encountered an incident, 34 percent went to a parent, compared with 27 percent just two years ago. And 18 percent — up from 12 percent in 2011 — asked a brother or sister for help.

"I feel like we're making progress," said Sameer Hinduja, co-director of the Cyberbullying Research Center and professor at Florida Atlantic University. "People should be encouraged."

When asked what helped, 72 percent of those encountering digital abuse responded that they changed their email address, screen name or cell number and it helped, while 66 percent who talked to a parent said it helped too. Less than one-third of respondents who retaliated found that helpful, while just as many said it had no effect, and 20 percent said getting revenge actually made the problem worse.

Girls were more likely than boys to be the targets of online meanness — but they also were more likely to talk to reach out for help.

The poll also indicated that young people are becoming more aware of the impact of cyberbullying. Some 72 percent, up from 65 percent in 2011, said online abuse was a problem that society should address. Those who think it should be accepted as a part of life declined from 33 percent to 24 percent.

Hinduja credits school programs that are making it "cool to care" about others and increased awareness among adults who can help teens talk through their options, such as deactivating an account or going to school administrators for help in removing hurtful postings.

That was the case for Ball, whose parents encouraged her to fight back by speaking up. "They said this is my ticket to helping other people," she said.

With their help, Ball sent copies of the abusive emails, texts and Facebook pages to school authorities, news outlets and politicians, and organized an anti-bullying rally. She still maintains a Facebook site called "Hernando Unbreakable," and she mentors local kids identified by the schools as victims of cyberbullying.

She said she thinks if other teens are reaching out more for help, it's as a last resort because so many kids fear making it worse. That was one reason Jennifer Tinsley, 20, said she didn't tell her parents in the eighth grade when another student used Facebook to threaten to stab and beat her.

"I didn't want them to worry about me," Tinsley, now a college student in Fort Wayne, Ind., said of her family. "There

was a lot of stress at that time. ... And I just didn't want the extra attention."

According to the Cyberbullying Research Center, every state but Montana has enacted anti-bullying laws, many of which address cyberbullying specifically. Most state laws are focused on allowing school districts to punish offenders. In Florida, for example, the state Legislature this year passed a provision allowing schools to discipline students harassing others off campus.

In Florida's recent cyberbullying case, the police took the unusual step of charging the two teen girls with third-degree felony aggravated stalking. Even if convicted, however, the girls were not expected to spend time in juvenile detention because they didn't have criminal histories.

The AP-NORC Center/MTV poll was conducted online Sept. 27 through Oct. 7 among a random national sample of 1,297 people between the ages of 14 and 24. Results for the full sample have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.7 percentage points. Funding for the study was provided by MTV as part of its campaign to stop digital abuse, "A Thin Line."

The survey was conducted by the GfK Group using KnowledgePanel, a probability-based online panel. Respondents were recruited randomly using traditional telephone and mail sampling methods. People selected who had no Internet access were given it for free.

AP Director of Polling Jennifer Agiesta and AP News Survey Specialist Dennis Junius contributed to this report.

Students improve Drigon Dog Park

SUBMITTED BY RICK LAFORCE

American High School students from Fremont volunteered at the Drigon Dog Park (Union City) on December 14, 2013. Student volunteers planted 60 trees in a wood chipped area. This area was once 35,000 square feet of underutilized lawn area that required large amounts of water to maintain. The newly planted area now uses bubblers to water the trees. Each tree needs about 10 gallons per week which equates to 600 gallons per week during the growing season compared to the thousands of gallons the lawn needed weekly.



Book signing event

SUBMITTED BY
MICHELLE WHITMAN

Roxanne Lance, a resident of American Canyon, will be available to sign copies of her book, "And Then There Was Gregory." After divorcing her high school sweetheart, following ten years of marriage, Lance was inexperienced at dating. Her friends, however, were determined for her to be as happy as they were which spurred a flurry of blind dates.

At first, blind dating seemed intriguing. Then, after a few crazy, unexpected and even unspeakable situations, it became a source of entertainment. The author shares the hilarious highs and heart wrenching lows of blind dating. And Then There Was Gregory will bring a smile, and perhaps even a sigh of relief, to singles everywhere.

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Winter Charity event helps those in need

SUBMITTED BY JOHN CHYAN
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The Purple Lotus School in Union City ministered to the needs of the community at the 11th "Tri-City Winter Charity" held on December 15. With Centro de Servicios, items were gathered to serve 250-300 low-income families, including 300 bags of rice, 400 cans of corn, 400 cans of chicken broth, 500 drinking bottles, 30 bags of potatoes, 300 blankets, 300 pairs of new socks, 200 teddy bears, plus other donated items.

Donations were primarily from Purple Lotus Temple members, but last year \$3,000 was received from Wal-Mart. Anyone can help with food, clothing, or other donations throughout the year in support of the "Tri-City Winter Charity." To find out where to drop off donations or arrange for large quantities to be picked up, call the Purple Lotus School at (510) 489-8868 (English) or Centro de Servicios (510) 489-4100 (Spanish).

Thanks go to Centro de Servicios director Jaime Jaramillo, Union City Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci, City Councilmember Pat Gacoscos, and the Union City Police Department for their support of this event.



Fremont welcomes new firefighters

SUBMITTED BY DANIEL CARDENAS

It is with great pleasure to announce that the Fremont Fire Department graduated 11 of its newest members from a rigorous 16 week entry level firefighter academy. The firefighters hired are all certified as paramedics or emergency medical technicians, with varying levels of experience prior to beginning their career here in Fremont. The firefighter's graduation ceremony was held Friday, December 13, at American High School.

Probationary firefighters will fill vacancies by recent retirements; the Department has not hired firefighters since 2007. The week following graduation marks the beginning of the remaining 20 months in their two year probation.

For more information on the Fremont Fire Department, visit www.fremont.gov/index.aspx?NID=96



Teen dating violence event

SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINA FERNANDEZ

Mission San Jose High School recently held an event to raise awareness about Teen Dating Violence and Prevention. This on-campus event was conceived and run by Mission San Jose's Peer Resource Group. Attendees learned about healthy relationships and how to help spread awareness about relationship abuse. For more information about Mission San Jose High School's Peer Resource Group, visit www.msjhs.org/domain/2888.



Washington High holds typhoon fundraiser

SUBMITTED BY KRISTIN HISHINUMA

Washington High School responded to the recent tragedy in the Philippines by holding a fundraiser. Students, teachers, and administrators held a carwash fundraiser to help raise money for Typhoon Haiyan relief. The last-minute carwash was organized and within 3 hours, over 60 students volunteered to help. Approximately \$1,000 was raised at the carwash and an additional \$1,000 was raised from individual donations.

Alameda county Supervisor Scott Haggerty visited Washington High School on November 20 to accept the check and insure that all proceeds raised go directly to the Philippines. The event was a great success and the community came together to show its support for a great cause.

If you missed the carwash, but would like to donate to the typhoon relief, organization like UNICEF, CARE, the International Rescue Committee, and Save the Children all have relief funds that are accessible online or by phone.

Avoid the 21

SUBMITTED BY SERGEANT CHAD OLTHOFF

The Winter Holiday Anti-DUI crackdown has resulted in more DUI arrests from local routine traffic enforcement and special Avoid the 21 DUI deployments overnight in Alameda County.

From 12:01 a.m. Friday, December 13 through Midnight Sunday, December 15, officers representing 21 county law enforcement agencies have arrested 107 individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. In 2012 90 DUI arrests occurred during the same three (3) day time period.

Over the course of the next several days of the campaign, two DUI Checkpoints will be conducted in the cities of Fremont, Oakland, and Union City. Extra local DUI Saturation Patrols will also be deployed in the cities of

Alameda, Hayward, and unincorporated areas of the county.

All regularly scheduled traffic and patrol officers will focus efforts at stopping and arresting DUI drivers during their normal shifts. Multiple DUI/Driver's License Checkpoints, Multi Agency DUI Task Force operations, and local Roving DUI patrols are all part of this region-wide crackdown during the 20 day Winter Holiday Campaign.

Police, Sheriff and the CHP encourage all motorists to help make your community safer: Report Drunk Drivers – Call 911! Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. DUI arrest data collection will continue through New Year's Weekend, midnight Sunday, January 1, 2014.

Okla. man proposes to girlfriend during arrest

AP WIRE SERVICE

ELK CITY, Okla. (AP), alk about a marriage proposal to remember.

An Oklahoma man proposed to his girlfriend last Friday and discovered that he had outstanding warrants out of two counties for obtaining cash or merchandise by bogus check, according to court documents.

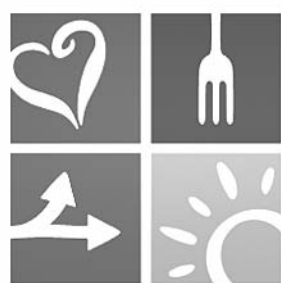
Police said Harrel resisted arrest at first. "I advised Justin that he was under arrest and directed him to turn around and place his hands behind his back," the officer wrote in his

police report. "Justin said, 'Steve, let's talk about this. Give me five minutes.'"

When the officer took him into custody, Harrel explained that he was about to propose to his girlfriend. He asked if he could go ahead with the proposal.

The officer allowed Harrel to complete the marriage proposal, and Harrel's girlfriend eventually said yes. Harrel then asked the officer to get the engagement ring from his coat pocket and give it to her.

The officer handed the ring to the girlfriend. Harrel was not cited for resisting an officer.



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NOTICE OF TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the ALAMEDA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT has fixed **Thursday, January 9, 2014, at the hour of 6:00 P.M.** in the Board Room of the District Office Building, 43885 South Grimmer Boulevard, Fremont, California, as a time and place for a public hearing to review and consider and potentially act on the following rates and charges that are proposed to be collected by said DISTRICT, which, if adopted, would take effect on **February 1, 2014: Account Establishment Field/Reconnection Charge, After-Hours Connection Charge, Backflow Prevention Device Testing Fee, Bimonthly Service Charge, Commodity Rates, Damaged Angle Stop, Damaged Lock, Fire Hydrant Meter Deposit, Fire Hydrant Meter Field Investigation/Follow-up Charges, and Meter Re-Installation Charge;** and to review and consider and potentially act on the following development-related charges that are proposed to be collected by said DISTRICT, which, if adopted, would take effect on **April 1, 2014: Annexation Charge, Facilities Connection Charges, Facilities Reimbursement Charges, Hydrant Flow Test Charge, and Meter Installation Charges.**

At the hearing, any person interested may appear and present comments on the proposed schedule of rates and charges.

Following the conclusion of the hearing, this Board of Directors may, by resolution, fix the rates and charges to be collected by said DISTRICT, effective February 1, 2014 for most rates and charges, and effective April 1, 2014 for development-related charges.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any person interested may inspect the proposed schedule of rates and charges in the office of the District Manager of Finance at 43885 South Grimmer Boulevard, Fremont, California, **Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon, and 1:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M.**

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City of Fremont Briefs

SUBMITTED BY CHERYL GOLDEN

Get Out and Play this Winter Break

Trying to figure out what to do with the kids during winter school break? Don't worry...we've got you covered! The City of Fremont has Winter Break Camps with Full Day, Half Day, and Extended Care options on Dec. 30, Jan. 2, and Jan. 3. (Single Day Options Available) Whether your child is into sports, writing and reading, or just plain fun, register online today at www.RegeRec.com. For our sports fanatic, we have Tennis Camp, Indoor Sports Jam, and Rocking Climbing Camps! These camps feature a variety of indoor and outdoor sports, games, and activities for your child.

Check out our Just For Fun and Academic Enrichment Camps like Camp Max Holiday Fun, Junior Rangers, or Communication Academy Combo Camps. In these hands-on camps, your child will learn, make new friends, play fun games, and so much more. Check out our Recreation Guide for more camps and details at www.Fremont.gov/DayCamps or to register visit us online at www.RegeRec.com. For more information, email the registration desk at RegeRec@fremont.gov or call (510) 494-4300.



Fremont welcomes Firehouse Subs

SUBMITTED BY
 JAIRO MONCADA

Firehouse Subs announced the grand opening of its first location at Pacific Commons in Fremont on Dec. 13, 2013. Founded by former firefighting brothers, the restaurant's firehouse décor is based on the founding family's

decades of fire and police service, and the new location is decorated with local firefighter memorabilia donated by the Fremont Fire Department.

**Firehouse Subs
 Pacific Commons
 43344 Boscell Rd, Fremont
www.firehousesubs.com**

Crab Feed

SUBMITTED BY LAUREL SKURKO

Join the fun at Moreau Catholic High School to enjoy delicious crab and be part of a 45-year-old tradition. This is one of the longest-running crab feeds in the area. When asked, Athletics Assistant, Heidi



Muhr, who heads up the Crab Feed, described what is fast-becoming an East Bay tradition, she said, "We have our own Mardi Gras Party and invite the entire community. The event features some of the country's finest crab from the Oregon coast that is enjoyed by over 700 guests who also love the live saxophone music during the cocktail hour and dancing to a wide variety of music at the after party. There is something

for everyone (age 21-100!); it will be a night to remember." All proceeds benefit athletes at Moreau Catholic High School. Don't miss an experience that has been labeled the best Crab Feed in the East Bay.

**Moreau Crab Feed
 Saturday, Jan 25
 5 p.m. to midnight
 Moreau Catholic High School
 27170 Mission Blvd., Hayward
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<http://www.moreaucatholic.org/s/768/2col.aspx?sid=768&gid=1&pgid=951>

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Call to confirm activities shown in these listings.



Continuing Events

**Saturdays, Sep 21 - Sundays,
Dec 29**

**San Leandro Art Association
Member Exhibit**
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Variety of art work on display
Casa Peralta
384 West Estudillo Ave, San Leandro
(510) 357-4650

**Saturday, Oct 26 - Sunday,
Jan 5**

"Lure of the Wetlands"
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Artwork display by June Yokell
Hayward Shoreline Interpretive
Center
4901 Breakwater Ave., Hayward
(510) 670-7270
shoreline@haywardrec.org

Friday, Nov 1-Sunday, Jan 12

"Still Here"
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Native American Portraits exhibit
PhotoCentral
1099 E St., Hayward
(510) 881-6721
www.photocentral.org

**Monday, Nov 26 - Sunday,
Dec 24**

Santa Claus is Coming to Town \$
11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Meet Santa & share your wish list
Prices vary for photos
Great Mall
447 Great Mall Dr., Milpitas
(408) 956-2033
www.greatmallbayarea.com

**Friday, Nov 29 - Thursday,
Dec 24**

Christmas Tree Lot and Store \$
3 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Trees & decorative items for sale
Open daily
The Pentecostals of Hayward
25715 Mission Blvd., Hayward
(510) 733-0443

Friday, Nov 29 -Sunday, Dec 29

Train of Lights \$
4:30 p.m.
Holiday excursion through Niles Canyon
Niles Station
37001 Mission Blvd., Fremont
(510) 996-8420
www.ncry.org

Fridays, Dec 6 thru Dec 27

Laserium: Laser Holidays \$
6:30 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.
Laser light show & holiday music
Chabot Space & Science Center
10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland
(510) 336-7300
www.chabotspace.org

Monday, Dec 9 - Friday, Jan 15

Art Works of Al & Joe Mudach
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Various pieces by father & son duo
Hayward Area Senior Center
22325 North Third St., Hayward
(510) 881-6766

Monday, Dec 9 - Friday, Jan 31

Watercolor Passion
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Exhibit by various artists
Hayward City Hall
777 B St., Hayward
(510) 208-0410

**Monday, Dec 17 - Sunday,
Dec 31**

**The Book of Revelation Comes
to Life**
11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Paintings based on the New Testament
New Park Mall Cultural Corner
2086 Newpark Mall, Newark
(510) 794-5523
www.NewParkMall.com

Arts & Entertainment

Thursdays, Dec 26 thru Feb 27

"Dirt Cheap" Organic Produce
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
*CalFresh recipients may use EBT cards
for purchases*
Alameda County Social Services
Agency
24100 Amador Street, Hayward
(510) 670-6000

Monday, Dec 30 - Friday, Jan 31

Christmas Tree Drop-Off
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
*Fremont residents bring trees for com-
posting*
Republic Services
42600 Boyce Rd., Fremont
(510) 657-3500

**Thursday, Dec 26 - Sunday,
Dec 29**

Animal Feeding \$
3 p.m.
*Check for eggs & bring hay to the live-
stock*
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
(510) 544-2797
www.ebparks.org

Friday, Dec 27

Karaoke Night
9 p.m.
Music & entertainment
Dick's Restaurant
3188 Alvarado St., San Leandro
(510) 614-8801
www.harlowmusic.com

Saturday, Dec 28

Science Lecture for Children
3 p.m.
Especially for school-age kids
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400

Saturday, Dec 28

Comedy Short Subject Night \$
7:30 p.m.
*"Easy Street," "The Scarecrow," "There
Ain't No Santa Claus"*
Niles Essanay Theater
37417 Niles Blvd, Fremont
(510) 494-1411

Saturday, Dec 28

Mission Gold Jazz Band \$
6 p.m.
Buffet dinner, music & dancing
Macro Event Center
37720 Bonde Way, Fremont
(510) 657-0243
www.jazzdance.org/missiongold

Celebrate Christmas

**Wednesday Dec. 25
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Two of the more popular activities are bowling and golf. Members bowl once a week and participate in about 20 tournaments a year. Tournament days usually begin with a breakfast meeting followed by travel to the tournament, sometimes as far as Reno. Some branches allow women to join them in bowling.

SIR branch 59 is NCGA certified and plays golf weekly at Sunol. They attend state tournaments about seven times a year. To find more information about the SIR golf group, visit their website at www.sirstategolf.com. The golfers travel to Reno, Las Vegas, Solvang, and the Monterey area for their tournaments. The standard format is scramble, but there is also individual play and 2-man best ball. Ladies (with NCGA handicaps) have a separate tournament at the state tournament, always a scramble format. The average handicap for the SIR golfers statewide is mid-20s.

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Fremont
800-949-FARM
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Sundays
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Year-round
Bay Street and Trimboli Way,
Fremont
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HAYWARD:

Hayward Farmers' Market
Saturdays
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Year-round
Hayward City Plaza
777 B. St., Hayward
1-800-897-FARM
www.agriculturalinstitute.org

Kaiser Permanente Hayward Farmers' Market
Wednesdays
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
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NEWARK:

Newark Farmers' Market
Sundays
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Year-round
NewPark Mall
2086 NewPark Mall, Newark
1-800-897-FARM
www.agriculturalinstitute.org

Bayfair Mall
Saturdays
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Year-round
Fairmont and East 14th St., San
Leandro
(925) 465-4690
www.cafarmersmkts.com

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Year-round
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Offices
3553 Whipple Rd., Union City
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Saturdays
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Year-round
Old Alvarado Park
Smith and Watkins Streets,
Union City
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Saturday, Dec 28

Find the Elusive Gray Fox
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Learn to identify signs of the fox
SF Bay National Wildlife Refuge
1 Marshlands Rd., Fremont
(510) 792-0222

Saturday, Dec 28

Bow Drill & Hand Drill Fire Making – R
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Learn to make fire by friction
Ages 16+
Coyote Hills Regional Park
8000 Patterson Ranch Rd.,
Fremont
(888) 327-2757
www.ebparksonline.org

Saturday, Dec 28

Coyote Hills Hike
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Leisurely stroll along the hills & bay
Coyote Hills Regional Park
8000 Patterson Ranch Rd.,
Fremont
(510) 544-3220

Saturday, Dec 28

University of the Philippines Concert Chorus \$
6 p.m.
Benefit for the renaming of Alvarado Middle School
Union City Apostolic Church
33700 Alvarado-Niles Road,
Union City
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Sunday, Dec 29

Little Yosemite at Day's End – R
2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Three mile family friendly hike
Sunol Regional Wilderness
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(510) 544-3249
www.ebparksonline.org

Sunday, Dec 29

Ohlone Village Site Tour
10 a.m. - 12 noon
1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Visit Native American structures
Coyote Hills Regional Park
8000 Patterson Ranch Rd.,
Fremont
(510) 544-3220

Monday, Dec 30

Find it Fast! Internet for Kids
2 p.m.
Hands-on workshop for homework help
Grades 4 – 6 only
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1421

Tuesday, Dec 31

New Year's Eve Balloon Drop \$
11 a.m., 1 p.m. & 4 p.m.
Kids ring in the New Year with games, prizes & balloon drop
Chabot Space & Science Center
10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland
(510) 336-7300
www.chabotspace.org

Tuesday, Dec 31

New Year's Eve Spectacular \$
8 p.m.
Improv comedy show & refreshments
Made Up Theatre
3392 Seldon Ct., Fremont
www.MadeUpTheatre.com
(510) 573-3633

Wednesday, Jan 1

New Year's Day Butterfly Walks \$
11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd.,
Fremont
(510) 544-2797
www.ebparks.org
Wednesday, Jan 1
California Indian Film Festival
10 a.m. – noon & 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Coyote Hills
8000 Patterson Ranch Rd.,
Fremont
(510) 544-3220
www.ebparks.org
Fee: \$5 parking

Wednesday, Jan 1

Four Bridges New Year's Hike
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sunol-Ohlone Regional Park
P.O. Box 82 (on Geary Road),
Sunol
(510) 544-3249
www.ebparks.org

Saturday, Jan 4

New Year Polar Bear Plunge \$
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Castro Valley Swim Center
1800 Mabel Ave., Castro Valley
(510) 881-6780
www.haywardrec.org

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Improv Comedy ready for the New Year

thrilled to continue working toward our envisioned dream of Made Up Theatre,” says co-owner Bobby August. “Our revamped space will greatly enrich the experience of our fans, students, and the entire Bay Area community.”

Improv comedy shows are a unique theatre experience, since no scripts or pre-planning are used. Dialogue and characters are created on the spot based on audience suggestions and participation. Popular comedians such as Stephen Colbert, Steve Carell, Tina Fey, and Amy Poehler began their careers by studying improvisational comedy.

The “New Year’s Eve Spectacular” is Made Up Theatre’s most well known show of the year, and in addition to seeing a show performed by the Main Stage Cast, audience members will also get access to snacks and desserts, a raffle for prizes, and party favors. There will also be an interactive toast hosted by the Made Up Theatre co-owners. “The best part is once the show is over, you’ll still have time to get to your final destination for the night and count it down!” says August.

Made Up Theatre co-owners and Main Stage Performers August, Dustin Seidler, Ben Stephens, and Sean Taylor, who have been performing to-

gether since 2006, are filled with excitement over the renovation project. “I think the audiences will really appreciate it,” says Stephens. “This isn’t just for us to do fun scenes; we built it for them.” This will mark Made Up Theatre’s first major design overhaul since its Grand Opening, and it will include a new stage layout, enhanced lighting, an improved concessions area, and an enhanced design.

“The new stage is going to give us more potential and more freedom in our scenes,” says Seidler. “We were inspired by popular comedy venues in Chicago, like Second City and the iO Theater, which utilize multiple entrances and exits to give their audiences a more vivid and hilarious experience.”

Made Up Theatre has a lot to celebrate this year in addition to the venue’s new look. Their Main Stage troupe 5 Play recently participated in the San Francisco Improv Festival for the fourth time and won Best Improv Group at the Sacramento Comedy Festival. They are also getting ready to observe their 3-year anniversary in Fremont, which consists of over 150 comedy shows and a range of improv comedy classes taught to hundreds of students looking to improv public speaking skills, gain confidence, and make new friends.

Tickets are now on sale for the “New Year’s Eve Spectacular” at MadeUpTheatre.com. The show will sell out, so guests are advised to buy their tickets in advance. (This show may contain adult language and situations that may not be suitable for a young or sensitive audience.)

After another successful year, August has one thing to say: “Here’s to another year in Fremont!”

New Year's Eve Spectacular
Tuesday, Dec 31
8 p.m.
Made Up Theatre
3392 Seldon Ct., Fremont
(510) 573-3633
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Tickets: \$25 (online price only),
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www.indiacc.org/newyear
Tickets: \$99 adults, \$69 seniors,
\$39 children (3-12)

Come out and laugh with Made Up Theatre with a special improv comedy show on New Year's Eve! In addition to the show, snacks and party favors will be provided to ticket holders free of charge. A raffle for awesome prizes will also be held! Audience members will get one raffle ticket upon entry. Plus we'll do a special Made Up Theatre toast and invite you to give your own personal toast!

New Year's Eve Spectacular
Tuesday, Dec 31
8 p.m.
Made Up Theatre
3392 Seldon Ct., Fremont
(510) 573-3633
www.madeuptheatre.com
Tickets: \$25 (online only),
\$30 general admission

This New Year's Eve, the R&B Legends Concert Series presents Bobby Brown! This will be the biggest New Year's Eve concert in the Bay Area. Don't miss this up close and intimate concert of non-stop Bobby Brown hits! There will be live comedy from some of the best local comedians before the king of R&B takes the stage.

Bobby Brown New Year's Eve Concert
Tuesday, Dec 31
7:30 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.
BAL Theatre
14808 E. 14th St., San Leandro
(510) 614-1224
www.baltheatre.com
Tickets: \$49.99 - \$149.99

ME Lounge and Bay VIP presents 2013 New Years Eve Party. Bring in 2014 at one of the Bay Area Hottest spots dancing to your favorite Old School Soul and R&B hits. This party is for the grown and sexy, 30+. Party host for the night will be Bay Area own J-Red. General admission and dinner packages available. Group pricing is available. Purchase four or more tickets and receive complimentary bottle of champagne or wine. Seats are limited.

Black and Gold NYE Me Lounge
Tuesday, Dec 31
9 p.m.
Me Restaurant
926 B St., Hayward
(510) 538-1012
Tickets: \$25 - \$225

Start the year off right with an inspiring visit to a monarch butterfly over-wintering site. Discover the amazing migration of these tiny creatures and how

they survive the long cold season in Ardenwood's eucalyptus trees. Use spotting scopes to see these magnificent creatures up close and personal. Meet at the Granary.

New Year's Day Butterfly Walks
Wednesday, Jan 1
11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
(510) 544-2797
www.ebparks.org
Fee: \$3 adults, \$2 children (4-17),
under 4 years free

Find out about Ohlone peoples today (morning) and Central California Indian basketry (afternoon) through rarely known and shown films, introduced, described, and discussed within their full cultural context and meaning.

California Indian Film Festival
Wednesday, Jan 1
10 a.m. – noon & 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Coyote Hills
8000 Patterson Ranch Rd., Fremont
(510) 544-3220
www.ebparks.org
Fee: \$5 parking

Step into the New Year on Sunol's own Bridge-to-Bridge hike. Three and one-half casual miles with some uphill. Trolls are possible en route. Ages six and up; registration is required (#4546).

Four Bridges New Year's Hike
Wednesday, Jan 1
1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sunol-Ohlone Regional Park
P.O. Box 82 (on Geary Road), Sunol
(510) 544-3249
www.ebparks.org

Ring in the New Year with a dip in the unheated outdoor swimming pool at the Castro Valley Swim Center. All registrants will receive a T-shirt, certificate, and warm refreshments. This is a fundraiser to raise funds for Swim Lesson Scholarships. Register at www.haywardrec.org, course # 25706.

New Year Polar Bear Plunge
Saturday, Jan 4
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Castro Valley Swim Center
1800 Mabel Ave., Castro Valley
(510) 881-6780
www.haywardrec.org
Fee: \$10

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10:45–11:15 Daycare Center Visit - FREMONT
2:15 – 3:00 Daycare Center Visit - NEWARK
4:30 – 5:20 Weibel School, 45135 South Grimmer Blvd., FREMONT
5:50 – 6:40 Booster Park, Gable Dr. & McDuff Ave., FREMONT

Thursday, December 26
10:00–10:30 Daycare Center Visit - SAN LORENZO
10:45–11:45 Daycare Center Visit - CASTRO VALLEY
1:20 – 1:50 Daycare Center Visit - HAYWARD (unincorporated)
2:15 – 3:15 Cherryland School, 585 Willow Ave., HAYWARD (unincorporated)

Monday, December 30
9:30–10:05 Daycare Center Visit - UNION CITY
10:25–10:55 Daycare Center Visit - City UNION CITY

1:45–2:45 Delaine Eastin School, 34901 Eastin Dr., UNION CITY
4:15–4:45 Contempo Homes, 4190 Gemini Dr., UNION CITY
5:15–6:45 Forest Park School, Deep Creek Rd. & Maybird Circle, FREMONT

Tuesday, December 31
9:15–11:00 Daycare Center Visit – FREMONT
2:00–2:30 Daycare Center Visit – FREMONT
2:30 – 3:25 Cabrillo School, 36700 San Pedro Dr., FREMONT
4:45 – 5:30 Baywood Apts., 4275 Bay St, FREMONT
5:50 – 6:30 Jerome Ave. and Ohlones St., FREMONT

Thursday, January 2
9:50 – 10:20 Daycare Center Visit – FREMONT
10:40–11:30 Daycare Center Visit – NEWARK
1:15 – 1:45 Stellar Academy, 38325 Cedar Blvd., NEWARK
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The Bookworm

The Bookworm is Terri Schlichenmeyer. Terri has been reading since she was 3 years old and she never goes anywhere without a book. She lives on a hill in Wisconsin with two dogs and 11,000 books.

“The Art of Procrastination” by John Perry

The big project you've got on your desk is due on Thursday.

And so far today, you've managed to get a lot done. You've cleaned your middle drawer, checked emails, faxed an order you should've sent to the vendor last week, organized lunch for Thursday's meeting, and found that management book your co-worker wanted to read.

Yes, you've accomplished a lot today. Just not on the big project.

fort, you can generally finish the lesser tasks each day and you feel good crossing them off the list. That, Perry says, is how secret procrastinators get a reputation for getting lots of things done.

But remember, the important task is still on the list.

Eventually, says Perry, and probably before your deadline, the once-onerous task will become do-able when something less appealing bumps it from the top spot on your list. Or you're in a better mood to do it. Or you finally figure out a plan. Thus, structured procrastination turns your negative trait into a positive.

“The trick,” he says, “is to pick the right sorts of projects for the top of the list.”

And if that doesn't give you the psychological boost you need, try doing the task in small bites. Play “perky” music to get you going. Find a collaborator who takes responsibility for your timeframe, or just go ahead and embrace your procrastination. You might be surprised at what you can accomplish.

At just 112 pages, “The Art of Procrastination” seems more like a pamphlet than a book; indeed, author John Perry says this mini-volume sprang from a previously-published essay. That makes it quick-to-read – but there's a lot to learn.

Perry makes readers laugh at themselves with real information presented in a lighthearted, decidedly un-scholarly manner. Yes, this is a fun book, but it's not frivolous: Perry eventually admits that procrastination is really not a good trait, but that it can be handled with the right attitude.

So if your entire life runs a day behind everyone else's, or if you've fruitlessly poked a Poky One, “The Art of Procrastination” might help deal with the situation. Grab this book. Read it.

Don't wait.

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112 pages

But go back and think: you got a lot done, so carpe tomorrow. In the new book “The Art of Procrastination” by John Perry, you'll see how foot-dragging may be a step in the right direction.

Humans are supposedly rational beings, known for higher-thinking brains. We can, therefore, prognosticate enough to recognize that unpleasant or necessary tasks will eventually need doing – so why do we put them off until the last minute?

It's because we tend to act against our better judgments, which Plato and Aristotle called akrasia. When akrasia consists of dawdling, Perry (who is Emeritus Professor of Philosophy at Stanford) likes to refer to it as structured procrastination, and it's not necessarily a bad thing.

Here's why: like most people, you probably have a daily to-do list. On it, there are a small number of things you need to complete, and one of them is very important. With little-to-no ef-

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Dear EarthTalk: Do you have any tips for explaining global warming and other complex environmental problems to my kids?

Peter Buckley, Pittsburgh, PA

Kids today may be more eco-savvy than we were at their age, but complex topics like global warming may still mystify them. Luckily there are many resources available to help parents teach their kids how to understand the issues and become better stewards for the planet.

A great place to start is the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) "A Student's Guide to Global Climate Change" website. The site is divided into sections (Learn the Basics, See the Impacts, Think like a Scientist and Be Part of the Solution) so kids can get just the right amount of detail without feeling overwhelmed. One feature of the site is a virtual trip around the world to see the effects of climate change in different regions. An emissions calculator—with questions tailored to kids' lifestyles—helps connect everyday actions (like running the water while brushing teeth) and climate change. And a FAQ page answers some of the most common questions about climate change in easy-to-read short paragraphs.

Another great online resource is NASA's Climate Kids website, which engages kids with games, videos and craft

activities and offers digestible info on what's causing climate change and how kids can make a difference. A guided tour of the "Big Questions" (What does climate change mean? What is the greenhouse effect? How do we know the climate is changing? What is happening in the oceans? and others) uses cartoon characters and brightly colored designs to help kids come to grips with the basics.

Perhaps even more engaging for those eight and older is Cool It!, a card game from the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS). The game, designed in collaboration with science educators, requires players to collect "solution" cards in the categories of energy, transportation and forests, while slowing opponents down by playing "problem" cards along the way. "The game enables teachers and parents to talk about global warming in a fun and hopeful way," reports UCS. "Kids, meanwhile, will learn that all of us make choices that determine whether the world warms a little or a lot, and which of those choices reduce global warming emissions." The game is available for purchase (\$7.95) directly from the UCS website.

Younger kids curious about climate change can consult the Professor Sneeze website, which features online illustrated children's stories that present global warming in a familiar context. The stories for five- to eight-year-olds follow a cartoon bunny on various warming related adventures. A few of the story titles include "The Earth Has a

Fever," "Where Are the Igloos of Iglooville?" and "Tears on the Other Side of the World." The site also features stories geared toward 8- to 10-year-olds and 10- to 12-year-olds.

Of course, teachers can play a key role in making sure kids are well versed in the science of climate change. A recently launched initiative from the National Center for Science Education (NCSE)—long respected for its work in defending and supporting the teaching of evolution in the public schools—aims to help teachers do a better job of teaching climate change in the classroom. The group's Climate Change Education website points teachers to a treasure trove of resources they can use to demystify the science behind global warming, combat "climate change denial" and support "climate literacy."

CONTACTS: EPA's "A Student's Guide to Global Climate Change," www.epa.gov/climatestudents; NASA Climate Kids, <http://climatekids.nasa.gov>; NCSE's Climate Change Education Initiative, <http://ncse.com/climate>; Professor Sneeze, www.contespedagogiques.be/pages/accueil_angl.html.

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Animal adoption

center sees all

kinds of creatures

BY MOLLY MONTAG
SIOUX CITY JOURNAL

SIOUX CITY, Iowa (AP), Jack, a Shetland pony, trotted into Sioux City Animal Adoption & Rescue Center last month under sad circumstances.

The pony's owner had died. He needed a new home.

The sturdy little critter with the lush forelock and long, flowing tail may have seemed out of place in the dog run, but Jack was only the latest in a never-ending stream of nontraditional pets to arrive at the center on Hawkeye Drive. Officials say that's why animal control officers receive special training on exotic animals: They need to know how to handle whatever walks, hops, slithers or hoofs its way through the doors.

The Sioux City Journal reports that (<http://bit.ly/192M4x3>) over the years, they've handled mountain lions, lizards, snakes, horses, bears, pot-bellied pigs, a goat and a tiger.

"You never know what you're going to get, or if it is of a tame nature or a wild nature," said Cindy Rarrat, whose Hannah Inc. agency provides animal control services for the city.

Earlier this year, officers removed a baby American alligator and a snake from a home in Sioux City's Greenville neighborhood. Animal control officers learned of the alligator, which is not legal in Sioux City, when owners posted photos of the 10-inch-long reptile swimming with children in a bathtub. Though it was shorter than a grade-school ruler when animal control officers found it, mature American alligators can reach 10 feet in length.

Officers get training in exotic-animal handling from the National Animal Control Association. More experienced officers also mentor their younger peers.

Though the training isn't required for the state's animal-control officers, Rarrat believes it's important education. "They need to know how to handle a multitude of animals," she said.

Part of proper training is to understand the special health needs of exotic animals. Lizards, snakes and turtles have different nutritional and habitat needs than a puppy or kitten. Knowing that makes it easier to care for animals at the shelter and to spot signs of poor health or neglect, said Animal Control Officer Kenna Anderson.

Often, Anderson and other animal control officers must care for

malnourished or abandoned exotic pets. For instance, one local resident found a terminally ill ball python in the backyard this year. Green iguanas are commonly discarded as they near maturity.

"People buy them for \$10 or \$12 at a pet store, and two years down the road they've got a 6-foot male with hormone issues," Anderson said.

In some cases, officers must provide emergency treatment.

Decades ago, Cindy Lou, a mountain lion, suffered a head injury in a car accident on Lewis Boulevard that killed her owner. A quick-thinking Sioux City Police Department canine officer found the dazed cougar in a ditch and quickly stashed her in the back of his squad car, Rarrat said.

The animal was taken to Popcorn Park Zoo in New Jersey. She died of old age at 19.

Animal control officers also tended to a black bear someone tried to trade in for a used car in the 1980s. It was nearly bald, suffering from a bad skin condition as a result of poor nutrition, Rarrat said. The bear recovered and also was taken to the New Jersey zoo.

In August 2010, police and animal control officers rescued a goat two men had stolen from a Sioux City yard. Police say the men tried to suffocate the goat and, when that didn't work, kicked it and tried to slit its throat.

Both men were arrested on criminal charges. The bandaged goat was rehabilitated and adopted. It couldn't return to its former home, since city code doesn't allow goats in areas not zoned for agricultural use.

The goat didn't give animal control officers any trouble, but knowing how to deal with exotic animals can be a life saver, as Rarrat herself can testify.

She recalled the time a 250-pound cougar named Sabbath pounced on her, grabbing her by the throat. Rarrat played dead, and the cat released her without piercing the skin. Sabbath later went to live at a sanctuary.

Jack the pony didn't stay long at the shelter, either, after the staff found a foster home for him.

"Each day is different here," Rarrat said with a laugh. "You never know what you're going to come across."

Information from: Sioux City Journal, <http://www.siouxcityjournal.com>

New Tesla Supercharger location

SUBMITTED BY PATRICK JONES

Tesla Motors, the California-based maker of the award-winning Model S sedan, is expanding its Supercharger network with the opening of a new Supercharger station in Vacaville. Located at the Vacaville Premium Outlets, the Supercharger station is now available for Model S drivers to use. The Vacaville Superchargers enable free travel between the San Francisco Bay Area, Lake Tahoe, and other regional vacation destinations.

Superchargers are designed for long distance travel, allowing Tesla Model S owners to drive for about three hours, take a 20 to 30 minute break, and get back on the road with almost a full charge. Tesla Superchargers have powered Model S vehicles with over 5 million miles of range saving over 230,000 gallons of fuel.

The Vacaville Supercharger site is located off Exit 56 on Highway I-80. It's Open 24 hours a day and contains eight charging stalls.

For more information on the Tesla Model S, visit www.teslamotors.com.

Crazy about

the New Year?

Take the

Polar Bear Plunge!

SUBMITTED BY TOM PRUSINOVSKI

Please join the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District at the Second Annual Polar Bear Plunge. Come ring in the New Year with a dip in the unheated outdoor swimming pool. All registrants will receive a T-shirt, certificate, and warm refreshments. This is a fundraiser to raise money for the learn to swim programs. A special thanks to the Starbucks in Castro Valley, at Lake Chabot Road and Castro Valley Blvd for providing the coffee and hot water for making the hot chocolate.

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Video of home invasion

robbery released

SUBMITTED BY FREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

At approximately 5:20 p.m. we received a call from a reporting party who stated a female family member was at home and four men had broken into their home on the 35000 block of Armour Way in Fremont. The victim was home alone when she heard loud knocking on the door. When she didn't answer, three to four suspects made entry by kicking in the door. The victim retreated to a bedroom, locked the door and called her brother (who then called us). The victim had just moved to the US and was not familiar with the 9-1-1 system. The suspects ransacked the home and eventually made entry into the bedroom where the victim was hiding. They held her at gun and knife point and demanded cash and jewelry. When the scared victim tried to remove her jewelry, they got frustrated and ripped a gold chain from her neck. After taking jewelry and small electronics from the home, the suspects fled in a mid-2000 Infinity SUV or similar, silver or grey in color. Officer Candler investigating and Sgt. McCormick supervised. The suspects are described as:

Suspect #1 – Black male adult, grey hoodie, dark colored pants and shoes, 5'10 – 6', medium build, armed with a black handgun.

Suspect #2 – Black male adult, dark grey hoodie, dark colored pants and shoes, 5'10", 200lbs.

Suspect #3 – Black male adult, light colored hoodie and pants, 6', medium build.

Possible Suspect #4 – Black male adult, think black jacket, light grey beanie, light colored blue or grey jeans, light colored shoes, approximately 6'1".

Suspect Vehicle – Driven by an unknown suspect, mid 2000's Infinity SUV or similar.

Fremont PD is releasing video from the home invasion robbery that occurred on the 35000 block of Armour Way on the evening of December 18. The quality of the video is not clear, but we are hoping that someone will recognize the vehicle and call the Fremont Police Department's Investigative Unit at (510) 790-6900 or email Detectives at TMacDonald@fremont.gov or BLoughery@fremont.gov.

View the video on our YouTube Channel at <http://youtu.be/8y8j8JEGjbI>

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Obituary

Aida Soto Mena

12/25/1928 -12/13/2013



Loving mother and wife she is survived by her husband of 63 yrs. Vincent C. Mena, 4 Sons Carlos, Johnny, Michael, and Christopher. She also leaves behind 1 sister in Los Angeles numerous Grandkids, Greatgrandkids. Aida was a life long member of St. Pauls Catholic Church in Salinas, ca. She was born in Ajo, Arizona she enjoyed cooking, socializing with friends. Aida will be greatly missed and forever remembered as a kind loving person always willing to help.

Alameda County leads the way in California population surge

SUBMITTED BY GUY ASHLEY

Alameda County's position at the forefront of California popu-

lation growth tells a story about exciting dynamics in the County that likely will attract new residents here for years to come.

Crystal Cathedral to begin Catholic transformation

AP WIRE SERVICE

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. (AP) — The former Crystal Cathedral in Orange County is closing to the public as it begins a transformation into a Roman Catholic cathedral. The Los Angeles Times reports

(http://lat.ms/lknivO) that the recently renamed Christ Cathedral will close Sunday for a \$29 million restoration. It's scheduled to reopen in 2016. The landmark glass-sided church was built by the Rev. Robert H. Schuller and for decades was the

home of his "Hour of Power" televangelist broadcasts. The property was sold to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange in 2010 after Crystal Cathedral Ministries declared bankruptcy. Information from: Los Angeles Times, http://www.latimes.com

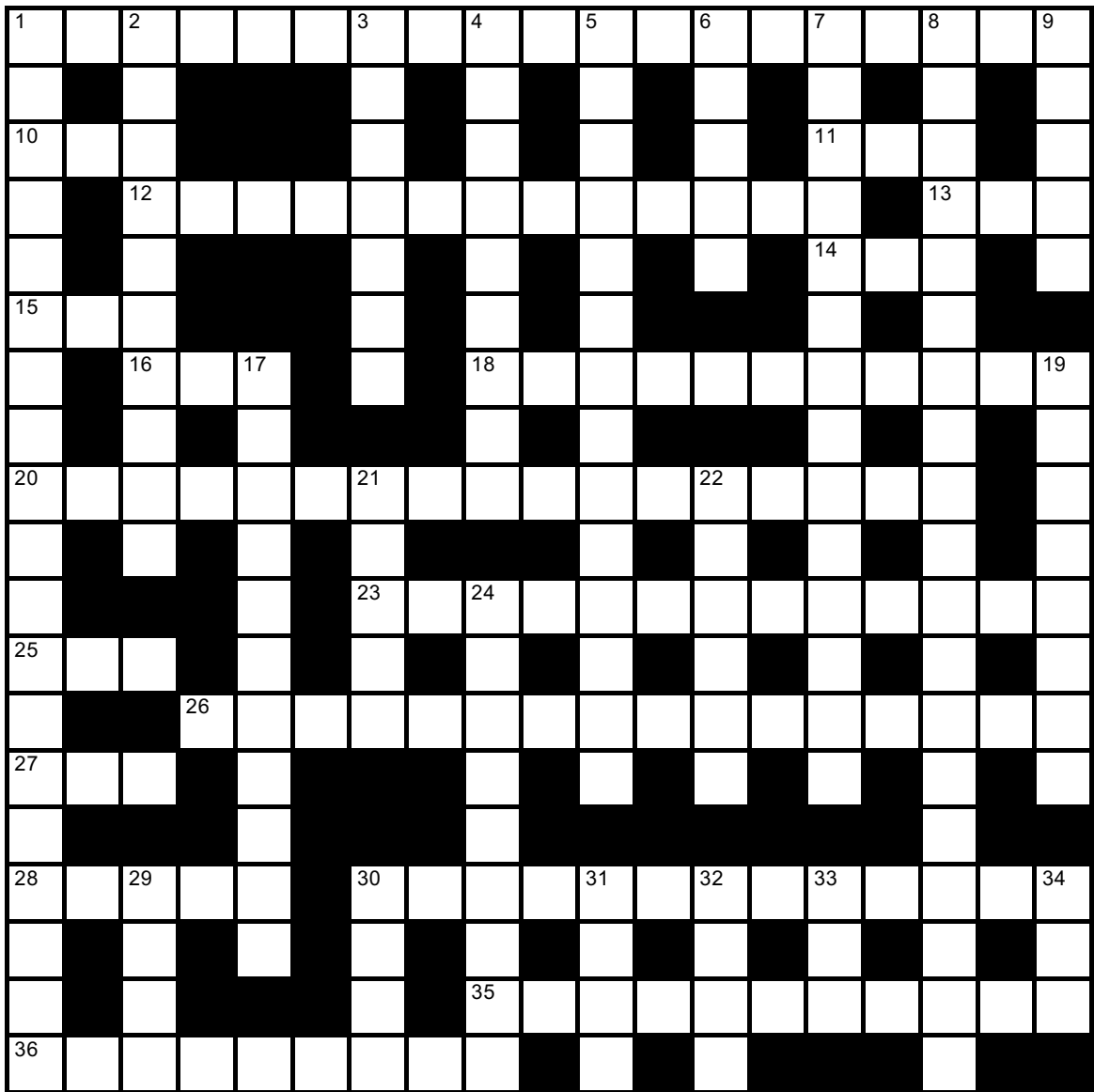
"The jobs are here, the housing is more affordable here and we have the best weather in the Bay Area" said Keith Carson, President of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and Board Chairman of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance (East Bay EDA) in Oakland. "For years we've been saying that Alameda County is the best place to live, work and do business. Now the numbers are making the case for us." A recently issued report by the California Department of Finance said the state added 332,000 people between July 1, 2012 and July 1 of 2013, a growth rate of 0.9 percent that is the highest since 2003-04, before the recession. According to the report, Alameda County not only topped all other counties in terms of total population increase – its 15,000 new arrivals from other states and countries led the rest of California in terms of net migration. Darien Louie, Executive Director of East Bay EDA, said these numbers point to a fast-growing technology sector that is drawing workers to Alameda County from around the globe. Louie said other factors give the County an edge in appealing to people who have decided to relocate to the Bay Area and must decide where to make their home. "They are not finding the love in terms of housing that is affordable in San Francisco and Santa Clara County," she said. "And

even if their jobs are in those areas, we have the public transit here so they can easily travel between home and work, and still have a high quality of life." Louie cited several other factors behind Alameda County's population growth: Lower commercial property costs that are attracting a diverse array of businesses; these include several notable nonprofits that have purchased their own office spaces in Oakland - an option not available in other Bay Area locations. An influx of foreign workers, many of them highly educated, who are drawn by the area's emerging hi-tech industries. Workers from Southeast Asia and other warmer climes also find Alameda County's warm weather more appealing than communities within the coastal fog belt. The diverse population that has always made Alameda County attractive to immigrants. "In Alameda County you are going to find people who speak your native language, and you're going to find those assets such as the cultural centers and the stores that sell items unique to your home country," Louie said. The cities in Alameda County with the largest population gains are Fremont, Dublin, Oakland and Hayward. The availability of housing that is more affordable in these communities – some of it in the form of new transit-friendly, multi-unit developments – seems to be a big factor in their popula-

tion surges, said Chris Bazar, Director of the Alameda County Community Development Agency. According to Bazar, Fremont is attractive to new residents due to its close proximity to technology centers in the Silicon Valley and on the Peninsula, while the city offers housing that is generally more affordable than can be found in Santa Clara County. Bazar says a significant amount of housing that is more affordable – including new multi-family units – has recently come available in Hayward, Dublin, and Oakland. Not only are many of these housing developments attractive in terms of cost, but also adding to their appeal is the fact that many are located within easy access to BART and express bus lines. Alameda County's relative affordability is also spurring growth in another area that is often overlooked: the arrival of older Bay Area residents who choose to move here from other nearby communities, Louie said. "They're retired, the kids have grown up and moved on, and they find the house they bought in San Francisco for \$100,000 is now worth more than a \$1 million," she said. "So they cash out, and they move over here where they can purchase their home free and clear and still have some money left over. And even if they miss the people from the old neighborhood, they're still just a short BART ride away."

Mind Twisters

Crossword Puzzle B 245



- Across

1

Branch of psychology concerned with the acquisition, processing, and storing of information (9,10)

10

Amateur video subject, maybe (3)

11

Dash lengths (3)

12

Road, building, and bridge designer (5,8)

13

"A Nightmare on ____ Street" (3)

14

Alliance that includes Ukr. (3)

15

"Yadda, yadda, yadda" (3)

16

Popular fruit drink (3)

18

Recording, writing down on paper (11)

20

Not standing for something else (17)

23

Encyclopedia, e.g. (9,4)

25

"Well, ____-di-dah!" (3)

26

Too minute to be seen with a regular microscope (16)

27

Anger (3)
- 28

Host (5)
- 30

Emperor of Ethiopia from 1930 to 1974 (5,8)
- 35

Transporter of goods over land (5,6)
- 36

Takes for one's own use in violation of a trust. (9)
- Down

1

Efforts made to prevent hostile attacks from foreign nations (19)

2

GPS scavenger hunt (10)

3

Vague idea or notion (7)

4

Evenings (9)

5

Rousseau's work (6,8)

6

Affected with a narcotic drug (5)

7

Big ego (14)

8

Anxiety disorder characterized by unwanted thoughts and behaviors (9-10)
- 9

Scrumptious (5)
- 17

An arrangement in which a vendor extends a specific amount of unsecured credited to a borrowed for a specified time period (6,5)
- 19

What happens after the opposing team kicks the ball past the goal line in soccer (4-4)
- 21

Harder to find (5)
- 22

Embryonic sac (6)
- 24

Bra burning (9)
- 29

Baby holder (4)
- 30

Hot spot (4)
- 31

Flightless flock (4)
- 32

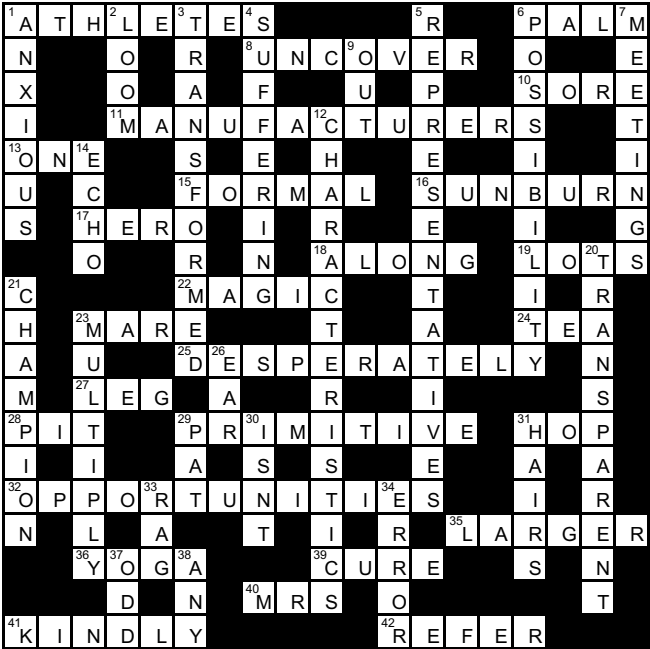
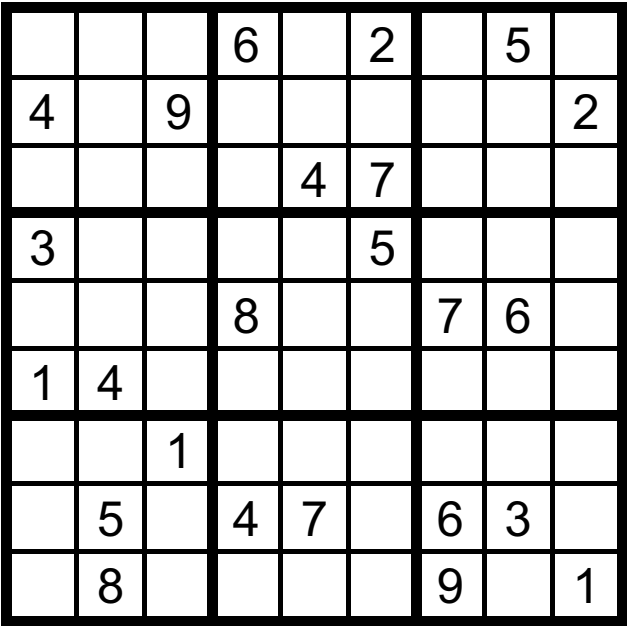
The "E" of B.P.O.E. (4)
- 33

Balloon filler (3)
- 34

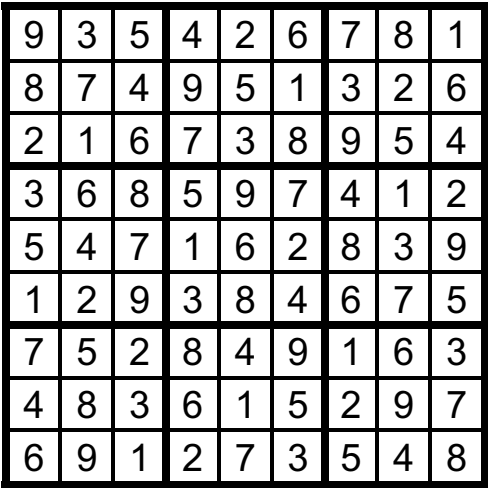
Ring bearer, maybe (30)

Sudoku:

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



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Tri-City Stargazer DECEMBER 25 – DECEMBER 31, 2013 BY VIVIAN CAROL

For All Signs: The Christmas Star has been a source of inquiry for centuries. It is generally accepted among historians that the Magi were astrologers. Since the precise birth date of Jesus remains unknown, one must search history for clues to the phenomenon that compelled the Magi to travel such a distance to Palestine. Though some have suggested that a comet or a nova might have been the signal, these explanations are unlikely because their appearances were not predictable at the time. Therefore

those events were not included in the astrologers' repertoire of prognostic wisdom. Percy Seymour, physicist-astronomer of Great Britain, offered a strong case which postulates the Jupiter/Saturn conjunction of September 7 in the year 7 B.C., as the birth date of Jesus in his book, *Astrology: The Evidence of Science* (1988). During that year there was a rare and politically important triple conjunction of these two planets in the sign of Pisces, the Fish. The middle conjunction of September 7 oc-

curred while the Sun was in the sign of Virgo. As the sun was setting that evening, the Jupiter/Saturn conjunction was ascending, heralding the birth of a king. Astrology was very important in Jesus' era. Thus it might have been said that He was born of a virgin (Virgo). Biblical realists will not appreciate this interpretation of the story, but it is a sound premise if one considers the common acceptance of astrological knowledge of the times.

Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20): This is not your best week, I'm sorry to say. You may have people around who want to goad you and prod you into losing your temper. Take that adrenalin and do a major task that requires physical strength and the large muscles. Fine motor activity will only irritate you. You may prefer to work alone during this period.

Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20): This is a quiet and possibly studious week for you. You may be researching topics of interest related to school or business. Be aware that your ruling planet, Venus, is retrograding. This means that you may be drawn into an uncomfortable place within your relationship. Old and worn out habits of relating could surface. Try not to go there.

Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20): Your attention shifts to matters of shared resources for the next three weeks. "Resources" include time, things of material value, energy and sexuality. The territory is wide, ranging from the mundane study of the budget, to investments, and even to important discussions with partners over the need for greater intimacy. Drive and use tools with caution.

Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21): You will be as cool as glass but the people around you are likely to be upset, overwrought, angry, or sullen. Don't take this personally. Just continue with your plans as much as you can, in spite of the maelstrom. Others will need your loving kindness more than ever now.

Leo the Lion (July 22-Aug 22): Your frame of mind is more than a little bit maverick at this time. You may be compelled to declare your freedom in every direction. It won't make a lot of friends on the playground, but this feels truly mandatory now. If your energy is directed toward social justice, there will be many on your side.

Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22): Mercury, your ruling planet, moves into the sector of life related to children, recreation, personal creativity, and romance. There is considerable intensity in these areas, particularly between the 29th and the 31st. Drive and handle sharp tools with care. Your tongue may be as sharp as a tool itself. Beware of over-reaction to others.

Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22): Concentrate on maintaining your composure this week. You could easily be drawn off your center by people or circumstances that have made you angry for a long time. Librans are truly shaken by temper and particularly so if it is their own outburst. Drive very carefully and don't let someone with road rage push you to create an accident.

Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21): Your Significant Other may be falling into an old pattern that has caused harm in the relationship before. Be forewarned and take especially good care of yourself now, even if you must put distance between you. Otherwise you will go backwards and return to your old patterns which will definitely not be in your best interests.

Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21): You and the Cancerian Crabs have a lot in common right now. Although the world is a whirlwind around you, this is a time that you do not have to join into the struggles of others. Your general good nature and optimism is just what is needed, wherever you go. Spread it generously.

Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19): During this period you must prove the value of your efforts on a project that began a year or more ago. You are focused and bent on having things your way, so you are tempted to railroad those who object. Concentrate on diplomacy in order to accomplish your objectives more easily. Forcing an issue will only result in provoking defensiveness.

Aquarius the Water Bearer (January 20-February 18): You have a need to be left alone this week, though it may not be conscious. If this occurs by happenstance, recognize it as a gift and refuse to feel sorry for yourself. Your ego will want to be injured, but not if you don't allow it to have such power. You prefer reverie,

books and daydreaming. Drive and handle tools carefully.

Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20): This is likely to be an interesting and quiet week for the Fish. You probably will spend the holiday with friends and family, as would be expected at this time. There are books and/or movies that interest you. Intuition is turned on and the muse may visit you with poetry. Enjoy the peace and don't allow the general havoc of others to disturb your placid waters.

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OPINION



WILLIAM MARSHAK

Santa Claus is coming tonight!

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Reference:
<http://www.newseum.org/yesvirginia/>

William Marshak
PUBLISHER

Each year, I step aside to let perennial eight-year-old, Virginia O'Hanlon, pose a question that has reverberated for over a century. She wrote a letter to the editor of New York's SUN in 1897 and the response, printed as an unsigned editorial Sept. 21, 1897, the work of veteran newsman Francis Pharcellus Church, has since become history's most reprinted newspaper editorial.

Merry Christmas to all!

Bill Marshak

Publisher/Editor in Chief

Tri-City Voice

"DEAR EDITOR: I am 8 years old." Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. "Papa says, 'If you see it in THE SUN it's so.' "Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?"

"VIRGINIA O'HANLON
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Hayward SMASH Operation

SUBMITTED BY HAYWARD
POLICE DEPARTMENT

On December 11, Hayward Police Department initiated a Synchronized Multi-Agency Safe Housing (SMASH) operation at an apartment complex in the 2100 block of W. Tennyson Road in response to numerous community complaints and police calls for service regarding criminal activity at the location.

The operations resulted in two arrests for drug-related charges, probation violations and several code violations. The District Command Unit will work closely

with the property owner and management to abate and improve conditions at the location.

The overall mission of this SMASH operation was to foster a safe and secure environment and improve the quality of life for the citizens residing in the area.

The Hayward Police Department District Command Unit and Special Response Unit would like thank the following city and law enforcement partners for their participation in this successful action: City Attorney's Office, Hayward Fire Department, and the City of Hayward.

Volunteer at Hayward Animal Shelter

SUBMITTED BY ANNA MAY

SantaCon Hayward drew in over 100 "Santas" who visited from all over the bay area and spent their money in Hayward to help save the lives of homeless animals. Over \$1860 was raised this year to sponsor adoption fees for 14 animals.

For those local residents wanting to become a more permanent staple in the Hayward Animal Shelter organization, a volunteer orientation is scheduled for Satur-

day January 4. The meeting will discuss volunteer roles, including: cat pet pal, dog pet pal, rabbit pet pal, beautician, house keeper, kennel assistant, technology friend, humane educator, photographer, social media guru, office assistant, and adoption specialist.

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12 SILLY DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Can you find all the things in this silly scene listed at right?
Read carefully and look closely – it's tricky!

This year for Christmas, Kid Scoop gave to me:

- | | |
|--|---|
| ☐ 12 skating snowmen | ☐ 5 ice cream cones |
| ☐ 11 penguin painters | ☐ 4 polar bears |
| ☐ 10 running reindeer | ☐ 3 crayons |
| ☐ 9 shopping salmon | ☐ 2 candy canes |
| ☐ 8 freezing frogs | ☐ And Santa hiding somewhere on this page! |
| ☐ 7 bags of popcorn | |
| ☐ 6 rubber duckies | |

Funny Filler

Have a friend give you **NOUNS, ADJECTIVES** and **VERBS**. Then read the silly story aloud. Prepare for big laughs!

Santa Secrets

Everyone knows that Santa slides down chimneys to deliver presents to children on Christmas Eve. But what happens when a home has no _____?
NOUN

Santa has a magic _____
NOUN
that can open any lock in the world. So he can quietly _____
VERB
through a door and to leave _____
PLURAL NOUN
in stockings or under the _____.
NOUN

Santa also has many helpers. This way, if he is running behind schedule, the helpers _____
VERB
to the rescue and deliver the _____
ADJECTIVE PLURAL NOUN

Some people like to leave fresh _____
PLURAL NOUN
for Santa's reindeer. This gives them energy and helps them _____
VERB
through the chilly winter air.

Back at the North Pole, Santa rests for several days after his _____
ADJECTIVE
journey. But plans for the following Christmas begin right away, as the elves begin making _____
PLURAL NOUN
and _____
PLURAL NOUN
in the workshop. They _____
VERB
long hours throughout the year. In addition to bikes and dolls, they make a surprising amount of _____
ADJECTIVE PLURAL NOUN
which are very popular gifts.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Use nouns, adjectives and verbs correctly.

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VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: EQUIPMENT

The noun **equipment** means items needed for a particular job or activity.

The contractor carried his **equipment** in his truck.

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

Write On!

Alliterations

Write a sentence in which all (or nearly all) of the words start with the same letter.
Example: Wendy walks with wonder when the weather warms.



Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Extra! Extra! Holiday Hunt

Look through the newspaper to find:

- 5 holiday pictures
- 5 holiday words
- a Christmas tradition
- something sweet
- a nice gift

Standards Link: Classify objects according to common attributes.

Speedy Search

Race a friend and see who can find the most:

- apples • carrots • rabbits • sports equipment

Look Again!

Did you spot a cactus, a boat, a lollipop and a hot dog?

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Can you find the two identical ornaments?



Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Double Double Word Search

CHRISTMAS
EQUIPMENT
REINDEER
POPCORN
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SPOT
WHO
SWEET
DOG
ICE
SEE
BEAR
BAGS

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

S	N	O	K	S	B	E	A	R	T
A	J	S	V	A	W	T	E	O	N
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H	R	A	B	B	I	T	S	E	Q
C	N	I	U	G	N	E	P	J	E

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

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Christmas Mystery

Secretly find a picture related to Christmas in the newspaper. Then give the newspaper to a friend. Give your friend clues about the picture you selected. Can he or she find out which is the Christmas mystery picture?

Standards Link: Oral Language: Use clear and specific vocabulary to communicate ideas.

What's cold, white and falls up?

ANSWER: A confused snowflake.



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Lady Cougars host Basketball Classic

Women's Basketball

SUBMITTED BY COACH
DARRYL REINA

The annual Newark Optimist Club – Newark Memorial Lady Cougars Basketball Classic will be held on December 27, 28, and 30 at Newark Memorial High School. Four Junior Varsity and four Varsity level games will be played daily.

**Opening Day
Friday, December 27**

Junior Varsity Division
9:00 a.m. James Logan (Union City) vs. Notre Dame (Belmont)
10:30 a.m. Castro Valley vs. Monte Vista (Danville)
12 Noon Arroyo (San Lorenzo) vs. Carondelet (Concord)
1:30 p.m. Menlo-Atherton vs. Newark Memorial

Varsity Division
3:15 p.m. Evergreen Valley (San Jose) vs. Monte Vista (Danville)
4:45 p.m. Irvington (Fremont) vs. Castro Valley
6:15 p.m. St. Joseph (Alameda) vs. Menlo-Atherton
7:45 p.m. Balboa (San Francisco) vs. Newark Memorial
Hosts Lady Cougars (4-2) are coming off a convincing 52-15 varsity win over Woodside last Thursday night. Senior Ni'yesha Brown led all-scorers with 14 points. Sophomore Mari Matos scored 12 points, and Sophomore Andrea Nguyen added 9 points, on three 3-point field goals.

**Basketball Classic
Friday, Dec 27 – Sunday,
Dec 30
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Pioneers victorious in final non-conference matchup

Men's Basketball

SUBMITTED BY STEVE CONNOLLY

**December 16, 2013
Cal State East Bay 75, Menlo College 61**

The Cal State East Bay men's basketball team picked up a 75 - 61 win over visiting Menlo College in the team's final non-conference game of the season. The Pioneers (5-4, 2-1 CCAA) improve to 4-1 at home with the victory.

Three Pioneers scored in double figures, led by Gabe Kindred with 18. Ryana Hebebrand paced the team with 12 rebounds. Keith Bowman had 28 points and 10 boards for the Oaks (2-8, 1-0 CalPac).



Pioneers Prevail Over Otters

Women's Basketball

SUBMITTED BY SCOTT CHISHOLM

A dominating first half performance led to Cal State East Bay's 64-46 conference road win over Cal State Monterey Bay on December 21st. Danielle Peacon led all players with 20 points and outscored the entire Otter roster 12-11 at halftime. Peacon and teammate Brianna Terrance combined to score 37 points on the night, including the opening six points of the game. Peacon's first basket within the opening minute of the game provided a lead the Pioneers would not relinquish, and Sarah Finlay's jumper at the 7:41 mark capped off a 29-4 scoring run to start the game.

"Danielle came to play tonight. She was a force down low for us," said victorious Head Coach Suzy Barcomb. "Brianna was effective tonight. She scored and rebounded very well."

The Otters offense managed to score only 11 first half points, leading to a deficit of 25 at the break. Cal State Monterey Bay (3-4, 0-4 CCAA) shot 3-for-23 (.130) from the field and made more free throws (4) than field goals over the opening 20 minutes.

"We defended with great energy and focus. There was urgency in guarding the ball throughout most of the first half," stated Barcomb after the team moved over the .500 mark for the first time this season.

The struggles continued out of halftime as CSUMB scored only two points over the opening five minutes of the second half. However the Otters more than doubled that total over the final 15 minutes of regulation, scoring 33 points and eventually outscoring the Pioneers 35-28 in the second half.

"We were not able to maintain the intensity. Monterey Bay battled tough all night. It was a barrage of 3-pointers throughout the game," said Barcomb. The Otters went 6-for-17 from beyond the arc in the second half following a 1-for-11 first half effort. In last week's matchup Monterey Bay went 7-for-14 from downtown in the first half, and just 1-for-9 in the second.

Nikki Beckman led the Otters in scoring for the second straight game against the Pioneers. She followed up her 19-point performance last Saturday with 14 in tonight's contest. Holly Holcomb finished just shy of a double-double with eight points and 11 rebounds.

Peacon fell one rebound shy of her first double-double in a Pioneer uniform. She made 7-of-13 shots from the field and knocked down a season-high 6-of-7 free throws in the win. Peacon scored in double digits for the eighth time in 11 games this year.

Terrance scored in double figures for the 10th straight game knocking down 7-of-12 shots from the field, to go along with six rebounds. Stephanie Lopez finished with a game-high three assists and also contributed nine points and three steals. Rachel Finnegan snatched four of the team's 13 steals and ranks second on this year's squad with 17.

Women's Swimming Falls to #6 UC San Diego

SUBMITTED BY SCOTT CHISHOLM

Cal State East Bay dropped a 146-59 dual meet decision to No. 6 nationally ranked UC San Diego on Saturday, December 21, at the Canyonview Aquatic Center. The host Tritons won all 11 events en route to the victory.

Saturday's schedule had all the events swam as long course meter distances (50 meter lengths) as opposed to the traditional short course distances of 25 yard lengths. It was the first time in over two years the Tritons had hosted a long course meet.

Senior Caitlin DeNise posted a pair of individual runner-up finishes in the 50-meter freestyle (27.65)

and 100-meter freestyle (1:01.41). Brittany Rojo took second in the 100-meter butterfly (1:07.10) as did Kamaehu Alboro in the 100 back (1:11.47) and Courtney Schwiesow in the 100 breast (1:17.99).

"Caitlin continued to swim very, very well today" said East Bay Head Coach Ben Loorz. DeNise is coming off a huge performance at the La Verne Winter Invitational highlighted by three school records and 10 NCAA "B" cut times. "Courtney also put in a nice effort today in the breaststroke and nearly got the victory."

Eva Chen, Colleen Daley, and Sierra Gage each won a pair of individual events for UC San Diego.

James Logan Colts outscore Moreau Catholic Mariners

Men's Soccer

SUBMITTED BY
JAMES WILLIAMS

December 20, 2013
Moreau 1, James Logan 3

1st Half Scoring:
JL: Justyn Raygoza (Matt Runels) 9:00

2nd Half Scoring:
JL: Evander Olivares (Jared Rivera) 64:00, Cristian Mendoza (Justyn Raygoza) 70:00
MC: Moises Bustamonte 50:00

JL Goalie: Alexis Sainz, 80 Min, 2 Saves, 1 GA
MC: Eduardo Rubio, 80 Min, 4 Saves, 3 GA

Pioneer women win 'Winter Invite'

Women's Swimming

SUBMITTED BY SCOTT CHISHOLM

The Cal State East Bay (CSUEB) Pioneers outlasted a field of 10 other collegiate programs to earn the 2013 La Verne Winter Invitational title on Dec. 15 at the Brenda Villa Aquatic Center (Commerce, CA). The Pioneers racked up 2,134.5 points over the three day competition while setting multiple school records and achieved several NCAA provision qualifying times.

As a team, CSUEB won seven events and recorded 21 podium finishes during the competition. The Pioneers recorded two each within the meet's opening event, the 200-yard medley relay. Pioneers finished first and third to lead wire-to-wire. The winning team's time of 1:45.35 was a school record by over two full seconds and a national provision qualifying time. In addition, Kamaehu Alboro set the school record with her 26.73 second 50-yard backstroke leg to lead off the relay. She would also go on to set the 100 backstroke school record in placing second with a time of 57.86.

The Pioneers won four of five relays and achieved national provisional qualifying times in all five. The 400-yard medley relay capped off the meet and was led off by senior Caitlin DeNise. She broke Alboro's record set earlier in the day with a national "B" cut time of 57.47.

DeNise had a big weekend and earned individual events wins in the 100 free (51.36) and 100 fly (56.27). She touched the wall simultaneously with teammate Brittany Rojo in the 100 fly as both shared the event win.

Another pair of Pioneers nearly shared an event win as Alyssa Tenney took the 200 individual medley (2:10.00) out touching teammate Madison Hauanio (2:10.02) at the wall. Tenney finished third in the 400 IM (4:34.80) dropping nearly seven seconds off her own school record mark.

Mariam Lowe finished with three podium individual finishes after taking third in the 500 free (5:10.59) and 100 back (58.40), along with a runner-up result in the 200 back (2:06.25). East Bay placed two team members on the podium in both distances of the breaststroke. Courtney Schwiesow took third in the 200 (2:26.54) and second in the 100 (1:06.94).

Concordia-Irvine took second (1,680) finishing over 450 points behind the champion Pioneers. Meet host La Verne took third (1,472) and Fresno Pacific fourth (1,320.5).

HOME SALES REPORT

CASTRO VALLEY TOTAL SALES: 07							
	Highest \$:	571,000		Median \$:	450,000		
	Lowest \$:	370,000		Average \$:	469,000		
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SOFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
21871 Baywood Avenue	94546	412,000	-	1760	1948	11-14-13	
17964 Beardsley Street	94546	525,000	4	1423	1951	11-18-13	
2796 Jennifer Drive	94546	571,000	3	1473	1961	11-14-13	
2780 Norbridge Avenue	94546	450,000	3	1357	1967	11-15-13	
21440 Rizzo Avenue	94546	370,000	2	834	1943	11-14-13	
17009 Rolando Avenue	94546	400,000	3	1265	1948	11-15-13	
5032 Vannoy Avenue	94546	555,000	3	1160	1955	11-15-13	

FREMONT TOTAL SALES: 27							
	Highest \$:	1,470,000		Median \$:	615,000		
	Lowest \$:	221,000		Average \$:	676,648		
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SOFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
3655 Birchwood Terrace #111	94536	335,000	2	1125	1984	11-15-13	
38108 Cambridge Court	94536	800,000	4	2240	1994	11-15-13	
36418 Feliz Court	94536	565,000	3	1330	1953	11-15-13	
37409 Glenbrook Terrace	94536	600,000	3	1519	2006	11-18-13	
37649 Los Arboles Drive	94536	631,000	4	1583	1971	11-15-13	
37699 Los Arboles Drive	94536	585,000	3	1370	1971	11-14-13	
3137 Orwell Place	94536	708,500	4	1714	1972	11-18-13	
36805 Reynolds Drive	94536	580,000	3	1480	1972	11-18-13	
4224 Eugene Street	94538	440,000	3	925	1956	11-14-13	
41668 Gifford Street	94538	740,000	3	1310	1958	11-14-13	
4643 Griffith Avenue	94538	700,000	4	1901	1963	11-15-13	
4372 Hardwood Street	94538	548,000	3	1198	1959	11-18-13	
5635 Willkie Place	94538	510,000	3	1232	1966	11-14-13	
3300 Wolcott Common #206	94538	221,000	1	712	1983	11-14-13	
41764 Chiltern Drive	94539	1,365,000	4	2013	1959	11-18-13	
41091 Pajaro Drive	94539	1,000,000	4	1902	1965	11-15-13	
47669 Pima Street	94539	750,000	4	1900	1968	11-18-13	
56 Valais Court	94539	1,470,000	4	4239	-	11-18-13	
34426 Bacon Place	94555	615,000	3	1290	1969	11-15-13	
4002 Horatio Court	94555	855,000	4	2175	1986	11-18-13	
33186 Lake Pyramid Street	94555	490,000	3	1060	1969	11-15-13	
33137 Lake Superior Place	94555	566,000	4	1668	1969	11-14-13	
3017 Mountain Drive	94555	950,000	4	2678	1989	11-14-13	
34503 Nantucket Common	94555	370,000	3	1166	1970	11-15-13	
3096 Nightingale Place	94555	732,500	6	1858	1971	11-14-13	
4171 Sora Common	94555	485,000	2	1405	1984	11-15-13	
5867 Via Lugano	94555	657,500	-	-	-	11-15-13	

HAYWARD TOTAL SALES: 15							
	Highest \$:	602,000		Median \$:	399,000		
	Lowest \$:	200,000		Average \$:	421,533		
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SOFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
752 City Walk Place #8	94541	399,000	4	1375	2001	11-18-13	
1502 East Street #12	94541	200,000	2	1075	1974	11-15-13	
946 Hohener Avenue	94541	425,000	3	1434	1952	11-15-13	
1151 Martin Luther King Drive	94541	518,000	-	-	-	11-15-13	
22211 Montgomery Street	94541	395,000	2	1847	1939	11-18-13	
2342 Morrow Street	94541	540,000	-	-	-	11-18-13	
615 Plaza Place	94541	325,000	2	1700	2004	11-15-13	
353 Williams Way	94541	530,500	4	1999	2012	11-15-13	
220 Bridgehead Lane	94544	602,000	3	2104	2000	11-15-13	
154 Newhall Street	94544	405,000	3	1142	1954	11-14-13	
27949 Tampa Avenue	94544	371,000	3	1000	1956	11-15-13	
27581 Capri Avenue	94545	375,000	3	1000	1957	11-18-13	
27740 Hummingbird Court	94545	280,000	2	988	1971	11-18-13	
395 Toscana Way	94545	587,500	4	2138	2010	11-15-13	
27510 Verona Avenue	94545	370,000	3	1128	1957	11-18-13	

MILPITAS TOTAL SALES: 18							
	Highest \$:	1,175,000		Median \$:	683,000		
	Lowest \$:	521,000		Average \$:	760,333		
856 Alisal Court	95035	1,020,000	4	2973	1984	11-27-13	
150 Alvarez Common	95035	572,500	2	1300	2006	11-27-13	
45 Butler Street	95035	610,000	3	1235	1956	11-26-13	
941 Cardoza Lane	95035	958,500	-	-	-	11-22-13	
1853 Conway Street	95035	650,000	4	2151	1961	11-25-13	
2240 Cuesta Drive	95035	721,000	2	1528	1993	11-27-13	
178 Delong Lane	95035	755,000	-	-	-	11-27-13	
186 Delong Lane	95035	652,000	-	-	-	11-27-13	
190 Delong Lane	95035	683,000	-	-	-	11-27-13	
1836 Everglades Drive	95035	790,000	4	2030	1967	11-26-13	
233 Krismer Street	95035	530,000	3	1116	1958	12-02-13	
236 Krismer Street	95035	521,000	3	1095	1958	11-27-13	
1689 Lee Way	95035	592,000	-	-	-	11-27-13	
1813 Lee Way	95035	685,000	-	-	-	11-26-13	
1318 Nestwood Way	95035	661,000	-	-	-	11-25-13	
669 Santa Rita Drive	95035	1,010,000	5	2290	1982	12-02-13	
2030 Skyline Drive	95035	1,100,000	4	2705	1989	11-27-13	
955 Whitcomb Court	95035	1,175,000	4	3389	1989	11-27-13	

NEWARK TOTAL SALES: 04							
	Highest \$:	700,000		Median \$:	435,000		
	Lowest \$:	340,000		Average \$:	511,500		
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SOFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
39865 Cedar Boulevard #139	94560	340,000	2	1071	1986	11-15-13	
5155 Elmwood Avenue	94560	435,000	3	1145	1955	11-18-13	
6273 Mockorange Court	94560	571,000	3	1294	1977	11-15-13	
39882 Parada Street	94560	700,000	-	1766	1994	11-14-13	

SAN LEANDRO TOTAL SALES: 10							
	Highest \$:	700,000		Median \$:	375,000		
	Lowest \$:	280,000		Average \$:	405,100		
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SOFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
307 Accolade Drive	94577	455,000	4	1627	2002	11-14-13	
295 Bowling Green Street	94577	401,000	2	1066	1945	11-18-13	
1629 Clarke Street	94577	339,000	2	1000	1907	11-14-13	
13995 Doolittle Drive	94577	280,000	2	1250	1974	11-14-13	
1375 Lake Chabot Road	94577	700,000	3	2164	1946	11-15-13	
172 Pontiac Street	94577	378,000	2	1259	1940	11-14-13	
1338 Wainwright Avenue	94577	368,000	3	1314	1943	11-15-13	
2047 Manchester Road	94578	460,000	3	1258	1947	11-15-13	
16092 Wellington Way	94578	375,000	3	1281	1947	11-18-13	
15321 Andover Street	94579	295,000	2	821	1950	11-14-13	

SAN LORENZO TOTAL SALES: 03							
	Highest \$:	410,000		Median \$:	400,000		
	Lowest \$:	363,000		Average \$:	391,000		
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SOFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
16016 Via Descanso	94580	363,000	3	1000	1944	11-15-13	
1263 Via Manzanaras	94580	400,000	4	1425	1951	11-14-13	
17319 Via Susana	94580	410,000	3	1031	1951	11-15-13	

UNION CITY TOTAL SALES: 09							
	Highest \$:	732,000		Median \$:	526,000		
	Lowest \$:	210,000		Average \$:	514,778		
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SOFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
33716 5th Street	94587	210,000	3	988	1948	11-14-13	
4637 Dinuba Street	94587	732,000	4	2331	1985	11-18-13	
2154 Farrol Avenue	94587	526,000	3	1627	1965	11-14-13	
122 Mahogany Lane	94587	680,000	3	1772	1999	11-15-13	
2200 Mann Avenue	94587	495,000	-	1167	1977	11-15-13	
33070 Marsh Hawk Road	94587	545,000	-	1382	1976	11-14-13	
3157 San Andreas Drive	94587	590,000	4	1762	1970	11-15-13	
3277 Santa Monica Way	94587	350,000	4	1556	1971	11-14-13	
2389 Sherman Drive	94587	505,000	3	1320	1967	11-15-13	

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White House to keep NSA, cyber oversight together

DNI head James Clapper emptied the panel from standard federal requirements that it work transparently.

The White House is reviewing the task force recommendations and finalizing its own internal study, National Security Council spokeswoman Caitlin Hayden said. She said the process was expected to be finished in January, after which Obama would speak publicly on any changes to the government’s intelligence gathering and surveillance. The review board report is also expected to be made public after that point.

Although the task force has kept its recommendations secret, news organizations have sketched out proposals that would allow most of the NSA’s surveillance programs to continue but change ownership of the government’s large inventory of telephone records and restrict spying on allied nations. The Wall Street Journal reported that the panel proposed shifting control of sought-after phone records from the government to individual

phone companies, while The New York Times said the panel urged the White House to hold a tighter leash on U.S. spying on foreign leaders.

The panel’s recommendations come as skepticism over the NSA surveillance mounts in Congress and from technology companies and privacy groups. Worried that reports of foreign data intercepts could drive away international customers, lawyers for a consortium of tech companies including Google, Microsoft, Apple, Facebook and Yahoo recently urged legal changes in Congress. Their move coincided with a bipartisan legislative push to scale back the surveillance programs.

One lawmaker said the review panel recommendations could aid plans to end the government’s direct control over telephone data.

“I’d encourage the administration to move in the direction of phone companies retaining the data,” Rep. Adam Schiff, a Democrat, said Friday.

Schiff, a member of the House Intelligence Committee, has of-

fered legislation to shift control of phone records from the NSA to the phone companies and said the move could be made without diminishing national security. He noted that the firms already hold the same data that the government sweeps up and could quickly turn over that material to the NSA and law enforcement. NSA officials have warned that investigations could bog down if the government lost direct control over the records.

Recent media revelations stemming from leaks from former NSA contractor Edward Snowden showed the agency’s dual roles abroad, reporting that the NSA spied on foreign governments and companies alike, using its unique computer hacking abilities to tap into financial and corporate files and the private communications of allies as well as the calling and web patterns of suspected terrorists.

Associated Press writers Julie Pace and Stephen Braun contributed to this report.

Have yourself an eco-friendly holiday season

SUBMITTED BY TAWNY VALENTINE

It’s that time of year again! The holiday season is in full effect, which means that presents are being passed around, and your trash bins will be filled to the rim with extra waste to dispose of. Don’t be so quick to toss these items in the trash, because a lot of them can actually be recycled. Use your community curbside drop-off programs, or other local recycling outlets to recycle your seasonal goods, including foam packaging, wrapping paper, holiday lights, gift boxes, seasonal trees and more.

Here are five common items to recycle:

1. Wrapping Paper: Many people do not realize this product is recyclable. You do have to be careful however, because not all types can be recycled. For instance, if you use traditional gift- wrapping, avoid foil or metallic papers, as they cannot be recycled. Still, most paper, either through curbside programs or local drop-off centers, can be readily recycled. To make recycling wrapping paper simple and convenient, be prepared when exchanging gifts by having a bag ready,

PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
KloudVoice.com, 4011 Clipper Court, Fremont, CA 94538
Vicomptel USA Inc., California, 4011 Clipper Court, Fremont, CA 94538
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
/s/ Chi Wang, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 12, 2013
NOTICE-In accordance with Section 17920(a), a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires five years from the date it was filed with the County Clerk, except as provided in Section 17920(b), 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, 1/7, 1/14/14

CNS-2570107#

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 452827
The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **One Mom, 41240 Trenouth St., Unit 29, Fremont, CA 94538**
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 6-14-2011 in the County of Alameda. Julie M. Ramirez, 41240 Trenouth St. #29, Fremont, CA 94538
Paul L. Mitchell Jr., 41240 Trenouth St. #29, Fremont, CA 94538
S/ Julie M. Ramirez
S/ Paul L. Mitchell, Jr.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 5, 2013. 12/24, 12/31, 1/7, 1/14/14

CNS-2569891#

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 449825
The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **RD Furniture, 33404 Western Ave., Union City, CA 94587**
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 3/29/11 in the County of Alameda. Duyen Vuong, 4931 Calistoga St., Union City, CA 94507
This business was conducted by:
S/ Duyen Vuong
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 21, 2013. 12/24, 12/31, 1/7, 1/14/14

CNS-2568471#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 485618
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Avenue Properties, 39199 Paseo Padre Pkwy #E, Fremont, CA 94538, County of Alameda; P.O. Box 3836, San Ramon, CA 94583
Waheed Popal, 8026 Calvert Circle, San Ramon, CA 94582
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
/s/ Waheed Popal
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 5, 2013.
NOTICE-In accordance with Section 17920(a), a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires five years from the date it was filed with the County Clerk, except as provided in Section 17920(b), 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, 1/7/14

CNS-2566890#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 485185
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Chief Chai, 47894 Warm Springs, Fremont, CA 94539, County of Alameda
Chonhichha Tieojaroenkit, 2151 Oakland Rd., Spc. #137, San Jose, CA 95131
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
/s/ Chonhichha Tieojaroenkit
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 19, 2013
NOTICE-In accordance with Section 17920(a), a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires five years from the date it was filed with the County Clerk, except as provided in Section 17920(b), 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, 12/31/13

CNS-2565910#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 485650
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
dream Law Firm, 35640 Fremont Blvd. #122, Fremont, CA 94536, County of Alameda
Guolan Chen, 34241 Xanadu Ter, Fremont, CA 94555
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
/s/ Guolan Chen
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 5, 2013
NOTICE-In accordance with Section 17920(a), a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires five years from the date it was filed with the County Clerk, except as provided in Section 17920(b), 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, 12/31/13

CNS-2565898#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 484971
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Leandros Publishing, 2940 Claremont Ave. #3, Berkeley, CA 94705, County of Alameda
James E. Ohara, 2940 Claremont Ave #3, Berkeley, CA 94705
This business is conducted by An Individual.
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
/s/ James E. Ohara
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 14, 2013.
NOTICE-In accordance with Section 17920(a), a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires five years from the date it was filed with the County Clerk, except as provided in Section 17920(b), 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, 12/31/13

CNS-2565396#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 484973
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Strategic Solutions HR Consulting, 150 Cherrywood Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577, County of Alameda
Elisha T. Moody, 150 Cherrywood Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577
This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
/s/ Elisha T. Moody
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 14, 2013.
NOTICE-In accordance with Section 17920(a), a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires five years from the date it was filed with the County Clerk, except as provided in Section 17920(b), 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, 12/31/13

CNS-2565392#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 485201
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Eva Learning Center, 35233-G Newark Blvd., Newark, CA 94560, County of Alameda
Siyu Yan, 6057 Birch Pl., Newark, CA 94560
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/1/2014
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
/s/ Siyu Yan
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 3, 2013
NOTICE-In accordance with Section 17920(a), a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires five years from the date it was filed with the County Clerk, except as provided in Section 17920(b), 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, 12/31/13

CNS-2565282#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 485106
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Patterson Power Group, 5486 Clarendon Park Court, Fremont, CA 94538, County of Alameda, 45252 Industrial Drive, Suite 47, Fremont, CA 94538, County of Alameda
Malcolm L. Patterson, Jr., 5486 Clarendon Park Court, Fremont, CA 94538
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on n/a
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
/s/ Malcolm L. Patterson, Jr.,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 18, 2013
NOTICE-In accordance with Section 17920(a), a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires five years from the date it was filed with the County Clerk, except as provided in Section 17920(b), 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, 12/31/13

CNS-2564894#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 485201
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Shine Insurance Agency, 652 Boar Circle, Fremont, CA 94539, County of Alameda
Hardeep Kaur Rajasonsi, 652 Boar Circle, Fremont, CA 94539
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/10/2013.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
/s/ Hardeep Kaur Rajasonsi, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 20, 2013.

NOTICE-In accordance with Section 17920(a), a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires five years from the date it was filed with the County Clerk, except as provided in Section 17920(b), where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
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CNS-2564585#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 485303
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Fly-East Bay, 4636 Alameda Dr., Fremont, CA 94536, County of Alameda
Justin Dutcher, 3542 East Ave., #A, Livermore, CA 94550
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
/s/ Justin Dutcher
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 22, 2013
NOTICE-In accordance with Section 17920(a), a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires five years from the date it was filed with the County Clerk, except as provided in Section 17920(b), 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, 12/31/13

CNS-2564583#

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 431736
The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **Economy Air Travel, 1945 Berry More Common #L, Fremont, CA 94538**; Mailing Address: 39962 Cedar Blvd., #278, Newark, CA 94560
The fictitious business name statement for the Partnership was filed on 11/18/2009 in the County of Alameda.
Jaffar Salih Shaik Abubacker, 350 Franciscan Ct., #19, Fremont, CA 94539
Shakila Banu Syed Jaffar, 1945 Berry More Common, #L, Fremont, CA 94538
This business was conducted by: General Partnership
S/ Jaffar Salih Shaik Abubacker
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 22, 2013. 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 12/24/13

CNS-2563890#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 484902
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
J & D Custom Cabinets, 5423 Central Av., Suite #13, Newark, CA 94560, County of Alameda
Julio R. Chamale, 36436 Buckeye St., Newark, CA 94560
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
/s/ Julio R. Chamale
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 13, 2013
NOTICE-In accordance with Section 17920(a), a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires five years from the date it was filed with the County Clerk, except as provided in Section 17920(b), where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
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CNS-2563237#

GOVERNMENT

CITY OF UNION
CITY DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS (NPF) TO PROVIDE
CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR
THE AT-GRADE PUBLIC CROSSING AND
UTILITY CROSSING OF THE UNION PACIFIC
RAILROAD (UPRR), OAKLANDSUBDIVISION
AT MILE POST 27.1
UNION CITY, CA

Proposals to provide Civil Engineering Services for the At-Grade Public Crossing and Utility crossing of the UPRR, Oakland Subdivision at Mile post 27.1 will be received at the City of Union, Public Works Department, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, California until Monday, January 27, 2014 at 5 p.m. This project includes federal funds. The City has not established a DBE goal for this contract. However, proposers are encouraged to obtain DBE participation for this contract. Contact the Department of Public Works at (510) 675-5308 to request a copy of the RFP. All questions should be faxed to Thomas Ruark, City of Union City at (510) 489-9468.

City of Union City
Dated: December 17, 2013
12/24, 12/31/13

CNS-2569910#

PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
WINTON SINCLAIR TURNER
CASE NO. RP13073255

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Winton Sinclair Turner
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Soojung Ko Hobi in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.
The Petition for Probate requests that Soojung Ko Hobi 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 01-21-14 at 9:30 a.m in Dept. 201 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: Clare H. Springs, Diane J. Fong, Springs & Associates, 601 California Street, Suite 1001, San Francisco, CA 94108, Telephone: (415) 675-1090
12/24, 12/31, 1/7/14

CNS-2560504#

Changes ordered
for college loans for
gay couples

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“We must continue to ensure that every single American is treated equally in the eyes of the law, and this important guidance for students is another step forward in that effort,” Duncan said in a statement.

The Education Department also revised its required Free Application for Federal Student Aid – the form known as FAFSA– to reflect more inclusive language about students and their parents. The department said it would recognize a student – and parents – as legally married if the couple wed in a state that permits same-sex marriages.

The new application forms do not distinguish between gay or straight marriages.

The department also said students’ eligibility for federal aid would be the same in all 50 states, regardless of where the student attends school.

For instance, a same-sex couple from Massachusetts, where gay marriage is legal, would be treated the same as a straight couple if one or both applied for a federal loan to attend a school in one of the 34 states that do not permit gay marriage. The same standards would apply to parents in same-sex marriages.

“As students fill out their FAFSA this coming year, I’m thrilled they’ll be able to do so in a way that is more fair and

just,” Duncan said, using the financial aid application’s acronym.

The change was formally announced to colleges and parents in a letter from Brenda Dann-Messier, the department’s assistant secretary for vocational and adult education.

Before the Supreme Court ruled this summer, the Education Department was bound by the Defense of Marriage Act, which prohibited all federal agencies from recognizing same-sex marriages. The Clinton-era law defined marriage as between one and one woman and worked against many applicants in same-sex marriages.

Friday’s move is the latest effort by the Education Department to be more helpful to students in same-sex marriages, and those with married gay parents.

Even before the ruling, Duncan instructed the department to collect information on both of the student’s legal parents, regardless of marital status. That meant children being raised by unmarried couples - regardless of sexual orientation - would have both adults’ incomes factored into financial aid eligibility.

That was done to reflect that same-sex couples share financial responsibilities for children, even if their state does not sanction gay marriages.

Newark Police seek
theft suspect

SUBMITTED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

On December 4, a female suspect was in the Bank of America parking lot in Newark with another unidentified female. Both suspects approached a male victim and asked for his help cashing a check at the bank. The victim agreed and entered the bank with the above suspect where the pictured suspect handed him a check made to “cash.”

The victim used his personal checking account to cash the check and later gave the money to the suspect. The victim learned a few days later that his checking account had a negative balance due to the check being stolen.

Any person with any information concerning this incident can contact the non-emergency line at (510) 578-4237. Or, contact Officer Saunders at (510) 578-4918. Information can also be left anonymously on the “silent witness” hotline at (510) 578-4000, extension 500.



Government Briefs

City Council summaries do not include all business transacted at the noted meetings. These outlines represent selected topics and actions. For a full description of agendas, decisions and discussion, please consult the website of the city of interest: Fremont (www.fremont.gov), Hayward (www.hayward-ca.gov), Milpitas (www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov), Newark (www.ci.newark.ca.us), Union City (www.ci.union-city.ca.us).

Fremont City Council

December 17, 2013

Consent:

- Adopt resolution to participate in phase 2 of countywide mandatory recycling contingent on schedule waiver
- Adopt resolution for Waste Management collection rates, Transfer Station fees and landfill disposal fees for January 2014-December 2014
- Approve intent to abandon 2.32 acre park land parcel at Stevenson Place and Stevenson Boulevard
- Authorize fund exchange agreement with Alameda County Transportation Commission for \$231,000
- Re-appropriate \$180,000 in FY 2013/14 Measure B funding for paratransit services for City of Newark

- Public Hearing to temporarily reduce Development Impact Fees for Downtown District, City Center and LEED Platinum projects until December 31, 2014
- Support proposed land use change through General Plan amendment for 3.7-acre site in Irvington (Warmington-Conolly) – CONTINUED to January 14, 2014
- Ceremonial:**
 - Honor Dr. Bhupinder Bhandari for community service and selection for Jefferson Award



- Council Referrals:**
 - Receive report from Councilmember Natarajan and Vice Mayor Bacon regarding trade mission to India. Called a “huge step forward,” the group included Councilmember Natarajan, Vice Mayor Bacon, Deputy City Manager Nadine Nader, Economic Development Director Kelly Kline and Assistant City Manager Mark Danaj. Councilmember Natarajan and Assistant City Manager Danaj extended their visit to accompany an official San Francisco visit to Bangalore. A report outlining achievement of metrics for visit will be presented to council in 6-12 months.
- Mayor Bill Harrison Aye
- Vice Mayor Vinnie Bacon Aye
- Anu Natarajan Aye
- Suzanne Lee Chan Aye
- Raj Salwan Aye

Hayward City Council

December 17, 2013

Work Session:

- Establish zoning regulations for retail sales of tobacco and tobacco-related products including electronic cigarettes
- Financing mechanisms for critical facility needs and update of polling results for 2014 revenue measure
- Consent:**
 - Adopt ordinances regarding prohibition of simulated gambling devices
 - Revise wastewater discharge regulations
 - Establish and amend fire prevention codes
 - Establish and amend building codes
 - Establish and amend mechanical codes
 - Establish and amend electrical codes
 - Establish and amend plumbing codes
 - Adopt ordinance relating to metered service charges outside City limits
- Approve final tract map of Camden Place Development by Standard Pacific Homes
- Approve final tract map of Apricot Lane Development by Successor Agency/Urban Dynamic, LLC
- Approve final tract map of Regency Square Development by KB Home South Bay, Inc.

- Authorize agreement with Noll & Tam Architects for design services of Hayward 21st Century Library & Community Learning Center
- Authorize agreement with Ross Drulis Cusenbery Architecture for facilities needs assessment study and master planning for Police Administration Building and Fire Stations 1-6 and 9
- Extend Inclusionary Interim Relief Ordinance for six months
- Appoint Councilmember Halliday to Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees
- Amend condition of approval for construction of water storage reservoir at Stonebrae Country Club Village
- Authorize agreement with Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. for assistance to secure State and Federal funding and legislative advocacy services through the end of FY 2014
- Public Hearing:**
 - Approve amendment to City contract with Calif Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS)

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| Mayor Michael Sweeney | Aye |
| Barbara Halliday | Aye |
| Greg Jones | Aye |
| Al Mendall | |
| Absent (present during work session) | |
| Marvin Peixoto | Aye |
| Mark Salinas (Mayor pro tem) | |
| Aye | |
| Francisco Zermenio | Aye |

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Dec. 14 and 3 a.m. on Dec. 15. At approximately 4:50 a.m., officers were dispatched to a glass break alarm on the 43400 block of Christy St and discovered a smashed window. It appeared that the suspects did not make entry. Case investigated by Ofc. Manrique.

Monday, December 16:
At approximately 10:30 a.m., Officer Ehling investigated a case where unknown suspect(s) shot out a window to a business on the 37600 block of Fremont Blvd.

At approximately 11:25 a.m. Officer Meredith responded to a suspicious person call in the area of Gallaudet Dr./Stevenson Blvd. and arrested an adult male for his outstanding no-bail felony warrant.

Officer responded to Pickering Ave to investigate a stolen motorcycle. A red and black 2013 Honda CBR250R motorcycle with a paper plate reading “Fremont Kawasaki” was taken sometime between 12/14 at noon and 12/16.

Officers were dispatched to the 36200 block of San Pedro Dr. to investigate a stolen vehicle. A pewter Chevy Silverado pickup truck bearing license plates #6U22238 was taken without the owner's permission. It is believed the vehicle was stolen between 5:00 a.m. – 5:30 a.m. on 12/16.

Tuesday, December 17:
Officers responded to the 45200 block of Sentinel Place to investigate a residential burglary. The victim reported that water, toilet paper and paper towels were taken from her garage.

Officers were dispatched to the 4900 block of Stevenson Blvd. to investigate a stolen vehicle. The victims gold 2002 Pontiac Firebird 2-door bearing rear license plate #6ZKN354 was taken without permission. The front plate for the vehicle was inside of the trunk. It is believed the vehicle was stolen between 5:30 p.m. on 12/11 and 7:30 a.m. on 12/17.

A resident on the 400 block of Rancho Arroyo Pkwy woke up to find their motorcycle about 10 feet away from where they had parked it the night before. They inspected the bike and found damage to the wind-

shield and right side. It appeared that someone tried to life the bike sometime during the night.

Officers were dispatched to the 5700 block of Cushing Pkwy to take a stolen vehicle report. The victim stated that their gray 2006 BMW 750I 4-door, bearing license plates #5WSK644 had been stolen. The victim dropped off the vehicle and its keys at the BMW dealership to get serviced. It is believed the vehicle was stolen between approximately 11:40 a.m. on 12/10/ and 11 a.m. on 12/13.

At approximately 6 p.m., officers responded to a case where a suspect brandished a pistol at another driver during a road rage incident at Mowry Ave/Paseo Padre. The suspect's vehicle is described as a newer coupe, light blue with chrome rims and a spoiler. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, 17-20, tall and skinny build with a blue baseball cap and a white shirt. The pistol was described as being dark. Officer Huiskens investigating.

At approximately 6:34 p.m. officers responded to a report where a witness saw a male fire a silver pistol over a fence on Pardee Court. The witness didn't see anything other than an arm and the gun, so officers contacted the residents and ultimately arrested a 21 year old adult male for willful discharge of a firearm. Officer Valdes investigating.

Wednesday, December 18:
At approximately 5:20 p.m. we received a call from a reporting party who stated a female family member was at home and four men had broken into their home. The victim was home alone when she heard loud knocking on the door. When she didn't answer, at least four suspects made entry by kicking in the door. The victim retreated to a bedroom, locked the door and called her brother (who then called us). The victim had just moved to the US and was not familiar with the 9-1-1 system. The suspects ransacked the home and eventually made entry into the bedroom where the victim was hiding. They held her at gun and knife point and demanded cash and jewelry. When the scared victim tried to remove her jewelry, they got frustrated and ripped a gold chain from her

neck. After taking jewelry and small electronics from the home, the suspects fled in a mid-2000 Infinity SUV or similar, silver or grey in color. Officer Candler investigating and Sgt. McCormick supervised. The suspects are described as:

Suspect #1 – Black male adult, grey hoodie, dark colored pants and shoes, 5'10 – 6', medium build, armed with a black handgun.

Suspect #2 – Black male adult, dark grey hoodie, dark colored pants and shoes, 5'10", 200lbs.

Suspect #3 – Black male adult, light colored hoodie and pants, 6', medium build.

Suspect #4 – Black male adult, think black jacket, light grey beanie, light colored blue or grey jeans, light colored shoes, approximately 6'1".

Suspect Vehicle – Driven by a 5th unknown suspect, mid 2000's Infinity SUV or similar.

At approximately 12:50 a.m., Officers responded to a business on the 40900 block of Fremont Blvd after an employee noticed a smashed front window. A search of the business with the employee revealed the safe was missing. While investigating the restaurant burglary, officers found a second window smash break-in at a second business in the same strip mall. Video surveillance captured a portion of the incident, showing the unknown suspect used a brick to break the window. The suspect is described as an unknown race male, 25-35 years of age, tall, medium/athletic build, wearing a dark colored baseball hat, dark hoodie and dark jeans. Officer Macciola is investigating both cases.

Thursday, December 19
FPD Officers responded to the Learn and Play Montessori (37220 Maple St) on a report of a fire. FPD dispatch advised they could hear people screaming over the phone. FPD Officers made an emergency response and quickly discovered that everyone had been safely evacuated from the building. Sgt. Delema sought unified command with Fremont Fire and deployed officers at the scene as needed.

Neighbor in the 5000 block of Ridgewood called to report his neighbor's door standing open. Ofc. Zargham arrived and found the home was burglarized. No suspect information.

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victim. The suspects punched the victim in the face and threatened to shoot her, while taking her purse and cell phone. The suspects fled the scene taking the victim's vehicle. A short time later a patrol officer spotted the vehicle and attempted to stop it, but it fled. A pursuit ensued and a Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT) was utilized but unsuccessful. The pursuit continued and eventually the suspects lost control of the vehicle and collided with a concrete wall. Two suspects were arrested at the crash scene, while the other two suspects fled on foot. After a brief foot chase the two outstanding suspects were located and arrested.

A female victim suffering from a gunshot wound to her lower back was driven to Kaiser Hospital by her boyfriend. Their initial story was that she was shot in the area of Maple Ave. and Foothill Blvd. by an unknown suspect as they drove by.

Upon further investigation it was discovered the victim was shot inside the vehicle, by the suspect who was also inside the same vehicle. The suspect fled prior to police arrival, but his identity is known.

Sunday, December 15:
A shooting occurred across the street from 26447 Gading Rd. Two victims were walking in the area when they were shot at by a passing vehicle. One victim sustained a gunshot wound to his arm. He was transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injury. Both victims were uncooperative with the investigation.

The victim walked into Fire Station #1 and stated he fell off his bicycle. While provided medical aid it was discovered the victim suffered a stab wound to his back. The victim later admitted he was stabbed while in the area of B St. and Main St. the previous night around 2 a.m. The victim said he knew the suspect, but refused to cooperate with a police investigation or identify the suspect.

Ore. man learns driving tank harder than it looks

AP WIRE SERVICE

GOLD BEACH, Ore. (AP), Sometimes an owner's manual is not enough.

Oregon State Police say that's what a 58-year-old man learned when he tried to drive a 50-ton battle tank up a steep grade near the coastal town of Gold Beach.

The Oregonian reports (<http://is.gd/8B9APs>) that the 1969 Chieftain had been purchased by a local resident, but a truck driver transporting the tank was unable to climb the grade. So he unloaded it at a turnout along U.S. Highway 101.

The owner's caretaker, Jeffrey Glossop of Pistol River, decided he could get the tank up the hill.

State Police Lt. Gregg Hastings notes that Glossop had the operator's manual.

But Hastings says the tank slipped out of gear and rolled back down across the busy highway, crashing through a guardrail.

Glossop gave it another try, and the tank it rolled backward again through another guardrail and down an embankment.

Glossop was cited for reckless driving and first-degree criminal mischief.

Hastings says the tank is fine.

Information from: The Oregonian, <http://www.oregonlive.com>

Shooting at Bayfair Mall

SUBMITTED BY SAN LEANDRO POLICE DEPARTMENT

On Friday, December 20, 2013 at 4:30 p.m., San Leandro Police Officers responded to the Bayfair Shopping Center after several witnesses called to report a shooting that had occurred in the north-west parking lot of the mall.

When the officers arrived, they found a 24-year old male victim in the parking lot, suffering from a gunshot wound. Medical personnel arrived at the scene and transported the victim to an area hospital for additional treatment. The wound did not appear life-threatening.

Detectives and officers are currently in the process of interviewing witnesses, processing the crime scene for evidence and searching for video surveillance footage that may have captured the incident.

It appears that the shooting occurred following a verbal dispute between the suspect and victim in the parking lot. It is unknown as to whether or not there was any other motive in the assault.

The suspect is described as an African-American male adult, who fled the scene in a white, compact vehicle.

The San Leandro Police are requesting that anyone who witnessed this incident or anyone with information about the suspect(s) please call them at (510) 577-2740, with that information.

Anonymous Tip information may be left on a recorder at (510) 577-3278, or sent to the SLPD via a text message by texting the word “SLPD” and the tip to 847411, or through the San Leandro Police Department's smart phone application for both iPhone and Android devices. Anonymous web tips may be submitted to the Police Department's website at <http://www.sanleandro.org/depts/pd/at.asp>

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The League of Women Voters invites you to visit our website at www.lwvfnuc.org
You'll find valuable information about your community and voter issues. Keep up to date & learn about our Tri-City area monthly programs. Our programs are non-partisan and free to the public.

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Visit our meetings. We have activities promoting historic preservation, education & patriotism 1st Sat of each mo.
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Newark Police Log

SUBMITTED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Saturday, December 7:
Officer Smith responded to the Safeway store regarding a theft that occurred. Officer Smith was able to identify the suspect through video surveillance and from a witness that copied down a license plate on the suspect's vehicle. The suspect resides in Oakland and a case will be forwarded to the DA's Office for a complaint.

Officers responded to a report of a fight in the parking lot of the Hilton Hotel involving two small groups of people. One of the groups fled prior to the arrival of police at the scene. Other than a few small bumps and scrapes, there were no significant injuries.

Officer Losier responded to Washington Hospital where a male domestic violence victim was being treated for minor injuries sustained at his residence on Portsmouth Ave.

Sunday, December 8:
Officer Cerini investigated a stolen vehicle from the EZ-8 Motel. The stolen vehicle was a Black 1999 Saturn, 4dr, CA License #5ANV476.

Officer Nobbe investigated a stolen vehicle from the 37000 block of Magnolia St. The vehicle was a Black 1999 Chevrolet Camaro 2dr, CA License # 5MMW052.

Monday, December 9:
Officer Norvell investigated a stolen vehicle from NewPark Mall. The victim reported his 1992 Chevrolet truck Cal License # 7V91710 stolen while he was shopping at the mall. The truck, white in color was parked near the Burlington Coat Factory entrance.

Wednesday, December 11:
Officer Katz responded to a residence in the 35200 block of Preston Pl, for a burglary alarm. Officer Katz arrived and found the garage pedestrian door was open with signs of forced entry. NPd officer sur-

rounded the house and requested a Fremont Police K9 respond to check the interior of the house. Fremont Officer Baca and Officer Leopardi responded and searched the house. No suspects were located and it appeared nothing was taken from inside the house. Thank you Fremont Police for the K9 assistance.

Officer Fredstrom investigated a residential burglary in the 4900 block of Oxford Pl. The suspect(s) forced entry through the front door (door-kick) and stole jewelry.

Officer S. Kovach investigated a Domestic Violence incident involving Antonio Plancarte 08/29/79. The incident occurred on 12/05/13 during an argument over the care of the couple's child. The Victim suffered visible injuries to her face and body. Attempts to locate Antonio were unsuccessful. Antonio is either staying in Hayward with family or in Fremont with friends. An Emergency Protective Order was granted and issued for the victim and the couple's children. Antonio is currently on probation for weapons violations and may have access to firearms.

Thursday, December 12:
Officer Revay requested assistance from NPd Street Crimes Detectives to locate and arrest wanted felon Antonia Plancarte of Newark. Plancarte was wanted for Domestic Violence, False imprisonment, Child Abuse, damaging phone lines and preventing a 911 call and probation violation. Plancarte was known to possess a handgun and have access to multiple firearms. Plancarte is also on probation and has an ankle monitor. Working with ALCO Probation, we tracked Plancarte to the Islander Hotel on Mission Blvd in Hayward. Sgt. Loth requested the assistant from the Major Crimes Task Force (MCTF) to help with surveillance of the hotel. Agent Gentry did an outstanding job coordinating resources and was able to locate Plancarte's hotel room. Sgt. Lee, Ofc. Eriksen and Katz responded to Hayward. Using the GPS on Plancarte's ankle

monitor, we determined that he was at a shopping center by Tennyson and Tampa. After about an hour of searching, Agent Gentry spotted Plancarte getting onto an AC Transit bus. A coordinated traffic stop was placed on the bus and Plancarte was arrested without incident. Ofc. Revay arrested Plancarte, interviewed him and booked him into Fremont Jail. Acting on recent intelligence that Plancarte has access to multiple firearms, Agent Gentry and MCTF conducted a follow up search of Plancarte's Hayward residence. The follow up paid off, with additional seizures of a loaded shotgun, .22 caliber rifles, a crossbow, various types of ammunition, and substantial amount of marijuana.

While checking a possible prowler call in the area of Sunset Ave. and the railroad tracks, Officer Sandoval contacted three males. Upon seeing Officer Sandoval the males started running north along the railroad tracks towards Mayhews Landing Rd. Officers responded to the area and all three suspects were caught and placed into custody. Pedro Quintero, Jose Ortiz and Sergio Sanchez, all of Newark, were all arrested for Delaying or Resisting and Officer and Trespassing on Railroad property. Sergio was also arrested for an outstanding Ramey Warrant.

Officer Hodayoun met with a victim of a stolen vehicle in the NPd lobby. The vehicle is a Black 1998 Chevrolet pickup with a CA plate of 8D34737. The vehicle was stolen from the upper level parking lot of Macy's at NewPark Mall on 12/12 between 1500-1715 Hours.

Officer Ramos responded to 37420 Cedar Boulevard for a report of a cold robbery that had occurred. The incident started as a vehicle accident and turned into an argument during the exchanging of information. The suspect pushed the victim and stole his cellphone prior to fleeing on Cedar Boulevard towards Thornton Avenue. The suspect is described as a Samoan male in his 30's,

approximately 6-feet-tall with a heavy build. He fled the scene in a Chevrolet Avalanche unknown plate with passenger side damage.

Friday, December 13:
Officer Fredstrom investigated a vehicle theft report from a residence in the 36900 block of Newark Blvd. The outstanding vehicle is a red 2009 Ducati 696 motorcycle (License: 19M8924).

Officer Johnson investigated the theft of a cellular telephone from a classroom at Newark Memorial High School. That cell phone was recovered and the responsible male juvenile was taken into custody. The suspect was also in possession of another cell phone stolen from the NMHS two days prior. The male juvenile was arrested for petty theft and possession of stolen property and was released to his parents.

Officer Smith handled a petty theft/shoplifting investigation at the NewPark Mall Macy's store. Meena Bijor of Fremont was cited and released at the scene for petty theft.

Officer Smith responded to a traffic collision on Byington Dr. involving a 16-year-old driver that took a turn too fast and lost control of his vehicle. The vehicle sheared a water main before coming to rest on the front lawn of a residence in the middle of a Christmas nativity scene.

Officer Losier responded to the Aloft Motel where seven auto-burglaries occurred in the parking lot. There are currently no suspect leads.

Saturday, December 14:
Officer Horst investigated an auto burglary in the area of Potrero Dr. The vehicle suffered a window smash, loss at this time is a canvass bag. This burglary occurred between 12/12/13 from 2100 to 12/13/13 at 0930 hours.

Officer Neithercutt investigated two auto burglaries in the Lido Faire Shopping Center. A light skinned adult Black Male, early 20's, 6'00", wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt and tan pants, smashed the windows of two separate vehicles and took the

laptops that were inside. The suspect fled in a white Mercedes sedan.

Officers responded to a possible commercial burglary at 37444 Sycamore St. unit# 8 and 9, where the business agent found locks cut off the doors to the business. Prior to officers' arrival, the agent went inside the business and found a female, later identified as Johnny Divel, Transient. Officer Khairy took custody of Divel.

Sunday, December 15:
Officer Warren investigated a petty theft/shoplifting incident at the NewPark Mall Sears store involving two suspects. Showing the wisdom of the court, one of the suspects had a served criminal protective restraining order against the other suspect, unfortunately they were still hanging out together. Champagne Grimaldo of Fremont was arrested for petty theft and Equan Herron of Newark was arrested for petty theft and court order violation. Both suspects were booked at FPD Jail.

Officer Losier was flagged down on Ash St. by a citizen reporting a suspicious vehicle in the area. The citizen provided a license plate of the vehicle which happened to be reported as stolen out of Vallejo. Additional responding Officers located the stolen vehicle occupied at the Self Car Wash on Thornton Ave. Transients Robert James and Damion Phillips were both taken into custody after a high risk stop. Inside the vehicle was a significant amount of burglary tools including a portable oxyacetylene torch kit, heavy duty cordless grinders and multiple pry bars. Phillips was arrested for possession of burglary tools and James was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle as he was listed as the suspect in the original vehicle theft. Both suspects were booked at FPD Jail.

Any person with any information concerning these incidents can contact the non-emergency line at (510) 578-4237. Information can also be left anonymously on the "silent witness" hotline at (510) 578-4000, extension 500.

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- 1st place winner - Mihika B. (Centerville Junior High 8th grade)
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- Special recognition - Vicky K. (Horner Junior High 7th Grade)

4th – 6th Grade Level

- 1st place winner - Vionna H. (Weibel 4th grade)
- Special recognition - Teresa C. (Mission Valley 6th grade)
- Special recognition - Derek F. (Gomes 6th grade)
- Special recognition - Riya C. (Gomes 6th grade)

9th - 12th Grade Level

- 1st place winner - Joshua C. (Irvington High School 9th grade)
- Special recognition - Ivy C. (Irvington High School 10th grade)
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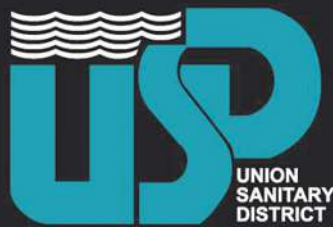
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