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"Peter Pan"

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Swashbuckling pirates, jealous fairies, and a special boy who won't grow up descend on Fremont with StarStruck Theatre's production of the musical "Peter Pan," January 10-26 at the Smith Center at Ohlone College.

"This is our biggest and most ambitious production to date," said Lori Stokes, StarStruck Theatre founder and artistic director. "Our long-time fans will remember our 2007 production. This time, 'Peter Pan' gets a makeover with a cast of 68 teens and youth—our largest ever—dazzling professional flying effects and an avant-garde steam-punk look."

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Tinkerbell (Fremont resident Buffy Toledo, 10) keeps a watchful eye on Peter Pan (Fremont resident Cheyenne Wells, 16).



Honoring a man and his dream

Freedom, equality, and unity have long been the desire for people and nations across the globe. For African Americans struggling with these ideals in the arena of civil rights, one man stood at the forefront of tremendous social change.

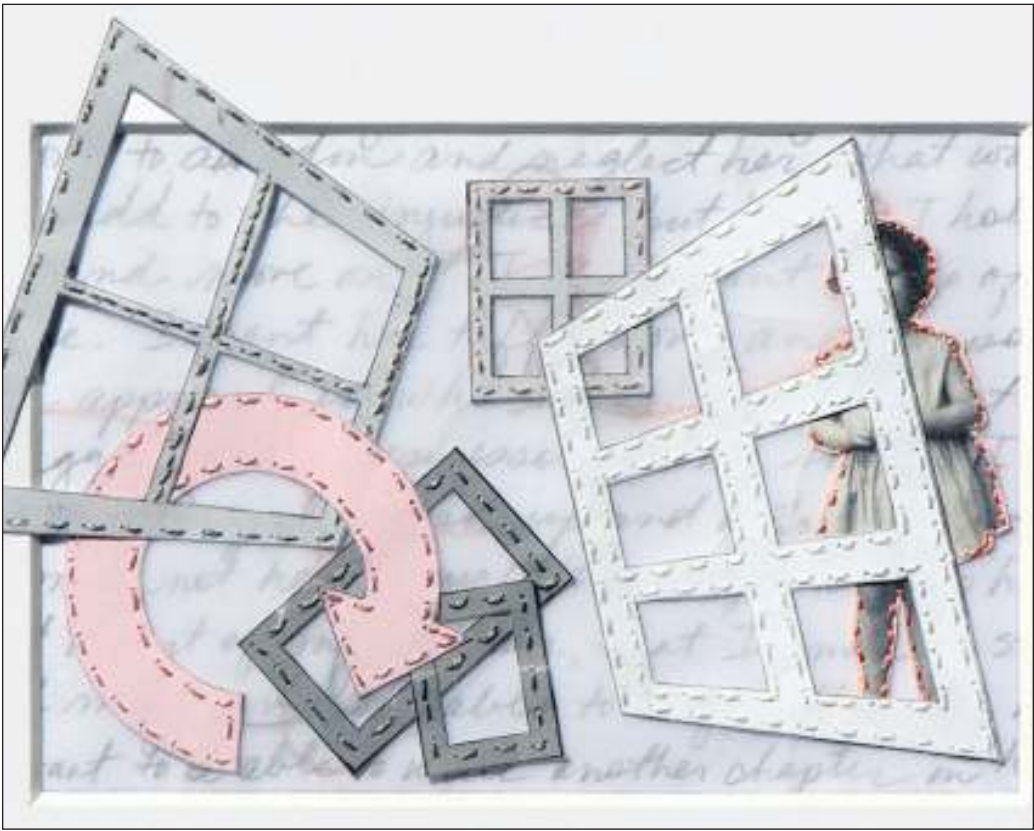
Baptist preacher Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. dedicated his life to pursuing peace, fighting to end segregation and unify people through kindness, tolerance, forgiveness, reconciliation, and love. Dr. King held true to his dream of a better future through marches, boycotts, rallies, threats, assaults, and jailings, inspiring countless people and pushing his country and its people to embrace equal rights for all.

Though his work was cut short by a gunman on April 4, 1968 at the young age of 39, Dr. King's influence and spirit lives on. His legacy and memory are honored each year on the third Monday of every January, close to the date of his birthday, January 15. First observed in 1986, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day reminds people to follow in the path blazed by its namesake, respecting and caring for their fellow man and leaving no one behind in the murk of racism, cruelty, and despair.

Remember, celebrate, and act with the Afro-American Cultural and Historical Society as they celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day with their annual commemoration program on Sunday, January 12. Under the theme "A Mission Still to Fulfill," community members will gather to remember the spirit and legacy of Dr. King in word and song with performances by Pamela Forbert and Corvallis Choral Group, Johanna Holte and the First Presbyterian Church of Newark Youth Group, and students from Newark Unified School District.

Pastors, school personnel, mayors and other elected officials will be in attendance including Rev. George Gaskins of Bethel Baptist Church, HUDS Superintendent Stan Dodd, Gloria Grant-Wilson, Nancy Alden, Graham Phuvanatanarubala and Keyon Duncan. Rev. Garrett Yamada will serve as the host pastor with Rev. Dr. Lyman J. Alexander as the Keynote Speaker.

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'Reflections'

SUBMITTED BY DIANE LEYS

"Reflections," an exhibit featuring the contemporary mixed media sculptures of six Bay Area Artists, recently opened at the Olive Hyde Art Gallery in Fremont, and runs through February 1. A reception, open to the public, will be held on Friday, January 10.

Born in different locations across America, with occupations and living experiences spanning decades, artists Marie Bergstedt, Laurel Shackelford, Melissa Woodburn, Roslyn Ritter, Jeanmarie Nutt, and Marla Brill create work honoring memories and defining moments of their lives. With their work, they invite visitors of all ages to discover a thread leading to their own lives, coaxing memories and imagination, inspiring ideas for the future.

Marla Brill uses textiles, paper, fabric, mixed media and found objects to communicate her thoughts on remembrance, relationships and time passing. Known for her work in intricate beaded pieces, Brill introduces the simplest of materials taken from childhood for her compositions.

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It's Not Too Late to Get the Flu Vaccine

Washington Hospital Will Hold Two Community Flu Vaccination Events

Many states across the country are reporting widespread flu activity. Commonly known as the flu, the contagious disease has been gaining momentum weeks earlier than normal. Since flu season is now upon us, Washington Hospital is hosting two flu vaccination events on the first floor of the Washington West Building at 2500 Mowry Avenue in Fremont. The community vaccination events are scheduled for Thursday, January 16 and Friday, January 17 and will take place from Noon to 2 p.m. and again from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 (cash or check) and the vaccine is available to those who are 4 years old or older.

The flu shot contains three seasonal flu viruses that cause your body to build up antibodies capable of fighting off those strains. The viruses are inactivated or killed, so you can't get the flu from a flu shot, according to the CDC.

"It takes time for the antibodies to build up in your body," says Dr. Sarkis Banipalsin, medical director of Washington Urgent Care. "So if you haven't had your flu vaccination yet, you should get it as soon as possible. Anyone over the age of 6 months should get a flu shot."

Flu vaccinations are also available at Washington Urgent Care. The clinic is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and no appointment is needed.

"If you do get sick with the flu and need medical care, it may be best to get treated by your doctor, or go to urgent care if you don't have a regular physician, rather than going to the emergency room," Dr. Sarkis Banipalsin said.

Flu Symptoms Come on Fast

While most people who get the flu can care for themselves at home by getting plenty of rest, drinking lots of fluids, and taking over-the-counter medications to relieve symptoms, the flu can be deadly. Sometime it's hard for people to know the difference between a common cold and the flu. With a cold, usual symptoms include stuffy or runny nose, sore throat, and sneezing. Coughs are hacking and productive and it's unusual to have a fever, chills, and body aches. But with the flu, fever is usually present along with chills, headache and moderate-to-severe body aches and fatigue. Flu symptoms can come on fast, often within three to six hours. Coughs are normally dry and unproductive and sore throats are less common.

Washington Hospital is hosting two flu vaccination events on Thursday, January 16 and Friday, January 17. Both events will take place at 2500 Mowry Avenue (Washington West) from Noon to 2 p.m. and again from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on both days. The cost is \$10 (cash or check) and the vaccine is available to those who are 4 years old or older. Visit www.whhs.com/flu-shot for more information.



The flu is a contagious disease that is spread by droplets that enter the air when infected people talk, cough, or sneeze. These droplets can also end up on surfaces like doorknobs and keyboards. People can become infected by touching those surfaces and then touching their eyes, nose, or mouth.

Dr. Sarkis Banipalsin says it's important to wash your hands frequently to avoid spreading germs and keep hand sanitizers in your home, car, and at work. If you do get sick, be sure to cough in a tissue or in the crook of your arm to avoid spreading the germs with your hands.

"Stay home when you are sick and keep your kids home from school," he added.

"Parents sometimes feel pressure to send their kids to school when they are sick or go to work themselves. But it's really best to stay home. You need to rest so you can get well and you don't want to get other people sick."

For more information about the flu, visit www.whhs.com/flu-shot. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also has important flu information updates at www.cdc.gov/flu. To find out how to get a flu vaccination, call Washington Hospital's Health Connection hotline at (800) 963-7070. To learn about upcoming Washington Hospital classes and seminars that can help you stay healthy, visit www.whhs.com.

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

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
	1/07/14	1/08/14	1/09/14	1/10/14	1/11/14	1/12/14	1/13/14
12:00 PM 12:00 AM	Living Well with Diabetes: Overcoming Challenges	Diabetes Matters: Vacation or Travel Plans?	Movement Disorders, Parkinson's Disease, Tremors and Epilepsy	Sidelined by Back Pain? Get Back in the Game	Strengthen Your Back! Learn to Improve Your Back Fitness	Community Based Senior Supportive Services	Heel Problems and Treatment Options
1:00 PM 1:00 AM	Women's Health Conference: Aging Gracefully	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 1:30 AM						Diabetes Matters: Top Foods for Heart Health	
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	Kidney Transplants	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 11th, 2013	Don't Let Back Pain Sideline You		Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 11th, 2013
2:30 PM 2:30 AM						Living Well with Diabetes: Overcoming Challenges	
3:00 PM 3:00 AM	Minimally Invasive Surgery for Lower Back Disorders	Keeping Your Heart on the Right Beat	Raising Awareness About Stroke	Diabetes Matters: Partnering with your Doctor to Improve Control (New)	Varicose Veins and Chronic Venous Disease	Alzheimer's Disease	Do You Suffer From Anxiety or Depression?
3:30 PM 3:30 AM	Inside Washington Hospital: The Green Team			Diabetes Matters: Diabetes Meal Planning			
4:00 PM 4:00 AM	Your Concerns InHealth: Vitamin Supplements	Vitamins and Supplements - How Useful Are They?	Treatment Options for Knee Problems	Do You Have Sinus Problems?			Diabetes Matters: Partnering with your Doctor to Improve Control (New)
4:30 PM 4:30 AM	Diabetes Matters: Protecting Your Hear			Latest Treatments for Cerebral Aneurysms	Kidney Transplants	Disaster Preparedness	Lunch and Learn: Healthy Holiday Cookies
5:00 PM 5:00 AM		Disaster Preparedness	Disaster Preparedness	Cataracts and Diabetic Eye Conditions	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 11th, 2013	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 11th, 2013	Inside Washington Hospital: The Green Team
5:30 PM 5:30 AM	Treating Infection: Learn About Sepsis			Diabetes Matters: Top Foods for Heart Health			Keeping Your Heart on the Right Beat
6:00 PM 6:00 AM		Treatment Options for Knee Problems	Diabetes Matters: Research: Advancing Diabetes Management	Disaster Preparedness	Heart Healthy Eating After Surgery and Beyond	Diabetes Matters: Partnering with your Doctor to Improve Control (New)	Cataracts and Diabetic Eye Conditions
6:30 PM 6:30 AM	Arthritis: Do I Have One of 100 Types?					From One Second to the Next	
7:00 PM 7:00 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	Inside Washington Hospital: The Green Team	Voices InHealth: Radiation Safety	Kidney Transplants
7:30 PM 7:30 AM		Learn About Nutrition for a Healthy Life			The Weight to Success	Diabetes Matters: Research: Advancing Diabetes Management	Turning 65? Get To Know Medicare
8:00 PM 8:00 AM	Lunch and Learn: Yard to Table		Diabetes Matters: Protecting Your Heart		How to Maintain a Healthy Weight: Good Nutrition is Key		
8:30 PM 8:30 AM	Do You Suffer From Breathing Problems? Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease or Asthma	Influenza and Other Contagious Respiratory Conditions	Do You Have Sinus Problems?	Financial Scams: How to Protect Yourself	Your Concerns InHealth: Senior Scam Prevention	Do You Have Sinus Problems?	Getting the Most Out of Your Insurance When You Have Diabetes
9:00 PM 9:00 AM		Turning 65? Get To Know Medicare			Superbugs: Are We Winning the Germ War?	Influenza and Other Contagious Respiratory Conditions	Varicose Veins and Chronic Venous Disease
9:30 PM 9:30 AM	Influenza and Other Contagious Respiratory Conditions		Keys to Healthy Eyes				
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Protect Yourself Against a Silent Killer

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About 15 minutes is all it takes to find out whether you have an abdominal aortic aneurysm known as AAA. Most people have never heard of an abdominal aortic aneurysm, but it's a silent killer. Washington Hospital is offering a free, painless ultrasound test that can detect the presence of this potentially deadly condition. The screening will take place on Saturday, January 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pre-registration is required and no walk-ins will be accepted. Please call (800) 963-7070 to register.

A painless, noninvasive screening procedure could save your life. About 15 minutes is all it takes to find out whether you have an abdominal aortic aneurysm known as AAA. If you have high blood pressure and are over age 60, you are at greater risk for developing an AAA.

The abdominal aorta is the largest blood vessel in the body and the main artery that begins in the heart. As the lining weakens from age and other risk factors, the vessel wall thins and expands, creating a bulge. The most common location for an AAA is between where the aorta divides to supply blood to the kidneys and where it divides to supply blood to the pelvis and legs. The aorta is the body's main supplier of blood, so a ruptured AAA can cause life-threatening internal bleeding.

"If you are over age 60 and have multiple risk factors, you should get the AAA screening," said Dr. Ash Jain, a cardiologist and medical co-director of Washington Hospital's Vascular Services Program. "The test is safe, effective, and painless."

The AAA screening is conducted with an ultrasound of the abdomen, which uses sound waves that create a picture of the internal organs, Dr. Jain explained. The noninvasive test uses a clear, water-based conducting gel that is applied to the skin over the abdomen. This helps with the transmission of the sound waves. A

handheld probe called a transducer is then moved over the abdomen. The procedure takes about 15 minutes.

Dr. Jain will conduct free AAA screenings with Dr. John Thomas Mehigan, a vascular surgeon and medical co-director of Washington Hospital's Vascular Services Program, on Saturday, January 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The screening will be held at the Conrad E. Anderson, MD Auditorium located at 2500 Mowry Avenue (Washington West) in Fremont. You must sign up for the screening in advance. No walk-ins will be accepted. To register for the screening, call (800) 963-7070.

Who Should Get the Test?

While anyone can get this type of aneurysm, it is more common in men over the age of 60. Other risk factors include high blood pressure, high cholesterol, heart disease, diabetes, smoking, obesity, and a positive family history.

Symptoms of an AAA include a tingling or pulsating sensation near the bellybutton, pain in the abdomen or back, nausea, and dizziness. These symptoms often appear suddenly and without warning.

"Don't wait until you are experiencing symptoms," Dr. Mehigan said. "By the time symptoms occur, it could be too late to prevent the aneurysm from rupturing."

Each year, physicians diagnose approximately 200,000 people in the United States with AAA, according to the Society

of Vascular Surgery. Of those 200,000, nearly 15,000 are at risk of death from its rupture if not treated.

"Often these types of aneurysms go undetected," Dr. Mehigan added. "A majority of these aneurysms are found by accident or through AAA screening, mostly due to the hard-to-reach position of the artery that supplies blood to the abdomen. That makes the aneurysm very difficult to feel in a routine examination."

Abdominal aortic aneurysms usually start small, another reason they can go undetected for years, Dr. Mehigan added. Some of these aneurysms grow very slowly and never become a problem, while others can grow quickly and rupture before any symptoms occur.

Early Detection Improves Treatment Options

"With early detection, we can catch the aneurysm when it is small," Dr. Jain explained. "The ultrasound technology detects and accurately measures the size of the aneurysm to determine if treatment is needed."

He said aneurysms smaller than five centimeters can be treated effectively with medications. Those measuring three to four centimeters should be monitored with an ultrasound test every year. Aneurysms larger than five centimeters should be treated aggressively using stents, Dr. Jain

added. The stent reinforces the weakened wall of the aorta. It reduces the pressure on the aneurysm and provides a new pathway for the blood to flow.

"Treatment options have gotten much better over the years, particularly if we catch the aneurysm when it is small," Dr. Jain said. "Technology has improved so much that even if a stent is required, the patient can usually go home the day after the procedure."

Anyone who is at high risk for an AAA should consider getting the free screening. After the ultrasound test, patients have the opportunity to speak with a physician who can answer their questions.

Saving Lives with Free Screenings

To register for this free upcoming screening, call the Washington Hospital Health Connection line at (800) 963-7070. To find out about other free health screenings at Washington Hospital that can help to keep you and your family healthy, visit www.whhs.com/screenings.

Washington Hospital Welcomes It's First Baby of 2014



Congratulations to Fremont residents Amie Gordon-Mullins and her husband Ryan on the birth of their daughter Fiona. Baby Fiona was born on January 1st at 2:29 a.m. and was the first baby of the year delivered at the Washington Hospital Birthing Center. Fiona is the couple's first child.

DON'T PROCRASTINATE, VACCINATE

It's not too late to protect yourself and your family from the flu. One of the most effective ways to do so is to get vaccinated. We urge anyone aged four or older to visit our vaccination event and get your mercury-free vaccine. Together we can fight the flu and keep our community healthy.



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‘Reflections’

For the Olive Hyde exhibit, Jeanmarie Nutt selected pieces that tell a story about her childhood. Her work is created using organza, paper, embroidery floss and digitally manipulated photographs.

Much of Laurel Shackelford’s sculpture explores the cataclysmic

works in combinations of clay, fiber and mixed media.

Roz Ritter pieces together her life stories, using hand embroidery, stitching, appliqué, photo transfer and mixed media on vintage books and clothing. Through her work, Ritter ex-



changes in American women’s lives from 1960 to the present. She uses steel mesh as a metaphor for the resilience required of women who navigated this tumultuous period. Shackelford left a career in journalism to work on her sculptural art.

As a graphic designer, Melissa Woodburn designed the wall graphics for the Smithsonian’s National Air and Space museum room “The History of Rockets and Space Craft.” Her work today is influenced by her teaching of mediation techniques to pregnant women to open their sense of feminine power in labor. Woodburn

plores and pays homage to her stories, documenting the power they have had on her life.

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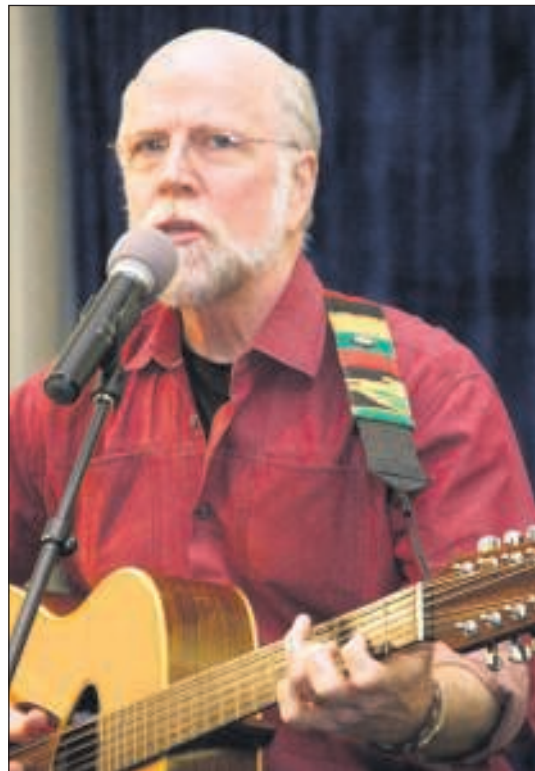
John McCutcheon's January 20th concert at St. James' Episcopal Church begins a new decade playing and singing in Fremont. This is his eleventh year at the cozy venue nicknamed the Club Saint J for one night a year, Martin Luther King Monday. The master multi-instrumentalist, songwriter, singer and storyteller usually bounds on stage with a banjo to start the show. From that moment, who knows what he will do? Having written over 200 songs and made over 35 albums, McCutcheon has the pick of a huge repertoire to entertain his audience... and entertain he does. No two shows are alike; he tailors the show to the audience, his



whims, even the weather. Only John knows what he will sing next.

The audience sings along with John; he invites them to request their favorite McCutcheon songs, songs that have earned seven Grammy nominations. Sometimes he pokes fun at politicians, tells stories of his travels and people he has met that have spawned the songs, songs and stories delighting the evening's audience.

This past fall, John traveled to Fresno from the East Coast to honor the twenty-eight men and women killed in a plane crash in 1948 listed as "deportees." After all these years, a monument was erected to them with their names. John participated in the ceremony to help set the record straight. In his current album, John's songs range from singing in honor of Malala Yousafzai, shot by the Taliban for wanting to be educated, to telling the story about the "Night That Dan Ryan Got Locked in the Pub." John has proved that he is a man of the people.



St. James' will donate a portion of the concert proceeds to Abode Services – partnering to end homelessness in our community.

**John McCutcheon Concert
Monday, Jan 20**

7:30 p.m. (Doors open at 7 p.m.)

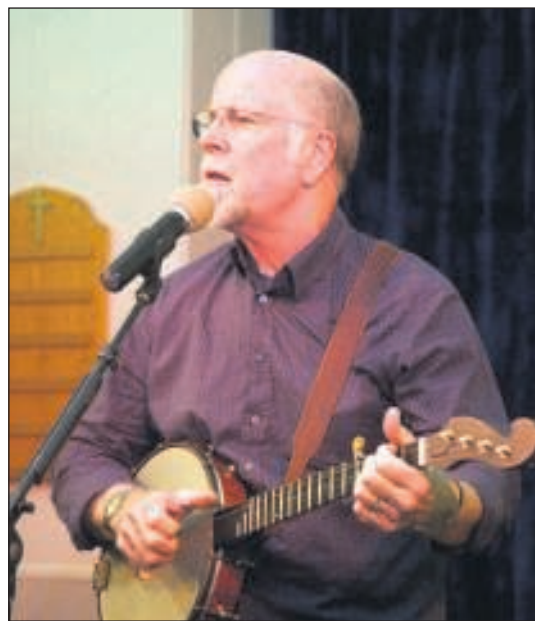
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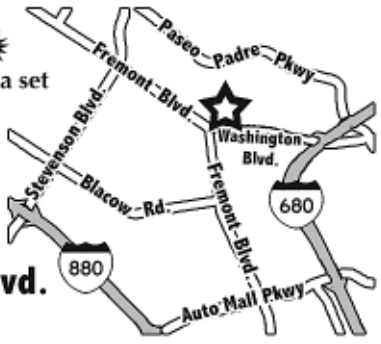
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Fremont Police Log

SUBMITTED BY GENEVA BOSQUES, FREMONT PD

Friday, December 27

At approximately 3:20 a.m., officers are sent to a collision at Blacow Rd and Central Ave. When Officers arrive they locate several eye witnesses who were on a porch of a near-by house. The witnesses saw a silver Honda “blackd out” traveling north on Blacow Rd. The Honda was going about 50 mph when it entered the intersection on a red light, struck a green Mustang and drove through a light pole. The driver then continued north on Blacow Rd. in the south-bound lane and struck two parked vehicles. The driver was identified as a 26 year old adult male, Fremont resident. He was arrested for felony drunk driving. All but one patrol officer was used at the scene and we reduced service levels for several hours.

The Traffic unit was working enforcement tonight when they all responded to “racers” forming in the south end of town. Several hundred cars were located gathering near Milmont and Kato Rd. The traffic unit assisted patrol and managed to herd them on to the freeway and out of town.

Saturday, December 28

Officers were dispatched to check on the welfare of four children under the age of 10. The father of the children arrived at the residence and discovered they had been left alone by their mother. The children's father called FPD after waiting approximately 45 minutes for the mother to return. Officer Johnson arrived and conducted the investigation. Multiple attempts were made to call the children's mother with no success. Officer Johnson was on scene for approximately 30-45 minutes before the mother arrived home. She advised that she drove to the store and was only gone a short time. The 42 year old adult female, Fremont resident, was arrested for child endangerment. The children were released to their father.

A CHP Helicopter received a Lo-Jack hit in the area of Durham Elementary. CHP ground units and FPD units began searching the area but could not locate the vehicle as it was most likely hidden in a garage. The investigation was ultimately turned over to CHP with no further involvement by FPD.

Officers were dispatched to the Calvary Baptist Church on Roberts Ave for a possible burglary. The

alarm company heard audio of a loud crashing sound after the alarm was tripped. Officers set up containment and K9 Officer Layfield used K9 Kalimero for the search. The doggy later indicated on a subject behind a closed door. The subject was contacted verbally, complied with commands and was detained. In the end, there was no crime. The male was a caretaker of the church and accidentally set off the alarm.

At 2:20 a.m., Fremont Fire responded to a fire at Warm Springs Elementary. The snack shack near the baseball diamond caught fire. FFD was unable to determine if the incident was accidental or arson, so Officer Settle responded to photograph the scene and document the incident.

Sunday, December 29, 2013

Officer Burns responded to a report of found property on the 4000 block of Calypso Tr. A citizen located several shell casings and women's clothing in the roadway. The casings appeared to be rifle rounds. The items were collected.

Officers responded to a residential burglary attempt that occurred sometime in the last week on 36000 block of Coronado Dr. Unknown suspects tried to pry the weather strip off a window at the front of the house. The suspects did not gain entry and no loss was reported.

Monday, December 30, 2013

A totally stripped and unreported stolen '98 Chevy Camaro (#6AZS764) was abandoned at King/Terrace. Investigation determined that the vehicle was stolen from an auto repair shop in Niles. Investigated by Officer Soper.

The janitor at Zyomex (6500 block of Dumbarton Circle) called police after interrupting two suspects who had just broken a window and entered the building. Prior to securing herself in an interior office, she saw the two suspects run back toward the broken window. Officers responded and set-up a perimeter. Officer Samayoa led an entry team into the building and located the janitor and cleared the building. Unknown loss at this time. The two suspects were described as black make adults, approximately 20 years old, wearing surgical masks. Investigated by Officer Taylor.

An employee from Novariant (45000 block of Northport Loop) called the police to report he had interrupted a suspect who had just broken a window and entered the building. The suspect was last seen running out the backdoor. The suspect was described as a Hispanic male adult, 5'09" - 5'10" wearing a mask. Investigated by Officer Settle.

Victim woke up and discovered the back slider to their door (Southwycke Terrace) was unlocked and the closet was ransacked. The loss is a wallet. Investigated by Officer Fuelenbach.

Tuesday, December 31, 2013

A 25 year old adult female fought with security and officers at Whole Foods. She was taken into custody for burglary and her no-bail burglary warrant out of Santa ClaraCo. Ofc. Labue investigating.

Traffic call-out for vehicle vs. pedestrian collision at Paseo Padre Pkwy/Mowry Ave on New Years Eve. As of today the infant remains in critical condition and the family has established a memorial fund for 19 year old Ashley Capuchin <https://www.giveforward.com/fundraiser/qqq3/ashley-capuchin-memorial-fund>.

Wednesday, January 1, 2014

Officers were dispatched at about4:25 a.m.(1/2/14) to an alarm at Mission Jarrito Restaurant on Washington Blvd. Officer Piol contacts two suspects in front of the business. It turns out Mission Jarrito and Mission Pizza had both been broken into. Both suspects were taken into custody and Detective Blass was notified. Interviews and investigation is on-going.

Thursday, January 2, 2014

Employees at Vienna Bakery arrived at work this morning to find a bullet hole in their front door. Ofc. Fuellenbach is investigating this case.

Three Asian males entered Safeway at the Fremont Hub and stole over \$1000 in alcohol. Employees were able to obtain information on the suspect vehicle (green small sedan). Officers checked the area, which was met with negative results. Ofc. Contrada handled the investigation and is conducting follow-up in an attempt to identify the suspects.

Auto Theft: 39800 Fremont Blvd.

Officers were dispatched to a vehicle collision at Logan Dr and Nelson St. Witnesses reported that a pick-up truck rolled over onto the grassy area of a nearby park. Ofc. Baca arrived on scene and determined that a 24 year old adult male was the driver. A juvenile at the scene was determined to be a passenger in the vehicle and not a relative of the driver's. The driver interfered with fire personnel and paramedics and prevented them from treating the juvenile. Ofc. Baca and Ofc. Hartman were forced to intervene and Ofc. Baca subsequently arrested the driver for interfering.

CSO Baca investigated a burglary of a storage unit at Public Storage on Enterprise St.

Murder suspects convicted

SUBMITTED BY SGT. MARK ORMSBY, HAYWARD PD

Due to the countless hours and dedication of the Hayward Police Department and working with the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, both Robert Yim and Veronica Rodriguez were found guilty. Suspect Robert Yim, was convicted on Monday, December 2, 2013 for 2nd degree murder, and three counts of attempted murder on the passengers. Suspect Robert Yim's girlfriend, Veronica Rodriguez was found guilty of accessory to murder. Yim was sentenced to 60+ years. Veronica Rodriguez will be sentenced in January 2014.

On May 3, 2010 Robert Yim and his girlfriend were at Stonybrook Park on Vanderbilt, when the victims drove past the park. Yim and the victims got into a verbal altercation, at which time the victims drove away as Yim retrieved a gun from Rodriguez's vehicle. Yim directed Rodriguez to get their 2 year old infant out of the park and drive him in an attempt to find the victims.

Rodriguez drove to Mission and Industrial Blvd, where Yim got out of the vehicle and fired multiple rounds at the victim vehicle as it drove south on Mission Blvd. Samuel Nava III was struck in the back of the head and succumbed to his injuries; the other three occupants of the vehicle were not hit by any rounds. Multiple citizen witnesses came forward and provided very valuable information leading to the identification and arrest of both subjects.

Second Bank Robbery in days

SUBMITTED BY SAN LEANDRO PD

On Friday, January 3, 2014 about 9:25a.m., SLPD officers responded to a bank robbery that occurred at the US Bank, located at 1585 E.14th St. in San Leandro. When they arrived, bank employees reported that an African-American male adult, 20-30 years old approached a teller window and pointed a gun at the teller and demanded money. After getting money from the first teller he attempted to rob a second teller but did not get any money. The suspect fled the area on foot and was not captured.

The suspect was described as wearing a gray hoodie and is considered armed and dangerous.

SLPD Detectives are actively working this case and will also work with the FBI and other local agencies to help identify and capture this suspect. This is the second bank robbery at this bank in four days. On December 30, 2013, at 4:30 p.m., a suspect described as a white male in his mid-20's to early 30's robbed the same bank. That suspect is still outstanding and detectives are actively working that case.

Lt. Mike Sobek said that the San Leandro Police are asking for the public's assistance in identifying both suspects. If anyone has information regarding these robberies or the identities of the suspects, please call them at (510) 577-2740.

Anonymous Tip information can be provided by:
Voicemail messages called into (510) 577-3278
Text message by texting the word "SLPD"
and the tip to "847411"

Information may also be sent through the San Leandro Police Department's smart phone application for both Apple and Android devices.

Ohlone Humane Society

Culture, Tradition and Animal Welfare

BY ERIC MILLS, OHS COMMUNITY
RELATIONS DIRECTOR &
LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

"Kindness and compassion towards all living things is a mark of a civilized society... Racism, economic deprival, dog fighting and cock fighting, bullfighting and rodeos are cut from the same fabric: violence. Only when we have become nonviolent towards all life will we have learned to live well ourselves."

-Cesar Chavez, United Farm Workers, in a 1990 letter to Action for Animals

I'm a big fan of cultural diversity, at least until it crosses the line into animal abuse. I've been working on rodeo issues for some 30 years now. I saw my first "charreada," the Mexican-style rodeo, in Sunol, in southern Alameda County, in 1992.

The charreada features nine standard events. Three have American-style rodeo counterparts: bull riding, bareback bronc riding, and team roping. Three other events involve roping the legs of running horses, either front legs ("manganas" - two styles — one from horseback; one on foot), or rear legs ("piales," from horseback). The California legislature banned the intentional felling of the horses in 1994, and a dozen other states quickly followed suit. To their credit, the U.S. charro associations changed their rules to comply though horses are still felled in competitions in Mexico.

Easily the most troubling event is "steer tailing" ("colas" or "coleadero"). A mounted charro grabs a running steer by the tail, wraps the tail around his leg, then drags or slams the hapless animal to the ground. Bruising and contusions are routine, tails may be stripped to the bone ("degloved"), even torn off. Horses sometimes suffer broken legs when the steers run the wrong way. (See YouTube videos.) I worked on a case in Denver in which seven steers had their tails "degloved," two others suffered a broken leg and broken pelvis, respectively. Some "sport"!

Here's where it gets interesting. California boasts the best (only?) rodeo animal welfare law in the country, Penal Code 596.7, a 1999 bill carried by Oakland Senator Don Perata, sponsored by Action For Animals. The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) managed to weaken the bill to allow an "on call veterinarian" option. Most rodeos opt for "on call" rather than "on site," simply because it's cheaper, and the animals suffer accordingly.

Current rodeo law requires that animal injury reports be submitted to the State Veterinary Medical Board. Yet, in 14 years, only about two dozen have been submitted. NOT POSSIBLE! California hosts some 100 professional rodeos annually, with perhaps dou-

ble that number of amateur events. Plus hundreds of charreadas.

According to my friend Edward Ramirez, founder of the "Mexican American Classic Charrería Organization," there are nearly 800 charreadas held in California every year. State law was amended in 2007 to include Mexican-style rodeos. Amazingly, in those seven years there has not been a single charreada injury report submitted to the State Vet Board. Again, NOT POSSIBLE! With an estimated annual 250 rodeos and 800 charreadas, one could reasonably expect, at a minimum, 75-100 injury reports every year.

It's clear that something is horribly amiss; the "on call" vets are not being summoned and animals are suffering needlessly. There's also the issue of questionable reporting. For example, at the 2013 California Rodeo in Salinas, only three injuries were reported, while a video filmed by Showing Animals Respect & Kindness (SHARK) depicted 23 injuries (see GOOGLE).

PARTIAL FIX - State Penal Code 596.7 should be amended to require **EITHER** an on-site veterinarian, **OR** an on-site Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT) with a licensed vet on call, at EVERY California rodeo and charreada. And two weeks written notice required to local Animal Control of any upcoming rodeo events. Such notice is already required of traveling carnivals with animals.

Neither "horse tripping" nor "steer tailing" is a standard ranching practice anywhere in the U.S., nor are they sanctioned by any American-style rodeo association. "Steer tailing" should be banned outright. Fremont Senator Liz Figueroa introduced such a bill back in 2002. It passed the first committee unanimously, including the "AYE" votes of two Latino legislators, and was sent directly to the Senate floor. Under pressure from the Latino community, the bill was quietly dropped. It's time to try again. Neither "tradition" nor "culture" should ever trump animal welfare.

NOTE - Steer tailing was banned in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties in 1993; by the State of Nebraska in 2009.

Our State Legislature reconvenes on January 6, 2014. Now's the time to contact your representatives and encourage them to introduce this needed humane legislation. Likely authors for these two bills would be Senators Ellen Corbett (D-San Leandro) and Loni Hancock (D-Berkeley). Both earned an "A" grade on the 2013 Paw PAC Legislative Voting Chart.

All legislators may be written c/o THE STATE CAPITOL, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814.

Thanks for caring.

Eric Mills is a Paw PAC Board Member and coordinator of Action for Animals



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People may drop in anytime during the open houses to view information about current conditions on the expressways and to share their ideas for what changes or improvements are needed. All expressways and the Santa Teresa-Hale Corridor will be on display at every open house.

Tues., Jan. 7
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Seven Trees Community Center
3590 Cas Drive, San Jose

Thurs., Jan. 9
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

West Valley Branch Library
1243 San Tomas Aquino Road, San Jose

Tues., Jan. 14
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)
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History

News Register, January 26, 1956

The News Register published at Centerville for Thursday, January 26, 1956 carries several headlines, but the most prominent reads "Fremont Now An Official City." The photograph below this headline shows Western Pacific Railroad Agent Ken Tinker and

Captain Allen M. Shinn taking command of the El S. S. Saipan

maintenance men James Herren and James Davis replacing the "Niles" sign with one designating the station as Fremont. The only other picture on this page shows Captain Allen M. Shinn taking command of the El S. S. Saipan. Headline writer, Jim Combs, wrote that the councilmen had survived a 10-hour session and that Mayor John Stevenson had returned from Sacramento with the Secretary of State's approval for the city. Judge Allen G. Norris had sworn in councilmen John Stevenson, Bruce Michael, Wallace Pond and Winifred Bendel. Then the council selected Stevenson as mayor.

LeRoy Broun was appointed City Attorney, Miss Jane Hicks as City Clerk, Robert Blacow City Treasurer and Frank Madruga as Fire Chief. Louis J. Kroeger and Associate was chosen to set up a caretaker government.

Other headline news included announcements about the post offices. Residents were told that addresses would not change until the Post Office Department acted. Centerville Postmaster Manuel Lewis was instructed to send the councils' request to change the name of Centerville's post office to Fremont.

Another headline was about the coming election to approve bonds to increase the size of Washington Township Hospital from 50 to 150 beds. The hospital was under construction at this time.

Dark headlines noted that no decision had been reached by the County Committee on School District Organization. The committee had called the hearing in answer to petitions from residents to study school unification. Centerville Superintendent Tom Maloney reported that confusion and disharmony was all that was accomplished.

Residents were asked to "turn on porch lights" January 31 when mothers would call on homes to donate to help defeat polio.

Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company announced a

Niles Station Sign Change

new telephone district for Southern Alameda County.

Highway Patrolman Joseph "Duffy" Lewis caught two boys with a stolen car near Warm Springs. The car was out of gas.

Page three had a photo of General John C. Fremont with a comment that his name had been "chosen for the new city." It was noted that "the name could be changed later if public opinion demands."

Page six featured a photo of a "mud-proof" vehicle, operated by the Fudenna Brothers, for harvesting cauliflower. It was originally an army truck that had been converted. Rain had made it almost impossible to use tractors in the wet season.

Highway Patrolman Joseph "Duffy" Lewis

A Union City steering committee met to discuss "the future of Alvarado and Decoto. They considered incorporating the two communities to form Union City, annexing to Hayward or joining the new City of Fremont. No decision was reached at this time.

Roland Bendel of Decoto kept the weather readings. He reported that the rainfall to date was about 17 inches. Local ranchers were meeting to discuss a flood control project. The combination of high tides and rain

closed the Dumbarton Bridge for an hour. Donations were sought for flood victims of Washington Township.

Social events included an invitation from the Garden Club for residents to attend their meeting at Glenmoor School. Kraftile workers paused to observe C. W. "Chuck" Kraft's 20th year as company president. Washington High seniors planned their annual senior night. The Warm Springs Women's Club held their dinner party. The Township Business and Professional women put on a fashion show. The public was invited to an open house and ceramic demonstration by Sue Silva at the Clay House. Dances were advertised by the Warm Springs S.P.R.S.I. and the Newark C. A. M. Club. Officers were elected at the Humpty Dumpty Play School. The Newark Rec Department sponsored a Yo-Yo contest.

Advertisements were interesting. Safeway advertised iceberg lettuce at "2 large heads for 19 cents," and beef ribs at 29 cents per pound. The Red and White Food Stores had red delicious apples at 3 lbs. for 25 cents at both the Niles and Warm Springs stores. Cloverdale Creamery featured local milk and home delivery. M & R Thrift Market in Niles was the only grocery listed in the Washington Township Business Directory.

Car ads included Central Chevrolet Co., Edgren Motor Co. and Joe Adams Ford.

Ladies clothes were offered by Mildreds in Centerville, Fays in Newark, and Men's Wear was available at Joseph's Clothing in Centerville. The Washington Township Business Directory listed over 100 separate business establishments. Business apparel appeared to be flourishing in the township.

PHILIP HOLMES

PEEK INTO THE PAST

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"Mud-proof" vehicle, operated by the Fudenna Brothers, for harvesting cauliflower.

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Honoring a man and his dream

Usher in the holiday in Hayward with the annual "Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday March" on Monday, January 20. Sponsored by the South Hayward Parish, the event begins at Hayward City Hall Plaza at 9:30 a.m. with music and the words of Dr. King, followed by the March of Witness at 10 a.m. In celebration of Hayward's diversity, attendees are invited to carry banners of their organizations and wear national dress. Upon returning to City Hall Plaza at 10:30 a.m., attendees will join in song and be inspired by Dr. King's words of courage, hope, and justice.

Chabot College hosts a celebration featuring uplifting performances by the Mt. Eden Choir, Mt. Eden Band, and other local groups. In addition, organizers are proud and honored to have Dr. Melba Beals, one of the Little Rock Arkansas Nine, share her story of integration as she experienced it first hand in 1957.

For those interested in honoring Dr. King's legacy through acts of service, visit www.mlkchallenge.org for opportunities.

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'Surviving Progress'

SUBMITTED BY REV. JEFFREY SPENCER

Is progress really making our lives better? "The better life" is often measured by the speed of progress. But what if progress is actually spiraling us downwards, towards collapse? The 2011 documentary "Surviving Progress" explores this question.

With potent images and illuminating insights from thinkers who have probed our genes, our brains, and our social behavior, this "requiem to progress-as-usual" poses a challenge: to prove that making apes smarter isn't an evolutionary dead-end. The film claims there is a grave risk of running the 21st century's software - our know-how - on the ancient hardware of our primate brain which hasn't been upgraded in 50,000 years.

Ronald Wright, whose best-seller, "A Short History of Progress," inspired this film, reveals how civilizations are repeatedly destroyed by "progress traps" - alluring technologies serve immediate needs, but ransom the future. With intersecting stories from a Chinese car-driving club, a Wall Street insider who exposes an out-of-control, environmentally rapacious financial elite, and eco-cops

defending a scorched Amazon, the film lays stark evidence before us. In the past, we could use up a region's resources and move on. But if today's global civilization collapses from over-consumption, that's it. We have no back-up planet.

The documentary will be screened on Saturday, January 11th at Niles Discovery Church in Fremont, as part of the Second Saturday Documentary Series. The screening will be followed by a discussion lead by Paul Rea, a retired humanities professor. The screening is free, although donations are gladly accepted.

Surviving Progress
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The film trailer can be viewed at:
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Dr. King celebration

SUBMITTED BY KARI McALLISTER

Join us for this annual event celebrating and memorializing the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This year, along with stellar and uplifting performances by the Mt. Eden Choir, Mt. Eden Band, and other local groups, we are proud and honored to have Dr. Melba Beals, one of the "Little Rock Arkansas Nine," share her story of integration as she experienced it first hand in 1957. We know you will be held spellbound by her tale. The event will be

held at Chabot College at 4:30 p.m. and is free of charge to the public.

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7 Things You Must Know Before Putting Your Home UP for Sale

East Bay, CA - A new report has just been released which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home, and a 9 Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money.

This industry report shows clearly how the traditional ways of selling homes have become increasingly less and less effective in today's market. The fact of the matter is that fully three quarters of homesellers don't get what they want for their homes and become disillusioned and - worse - financially disadvantaged when they put their homes on the market.

As this report uncovers, most homesellers make 7

deadly mistakes that cost them literally thousands of dollars. The good news is that each and every one of these mistakes is entirely preventable. In answer to this issue, industry insiders have prepared a free special report entitled "The 9 Step System to Get Your Home Sold Fast and For Top Dollar".

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Confusion, relief mark start of new health reforms

By JULIET WILLIAMS
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SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—The new year brought relief for Americans who previously had no health insurance or were stuck in poor plans, but it also led to confusion after the troubled rollout of the federal health care reforms sent a crush of late applications to overloaded government agencies.

That created stacks of yet-to-be-processed paperwork and thousands — if not millions — of people unsure about whether they have insurance.

Mike Estes of Beaverton, Ore., finally received his insurance card on Dec. 27 after applying in early November. Still, the family was thrilled to have insurance through the Oregon Health Plan, Oregon's version of Medicaid, because their previous \$380-a-month premium "literally crushed our family's finances," Estes said.

Obama administration officials estimate that 2.1 million consumers have enrolled so far through the federal and state-run health insurance exchanges that are a central feature of the federal law. But even before coverage began, health insurance companies complained they were receiving thousands of faulty applications from the government, and some people who thought they had enrolled for coverage have not received confirmation.

Tens of thousands of potential Medicaid recipients in the 36 states relying on the federal exchange also are in limbo after the federal website that was supposed to send their applications to the states failed to do so.

Reports of other complications were scattered around the country.

In Burlington, Vt., the state's largest hospital had almost two dozen patients seek treatment with new health insurance policies, but more than half of those did not have insurance cards. Minnesota's health care exchange said 53,000 people had enrolled for coverage through its marketplace, but it was unable to confirm the insurance status of an additional 19,000 people who created accounts but did not appear to have purchased plans.

In Connecticut, officials were pleading for patience as call centers fielded calls from people who are concerned because they had yet to receive a bill for premiums or an insurance identification card.

"This is an unprecedented time, because there are a record number of people who have applied for coverage with an effective date of Jan. 1," said Donna Tommelleo, a spokeswoman for the Connecticut Department of Insurance.

But the volume was no higher than usual on Thursday at the call center serving the federal health care exchange, where the vast majority of calls were from consumers seeking coverage starting Feb. 1, U.S. Health and Human Services spokeswoman

Joanne Peters said.

The agency is coordinating with "insurers, providers, hospitals, and pharmacists to help smooth the transition for consumers who are using their new plans for the first time," she said in an emailed statement.

The major pieces of the Affordable Care Act that took effect with the new year mean people with pre-existing medical conditions cannot be denied coverage, yearly out-of-pocket medical expenses will be capped and new insurance policies must offer a minimum level of essential benefits, ranging from emergency room treatment to maternity care.

Some parts of the law took effect previously, such as the ability of young people to remain on their parents' insurance policies until age 26.

Minnesota and Rhode Island were among the states that extended their sign-up period to the final day of 2013, leading to a crush of new paperwork that government agencies and insurance companies were still scrambling to process. Many consumers have yet to receive bills or insurance cards.

Julie Cadorette, 63, of Maynard, Mass., said she has spent dozens of hours on the phone trying to find out the status of her application through Massachusetts Health Connect, which she said she sent by certified mail three months ago. Her current plan ends Jan. 31.

"It's very hard to deal with them, they're so behind," she said Thursday. "When you call them, they ask you specific questions. You can't ask them any questions."

Massachusetts consumers whose applications for subsidized insurance have not been processed by the time their coverage expires will be temporarily covered under the state's version of Medicaid, MassHealth spokesman Jason Lefferts said.

The new year brings the most personal test yet for President Barack Obama's health care overhaul as millions of patients begin to seek care under its new mandates. The burden for implementing the law now shifts to insurance companies and health care providers.

Dr. John Venetos, a Chicago gastroenterologist, said there was "tremendous uncertainty and anxiety" among patients calling his office.

"They're not sure if they have coverage. It puts the heavy work on the physician," Venetos said. "At some point, every practice is going to make a decision about how long can they continue to see these patients for free if they are not getting paid."

New York is allowing a grace period for those whose policies start Jan. 1 but whose premiums are not due until later. In those cases, state health officials and insurers say people should pay the doctor's bill and then submit it for reimbursement.

It will not be known for a couple of weeks how many of those

who signed up for coverage in the exchanges follow through and pay their premiums or how many are stuck in backlogs of unprocessed applications.

In California, employees of the state health exchange were still going through some 19,000 paper applications sent in the early days after Covered California launched on Oct. 1, spokesman Dana Howard said. He could not say how many were outstanding.

The entire tracking system was "in a sort of chaos" Thursday as consumers tried to use or confirm their new insurance, said Kelly Fristoe, an insurance agent in Wichita Falls, Texas.

"I've got pharmacies that are calling in to verify benefits on these new plans that are getting incorrect information," he said. "I have people that are calling to make their initial premium payment, and they've been on hold for maybe three or four hours at a time and then they get hung up on."

People who signed up on the federal website have until Jan. 10 to pay premiums for coverage retroactive to Jan. 1, while consumers in some states have until Jan. 6.

Premiums paid after the deadline will be applied to coverage starting Feb. 1 or later. Consumers have until March 31 to sign up in time to avoid a federal tax penalty for remaining uninsured. That fine starts at \$95 for an individual this year but climbs rapidly, to a minimum of \$695 by 2016. There is an additional fine for parents who do not get health insurance for their children.

Medicaid, the state-federal health insurance program for the poor, already was experiencing problems in some states.

In Pennsylvania on Thursday, Gov. Tom Corbett's office cautioned that people who applied for health insurance through the federally run website and were found to be eligible or potentially eligible for Medicaid might not have coverage. The state was still waiting for the federal website to transfer electronic files for more than 25,000 applications.

"We are doing everything we can to ensure these individuals receive the coverage they've applied for as quickly as possible," said Eric Kiehl, spokesman for the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare.

Anticipating disruptions, major drug store chains such as CVS and Walgreens as well as smaller pharmacies have announced they will help customers with coverage questions, even providing temporary supplies of medications without insisting on up-front payment.

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Dry winter leads to precautions in California

By DON THOMPSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—The first Sierra snow survey of the winter on Friday confirmed the fears of state water managers, who are warning of drought con-

ditions in the coming year unless the state receives significantly more rain and snow.

Surveyors found mostly bare ground when they tried to measure the snowpack near South Lake Tahoe. Manual and electronic readings showed the water content in the statewide snowpack at just 20 percent of average for this time of year. This year's reading and the one in January 2012 are the lowest on record.

"While we hope conditions improve, we are fully mobilized to streamline water transfers and take every action possible to ease the effects of dry weather on

farms, homes and businesses as we face a possible third consecutive dry year," Department of Water Resources Director Mark Cowin said in a statement.

The winter snowpack in the northern and central Sierra provides about a third of the state's water supply.

At this rate, the state estimates it will be able to deliver just 5 percent of the water requested by 29 public agencies this year. Those agencies supply more than 25 million Californians and nearly a million acres of irrigated farmland.

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Court grants law license to man in US illegally

By JASON DEAREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO (AP), The California Supreme Court granted a law license Thursday to a man who has lived in the U.S. illegally for two decades, a ruling that advocates hope will open the door to millions of immigrants seeking to enter other professions such as medicine, accounting and teaching.

The unanimous decision means Sergio Garcia, who attended law school and passed the state bar exam while working in a grocery store and on farms, can begin practicing law immediately.

It’s the latest in a string of legal and legislative victories for people who are in the country without permission. Other successes include the creation of a path to citizenship for many young people and the granting of drivers licenses in some states.

“This is a bright new day in California history and bodes well for the future,” the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles said in a statement.

The court sided with state officials in the case, which pitted them against the White House over a 1996 federal law that bars people who are in the U.S. illegally from receiving professional licenses from government agencies or with the use of public money, unless state lawmakers vote otherwise.

Bill Hing, a law professor at the University of San Francisco, said the court made

clear the only reason it granted Garcia’s request is that California recently approved a law that specifically authorizes the state to give law licenses to immigrants who are here illegally.

The new law, inspired by Garcia’s situation, took effect Wednesday.

It was unclear how many people would qualify to practice law under the ruling and whether it would influence other states. Legislatures and governors in more conservative states such as Alabama and Arizona are likely to be less receptive to the idea.

Garcia, who plans to be a personal injury attorney in his hometown of Chico, said he hoped the decision would serve as a “beacon of hope” to others in the same situation.

He “can hang up a shingle and be his own company,” said Hing, who represented the state bar association in the case. “Once he does that, a client can retain him as a lawyer.”

But some questions remained unresolved, such as whether Garcia can appear in federal court or in other states. Federal law makes it illegal for law firms to hire him.

Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye, who wrote the opinion, said the new state law removed any barrier to Garcia’s quest for a license. And no other federal statute “purports to preclude a state from granting a license to practice law to an undocumented immigrant,” Cantil-Sakauye wrote.

Garcia, 36, arrived in the U.S. as a teenager to pick almonds with his father, who was a permanent legal resident. His fa-

ther filed a petition in 1994 seeking an immigration visa for his son. It was accepted in 1995, but because of the backlog of visa applications from people from Mexico, Garcia has never received a visa number.

He applied for citizenship in 1994 and is still working toward that goal.

The U.S. Department of Justice argued that Garcia was barred from receiving his law license because the court’s entire budget comes from the public treasury, a violation of the federal mandate that no public money be used to grant licenses to people who are in the country without permission.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Tenney, who argued the case, did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

The Obama administration’s position in the case came as a surprise to some, since the White House has shielded from deportation people who were brought to the U.S. illegally as children, provided they also graduated from high school, kept a clean criminal record and met other conditions.

At a hearing in September, a majority of the state Supreme Court justices appeared reluctant to grant Garcia the license under current state and federal law, saying they were prohibited from doing so unless the Legislature acted.

Garcia worked in the fields and at a grocery store before attending community college. He then became a paralegal, went to law school and passed the bar exam on his first try. His effort to get licensed was

supported by state bar officials and California’s attorney general, who argued that citizenship is not a requirement to receive a California law license.

Two other similar cases are pending in Florida and New York, and the Obama administration has made it clear it will oppose bar entry to immigrants unless each state passes its own laws allowing the practice, Hing said.

California Attorney General Kamala Harris supported Garcia’s petition and applauded the ruling.

Nick Pacilio, a spokesman for Harris, said California’s success “has hinged on the hard work and self-sufficiency of immigrants like Sergio.”

Thursday’s decision is the latest example of changes in immigration policy happening at the state level while an effort to achieve a broad federal overhaul stalls in the House.

California and nine other states last year agreed to grant drivers licenses to people in the country illegally, bringing the total to 13 states, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Nevada and Maryland began taking applications this week.

Four states – Colorado, Minnesota, Oregon and New Jersey – last year offered in-state college tuition to residents who are here illegally, joining California and 10 others.

Associated Press Writer Elliot Spagat in San Diego contributed to this report.

A New Year means time for new ‘Dogs of the Dow’

By KEN SWEET
AP MARKETS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP), It’s a new year, so once again it’s time to take “Dogs of the Dow” out for a run.

This annual Wall Street strategy has investors kick off January by buying the 10 highest-yielding stocks in the Dow Jones industrial average and hold them for rest of the year.

Yield is the annual dividend from a company divided by its stock price. The higher yields of the “Dogs” signal that their stock prices have declined the most among the Dow’s 30 blue-chip companies.

The goal of the strategy is to earn more dividend income and hope that the stocks also mount a comeback.

If a company’s stock price is \$1 and it pays a dividend of 5 cents to shareholders, the yield is 5 percent. Yields are attractive to some investors because companies will rarely cut their dividend payout to shareholders, except under extreme circumstances.

This year’s “Dogs” are a lot like the ones from 2013. In the top spot is AT&T, which has a dividend yield of around 5.2 percent, followed by Verizon Communications, which has a yield of 4.3 percent. Both Verizon and AT&T held the number one and two spots, respectively, going into 2013 last January.

Rounding out the top 10 “Dogs of the Dow” are Merck, Intel, Pfizer, McDonald’s, Chevron, General Electric, Cisco and Microsoft. Collectively, 2014’s “Dogs” have a dividend yield of around 4 percent.

As a strategy, the “Dogs” has been relatively consistent, but the amount of the consistency has varied.

The “Dogs” did outperform the rest of the blue chips in 2013. A portfolio of the 10 “Dogs” last year would have risen roughly 33 percent, before dividends, versus the 26.5 percent increase for the entire index.

But last year’s performance was distorted by one stock: Hewlett-Packard. In many ways, HP was the dog of all “Dogs.” After the stock had fallen for three-straight years, it jumped 96 percent in 2013, making the best-performing “Dog” of 2013. In September, it was pulled from the Dow, but HP was still considered a Dow “Dog” because it was in the index on Jan. 1. Without HP’s gains, the “Dogs” would have slightly underperformed the Dow.

The “Dogs” strategy worked in 2012 and 2011 as well, according to research firm Bespoke Investment Group.

California universities move to ban campus smoking

AP WIRE SERVICE

SAN DIEGO (AP), Schools in California’s public university systems are stamping out smoking in hopes that it will help improve the health of students, faculty and employees.

Both the University of California and California State systems have taken measures to ensure smoking will no longer be allowed on campuses. Some schools already enforce no-tobacco policies, while others plan to do so beginning next year, joining more than 1,100 colleges and universities around the nation that have gone smoke-free.

At San Diego State University, workers will remove ashtrays from the remaining 12 designated smoking areas on campus for its new rule that officially takes effect Wednesday. SDSU officials say they have created an informational website, smokefree.sdsu.edu, about its new directive.

Some students question how the policy will be enforced. Officials have said that if they see people lighting up, they’ll offer a friendly reminder. SDSU spokesman Greg Block said police aren’t going to be walking around campus handing out tickets.

“I’m not sure it will work,” Jin Salamack, a junior studying graphic design, told U-T San Diego (<http://bit.ly/1cA3S1I>). “I feel like the students who do smoke will end up smoking all over campus.”

Former UC President Mark Yudof announced the ban in 2012 but the rollout has been left up to each school. A call to the California State University office was not immediately returned.

UCLA did away with cigarettes, cigars and chewing tobacco in April. About 8 percent of UC students smoke, compared with the national average of 16 percent, officials said.

At the University of California, Riverside, school officials have spent about \$50,000 on signs, promotional events and materials for the ban expected to start Wednesday. Some smokers at the school remain defiant.

Susan Chevie, a custodian who has smoked a pack a day for 35 years, said she will kick the habit on her own terms.

“I’m not doing drugs,” she told the Riverside Press-Enterprise (<http://bit.ly/1gg-WwAK>). “I’m not drinking. If that’s the only thing I have to relieve my stress, leave me be.”

Information from: U-T San Diego, <http://www.utsandiego.com>

Netflix ends anti-takeover measure 2 years early

AP WIRE SERVICE

LOS GATOS, California (AP), Netflix says it’s ending a move meant to help ward off hostile takeovers almost two years early.

The online video company adopted the shareholder rights plan,

also known as a poison pill, in November 2012 after activist investor Carl Icahn disclosed a stake of almost 10 percent in the company.

The poison pill was scheduled to expire in November 2015, but the company terminated it effective Monday.

According to FactSet, Icahn now owns a 4.5 percent stake in Netflix Inc.

Netflix stock fell 51 cents to close at \$366.99 on Monday. The Los Gatos, California-based company’s shares have nearly quadrupled in value this year.

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Hummingbird Haven

BY PAT KITE

Hummingbird zooms past my front door, checking out the dangly Fuchsias surviving the frost. I, of course, do not interrupt. I say, "Excuse me, oh glorious hummingbird. You look so pretty today." Perhaps flattery will make it return more often. Hummingbird gives me a little dark eye

Males can zip up 120 feet then zip down at 65 miles per hour. Mr. Big Shot is defending his 2-acre territory. Cup-shaped nests can be in unexpected areas. Any narrow support will sometimes do, such as a ladder rung. However, after the fun and games ceases, lady hummingbird gets to rear the two petite white eggs by herself. Hatching young, get

Next came a most splendid wedding. Butterflies marked off room space. Flower petals fell to make a carpet. Spiders spun webs to make a bridal pathway. Then, as the groom faced the sun, its rays made the male hummingbird glow with brilliant reds and greens.

A delightful Aztec legend concerns the god of music and poetry who would often take the form of a

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Fremont Garden Club

The Fremont Garden Club meets the third Wednesday of each month, February - October, in members' homes & gardens, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Locations are posted on the Fremont Garden Clubs' web site at www.fremontgardenclub.org or email: fremontgardenclub@hotmail.com



PAT KITE

L. Patricia [Pat] Kite's several garden books include *KISS Guide to Gardening*, *Gardening Wizardry for Kids*, *Raccoons*, *Ladybug Facts and Folklore* and *Silkworms*. They may be found at *Amazon.com* and *Alibris.com*.

glance, hovering in mid air. Perhaps it is thinking, is this person a nice nutto or a dangerous one? Not sure, it extracts nectar from a fuchsia or three, and zooms away over my roof.

We are so lucky in this area to have a resident hummingbird: Anna's. Males have a fluorescent rosy-red head with green back and sides. The female is somewhat plain, but may have a greenish hue on top or a little chest red. Mostly I hear a hummingbird before I see it. It will whirl, whirl, wings a blur. It will sit, almost invisible on a tree, squeaky "chip, chip."

During breeding season, which can start in late December, the aerial dive-bombing begins.

flower nectar in the morning, insects in the afternoon.

Because of their beauty, plus ability to fly backwards, forwards, sidewise and vertically, hummingbirds were long-ago and even today, believed to have magical powers. They were surely messengers between worlds, the living and underworld. Depending on culture, these birds were considered incarnations of dead ancestors; harming them quite a taboo.

From the Mayan culture of Mexico and Central America comes this fanciful tale. The god that created all birds had a batch of leftover small grayish feathers. From them the god created a hummingbird. He was so pleased, he created another hummingbird.

hummingbird. In this disguise, the god went into the underworld and made love to a goddess. Things happen, and a while later the goddess gave birth to the first flower. So pretty a tale.

Yes, there are other local hummingbirds besides Anna's. Apparently Calliope and Allen's will visit in spring and summer. But Anna stays year round. Somebody asked me, "Why Anna's?" So I hunted around for info.

Anna Marie Rosalie Lamare married Andre' Massena, a French military commander during the Napoleonic Wars. An apparent friend was ornithologist Rene Primevera Lesson. He named Anna's hummingbird after Anna Massena. I don't know why.



SUBMITTED BY SHIRLEY GILBERT

Have you ever thought about how American women are depicted in today's society as you watch TV, read magazines and newspapers, and see pictures online?

Jennifer Siebel Newsom has given this a lot of thought and has created a documentary entitled

Miss Representation that explores how women are portrayed in the mainstream media. Newsom is a filmmaker, speaker, former actress, and advocate for women, girls and their families. She is the wife of California Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom.

While the film posits that young women need and want positive role models, they are shown in ads, movies, and online as sex symbols and fashionistas concerned primarily with looks. Men on the other hand are seen as thoughtful, intelligent, and successful in business and politics.

AAUW Fremont Branch invites Tri-City citizens to a special screening of this important documentary on Wednesday, January 15. The film features the stories of teenage girls along with interviews of well-known, successful women like Condoleezza Rice, Nancy Pelosi, Katie Couric and Rachel Maddow.

The film's motto is: "You can't be what you can't see." What's meant by this is that young women need positive role models in order to take on influential positions that change society for the better.

Miss Representation
Wednesday, Jan. 15

7 p.m.

Century 25

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www.tugg.com/events/5475

kgarfinkle@hotmail.com

Tickets: \$12

Anniversary Gala

SUBMITTED BY RENEE LORENTZEN

The City of Milpitas proudly announces its 60th Anniversary of Incorporation! A year of events and special programs for the community are planned beginning with the Milpitas 60th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, January 25, at 6 p.m. in the Barbara Lee Senior Center. RSVP's for attendees 21 and over can be emailed to: Milpitas60RSVP@ci.milpitas.ca.gov.

An RSVP must be submitted to attend as space is limited.

Milpitas Anniversary Gala
Saturday, Jan. 25

6 p.m.

Barbara Lee Senior Ctr.
40 N. Milpitas Blvd., Milpitas
(408) 586-3409

Milpitas60RSVP@ci.milpitas.ca.gov

Event is free of charge.

(Ages 21 and over only at this event)
RSVP required

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“Peter Pan”

“I see steampunk working very well with the story of Peter Pan,” explains costume designer Leah Schaefer about the retro-futuristic deviation from standard Victorian period clothing. “While Peter and the Lost Boys all utilize nature for their lifestyles, from clothing to weaponry and housing, the pirates use a more processed and manmade method, like gears, goggles, chains, and metal plating.”

The musical, adapted for the stage from the timeless masterpiece by J. M. Barrie, has transported audiences since its 1954 premier to a world of lost boys, Indian maidens, pirate rogues, and mischievous fairies.

In this StarStruck production, musical director Nancy Godfrey leads a live orchestra of 21 musicians in presenting such musical favorites as “I’m Flying,” “I Won’t Grow Up,” “Neverland,” and more. Meanwhile, choreographer Jeanne Batacan-Harper brings her magic touch to the expressive movements of the fairies, the shenanigans of the pirates and Indians, and—in the cast’s favorite number—the irrepressible, percussive rhythms of “Ugg-a-Wugg.”

Stokes extols: “Second star on the right, and straight on till morning—follow us as StarStruck brings you another spectacular production of ‘Peter Pan!’”

Come dressed as your favorite fairy tale character on Sunday, January 12 at 2:30 p.m.; attend the SuperStar donor reception from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. before the performance on Saturday, January 18; or enjoy a Talk Back with actors after the show on Friday, January 24. The Friday, January 17 performance will be ASL interpreted.

Tickets are on sale now by calling the StarStruck box office: (510) 659-1319, or ordering online: <http://starstrucktheatre.org/buy-tickets/>. (Not recommended for children under age 4.)

Peter Pan
Friday, Jan 10 –
Sunday, Jan 26
7:30 p.m., matinees
at 2:30 p.m.
Smith Center, Ohlone College
Jackson Theatre
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(510) 659-1319
<http://starstrucktheatre.org/buy-tickets/>
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Letter to the Editor

Was trip to India a political game?

Fremont Councilmember Natarajan and Vice Mayor Bacon, along with their entourage (Deputy City Manager, Economic Development Director, and Assistant City Manager) recently visited India on a trip paid for out of public funds (Councilmember Natarajan and Fremont’s Assistant City Manager extended their trip). The Fremont City Council has indicated that the benefits this trip provided for us, the citizens of Fremont (since you and I did pay for this trip), will be presented to Council in 6-12 months.

A wise person pointed out that one of the games politicians play is to use public funds to pay a consulting firm to prepare a report, appearing to prove that whatever scheme the politicians are trying to promote, is beneficial to voting citizens.

This trip to India looks like one of those schemes to me!

Faye McKay, Fremont

Hayward Chamber holds 70th Annual

Awards Gala

SUBMITTED BY HAYWARD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Hayward Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors cordially extends an invitation to an evening of dining, celebration and recognition. Their 70th Annual Awards Gala will take place on Saturday, Jan. 25, at Cal State University East Bay.

Individual tickets are \$125, with a table for 8 at \$1,000. (Black tie optional). The evening includes a no-host bar, hors d’oeuvres, dinner, silent auction and presentation of awards to community honorees: Business Person of the Year – Robin Wilma

Educator of the Year – Kimberleigh Watts
Firefighter of the Year: Andrew Ghali
Police Officer of the Year: Officer Tommie Clayton

Awards Gala
Saturday, Jan. 25
6 p.m. - Cocktails/Silent Auction
7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Dinner and Awards Ceremony
Cal State University East Bay
25800 Carlos Bee Blvd., Hayward
www.hayward.org

\$125/person; \$1,000/Table of 8

Job Fair

SUBMITTED BY DAVID KORTH

Attendees at the City of Hayward job fair will learn about the job requirements, salaries, benefits and other advantages of working for the City of Hayward. Available positions include laborers, administrative clerks, police officer trainee, and firefighter trainee. At the fair, information will also be available about professional, entry level, and public safety positions being filled, how to apply for City jobs online, and how to create an online profile so those interested can receive notices about future job openings. The fair offers opportunities to speak with City employees about the jobs they do. Bring your resume to be reviewed by City staff and enter a drawing for a gift card.

City of Hayward Job Fair
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It’s Going To The Dog

By Stephen F. Von Till, Attorney at Law

“If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you. This is the principal difference between a dog and a man”

– Mark Twain

Q: I am a 6 year old dog. I adopted a guy who came to the Humane Society five years ago. He’s my best friend, Bill. I take care of him every day. But in dog years, he’s now 12. That’s gettin’ up there – I’ve been told by my Veterinarian that in human years, Bill is now 84, and that I should begin to make plans for when he passes on. I’m also worried about this greedy cat that lives here and her undue influence with Bill. What do you suggest?

– Shadow, the world’s greatest dog

A: Shadow, I suggest you get the leash and take Bill to see a lawyer. Provisions can be made in a Trust to provide for your care and maintenance after Bill passes on. The cat can be a problem.

Thelma Russell made a handwritten Will, dated March 18, 1957. It was on two sides of a card. On the first side was written:

“March 18 – 1957
I leave everything I own Real & Personal to Chester H. Quinn & Roxy Russell.

– Thelma L. Russell.”

On the reverse side:

“My (\$10.) Ten dollar gold Piece & Diamonds I leave to Georgia Nan Russell.”

Well, Shadow, it turns out that Roxy, like you, was a dog. Actually, there were two Roxys. The first was alive when the Will was made, but died before Thelma.

But there was a second “replacement” Roxy – a fancy, Up-Town dog registered with the American Kennel Club as “Russell’s Royal Kick Roxy” – an Airedale. She never spent a night in the pound.

Chester, a human, was Thelma’s friend of 25 years. He resided on Thelma’s property. Georgia, also human, was Thelma’s “greedy” niece. There was no cat involved.

Thelma’s niece, Georgia, did not want Roxy the Airedale getting half the estate with Chester getting the other half.

Georgia filed a claim in Probate Court. She asserted that the gift of Thelma’s estate to

Roxy the dog was void and that the entire estate should pass to her as Thelma’s sole surviving relative.

Notes were introduced from Thelma’s address book, reading: “Chester, Don’t let . . . Georgia have one penny of my place if it takes it all to fight it in Court. Thelma.”

The Court of Appeal held in favor of Roxy the Airedale, as did the trial judge. But unfortunately, Shadow, the California Supreme Court, a little high on cat-nip, reversed and found in favor of Georgia.

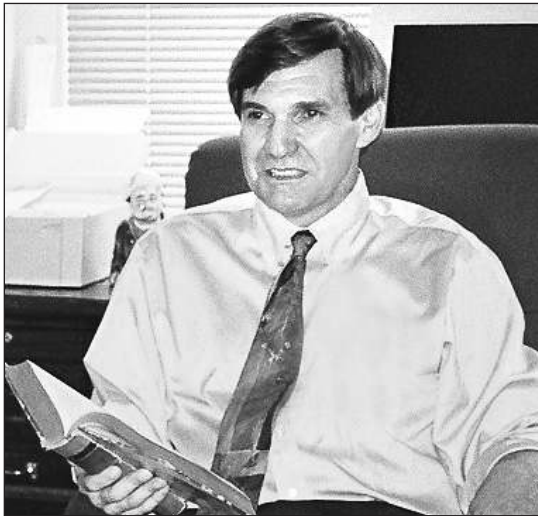
According to the Supreme Court, California law did not permit dogs to take under a Will. The gift to Roxy was void. Georgia, as Thelma’s sole living relative, was entitled to that share. Chester claimed unsuccessfully that Roxy’s share should go to him to take care of Roxy.

Shadow, I can’t say the Court’s decision “stinks” because you like “stinks.” So let’s just say the Justices of the Court should try hangin’ out in a dog pound with a bunch ‘a cats in the next room and a resident executioner takin’ out your pals one by one, ala “Lady and the Tramp.”

Nevertheless, Shadow, not all is lost. You will be pleased as bones to know that in 1991 an enlightened legislature passed Probate Code Section 15212:

“A trust for the care of a designated domestic or pet animal may be performed by the trustee for the life of the animal . . .”

Your canine buddies in other states can woof it up, since at least 14 other states recognize dogs and cats as



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valid beneficiaries. I realize you’re not concerned about the well-being of the cat, but remember, if squirrels are not around, cats are the next best thing – unless of course, they don’t run. In that case, as you well know, don’t get close without safety goggles, so you can keep the one eye you have left.

The Lesson: Don’t wait until it’s too late. Woof and wet-nose your human until he writes a trust to make sure you have a place to live, a bone to chew, and maybe – a cat to chase.

Exoskeleton helps stroke patients

By Anika Dokes
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Strokes, the fourth leading cause of death in the United States, affect more than 800,000 people each year, killing more than 150,000 and permanently disabling many others. According to the World Health Organization, 15 million people suffer strokes worldwide each year. Of these, five million die and another five million are permanently disabled.

A stroke occurs when a blood vessel that carries oxygen and nutrients to the



brain is either blocked by a clot or ruptures. When this happens, the affected part of the brain cannot get the blood and oxygen it needs so brain cells die. Stroke victims may suddenly lose the ability to speak, suffer memory problems, or become paralyzed. Although, strokes can occur at any age, nearly one-fourth of strokes occur in people under the age of 65.

The Rehabilitation Research Center at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center (SCVMC) conducts research to better understand and improve outcomes after Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). Not only do



they cater to stroke patients, but also provide services to family members, caregivers, and other professionals in rehabilitation. The center is funded through grants from the National Institute on Disability, Rehabilitation Research, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, and U.S. Department of Education.

Since January 2010, Dr. Stephanie Kolakowsky-Hayner has been the Director of the Rehabilitation Center. Her primary research interests have been ethnicity, cultural issues, family, caregiver needs, and substance use after injury. On July 15, 2013, Kolakowsky-Hayner and other researchers decided to test a prototype of a new version of an exoskeleton to determine how it could benefit stroke victims. The Ekso 1.2 robotic exoskeleton device is similar to a previous version, Ekso Pro, originally called “eLegs” used in the rehabilitation of individuals with spinal cord injuries.



The new and improved updated Ekso 1.2 robotic exoskeleton is a wearable robot, the first time an intelligent, bionic, battery-powered and ready-to-wear device is being used by patients who have had a stroke. The device helps patients relearn proper gait, weight shifts and balance when walking. Battery-powered motors drive the legs, controlled by a computer strapped on the patient’s back. The device is triggered by various controls that enable the user to, sit, stand or walk.

Four patients were chosen to participate in an intensive three-day study. Participants and therapists helped Ekso engineers refine and test the equipment in preparation for FDA approval. This technology will enhance functional ambulation of

people who have stroke, spinal cord injuries or other neurological conditions. The feedback obtained from participants and therapists provided insights for future improvements of the device.

SCVMC is conducting a variety of studies. In January 2014, Dr. Kolakowsky-Hayner will be working with Hines VA Medical Center in Illinois to evaluate Repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (rTMS). This clinical trial will determine the effect of rTMS on patients who have suffered severe TBI and are in a vegetative state.

For more information, visit: www.tbi-sci.org or contact Dr. Kolakowsky-Hayner at Stephanie.Hayner@bhs.sccgov.org.

Young Artist Competition

SUBMITTED BY MEGAN MORROW

The Fremont Symphony Orchestra, now in its 50th season, will hold its 47th Young Artist Competition on Jan. 11 and 12 at Ohlone College, 43600 Mission Blvd. in Fremont. This year, the competition is for pianists. Twenty-one students ranging from 10 to 22 years of age have applied. Preliminary auditions will be held on Saturday, Jan. 11; finals will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 12 in the Recital Hall, Room 133 in Building 2, and are open to the public. Tickets will be available at the door.

The Phyllis Merrifield Award of \$1,000 includes an appearance with the Fremont Symphony Orchestra next season. Second Prize is \$500 and Third Prize is \$250. The Nafisa Taghioff Award, reserved for applicants under the age of 16, is also \$250. Many former winners—including Jon Nakamatsu, Aileen Chanco, Hélène Wickett, Paul Tobias, Pamela Highbaugh and Krista Bennion, to name just a few—have gone on to distinguished musical careers.

At the finals on Sunday, Jan. 12, each finalist will perform his or her entire concerto with piano accompaniment. Winners will be announced at the end of the program. Judges are Gregory Van Sudmeier, Music Director of the Symphony, and concert pianists Gregory Taboloff and Justin Levitt. For more information, please contact Competition Co-Chair Caryl Dockter at (510) 793-6375 or acdockter@sbcglobal.net.

Fremont Symphony Young Artist Competition
Sun. Jan. 12 (Finals)
2 p.m.

Ohlone College, Recital Hall, Rm. 133, Bldg. 2
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Chanticleers Theatre Honors Local Talent

Join Chanticleers Theatre for a local version of the Academy Awards at the 20th annual "Awards Night." This is a free event honoring the actors, directors, technicians, and behind-the-scenes contributors who contributed to Chanticleers 2013 Season. Awards will be presented for 2013 Best Production, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Supporting Actor, Best Costumes, Best Set Design and much more. Enjoy entertaining scenes from all four Chanticleers 2013 shows plus a sneak peak at the 2014 season.

Jump into the new season and save with the 2014 Season Flex-Pass. Don't miss "Death by Design," "Proof," "Over the River and Through the Woods," and "A

Day in Hollywood, A Night in the Ukraine" at Chanticleers in 2014! An Opening Night Gala accompanies each new show with free champagne and hors d'oeuvres after the performance.

"Awards Night" is a free event but please reserve seats in advance at www.chanticleers.org. Doors open 30 minutes prior to show time; open seating. Complimentary desserts and refreshments will be served after the show.

Awards Night
Sunday, Jan 12
7 p.m.
Chanticleers Theatre
3683 Quail Ave., Castro Valley
(510) 733-5483
www.chanticleers.org
Free



Eden Housing appoints new Senior VP

SUBMITTED BY
EDEN HOUSING

Eden Housing is pleased to announce the appointment of Andy Madeira as Senior Vice President of Real Estate Development. Madeira has an extensive background in affordable housing development, project financing, and underwriting. He is currently a Senior Banker for JP Morgan Chase Community Development Banking. He has also served as Vice President, Real Estate Development for Citizens Housing Corporation, and as a Director of Real Estate Development at BRIDGE Housing Corporation.

Madeira has significant real estate lending and finance experience having spent six years at Fannie Mae working in asset

management and origination. Prior to his work in affordable housing, Madeira practiced law at nonprofit organizations in California and Philadelphia. Madeira received a J.D. from Boston University School of Law and a B.A. in Economics with Honors from the University of California at Santa Cruz.

Madeira will be responsible for leading Eden's strategic growth in affordable rental, acquisitions, preservation, and mixed income development, and will oversee and work closely with the development team. Madeira will join the Eden Housing team in February of 2014.

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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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A Banner Year it Was!

BY MAYOR BILL HARRISON

The end of the year brings about Top 10 lists in oh-so many categories. So in the spirit of David Letterman, here's ours! Introducing the 2013 City of Fremont Top 10 Year in Review List (In no particular order):

10) Fremont was one of three cities recognized as a winner of USA Weekend Magazine's National Make a Difference Day Competition and was featured in the Sunday insert! The Fremont Family Resource Center received a \$10,000 award from Newman's Own.

9) More local jobs! Companies choose Fremont for expansion - thank you to Men's Wearhouse, ThermoFisher, Delta Products, Seagate, and EFI!

8) Fremont hosted the Western Region Clean Tech Open, the leading force for accelerating clean technology entrepreneurs.

7) Regional powerhouse Pacific Commons, new home to TJMaxx/Home Goods and FireHouse Subs, has recently opened The Block—a shopping and entertainment sub-district, which features a variety of new retailers including Men's Wearhouse, Ulta, Krispy Kreme, The Habit and T-Mobile.

6) Lots happening in the Downtown. In addition to welcoming Whole Foods and Paragon Apartments, we were awarded the One Bay Area Grant (almost \$6M!) to kick-start the Capitol Avenue Streetscape improvements that will create the pedestrian-oriented spine for the district.

5) Ranked 5th by 24/7 Wall Street as the "Best Run City in America." <http://bit.ly/18MLEFg>

4) 4 out of 5 Fremont residents rate the Quality of Life in Fremont as "Good" or "Excellent" in the 2013 Community Survey, an increase from 2012! <http://bit.ly/JnXcJj>

3) Recognized by livability.com as one of the Top 100 Places to live. <http://bit.ly/1gCsx96>

2) We're one of the happiest mid-sized cities in the U.S. <http://bit.ly/1cNdt4M>

1) There's no question that Fremont has turned the corner from the greatest recession we've ever seen. Case in point: Fremont ranked #1 in the Top 10 Best Cities for Homebuyers by the Movato Real Estate Blog. <http://bit.ly/1bTtAgg>



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Excellence in Education Gala

'Be true to your school'

SUBMITTED BY KATHY KIMBERLIN

The Fremont Education Foundation's (FEF's) annual "Excellence in Education" Gala is bringing on school spirit to raise funds for innovative teacher grants. In its twelfth year, this annual fundraiser is sure to soar with school pride and big game entertainment!

The Fremont Education Foundation's "Excellence in Education" Gala, to be held on February 28, is the only fundraising event in Fremont that promotes and celebrates excellence in education at the K-12 level within the district's public schools. Funds raised for the teacher grants will enable FEF to continue to sponsor and expand its support of exceptional projects in classrooms, with the intention of improving educational achievement and broadening the horizons and experiences of our students. For more than 20 years, FEF has awarded over 200 grants to teachers, directly benefiting tens of thousands of students.

During the gala evening, students from various Fremont Unified School District schools will entertain the audience throughout the evening as the night builds up to the celebration of the two honorees – one from within the Fremont Unified School District and one from the greater community – for their outstanding contributions to education within Fremont.

This year, we are proud to celebrate the contributions of retired Kennedy High School coach, Pete Michaleto as our 2013 "Excellence in Education" FUSD Honoree.

We will also celebrate the Bonaccorsi Family, as our 2013 "Excellence in Education" Community Honorees.

Attendees will have the opportunity to win raffle prizes, which include the chance to win wine baskets, tickets to local museums, and much more. Additionally, attendees will have the chance to bid on a wide array of silent auction items.

Tickets are priced at \$80 each, of which \$38 is tax-deductible. Teachers have a discounted ticket price of \$55. Table sponsorships are available for \$800 for a table of ten people. The evening will include a sit down dinner and entertainment. Attire is gala appropriate, but dressing with school spirit is suggested, such as wearing your current, elementary, jr. high, high school or college school colors. Or perhaps, dress as a school character (football player, cheerleader, club member, referee, teacher, cafeteria worker, mascot).

Tickets for this night of excellence in education will be on sale beginning January 10 at www.fremont-education.org. Please join in to support a wonderful and purposeful cause!

Excellence in Education Gala – "Be True To Your School"

Friday, Feb 28

5:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Fremont Marriott

46100 Landing Pkwy., Fremont

www.fremont-education.org

\$88/per person includes dinner. (Teachers: \$55;

Table of ten: \$800)

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John 4:14

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Wednesday: 7:30pm**

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Call to confirm activities shown in these listings.



Continuing Events

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, 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

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 composting
Republic Services
42600 Boyce Rd., Fremont
(510) 657-3500

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday, Dec 31 thru Feb 1
Jamaica 1965 & Cuba
Mon: 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Tues & Thurs: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sat: 12 noon - 3 p.m.
Gripping images of the Peace Corp
PhotoCentral
1099 E St., Hayward
(510) 881-6721
www.photocentral.org

Wednesday, Jan 1 - Friday, Jan 31
Afternoon with the Monarchs
\$
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Butterfly question & answer session
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
(510) 544-2797
www.cbpc.org

Thursday, Jan 3 - Sunday, Feb 1
"Reflections"
12 noon - 5 p.m.
Mixed media sculpture by various artists
Olive Hyde Art Gallery
123 Washington Blvd., Fremont
(510) 791-4357
www.olivehydeartguild.org

Saturday, Jan 4 - Sunday, Jan 26
Monarch Butterfly Walks \$
10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Search for clusters of butterflies in the trees
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
(510) 544-2797
www.cbpc.org

Monday, Jan 6 - Friday, Jan 31
Interviews for Tri-City Senior Peer Counseling Training
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Must be 50 years or older
9-week training course
City of Fremont, Aging and Family Services
3300 Capitol Ave., Fremont
(510) 574-2064
lcox@fremont.gov

Arts & Entertainment

Wednesdays, Jan 8 thru Feb 26
Reducing Stress Course for Caregivers \$
10 a.m. - 12 noon
Learn effective ways to deal with stress
Family Resource Center
39155 Liberty St., Fremont
(510) 574-2035
nroghschild@fremont.gov

Friday, Jan 10 - Sunday, Jan 26
Peter Pan \$
Thurs - Sat: 7:00 p.m.
Sun: 2:30 p.m.
Classic tale about a boy who refused to grow up
Smith Center
43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont
(510) 659-1319
www.StarStruckTheatre.org

Tuesday, Jan 7
Toddler Time \$
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Learn about goats through stories & chores
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
(510) 544-2797
www.cbpc.org

Tuesday, Jan 7
"Grace" \$
8 p.m.
Dark comedy about faith & belief
Douglas Morrison Theatre
22311 N Third St., Hayward
(510) 881-6777
www.dmtonline.org

Wednesday, Jan 8
Fremont Chamber of Commerce Mixer
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
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Mission Peak Fitness
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Tuesday, January 7
10:00 - 11:15 Daycare Center Visit - UNION CITY
1:30 - 2:30 Mission Hills Middle School, 250 Tamarack Dr., UNION CITY
2:45 - 3:30 Purple Lotus Buddhist School, 33615 - 9th St., UNION CITY
4:50 - 5:30 Mariner Park, Regents Blvd. & Dorado Dr., UNION CITY
5:40 - 6:20 Sea Breeze Park, Dyer St. & Carmel Way, UNION CITY

Wednesday, January 8
3:00 - 4:00 Warm Springs Community Center, 47300 Fernald St., FREMONT
4:15 - 4:50 Lone Tree Creek Park, Starlite Way & Turquoise St, Warm Springs, FREMONT
6:00 - 6:30 Camellia Dr. & Camellia Ct., FREMONT

Thursday, January 9
9:30 - 10:15 Daycare Center Visit - UNION CITY
10:30 - 10:50 Daycare Center Visit - UNION CITY
1:55 - 2:20 Daycare Center Visit - SAN LORENZO
2:45 - 3:40 Bay School, 2001 Bockman Rd., SAN LORENZO

Monday, January 13
10:00-10:25 Daycare Center Visit - FREMONT
10:25-10:50 Peace Academy, Peace Terrace, FREMONT
1:30 - 2:00 Acacia Creek Retirement Community, 34400 Mission Blvd., UNION CITY
2:45 - 3:45 Ardenwood School, 33955 Emilia Lane, FREMONT
5:15 - 6:45 Forest Park School, Deep Creek Rd. & Maybird Circle, FREMONT

Tuesday, January 14
9:45-10:15 Daycare Center Visit - UNION CITY
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

Wednesday, January 15
12:45 - 2:15 Glenmoor School, 4620 Mattos Drive, FREMONT
3:50 - 4:20 California School for the Deaf, 39350 Gallaudet Dr., FREMONT
6:00 - 6:30 Camellia Dr. & Camellia Ct., FREMONT

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Year-round
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Fremont
800-949-FARM
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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

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Farmers’ Market

Wednesdays

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Year-round
27400 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward
800-949-FARM
www.pcfma.com

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Saturdays

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Year-round
W. Tennyson Rd. between Tyrell
Ave. and Tampa Ave., Hayward
(510) 783-9377
www.cafarmersmarkets.com

MILPITAS:

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Sundays

8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Year-round
India Community Center
525 Los Coches St.
800-949-FARM
www.pcfma.com

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

UNION CITY:

Kaiser Permanente Union
City Farmers’ Market

Tuesdays

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Year-round
Kaiser Permanente Medical
Offices
3553 Whipple Rd., Union City
800-949-FARM
www.pcfma.com

Union City Farmers’ Market

Saturdays

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Year-round
Old Alvarado Park
Smith and Watkins Streets,
Union City
800-949-FARM
www.pcfma.com

Wednesday, Jan 8

Guest Artist Demonstrates
“Tangles”

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Learn to create pen & ink drawings
Fremont Art Association
37697 Niles Blvd., Fremont
(510) 792-0905
www.FremontArtAssociation.org

Thursday, Jan 9

Credit Repair Class

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Credit instructions for low to middle in-
come residents
Fremont Family Resource Center
39155 Liberty St., Fremont
(510) 574-2020

Thursday, Jan 9

“Works in Progress” \$

7 p.m.
Share ideas & write new songs
Mudpuddle
34733 Niles Blvd., Fremont
(510) 794-9935
info@michaelmcnevin.com

Thursday, Jan 9

Public Hearing for Proposed
Water Rate Increase

6 p.m.
Question & answer session
Alameda County Water District
43885 S. Grimmer Blvd.,
Fremont
(510) 668-4209

Friday, Jan 10

Ballroom Dance Classes \$

Beginners 7 p.m.-8 pm
Intermediate & Advanced 8:15 p.m. -
9:15 pm
Learn Tango, Waltz & Samba
Fremont Adult School
4700 Calaveras Ave., Fremont
(510) 797-9594

Saturday, Jan 11

“Surviving Progress”

1:30 p.m.
Documentary film explores impact of
progress
Niles Discovery Church
255 H Street at 3rd, Fremont
(510) 797-0895

Saturday, Jan 11

Live Music by “Caliban” \$

7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Celtic rock music
Mission Coffee Roasting House
151 Washington Blvd., Fremont
(510) 474-1004

Saturday, Jan 11

Job Fair

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Learn to apply for city jobs
Hayward City Hall
777 B St., Hayward
(510) 208-0410

Saturday, Jan 11

Team Citizen Scientists!

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Help restore native habitats, bring gloves
Ages 9+
Alviso Environmental Education
Center
1751 Grand Blvd., Alviso
(408) 262-5513

Saturday, Jan 11

Going Green, Salt Pond
Restoration – R

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Discover plants & animals during inter-
pretive walk
Alviso Environmental Education
Center
1751 Grand Blvd., Alviso
(408) 262-5513

Saturday, Jan 11

Anyone Can Sing!

11 a.m.
Learn the basics of vocal warm-ups &
songs
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400

Saturday, Jan 11

Fremont Atheist Forum

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Thought provoking talks
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400

Saturday, Jan 11

Meet the Monarchs \$

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Learn about the butterfly life cycle
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd.,
Fremont
(510) 544-2797
www.ebparks.org

Saturday, Jan 11

Wondrous Watershed – R

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Follow water travel along the Alameda
Creek
Sunol Regional Wilderness
1895 Geary Rd., Sunol
(510) 544-3249
www.ebparksonline.org

Saturday, Jan 11

Movie Night \$

7:30 p.m.
“The Wishing Ring,” & “Crazy Like a
Fox”
Niles Essanay Theater
37417 Niles Blvd, Fremont
(510) 494-1411

Saturday, Jan 11

Sanctuary Redesign Dedication

7 p.m.
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January 15, 2014

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More Info? Contact Kathy Garfinkle (510) 489-4779.

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

Saturday, Jan 11 - Sunday, Jan 12
Fremont Symphony Orchestra Youth Competition \$
2 p.m.
Student pianists ages 10 – 22 perform
Smith Center
43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont
(510) 659-6031

Sunday, Jan 12
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Program
3 p.m.
Speakers remember & celebrate
First Presbyterian Church of Newark
35450 Newark Blvd., Newark
(510) 793-8181
www.newarkpres.org

Sunday, Jan 12
Salt Marsh Walk – R
10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
Docent led tour discusses history of salt ponds
SF Bay Wildlife Refuge
1 Marshlands Rd., Fremont
(510) 792-0222

Saturday, Jan 12
Tiny Drifters
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Learn about & observe plankton
Ages 7+
Alviso Environmental Education Center
1751 Grand Blvd., Alviso
(408) 262-5513

Sunday, Jan 12
Geology Walk of Coyote Hills – R
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Learn about rocks & wetlands
Family friendly 1.3 mile walk
SF Bay Wildlife Refuge
1 Marshlands Rd., Fremont
(510) 792-0222

Sunday, Jan 12
Walk This Way - Orienteering – R
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Use a compass & map to find your way
Ages 8+
Coyote Hills Regional Park
8000 Patterson Ranch Rd., Fremont
(888) 327-2757

Sunday, Jan 12
Monarchs for Kids \$
11 a.m. - 12 noon
Puppet show teaches kids about butterflies
Ages 3 – 6
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
(510) 544-2797
www.ebparks.org

Sunday, Jan 12
The Building Blocks of Nature – R
11 a.m. - 12 noon
Take a hike & observe genetic diversity
Sunol Regional Wilderness
1895 Geary Rd., Sunol
(510) 544-3249
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January 12

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Sunday, Jan 12
Laurel & Hardy Matinee \$
4 p.m.
“The Spanking Age,” “Saturday’s Lesson” & “Wrong Again”
Niles Essanay Theater
37417 Niles Blvd, Fremont
(510) 494-1411

Monday, Jan 13
Bingo Luncheon \$
12 noon
Lunch, bingo & raffle
Eagles Hall
21406 Foothill Blvd., Hayward
(510) 785-8174

Tuesday, Jan
Weekday Bird Walk
7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
All levels of birding experience welcome
Garin Regional Park
1320 Garin Ave., Hayward
(510) 582-2206
www.ebparksonline.org

Tuesday, Jan 14
Toddler Time \$
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Learn about rabbits through stories & chores
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd.,

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(510) 544-2797
www.ebparks.org

Sunday, Jan 19
Bare Root Fruit Tree Planting Class – R
10 a.m. - 12 noon
RSVP by January 14th
Dale Hardware
3700 Thornton Ave, Fremont
(510) 797-3700
www.dale-hardware.com

Fremont Rocks

Fremont rocks
BY NICOLE ELLIS

The Bay Area has bred big name rock bands like Train, Green Day, and Rancid. Fremont locals David Fray, Greg Ramirez, Michael Reynoso, and Derek Warwick hope to have the same said about their band some day. February Zero’s alternative rock sound features hints of electro and keyboards, adding elements that set them apart from other Bay Area bands.

Formed in 2009, February Zero was the brainchild of guitarist, Greg Ramirez, and bassist, Michael Reynoso. Reynoso, former guitarist for The Silence, always wanted to become more than just a band member, he wanted to create something personal, something special. “I was always a shoe-in,” Reynoso explained, “someone that could play bass and always playing someone else’s songs.” Inexperienced in songwriting, Reynoso chose to dabble in the “Hollywood, touring, label thing” in southern California. When that didn’t work out, he moved back home to Fremont.

“February Zero started as an inception by myself,” Reynoso shared. He began writing and perfecting his craft, generating

songs he hoped to use for his own band one day. “I didn’t have anyone to write with and luckily I found our guitar player, Greg, and he wanted to start his own project at the same time I did,” Reynoso said. The two men decided to blend their projects, creating something that would soon become February Zero. “Even though our writing styles are respectively different,” Reynoso explained, “we had the same vision for what we wanted to do musically.”

With a new endeavor on their hands, Reynoso and Ramirez began writing. “Nothing too special,” Reynoso pointed out. “We just sat down on a couch in someone’s house with an acoustic guitar and started writing.” Choosing a name for the new band was next. “February is all about Valentines Day and everyone’s in love; it’s that whole corny stuff you see in stores, so I took [hold of] that concept,” Reynoso pointed out. “February Zero is the antithesis of that.” The rockers took a Hallmark holiday and gave it an edge.

The next piece of the incomplete puzzle was finding band mates. That’s where drummer, Derek Warwick, and singer, David Fray, came in. The biggest obstacle in finalizing the ensemble was selecting a singer. Reynoso and Ramirez flew in



singers from around the country to audition for a place in February Zero. None of them worked out. It wasn’t until Reynoso was browsing the web that he came across Fray. “One day, I was surfing YouTube and came across David’s profile. ‘Wow, this kid’s really good,’” Reynoso said. “His videos were really phenomenal.” Fray was the last piece of the puzzle.

February Zero reached out to two big name producers, Paul Miner and Eddie Caipo, to help them hone their craft. Combined, the two have worked with bands like Smashmouth, A.F.I., Shine-down, and New Found Glory. Working with the producers helped the band develop and elevate their sound. It was now time to share it with the world.

The band decided to use the biggest platform possible to share their music—the internet. A Facebook, Myspace, Band-Page, and reverbnation page were setup, but the boys still thought the best way of

spreading the word was by the old fashion word of mouth. “For the buzz that we’re generating, it’s all been word of mouth,” Reynoso shared. “That’s probably the best way to hear about a band. It’s successful up to this day.”

The Bay Area isn’t a musically driven region. Hollywood, Nashville, and Austin are where the music happens, but Fremont doesn’t even make the list. February Zero is a young band that is just starting to emerge onto the scene. It would make sense for the band to move to a more musically centered city, but February Zero is staying put. “Me and Greg talked about moving the project down to LA,” Reynoso said. “In some ways it’s great because there are so many venues and exposure to get out there, but on the flipside of that there’s so much congestion of all these bands trying to do the exact same thing every single night.”

What’s next for the band? “Hopefully tour with the label,” Reynoso explained. “The road is ours, as we like to say.” February Zero’s music is independently distributed by their own distribution company. “I think a little more of our upcoming stuff is going to be a little more low key, us sitting down together,” Reynoso shared. “Hot Topic’s been interested and they’re going to take it on in the next year or two.”

The band is fairly young compared to their veteran local counterparts, like Green Day, but that only makes them more determined. “We’re learning about each other because it takes a little bit of time to get the wheels turning because we’re so different. None of us have that rock star mentality,” Reynoso said. “It’s all for the band.”

February Zero is just as unique as their name. Fremont might not have the shining lights that Hollywood Boulevard offers, but it’s home to equally talented musicians. “The Bay Area will always be our home,” Reynoso declared. “That’s part of the obstacle and fun of it, overcoming that, and I think that’s where we want to establish ourselves.”

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HOME SALES REPORT

CASTRO VALLEY TOTAL SALES: 16							
Highest \$:		850,000	Median \$:		587,000		
Lowest \$:		360,000	Average \$:		604,063		
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
21150 Ashfield Avenue	94546	\$512,000	3	1818	1955	11-27-13	
17701 Buti Park Court	94546	\$600,000	3	1343	1962	12-03-13	
18422 Center Street	94546	\$634,000	3	1420	1958	11-26-13	
19430 Center Street	94546	\$850,000	4	2344	1945	11-27-13	
19390 Corey Way	94546	\$429,000	3	1188	1947	11-27-13	
3851 Lux Avenue	94546	\$524,000	3	1430	1960	11-27-13	
2257 Reading Avenue	94546	\$360,000	2	1018	1948	11-27-13	
19031 Santa Maria Avenue	94546	\$570,000	2	1314	1940	12-02-13	
4934 Seaview Avenue	94546	\$605,000	4	2040	1956	11-27-13	
2755 Somerset Avenue	94546	\$455,000	2	1171	1947	12-02-13	
4748 Sorani Way	94546	\$587,000	3	1372	1964	12-04-13	
19353 Vaughn Avenue	94546	\$600,000	4	2246	1954	11-27-13	
20240 Wisteria Street	94546	\$785,000	7	3821	1962	11-27-13	
20434 Beacon Hill Court	94552	\$815,000	4	3146	1971	12-04-13	
23139 Canyon Terrace Drive	94552	\$559,000	4	1463	1996	12-03-13	

FREMONT TOTAL SALES: 44							
Highest \$:		1,010,000	Median \$:		589,000		
Lowest \$:		130,000	Average \$:		592,943		
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
19500 Mt. Jasper Drive	94552	\$780,000	4	2505	1988	11-26-13	
4745 Beechwood Avenue	94536	\$650,000	3	1543	1953	12-03-13	
4179 Bell Common	94536	\$780,000	3	1924	1990	12-04-13	
1543 Bridges Court	94536	\$708,000	3	1487	1985	11-27-13	
3575 Buttonwood Terrace #20294536		\$397,000	2	1083	1985	11-27-13	
37710 Carriage Circle Common94536		\$600,000	3	1546	1985	11-26-13	
36042 Caxton Place	94536	\$530,000	3	1579	1971	11-27-13	
4614 Devonshire Common	94536	\$393,000	2	1140	1987	12-02-13	
3359 Foxtail Terrace	94536	\$130,000	-	421	1986	12-04-13	
38261 Garrett Street	94536	\$589,000	3	2107	1957	11-26-13	
37122 Hansen Court	94536	\$550,000	4	1593	1964	11-26-13	
438 King Avenue	94536	\$712,500	4	1789	1989	11-27-13	
4500 Merced Common	94536	\$350,000	2	1050	1973	11-27-13	
623 Muirfield Terrace	94536	\$725,000	4	1740	1997	11-27-13	
36535 Nichols Avenue	94536	\$755,000	4	1603	1984	11-27-13	
4925 Northdale Drive	94536	\$1,010,000	5	2398	1955	11-27-13	
37939 Palmer Drive	94536	\$860,000	5	2816	1955	11-26-13	
3402 Pinewood Terrace #312	94536	\$244,000	1	714	1986	12-04-13	
255 Preston Court	94536	\$745,000	-	1871	1977	11-26-13	
38378 Redwood Terrace	94536	\$510,000	2	1400	1986	11-26-13	
38875 Stillwater Common	94536	\$575,000	3	1638	1987	11-26-13	
3516 Ellery Common	94538	\$615,000	3	1430	1999	12-04-13	
43037 Everglades Park Drive	94538	\$547,000	4	1736	1962	12-02-13	
39993 Fremont Boulevard #30194538		\$425,000	2	1465	1987	12-02-13	
39951 Fremont Boulevard #32094538		\$412,500	2	1146	1987	11-27-13	
39059 Guardino Drive #102	94538	\$386,000	2	1053	1987	12-04-13	
40044 Kelly Street	94538	\$420,000	3	1412	1958	12-03-13	
4425 Ladner Street	94538	\$550,000	4	1419	1955	12-02-13	
3845 Meeks Terrace	94538	\$450,000	3	1316	1981	11-27-13	
4652 Piper Street	94538	\$569,000	3	1396	1960	11-27-13	
4220 Providence Terrace	94538	\$670,000	3	1437	2007	11-27-13	
5159 Silver Reef Drive	94538	\$605,000	4	1228	1961	12-03-13	
40674 Sundale Drive	94538	\$550,000	3	1594	1962	11-27-13	
5506 Truman Place	94538	\$654,500	4	1555	1966	11-27-13	
430 Bolinger Common #97	94539	\$380,000	2	894	1987	11-26-13	
845 Iroquois Way	94539	\$916,500	-	1692	1975	11-27-13	
3500 Mill Creek Road	94539	\$855,000	-	2320	-	12-04-13	
4830 Canvasback Common	94555	\$735,500	4	1647	1987	12-04-13	
33183 Lake Pyramid Street	94555	\$607,000	4	1651	1969	11-27-13	
32459 Lake Temescal Lane	94555	\$557,000	3	1071	1973	11-26-13	
33069 Lake Wawasee Street	94555	\$510,000	3	1148	1971	11-27-13	
4844 Montague Avenue	94555	\$725,000	3	1532	1986	12-02-13	
33514 Stephano Court	94555	\$876,000	4	2052	1979	12-04-13	
3219 Warwick Road	94555	\$650,000	3	1390	1971	12-03-13	

HAYWARD TOTAL SALES: 31							
Highest \$:		720,000	Median \$:		413,000		
Lowest \$:		230,000	Average \$:		437,710		
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
2867 Welk Common	94555	\$610,000	3	1510	1987	11-27-13	
22966 Amador Street	94541	\$412,000	4	1564	2011	11-27-13	
108 Anderly Court #3	94541	\$245,000	2	940	1992	11-26-13	
2329 Gibbons Street	94541	\$505,000	-	-	-	12-02-13	
2337 Gibbons Street	94541	\$480,000	-	-	-	12-02-13	
20864 Haviland Avenue	94541	\$300,000	2	948	1940	11-26-13	
1816 June Marie Court	94541	\$587,000	4	2412	1991	11-27-13	
1127 Martin Luther King Drive	94541	\$516,000	-	-	-	11-26-13	
653 Meek Avenue	94541	\$413,000	3	1155	1925	11-27-13	
2173 Oak Creek Place	94541	\$349,000	3	1582	1972	12-03-13	
992 Paradise Boulevard	94541	\$320,000	2	1068	1942	11-27-13	
17535 Tallac Way	94541	\$345,000	2	1092	1951	11-27-13	
1860 Weir Drive	94541	\$720,000	4	3223	2004	12-02-13	
1099 Palisade Street	94542	\$553,500	3	1654	1959	11-27-13	
4310 Sundew Court	94542	\$710,000	4	3045	1994	11-27-13	
366 Cornell Avenue	94544	\$345,000	3	927	1951	11-27-13	
1129 Iris Place	94544	\$321,000	3	1034	1952	12-02-13	
31129 Meadowbrook Avenue	94544	\$390,000	3	1161	1955	11-26-13	
466 Nassau Lane	94544	\$425,000	3	1568	1955	11-27-13	
25431 Soto Road	94544	\$280,000	3	1318	1951	12-02-13	
29755 Taylor Avenue	94544	\$395,000	3	1156	1986	11-27-13	
24387 Thomas Avenue	94544	\$230,000	3	884	1920	11-27-13	
611 Tina Way	94544	\$467,500	3	1175	1955	11-27-13	
659 Tina Way	94544	\$450,000	3	1175	1955	12-03-13	
30873 Vanderbilt Street	94544	\$469,000	3	1483	1955	12-03-13	
25791 Belhaven Street	94545	\$472,000	4	1971	1959	11-26-13	
26383 Fresno Court	94545	\$400,000	3	1148	1958	11-26-13	
25123 Monte Vista Drive	94545	\$335,000	4	1620	1930	11-27-13	
1998 Osage Avenue	94545	\$480,000	4	1824	1964	11-27-13	
27639 Portsmouth Avenue	94545	\$405,000	3	1128	1957	12-04-13	
2703 Shellgate Circle	94545	\$714,000	5	2440	2003	11-27-13	

MILPITAS TOTAL SALES: 13							
Highest \$:		1,130,000	Median \$:		604,000		
Lowest \$:		267,000	Average \$:		595,462		
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
1337 Yosemite Way	94545	\$535,000	4	2249	1978	12-04-13	
524 Cestaric Drive	95035	\$455,000	3	1304	1971	12-13-13	
21 Cloud Walk	95035	\$570,000	2	1353	2000	12-09-13	
883 Inspiration Place	95035	\$633,500	3	1404	2000	12-11-13	
1621 Lee Way	95035	\$604,000	-	-	-	12-13-13	
1633 Lee Way	95035	\$630,500	-	-	-	12-13-13	
1653 Lee Way	95035	\$619,500	-	-	-	12-11-13	
782 London Drive	95035	\$1,130,000	4	2698	1985	12-12-13	
1306 Nestwood Way	95035	\$588,500	-	-	-	12-12-13	
1067 North Abbott Avenue	95035	\$267,000	2	863	1979	12-10-13	
376 Silvertip Court	95035	\$405,000	3	1010	1965	12-09-13	
1825 Snell Place	95035	\$580,000	3	1450	2010	12-13-13	
1279 Sunrise Way	95035	\$620,000	3	1190	1969	12-13-13	

NEWARK		TOTAL SALES: 12					
Highest \$:		630,000	Median \$:		525,000		
Lowest \$:		290,000	Average \$:		503,167		
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
113 Woodland Court	95035	\$638,000	3	1247	1969	12-09-13	
36488 Blackwood Drive	94560	\$290,000	4	1360	1962	11-27-13	
7511 Braidburn Avenue	94560	\$577,000	6	2124	1971	12-03-13	
39975 Cedar Boulevard #141	94560	\$345,000	2	1071	1985	12-02-13	
36896 Fir Court	94560	\$630,000	4	2148	1973	12-04-13	
7706 Hermitage Avenue	94560	\$630,000	4	1808	1975	11-27-13	
6009 Joaquin Murieta Avenue	94560	\$326,000	2	941	1984	11-27-13	
8577 Peachtree Avenue	94560	\$600,000	3	1856	1994	11-26-13	
6185 Potrero Drive	94560	\$505,000	3	1752	1990	11-26-13	
6361 Potrero Drive	94560	\$590,000	3	1766	1990	11-26-13	
35926 Ruschin Drive	94560	\$525,000	3	1365	1963	12-03-13	
37069 Spruce Street	94560	\$441,000	3	1137	1953	12-03-13	

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Obituary

Guy Emanuele

Former School Superintendent

Former superintendent Guy Emanuele, "the most important person" in the history of the New Haven Unified School District, died early Sunday morning after a long illness. He was 83.

Final arrangements are pending and will be announced when they are finalized.

Mr. Emanuele served as Superintendent of Schools from 1976 to 1998, presiding over an extended period of change and growth. His educational philosophy and many of the policies and practices instituted during his tenure continue to impact the day-to-day education of the District's nearly 13,000 students.

"I never had the privilege of meeting the man, and it's been 15 years since he retired, but I feel his influence almost every day," Interim Co-Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer Dr. Arlando Smith said. "In just about every meeting I attend, people talk about the Guy Emanuele days. The man's legacy is embedded in the model of what the District should be and the way people should be treated."

A native of Oil City, Pa., Mr. Emanuele was a graduate of the University of Notre Dame. After moving to California, he began his teaching career in 1956 at what was then known as Barnard Junior High School, part of the Decoto School District, one of three districts later incorporated into New Haven Unified.

After 20 years as a teacher, counselor and administrator, Mr. Emanuele was hired as New Haven's superintendent in 1976, becoming the fourth superintendent in the District's sometimes-difficult 11-year history.

In the words of former Union City mayor Mark Green, Mr. Emanuele "found New Haven a district of bricks and he left it a district of marble . . . He was the most impor-

tant person in the school district's history."

Confident and determined, Mr. Emanuele changed the culture of the growing district. Voters passed three bond measures during his tenure, including one that helped the District become an early leader in technology. New schools were built, including an alternative high school.

His greatest legacy, however, may be New Haven's history of success in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities – and the importance of those programs to academic success.

Mr. Emanuele believed that giving students opportunities to be involved in athletics, arts and other activities kept them engaged in academics. Under his tenure, James Logan High School teams began dominating the Mission Valley Athletic League, the school's marching band, color guard and forensics team won national recognition, and the District's middle schools and even elementary schools developed programs that fed the high school's success.

"I'm really an old-fashioned guy," Mr. Emanuele told The (Fremont) Argus in 2006. "I want) to educate the whole man, not just in science and language, but in music and athletics. That is part of developing a positive character, a good character."

In 1981, Mr. Emanuele established the New Haven Schools Foundation, to provide an alternative source of funds for co-curricular and extra-curricular programs.

"He never got out of the role of caring for each and every individual student," former school board member and Foundation director Linda Fernandes told The Argus. "That was impressive."

In a blog post, retired media specialist and librarian Sharon Chambers recalled meeting Mr. Emanuele when she joined the District in 1991.

"After a morning new teacher meeting, we all boarded a district school bus with Mr. Emanuele ..." she wrote. "He rode around on the school bus with us as new teachers and explained the characteristics of each school and the students it served. It was obvious he loved these schools. I could not believe the superintendent was riding the bus with us. I had been in education a long time, but had never seen anything like this."

"On the first day of required attendance at your school all the staff was asked to go to James Logan High School in the gym for a meeting of all the teachers in the district. ... We sat in the stands as Mr. Emanuele gave us his philosophy of education asking us to take the torch and carry out his mission. Teachers were given their service awards for 25 years or more in the district. The Logan high school band played, the cheerleaders cheered, and the flag twirlers drill team performed. For the 1,000 or so teachers in attendance, it was very impressive and inspirational especially for the new teachers. This was a heads up that the New Haven experience was NOT going to be education as we had known it."

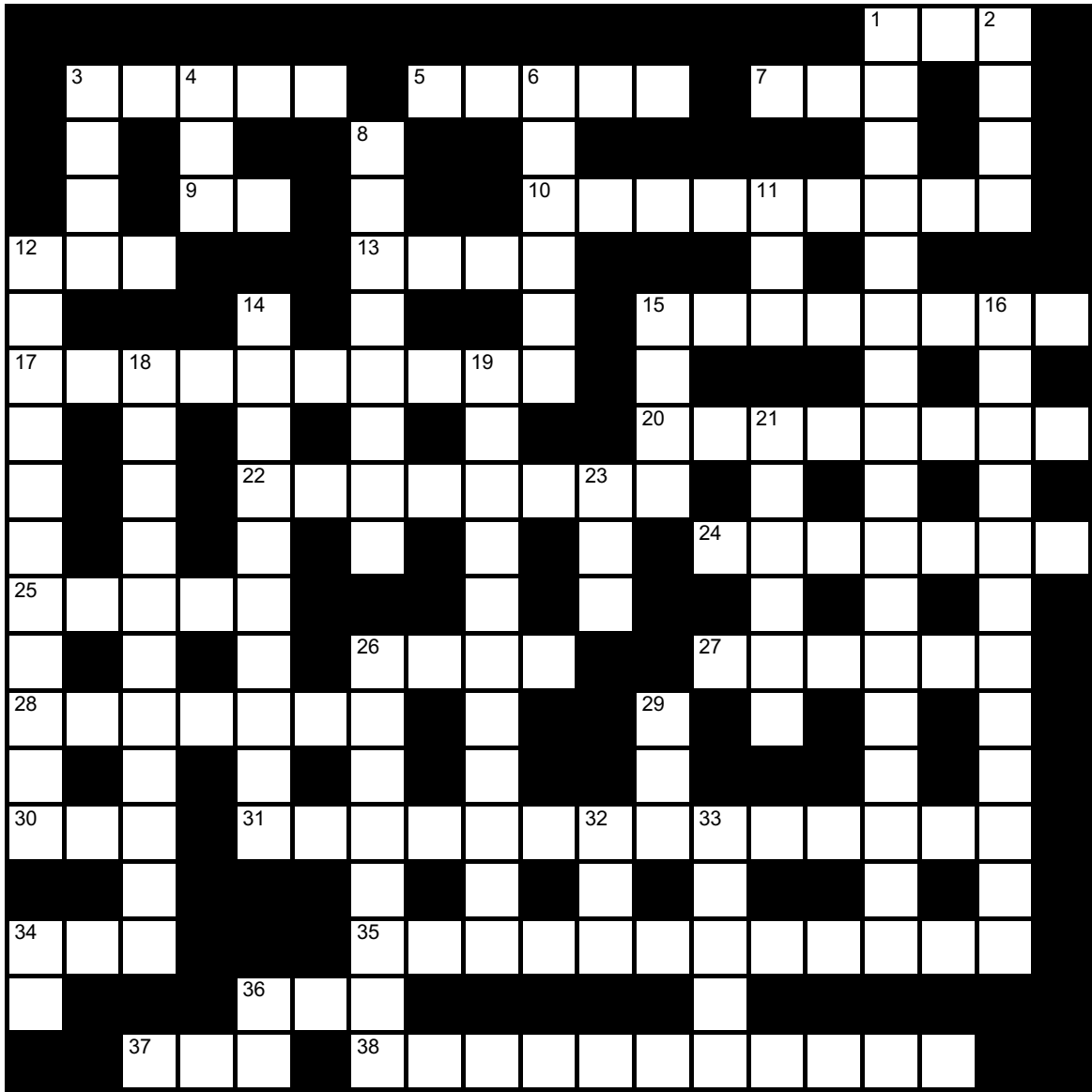
Mr. Emanuele retired in 1998, shortly after he was named California State Superintendent of the Year. A few months later, the longtime Fremont resident was elected to the school board of the Fremont Unified School District, where he served until 2006.

Mr. Emanuele once shared his vision of public education with the Fremont school board.

"He started everyone off by saying, 'My vision is we never give up on any student. Even when that student may have given up on themselves,'" former Fremont board member Nina Moore said. "That is an incredible philosophy. He lived by that philosophy."

Mind Twisters

Crossword Puzzle B 247



- Across

1 Hack (3)

3 Snares (5)

5 Nibble (5)

7 ____ Wednesday (3)

9 ____-do list (2)

10 Not civilized (9)

12 "____ not!" (3)

13 "God's Little ____" (4)

15 Best (8)

17 Associated with architecture (10)

20 Must take elevator to reach (8)

22 Ballpark figure (8)

24 Bar (7)

25 Change, chemically (5)

26 They may provide relief (4)

27 Childhood toy (6)
- Down

1 Hung over fireplace (9,8)

2 Mountain ____ (4)

3 Checker, perhaps (4)

4 Make sense, with "up" (3)

6 Attraction (6)

8 Type of bridge (8)

11 "Rocks" (3)

12 Disheartened (11)

14 Lab equipment, charts, experiments, e.g. (10)

15 Bond (4)

16 Caught off guard, adverb (12)

18 Typical date location (11)

19 ____ gases, like Nitrogen and Carbon Dioxide (11)

21 Go up and down (6)

23 Cracker Jack bonus (3)

26 While we wait; In the ____ (8)

29 "____ rang?" (3)

32 20-20, e.g. (3)

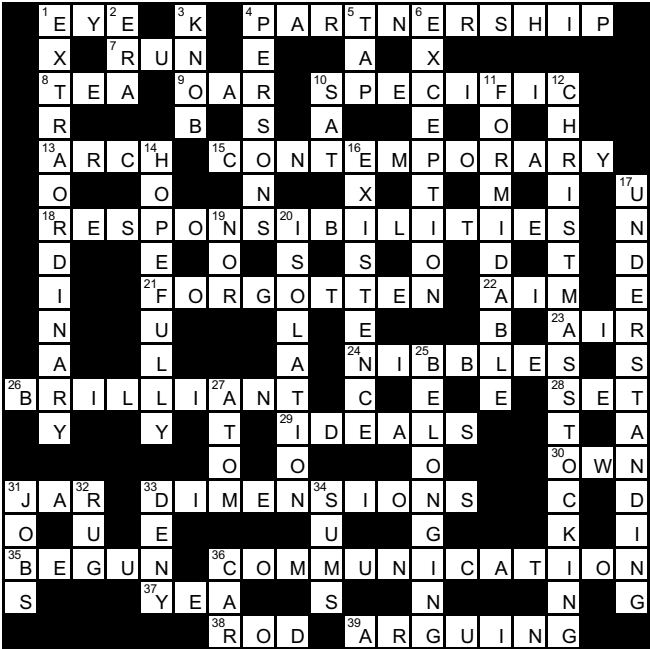
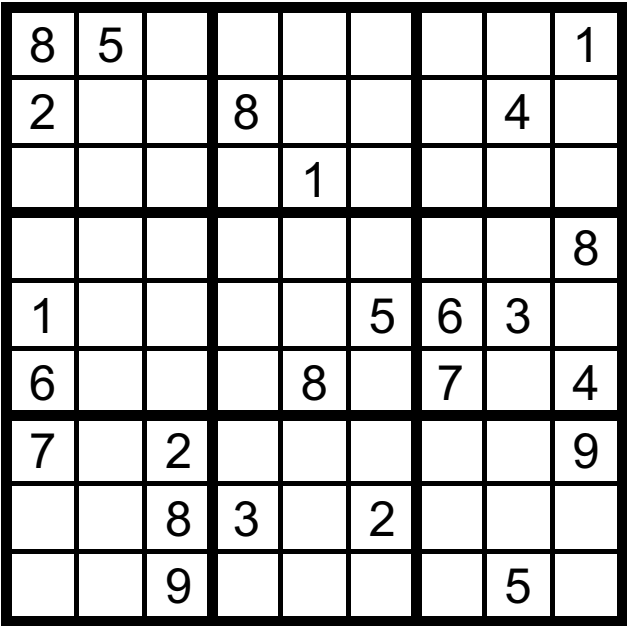
33 Catalogs (5)

34 You and I (2)

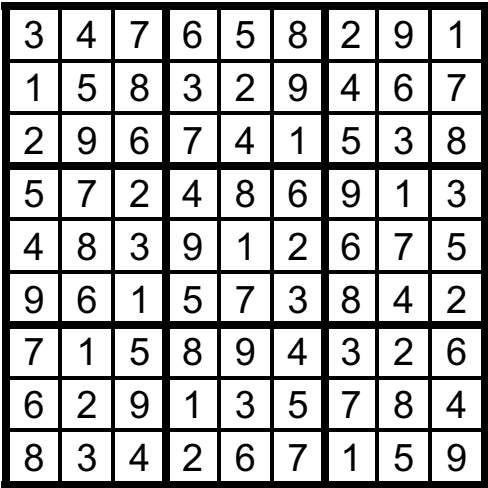
36 Hola (2)

Sudoku:

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



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The 2014 Annual Horoscopes overview was published last week. This week, available at: www.tricityvoice.com or: <http://www.horoscopesbyvivian.com> projections for each sun sign are shown. If you missed last week's horoscope, it is

Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20): Your ruling planet is Mars, the planet of war. It is retrograding from now through July 13. During this period it may feel as though you are moving two steps forward and three steps back. There are special challenges and lots of attention needed in the arenas of your primary partnership(s), and clientele. This is especially important in January and March when challenges become apparent. In May, compromise and cooperation is mandated lest you and another separate. Truth telling is mandatory; make an effort not to be brutal about it. Life is smoother in July until late August. Repayment of debts owed to you is especially slowed in August and September brings a welcome change of pace from the clouds of the earlier part of the year. In November, you are likely to grab a new career goal and run with it. It is one you have considered all year but couldn't get off the ground.

Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20): As we enter 2014, your ruling planet, Venus, is already retrograding in the house that is associated with children, love affairs, and creative work. You are essentially going back over old ground in any one of these areas and forward motion will be a challenge. Perhaps you need to make corrections. Or maybe you need to take a break while internal quarrels work themselves to closure. Anything that is out of order in these areas will wave red flags of "help." Mars is retrograding in the house concerning health, coworkers, rental properties, and pets. Repairs and attention will be needed here. Saturn has been in your 7th house of relationship(s) for 1.5 years and will continue through 2014. It is requiring you to have a sense of purpose and direction in this area. Frivolous relationships will

not "work" for you now. Critical times of correction occur in January and May. You will have to negotiate, cooperate, or separate if necessary. You may be "called" back into a former relationship this year.

Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20): Given Mercury as your ruling planet, you have three times every year in which you back up and make improvements in an arena you thought was complete. Activities begun after January 24 may require much of February to complete. With this one you will be working on things legal or scholastic. The next retrograde begins on May 18 and concludes the shadow period on July 22. Much of this one is in your own sign, so you will probably back out of previously made decisions here. The third retrograde of the year begins September 6 and will be completed early in November. Your backtracking will emphasize creative work, your progeny, and perhaps your love life. Watch your temper and your accelerating foot during April, July and September. Saturn continues its trek in your 6th house, suggesting the importance of keeping up with exercise and diet routines in order to maintain your health. Right now you are not in your brightest moments of career, but this will begin to change for the better during 2015.

Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21): January, February and March are months in which your primary focus is on children, creative works, and romantic encounters. This is much the same as it has been for the past year. In latter March, much of your focus shifts to matters of home, hearth, and perhaps your family of origin. There may be a startling event near the eclipse of April 15th that causes your attention to

shift. From this point forward in 2014, matters of career or life direction take a back seat while you deal with your inner world and family. The second eclipse period occurs in October which may also be unsettling for you. In the September-October period, Mercury will be retrograding in the same territory, causing you to deal with home repairs and "fixing" formerly broken relationships. Give rapt attention to advice that comes your way in October; it may be inaccurate microscopically, but if you look at the big picture, this information could help transform a challenge into an opportunity.

Leo the Lion (July 22-Aug 22): January 1st bursts forth with a powerful New Moon in your 6th house of work, health, and coworkers. It is likely something will be rearranged in these areas and probably a return to former conditions that you did not see ahead of time. Much of the year calls for you to correct for imbalances in all areas. Travel, communication, and education processes are emphasized, particularly near early April, early July and early October. If your vehicle is an older model, you may be doing multiple repairs. Avoid buying a new one until mid-July. Saturn remains in your 4th house of home, hearth, and family. Elderly homes or people are in need of care and attention. Jupiter, the planet of expansion and hope, moves into your sign for a full year on July 16. This will take some of the clouds away and give you room to breathe. As a rule, Jupiter in your sign is good for your health although it can bring "expansion" of too many goodies in life. Watch your weight.

Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22): Your planetary ruler is Mercury and thus there will be three

times during the year in which you need to turn around and review. It is generally best not to make big decisions during these periods, but rather research the subject at hand. The first begins on January 25 and continues through March 16. It will be important to reorganize the details of your life, even to include closets or desks. For you, reorganizing is a way to settle your mind and clear it for projects that follow. The middle retrograde, from late May until mid-July involves rethinking your career or life direction. The third retrograde begins in mid-September and requires you to evaluate your financial picture. During the first half of the year, you will be really active with friends and community responsibilities. A shift occurs in July and you will prefer to be with your more introverted self. A prime focus on proper and efficient communications or education has one more year and then you will move on.

Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22): Your primary ruling planet is Venus and during the first half of the year your co-ruling planet is Mars. As we enter 2014, Venus will already be retrograde and Mars is in the shadow of its upcoming retrograde period. Essentially the first half of 2014 is a time to take good care of yourself

and your personal boundaries. Others may be attempting to influence you in ways that are just off center from your intended direction. Libras are most always kind and want to keep the peace. You may be required to tell others to back off in January, March, and especially in May. The retrograde planets in your sign suggest going back to the past re: family matters, old history, and uncovering secrets. In September and October, Mercury is retrograde in your sign as well, further emphasizing the need to take care of yourself. There may also be repairs needed in your home or property. It will be best to let others come to you rather than putting yourself forward. Preserve income for the future. Scarcity will continue one more year.

Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21): Your ruling planets are Mars and Pluto. Your forward motion will be slowed almost to a standstill during the first half of the year while Mars is retrograde. Respond to what comes to you, but do not go on the attack in any area. Aggression may be harmful to your best interests. Take really good care of your physical self this year. January and March bring challenges in relationship(s). In May

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OPINION



WILLIAM MARSHAK

Ranked choice voting – fad or future?

paigned time and expense, benefitting from political ties. Resulting appointments can be suspicious.

Ranked-choice voting rules elect the candidate who receives a simple majority of first-choice votes. However, if no candidate receives a majority, an elimination process begins. The candidate with the fewest first-choice votes is eliminated and each vote cast for that candidate is transferred to the voter's next-ranked choice among the remaining candidates. This elimination process continues until one candidate receives a majority. To avoid stacking the deck in ranked choice voting, those who vote multiple times for a single candidate will only have only one vote counted. Conversely, voters voting once for a single candidate will not add to the count of a secondary choice.

Current council and mayoral elections do not require a majority for election, simply the highest vote count. When a deep pool of candidates runs for office, a case can be made for ranked choice voting to include a greater sampling of voter sentiments. It may also spur additional candidates to run for office. Besides council or mayoral contests, could this method be applied to filling a vacancy when an election result moves a councilmember to mayor from a safe seat? It deserves honest debate. If this is a preferable method, it may be time to reopen investigation of a charter city for Fremont to include a public ranking method to fill such vacancies.

We may not face the above vacancy questions during this election cycle, but why not discuss whether ranked-choice voting is applicable to local elections?

Example:

Candidates A, B, C and D run for mayor. Candidates A and B are in the middle of four-year terms on council, therefore running from "safe" seats on the council. Whether ei-

ther of them wins or loses the mayoral election, they will remain on council. The election results show the following:

Candidate A	36%
Candidate B	33%
Candidate C	28%
Candidate D	3%

Although Candidate A does not receive a majority of votes, under the present system, he/she is declared winner, leaving a council vacancy when election results are verified and accepted.

Under a ranked-choice scenario, the picture could be different. Since no candidate received a simple majority (50%+1), votes cast for Candidate D would be reallocated to Candidates A, B and C based on second and third place voting. It is possible that these votes would not give a majority to any candidate and, in that case, Candidate C would be eliminated and votes redistributed as well. Finally, either Candidate A or B would garner enough votes to gain a majority and greatest number of votes. It would be unclear until the votes were counted, including additional votes, which candidate would prevail. Since both have "safe" seats on council, a vacancy is created. Should Candidate C who received the greatest vote count of non-council candidates be appointed to council?

For more information about ranked choice voting, visit:
<http://www.acgov.org/rov/rcv/>

William Marshak
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AC Transit Fare Improvements

SUBMITTED BY
CLARENCE L. JOHNSON

AC Transit bus passengers will get discounts and a more convenient way to pay for their bus trips under a new fare policy that will take effect on July 1, 2014. The agency's Board of Directors aborted a fare increase that would have occurred this summer and opted to adopt a new system that promises improved bus service and other passenger benefits without higher fares.

The new fare policy is primarily designed to promote the efficiency and convenience of

paying fares—and attract new riders—by eliminating paper transfers, instituting a Day Pass and offering local discounts for Clipper Card users.

"This new policy will streamline the fare process and, in doing so, make bus service much better for both the District and our customers," said AC Transit General Manager David Armijo. "For passengers, it eliminates the need to carry or fumble with cash to pay fares or buy transfers. For the District, it reduces dwell time at bus stops, making the commutes faster and reducing the amount of fuel consumed when coaches sit

idling at bus stops. Ultimately, it will attract more riders by making fares less expensive and service more efficient."

To minimize fare box delays, speed up passenger boarding, and dramatically reduce travel times, the new policy creates a Day Pass along with incentives to increase the use of Clipper Cards in lieu of paper transfers. The Day Pass will allow unlimited local rides all day and cost \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for youth, seniors, and the disabled. The pass will be available with either Clipper Card or cash.

More details about the new fare policy are available online at www.actransit.org.



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County bus service re-routed

SUBMITTED BY
CLARENCE JOHNSON

On Sunday, December 15, AC Transit initiated a series of route adjustments designed to make bus service faster, more reliable, and more compliant to community needs, with particular focus on improving service in Southern Alameda County.

The service modifications will add 15,700 annual service hours and involve more than 50 bus lines from Richmond to Fremont. The adjustment ranges from modest tweaks of existing routes to major route reconfigurations and an entirely new bus line.

The biggest service improvements will occur in Fremont and Newark be-

Five Signs You Have a (Real) Learning Disability

SUBMITTED BY GREGORY TAKETA

Forget what the clinicians tell you. They don't work real in businesses (i.e. where you can be fired for not being "good enough"). Artificial organizations create artificial standards.

Here are five Real Life signs you're not worth your salt, and everybody else is sweeter. These might not have sesquipedalian names, but they'll cripple your survival all the same:

1. You don't take notes. Suppose two salespeople, all else equal, except one gal jots quick notes (with your permission). Who wins? The writer, because she demonstrated care and conscientiousness. The other guy might have phonographic memory, but you'd never know that, unless the guy summarizes at the end.
2. You don't summarize at the end. Your boss asks you, "Do you understand?" Any fool who slept for five minutes can lie with a "Yes." But you signed an oral contract that you accept your boss' terms and conditions, so you can't claim ignorance or duress when you screw up. Respond with a summary to prove your comprehension. You'd be surprised how many \$50,000 points you missed (the median value of what you lose when you're fired), so you might as well preempt the mistake now.
3. When you do take notes, you ask for pause to finish writing. A true adult can listen to any oral performance without a pause button, jot key points, and retell the essential story (this is how jokes circulate; nobody memorizes word-for-word). Do you want to make a joke of yourself by proving that you cannot prioritize information and waste someone else's time? "Auditory processing problems" is not an excuse in sales or operations. If you have APP, ask questions with examples instead of asking for pause, "Ms. Pam, given your vociferous command, 'Cancel his ticket,' do you mean, 'Cancel his Amtrak ticket for Monday,' or do you really mean, 'Fire him?'"
4. You can't pick up the phone (with a voice). Real buyers buy on emotion, not reason. Your (pleasant) voice is the one thing that separates you from a robot (or a foreigner, or a foreign robot) these days. If you can't stand customer support with "bad English," it's really the voice or accent that annoyed you (their grammar is not that different from the typical American's). Beat the competition by picking up the phone instead of texting (Southern folks are unsurprisingly effective reps).
5. You can't plan out a schedule. There are persons who legitimately do not plan schedules: they're called animals. But even birds can tell when they need to migrate for winter. Are you smarter than a birdbrain? Confidence is the belief that you can influence the future or readily react to it. Organized plans manifest confidence. Half of you don't need \$100/hr. therapy to treat your anxieties. You need a \$20 planner (not that I mind being paid for therapy...).

Gregory Taketa of Union City can be reached at: gregariousconsulting.com

County library earns top rating

SUBMITTED BY SCC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

For the 12th consecutive year, the Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) has been rated among the top public libraries in the United States. This year, SCCLD was awarded the top rating of five stars, and ranked fourth among large libraries in the Library Journal Index of Public Library Service in 2013.

This is the first year the Santa Clara County Library District has earned a five star rating, and represents an improvement over its 2012 four star rating and sixth place ranking among large public libraries in the United States.

"Great news, and really gratifying to hear," said Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian, Delegate for the County Library District Joint Powers Authority. "Local residents want world class libraries and we're all the better for it."

"We are very proud of this accomplishment," noted County Librarian, Nancy Howe. "This five star rating demonstrates the high quality resources, programs, and materials available to District residents. It is wonderful to be surrounded by intelligent, hard-working individuals who are dedicated to providing outstanding service to all our users."

For more information, visit Santa Clara County Library District online at www.sccld.org.

Carmaker saves West Texas drive-in theater

AP WIRE SERVICE

GRAHAM, Texas (AP), An automaker has presented a West Texas drive-in theater with a digital projector, saving the establishment from an end to Hollywood distribution of 35mm films.

A Friday statement by Honda says its Project Drive-In chose the Graham Drive-In as the third of five U.S. outdoor theaters to be chosen.

Movie studios are phasing out 35 mm film prints, and the switch to an eventually all-digital distribution system is pushing the outdoor theaters with huge screens to make the expensive change to digital projectors. The drive-in theater industry says many of the 350 or so of them remaining could be forced to close because they can't afford to adapt to the digital age.

Graham is a town of about 10,000 residents about 80 miles northwest of Fort Worth.

Online:
<http://www.projectdrivein.com>

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. HG13708535
Superior Court of California, County of Alameda
Petition of: Smita Prakash for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Smita Prakash to Smita Neelakanth Nadgir
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 02/28/14, Time: 8:45 AM, Dept.: 504
The address of the court is 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Tri-City Voice
Date: Dec. 31, 2013
S/ WINIFRED Y. SMITH
Judge of the Superior Court
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CNS-2574184#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 486197
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Frazzled Studios, 36436 Diego Dr., Fremont, CA 94536, County of Alameda
Denise Karskamp, 36436 Diego Dr., Fremont, CA 94536
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/ Denise Karskamp
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 23, 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).
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CNS-2574313#

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 484632
The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **OK Noodle House, 5492 Central Ave., Newark, CA 94560**.
The fictitious business name statement for the Partnership was filed on 12/30/2013 in the County of Alameda.
Yuan Jun Lin, 1884 Anne Marie Ct., San Jose, CA 95132.
Qi Chang Liu, 38863 Fremont Bl., Fremont, CA 94536.
This business was conducted by:
S/ Yuan Jun Lin
S/ Qi Chang Liu
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 30, 2013.
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CNS-2573920#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 486355
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
OK Noodle House, 5492 Central Ave., Newark, CA 94560, County of Alameda
Yuan Jun Xin, 1884 Anne Marie Ct., San Jose, CA 95132
Qi Lin, 244 Heath St., Milpitas, CA 95035
This business is conducted by a Joint Venture
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/ Juan Jun Xin
Qi Jin, Partner
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 486230
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Lovely Hunt, 3604 Grand Ave. Apt 1, Oakland, CA 94610, County of Alameda
Gabrielle Hooks, 3604 Grand Ave., Apt. #1, Oakland, CA 94610
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/ Gabrielle Hooks
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 24, 2013
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CNS-2573201#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 486278
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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P.O. Box 3608, Fremont, Alameda, CA 94539
Chunhui Wang, 39843 Paseo Padre Pkwy. #B, Fremont, CA 94538
Nelson Hsiu, 39843 Paseo Padre Pkwy. #B, Fremont, CA 94538
This business is conducted by a General partnership
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/ Nelson Hsiu, General Partner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 26, 2013
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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28/14

CNS-2573175#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 486222
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Sushi Mori, 129 Anza Street, Fremont, CA 94539, County of Alameda
Yee Hsiang Kuo, 261 Pacifica Way, Milpitas, CA 95035
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/ Yee Hsiang Kuo
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 23, 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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12/31, 1/7, 1/14, 1/21/14

CNS-2572752#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 486191
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Basra Trucking, 4637 Millbrook Ter, Fremont, CA 94538, County of Alameda
Rupinderjit Singh Basra, 417 Matthews Ct., Milpitas, CA 95035
Navdeep Kaur Basra, 417 Matthews Ct., Milpitas, CA 95035
This business is conducted by Married Couple
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2005
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/ Rupinderjit Singh Basra
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 23, 2013
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12/31, 1/7, 1/14, 1/21/14

CNS-2572750#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 486063
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Sunita Beauty Salon, 40976 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, CA 94538, County of Alameda.
41435 Timber Creek Terrace, Fremont, CA 94539.
Sunita Bajor, 41435 Timber Creek Ter, 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 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/ Sunita Bajor
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 18, 2013.
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12/31, 1/7, 1/14, 1/21/14

CNS-2571513#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 485880
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
KloudVoice.com, 4011 Clipper Court, Fremont, CA 94538
Vicomptei 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
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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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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. 449826
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.
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12/17, 12/24, 12/31, 1/7/14

CNS-2566890#

PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF WINTON SINCLAIR TURNER CASE NO. RP13703255

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 author-

ity 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#

PUBLIC AUCTION/SALES

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that personal property in the following units will be sold at public auction: on the **24th day of January, 2014** at or after **10:30 am** pursuant to the California Self-Storage Facility Act. The sale will be conducted at: **U-Haul Moving & Storage of Thornton, 4833 Thornton Ave. Fremont, CA 94536**. The items to be sold are generally described as follows: clothing, furniture, and / or other household items stored by the following people:

Name Unit # Paid Through Date
Marion Miner-McGee B126 11/17/13
Venecio Torres B137 8/17/13
Jolie Edralin B145 11/3/13
Chuong Ho B159 11/6/13
Julie Lee C158 11/15/13
1/7, 1/14/14

CNS-2573706#

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION
Notice is hereby given that personal property in the following units will be sold at public auction: on the **24th day of January, 2014** at or after **11:15 am** pursuant to the California Self-Storage Facility Act. The sale will be conducted at: **U-Haul Moving & Storage of Fremont, 44511 Grimmer Blvd. Fremont, CA 94538**. The items to be sold are generally described as follows: clothing, furniture, and / or other household items stored by the following people:

Name Unit # Paid Through Date
Scott Townsend 257U 11/10/13
Dan Scosott 325 11/10/13
Ralph McFerren 328 10/19/13
Leticia Lanfranco 330 9/6/13
Michael Arrivas 336 10/18/13
Michael Arrivas 339 10/18/13
Michael Arrivas 341 10/18/13
Cherly Thompson AA0589A 9/14/13
Cherly Thompson AA0637B 9/14/13
Cherly Thompson AA0790S 9/14/13
Abandoned unit AA3723A 10/11/13
Cherly Thompson AA5845A 9/14/13
Irene Becerra MM406 10/5/13
1/7, 1/14/14

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you could feel the need to separate from someone or a situation in your life. Mid-July will bring a turning point, a time in which you can see your way to move forward with greater strength. You are going through a long term period of developing a new identity and sense of yourself. It is possible you feel directionless. Your present condition will change in 2015 and life will look much different to you.

Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21): Your planetary ruler, Jupiter, changed signs in June to Cancer. This is a location which represents happiness and greater control for you. It brings improvements related to loans, alimony, the fortunes of your partner, inheritance, and good instincts with investments. It is possible you will experience challenges in these areas near January 31 and April 20. On July 16, Jupiter will transition into Leo and so will the emphasis in your life. Travel, philosophy, activities related to

the church and educational processes become the next loci of your attention. The Mars retrograde occurs in your 11th house of community, organizations, and 2nd tier friendships. Some of these may fall away during the first half of the year. In late September—early October, a favorable opportunity comes in the form of a new lover or a fresh creative idea. You have enjoyed a favored position in your career or life direction for 1.5 years. This will continue for one more year. In 2015 you may become bored with the status quo and be ready for a change, even if it is only to break loose from the normal routine.

Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19): On January 1 there is a powerful new moon in your sign, right alongside Pluto, planet of mega power, which has been slowly moving across your sign since 2008. Clearly something new is on your horizon. Stay awake and let yourself be creative. All that power in your sign must be

used, lest it make you ill. Pluto will accept nothing less than the truth from you and it demands that you share what you have with others. Change is inevitable. Don't resist it. Pluto continues to do the dance with Uranus on its right hand square as it has since 2010. I could just about list every month, but I will identify the ones which stand out: January, April-May, and November-December. This year is one more year of dramatic change in your life that began in 2008. Multiple areas are involved and there may be conflict all around you. Specifically the challenges point in the directions of your career, your home, family and property, your partner, and your personal health. Fortunately your friends and the community at large are willing to offer help when and if you need it. Your name is becoming better known.

Aquarius the Water Bearer (January 20-February 18): Everyone will be challenged this year by the numerous retrograding planets which repre-

sent a decrease in forward motion for at least the first half of the year. One of the things you want to finish, but can't seem to complete, is a legal issue that cannot be settled until the second half of the year. Mercury will be retrograding in your sign January 24 – March 22. During this period it is wisest not to make a big decision because you don't have all the facts, even if you think you do. This year you are preparing to make a big transition toward a new direction that begins in 2015. You will see the evidence at the end of August when it is "time" to complete projects and let go. There could be a sudden "stop" sign at that point. Use caution with your resources all year and save what you can. Late November and earliest December may cost you. Perhaps that is when you will need to spend money on the upcoming transition.

Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20): Neptune is firmly in your sign and is bringing to light any possi-

ble health problems. You may have increasing allergies and physical problems with the environmental pollutants. It is possible you have "lost" your internal sense of direction. Even if that is so, give attention to things the people you know are telling you. They will volunteer suggestions without your asking because your talents are so visible. Don't blow them off. You are unable to see yourself clearly right now. Count on those who know you well. Accept the suggestions of those who are straight up and without underlying motives to exploit you. Share your talent and don't buck the system near January 31 and April 20. The Powers That Be are stronger than you are. Health issues improve in the second half of the year. Many will adopt pets in the last two quarters. The Sun will shine brightly on your job situation beginning in July.

Cost of a seat in CA State Legislature

SUBMITTED BY PAMELA BEHRNIN

It costs a lot of money to win a seat in the California State Legislature, but how much exactly? MapLight has conducted an analysis of money raised by members of the California State Legislature who won election in 2012.

MapLight analysis of campaign contributions to members of the California State Assembly and Senate elected in 2012, from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2012:

Each member of the California State Assembly, on average, raised \$708,371, an average of \$970 every day during the 2012 cycle.

Each member of the California State Senate, on average, raised \$1,041,537, an average of \$1,427 every day during the 2012 cycle.

Cost of a Seat in the California State Legislature:

Assembly
Total dollar amount raised: \$56,669,696
Average: \$708,371

Maximum: Ken Cooley, (\$4,112,876)
Minimum: Steve Fox, (\$21,142)
Senate
Total dollar amount raised: \$20,830,736
Average: \$1,041,537
Maximum: Richard D. Roth, (\$3,028,308)
Minimum: Steve Knight, (\$259,147)

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Camp Tryouts Feb 1st & 8th

SPORTS

Pioneer Report - January 3, 2014

Basketball

SUBMITTED BY STEVE CONNOLLY

Pioneer Men fall to Broncos Cal Poly 66, CSUEB 52

The Cal State East Bay (CSUEB) men's basketball team fell to the defending conference champions Cal Poly Pomona (CPP) on Friday night by a score of 66-52. The Broncos out-shot the Pioneers (5-6, 2-3 CCAA) 56.5 to 34.5 percent for the game, but East Bay was able to keep the score tight most of the contest. In the end, CPP's size and length was too much. Senior Mark Samuels (Berkeley, Calif.) led all players with 22 points in the loss.

Pioneer women win third straight contest CSUEB 83, Cal Poly 58

The Cal State East Bay women's basketball team won its third straight game with a decisive 83-58 victory over visiting Cal Poly Pomona. Four players scored in double figures for the Pioneers (7-5, 4-1 CCAA), who shot 56.4 percent from the field as a team.

Junior Danielle Peacon led all players with 21 points and 11 rebounds for East Bay. Senior Brianna Terrance added 17, and junior Stephanie Lopez recording her first double-double as a Pioneer with 12 points and a career-high 10 assists.

Pioneer women face tough competition in 2014

SUBMITTED BY SCOTT CHISHOLM

The Cal State East Bay women's water polo team will open the 2014 campaign at Pioneer Pool on Saturday, January 18, against Fresno Pacific. Head Coach Lisa Cooper enters her 13th year at the helm of the Pioneers, and will lead the squad against her alma mater Hawaii on Friday, January 31.

No. 6 ranked Hawaii is one of seven preseason nationally ranked teams Cal State East Bay will face, according to the NCAA rankings released on October 14. The Pioneers will also take on No. 18 UC Davis (February 16), No. 14 Cal State Northridge (March 1), No. 8 Long Beach State (March 2), No. 10 San Diego State (March 22), No. 13 Michigan (April 5), and No. 12 UC San Diego (April 6).

East Bay will take part in two regular season tournaments starting with the Triton Invitational (February 8-9) hosted by Western Water Polo Association (WWPA) member UC San Diego. CSUEB will travel to Thousand Oaks to play in the Posada Royale Invite (March 1-2) hosted by Division III member Cal Lutheran.

James Logan vs. Berkeley

Men's Soccer

SUBMITTED BY JAMES WILLIAMS

December 30, 2013 Berkeley 3, Logan 1

1st Half Scoring:
BK: Jasper Hebert (David Aplyn) 13:00, David Aplyn 29:00, Berkeley 34:00
2nd Half Scoring:
JL: Jason Jattan (Martin Sierra) 64:00

JL Goalie: Andres Marquez, 80 min, 3 GA, 3 saves
BK Goalie: Pablo Avila, 40 min, 0 GA, 2 Saves
Roin Flynn, 40 Min, 1 GA, 2 saves

Electric motorcycle company sues NJ co-founder

BY DAVID PORTER, ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEWARK, N.J. (AP)—A California company that makes electric motorcycles featured in Time magazine's list of top inventions for 2013 is suing one of its co-founders, a New Jersey man who was terminated from the company last month.

The lawsuit filed this month in U.S. District Court contends San Francisco-based Mission Motorcycles has the right to buy back most of Vincent Ip's 300,000 shares of company stock, under an agreement Ip signed this year. Ip was terminated in November for what the lawsuit characterizes as unprofessional behavior, including physically threatening one of his co-founders.

Ip, a New Jersey resident, has rejected the company's claim and plans to countersue, his attorney, Lisa Solbakken, said Monday.

Solbakken said the stock agreement was "the product of a fraudulent scheme to dilute my client's interest in the company."

Ip didn't return a phone message Monday.

Mission Motorcycles was founded by Ip and partners Mark Seeger and Andrew Ng this year, according to the lawsuit. Its website lists two models, the Mission RS and the Mission R, which it calls "the world's most advanced production electric motorcycle."

In its feature, "The 25 Best Inventions of the Year 2013," Time called the Mission R "a beast of a machine" that tops out at 150 mph with zero tailpipe emissions. Its price starts at about \$30,000, according to the company's website.

According to the lawsuit, the three co-founders each invested \$30,000, in exchange for 300,000 shares of company stock, and later signed a stock restriction agreement that gave the company the right to repurchase the stock of any shareholder in the event the shareholder's employment was terminated. The agreement also provided a vesting plan so that increasingly smaller portions of the founder's stock would be subject to repurchase.

Ip's relationship with his partners deteriorated over time and eventually led to his termination in November, according to the suit.

"Among other things, Defendant Ip threatened Mr. Seeger with physical violence in the workplace," the suit contends.

The company contends Ip has 275,000 shares of stock it has the right to buy back under the restricted stock agreement. Ip rejected that and has indicated he considers the agreement "null and void," the suit claims.

The lawsuit seeks to have the stock agreement declared enforceable.

Cal Fire suspends burn permits due to dry weather

AP WIRE SERVICE

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (AP)—The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has suspended burn permits, citing dry conditions and a sharp increase in vegetation fires.

The agency issued a ban Monday on 31 million acres of state property and private land in Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, San Mateo and Santa Cruz counties as well as parts of Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties.

Cal Fire officials say the region has been experiencing record-breaking low rainfall, low

humidity, dry fuel moisture levels and increased fire activity.

The agency also says in Santa Cruz County alone, there have been 31 vegetation fires in November and December, about half of which involved blazes relating to burning debris.

Typically, there would be five to seven such fires.

Officials say campfires are still allowed in organized campgrounds or on private property with landowner permission.



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Dancing Machine

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REPLAY THEATER NEWS STEP

After performing in a local summer show, kids waited around the lobby to get his autograph. He has danced for Ben the Bachelor and the bachelorettes on television's popular , *The Bachelor*. He has been asked to dance for a local teacher retirement party and other events.

Who is this popular dancer? Is he a movie star, a TV star? Has he trained for years under the best instructors?

He is Luis Contreras, a 6th grader in Sonoma, CA. He taught himself to dance just like Michael Jackson and amazes audiences of all ages with his incredible imitation.

I Can Do That!

"I first heard about Michael Jackson when the reported his death," recalls Luis. "I asked my sister, 'Who's Michael Jackson?'"



Luis watched YouTube videos of Jackson dancing and he thought, "I can do that!" That was when he set the of learning a Michael Jackson dance number.

Luis kept pausing and rewinding the videos to watch each dance over and over. Then he'd try it.

Practice, Practice

Luis would study Michael Jackson's dances one step at a time. "It took about ten minutes to master one step. I had to it about 50 times."

"He drove us a bit crazy," says his mom. "He kept playing the same music over and over. But he wouldn't give up until he got it right."

Luis's parents are proud of his dedication and the hard work he has undertaken to achieve his goals. His mom sequins onto a pair of socks, one sequin at a time. Each one sewn by with love.



Look at these two photos of Luis. Find five differences. Can you find five things that are similar?



How to Moonwalk

One of Michael Jackson's most amazing dance moves was called the Moonwalk. It makes you appear to be floating backwards across the floor. Follow these steps and practice a lot to perfect this cool illusion!

- 1 Start with your feet together.
- 2 Bend your left knee and lift your left heel.
- 3 Push down on the ball of your left foot and slide your right foot backward.
- 4 Place your weight on your right leg and slide your left leg back with your heel still raised. Switch legs and repeat, and soon you'll be "gliding" across the dance floor!

Gotta Dance, but First Things First!

Dancing isn't the only thing Luis does. He also studies hard, earns good grades in school and plays basketball. But, he does fit in dancing every day. He even dances down the aisles of the grocery store!

3:00: Basketball Practice
4:30: Homework
5:30: Start Dancing!

His parents don't let him practice dancing until his homework is finished. But after that, with only a break for supper, he dances until his mother says to stop or he is just too tired to go on.

Luis is starting to study the dance moves of Justin Bieber and is looking forward to joining the school choir in 7th grade.

If Luis danced two hours a day six days a week for one year, how many hours has he danced?

52 X 6 = X 2 =

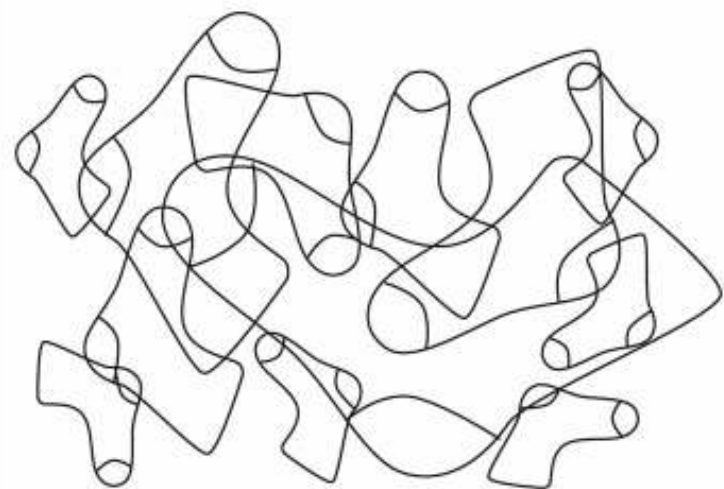
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I'm Determined!

Look through the newspaper for pictures of people who look determined. Cut these out and make an "I'm Determined!" poster.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Can many socks be here? Have a friend try. Did you find the same amount?



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

Double Double Word Search

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MACHINE
DANCING
SEQUINS
GLIDING
VIDEOS
GOALS
TIRED
STUDY
PROUD
CHOIR
STEP
STAR
PUSH

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

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

Standards Link: Physical Education: Understand the health benefits of physical activity and exercise.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:
ACHIEVE

The verb **achieve** means to accomplish or fulfill something.

Hard work pays off when you want to achieve something.

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

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Compound Words

Footwear, Moonwalk and homework are compound words – a new word made from two words. Look through the newspaper for 10 compound words and draw a line where the two words divide.

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify compound words.

Two boys were playing checkers. They played five games and each won the same number of games. How was that possible?

ANSWER: They were playing different people.

Write On!

Setting Goals

Think of three goals you would like to achieve in your future. Is there anything you could do now to help you prepare?

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Will surge of older workers take jobs from young?

By MATT SEDENSKY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO (AP), It’s an assertion that has been accepted as fact by droves of the unemployed: Older people remaining on the job later in life are stealing jobs from young people.

One problem, many economists say: It isn’t supported by a wisp of fact.

“We all cannot believe that we have been fighting this theory for more than 150 years,” said April Yanyuan Wu, a research economist at the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College, who co-authored a paper last year on the subject.

The theory Wu is referring to is known as “lump of labor,” and it has maintained traction in the U.S., particularly in a climate of high unemployment. The theory dates to 1851 and says if a group enters the labor market – or in this case, remains in it beyond their normal retirement date – others will be unable to gain employment or will have their hours cut.

It’s a line of thinking that has been used in the U.S. immigration debate and in Europe to validate early retirement programs,

and it relies on a simple premise: That there are a fixed number of jobs available. In fact, most economists dispute this. When women entered the workforce, there weren’t fewer jobs for men. The economy simply expanded.

The same is true with older workers, they argue.

“There’s no evidence to support that increased employment by older people is going to hurt younger people in any way,” said Alicia Munnell, director of the Center for Retirement Research and the co-author with Wu of “Are Aging Baby Boomers Squeezing Young Workers Out of Jobs?”

“It’s not going to reduce their wages, it’s not going to reduce their hours, it’s not going to do anything bad to them,” Munnell said.

Still, the perception has persisted, from prominent stories in The New York Times, Newsweek and other media outlets, to a pointed question to Rep. Nancy Pelosi last year by the NBC reporter Luke Russert, who asked whether her refusal to step out of the House leadership (and the similar decisions of other older lawmakers) was denying younger politicians a chance. A

chorus of lawmakers around Pelosi muttered and shouted “discrimination,” until the Democratic leader chimed in herself.

“Let’s for a moment honor it as a legitimate question, although it’s quite offensive,” she said. “But you don’t realize that, I guess.”

The heart of Russert’s question makes sense to many: If Pelosi doesn’t give up her position, a younger person doesn’t have a chance to take it. That viewpoint is repeated in countless workplaces around the country, where a younger person awaits a senior employee’s departure for their chance to ascend.

But economists say the larger macroeconomic view gives a clearer picture: Having older people active and productive actually benefits all age groups, they say, and spurs the creation of more jobs. Munnell and Wu analyzed Current Population Survey data to test for any changes in employment among those under 55 when those 55 and older worked in greater numbers. They found no evidence younger workers were losing work and in fact found the opposite: Greater employment, reduced unemployment and yielded higher wages.

Munnell said, outside of economists, the findings can be hard for people to understand when they think only of their own workplace.

“They just could not get in their heads this dynamism that is involved,” she said. You can’t extrapolate from the experience of a single company to the economy as a whole.”

Still, many remain unconvinced. James Galbraith, a professor of government at the University of Texas at Austin, has advocated for a temporary lowering of the age to qualify for Social Security and Medicare to allow older workers who don’t want to remain on the job a way to exit

and to spur openings for younger workers.

He doesn’t buy the comparison of older workers to women entering the workforce and says others’ arguments on older workers expanding the economy don’t make sense when there are so many unemployed people. If there was a surplus of jobs, he said, there would be no problem with people working longer. But there isn’t.

“I can’t imagine how you could refute that. The older worker retires, the employer looks around and hires another worker,” he said. “It’s like refuting elementary arithmetic.”

Melissa Quercia, 35, a controller for a small information technology company in Phoenix, said she sees signs of the generational job battle all around her: jobs once taken by high schoolers now filled by seniors, college graduates who can’t find work anywhere, the resulting dearth of experience of younger applicants. She doesn’t see economists’ arguments playing out. Older people staying on the job aren’t spurring new jobs, because companies aren’t investing in creating new positions, she said.

“It’s really hard to retire right now, I understand that,” she said. “But if the younger generation doesn’t have a chance to get their foot in the door, then what?”

Jonathan Gruber, an economist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology who edited a book on the subject for the National Bureau of Economic Research, said it’s a frustrating reality of his profession: That those things he knows as facts are disputed by the populace.

“If you polled the average American they probably would think the opposite,” he said. “There’s a lot of things economists say that people don’t get and this is just one of them.”

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Dry winter leads to precautions in California

The calendar year that just ended was one of the driest on record in California, leaving reservoirs at historic lows and leading some cities to implement water restrictions. Farmers also are taking steps to prepare for a severe reduction in water during the summer growing season, conditions that could force them to fallow crops and sell off livestock.

Gayle Holman, spokeswoman for the Fresno-based Westlands Water District, the nation’s largest federal irrigation district, said growers in the San Joaquin Valley would likely fallow hundreds of thousands of acres. They would opt against planting row crops while they save water for permanent crops such as fruits and nuts.

Some already are pulling up orchards they can’t afford to irrigate.

“What that means then is less of a food supply that we pretty much take for granted,” Holman said.

As if to underscore how dry California’s winter has been so far, firefighters were monitoring a 200-acre blaze that started Thursday in the Lassen National Forest in far Northern California, an area that usually is covered with snow this time of year.

The immediate culprit is a stubborn ridge of high atmospheric

pressure that is pushing storms north of California, said Michelle Mead, a forecast meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Sacramento. The ridge is expected to weaken next week, bringing some rain and snow to Northern California, before it builds once again by mid-January.

The rest of the winter is projected to bring below normal precipitation to Southern California, while she said it is too soon to tell whether late winter in Northern California will be wet, dry or average.

Also Friday, an interagency task force held an organizational meeting to begin planning for a possible drought but plans to wait until late February to see how the winter plays out.

Randall Osterhuber, a researcher at UC Berkeley’s Central Sierra Snow Lab near the Sierra summit, said the snowpack there is about 35 percent of its historic average, although he’s not panicking.

“We have the bulk of the winter in front of us,” he said. “It’s really these big storms that carry the year, so this all could change in just a matter of days.”

Just three years ago, the Sierra snowpack was so heavy it was crushing the roofs on mountain cabins.

Folsom Lake, east of Sacramento, is particularly hard hit and is having the largest effect so far on both the surrounding communities and the fish that depend on releases from its dam. The lake is less than 20 percent of its capacity.

Last month, the neighboring city of Folsom took the most drastic action in the region by requiring residents to trim their water use by 20 percent and restricting lawn watering to twice a week. Unlike nearby cities, Folsom gets all its water from the lake.

Mayor Kerri Howell said the city might ban all outdoor landscape watering, end construction permits for swimming pools and consider building an above-ground pipeline to a neighboring water district.

Earlier this week, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation reduced flows from Folsom Lake into the lower American River despite fears that it could leave salmon eggs high and dry. More cutbacks are likely in the coming days as the bureau balances the needs of wildlife against those of farmers and cities.

“Nobody wants to see a bad salmon season,” Howell said. “But at some point, you have to make a decision which is more important: the salmon run or people having water in their kitchens.”

State Board of Equalization receives honors

SUBMITTED BY BRIAN MILLER

The California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is proud to announce that it has been honored with three State Agency Recognition Awards for its outstanding work with California’s small and disabled veteran owned businesses. The following awards were presented at the December 17 Board meeting in Sacramento: Most Notable Improvement for Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Contracting; Advocate of the Year Silver Award; and, Secretary’s Special Achievement Award.

“We are proud of our dedicated team and its commitment to small businesses and disabled veterans in California,” said BOE Executive Director Cynthia Bridges. “This acknowledgement from our peers is a testimony to the talent, dedication, and hard work of our contracting and procurement team.”

The BOE was awarded Most Notable Improvement for Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Contracting for increasing contract and procurements with the disabled veterans’ business community by 400 percent. Also, BOE employee Linda Ferguson was presented the Advocate of the Year Silver Award for outstanding leadership and achievement in small business and disabled veterans advocacy and contracting. In addition, the BOE was honored as the recipient of the coveted Secretary’s Special Achievement Award presented by the California State Government Operations Agency.



BOE Advocate of the Year, Linda Ferguson

Diller Jewish leader award applications open

SUBMITTED BY LINDSEY STEINSEIFER

Now in the eighth year, the Diller Teen “Tikkun Olam” (Repairing the World) Awards is a program that recognizes up to 15 young Jewish leaders with \$36,000 each for spearheading volunteer service projects that are making a difference locally, nationally or globally. Recipients can use the grant as they wish, whether to support their current philanthropic work, explore new volunteer opportunities or further their education.

Teens may be nominated by any community member—teachers, rabbis, civic leaders—anyone who knows the value of their project (except a family member); or the teen may even self-nominate. The Foundation will grant three \$360 donations on behalf of randomly selected nominators for the not-for-profits of their choice. All Jewish teen volunteers in the US aged 13-19 years old at the time of nomination are eligible.

To enter, complete the simple online nomination form at www.dillerteenawards.org by Jan. 19. For more information, email dillerteenawards@sfcjcf.org or call (415) 512-6432.

VTA Board approves purchase of 38 new buses

SUBMITTED BY COLLEEN VALLES

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Board of Directors approved the purchase of 38 hybrid diesel-electric Community Buses that will replace the aging Community Buses currently in service.

VTA uses smaller Community Buses to serve primarily lower-density communities where the ridership does not require the larger, standard bus.

The new hybrid diesel-electric Community Buses, manufactured by Gillig LLC of Hayward, are an energy-saving alternative to regular diesel- and gasoline-powered buses, and they are expected to have 25 percent better fuel economy than VTA’s current gasoline-powered Community Buses. These low-floor buses will make boarding easier for seniors and others who may have difficulty climbing stairs and are expected to be more reliable as well – an important factor for our customers.

“These new Community Buses will help VTA better serve the riding public,” said Mike Hursh, VTA’s Chief Operating Officer. “Because of their improved efficiency and reliability, we can do even more to get our customers to their destinations on time while doing our part for the environment.”

VTA expects the new buses to be delivered late next year. For more information, contact VTA Customer Service at (408) 321-2300; TTY (408) 321-2330. You can also log onto www.vta.org and sign-up to receive VTA email updates.

Newark Police Log

SUBMITTED BY MICHAEL CARROLL, NEWARK PD

Thursday, December 19

Two gang members reported to NPD at 11:09 a.m. that they had been shot at by rival gang members in the area of Wells Avenue and Locust Street. Officers were able to locate evidence related to the shooting on Wells Avenue. SET Detectives and Major Crimes Task Force (MCTF) Agents responded to the scene. Based upon information provided by witnesses and evidence collected at the scene, detectives quickly focused their attention on a particular gang. MCTF Agent Young, SET Detectives, NPD patrol officers, and Fremont Detectives working together identified the shooter as Oscar Valderrama of Fremont. On 12-21-2013, Valderrama was arrested by the MCTF.

Friday, December 20

Officer responded to Bob's Liquors at 7000 Jarvis Avenue at 10:18 p.m. regarding a suspicious circumstance. Ultimately it was determined the victim had been carjacked, his delivery truck (minivan) was stolen with him inside the vehicle. As the suspect was driving from the scene, the victim rolled out of the van. The victim made it back to the liquor store and called the police. On December 21, the victim's vehicle was located at Byington Park. There is currently no information regarding suspect descriptions.

Monday, December 23

At 6:18 p.m., Officer Jackman investigated a robbery in front of a residence in the 39700 block of Potrero Dr. The victim was approached by a black male adult, approximately 20 years old, who was wearing a gray shirt, grey pants, and a red baseball cap. The suspect demanded the victim's wallet. Fearing for her safety, the victim took out her wallet. The suspect knocked the wallet to the ground as the victim yelled for help. The suspect picked up the wallet and ran west on Potrero Dr. Officers from both day and night shift flooded the area but did not locate the suspect.

Tuesday, December 24

NewPark Mall was packed with last minute shoppers. Traffic Officer's Williams and Allum were joined by Officer Fredstrom today. The trio was highly visible all day and made numerous enforcement stops, issuing some citations. As a result, we did not take any collisions in or around the mall nor were there any cases generated from the mall itself. I want to personally thank these officers for there outstanding ef-

forts. As I have been preparing these logs, I am very aware of the calls for service and numerous incidents at the Mall. For these three officers to conduct such visible enforcement and deter criminal behavior for an entire shift is incredible. THANK YOU!!!

Officer Lopez investigated a theft at 8:23 a.m. that occurred overnight in the 6300 block of Buena Vista Drive. All four tires were stolen from a Toyota Prius.

At 12:29 p.m., Officer Taylor investigated a residential burglary in the 36200 block of Dalewood Drive. The homeowner estimated the time frame was between 11 a.m. and 12:29 p.m. Entry was made via "doggy-door" and the loss is jewelry.

Officer Lopez investigated a second reported theft at 5:19 p.m. of all four tires from a vehicle in the 6200 block of Buena Vista Drive. The theft occurred overnight and the victim vehicle in this incident is a 2014 Mercedes.

Officer Norvell investigated a ransack residential burglary in the 37300 block of Ezra Dr. at 2:35 a.m. It appeared the suspects used rocks to break a rear window. The incident occurred between 5 p.m. – 2:30 a.m. Officer Norvell collected some physical evidence.

At 2:36 a.m., Officer Sandoval investigated the residential burglary in the 6000 block of Touraine Dr. It appears the suspects pried open the rear sliding glass door to gain entry. Taken in the burglary was a Glock 22 .40 Cal pistol.

Wednesday, December 25

Officer Coffey responded at 5:08 a.m. to 36867 Sycamore Street for a report of a stolen vehicle. The theft occurred between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. The vehicle is a 1993 Green Honda Civic, CA Plate: 3CJZ371.

Thursday, December 26

At 9:45 a.m., Office Katz investigated the theft of an Argo 8x8 UTV (amphibious vehicle) stolen from Cargill Salt overnight. The vehicle does not have a license plate but has a VIN which has been entered into the Stolen Vehicle System.

Officer Eriksen investigated employee embezzlement at Macy's. Nagina Rahimi of Union City was cited for embezzling approximately \$500 from her employer.

Officer Lopez investigated a residential burglary at 6:37 p.m. that occurred at a residence in the 36600 block of Ruschin Drive. It occurred between 8 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. The loss was electronics and entry was made through a side garage door.

Officer Ramos investigated a report of a stolen vehicle that occurred from the parking lot of the NewPark Mall. The vehicle is a Green 1997 Honda Accord, CA Plate 6MMY878.

"Eagle-eye" Ramos noticed the interior lights of La Cabana restaurant had turned off after driving through the area at 3:10 a.m. A warrant check revealed well know probationer Ramon Arreola of Newark had a Felony Warrant for his arrest issued by Alameda County Sheriff Office. Officer Ramos contacted Ramon's mother/owner of the restaurant and she agreed to give us a key to the front door. A perimeter was set and upon opening the front door, Arreola was immediately contacted at gun-point by the entry team. Arreola complied and was taken into custody without incident.

Friday, December 27

Officers Revay and Katz followed up on a lead initially forwarded by Fremont PD Detective Lambert at the end of shift the previous day. The burglary occurred on Christmas Eve. Officers Katz and Revay met with Detective Lambert at a Fremont jewelry store and obtained the CCTV Surveillance video. The video was then viewed by Officer Revay, SRO Johnson and SET Detective Todd. Three of the four suspects were positively identified based upon the video.

Officer Revay authored a search warrant for the three identified suspects, their persons and residences in relation to the three residential burglaries that occurred on Christmas Eve. All three burglaries occurred during evening hours on Christmas Eve and had similar modus operandi.

Dayshift, Overlap, Graves, and SET combined personnel and executed search warrants on the three locations. The result was the recovery of the majority of stolen property from a residential burglary on Ezra Dr. on Christmas Eve, property that is possibly stolen from the other two burglaries, two loaded handguns, cocaine for sales and the contact and arrest of the fourth unidentified suspect who tried to pawn the stolen jewelry. The following six persons were arrested: 16 year old juvenile from Newark 17 year old juvenile from Newark Gurinder Singh of Newark Jesus Jimenez of Newark Victor Castro of Newark Jesus Jimenez of Newark

Outstanding teamwork and investigation! Thank you to everyone (citizens, Fremont PD Detective Lambert, SET Detectives and SRO's who came back from their vacations to help identify suspects, and all patrol officers for their hard work and making this investigation successful.

At 2:43 p.m., Officer Fredstrom was flagged down at Taco Bell Thornton for a theft of a bicycle. A suspect description was quickly broadcasted. Officer Knutson located the suspect and stolen bicycle a short distance

away. A witness and the victim positively identified the bicycle and the suspect. Anthony Adams, transient from Emeryville, was arrested for the theft. He is currently on CDCR Parole for burglary.

Officer Ramos responded at 5:27 p.m. to the New Park Mall Macy's for a shoplifter in-custody. Officer Ramos accepted the citizen's arrest of Robert Pinkney for theft. Officer Ramos cited and released Pinkney after he signed a promise to appear in court.

Saturday, December 28

1900 Hours: Officer Khairy arrested Arprsha Dunn of Milpitas at 7:00 p.m. for Assault with Teargas and Battery. Arprsha was in a dispute with the victim over the use of a vehicle. When the victim arrived at the NewPark Mall, she was confronted by Arprsha and sprayed in the face with pepper spray. With the victim's eyes full of pepper spray and closed shut Arprsha began hitting the victim in the head and face. Mall security intervened and detained the involved parties. Arprsha was taken into custody and later booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Sunday, December 29

At 3:23 a.m., Officer Rodgers investigated a burglary at 36601 Newark Blvd. (Pure Water). An unknown suspect smashed a glass door to gain entry. Once inside the suspects took money from a cash register.

Monday, December 30

Officer Coffey investigated a Stolen Vehicle case at 7:06 p.m. The Victim / RO of a blue 1999 Honda Civic Cal License #6SZN974 reported her vehicle had been stolen from the rear of the 76 gas station located at 5799 Mowry Ave.

Tuesday, December 31

At 8:20 a.m., a CHP air unit received a LoJack "hit" on a stolen vehicle originally taken by NPD. Officer's responded to the area of Cedar Boulevard and Civic Terrace Avenue. Officer Lopez responded with a LoJack equipped patrol car and located the stolen vehicle (unoccupied) on San Antonio Street. The vehicle was recovered and released to the registered owner.

While driving on Baine Ave. at 10:30 p.m., SET Detectives observed a vehicle making a horrible attempt of a U-turn, and driving backwards and jumping over the sidewalk. A traffic stop was conducted and Det. Schwerin contacted the sole driver, Mario Reyes Lopez of Newark with the assistance of Sgt. Mendez from UCPD who assisted with Spanish to English translations. Lopez was arrested for DUI and was booked at Santa Rita Jail. Thanks to Sgt. Mendez for helping us out.

Officer Geser investigated a Hit and Run at 1:42 a.m. involv-

ing a green Dodge Ram license # 7X29562 and a silver Lexus license # 4SJV633. It appears the Dodge struck the Lexus while it was parked in front of 36640 Magnolia St. An attempt to locate the vehicle at its last known address came up empty. This case is pending further investigation.

Thursday, January 2

NPD Officers were dispatched to the 6200 block of Market Avenue at 9:57 a.m. regarding vandalism to a mailbox. Sometime overnight, unknown suspect(s) damaged a custom mailbox, valued at \$200, adjacent to the sidewalk. The mailbox sustained broken brackets and was found on its side.

Det. Heckman and Sgt. Loth contacted probationer Angela Smith of Newark at 4:14 p.m. walking out of a well-known drug house at 6821 Cedar Blvd. When asked who else was in the house, Smith stated she does not know, even though she had just come out from there. Det. Heckman and Sgt. Loth detained Smith per her probation status and entered the house, where the following probationers were contacted: Matthew Nielsen, Alexandra Fuentes, Francisco Funes, Brianna Hill, David Canterbury, and Bambi Reece. Brianna Hill was found to have a no cite warrant and was arrested by Det. Heckman. David Canterbury, who was trying to avoid having his record checked, was found to have a restraining order against him from his mother, Bambi Reece. Canterbury was also arrested for court order violation by Detective Heckman. Both were later booked into SRJ.

At 8:10 p.m., Officer Arroyo investigated an auto-burglary that occurred in the parking lot of Raley's grocery store. Entry was made via window smash and the victim had her purse stolen.

Friday, January 3

2252 Hours: Officer Losier responded to a domestic disturbance at a residence on Joaquin Murieta Ave. at 10:52 p.m. Reginald Blackburn of Union City was subsequently arrested for domestic violence and booked at FPD Jail.

Saturday, January 4

Officer Hogan investigated another non-injury DUI related traffic collision involving a motorist who exited 880 at full speed and launched his vehicle over the center median at 12:52 a.m. Bran Ramirez of Newark was arrested for DUI and later cited and released to his adult brother at NPD.

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.

Youth Commission campaigns for tobacco restrictions

SUBMITTED BY FRANK ADDIEGO

The Union City Youth Commission campaigned to crack down on teen smoking and attempts to market tobacco-related products to the young consumers through a series of ordinances in 2013. While members of the city council and others have been enthusiastic in support of the youth commissions' efforts, others have criticized commission presentations for using outdated information.

Law enforcement has used teen decoys leading to disciplinary action. Teen decoys and members of the commission spoke before the city council several times in 2013 to describe their efforts. "For the past several months, we've been working with the Alameda County Public Health Department in an attempt to gather and spread information about tobacco products available within Union City," said Priscilla Wu of the Youth Commission, speaking at the May 28 city council meeting. "One in nine deaths in the United States are caused by tobacco and within the United States alone, over 443,000 lives are claimed every year."

According to the commission's findings, the tobacco industry has created many products that appeal to young customers, including cigarillos—short, thin cigarettes wrapped

in tobacco leaves—and e-cigarettes which emit vapor, promoted as an aid to quit smoking. The commission also discussed products which alter the taste and smell of tobacco products, which one member of the commission contended was clearly intended to appeal to minors.

At a November 26, 2013 meeting of the city council, Jennifer Mish, a Union City resident who owns "vapor" stores in Hayward selling e-cigarettes, contended, "If you can sit here and tell me that an adult doesn't like the flavor strawberry or chocolate, you're out of your mind. This isn't about children at all."

Youth commissioners have noted that cigarillos were priced as low as 49¢. "The pricing shocked me, as well as the accessibility," said Sonia Chen, a high school senior who has worked as a tobacco decoy.

In response, Michelle Clevenger, speaking on behalf of the tobacco store Refined Deliverance in Oakland, said, "As a store owner, I'm emotional because I see our hard work and hard efforts at putting a stop to tobacco being undermined. "When we look at children under the age of 18 who are being exposed to products, that is because of irresponsible retailers."

By the end of the year, the city council had passed an ordinance banning false and misleading advertizing, self-

service displays and distributing free cigarettes, e-cigarettes and related paraphernalia within Union City. Electronic cigarettes and their related products are to be kept out of public view and stores are prohibited from displaying advertisements for them.

The ordinance also bans medical marijuana dispensaries, although the city will continue to comply with the Compassionate Use Act of 1996, allowing limited use of marijuana for medicinal purposes in California, despite the narcotic being illegal in federal statutes. "The proposed regulations do not preempt a medical patient's ability to continue to cultivate, possess or use medical marijuana for serious ailments," said City Attorney Ben Reyes, "they just can't buy it in a retail setting through a medical marijuana dispensary in the city."

"I really applaud your youth commission for working on this effort, but I believe they are somewhat misguided," said Carl Carter of Berkeley speaking at a November 26th meeting of the city council of Union City, "there are millions of people using these things and the FDA lists less than fifty people who have been harmed by them... one of whom was a gentleman who made e-cigarettes in his garage and it blew up and knocked his teeth out. The rest were hearsay or only possible issues."

Temple Beth Torah invites community to view sanctuary remodel

SUBMITTED BY
TEMPLE BETH TORAH

Temple Beth Torah of Fremont, the only Jewish synagogue in Southern Alameda County, celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2012. To mark that milestone, the temple began a campaign to fund a dramatic remodel of its sanctuary, the first in more than three decades.

With the project’s recent completion, a rededication event has been planned for Saturday, Jan. 11, at 7 p.m. The evening will include “havdallah” (a Sabbath ceremony), and a cocktail party with hors d’oeuvres, dessert, wine, beer and coffee. There is no cost to attend the event and all community adults are welcome. Cocktail attire is suggested.

Ways and Means Chairman, Elliot Broadwin, explains, “The sanctuary, designed in 1978 was in desperate need of renovation. Our congregation pulled together to enable an amazing transformation. The new sanctuary combines the best of the old and new worlds, featuring Jerusalem stone quarried in Israel alongside the latest in energy efficient LED lighting,

The warm spiritual environment will be enjoyed by our community for many years to come.”

The following morning on Sunday, Jan. 12, at 9:30 a.m., there will be a celebration more appropriate for children. A light, breakfast of bagels, cream cheese, juice and coffee will be served, courtesy of the Brotherhood group and the event is open to the entire Tri-Cities community. There will be a congregational celebration of prayers and songs.

Rabbi Avi Schulman adds, “When a sanctuary ceases to engage our senses, and instead becomes drab, it dulls our spiritual focus. What an amazing accomplishment by our Beautification Committee and the members of our congregation. On January 11 and 12, we will celebrate the transformation of our sanctuary and social hall. This truly is a time for rejoicing in our congregation. Exodus 25.8 challenges us to “make Me a sanctuary so that I may dwell among them.” As our ancestors before, I believe we have fulfilled this commandment and made a sacred space for God to dwell within us.”



Temple Beth Torah Rededication
Saturday, Jan. 11
7 p.m.
(Adults only for evening event)
Open to the community
and free of charge
Cocktail attire suggested

Sunday, Jan. 12
9:30 a.m.
Children’s event, light breakfast
Open to the community
and free of charge

42000 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont
(510) 656-7141

In some states, gays fight for right to divorce

BY HOLBROOK MOHR AND
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HERNANDO, Miss. (AP), Lauren Beth Czekala-Chatham wants to force Mississippi, one of the America’s most conservative states, to recognize her same-sex marriage. She hopes to do so by getting a divorce.

She and Dana Ann Melancon traveled from Mississippi to San Francisco to get married in 2008. The wedding was all Czekala-Chatham hoped it would be, the Golden Gate Bridge in the background, dreams for a promising future. She wrote the vows herself.

The couple bought a house together in Walls, a town of about 1,100 in northern Mississippi’s DeSoto County in June 2009. But the marriage was tumultuous and, like so many others, it didn’t last.

Czekala-Chatham, a 51-year-old credit analyst and mother of two teenage sons from an earlier straight marriage, filed for divorce in chancery court in September. She wants to force Mississippi to recognize the same-sex marriage for the purpose of granting the divorce.

“It’s humiliating to know that you spend that money, that time to be in a committed relationship and for it to end. I mean, that hurts. But then to be in a state that doesn’t recognize you as a human being, or recognize you for who you are, for who you love, it’s hard,” Czekala-Chatham said during an interview at her current home in Hernando. “I’m not treated like the neighbors next door. I’m treated like a second-class citizen.”

She has plenty of company among gay and lesbian couples in other conservative states, although thus far only a few have pursued divorce cases in the courts.

Even as the number of states legalizing same-sex marriage will soon grow to 16, most states – like Mississippi – refuse to recognize such unions or to help dissolve them. Gay couples who move to those

states after marrying elsewhere face roadblocks if they wish to divorce, as do couples from those states who make a brief foray out-of-state to get married.

Often, such couples in non-recognition states would have to move back to the state where they were married and establish residency in order to get divorced – an option that can be unworkable in many cases.

“The idea you can’t go to your local courthouse and file for divorce is very disruptive,” said Peter Zupcofska, a Boston lawyer who has represented many gay and lesbian clients in marriage and divorce cases. “It’s an enormous waste of effort and time.”

The right to divorce isn’t as upbeat a topic as the right to marry, but gay-rights lawyers and activists say it’s equally important.

“The marriage system is a way we recognize and protect the commitments people make to their partner,” said James Esseks, director of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Project at the American Civil Liberties Union.

“Part of that system is creating a predictable, regularized way of dealing with the reality that relationships sometimes end,” he said. “Those are the times people are the worst to each other, and that’s why we have divorce courts. There’s got to be an adult in the room.”

On a recent evening, in the one-story brick house she shares with her two children, a new girlfriend and several pets, Czekala-Chatham sat on the edge of a leather recliner, shaking her head.

“Why should I be treated differently, you know?” she said. “When the courthouse is a few blocks from here, I should be able to walk up there and get married. I should also be able to go up there and get divorced.”

She could get a divorce in California, but her lawyer argues that Mississippi wouldn’t recognize the divorce and their marital property would remain “in limbo.”

Melancon’s lawyer, Chad Reeves, filed a motion to dismiss the divorce complaint based on the argument that Mississippi can’t grant a divorce for a marriage that it doesn’t recognize. However, Reeves has

since told The Associated Press that he’ll withdraw the motion after the parties sign an agreement related to division of property and debts.

Reeves said he opposed the divorce because Czekala-Chatham asked for alimony, among other things, but those matters have been settled. He said Melancon will get the house, and won’t have to pay alimony. Czekala-Chatham says she doesn’t care, she just wants the divorce.

A hearing is scheduled for Monday.

Melancon, who now lives in Arkansas, declined to be interviewed. She said in an email that she wants the divorce, but the “avenues to pursue are vague and expensive.” She did not elaborate.

The Mississippi Attorney General’s office filed a motion to intervene on Nov. 15 that said the divorce petition should be dismissed.

Mississippi “has no obligation to give effect to California laws that are contrary to Mississippi’s expressly stated public policy,” the motion argues. “That legitimate policy choice precludes recognition of other States’ same sex marriages for any reason, including granting a divorce.”

Legal experts say getting Mississippi to recognize the marriage for any purpose is a longshot. Lawmakers amended state law in 1997 to say any same-sex marriage “is prohibited and null and void from the beginning. Any marriage between persons of the same gender that is valid in another jurisdiction does not constitute a legal or valid marriage in Mississippi.”

In 2004, 86 percent of Mississippi voters approved an amendment placing a ban on same-sex marriage in the state constitution.

In his arguments for a divorce, Czekala-Chatham’s lawyer, Wesley Hisaw, cites a recent ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court that struck down parts of the federal Defense of Marriage Act and ordered the U.S. government to recognize legal same-sex marriages. That has created a situation where same-sex couples “are married lawfully under the laws of the United States, but not under Mississippi law,” Hisaw contends.

He also argues that bigamous and incestuous marriages are considered “void” in Mississippi, just like same-sex marriages, but bigamy and incest are also grounds for divorce.

“There can be no legitimate state purpose in allowing bigamous or incestuous couples to divorce and not allowing the same remedy to same-sex couples,” he wrote.

Right-to-divorce cases have cropped up in some other states with constitutional

bans on same-sex marriage. On Nov. 5, the Texas Supreme Court heard arguments about whether the state can grant divorces to gay couples married elsewhere.

The plaintiffs are couples from Austin and Dallas who married in Massachusetts and later filed for divorce in Texas. The Austin couple was granted a divorce, but Attorney General Greg Abbott intervened in the Dallas case and won an appeals court decision blocking a divorce.

In the oral arguments, Assistant Attorney General James Blacklock argued there’s no way for Texas to grant a divorce because of the constitutional ban.

“There’s no marriage here,” he said. “So there can be no divorce.”

A similar case has just commenced in Kentucky, where two women married in Massachusetts are seeking a divorce.

At least one same-sex couple has been able to get a divorce in a state that doesn’t officially recognize same-sex unions. In 2011, the Wyoming Supreme Court ruled that two women married in Canada could get a divorce in the state, reversing a ruling by a district judge.

While the issue of same-sex divorce has drawn increasing attention, there is little in the way of comprehensive data to help draw comparisons between the divorce rates of gay couples and heterosexual couples.

One of the few large-scale studies addressing the question was conducted by Michael Rosenfeld, a sociology professor at Stanford University. He assessed the breakup rates among about 3,000 couples since 2009, and concluded there was little difference between gay couples and straight couples.

Depending on a couple’s circumstances, a host of weighty matters can be affected by the inability to divorce – division of property, child custody, health coverage for a spouse, the ability to get remarried. In some cases, the inability to divorce could mean that an estranged spouse would continue to receive spousal benefits even though the other partner wanted those benefits halted so he or she could move on to a new relationship.

“It’s really problematic for people in getting on with their lives, being considered single again,” said Kenneth Upton Jr., an attorney in the Dallas office of Lambda Legal, a national gay-rights group.

Crary reported from New York.

Robbery suspects arrested

SUBMITTED BY SGT. HUY TRAN,
MILPITAS PD

On December 18, 2013, at approximately 9:58 p.m., an adult female victim reported she was walking on the 1400 block of Edsel Dr. when a dark colored

SUV stopped next to her. Two suspects exited the vehicle and forcibly took her backpack off of her back. The victim was able to pull back her backpack, and the suspects fled in a vehicle. A nearby witness called 911.

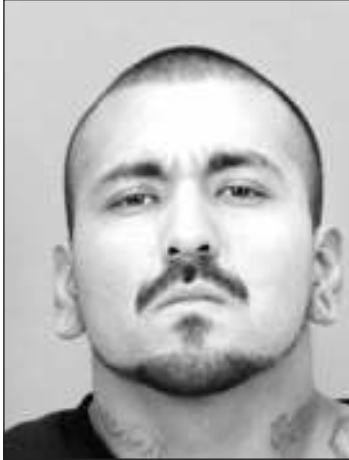
MPD officers arrived on scene approximately one minute later. They located and stopped the suspect vehicle fleeing the scene. They detained several occupants. After further investigation, MPD officers arrested two suspects. The suspects were identified as Manuel Chavez Jr and Pedro

Arevalos, both Milpitas residents. Both suspects were booked into the Santa Clara County Main Jail for robbery and conspiracy.

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Meet author and trombone player Bill Nemoyten on Saturday Jan. 18, at the Hayward

Main Library. Nemoyten, a long-time resident of Hayward, has written a memoir entitled "It All Started with a Trombone." Along with readings from his book, he will play some of the instruments he performs on in his show called "The Hornman."

Nemoyten has performed on his "sixteen horns from around the world" hundreds of times in California and other states and several times at San Francisco's California Academy of Sciences. Five different careers have involved working with famous people like pianist/comedian Victor Borge and opera star Marilyn Horne. At 85 years of age, he is still an active performer on several instruments. His daughter, Jo Nemoyten, edited his book and will share information about self-publishing and the use of the internet. For more information about Bill Nemoyten, visit www.thehornman.com.

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Four ways to protect your stuff at airport security

SUBMITTED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Flying out to visit friends and family for the holidays? The hustle and bustle of the season is amplified at the airport and crooks take advantage! What's a traveler to do? Start packing valuables in checked luggage? Absolutely not! Keeping your valuables on your person or in your carry-on bags is still the safest bet.

Here are four tips to help keep your belongings safe as you pass through airport security checkpoints, whether you're tapped for a secondary screening or just passing through the security line.

1. Don't put cash in a bin.

If you need to remove your money clip because it's going to set off the metal detector, take the money out and put the cash back in your pocket before putting the money clip in the bin. Don't carry large amounts of cash with you through the airport or while traveling at all if you can help it. And if you want to be extra cautious, people who keep their wallet in a purse or bag or jacket that's going down the conveyor belt should take the cash out and keep it on their person.

2. Don't go through the metal detector or scanner before your bags.

Don't leave your bags behind while you sail through security. If there's an opening at the metal detector or scanner but a backup on the bag conveyor belt, it is perfectly acceptable to wait for your bags and bins to get into the screener before proceeding through yourself.

3. Keep your bags in sight at all times.

It's possible you'll need to pass through the metal detector or scanner more than once. It's also possible you'll be chosen for a pat down or additional screening. In any case, cooperate with the TSA but keep your bags in your line of site. Again, simply appearing aware of your belongings will scare off most potential thieves. If you are taken to another area or separate room for screening, insist that your bags come with you.

4. Know exactly what you came with.

Keep a mental note of how many bins you used and what you put inside each. Theft often happens when someone forgets an item — like a laptop — and walks away from security toward the gate. In the time it takes to realize what you left behind, it may be gone.

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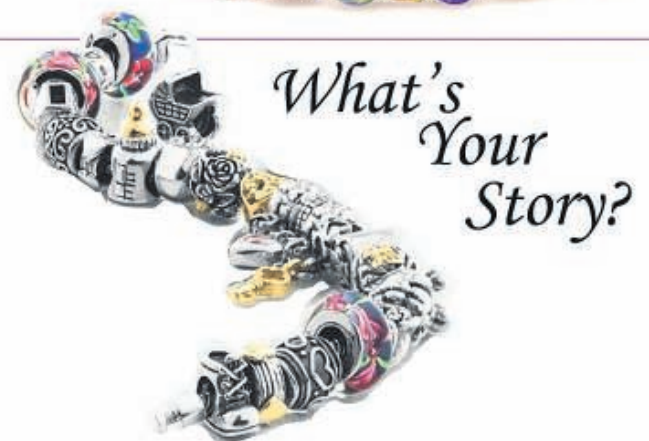
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the four seasons and nature, incorporating a hint of surrealism.

A free workshop, “Painting with Acrylics” will be held Saturdays, January 18 and 25. Romeo and Doyle - along with students from Romeo’s Fine Art class - will also host an opening party on January 12.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. The Cultural Corner, which opened in May 2011, provides exhibit space for the

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