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Improv Comedy Celebrates New Year's Eve

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Fremont's own award-winning Made Up Theatre is getting ready for its 3rd annual "New Year's Eve Spectacular" on December 31. This event will feature both of Made Up Theatre's unique main stage improv comedy shows, Laugh Track City and 5 Play. Laugh Track City is similar

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Cull Canyon celebrates 50 years of recreation

By SARA GIUSTI

With 2014 coming to a close, there's no better time to reflect and be grateful for the little things in life... and big things, too. How about the vast acres of open space and parks of the Bay Area for starters? One park has a lot to be grateful for and look forward to as it celebrates its 50th birthday with two end-of-year hikes. Castro Valley's Cull Canyon has been a source of recreation for the Bay Area since 1964. Plans for Cull Canyon go back to the Davis Grunsky Act of 1960 that provided financial aid to local public agencies for the development and maintenance of California's water resources, as well as grants to agencies that protected wildlife and promoted outside recreation. The Alameda County Flood Control District applied and partnered with East Bay Recreational Park District to create two dams, Cull Canyon and Don Castro, formerly known as San Lorenzo Creek Dam. Several grants and resolutions later, construction began in 1962 and lasted one year.

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Kwanzaa

A celebration
of family, community,
and culture

For the African-American community, the remaining days of December turn into a holiday celebrating family, community, and culture. Kwanzaa occurs from December 26 to January 1. Kwanzaa – derived from "matunda ya kwanza" meaning "first fruits" in Swahili – is symbolic of the first harvest celebrations of Africa. The holiday was founded in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, professor of Africana Studies at California State University, Long Beach. On his annual Kwanzaa message published in the Los Angeles Sentinel in 2012, Dr. Karenga stated: "[Kwanzaa] is a time of appreciative remembrance of our ancestors, great and ordinary, of the models of human excellence, achievement and possibility they offer, and of the enduring legacy of the good they left in the world."

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Resolve To Have ‘The Conversation’ About Your Wishes

Part 2 of a 3-Part Series on Advance Health Care Directives

Having a conversation with your loved ones about your end-of-life health care wishes is one of the most important parts of creating an advance health care directive, but finding the right time to have that conversation can be complicated. “The circumstances for having a conversation with others about your end-of-life wishes will vary from individual to individual,” says Washington Hospital’s Spiritual Care Coordinator Michelle Hedding, MA, RN, CHPN. “Some people may prefer to discuss their decisions with one person at a time, while others might want to hold the conversation at a family gathering – perhaps during the holiday season when families are already gathered together.” It is hard enough to think about how to approach the end of life. It is even more difficult to discuss it with loved ones. According to a 2012 survey of Californians by the California HealthCare

Foundation, 60 percent of respondents said that making sure their family is not burdened by tough end-of-life decisions is “extremely important,” yet 56 percent had not communicated their end-of-life wishes. Hedding suggests that setting a date and time to have “the conversation” may make sense for some people because it gives them and their loved ones some time to think about it beforehand. “I made a date with my spouse on Valentine’s Day last year to have the conversation,” she recalls. “We both felt like it was the most loving gift we could possibly give each other.” Hedding used a card game, the “Go Wish Game,” developed by Coda Alliance. The game features a set of 36 cards, each of which has a short statement of something people often cite as being important to them in the last weeks or months of life. The cards fall into three categories:



Anyone over age 18, in good health and in a good frame of mind should have an advance directive. The best time to fill out an advance directive is when you are healthy and not during a health emergency. Washington Hospital’s Health Insurance Information Service provides free assistance with advance health care directives. Call (510) 494-7005 to schedule an appointment.

- Personal wishes, such as “I want to take care of unfinished business with family and friends,” or “I want to be able to talk about what death means.”
- Detailed physical wishes, such as “I want to be free from pain,” or “I don’t want to be short of breath.”
- Specific spiritual wishes, such as “I want to be able to pray,” or “I want to meet with clergy.”

The game also includes a “wild card” so people can come up with their own wish. “We used the cards as a guide for our conversation, sorting our cards into three piles: what was very important, what would be nice, and what was not a high priority,” Hedding says. “It was really eye-opening. There are things we never would have known about each other’s preferences.”

Before you can communicate your health care wishes, you need to decide what they are. Ask yourself what is most important to you. Do you want to play an active role in medical decisions, or do you prefer to have your doctors or someone else make those decisions for you? What kinds of aggressive medical treatments would you want – or not want? What are the most important things that you want your loved ones – or physicians – to know about your wishes? One resource for helping you prepare for having “the conversation” is the Conversation Starter Kit, created by The Conversation Project and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement. Set up like a workbook, the free kit guides you through the process of getting ready to discuss your wishes. “The Conversation Starter Kit gives you a chance to think through your wishes,” Hedding explains. “It also helps you think through the who, when and where of having the conversation and provides tips for starting the conversation.” Hedding notes that “the conversation” is not usually going to be a quick and easy one. In fact, it may take several conversations, and it could be a conversation that changes over time as life progresses and circumstances change. “For example, if one of your parents dies, you may need to have a new conversation with the

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	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
	12/23/14	12/24/14	12/25/14	12/26/14	12/27/14	12/28/14	12/29/14
12:00 PM 12:00 AM	Arthritis: Do I Have One of 100 Types?	Inside Washington Hospital: Stroke Response Team?	Diabetes Matters: Partnering with your Doctor to Improve Control	Community Based Senior Supportive Services	Deep Venous Thrombosis	Diabetes in Pregnancy	Meatless Mondays
12:30 PM 12:30 AM		Voices InHealth: Radiation Safety	Don't Let Hip Pain Run You Down			Diabetes Matters: Partnering with your Doctor to Improve Control	
1:00 PM 1:00 AM	Washington Women's Center: Cancer Genetic Counseling	Diabetes Matters: Partnering with your Doctor to Improve Control		Superbugs:Are We Winning the Germ War?	What Are Your Vital Signs Telling You?	Turning 65? Get To Know Medicare	Diabetes Matters: Strategies for Support
1:30 PM 1:30 AM		Voices InHealth:The Legacy Strength Training System	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 10th, 2014				Strengthen Your Back! Learn to Improve Your Back Fitness
2:00 PM 2:00 AM	Women's Health Conference: Can Lifestyle Reduce the Risk of Cancer?	Influenza and Other Contagious Respiratory Conditions		Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 10th, 2014	GERD & Your Risk of Esophageal Cancer	Diabetes Matters: Dietary Supplements:What You Need To Know	
2:30 PM 2:30 AM	Your Concerns InHealth: Decisions in End of Life Care		Do You Have Sinus Problems?				The Weigh to Success
3:00 PM 3:00 AM	Acetaminophen Overuse Danger	Hypertension:The Silent Killer		Vitamins and Supplements - How Useful Are They?	Acetaminophen Overuse Danger	What Are Your Vital Signs Telling You?	
3:30 PM 3:30 AM			Alzheimer's Disease				Acetaminophen Overuse Danger
4:00 PM 4:00 AM	The Weigh to Success	Hypertension:The Silent Killer		Learn Exercises to Help Lower Your Blood Pressure and Slow Your Heart Rate	Inside Washington Hospital:The Emergency Department	Inside Washington Hospital:The Emergency Department	
4:30 PM 4:30 AM			Voices InHealth:New Surgical Options for Breast Cancer Treatment				What Are Your Vital Signs Telling You?
5:00 PM 5:00 AM	Voices InHealth:The Legacy Strength Training System	Skin Cancer		Influenza and Other Contagious Respiratory Condition	Vitamins and Supplements - How Useful Are They?	Community Based Senior Supportive Services	
5:30 PM 5:30 AM			Cataracts and Diabetic Eye Conditions				Voices InHealth:The Legacy Strength Training System
6:00 PM 6:00 AM	Treatment Options for Knee Problems	Hypertension:The Silent Killer	Inside Washington Hospital: Patient Safety	Treating Infection: Learn About Sepsis	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 10th, 2014	Diabetes Matters:Top Foods for Heart Health	
6:30 PM 6:30 AM		Inside Washington Hospital: Rapid Detection of MRSA	How to Maintain a Healthy Weight: Good Nutrition is Key				Learn Exercises to Help Lower Your Blood Pressure and Slow Your Heart Rate
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9:00 PM 9:00 AM		The Weigh to Success				Influenza and Other Contagious Respiratory Condition	Do You Suffer From Anxiety or Depression?
9:30 PM 9:30 AM		Lunch and Learn: Yard to Table		GERD & Your Risk of Esophageal Cancer	Keys to Healthy Eyes		
10:00 PM 10:00 AM	What You Should Know About Carbs and Food Labels	Women's Health Conference:Aging Gracefully	Cataracts and Diabetic Eye Conditions			Vitamins and Supplements - How Useful Are They?	Community Based Senior Supportive Services
10:30 PM 10:30 AM		Reach Your Goal: Quit Smoking	Kidney Transplants	GERD & Your Risk of Esophageal Cancer	Keys to Healthy Eyes		
11:00 PM 11:00 AM	Your Concerns In-Health: Senior Scam Prevention	Get Back On Your Feet: New Treatment Options for Ankle Conditions	Inside Washington Hospital: Rapid Detection of MRSA	Keys to Healthy Eyes		Community Based Senior Supportive Services	What You Should Know About Carbs and Food Labels
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Trees of Angels 2014

A Holiday Tradition in Support of Hospice Care

Friends, family and community members joined together to attend the holiday tree lighting ceremonies and Children's Holiday Breakfast as part of the nineteenth annual Trees of Angels campaign. Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation and Bernardin Family McDonalds partner on Trees of Angels in the Tri-City to support hospice care in our community.

The 2014 Trees of Angels events kicked off with a tree lighting ceremony on Monday, December 1 at the Newark City Hall. Rain showers held off while Santa and Mrs. Claus mingled in the crowd and Mayor Al Nagy emceed the program. The Newark Memorial Cougar Choraliers and the City of Newark's Preschool Child Care Program entertained community members with holiday carols. Attendees were amazed by the large tree that was lit once again this year in memory of Newark Police Chief, Carl Pierce, who passed away in 1986.

On Wednesday night, community members attended a tree lighting co-hosted by Union City Chamber of Commerce at the Nakamura Clinic in Union City. Mayor of Union City and President of the Foundation, Carol Dutra-Vernaci, welcomed the crowd and emceed the event. Union City Chamber President, Larry Bowen, thanked everyone for their support of the Foundation and Chamber of Commerce. The James Logan Jazz Singers, led by Erin McShane, sang several holiday tunes. Following the tree lighting, Santa and Mrs. Claus handed out gifts graciously donated by Union



Mary Amyx and Union City Mayor and Foundation President, Carol Dutra-Vernaci



Mrs. Claus and Santa



Marlene Weibel, Ronald McDonald and Nesly Moquette



:Tree of Angels at Bernardin Family McDonalds

City Chamber Members to all the children present.

The following Saturday, the Children's Holiday Breakfast was held at Washington West. Over 200 attendees enjoyed breakfast provided by the Bernardin Family McDonalds, a magic show by Ronald McDonald and a photo session with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Families from Kidango, Centro de Servicios and ABODE were invited as guests of the

Foundation. Children were delighted to choose their own gift as well as receive a Happy Meal toy. Crafts were provided by Girl Scout Cadet Troop 30367 and holiday music was performed by Andrew Wilson. It was a magical morning for all who attended.

Due to the inclement weather, the final tree lighting was held on December 8, a week later that originally scheduled. The event was held at the Bernardin Family

McDonalds located on Mission Boulevard and I-680. Guests enjoyed holiday favorites from both What the Dickens Chorus and the Mission San Jose High School Chamber Choral, let by Jason Aucoin. Mayor Bill Harrison and community member, Laura Corral-Rodriguez, threw the switch to light the beautiful tree adorned with angels.

"On behalf of the Foundation, I would like to thank our Trees of

Angels Committee who helped make these events possible. It is always a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season," said Carol Dutra-Vernaci, Mayor of Union City and President of the Foundation. "Many thanks to our sponsors and friends who support these festive holiday events."

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Ask the Doctor

This is an ongoing column in which Dr. Mary Maish answers your health-related questions. Questions for Dr. Maish should be emailed to Ask the Doctor at: askthedoctor@whhs.com

Medical Attention During the Holidays and Heartburn or Heart Attack?

Dear Doctor,
What is the best way to get medical attention during the holidays? Should I go immediately to the ER even for non-urgent medical issues?

Dear Reader,
The holidays are a difficult time to be ill, but help is always available. During the holidays, most medical offices will remain open though with some shortened hours. If you require non-urgent medical care, call your doctor's office early in the morning so that the on-call doctor can fit you into the schedule. If your doctor cannot see you, go to Urgent Care. As a reminder, Washington Hospital has an Urgent Care clinic that is open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and yes, that includes holidays. For all emergent medical needs please go to the nearest emergency room.

Dear Doctor,
For the past three years, my husband has been in the ER with chest pain that turns out to be heartburn! Is there anything I can do to prevent our annual trip to the emergency room?

Dear Reader,
Heartburn is very common over the holidays and often mimics the pain of a heart attack. To help prevent heartburn, you can have your husband double up on his acid suppression medicine a few days ahead of the festivities. Limiting his alcohol and food consumption will also help. If his chest pain is severe and not like the pain he has had in the past, I would advise that you take him to the nearest ER.

Mary S. Maish, M.D



Dr. Maish is a board certified thoracic and general surgeon. She holds a Master's degree from Harvard University and completed her thoracic surgery training at Baylor/MD Anderson in Houston, Texas. Dr. Maish currently serves as the Chief of Thoracic and Foregut Surgery at Washington Township Medical Foundation and is on the Medical Staff at Washington Hospital.

A New Year's Goal: Coordinate Your Care

When the New Year is Here, Think About Your Health First

Every year, we live from one milestone or holiday to another, including — in rapid succession during the last three months — Diwali, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza and New Year's.

"Finding the right physician at the start of the year can help coordinate your health care, including annual screenings for overall wellness," says Michael Parmley, MD, a Washington Township Medical Foundation board-certified internal medicine physician and primary care doctor.

"Every single problem that people have creates a need for specific tests," he continues.

"For example, if you have high blood pressure, heart disease, high cholesterol, or even high blood sugar, you should talk to your doctor sooner rather than later to get any of these conditions under control before they become a major health issue."

"We recommend certain types of tests often to monitor your progress," adds Dr. Parmley, "and to fully ensure that every system in your body is working at its optimum."

To keep your conditions under control, he recommends the following screenings:

- For Overall Health: A complete physical exam with a blood test to check your height, weight and body mass index (BMI) with immunizations as needed: every one to three years, but annually after age 40. An annual flu vaccine is also recommended for all ages.
- For Diabetic Patients: A glycohemoglobin test every three to six months, a urine test for protein at least once a year, and a comprehensive set of lab tests annually. A yearly diabetic eye check from an eye specialist is also important. Careful monitoring of your feet is also something that people with diabetes need to do. Often, diabetic education refresher courses are an excellent way to get back on track.
- For High Cholesterol Patients: A lipid profile to check your cholesterol and for vascular disease every three to twelve months. There are usually no symptoms for high cholesterol, but if you smoke, are obese, have a poor diet, don't exercise regularly or have diabetes, adding high cholesterol to the mix can really be dangerous to your health. Fortunately, there are many treatments that can reduce this risk.
- For Heart Disease or High Blood Pressure Patients: A check-up every three to four months, including a stress test if necessary, to keep high blood pressure and heart



The beginning of a new year is the perfect time to think about your health. Your primary care physician can help coordinate your health care, including annual screenings for overall wellness.

conditions under control. You may have symptoms of cardiovascular disease if you have chest pain (angina), shortness of breath, a slow or a racing heartbeat, chest pain, lightheadedness, dizziness, numbness or coldness in your legs or arms, or pain in either your neck, jaw, throat, upper abdomen or back.

- For Women: A mammogram every one to two years, depending on your risk and a Pap smear every one or three years, depending on family history or personal circumstances.
- For Pregnant Women and Moms: A Tdap vaccine is recommended every 10 years for tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis, but pregnant women should have it during every pregnancy.
- For Everyone 50-65 Years Old: A colon cancer screening with either a stool blood test (FOBT) annually, a flexible sigmoidoscopy every five years, or a colonoscopy exam every 10 years. If there's a family history of colon cancer, have a screening 10 years prior to the age of the youngest family member diagnosed. A shingles vaccine at age 60 is also recommended, especially if you had chicken pox as a youngster, and a pneumonia vaccine should be considered for people 65 and older.

Learn More

Michael Parmley, MD, is bilingual in English and Spanish; his office accepts most medical insurance plans.

For more information about Dr. Parmley or to schedule an annual check-up, call 510-248-1860 or visit <http://www.mywtnmf.com>. His office is located at Washington Township Medical Foundation, 6236 Thornton Avenue, Newark, CA 94560.



Fremont Warming Center for the Homeless

In November 2014, the City of Fremont Human Services Department in partnership with City Serve Compassion Network and with support from Abode Services, opened a Winter Warming Center for Homeless residents in Fremont and the greater Tri-City area.

A Warming Center provides a warm, safe environment for homeless persons (men, women and families) by giving them an option to “come in” from freezing or very wet weather. The center is activated when heavy rains are predicted or when weather will likely fall below 40 degrees.

The Warming Center is located at the Fremont Senior Center in Wing A, located at 40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy. The center opens at 6:30 p.m. and participants are asked to enter through the door at the southeast corner of the building. No one will be admitted after 8:30 p.m. The center provides a welcoming environment, dinner, a sleeping bag, mat and pillow and breakfast prior to 7 a.m. when participants are asked to leave the facility.

To see if the center is open, call 510-574-2222. Persons wishing to donate food, supplies, or volunteer may contact City Serve Compassion Network at 510-796-7378. Persons wishing to contribute funds to help keep the center open may contact the City’s Human Services Department at 510-574-2051, or contribute electronically at www.Fremont.gov/HSDonate.

City of Fremont Holiday Camps



School holiday break is just around the corner and the City of Fremont Recreation Services has you covered! We’ve got indoor and outdoor sports camps, tennis camps, just for fun camps, academic enrichment camps, and everything in-between. All of our camp locations offer extended care to help with full day coverage from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. So don’t delay – register today, and enjoy the holidays knowing that your kids are safe and having a great time with the City of Fremont. We’ll see you in camp!

For more information and a full list of our holiday camp options, visit www.Fremont.gov/DayCamps, or to register visit www.Regerec.com.

FREE PET ADOPTIONS

Through Jan. 3, 2015

There is no better time than the present to give an animal a new home for the holidays.

All pet adoptions from the Tri-City Animal Shelter will be free to qualified and approved homes through Saturday, January 3, 2015. The adoption will include spay or neuter, a rabies vaccine, and a microchip; the pet license for Fremont residents will be the only item not included.

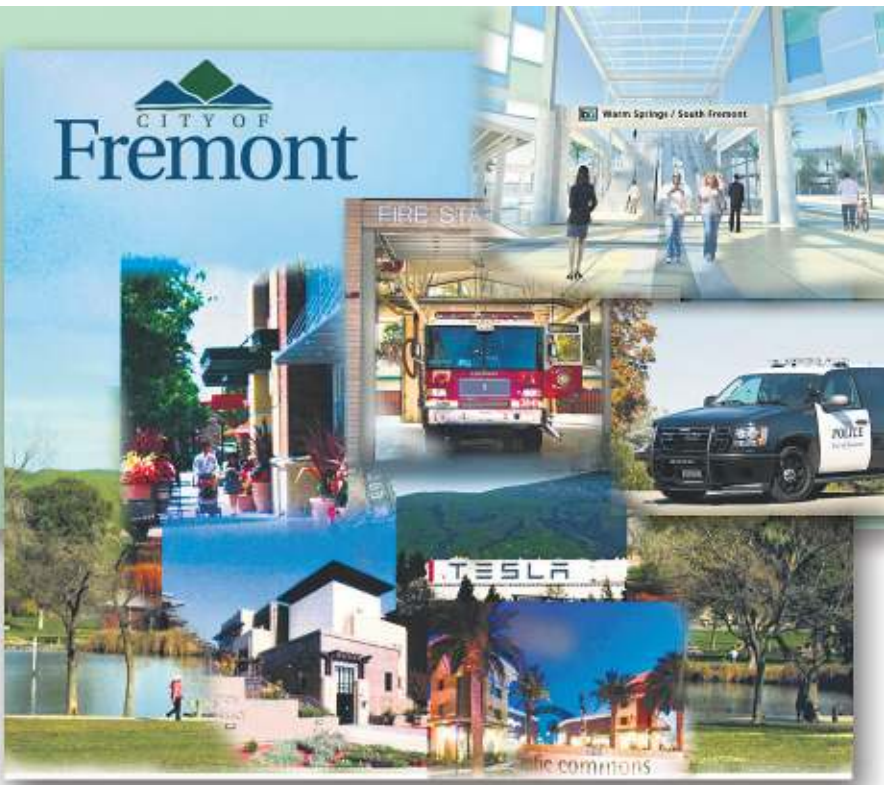
Currently the shelter is full of pets just waiting to be taken home to their new forever home. Many of the pets have already been spay or neutered and can be taken home today.

The Tri-City Animal Shelter is open Tuesday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The shelter is closed every Sunday and Monday and will also be closed for City-observed holidays on Dec. 24, 25, 31, 2014 and Jan. 1, 2015.

To view all of our available pets visit www.petharbor.com and search for the Fremont Animal Shelter. For more information visit www.FremontPolice.org/AnimalServices.



Thankful to Have a New Home



City of Fremont Holiday Closure Scheduled for Dec. 24, 2014 - Jan. 2, 2015 Police, Fire Services Not Affected

The City of Fremont is implementing a Holiday Closure for many non-public safety City Services from Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2014 through Friday, Jan. 2, 2015. The Holiday Closure is scheduled for Dec. 26, 29, 30, 2014 and Jan. 2, 2015, while City holidays are observed on Dec. 24, 25, 31, 2014 and Jan. 1, 2015. City offices participating in the Holiday Closure will re-open for business on Monday, Jan. 5, 2015. This closure will not affect police and fire services



- Offices that are taking part in the Holiday Closure include:**
- City Hall, 3300 Capitol Ave., Building A and Building B (Administrative offices)
 - Fire Administration, 3300 Capitol Ave., Building A
 - Development Services Center, 39550 Liberty St.
 - Maintenance Center, 42551 Osgood Rd.
 - All Community Centers

- Offices and facilities providing limited services during the Holiday Closure include:**
- Parks and Recreation, 3300 Capitol Ave., Building B (for walk-in registration of recreation programs only, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 22-23 and Dec. 29-30. On Fridays, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, walk-in registration for recreation programs will be handled by the Central Park Visitor Center, 40000 Paseo Padre Pkwy. in Central Park. Call 510-494-4300 for information.)
 - Community Centers and Recreation buildings with Holiday Day Camps, Programs, and pre-booked facility rentals
 - Life Eldercare (clients should contact 510-574-2090 for additional information)
 - Afghan Elderly Association (clients should contact their caseworker for additional information)

- During the Holiday Closure:**
- The Fremont Police Department and Fremont Fire Department will continue to provide public safety services.
 - A minimum number of City staff will be available in an on-call status to provide emergency maintenance services such as responding to storm-related issues.

- Regularly-scheduled street sweeping will occur on Dec. 26, 29, and 30, 2014 and Jan. 2, 2015, weather permitting; no street sweeping on City-observed holidays. (We will make every effort to provide service on a different day.)
- Animal Services will provide regular services and the Tri-City Animal Shelter, located at 1950 Stevenson Blvd., will be open Friday and Saturday, Dec. 26 and 27, as well as Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2014 and Friday, Jan. 2, 2015. (Please note the shelter will also be open on Dec. 23, 2014 and Jan. 3, 2015.)
- The Human Services Department will have one or two crisis counselors available at the Fremont Family Resource Center, located at 39155 Liberty St.
- Garbage, recycling, and yardwaste collection by Republic Services will be one day late for Thursday and Friday residential customers during the weeks of December 22nd and 29th. Call 510-657-3500 for more information.
- The Parks and Recreation Department will offer camps and other programs.
- Building Inspection staff will be doing limited inspections on Dec. 26, 29, 30, 2014 and Jan. 2, 2015. Schedule your inspection on the automated line at 510-494-4885 and call your Building Inspector the morning of the inspection to confirm.
- The Fremont Tennis Center will be open for public play, weather permitting. Some holiday public hours; call 510-790-5510 for tennis-related information.

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

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

FY 2015-2016 Community Development Block Grant Funding

The City of Fremont announces the availability of approximately \$700,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds, commonly known as CDBG funds, for projects benefiting low-to-moderate income Fremont residents for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Not-for-profit 501(c)(3) and/or public agencies are eligible to apply. Secular ministries or programs of a religious organization are also eligible.

Request for Proposals (RFPs) for FY 2015-2016 CDBG funding are available via ZoomGrants at www.Fremont.gov/Grants.

For more information about the City’s Community Development Block Grant Program, visit www.Fremont.gov/CDBG or contact Lucia Hughes at 510-574-2043 or Leticia Leyva at 510-574-2072.

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Resolve To Have ‘The Conversation’ About Your Wishes

Part 2 of a 3-Part Series on Advance Health Care Directives

other parent because having a loved one die definitely changes your perspective,” she says. “Has losing a spouse changed the other parent’s views with regard to hospice care or continuing to live alone?”

“I recently had another conversation with my mother, and we covered various scenarios to consider what she would want in different circumstances,” she adds. “An advance directive can always be revised if you change your mind or if your health or living situation changes. Nothing is set in stone.”

Hedding acknowledges that the end of life is a difficult topic for discussion.

“You are talking about very personal values, and you need to respect each other’s choices and values,” Hedding says. “It’s important to keep an open mind and an open heart, remembering that there are no ‘right’ or ‘wrong’ answers. When you are taking part in the discussion, remember this is someone who loves you enough to want to have this conversation with you.

“If you think it might be helpful, you could invite an outside party such as a pastor, counselor, physician or someone you know who has already been through the process to join you in the conversation,” she adds. “In any case, it’s much better to have the conversation somewhere other than at your hospital bedside when you are facing a health care crisis. As you approach the holiday season and the upcoming New Year, why not resolve to set a date for having ‘the conversation’ with the people you love?”

(Part 1 of this series of articles discussed the importance of creating an advance health care directive to specify your preferences for medical care in critical situations and at the end of life, and provided resources for helping you to do it. That article can be found in the December 16, 2014, edition of the Tri-City Voice at www.tricityvoice.com or on the Washington Hospital website at www.whhs.com/news. Part 3 of the series will discuss the spiritual, emotional and cultural concerns that people may want to address in an advance directive.)

Learn More

For more information about the “Go Wish Game,” or to order the game, visit www.codaalliance.org/gowish-cards.html. To view or download a free PDF version of “The Conversation Starter Kit,” visit www.TheConversationProject.org.

Washington Hospital offers assistance to people who wish to create an advance health care directive. The Hospital’s Health Insurance Information Service Coordinator, Kristi Caracappa, is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. by phone or in person. Call (510) 494-7005. Her office is located at Washington West, 2500 Mowry Avenue, Suite 100, in Fremont.

For more information and links to advance health care directive forms, visit www.whhs.com/advance-directives. You also can visit the following websites to learn more about Advance Health Care Directives and the “Five Wishes:” www.calhospital.org/resource/advance-health-care-directive and www.agingwithdignity.org/five-wishes.php.

FUSD accepting applications for Board appointee

SUBMITTED BY BRIAN KILLGORE

The resignation of School Board Trustee Lily Mei to accept her election to Fremont City Council has created a vacancy on the Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) Board of Education.

At its December 10 meeting, the Board elected to name a provisional appointee to serve the remaining two years of Mei’s term. Candidates must be 18 years of age or older, a registered voter and a resident within the boundaries of FUSD. Online applications are available for download at www.bit.ly/FUSDBoardApp. Email completed applications to: board@fremont.k12.ca.us. Deadline for submitting applications is Monday, January 12, 2015.

Candidate interviews will take place Wednesday, January 21, as part of a special Board meeting. The chosen appointee will be sworn in at the Board’s January 28 regular meeting and will serve through November 2016.

Contact FUSD at (510) 657-2350 for more information.

Newark Library announces change in hours

SUBMITTED BY ADINA AGUIRRE

The Newark Library is pleased to announce new hours of service. Beginning January 5, 2015 the Library will be open Mondays rather than Fridays in order to better serve the residents of Newark.

Our new hours mean that we will be able to offer more programs to serve the school-age youth in our Homework Help Center, Homework Express. Homework Express will be expanding its hours to include Monday programs in February. Also, being open at noon on Mondays and Tuesdays will allow for more quiet study time for the public.

Newark Library is located at 6300 Civic Terrace Ave. in Newark. Its staff may be reached by phone at (510) 284-0675. Information on the Newark Library is also available at www.acilibrary.org. The hours of operation are:

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Improv Comedy Celebrates New Year's Eve

to the hit television show "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" and 5 Play showcases a fully improvised movie based on a suggested title from the audience. "It's been a great year," says Made Up Theatre co-owner Ben Stephens. "Our New Year's Eve show is always our favorite, since the audience is always excited and ready to have a fun night to end the year on."

The "New Year's Eve Spectacular" is Made Up Theatre's most anticipated show of the year, and in addition to seeing a show performed by the Main Stage cast members, guests will also have access to snacks and desserts, a raffle for prizes, and party favors. The cast members will also be holding an interactive toast, where guests are invited to say a few words as 2014 draws to a close. "We've started the show at an earlier time that will give guests the opportunity to head to their post-show celebration to count down the start of 2015," says Stephens.

Made Up Theatre's previous "New Year's Eve Spectacular" featured the debut of their new stage that drew inspiration from famous venues in Chicago, like Second City and the iO Theater. The renovated stage is equipped with two doors that lead into a backstage area, a second level balcony, and a trap door. "Seeing our stage evolve into something more than just a small platform was huge for us," says co-owner Sean Taylor. "It has become our playground, and even though we've gotten some injuries on it, it has given us more creative outlets to use during our shows."

Made Up Theatre cast members Bobby August, Karin Plow, Dustin Seidler, Stephens, and

Taylor have been performing improv shows in Fremont since 2010 before they officially opened Made Up Theatre's doors in January 2011. They are approaching their 4-year anniversary and recently celebrated their 200th show. "We've had a very busy year with classes, new shows, festivals, and other new ventures," says August. One of their recent ventures has been the introduction of the Playground, a weekly improv jam where people of any experience level get to play improv games and perform in scenes. "It's just like a music jam, but there are no instruments, so anybody can do it!"

2015 is looking to be an exciting year for the Main Up Theatre owners and cast members. "We are getting ready to introduce a new Sunday show that will highlight our new talent at Made Up Theatre," says August. "And when you see that show, you have the opportunity to stay afterwards for the Playground and try out improv!" The new Sunday show is expected to debut in February 2015.

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

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Urban Art Competition

SUBMITTED BY RISING SUN ENERGY CENTER

Are you passionate about water conservation? Are you an aspiring local artist? Or are you looking for a meaningful way to express your creativity? Rising Sun Energy Center is holding its first ever Urban Art Competition to raise awareness about water conservation issues, and to provide a platform for local artists to showcase their work and connect with one another.

Participants will have until March 12 to submit a work of art using their chosen medium and style that highlights water conservation issues and utilizes recycled materials. Participants can be matched with a Rising Sun staff member who can provide mentorship to support the artist in the design and creation of a water conservation masterpiece.

Rising Sun will host a community event to showcase the competition. Community members, organizational partners, and local artists will join us for an evening of art, music, water conservation education, and food. Some of these guests will also serve as judges for the competition. Prizes for the winners include a \$300 grand prize gift voucher for Apple and a \$50 runner-up gift voucher for FLAX art & design.

Please submit your expression of interest by Monday, January 5 to Jennifer Wohlfrom at Wohlfrom@risingsunenergy.org or express your interest online at <https://docs.google.com/a/risingsunenergy.org/forms/d/1T8exKgL85DgQoZC5gVs6ONcFiCKDCKANGymBl6h-Lfy/viewform>. More information regarding the next steps to participate in the competition will be provided to you when your expression of interest is submitted. Learn more about Rising Sun at <http://www.risingsunenergy.org/>.

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Trees of Angels 2014

Every year, Trees of Angels events help to raise funds for local hospice care. "Trees of Angels is our way of bringing some holiday cheer to our neighbors in the community," said Mark Bernardin, Chair of the Trees of Angels Committee and Owner of Bernardin Family McDonalds. "It gives us the opportunity to celebrate with our friends in Fremont, Union City and Newark, while sharing the important message of hospice care."

Hospice services allow patients to live their final weeks with dignity, often in the comfort of their own home, amidst the support and compassion of their loved ones. The care that patients and their families receive provides quality time together – a cherished gift during the holiday season.

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To take advantage of the promotion, print out the "FlashPass" and see complete details at www.bart.gov/airport.

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City of Hayward News Briefs

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF HAYWARD

Repairs at Russell Way

The recent storm caused significant damage to the creek embankment along Russell Way that requires immediate repair. Consequently, Russell Way will be closed to through traffic from 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each working day for four weeks beginning December 17. Further details, including information about residential access during construction, can be found at: <http://hayward-ca.gov/NEWS/2014/Russell%20Way%20Emergency%20Work%20-%20Notice%20of%20Construction.pdf>

City honors Director of Maintenance Services McGrath

The City Council bid a fond farewell this week to Director of Maintenance Services, Matt McGrath, after more than 30 years of committed, exemplary service to the City of Hayward. Director McGrath was lauded for his integrity, perspective and unwavering dedication to the city and residents of Hayward. Although his presence will be dearly missed, we wish him well in his future adventures.

City employees, residents adopt Hayward families for the holidays

The City of Hayward participated in the annual Adopt-A-Family program on December 12, 2014, in which many generous City staff members, Council Members and Hayward residents donated gifts benefiting local families this holiday season. The City of Hayward adopted five families, consisting of nineteen family members in total. Among the gifts donated on behalf of the City were gift baskets containing food items, gift cards, clothing, a bicycle, toys and books, to name a few. On Saturday, December 13, 2014, celebrity elves, some representing the City of Hayward, helped navigate the adopted families through fun activities including pictures with Santa, a toy room for the kids, a room for the children to choose a gift for their parents, and the family coat room. The families also received their gifts, ensuring a memorable holiday for all involved.



City honors Director of
Maintenance Services McGrath

January is Hayward Restaurant Month

Enjoy a host of discounts and other special offers from 17 local eateries during the Hayward Restaurant Month in January. Your passport to savings at each of the participating businesses is only \$10 and benefits the Hayward Public Library's After School Homework Support Center and Leadership Hayward.

Participating restaurants are Acqua e Farina Ristorante, Bijou, Bubble Crab, Buddy's Bites & Brews, Buffalo Bills Brewery, Buon Appetito, Cannery Café, The Cupcake Shoppe, eko Coffee Bar & Tea House, El Taquito Restaurant #2, Golden Peacock Banquets and Ultimate Lounge, Golden Tea Garden, International House of Pancakes, Kin Café, Ristorante di Palermo, San Marcos Restaurant, and Skywest Restaurant.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF NUSD GOVERNING BOARD VACANCY AND PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION LETTER FROM THE BOARD

Friday, December 19, 2014

To the Newark Community,

On Tuesday, December 16, 2014, Governing Board Member Tom Huynh was appointed to his elected position on the Board of Education creating a provisional vacancy on the Board.

The Governing Board vacancy will be filled by Board appointment. Beginning today, December 19, 2014 and ending at 4:00 on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, the Board will be accepting applications to fill this position. Please visit www.newarkunified.org for a copy of the application or you can pick up a copy at the District Office.

On Tuesday, January 20, 2015 the Board will meet in open session at 5:00 p.m. at the District Office to review all applications and to interview the candidates. Candidates should make themselves available for this meeting. The Board anticipates making the selection at this meeting. The appointment will become effective immediately. Applications will be accepted from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the District Office, beginning Monday, January 5, 2015. To be considered as a candidate, the application must be received in the District Office by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2015. Any application received after 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 will not be accepted.

If you have any questions about the process, please feel free to call Board President Jan Crocker at 510-797-5723 or email at jcrocker@newarkunified.org.

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Auto Review

Hyundai Sonata

Refinement and Sobriety

BY STEVE SCHAEFER

The Hyundai Sonata has improved and matured over the years, and is now fully competitive with its Japanese, American and European competitors. It may even be better in some ways. Assembled in Montgomery, Alabama, it re-

My Phantom Black Sport 2.0T model had that more potent powerplant under the newly configured hood and it felt more than up to the task. It doesn't sound like a V6, of course, but I detected no turbo lag either. The EPA rates the 2.0-liter engine at 23 City, 32 Highway, and 26 Combined. My mileage came

Over the past 22 years, Steve Schaefer has tested more than 1,000 cars and published a weekly story on every one. As a teenager, he visited car dealers' back lots to catch a glimpse of the new models as they first rolled off the transporter. He is a founding member of the Western Automotive Journalists. Contact Steve at sdsauto@sbcglobal.net.

resents Hyundai's commitment to success in North America. The 2011 Sonata, with its new Fluidic Sculpture design inside and out, energized sales and enhanced the car's overall reputation. That's why it's a little strange that the all-new 2015 model, while still attractive, looks a bit subdued compared to the previous generation. This is all the more surprising when the Toyota Camry and Honda Accord, midsize sedan leaders, are growing more exuberant. Hyundai's leaders describe Fluidic Sculpture 2.0 as "refined."

Refinement can mean many things, but in this case, it includes using more high-strength steel in the platform, adding more sound-absorbing materials, improving the driver interaction with the interior switches, and increasing performance. The company even went to its interior suppliers to coordinate the look and feel of the switchgear. These, happily, are evident when you drive the car. Everything works perfectly and is easy to find.

Despite competing in the midsize sedan segment, the Sonata is classified by the EPA as a Large car, based on its 106.1 cubic feet (cu. ft.) of passenger room, and 122.4 cu. ft. of total interior volume. Both numbers are about three cubic feet more than the second-largest competitor, the Honda Accord. You can really stretch out front and rear. The trunk is deep and wide. A roomy glovebox is joined by a center console and capacious door pockets.

To distinguish it from the more upscale Genesis sedan, the company decreed only four-cylinder engines for the Sonata. The base engine uses its 2.4-liters to send 185 horsepower and 178 lb.-ft. of torque to the front wheels. That's adequate for a 3,505-lb. sedan. The 2.0-liter turbo engine bumps up the juice to 245 horsepower and 260 lb.-ft.

to 20.0 mpg for the test week, which reflected a new, shorter commute and a few unfettered freeway jaunts. The Green numbers are 5 for Smog and 6 for Greenhouse Gas—about normal for a car this size. Hyundai planners expect the Sport to be the most popular model. Outside, it's distinguished by a more aggressive grille design and side extensions with bold chrome strips. Sports come with ei-

ther engine. With the 2.0T, you get quad exhaust tips and 18-inch alloy wheels outside and a specially designed steering wheel with paddle shifters for the six-speed automatic transmission and a "sport" instrument panel inside. The handsome leather seats with contrasting stitching were comfortable.

A revised multilink rear suspension isn't something you'll think about while driving, but it enhances stability and responsiveness. The car stays true as you drive it, with a taut, balanced feel. My Sport 2.0T tester had a new rack-mounted, dual-pinion electric power steering system that felt firm and natural. A sport-tuned suspension and larger brakes are two more good reasons to opt for the Sport level Sonata.

My tester included the Ultimate Package, which for \$4,950, added a panoramic sunroof with shade, luxurious and traditional looking chrome window sur-

price-checking Camry and Accord fighter. And that would go along with the Hyundai marketing philosophy: Give a little more for the money—and surprise customers with extra content they don't expect. You don't need to go all-out with the Sonata. To move the metal, there's an SE model starting at \$21,960. The top model, the Limited 2.0T, has a base price of \$34,335, and comes standard with what's optional on the other models.

The new Sonata is quite impressive. However, despite its numerous improvements, with its more restrained lines and linear interior, it almost looks like the conservative alternate design to the revolutionary 2011 model rather than a successor. I expect sales to continue to be brisk. I couldn't find a single thing not to like about this carefully planned, finely rendered vehicle.

Be an Angel this Holiday

SUBMITTED BY LOVED TWICE

As you take time during this holiday season to celebrate with friends and family, Loved Twice asks that you take a moment and consider being an angel for a baby in need – a baby that needs just simple articles of clothing to keep warm over the holidays. We've done a lot of good this year: 9,809 babies clothed; 735,675 essential garments distributed to underserved communities; \$2,207,025 in garment value distributed to newborns in need; 98,090 pounds of baby clothes reused keeping America's infants warm; and 154 social service partnerships. But these are babies, not just stats and numbers. And we know local families in the community are desperate to keep their babies warm as the weather outside grows cold. A generous donor has come forward and agreed to match donations (up to \$6,000) that Loved Twice receives between now and the end of the year. This will allow us to greatly increase our impact this holiday season – bringing impoverished families some much needed comfort in knowing their infants will have the clothing they need to keep them warm over the coming cold months. We need your help to grow our impact in the community. If you can't make a financial contribution, please considering making Loved Twice the recipient of your company's holiday drive or considering donating gently recycled baby clothes. We couldn't do this without you! Anything you can donate counts, anything helps. So, why not be some baby's angel this year? Visit <http://lovedtwice.org/> to help or to learn more. Checks can also be mailed to: Loved Twice, 4123 Broadway, Suite 815, Oakland, CA 94611.

Dr. Julie Wong named CSUEB Vice President for Student Affairs

SUBMITTED BY JEFF BLISS

Dr. Julie Wong, a distinguished leader in the areas of student engagement and success, has been selected to lead Cal State University East Bay's (CSUEB) Student Affairs division.



"Dr. Wong is bringing a wealth and breadth of skills and knowledge about Student Affairs. She has a reputation not just for her commitment to students, but also for her passion about leadership and community engagement. We look forward to her bringing her vision and energy to the university, Student Affairs and our students," said CSUEB President Leroy M. Morishita. Wong's appointment is effective January 26, 2015. She succeeds Stan Hébert III, who had served as Acting Vice President.

Wong, who currently serves as the Regional Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs (Chief Student Affairs Officer) at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, has more than 24 years of experience in higher education administration.

Wong received her Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from the University of Southern California. She received her M.A. in Student Affairs from Michigan State University, and her B.S. in Recreation from San Jose State University. She is a graduate of the 2013 Harvard Institute for Management and Leadership in Education and served as faculty for the NASPA (Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education) Manicur Leadership Symposium for Women Aspiring to Become Chief Student Affairs Officers in 2014.



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Guerrero named Director of Child Support Services

SUBMITTED BY GWENDOLYN MITCHELL/LAUREL ANDERSON

County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors recently announced the appointment of Ignacio J. Guerrero as the Director of the Department of Child Support Services. Guerrero, a native of Santa Clara County, currently serves as Acting Director of Alameda County's Child Support Services Department. He brings 16 years of experience with the California child support program.

"Ignacio will bring strong leadership abilities and extensive knowledge of child support services to the County," said President Mike Wasserman. "He understands the critical role the department plays in the lives of families that depend on child support payments."

Guerrero joined Alameda County in 2011 as the Deputy Director for Child Support Services where he had oversight for all child support program operations. The department handled approximately 33,000 cases, serving 47,000 children, with collections of \$76 million annually and 241 Department staff. He held that position until November of this year, when he was appointed Acting Director. During his tenure as Deputy Director, he developed and implemented a comprehensive performance management system that resulted in historical increases in the department's Federal Performance Measures. He also led strategic planning efforts that focused on cultivating a Family Centered Services approach through inter-agency collaborations and continual process improvements.



Guerrero earned his Master of Public Administration from San Jose State University in 2002, and a Bachelor of Science in Commerce from Santa Clara University in 1995. He also attended the Berkeley Executive Seminar, UC Berkeley, Goldman School of Public Policy.

Guerrero will begin serving in the position on January 20, 2015. His salary will be \$228,000.

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VTA Board Elects New Leadership for 2015

SUBMITTED BY COLLEEN VALLES

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Board of Directors elected their new Chair and Vice Chair for 2015. Chair Ash Kalra will pass the gavel



to this year's Vice Chair Perry Woodward, Gilroy Mayor Pro Tempore, who will lead the organization through the Envision Silicon Valley process. Envision Silicon Valley is a VTA effort to examine Santa Clara County's transportation network and identify the gaps as well as ways to fill them in. Woodward will also lead VTA in planning for Phase II of VTA's BART Silicon Valley Extension.



Woodward has served on the VTA Board since 2010 and served as vice chair of the VTA Board's Administration and Finance Committee in 2014. He also serves as a member of Caltrain's board of directors.

The Board also elected County Supervisor Cindy Chavez as Vice Chair. "It's great to return to a leadership role on VTA," said Chavez, who served on the VTA Board from 1998 to 2006 while a councilmember for the City of San José. She returned to the VTA Board in 2013 as a County Supervisor.

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California's bullet train settles 1 of 7 lawsuits

By DON THOMPSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—The California High-Speed Rail Authority announced Friday that it has settled one of seven environmental lawsuits challenging the route of the \$68 billion bullet train through the Central Valley.

The settlement with the city of Bakersfield calls for officials to consider alternative routes through the Kern County city, and a new location for a Bakersfield train station if a new route is chosen. Authority spokeswoman Lisa Marie Alley said the authority will hold community meetings to gather comments.

"Our goal is to maximize the benefits of high-speed rail in Bakersfield and minimize impacts to the community," authority chief executive officer Jeff Morales said in a statement.

The authority's board previously agreed not to build into Bakersfield while negotiations were underway.

The route previously preferred by the authority ran from the city limit through downtown Bakersfield and would affect more than 500 existing structures, Bakersfield city attorney Virginia Gennaro said.

City officials' proposed alternative would run next to an existing freight railroad line through a mainly industrial area and affect about 100 properties. It is straighter, faster, more level and would have fewer grade crossings, so it would be less expensive, Gennaro said.

"There are some good things that could come of this not only for the authority but for the community of Bakersfield," she said.

Settlement talks have been held with other opponents who are

using the state's environmental law to challenge the bullet train plans, without result, Alley said.

The lawsuits are over the 114-mile segment that will run from Fresno to north of Bakersfield, one mile north of the Kern-Tulare County line. The rail authority approved the environmental impact report for the Fresno-to-Bakersfield section in May.

The Bakersfield negotiations predate last week's decision by a federal agency that it has the authority to pre-empt state environmental law, Alley said. The U.S. Surface Transportation Board ruled that lawsuits challenging the high-speed rail line under the California Environmental Quality Act conflict with its authority over railroads.

The ruling was sought by the state rail authority for fear that the seven lawsuits could delay construction.

Oakland joins LA in banning circus elephant tool

KRISTIN J. BENDER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—The circus will stop coming to Oakland in a few years after a tool used by elephant handlers was banned in the city.

The Oakland City Council earlier this week unanimously approved an ordinance outlawing bullhooks. The instrument resembles a fireplace poker, with a sharp hook on one end that is used by trainers to control the animals.

Oakland is now the second California city, after Los Angeles, to ban the use of a bullhooks. The circus will stop performing in Los Angeles in summer 2016.

The Oakland ban takes effect in 2017.

"(That) will be the last time we will be in Oakland because we can't perform without the elephants," said Stephen Payne, spokesman for Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus.

But the circus is still holding out hope about having future performances in Oakland.

"We may see if the Oakland City Council wants to reconsider," he said.

Payne said the move is a loss for people who enjoy the circus. An estimated 30,000 people attended the Oakland circus over six days last summer, he said.

The Oakland Zoo and animal rights activists supported the ordinance, saying bullhooks are cruel and inhumane.

Other U.S. cities to ban bullhooks include Miami Beach, Florida.

Proponents say the tool is designed to give trainers dominance over elephants and does not hurt or harm the animal.

"A lot of the information that was presented to the Oakland City Council by the proponents was designed to distort our animal care," Payne said.

Oakland Zoo Chief Executive Officer Joel Parrott said the practice harkens back to the turn of the 20th century and has no place in modern times.

"If I suggested using a bullhook on giraffes to get them through gates or to stab tigers to get them to do what I want them to do, everybody would react," Parrott said. "The only reason it's acceptable is we've grown used to it with the elephants."

Ford expands drivers air bag recall nationwide

By TOM KRISHER
AP AUTO WRITER

DETROIT (AP)—Ford Motor Co. has agreed to government demands to expand a driver's side air bag inflator recall to the entire U.S.

The move announced Thursday adds 447,000 Ford vehicles to the list of those recalled due to driver's inflators made by Japan's Takata Corp. The inflators can explode with too much force, spewing shrapnel into drivers and passengers.

Ford's action puts pressure on BMW and Chrysler, the only two automakers that haven't agreed to national recalls. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration made the demand of five automakers, saying the inflators are dangerous. Honda and Mazda already took their recalls national.

Previously the recalls were limited to high-humidity states mainly along the Gulf Coast.

The Ford national recall covers certain 2005 to 2008 Mustangs and 2005 and 2006 GT sports cars. The company also announced it would recall the same cars in Canada, Mexico and a few other countries. Thursday's announcement brings to just over 502,000 the number of Ford vehicles under recall for Takata driver's side air bags.

The company said it knows of one accident and injury from the problems, in a 2007 Mustang in North Carolina. Dealers will replace the inflators at no cost to customers.

Last month, NHTSA demanded that Takata and the five automakers recall driver's inflators across the nation. Takata and Chrysler have refused and could face legal action. BMW says it's still evaluating the demand.

Takata hired the New York public relations firm Sard Verbinen & Co. and took out full-page advertisements Thursday in newspapers including The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and three German publications. The ads, featuring a letter from Chairman and CEO Shigeo Takata, said the company will work with NHTSA and automakers to expand the recalls by increasing production capacity for replacement air bags. The company said it's exploring whether other companies' air bags can be used in replacement kits, and it's increasing testing to find the exact cause of the problems.

"Takata will work in unison with automakers to advance our common goal of putting the safety of customers first," the letter said.

But in documents filed with NHTSA, Takata refused to do a national recall, saying it's not supported by testing data. The company also said NHTSA didn't have the authority to order a parts supplier to do a recall, and that only automakers can conduct them. The safety agency has threatened legal action if Takata and the remaining automakers don't comply with its demand.

NHTSA has said the inflator propellant, ammonium nitrate, can burn faster than designed if exposed to prolonged airborne moisture. That can cause it to blow apart a metal canister meant to contain the explosion.

The safety agency says there's no data to support a nationwide passenger air bag recall, which so far has been held to the high-humidity states. In total, 10 automakers have models with Takata air bags, which have been blamed for at least five deaths and multiple injuries worldwide. So far, automakers have recalled about 12 million vehicles in the U.S. and about 19 million globally for similar problems.

U.S. passenger air bag recalls previously had been limited to Florida, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. But recently, under pressure from NHTSA, automakers have expanded them to include Saipan, Guam, American Samoa as well as Alabama, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas — all areas with average annual dew points of 60 degrees or higher. The dew point is the temperature at which moisture condenses out of the air.

Obama: No quick end to embargo on Cuba

By JULIE PACE
AP WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON (AP), Two days after reopening diplomatic relations with Cuba, President Barack Obama said Friday he doesn't expect the effort to bring overnight change on the island, a quick end to the U.S. economic embargo or the likelihood that he will soon visit the communist nation.

"This is still a regime that represses its people," Obama said at a year-end news conference two days after the historic announcement that he was moving to end the half century of Cold War acrimony with Havana. He said he hopes to visit Cuba at some point in his life but that he is not at the stage yet of going or hosting Cuban President Raul Castro in Washington.

Instead, Obama said the change in policy should give the U.S. a greater opportunity to have influence on Cuba and reflects his belief that 50 years of isolation haven't worked. He said the embargo should end but he didn't anticipate it soon.

"We will be in a position to respond to whatever actions they take, the same way we do with a whole range of countries around the world when they do things we think are wrong," Obama said.

"There may be carrots as well as sticks that we can then apply."

On another matter that the U.S. sees as foreign wrongdoing, Obama was asked about the recent hack of Sony Pictures Entertainment and the company's decision not to send out a new movie that North Korea was angrily protesting.

Speaking shortly after the FBI said North Korea was behind the hack, Obama said he felt Sony "made a mistake" in shelving the satirical film about a plot to assassinate North Korea's leader. He said the U.S. would respond to North Korea's action "in a place and manner and time that we choose."

Cuba and North Korea were just two issues that Obama addressed concerning a year he saw as basically positive. In fact he declared 2014 "a breakthrough year for America," putting aside the fits and starts of the past 12 months to focus on achievements and the prospect of compromise with his political foes who are taking control of Congress.

"My presidency is entering the fourth quarter. Interesting stuff happens in the fourth quarter," Obama said before leaving on a two-week vacation to Hawaii.

The news conference came at the end of what Obama titled his "Year of Action," one in which Congress failed to take up most

of his agenda and he turned to looking for ways to act on his own. Republicans cried foul at that tactic, accusing Obama of overstepping his authority, and voters didn't seem to think much of the strategy, either, giving the president low marks in public opinion polls.

On Friday, the president acknowledged many unanticipated crises in the past year but said he enters 2015 with renewed confidence that "America is making significant strides where it counts." He said he intends to make sure the economy, government and justice system work for everyone.

"I'm energized," Obama declared, trying to shake off last month's midterm elections that brought crushing losses for his party.

He ticked off the year's improvements, citing lower unemployment and a rising number of Americans covered by health insurance and the historic opening with Cuba. On climate change, he touted his own executive action and a Chinese agreement to combat global warming. He also noted that on Friday the Treasury Department announced it had sold the last investment related to the Wall Street and auto bailouts. And he said America's combat mission in Afghanistan would soon be over.

"Take any metric that you want, America's resurgence is real. We are better off," Obama said.

He will return to Washington with both congressional chambers under Republican control – a first since he's been in the White House – and attention turning to the 2016 race to replace him. While much of his agenda will face a dead end on Capitol Hill, Obama said he'll look for areas of compromise on issues like taxes and continue to act on his own where he can.

He said he has been speaking to House Speaker John Boehner and incoming Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell about how they can make progress.

"They are serious about wanting to get some things done. The tax area is one area where we can get things done," Obama said. But he cautioned, "The devil's in the details."

His comments weren't all sweetness and light.

Obama warned Republicans that he would block efforts to erode his health care law or further water down banking regulation enacted in the aftermath of the financial crisis. "I'm confident that I'll be able to uphold vetoes of those types of provisions," he said, though he recently signed a major bill that included softening of some bank regulations.

In another potential area of conflict, Obama downplayed the benefits of building the Keystone XL pipeline from Canada, arguing it would not lower gasoline prices and that more jobs would be created by repairing America's infrastructure.

He said the pipeline would mainly benefit Canadian oil companies that need to get Canadian oil to the Gulf of Mexico. He said the pipeline is "not even a nominal benefit for U.S. consumers."

McConnell has said it would be the first bill taken up under the new GOP-majority Senate. But environmentalists have made opposition to its approval a priority.

On Cuba, Obama said longtime leader Fidel Castro's name came up only briefly in his phone call with Castro's brother and successor. Obama said he opened the call with about 15 minutes of an opening statement, then apologized for talking so long.

Obama said President Raul Castro responded, "You're still a young man and you still have a chance to break Fidel's record. He once spoke seven hours straight."

Obama said the Cuban leader then delivered an opening statement at least twice as long as his. "I was able to say, 'Obviously, it runs in the family.'"

BlackBerry launches Classic in last-ditch effort

By BARBARA ORTUTAY AND
ROB GILLIES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP), BlackBerry is returning to its roots with a new phone that features a traditional keyboard at a time when rival Apple and Android phones – and most smartphone customers – have embraced touch screens.

With the Classic, BlackBerry is courting its core customer, the business user. The physical keyboard is something traditional BlackBerry users prefer because they find it easier than touch screens to type with. The company is also emphasizing battery life and security.

"A lot of people say the Classic is aiming for loyal customers. And that is true," CEO John Chen said at the gadget's launch event, tellingly held in New York City's Financial District. But he also invited people who haven't used a BlackBerry "especially people who are young," to try the BlackBerry Classic.

Pioneered in 1999 with the launch of the RIM 950, BlackBerry changed the culture by allowing on-the-go business people to access email wirelessly. Then came a new generation of competing smartphones, and suddenly the BlackBerry looked ancient. Apple showed that phones can handle much more than email and phone calls. Blackberry was late in overhauling its operating system to compete.

BlackBerry now holds a small fraction of the U.S. smartphone market after commanding a nearly 50 percent share as recently as 2009.

The company is trying to stay relevant on making hardware even as it tries to transform into an enterprise security and consumer software company. Whether the Classic will sell enough to keep it in the hardware business is unclear.

"It's going to be a niche product based around enterprise, based around security and pockets of the world where there is still strengths. The future of this company is not the hardware," BGC analyst Colin Gillis said.

The BlackBerry Classic is available for sale starting Wednesday for \$449 in the U.S. and 499 Canadian dollars in Canada through Amazon.com and BlackBerry.com. It will come later to AT&T and Verizon.

BlackBerry has been expanding its efforts to sell mobile-security software on its rivals' smartphones and tablets to help counter the waning popularity of its own devices.

And on the hardware side, BlackBerry partnered with Foxconn, the Taiwanese company that assembles products in vast factories in China. Foxconn, known for its manufacturing contract work on Apple's iPhones and iPads, jointly designs and manufactures most BlackBerry devices and manages inventory of the devices in an agreement that offloads much of BlackBerry's manufacturing costs. Foxconn is making the Classic for BlackBerry.

Chen, who took over as chief executive 13 months ago, has set a goal of selling 10 million phones a year. In comparison, Apple sold 39.3 million iPhones over three months in the third quarter.

Volcker critical of delays in namesake rule

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP ECONOMICS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP), Former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker on Friday criticized a decision to delay full implementation of a rule that bears his name and aims to curb banks' risky investments.

The Fed said Thursday that it would delay until July 2017 the deadline by which U.S. banks will have to sell off potentially volatile holdings in private equity, venture capital and hedge funds.

"It is striking that the world's leading investment bankers, noted for their cleverness and agility in advising clients on how to restructure companies and even industries, however complicated, apparently can't manage the orderly reorganization of their own activities in more than five years," Volcker said in a statement.

Congress passed the Volcker Rule in 2010 as part of the Dodd-Frank Act, a major overhaul of financial regulations. The rule limits banks' riskiest trading bets that could go implode at taxpayers' expense. It was risky investments that triggered the 2008 financial crisis that caused the worst disruption of the banking system since the 1930s.

Volcker said he understood that "lobbying is eternal." He suggested that banks' real aim might be to delay implementation of Dodd-Frank until they can get it

changed. Banks have aggressively lobbied against the Volcker Rule because it restricts some of their most profitable activities.

The Fed said it planned to extend from July 2015 to July 2017 the deadline by which banks will have to sell their stakes in prohibited investments. It had already granted a one-year extension. Banks, who had sought a seven-year extension, have argued that they need more time to unload their holdings.

The delay represents another victory in efforts by Wall Street to curb the impact of the Dodd-Frank law. As part of the recently passed budget deal in Congress, lawmakers approved a change that will curtail a requirement for banks to push certain swaps-trading activities out of federally insured bank holding companies.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Massachusetts, who unsuccessfully fought against the provision in the budget bill that loosened Dodd-Frank regulations, said the Fed's decision was another setback for banking reform efforts.

"Delaying the Volcker Rule is one more giveaway that lets Wall Street have more time to make risky bets using taxpayer-backed money," she said in a statement. "This is a nice favor for the lobbyists working to slow down the implementation of Dodd-Frank and chip away at critical financial reforms, but it's a bad deal for middle class families and our economy."

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Cull Canyon

celebrates 50 years
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Park District.

“Cull Canyon was the first lagoon to be connected to a reservoir for drinking water,” said East Bay Parks Naturalist Francis Mendoza. Its unique construction allowed the swim area to remain separate from summer drawdowns. In 1966, Cull Canyon won the Governor’s Design Award for Exceptional Distinction for Recreational Development in landscape.

The dam has been a recent topic of debate. In the early 2000s the dam was deemed seismically unfit due to limited technology of the 1960s. Fifty years’ worth of silt lies in the dam as well, making the dam just six feet deep and dangerous for wildlife – Mendoza explained that birds have gotten stuck in the thick mud. The debate is whether or not to dredge and strengthen the dam, costing millions of dollars, or put a notch in the dam to allow excess water to flow more freely. “Putting a notch in would emulate natural creek

movement and be more cost effective,” said Mendoza, pointing out that a notch would cost significantly less than dredging and reinforcing the dam.

This hasn’t put a dent the park’s recreation. It offers swimming in its 1.5 acre lagoon during summer, typically starting in late April and lasting until mid-September on the weekends. Starting in early June until late August, swimming is open Monday through Friday. Complete with lifeguards, bathhouse, vending machines, and picnic areas, Cull Canyon is a great picnic and swimming spot for families and friends to enjoy the warmer months.

The park offers plenty of hiking for the colder winter months, too. Cull Canyon is located on the Chabot-to-Garin Regional Trail that heads six miles north through East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) property up to the Chabot Staging Area. An EBMUD hiking permit



is required for the staging area; make sure to call ahead for a permit at (510) 287-0459. However, Cull Canyon is also home to plenty of trails with no permit needed, such as trails surrounding the lagoon and a trail that leads to sister dam Don Castro and Hayward’s Garin Park in the south.

The public is invited to celebrate these trails and Cull Canyon’s birthday on December 28 and 30 with hikes organized by Naturalist Mendoza. The first hike on December 28 will be from Cull Canyon to Don Castro and back, totaling seven miles. It will be

moderately strenuous and is recommended for ages 15 and up. Mendoza will be leading the hike, with a focus on discovering the local history, flora and fauna.

The second hike, a weekday bird walk, is set for December 30 and will be more relaxed. Lucky participants may spot rare birds, such as the wood duck, visiting from its usual habitat in the Central Valley. “The diversity of birds [at Cull Canyon] is impressive,” noted Mendoza. Ages 12 and up are welcome on this bird walk.

No registration is required for either hike; these are drop-in only. Make sure to wear proper footwear appropriate for mud, and layered clothing with a water resistant top layer. Bring plenty of water (there are not many spots to refill) and snacks, and you’re set!

What better way to celebrate a birthday and the coming of a new year than outdoors in the beautiful East Bay?

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Home & Garden

A Garden grows at
Temple Beth Torah

SUBMITTED BY
RABBI EVE BEN-ORA, TBT
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

Green pea shoots and fava bean stalks are sprouting from the fertile ground at Temple Beth Torah in Fremont; hands of a dedicated group of volunteers has turned



Laying the groundwork with cardboard compost and mulch

unused land on the synagogue's ground into a flourishing garden.

Several months in the making, the Community Garden of Temple Beth Torah began to take shape over the summer with a brainstorming meeting of interested people; the goal to create a garden that would produce food for Abode's homeless shelter as well as a place for members of the commu-

nity to plant and harvest fresh produce. Participants learn where food comes from and the labor involved sensitizes everyone to the importance of taking care of the earth.

Yifat Bar-Dagan, chairperson of the Community Garden works tirelessly to make the garden a reality. She reaches out to local resources and encourages volunteers to get involved in whatever way they feel comfortable.

An outstanding resource is LEAF, Local Ecology and Agriculture Fremont (LEAF) a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization “dedi-



Preschool children planting pea seeds in the vertical garden



Creating planting beds and first planting

cated to providing environmental education to the Fremont community about sustainable and ecological practices, including local food production and organic gardening, waste reduction, green building, and resource conservation.” LEAF provided valuable guidance and suggestions along the way. In addition they helped to locate mulch, compost and cardboard to build healthy soil.

The garden is a beginning step toward a larger project. In coming months and years, the plan is to expand the garden, providing an opportunity for people of all ages and abilities to participate and learn about the process of growing food.

The Community Garden is actively seeking volunteers to help maintain the garden and work toward expanding it in the future.

For more information and to volunteer,
please email: tbtgarden@gmail.com.



Vegetables flourishing and fava beans nourishing the soil. The red leaf lettuce will go to Abode.



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Lowest \$:		520,000	Average \$:		670,000	
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD	FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
19613 Lake Chabot Road	94546	820,000	4	3358	2003	11-19-14
20981 San Miguel Avenue	94546	520,000	3	1270	1948	11-18-14

FREMONT TOTAL SALES: 16						
Highest \$:		1,240,000	Median \$:		560,000	
Lowest \$:		300,000	Average \$:		658,219	
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD	FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
37777 Carriage Circle Com	94536	469,000	3	1665	1985	11-19-14
434 Flora Place	94536	925,000	4	2186	1977	11-18-14
35699 Goldsmith Drive	94536	989,000	4	2191	1960	11-17-14
4672 Portola Drive	94536	525,000	2	1147	1979	11-18-14
41605 Carol Terrace	94538	860,000	3	1332	1954	11-18-14
3481 Little Court	94538	701,000	3	950	1993	11-18-14
43425 Newport Drive	94538	545,000	3	1332	1958	11-18-14
39247 Sundale Drive	94538	560,000	3	2253	1954	11-18-14
3869 Wildflower Common	94539	740,000	4	1152	1964	11-18-14
295 Concho Drive	94555	470,000	2	2140	1987	11-18-14
5264 Fairbanks Common	94555	1,2405,000	0	950	1978	11-18-14
34178 Gannon Terrace	94555	441,000	2	881	1989	11-19-14
4111 Greenland Terrace	94555	585,000	3	1166	1988	11-18-14
34243 Kenwood Drive	94555	300,000	4	1655	1970	11-19-14
34794 Siward Drive	94555	875,000	3	1517	1988	11-19-14
34166 Via Lucca	94555	8525,000	2	1231	2007	11-18-14

HAYWARD TOTAL SALES: 10						
Highest \$:		1,599,000	Median \$:		400,000	
Lowest \$:		292,500	Average \$:		542,650	
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD	FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
635 Blossom Way #1	94541	1,599,000	2	1166	1989	11-19-14
22573 Byron Street	94541	330,000	3	1000	1946	11-17-14
20552 Hathaway Avenue	94541	400,000	3	1026	1945	11-19-14
22643 Madrone Street	94541	2,925,000	3	1140	1942	11-17-14
23624 Odom Drive	94541	435,000	3	1139	1951	11-17-14
24879 Arvilla Lane	94544	400,000	3	1209	1951	11-18-14
1249 Henderson Lane	94544	470,000	3	1476	1954	11-18-14
486 Shepherd Avenue	94544	690,000	6	2796	1976	11-19-14
24461 Willimet Way	94544	370,000	3	1360	1955	11-18-14
25836 Gettysburg Ave	94545	440,000	3	1244	1959	11-17-14

MILPITAS TOTAL SALES: 10						
Highest \$:		803,000	Median \$:		687,500	
Lowest \$:		455,000	Average \$:		651,100	
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD	FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
271 Berrendo Drive	95035	803,000	3	1484	1978	11-25-14
698 Berryessa Street	95035	685,000	3	1277	1960	11-21-14

1581 Canal Street	95035	687,500	0	0	2000	11-124-14
762 Hammond Way	95035	500,000	2	1192	-	11-25-14
1386 Lowland Court	95035	455,000	2	1005	2005	11-25-14
1541 McCandless Drive	95035	766,000	0	0	1973	11-24-14
105 Newbury Street	95035	691,500	0	0	2007	11-25-14
142 Serenity Place	95035	710,000	4	1764	2000	11-21-14
1101 South Main Street #315	95035	488,000	2	1013	2007	11-25-14
398 Sutterwind Drive	95035	725,000	3	1536	1997	11-25-14

NEWARK TOTAL SALES: 04						
Highest \$:		760,000	Median \$:		590,000	
Lowest \$:		510,000	Average \$:		625,000	
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD	FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
8235 Del Monte Avenue	94560	640,000	3	1240	1976	11-18-14
6242 Madelaine Drive	94560	590,000	3	1100	1959	11-18-14
6544 Normandy Drive	94560	510,000	3	1100	1960	11-18-14
35501 Reymouth Drive	94560	760,000	3	1820	1963	11-17-14

SAN LEANDRO TOTAL SALES: 06						
Highest \$:		558,000	Median \$:		429,000	
Lowest \$:		400,000	Average \$:		438,500	
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD	FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
1132 Carpentier Street #105	94577	243,000	2	1180	1983	11-19-14
1904 Linwood Way	94577	430,500	2	1203	1949	11-19-14
2451 West Avenue 134th	94577	558,000	3	1752	1948	11-18-14
562 Sterling Drive	94578	267,000	2	918	1987	11-17-14
14911 Western Avenue	94578	420,000	2	1343	1952	11-18-14
1378 Esser Avenue	94579	398,000	3	1081	1951	11-18-14

SAN LORENZO TOTAL SALES: 04						
Highest \$:		470,000	Median \$:		429,000	
Lowest \$:		400,000	Average \$:		438,500	
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD	FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
1850 Bandoni Avenue	94580	455,000	3	1252	1955	11-18-14
379 Via Coches	94580	400,000	3	1384	1944	11-17-14
15810 Via Nueva	94580	470,000	3	1131	1955	11-18-14
1407 Via San Juan	94580	429,000	3	1425	1951	11-19-14

UNION CITY TOTAL SALES: 07						
Highest \$:		817,500	Median \$:		540,000	
Lowest \$:		308,000	Average \$:		595,214	
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD	FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
2490 Almaden Boulevard	94587	517,000	4	1888	1967	11-17-14
30209 Aragon Place	94587	817,500	4	2513	1995	11-19-14
32708 Bel Aire Street	94587	788,000	5	2333	1981	11-18-14
2535 Copa Del Oro Drive	94587	308,000	2	908	1984	11-18-14
4425 Ellen Way	94587	540,000	3	1274	1974	11-18-14
209 Famoso Plaza	94587	391,000	3	1135	1985	11-19-14
34304 Marjoram Loop	94587	805,000	4	2114	1999	11-17-14

Home Sales Report

Simbang Gabi: Nine mornings of reflection

During the holiday season, many traditions, celebrations, and religious practices surface from people of different cultures. Among those religious practices, “Simbang Gabi” (dawn mass) is celebrated by Filipino Roman Catholics. Filipinos wake up in early morning hours to attend liturgical mass for nine consecutive days, starting December 16, leading up to the Christmas Eve mass called “Misa de Gallo” or “mass of the rooster.” This tradition stems from Spanish rule in the Philippines in the 1500s when Catholicism was first introduced. Priests held mass outdoors due to a high volume of people attending; morning services aided farmers who started work before sunrise. Devotees also attend these nine mornings of reflection to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Several churches around the greater Tri-City area conduct “Simbang Gabi” ceremonies:

Tuesday, Dec 16 – Wednesday, Dec 24

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
5:30 a.m.
37588 Fremont Blvd, Fremont
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7 p.m.
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Saint Anne Catholic Church
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St. Joachim Church
5:30 a.m.
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Saint Leander Catholic Church
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St Elizabeth Catholic Church
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St John the Baptist Catholic Parish
7 p.m.
279 S Main St, Milpitas
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Union City Police Department Promotion Ceremony

SUBMITTED BY
LAUREN SUGAYAN

One of the most exciting opportunities for any police chief is the honor of selecting people for promotion who have worked hard to gain the experience and earn the respect, and confidence to take roles of greater responsibility and trust. In a recent promotion ceremony, Union City Chief of Police McAllister said, “The captains, lieutenants, and sergeants I just promoted have successfully demonstrated, time and time again, the quality of

their work and the strength of their individual commitment to help the Union City Police Department be at its best. I could not be more excited! They are all poised and extremely competent in their leadership ability, and they are completely committed to furthering the four priorities we have charted in our course toward future success.”

Priorities to which the chief referred are those he announced when he took the helm:

1. Community: Being steadfast in maintaining a solid, trust-based relationship with all who

live, work, play, and visit in Union City.

2. Operational Efficiency: Staying committed to being efficient stewards of our resources while consistently striving to employ best practices in operational strategies and leadership.

3. Professionalism: Modeling exceptional professionalism in the way we deliver services and support our policing practices, while being ambassadors of our organizational mission, vision, and values.

4. Pride: Celebrating our organizational successes and accomplishments with humility, as a means to

inspire new successes; honoring our oath of duty, with empathy and compassion, as a means to embrace honor and integrity.

It is rare for an incoming chief to have the opportunity to appoint this many new employees to command positions. This unique situation is due in large part to a structural reorganization approved by the city council last May. In anticipation of a number of retirements and existing vacancies of prominent leadership positions, the reorganization plan focuses on stronger levels of accountability and better opera-

tional efficiencies as a result of the enhanced structure. The reorganization affords the chief the authorization to promote two new captains as seconds in command, and six lieutenants as middle managers.

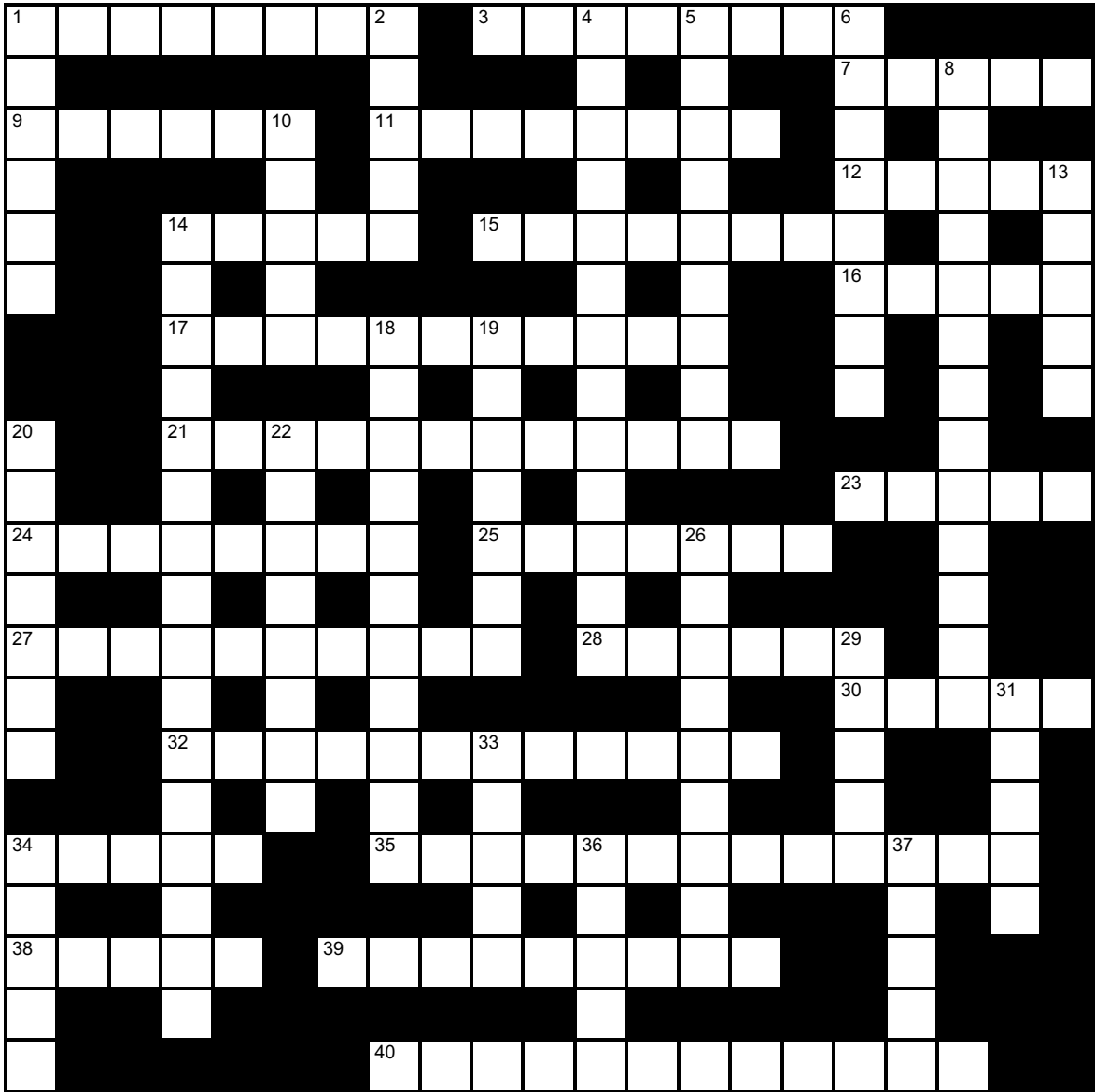
Positions vacated by these promotions, combined with other retirements, allowed the chief to appoint eight new sergeants, as well. The December 3rd ceremony featured most, but not all, promotions in the plan; the remaining promotions are anticipated to occur within the next four to six months.



With an unmistakable voice of enthusiasm, Chief McAllister expressed jubilant pride as he announced each of the promoted honorees.

Mind Twisters

Crossword Puzzle B 293



- Across
- 1 Monkey business (8)

3 Most distinctive feature (8)

7 Come to (5)

9 Interference (6)

11 Observave activity in humans or animals (8)

12 Cross, maybe (5)

14 Bring up (5)

15 Forest plants and animals (8)

16 British spells tires as _____ (5)

17 Used some other ingredient instead of (11)

21 Fuddy-duddy (3-9)

23 Odd (5)

24 Made up of (8)

25 ____ , salted peanuts (7)

27 McDonalds food (10)
- 28 Once every year (6)

30 Burned up (5)

32 Places where experiments are done (12)

34 Typees, make shift homes (5)

35 Set up one's mind to achieve something (13)

38 Discomfit (5)

39 Call to fight or engage in a contest (9)

40 Fulfilling basic demands or requirements (12)
- Down

1 Completely covered by something else (6)

2 Big lie (5)

4 Totally new for the time (13)

5 Acquaintance with truths and principles

6 Study of angles and figures (8)

8 Getting a good grasp on the subject (13)

10 Scale (5)

13 Gets licked (5)

14 Onus of carrying out work (16)

18 Moved to another place (11)

19 Vacation souvenirs (1-6)

20 Second part (7)

22 Sketch (8)

26 Going on a vacation to some other place

29 Marina sight (5)

31 Torrents (5)

33 Add up (5)

34 "No kidding" (5)

36 Marsh growth (5)

37 ____ tube (5)
- ## Sudoku:
- Fill in the missing numbers (1 – 9 inclusive) so each row, column and 3x3 box contains all digits.
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- ## Tri-City Stargazer DECEMBER 24 – DECEMBER 30, 2014 BY VIVIAN CAROL
- For All Signs: Direct translations of the biblical Gospel of Matthew identify the three wise men as astrologers. Though the story of the three astrologers' literal visit to Bethlehem may be mythic, it is altogether a probability that the educated priest/astrologers of the time were predicting a very important birth. Percy Seymour, physicist-astronomer of Great Britain, offers a strong case which postulates the Jupiter/Saturn conjunction of September 7 in the year 7 B.C., as the birthdate of Jesus in his book, "Astrology: The Evidence of Science (1988)." During that year there was a rare and politically important triple conjunction of these two planets in the sign of Pisces the fish. The middle conjunction of September 7 occurred while the Sun was in the sign of Virgo the virgin. As the sun was setting that evening, the Jupiter/Saturn conjunction was ascending, heralding the birth of a king. Biblical realists will not appreciate this interpretation of the story, but it is a sound premise if one considers that astrology was commonly accepted in the era.
- Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20):** Your energy level is good. Hopefully you are getting a needed break from your career this holiday season. Aspects favor relationships to friends and significant others. No doubt there are parties and fun times that will help you relax.
- Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20):** This holiday season may find you traveling or alternatively, hosting people who live at a distance. Give attention to good health practices. There are opportunistic viruses that sneak around and look for a good host at this time of year. It will be a challenge to stay on your diet at this time.
- Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20):** Your mind is restless and more easily drops into worry mode this week. You have financial concerns about the big picture. The Twins rarely worry, but things feel a bit different now. Find a variety of interesting things to read. For relief get out and about and visit places you haven't seen.
- Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21):** At present your rational mind tells you one set of facts
- while the heart/instincts are in another camp altogether. Take your conflict to a higher place—not one of either/or, but both/and. A larger perspective would satisfy both ends of the equation. The result will be truly creative.
- Leo the Lion (July 22-August 22):** You want to take part in the joys of the season, but this year your life is complicated by major demands of your responsibilities. It is complicated by issues of your cohorts. They may be ill or somehow unavailable to handle their share of the work. You will probably be glad when the season is over.
- Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22):** The rules and the world's expectations have you tied up like a pretzel right now. The harder you struggle, the tighter those binds seem to become. It's like a Chinese puzzle. Sometimes if you relax on the control issues, the solution comes through. Give it some space.
- Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22):** You need time to think about an issue concerning your relationship to family.
- Your heart says one thing and your mind another. When we feel this issue, we usually are unable to move forward in any significant way. It is generally best to withhold judgment until a good solution develops.
- Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21):** Watch your mouth. It may get you in trouble. There are elements of obsessive thinking and criticism involved. Be intentional about keeping an open mind and don't insist on a black and white answer. It is possible someone is doing this to you, but you can resist falling into that trap.
- Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21):** You are normally the party type and usually enjoy the holiday season. But this year you may be feeling somehow isolated, which is rarely the case for you. It is possible that you have financial concerns and must curtail your spending. You may not feel as well as normal so perhaps you need to rest.
- Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19):** You are knee deep in concerns and complications. In your heart of
- hearts, you want a sabbatical and rightly so. The Goat frequently takes on too many responsibilities for his own good. At this time in your life it is truly a challenge to uncomplicate anything because everything depends on everything else. Take the best break you can.
- Aquarius the Water Bearer (January 20-February 18):** You may be concerned about rumors, but don't give them energy unless you see a fact in front of your face. Turn your attention to new and different experiences. Almost anything you set out to accomplish is handled in unusually quick time. You have what it takes to be a warrior on behalf of yourself or others now.
- Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20):** It is possible that you will hear about someone who does healing work that could assist you. The Fish often respond to alternative healing methods as well or better than allopathic medicine. Keep an open mind. For example, you may do well with Chinese medicine and acupuncture.
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ON TIME SIGNS

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Santa and Mrs. Claus took a break from their heavy workload at the North Pole to visit Schilling Elementary School in Newark Saturday, December 19th. At the invitation of Viola Blythe Community Service Center, aided by a host of volunteers including many local businesses, members of the local Rotary Interact Club and co-sponsors Alameda County Firefighters Local 55 and Check Center in Newark, over 250 children were entertained by children's entertainer Joyce Canfield and puppet Dottie Do, Betty Gentry Dancers and, of course, the couple of the season, Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

For over 20 years, these festivities have welcomed children of the Newark community to enjoy an afternoon of snacks, music, dancing and fun. As each child

was escorted inside the multipurpose room (moms and dads had to wait outside), chaperones first gave each child a book and escorted them to a festive table monitored by volunteers. After entertainment and snacks, it was time to meet Mr. and Mrs. Santa, receive a greeting and candy cane,



then a wrapped present, stuffed animal, stocking and meet their parents outside with almost more goodies than some could carry.

Viola Blythe Executive Director Debbie Rodriguez noted, that this event is the "end result of a lot of work" but well worth it. A myriad of happy faces and wonderment of the little ones was priceless!

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Christmas Eve Mass
December 24th
3:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.
(Children's Masses)
8:00 p.m. & Midnight
Christmas Day Mass
December 25th
7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.
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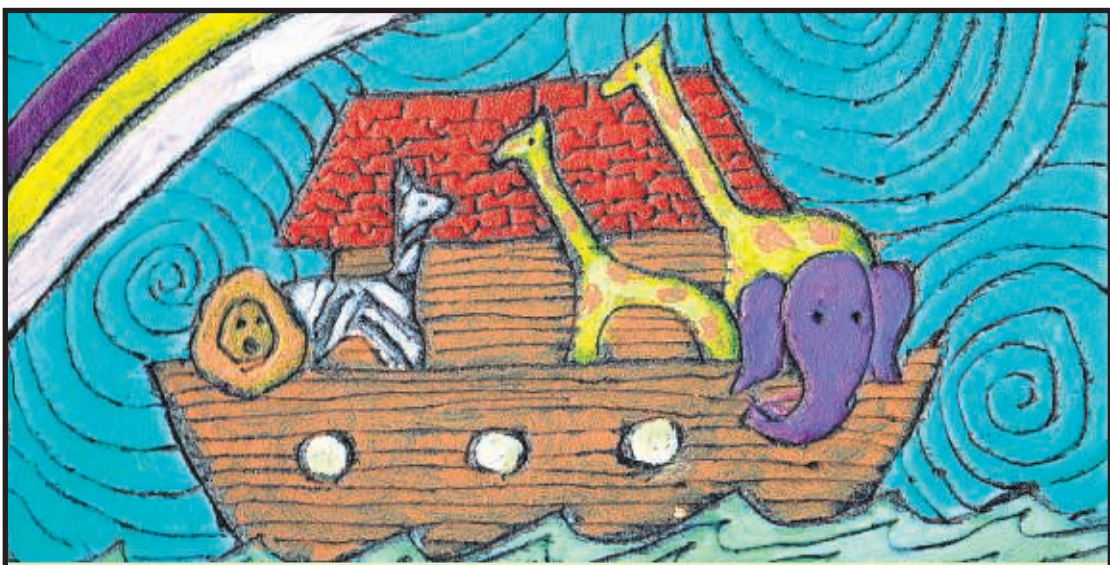
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Dec 24**

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Tri-City Volunteers
37350 Joseph St., Fremont
(510) 793-4583
sgovea@tri-cityvolunteers.org

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37001 Mission Blvd., Fremont
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www.ncry.org

**Monday, Nov 18 - Friday,
Dec 24**

Giving Hope Holiday Program
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Donate cash, and gifts to those in need
Fremont City Hall
3300 Capitol Ave., Fremont
(510) 574-2057
mdominguez@fremont.gov
www.fremont.gov/hsdonate

**Monday, Nov 18 - Friday,
Dec 31**

Drive thru Prayer
5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Prayer service without leaving your vehicle
Fremont Holy Spirit Church
37588 Fremont Blvd., Fremont
(510) 797-1660
www.holyspiritfremont.org
www.photocentral.org

Monday, Dec 5 - Friday, Jan 30

Art: Believe/Achieve
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Artist reception: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. 12/5/14
Art from the National League of American Pen Women
John O'Lague Galleria
777 B Street, Hayward
(510) 538-2787
www.haywardarts.org

Sunday, Dec 7 - Monday, Jan 4

ZooLights \$
5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Animal theme light display and show
Oakland Zoo
9777 Golf Links Rd., Oakland
(510) 632-9525
www.oaklandzoo.org

**Monday, Dec 15- Sunday,
Dec 23**

Las Posadas
6 p.m.
Celebration of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem
Bring flashlights to read song sheets
Old Mission San Jose
43300 Mission Blvd., Fremont
(510) 794-7166

Arts & Entertainment

Monday, Jan 12

San Leandro's Got Talent Auditions- R
3 p.m.
Application deadline for teens
Apply in person on on-line by 1/6/15
San Leandro Public Library
300 Estudillo Ave., San Leandro
(510) 577-3971
https://www.sanleandro.org/depts/library/teens/events/slgt2015.asp

Tuesdays, Dec 23 thru Jan 27

Bridge 1
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Seniors learn game fundamentals
Silliman Activity Center
6800 Mowry Ave., Newark
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www.newark.org

Tuesdays, Dec 23 thru Jan 27
Bridge 2

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Seniors master game strategy
Silliman Activity Center
6800 Mowry Ave., Newark
(510) 578-4620
www.newark.org

**Tuesday, Dec 23 - Saturday,
Dec 27**

American Red Cross Blood Drive - R
Tues: 11:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Wed, Fri & Sat: 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
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10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Year-round
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Fremont
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Sundays

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www.westcoastfarmersmarket.org

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Hayward Farmers’ Market

Saturdays

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Year-round
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777 B. St., Hayward
1-800-897-FARM
www.agriculturalinstitute.org

South Hayward Glad Tidings

Saturdays

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Year-round
W. Tennyson Rd. between Tyrell
Ave. and Tampa Ave., Hayward
(510) 783-9377
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SAN LEANDRO:

Kaiser Permanente San Leandro

Wednesdays

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

June 11, 2014 to
December 31, 2014
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www.cafarmersmarkets.com

MILPITAS:

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Sundays

8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Year-round
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NEWARK:

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Sundays

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Year-round
NewPark Mall
2086 NewPark Mall, Newark
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www.agriculturalinstitute.org

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Saturdays

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Year-round
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Leandro
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UNION CITY:

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Tuesdays

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Year-round
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Saturdays

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Year-round
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Union City
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THIS WEEK

Tuesday, Dec 23

Angels: Are They Reaching Out to You?

7 p.m.

Film, discussion and refreshments

Lifetree Café

4020 Technology Pl., Fremont
(510) 797-7910
www.Lifetreecafe.com

Tuesday, Dec 23

Kingdom Kidz

7 p.m.

Christmas play and refreshments

Saint Paul United Methodist Church

33350 Peace Terrace, Fremont
(510) 429-3990
www.stpaulumcfremont.org

Saturday, Dec 27

Kwanzaa Celebration

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Reaffirming the Seven Principles, includes dinner

Palma Ceia Baptist Church
28605 Ruus Rd., Hayward
(510) 489-0689

Saturday, Dec 27 - Sunday, Dec 28

Marvelous Monarchs \$

11 a.m. - 12 noon

View butterflies in the greenhouse

Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd.,
Fremont
(510) 544-2797
www.ebparks.org

Saturday, Dec 27 - Sunday, Dec 28

Do Monarchs Matter? \$

1:30 p.m.

Questions and answers about butterflies

Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd.,
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www.ebparks.org

Saturday, Dec 27

Sunol Stewards – R

10 a.m. - 12 noon

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Saturday, Dec 27

Covered California Enrollment Session

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Saturday, Dec 27

Photographing Salt Ponds – R

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Interpretive nature walk

Alviso Environmental Education Center
1751 Grand Blvd., Alviso
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Saturday, Dec 27

Find the Elusive Gray Fox

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Distinguish clues to find wildlife

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Saturday, Dec 27, Monday, Dec 29 & Tuesday, Dec 30

Holiday Basketball Classic \$

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Newark Memorial High School
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Saturday, Dec 27

Movie Night \$

7:30 p.m.

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Niles Essanay Theater
37417 Niles Blvd, Fremont
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www.nilesfilmmuseum.org

Sunday, Dec 28

Family Fun Hour

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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8000 Patterson Ranch Rd.,
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(510) 544-3220
www.ebparks.org

Sunday, Dec 28

Movie Day

2 p.m.

March of the Penguins

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2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
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www.aclibrary.org

Monday, Dec 29

Find it Fast! – R

2 p.m.

Assistance to locate homework sites

Grades 4 - 6 only
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Monday, Dec 29

Start Smart: Teen Driving – R

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Driver safety education for ages 15 – 19

Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Ave.,
Castro Valley
(510) 667-7900
www.aclibrary.org

Tuesday, Dec 30, Wednesday, Dec 31 & Friday, Jan 2

Coding Camp - Game Design from Scratch – R

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Interactive class for ages 8 – 12

Fremont Main Library
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Wednesday, Dec 31

Balloon Drop 2014 \$

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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2:30 – 3:25
Cabrillo School, 36700 San Pedro Dr.,
FREMONT
4:45 – 5:30 Baywood Apts.,
4275 Bay St., FREMONT
5:50 – 6:30 Jerome Ave. and
Ohlones St., FREMONT

Wednesday, Dec 24
1:00 – 1:45 Hillside School,
15980 Marcella St., SAN LEANDRO
2:00 – 2:45 Eden House Apts.,
1601 165th Ave., SAN LEANDRO
3:00 – 3:30 Baywood Ct.,
21966 Dolores St., CASTRO VALLEY
6:00 – 6:30 Camellia Dr., & Camellia
Ct., FREMONT

Thursday, Dec 25 No Service

Friday, Dec 26
9:45 – 11:15 Fame Charter School,
16244 Carolyn St, SAN LEANDRO
11:35 – 12:05 Daycare Center Visit –
CASTRO VALLEY
1:45 – 2:10 Daycare Center Visit –
SAN LORENZO
2:10 – 3:00 Hesperian School,
620 Drew St, SAN LORENZO

Monday, Dec 29
9:20 – 10:00 Daycare Center Visit -
FREMONT

10:15 – 11:15 Daycare Center Visit –
FREMONT
1:45 – 2:45 Pioneer School, Blythe St., &
Jean Dr., UNION CITY
3:05 – 3:25 Alvarado Elementary School,
Fredi St. & Smith St., UNION CITY
4:15 – 4:45 Greenhaven Apts., Alvarado
Blvd. & Fair Ranch Rd., UNION CITY
5:15 – 6:45 Forest Park School, Deep
Creek Rd. & Maybird Circle,
FREMONT

Tuesday, Dec 30
10:00 – 11:15 Daycare Center Visit -
FREMONT
1:30 – 2:30 Mission Hills Middle School,
250 Tamarack Dr., UNION CITY
2:45 – 3:15 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, Dec 31
3:00 – 4:00 Warm Springs Community
Center, 47300 Fernald St., FREMONT
4:15 – 4:50 Lone Tree Creek Park, Starlite
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3:15 - 4:00 Friendly Village Park, 120
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Shoreline Development Project

SUBMITTED BY TERESA MEYER

Mayor Stephen Cassidy and the San Leandro City Council announced that the Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the San Leandro Shoreline Development Project is now available for public review, which can be found on the project website:
<http://www.sanleandro.org/depts/cd/shoreline/default.asp>. The approximately 60-day public review period for the document began on December 9, 2014 and continues through February 6, 2015.

As part of a public/private partnership, the City of San Leandro and Cal Coast Companies LLC propose to redevelop the 75-acre City-owned Shoreline Recreational Area. The property includes 52 acres of land and a water surface area of approximately 23 acres, with the project site encompassing the boat harbor and surrounding properties.

The draft EIR will be presented before the Shoreline Advisory Group on Wednesday January 14 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Senior Community Center, located at 13909 East 14th Street.

The following evening (Thursday, January 15), the San Leandro Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to receive both written and oral comments on the Draft EIR, beginning at 7 p.m. The San Leandro City Council then will hold a work session on Monday, January 26, 2015 beginning at 7 p.m. Both of these meetings will take place in the City Council Chambers located at 835 East 14th Street in downtown San Leandro.

It is anticipated that the Final EIR will be subsequently reviewed by the Planning Commission and City Council in May, 2015.

Shoreline Advisory Group Meeting
Wednesday Jan 14
6 p.m.
Senior Community Center
13909 East 14th St, San Leandro
(510) 577-3458
sbarros@sanleandro.org

San Leandro Planning Commission Meeting
Thursday, Jan 15
7 p.m.
City Council Chambers
835 East 14th St, San Leandro
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San Leandro City Council Meeting
Monday, January 26
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Kwanzaa is also a time for reflecting the “Nguzo Saba” or the Seven Principles: Umoja (unity), Kujichagulia (self-determination), Ujima (collective work and responsibility), Ujamaa (cooperative economics), Nia (purpose), Kuumba (creativity), and Imani (faith). Symbolic items such as mazao (crops), mkeka (mat), kinara (candle holder), muhindi (corn), mishumaa saba (seven candles), kikombe cha umoja (unity cup), and zawadi (gifts) represent values and concepts of African culture. Mishumaa saba consists of one black candle representing the people; three red candles on the left for the peoples’ struggles; and three green candles on the right for the future and hope that comes from their struggle. A candle is lit each day, starting with the black candle placed at the center, followed by the remaining candles from left to right.

The Afro-American Cultural and Historical Society has issued an open invitation to join a Kwanzaa 2014 celebration on Saturday, December 27 at Palma Ceia Baptist Church in Hayward. Participants will learn more about the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa - promoting, reinforcing and reaffirming rituals of communion, of sharing and renewal, and of bonds which strengthen mutual concern and commitment. A light dinner will be served.

To learn more about Kwanzaa, visit www.officialkwanzaawebsite.org.

Kwanzaa 2014
Saturday, Dec 27
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
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http://www.eventbrite.com/e/nye-new-years-eve-intl-rhythm-ball-2015-tickets-14049304849?aff=eventful/r/eventful
www.ilikeitsosstyle.com

Wednesday, Dec 31
New Year's Eve at ICC \$
7:00 p.m.
Bar, DJ, dancing, performances, dinner buffet
India Community Center
525 Los Coches St, Milpitas
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www.indiacc.org/newyear

Wednesday, Dec 31
New Year's Eve Tribute Concert "Kings of Stage" \$
10:00 p.m.
Featuring Kings of the Stage, Gerald G,

and his Project 4 Band
BAL Theatre
14808 E. 14th St, San Leandro
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www.baltheatre.com

Thursday, Jan 1
Healthy Parks Healthy People Hike
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Learn about natural world hiking park trails
Coyote Hills
8000 Patterson Ranch Rd,
Fremont
(510) 544-3220
www.ebparks.org

Thursday, Jan 1
Five Bridges New Year's Hike
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
3.5 mile hike
Sunol Regional Park
1895 Geary Road, Sunol
(510) 544-3249
www.ebparks.org



With one year coming to a close and new one about to begin, many are reviewing their past, making resolutions, and looking for a fun and memorable event to carry them into 2015. For those wanting to avoid long travel times and big city bashes, there are several festive options closer to home. So whether you're eager to don hiking shoes or dancing shoes, listen to live music or get laughs with improv comedy, these local events are sure to fit your fancy:

Balloon Drop Celebration
Wednesday, Dec 31
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Chabot Space & Science Center
10000 Skyline Blvd, Oakland
(510) 336-7300
www.chabotspace.org
Tickets: \$5 per child (members), \$5 per child plus \$12 general admission ages 3-12 (guests)

SOS Productions presents the 7th annual International New Year's Eve Rhythm Ball. Attendees get two parties for one price; event includes five DJs, two different rooms of music. For ages 21 and over; bring proper ID. Elegant attire requested. For more information, visit www.ilikeit-sosstyle.com.

New Year's Eve International Rhythm Ball 2015
Wednesday, Dec 31
8:00 p.m. – 1:30 a.m.
Doubletree by Hilton Newark-Fremont
39900 Balentine Dr, Newark
http://www.eventbrite.com/e/nye-new-years-eve-intl-rhythm-ball-2015-tickets-14049304849?aff=eventful/r/eventful
www.ilikeitsosstyle.com
Tickets: \$60

Enjoy a fully stocked open bar with unlimited premium drinks and dance the night away to the beats of DJ Shem at Milpitas' India Community Center. A sumptuous Indian dinner buffet will be catered by Mynt Restaurant. Exclusive dance performances, party tiaras, hats, and noise-makers for all!

New Year's Eve at ICC
Wednesday, Dec 31
7:00 p.m.
India Community Center
525 Los Coches St, Milpitas
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www.indiacc.org/newyear
Tickets: \$99

Come out and laugh with the award-winning Made Up Theatre with a special improv comedy show on New Year's Eve! The event will feature both of Made Up Theatre's unique main stage improv comedy shows, Laugh Track City and 5 Play. Guests will also get access to snacks and desserts, a raffle for prizes, and party favors. Cast members will be holding an interactive toast, where guests are invited to say a few words as 2014 draws to a close.

New Year's Eve Spectacular
Wednesday, Dec 31
8:00 p.m.
Made Up Theatre
3392 Seldon Ct., Fremont
(510) 573-3633
www.madeuptheatre.com
Tickets: \$25 (online only), \$30 general admission

It's a New Year's Eve Concert Celebration for the entire family, a live musical tribute concert to the Kings of the Stage – Michael Jackson, James Brown, and Rick

James – live at the Historic BAL Theatre in San Leandro. Featuring Kings of the Stage, Gerald G, and his Project 4 Band. You don't want to miss this amazing family-friendly concert event.

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Wednesday, Dec 31
10:00 p.m.
BAL Theatre
14808 E. 14th St, San Leandro
(510) 614-1224
www.baltheatre.com
Tickets: \$15 - \$60

Dave & Buster's in Milpitas is planning New Year's Eve celebrations; call the restaurant for details.

NYE Family Fun Celebration and NYE at D&B
Wednesday, Dec 31
Dave & Buster's
940 Great Mall Dr, Milpitas
(408) 957-9215
http://www.daveandbusters.com/locations/StoreInformation.aspx?trackid=24_CA_SAN_JOSE/MILPITAS&StoreId=24

Start the year off right with an inspiring visit to Ardenwood's monarch butterfly nursery. Discover the amazing life cycle of these tiny creatures and how they survive the long cold season in the Bay Area. Meet at the Granary.

New Year's Day Butterfly Walks
Thursday, Jan 1
11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
(510) 544-2797

www.ebparks.org
Fee: \$3 adults, \$2 children (4-17), under 4 years free

The restorative effect of spending time outdoors is well known, and with our hectic modern lives, we need it! Join this monthly adventure to nurture our inner and outer selves by exploring and learning about the natural world around us as we hike park trails. Ages 12 and up. No registration required; drop in program only.

Healthy Parks Healthy People Hike
Thursday, Jan 1
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Coyote Hills
8000 Patterson Ranch Rd, Fremont
(510) 544-3220
www.ebparks.org
Fee: \$5 parking

Step into the New Year on Sunol's own Bridge-to-Bridge hike. Three and one-half miles, with some steep uphill. Leisurely pace. Trolls are possible. Ages seven and up.

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



Rain barrels a watering alternative

SUBMITTED BY TRI-CITY ECOLOGY CENTER

For a limited time the Alameda County Water District (ACWD) is offering rebates up to \$50 for the purchase and installation of qualifying rain barrels. Customers in Fremont, Newark, and Union City can take advantage of this new program this fall/winter season. ACWD, in partnership with the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA), is providing cash back toward the purchase of qualifying barrels with a maximum of two rebates per residential account. Rain barrels are used for the capture and storage of rainwater for later use in your garden. Collecting rainwater from hard surfaces such as rooftops, rain barrels provide an excellent alternative to traditional irrigation, allowing you to save water and money when you reduce your use of potable water supplies. The benefits extend beyond water conservation as the use of rain barrels aids in stormwater pollution prevention by reducing runoff into nearby storm drains. For more information, program requirements and application materials, visit bawasca.org and click on the New Rain Barrel Rebate Program page. To learn more about ACWD's water conservation programs, please visit www.acwd.org

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SPORTS

Elite Soccer makes impressive showing at tournament

Women's Soccer

SUBMITTED BY JENNI INOUE

Elite Soccer, consisting of players from the Tri City area, had an impressive showing at the Juventus Coppa d'Oro Tournament that took place on Dec 13-14 in Redwood City, CA. Three teams representing Elite Soccer were Elite Impact U11G, Elite Sonic Orange U9G, and Elite

Sonic Black U8G. Each team went undefeated for the first three games to qualify for the final championship game.

Coaches Ann Lombana and Jessie Torres led Elite Sonic Black U8G to a 3-1 victory in the final game for the Championship Trophy.

Coach Lombana made another Championship game in the U9G division, with Coach Greg Gilbert and the Elite Sonic Or-

ange team. Although the girls played hard, they could not pull out the win, and ended up in 2nd place.

Elite Impact U11G with Coaches Tomas Clark and Adrian Valadez were also successful in getting to the Final Championship game. Luck was not on their side and they ended up with a heartbreaking 0-1 loss for 2nd place



CSUEB picked as finalist for NCAA Division II Award of Excellence



Women's Volleyball

SUBMITTED BY
STEVE CONNOLLY

Cal State East Bay has been named a finalist for the 2015 NCAA Division II Award of Excellence, which recognizes outstanding campus and community engagement events. CSUEB was selected along with 24 other colleges and universities by the NCAA Division II Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). The Pioneers are the sole representative from the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA).

The East Bay Athletics Department was recognized for a special event it put on during the 2014 volleyball season in conjunction with the Make-a-Wish Foundation for the Greater Bay Area. Organized by Community Engagement & Events Coordinator Jose-Luis Rayas and made possible by the enthusiasm and generosity of the Pioneer women's volleyball team, the event provided an opportunity

for Make-A-Wish child Tara Goodearly to be an honorary member of the Pioneers during their match against UC San Diego on Nov. 14.

Tara, a sophomore at Livermore High School, got a chance to meet the team and coaching staff prior to the match, and her friends and family received VIP seating at Pioneer Gymnasium. Tara was listed on the CSUEB roster on the game day program, she was announced along with the Pioneer starters during pre-match introductions, and she got to sit on the bench with the student-athletes during the match.

In addition to honoring Tara, CSUEB Athletics also invited the seventh and eighth grade volleyball teams from Centerville Junior High School in the local community. The visiting youngsters received complementary admission, and a discount was offered to their family and friends. After the match, the youth volleyball players each received Cal State East Bay mini volleyballs and got a chance to

participate in a meet-and-greet with the Pioneer student-athletes to get their mini volleyballs signed.

To help raise funds and awareness for the Make-A-Wish foundation, the Pioneers also raffled off basketball season tickets and Pioneer prize pack, which Tara presented to the winners.

Each finalist for the Award of Excellence is awarded \$500 for the event or activity for which they are recognized. In addition, two runner-up recipients and the overall 2015 Division II Award of Excellence winner will emerge from the list of 25 finalists.

The national winner will receive a cash prize of \$1,500 and a nationally televised football or basketball game during the 2015-16 Season. The first runner-up will receive a \$1,250 prize and the second-runner-up will receive \$1,000 to be used toward future community engagement initiatives. The two runner-up recipients and the overall winner will be announced on Jan. 17 in Washington, D.C.



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City of Fremont News Briefs

SUBMITTED BY CHERYL GOLDEN

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

Starting February 2 to April 15, 2015, trained IRS-certified VITA tax preparers from the SparkPoint Fremont Family Resource Center (FRC) Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program will be providing free quality tax preparation with e-filing for qualified individuals and families with household incomes of \$53,000 or less annually.

Tax preparation assistance will be available at the Fremont Family Resource Center Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tax preparation assistance is also offered in locations throughout the Tri-City area.

For more information, please contact SparkPoint Fremont at 510-574-2020 or visit www.Fremont.gov/SparkPointFRC.

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Encountering Acts of Compassion

Compassion – it’s something everyone could use a little more of, especially within local communities. The Charter for Compassion, started by Karen Armstrong, a 2008 Ted Prize winner, observed that as the world’s societies and cultural and religious institutions have become more complex, they have often also become less compassionate and kind, and more disconnected and indifferent.

To combat this trend, the International Campaign for Compassionate Communities and its accompanying Charter for Compassion have made it their mission to inspire communities of all sizes to embrace and encourage compassion. More than 280 communities around the world have either signed the Charter for Compassion or are actively organizing around the principles of a compassionate community. The City of Fremont is exploring joining the movement.

The program does not specifically define what a compassionate community looks like. Rather, it leaves that definition up to its residents to determine. And that’s where you come in.

The City’s Human Relations Commission, along with the Tri-City Interfaith Council, is currently seeking feedback from the Fremont community and would like to know how you would define the actions of a compassion community. Ultimately, your feedback could lead to the adoption of a Charter for Compassion by the Fremont City Council, or ongoing efforts to promote acts of compassion by the City’s residents, businesses and organizations.

Fremont residents, businesses, community organizations, and City staff already carry out thousands of compassionate acts every year, including:

- A neighbor helping another neighbor in need
- Giving to local services agencies
- Being open and accepting of different religions and faiths and cultural groups
- Volunteering in the community
- The City providing a social safety net for low-income families and individuals

Have you encountered an act of compassion? Please share your story with us and provide examples of acts of compassion you have seen, benefited from, or participated in within our community. To submit a response, please visit Fremont Open City Hall at www.Fremont.gov/OpenCityHallCompassion.

Private Video Surveillance Camera Registration

Do you currently utilize private video surveillance at your home or business? If you do, the Fremont Police Department would like to hear from you.

Video surveillance is one of the best methods for apprehending criminals and convicting suspects who are caught in the act of committing a crime. Installing private video surveillance is a great example of community-police partnerships and is something the City highly values as the Fremont Police Department serves a very large community.

If you would like to let the Fremont Police Department know that you have video surveillance and allow police officers to contact you should a crime occur in or near where your cameras are installed, please register your camera online. Registration is voluntary.

For more information please visit www.FremontPolice.org/CameraRegistration.

Niles Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project

The Niles Boulevard Bridge spans over Union Pacific Railroad and BART rail lines, connecting the City of Fremont and

Union City. Constructed by BART in the 1970s, the existing bridge is being replaced with a new cast-in-place, pre-stressed concrete box girder bridge to meet current seismic and design standards. The new bridge will be built next to the existing bridge, allowing it to remain open during construction. Bids for the project have gone out and construction is anticipated to begin in early 2015 and will take approximately 13 months to complete.

For more information about the project visit www.NilesBlvdBridge.com, or send an email to NilesBlvdBridge@fremont.gov or call 510-355-1502.

Sponsor boxART!

Fremont’s boxART! program is officially off the ground with artwork popping up around town. Artwork that spans diversity, equality, play, environment, and more is poised to grace our traffic signal control boxes. And we are thrilled that the artists themselves come from the diversity that is our community.

We’re excited to see that several civic-minded businesses and individuals have already stepped forward to be the first to support boxART! – and we know there will be many more. If you would like to learn how to sponsor a box, please contact Susan Longini at boxart@fremont.gov or 510-494-4555.

For more information, visit: www.Fremont.gov/BoxArt

Student Athletes selected for CCAA Fall All-Academic Team

SUBMITTED BY STEVE CONNOLLY

Twenty-four Cal State East Bay student-athletes have earned California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) Fall All-Academic honors, the conference office announced December 17, 2014. Of the 12 CCAA institutions, the Pioneers had the fourth-highest number of honorees.

This year marks the first in which the conference has recognized student-athletes for their academic achievements per season. The remaining CCAA sports — basketball, baseball, softball, men’s golf, and track & field — will be recognized at the

conclusion of their 2014-15 seasons of competition.

The women’s soccer team led the way for Cal State East Bay with 10 honorees, followed by men’s soccer with six. Three volleyball players were recognized, along with three men’s cross country runners and two women’s cross country runners.

All student-athletes named to the 2014 CCAA Fall All-Academic team must be of sophomore athletic standing or higher, including graduate students, with a 3.3 cumulative GPA or better. Athletes must also have competed in a CCAA-sponsored sport during that season. The full list of CSUEB honorees follows:

- MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY**
Daniel Damian
Irvin Parada
Leo Theus III

WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY
Samira Foy
Imani Heath

MEN’S SOCCER
Juan Alfaro
Kellen Crow
Scott Dobson
Nathan Durio
Steven Morgan
Steffen Sauer
- WOMEN’S SOCCER**
Kelley Brown
Joanna Giron
Andrea Hernandez
Kianna Lamont
Alexis Perez
Megan Ravenscroft
Rachel Robbert
Sara Silva
Kendra Trifonovitch
Lia Unterholzner

VOLLEYBALL
Marina Aragao
Megan Johnson
Aimee Kyed

School record falls at UNLV Invite

Women’s Swimming

SUBMITTED BY SCOTT CHISHOLM

Cal State East Bay concluded the three-day UNLV Winter Invitational on December 15 at the Buchanan Natatorium with a sixth place finish in the 400-yard freestyle relay. The team of Madison Hauanio, Alyssa Tenney, Rachel Shimizu, and Kali Kearns finished in 3:31.60 and more than six seconds faster than the program’s season best time.

The East Bay 200-yard backstroke record was set twice on Monday starting with Mariam Lowe’s morning prelims time of 2:03.66. She became the first Pioneer to break the 2 minutes, 4 seconds barrier and qualified for the championship finals in the event. Lowe would go on to finish seventh overall after appearing in her second individual “A” final of the meet.

Hauanio returned for the “B” final after dropping three seconds off her season best in the prelims. She went on to drop over two more seconds in the finals and placed 10th overall in a school record time of 2:03.30.

Shimizu started and ended her day with solid swims following a 12th place finish in the 1,650-yard freestyle. Her time of 17:43.58 is a season best and two seconds off her personal record. Teammate Hannah Cutts got up for 16th place to score for the Pioneers.

The consolation final of the 200-yard breaststroke was stacked with Pioneers as half of the field would be wearing “EB” swim caps. Courtney Schwiesow was the top finisher taking runner-up in the heat and 10th overall in a time of 2:24.10. Not far behind were teammates Shaylyn Brownell (2:24.49) and Claire Beaty (2:24.74) who finished 12th and 13th overall, respectively. Makila Schuck placed 16th to score for East Bay.

Cal State East Bay finished with 208 points and in sixth place among the eight collegiate programs competing. The Pioneers were the highest placing non-Division I program.

CSUMB upends Pioneers to even season series

Men’s Basketball

SUBMITTED BY STEVE CONNOLLY

The Cal State East Bay men’s basketball team fell on the road December 20th to Cal State Monterey Bay by a final score of 93-81 in California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) competition. The Otters (6-4, 2-2 CCAA) evened the season series with the Pioneers (3-6, 1-3 CCAA).

“This was an extremely hard fought game by both teams,” said head coach Gus Argenal. “Monterey was efficient and their scorers made plays when they needed it. We played hard and competed on the road, but to win a game like this, we need to defend much better and have a mindset to get stops. That attitude was missing today.”

Jacari Whitfield buried one of his four three-pointers on the first possession of the second half to put East

Bay back up by one, but CSUMB’s Jorey Scott quickly converted a layup on the other end to give the Otters the advantage. Monterey Bay led for the entire second half after that, holding off every attempt the Pioneers made to erase their deficit.

Whitfield led all scorers with 23 points and added a team-high four assists. Grieves finished with 18 points on 6-for-15 shooting in 23 minutes off the bench. Senior Cody Kale also reached double figures with 10 points, going 5-for-9 from the floor with five rebounds and three assists. Fellow senior Jarred Jourdan added nine points in defeat.

Junior Jack Pasquini, who entered the game as the CCAA’s leading rebounder, recorded his fourth double-digit performance with 11 boards. He also scored eight points, including two buckets from beyond the arc. Sophomore Kyle Frakes had seven points, seven rebounds, and a season-high four blocks. Freshman Patrick Marr added five points and five rebounds.

Whitfield led the Pioneers with 23 points and 4 assists in Saturday’s loss at CSUMB



Logan Report

Submitted by James Williams

James Logan vs Moreau
December 17, 2014

James Logan 7, Moreau 1
1st Half Scoring:
JL: Jared Rivera (German Villalobos) 12:00, Cristian Olivares (German Villalobos) 22:00, Jason Jattan (Jacob De Jesus) 31:00
2nd Half Scoring:

JL: Jason Jattan (Jacob De Jesus) 41:00, Justyn Raygoza (Jacob De Jesus) 48:00, Jason Jattan (German Villalobos) 51:00, Samim Hamid (Justyn Raygoza) 69:00
MO: Evanco Sinay (Eric Webb) 74:00
JL Goalies: Andres Marquez, 60 Min, 0 GA, 1 Save
Javier Vega, 20 Min, 1 GA, 1 Save

MO Goalie: Diego Gutierrez, 80 Min, 7 GA, 4 Saves

James Logan v Newark Memorial
December 19, 2014

Logan 1, Newark 2

1st Half Scoring:
None

2nd Half Scoring:
JL: German Villalobos 53:00
NWK: Chris Amaya (Cesar Virrueta) 56:00, Chris Amaya (Zahiem Fazel) 59:00

JL Goalie: Andres Marquez, 80 Min, 2 GA, 5 Saves
NWK Goalie: Luke Lombana, 80 Min, 1 GA, 4 Saves

Government Briefs

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

City Council/Public Agency MEETINGS

Readers are advised to check websites for special meetings, cancellations, minutes, agendas and webcasts

CITY COUNCILS

Fremont City Council
1st/2nd/3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.
City Hall, Bldg A
3300 Capitol Ave., Fremont
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www.fremont.gov

Hayward City Council
1st/3rd/4th Tuesday @ 7 p.m.
City Hall, second floor
777 B Street, Hayward
(510) 583-4000
www.ci.hayward.ca.us

Milpitas City Council
1st/3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.
455 East Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas
(408) 586-3001
www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov

Newark City Council
2nd/4th Thursday @ 7:30 p.m.
City Hall, 6th Floor
37101 Newark Blvd., Newark
(510) 578-4266
www.ci.newark.ca.us

San Leandro City Council
1st/3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.
835 East 14th St., San Leandro
(510) 577-3366
www.sanleandro.org

Union City City Council
2nd/4th Tuesday @ 7 p.m.
City Hall
34009 Alvarado-Niles Rd., Union City
(510) 471-3232
www.ci.union-city.ca.us

WATER/SEWER

Alameda County Water District
2nd Thursday @ 6:00 p.m.
43885 S. Grimmer Blvd., Fremont
(510) 668-4200
www.acwd.org

East Bay Municipal Utility District
2nd/4th Tuesday @ 1:15 p.m.
375 11th St., Oakland
(866) 403-2683
www.ebmud.com

Santa Clara Valley Water District
2nd/4th Tuesday @ 6:00 p.m.
5700 Almaden Expwy., San Jose
(408) 265-2607, ext. 2277
www.valleywater.org

Union Sanitary District
2nd/4th Monday @ 7:00 p.m.
5072 Benson Rd., Union City
(510) 477-7503
www.unionsanitary.com

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Castro Valley Unified School Board
2nd/4th Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.
4400 Alma Ave., Castro Valley
(510) 537-3000
www.cv.k12.ca.us

Fremont Unified School Board
2nd/4th Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.
4210 Technology Dr., Fremont
(510) 657-2350
www.fremont.k12.ca.us

Hayward Unified School Board
2nd/4th Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.
24411 Amador Street, Hayward
(510) 784-2600
www.husd.k12.ca.us

Milpitas Unified School Board
2nd/4th Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.
1331 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas
www.musd.org
(406) 635-2600 ext. 6013

New Haven Unified School Board
1st/3rd Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m.
34200 Alvarado-Niles Rd., Union City
(510) 471-1100
www.nhusd.k12.ca.us

Newark Unified School District
1st/3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.
5715 Musick Ave., Newark
(510) 818-4103
www.newarkunified.org

San Leandro Unified School Board
1st/3rd Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.
835 E. 14th St., San Leandro
(510) 667-3500
www.sanleandro.k12.ca.us

San Lorenzo Unified School Board
1st/3rd Tuesday @ 7:30 p.m.
15510 Usher St., San Lorenzo
(510) 317-4600
www.slzsd.org

Sunol Glen Unified School Board
2nd Tuesday @ 5:30 p.m.
11601 Main Street, Sunol
(925) 862-2026
www.sunol.k12.ca.us

Fremont City Council

December 16, 2014

Moment of silence:

Mayor Harrison asked for a moment of silence to reflect on the recent massacre at a Pakistani school.

Consent:

Approve contract to Tennyson Electric in the amount of \$1,861,052.50 for intersection improvements on Blacow Road.

Approve extraordinary Transfer Station Service fees for outstanding transportation claim. Approve vacation of water line easement at 3393 Washington Boulevard.

Approve final map of Tract 8035 by Patterson Ranch, LLC. Approve final map of Tract

new parking lot.

Scheduled Items:

Hold a Public Hearing to allow the development of 18 townhomes on 1.1 acres at 34653 Fremont Boulevard. Discussion of what could be construed as incongruous 3-story structure behind historic home, sight lines to surrounding neighbors, walkways and row of garages. Developer agreed to more mature landscaping and working with staff to ameliorate issues. Approved 3-2 (Bacon, Mei – Nay)

Other Business:

Listen to a presentation by Metropolitan Transportation Commission staff on Express Lanes and I-880 Express Lane project. Project will include more access to express lane and a variable pass to indicate number of passengers in vehicles using the lane. Public outreach is planned to explain the system. The express



Detective Brian Ancona and wife Karen. Det. Ancona was honored for 30 years service with the Fremont Police Department



Detective Brian Ancona receives recognition for 30 years service with the Fremont Police Department from Chief Richard Lucero and Mayor Bill Harrison

8126 by Palm Avenue Developers, LLC.

Approve grant application to CalRecycle for play surfacing with tire-derived products.

Added to Consent:

Approve rezoning 43360 Mission Boulevard for 9,763 square foot commercial building.

Hold a Public Hearing to allow a three-lot residential subdivision for two single family residences and additions to an existing single family residence at 111 E Street.

Ceremonial:

Honor Detective Brian Ancona for 30 years service

Recognize John F. Kennedy High School football team for 10-0 season

Public Communications:

Comment to ease restrictive winter hours at Mission Peak citing lower use and economic impact of less visitor use. Urge council to enforce parking regulations and influence East Bay Regional Park District to fast track a

lane will extend from Fremont (south) to Oakland with many ingress and egress locations.

Receive presentation of Affordable Housing Ordinance and give direction to staff. Discussion and public comment about the validity of a nexus study to determine the impact of new housing on job creation and affordable housing needs. Council asked to comment on three questions for further review:

Should the City raise the for-sale fee? If so, over what time period and tie to economic indicators?

Should a fee be required from for-sale projects for Very Low Income and Low Income properties?

Should rental fees be reduced? Should rental fees be reduced further for rental units of less than 700 square feet?

Council split on timing of increasing fees over a four year period and ties to economic indicators but were favorable to



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TAKES FROM SILICON VALLEY EAST

“Cleantech Comeback” Conversation Reaffirms Fremont’s Enduring Strategy

By CHRISTINA BRIGGS,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
MANAGER

When Lindsey Gilpin recently posted her article, “10 Reasons Why Cleantech Made a Comeback in 2014,” on Tech Republic, it was tough for us not to say, “I told you so!” Through the ups and (more recent deep dives) downs, Fremont has steadfastly pursued a robust strategy around attracting and supporting clean technology companies, citing that these industries collectively make up our highest prospect for growth. And sure enough, several of the reasons Gilpin lists in her piece are on full display here. We think it is worth reflecting on the topics where Fremont was in the headlines during 2014.

Falling Prices in Solar Market

Despite its tumultuous path, solar has maintained a strong presence in Fremont and continues to grow. From panel manufacturing to balance of system/installers to certification and testing, Fremont’s thriving solar sector reinforces Gilpin’s claim that falling prices and near grid parity have led this market to turn a critical corner. Two Fremont-based solar companies were in the headlines in 2014 for high-profile mergers:

- SunPower Acquires Solar Power Electronics Startup Dfly Systems
- What The SolarCity Silevo Acquisition Could Mean

Next-Gen Batteries

We think it’s safe to say that 2014 was the Year of the Battery. In April, the California Clean Energy Fund launched CalCharge, creating a multi-pronged network of resources for the California energy storage cluster.

As home to several companies in this cluster, Fremont was proud to partner with the Cleantech Open and CalCharge to host

“2014: The Year of the Battery: Taking Batteries from Bottleneck to Breakthrough,” which brought together 150 battery technologists, entrepreneurs, and VCs to discuss the industry and how Fremont offers a local manufacturing solution for this technology.

Elon Musk (a.k.a. Tesla)

Let’s face it — what’s big for Tesla is big for Fremont. Not many other cities can boast a cleantech company as its largest employer. Tesla is a poster child for cleantech and advanced manufacturing, and its rapid success has put Fremont on the map. More importantly, Tesla’s growth has led to a vast cluster of EV Technology and manufacturing supply chain solutions within Fremont. While there isn’t enough room to list all the headlines and milestones Tesla achieved this year, we recently issued our own reaction to Tesla’s plans for the Battery Giga Factory in Nevada. You can read it here: <http://www.thinksiliconvalley.com/silicon-valley-east/our-take-teslas-gigafactory-decision/>

Smart Thermostats (a.k.a. Sensor Technology)

Gilpin’s observation about the significance of the NEST/Google deal was not lost on us either. That transaction represented huge market potential for the broader Internet of Things (IOT) movement. The investment community also spoke out in Fremont with some notable funding rounds focused on sensor/communication technologies:

- Tactus Technology Raises \$13.5 Million in Series B Funding
- Quantenna Aims to Supercharge Home Networking
- Quantenna Communications Closes \$22M New Round

What will 2015 hold for Cleantech and Fremont’s other prominent clusters? Stay tuned for our 2015 preview featuring projections from some of our favorite industry experts.

revising fees – increase of for-sale fees and reduction of rental fees; further reduction for rental units under 700 square feet. Staff will return early next year for final ordinance approval.

Announcement:

Fremont has qualified as a semi-finalist in the \$5 million Georgetown University Energy Prize “for the community that

leads the way in energy efficiency” through innovative approaches, education and growing markets for products and services that facilitate energy efficiency. Mayor Bill Harrison Aye Vice Mayor Suzanne Lee Chan Aye Vinnie Bacon Aye (1 Nay) Lilly Mei Aye (1 Nay) Rick Jones Aye



John F. Kennedy Titans football team was recognized for a perfect 10-0 regular 2014 season, claiming the Mission Valley Athletic League championship

OPINION



WILLIAM MARSHAK

Santa Claus is coming tonight!

“VIRGINIA O’HANLON
“115 WEST NINETY-FIFTH
STREET.”

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

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

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that

prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that’s no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

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

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

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

William Marshak
PUBLISHER

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

Merry Christmas to all!

Bill Marshak

Publisher/Editor in Chief

Tri-City Voice

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

Alsion hosts Youth Leadership Program



SUBMITTED BY ROSEMARY PETERSEN

Alsion Montessori Middle High School in Fremont hosted a Youth Leadership Program (YLP) run by volunteers Sarayu Somasekar and Midji Rovetta, Union City Toastmasters Club members. Fourteen participants met one day a week for nine weeks to learn about leadership and public speaking skills. The program concluded on Sunday, November 30, 2014, with speech contest and table topics contests.

The following participants took part in this year’s YLP:

Akhil Murthy
Carissa Suryantyo (3rd place, Speech)
Gaayathri Raypeneni
Kaanthi Pandhigunta (1st place, Speech)
Kaushik Donthi
Kayla Hirsh (2nd place, Table Topics)

Meghana Ballari
Michael Desouza (1st place, Table Topics)
Nakulan Karthikeyan (2nd place, Speech)
Raviparthap Thiara
Ryudo Egawa
Shreya Kumar
Supreet Thiara (3rd place, Table Topics)
Viren Khandal

According to Rovetta, students learned essential skills in public speaking based on the Toastmasters curriculum, including introduction to public speaking; impromptu speaking; organizing speech content; listening; gestures in speaking; and voice and vocabulary. For those interested in joining YLP programs in the fall, email ylp7871@gmail.com. Watch other speeches from Toastmasters and YLP student graduates at www.youtube.com/user/Toastmaster-TimeTV, sponsored by Toastmasters District 57.



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AC Transit and BART enhance service for late night commuters

SUBMITTED BY CLARENCE L. JOHNSON

AC Transit and BART are collaborating to launch a one-year pilot program that increases the options for late night commuters, providing new destinations and improved frequency of predawn buses between San Francisco and the East Bay on weekends.

The beefed up after-hours operation, which launched on December 12, include a new route, Line 822, that will extend bus service to BART stations from Mission and 24th streets in San Francisco to Pittsburg-Bay Point in the East Bay. In addition, the frequency of late-night service from San Francisco to Richmond BART (Line 800) and Oakland to Bay Fair BART (Line 801) will improve from 30 minutes to 20 minutes, whereas the frequency of late-night service from Oakland to Fremont will improve from 60 minutes to 40 minutes.

AC Transit's regular fares will apply to the new Line 822 and the augmented Lines 800 and 801 late-night service: \$4.20 for transbay trips and \$2.10 for local trips. Senior, youth and the disabled discounts will apply, Day Passes will be honored and fares can be paid with Clipper or cash.

AC Transit's Line 801 (from downtown Oakland to Fremont BART) will increase frequency from 30 to 20 minutes to Bay Fair; and from 60 to 40 minutes to Fremont BART.

A complete schedule of Line 800, Line 801 and Line 822— detailing route times and stops— is available online at www.actransit.org/allnighter.

San Leandro City Council recognizes community leaders

SUBMITTED BY TERESA MEYER

On December 16, Mayor Stephen Cassidy and the San Leandro City Council presented leadership and service awards to 15 community members who made outstanding contributions to San Leandro.

"We are delighted to recognize the award recipients and thank them for their time and energy in advancing the welfare of our City," stated Mayor Cassidy.

Debbie Cabral-Halliday – District 1 Leadership Award Recipient, selected by Council Member Michael Gregory. Cabral-Halliday is the owner and director of DC Dance Center who has taught dance locally for 38 years.

Dr. Earl N. Crawford – District 2 Leadership Award Recipient, selected by Councilmember Ursula Reed. Noted as one of the youngest gospel preachers in California, Dr. Crawford has been a minister for over 40 years, and is presently the Pastor of Praises of Zion Ministry Baptist Church in San Leandro.

Jan Woycheshin – District 3 Leadership Award Recipient, selected by Councilmember Diana Souza. Woycheshin has served in many capacities over the years, including service on various organizations like the Friends of San Leandro Creek Board of Directors and the San Leandro Chamber of Commerce.

Amada Robles – District 4 Leadership Award Recipient, selected by Councilmember Benny Lee. Robles has been committed to meeting the needs of San Leandro residents and dedicated to the community through her active involvement with the MediCal and Medicare programs and her advocacy for social services.

Carolyn Lizotte – District 5 Leadership Award Recipient, selected by Councilmember Pauline Cutter. Lizotte is a longtime resident of San Leandro and has been actively involved with the school district and her neighborhood.

Robert Fox – District 6 Leadership Award Recipient, selected by Councilmember Jim Prola. Fox was born and raised in San Leandro. He is a longtime volunteer at Davis Street Food Bank and has been a member of Congregations Organizing for Renewal, which has advocated for the new Cornerstone Working Family Housing Project.

David Irmer – Mayor's Award of Excellence in Business. A longtime and successful developer, Irmer was honored for his work in San Leandro. Through his belief in San Leandro as a quality location, he developed the Creekside Office Plaza - San Leandro's first Class A office space.

Derick Lee – Mayor's Young Business Person Award. Lee is co-founder of The Fleet, a mobile, digital 3D fabrication lab and a member of the Bay Area Advance Manufacturing hub, the largest 3D printing hub under one roof anywhere in the world. Both facilities are located at The Gate in San Leandro.

Moir Fry, Margaret Strem, and Noel Moritz of Interfaith Homeless Network/April Showers – Mayor's Community Service Award. These three individuals work for April Showers - a volunteer organization in San Leandro that was founded after a local homeless man known to many in the downtown area died of exposure in 2001. The organization provides various services for the homeless, including hot showers, clothing, a barber service, bag lunches, hot lunches, and resource referrals.

Fry is a member of the April Showers Steering Committee and has worked with the organization since 2009. Strem is a member of the April Showers Steering Committee and been a core member of the organization since 2004. Moritz is also a member of the April Showers Steering Committee and has worked with the organization since 2003.

Carlos Moreno – Mayor Stephen Cassidy's Leadership in the Arts Award.

Moreno is the founder of the Ballet Folklorico Mexicano. Moreno has provided entertainment at no to low cost including mariachi music and ballet for San Leandro's annual Cinco de Mayo event.

Ellen Corbett – Mayor's Champion of San Leandro Award. Corbett is a former Democratic member of the California State Senate, representing District 10 from 2006 to 2014. She served as Senate Majority Leader from 2010 to 2014.

John Jermanis – Mayor Stephen Cassidy's Champion of San Leandro Award. Jermanis worked for the City of San Leandro for 37 years and served as its City Manager from 1997 through 2008.

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Pay for Success
request for mental
health proposals

SUBMITTED BY GWENDOLYN MITCHELL/LAUREL ANDERSON

Each year, roughly 1,000 unique individuals make repeated use of Santa Clara County's emergency and inpatient psychiatric facilities. In addition to severe mental health conditions, these "frequent users" often experience substance use disorders, lack of access to housing and other supportive services, and/or poor adherence to medication regimens. On December 12, the County of Santa Clara released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to identify an agency to spearhead an innovative "Pay for Success" program to serve these clients through an evidence-based intervention that will improve health outcomes and reduce the number of emergency and inpatient acute psychiatric hospitalizations.

This RFP is part of Santa Clara County's Acute Mental Health: Frequent Users Care Coordination Pay for Success Project. The selected agency will enter into a Pay for Success (PFS) contract with the County, under which the County only pays for services if and when successful results are achieved. This PFS initiative is the first in the U.S. to target mental health and the second PFS project in the County and in California, positioning the County at the forefront of the national movement towards performance-based contracting for social services.

Pay for Success is an innovative funding model that drives government resources toward social programs that are proven to be effective at providing results to the people who need them the most. PFS contracts sometimes called Social Impact Bonds, combine nonprofit expertise in addressing social issues, private sector funding, and rigorous evaluation to tackle social problems. Through Pay for Success, governments can draw in greater resources to combat community challenges, tapping private and philanthropic funding for the upfront costs of programs. Throughout the course of the PFS project, the government will track the effectiveness of programs to ensure funding is directed toward programs that succeed in measurably improving the lives of people most in need.

Proposals for this RFP are due on February 17, 2015 and the County will host a Pre-Proposal Conference on January 9, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The full RFP, including Pre-Proposal Conference location, is available through BidSync, the County's online procurement service, at <https://www.bidsync.com/bidsync-app/web/vendor/links/BidDetail.xhtml?returnPage=searchResults&cbidid=1971638>

For more information, contact the Office of Public Affairs at (408) 299 5119.

Santa Clara County
explores housing for
homeless

SUBMITTED BY JANICE ROMBECK

The Board of Supervisors gave approval on December 16, to explore immediate solutions to provide more shelter and services for the more than 7,000 people who on any given night are homeless in Santa Clara County.

The proposal from Supervisors Dave Cortese and Cindy Chavez was part of a comprehensive report presented to the Board about the County's contributions to affordable housing, its role in the development of new affordable housing and the forging of partnership to unite cities and agencies in this effort.

Cortese and Chavez are asking administrators to research two approaches for providing transitional housing for homeless – building or buying pre-built micro-housing units or adding beds to existing shelters – and report back with a cost-benefit analysis. In several communities across the country, the small units are proving to be a wise investment and better alternative to homeless shelter beds.

"Comparing the cost effectiveness of both approaches will give us a better picture of which solution could help homeless residents move toward stability and self-sufficiency," Cortese said.

For more information, contact the Office of Supervisor Dave Cortese at (408) 299-5030.

Special holiday schedules

SUBMITTED BY SANTA
CLARA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) will operate holiday service on Thursday, December 25, 2014 and Thursday, January 1, 2015, for the Christmas and New Year's holidays, and some commute service will be canceled on December 26, 2014 and January 2, 2015.

For New Year's Eve, between 8 p.m. on December 31 and 5 a.m. on January 1, all VTA service will be free, and both light rail and Express Bus 181 will also have expanded service. All customers are encouraged to check the VTA schedule for their return trips to ensure they do not miss their bus or train.

Changes to service on Christmas and New Year's Days and the days after are as follows:

Christmas Day: Thursday, December 25 & New Year's Day: Thursday, January 1, 2015

**Sunday/Holiday schedule:
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**Friday, December 26, 2014 and Friday,
January 2, 2015**

**Because ridership is very light the days
after Christmas and New Year's Day, VTA
is canceling service on a few of its com-
muter lines on Friday, December 26 and
Friday, January 2, 2015. Service will be
cancelled on:**

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So that our employees can celebrate with their families, VTA Call Center and the Downtown Customer Service Center will close at 4 p.m. on December 24 and December 31. Check schedules at VTA.org and plan ahead so you can enjoy your night and not have to worry about driving.

Saint Paul
a growing church

SUBMITTED BY ANNE LAU CHOY, SENIOR PASTOR

In November, Saint Paul United Methodist Church celebrated its golden anniversary. It all began in 1963 when the California-Nevada Conference decided to start a new church in Newark. Saint Paul was chartered in November 1964. After moving to numerous locations, Saint Paul relocated to its permanent home at the corner of Lowry and Alvarado Blvd. in Fremont. The land was purchased in 1984 in partnership with the Islamic Society of the East Bay.

Fifty years after we started and twenty years after the completion of our current facility, Saint Paul is under construction again! The church is currently building the Virginia Maniti Williams Ministry Center. An additional 10,000 square feet will house the Precious Time Preschool, Kingdom Kids, adult Sunday school classes and meeting rooms.

A growing vibrant, multicultural, multigenerational congregation, Saint Paul Church invites the families of Fremont, Newark and Union City to join us to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus. Saint Paul has celebrations during the Christmas season called Simbang Gabi (evening worship).

**Saint Paul United Methodist Church
Tuesday, Dec 23 (Kidz Christmas Play)
7 p.m.**

**Wednesday, Dec 24 (Christmas Eve candlelight services)
5 p.m. / 6:30 p.m.
33350 Peace Terrace, Fremont
(510) 429-3990
<http://www.stpaulumcfremont.org/>**

Union City Police spread Christmas cheer



Santa Claus' helpers were busy on Saturday morning, December 20th, at the police parking lot behind Union City Police headquarters. Preparations for a procession of seasonally decorated police vehicles including the "paddy wagon" destined for stops at 100 family homes and Union City neighborhoods were underway by Union

City Police Explorers under the direction of Sgt. Steve Mendez and Officers Angela Fonseca and Rob Young. This holiday "police action" was anticipated to last from 3 p.m. until 8 or 9 p.m. This event is the continuation of a tradition that began in 2007 when Union City resident Gilbert Robledo, who has a body shop business in Hayward, de-

cided to do something for his community. An initial donation of 100 teddy bears and 50 pounds of candy was so heartwarming and successful that since then, donations have expanded to thousands of gifts and treats for families selected for a visit plus neighbors who gather to watch the action. Although

adults in the families are aware of the impending delivery from Santa's helpers, others in the household are not. This is only one of the many civic activities of the Explorers. The Union City post, open to volunteers 9th grade – age 21, began in 1967 and has been a vital component of police com-

munity service since, including assistance at parades and events in Union City and surrounding communities. Members are able to learn about law enforcement and approximately 70-75 have chosen to enter careers in the field; even helping Santa Claus with his heavy delivery schedule.



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

IN RE
ADOPTION OF BABY GIRL S. a/k/a Beatrice S.
TO: Walter Ray Jones
and
Unknown Birth Father(s)
You are hereby notified that an adoption case has been filed in the Circuit Court for Charles County, Maryland, Case No. A14-9.
All persons who believe themselves to be parents of a female child born on May 30, 2013, in Alameda County, California, to Jovina Patricia Salas, shall file a written response. A copy of the show cause order may be obtained from the Clerk's Office at P.O. Box 970, LaPlata, Maryland 20646 and (301) 932-3215. If you do not file a written objection within 60 days from the date that this notice was published, you will have agreed to the permanent loss of your parental rights to this child.
12/23/14

CNS-2700352#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Fictitious Business Name(s):
California Milan Medical Center, 35638 Dee Pl, Fremont, CA 94536, County of Alameda
35638 Dee Pl, Fremont, Alameda CA 94536
Registrant(s):
Chengjun Xu, 35638 Dee Pl, Fremont, CA 94536
Business conducted by: An individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Chengjun Xu
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 17, 2014.
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/23, 12/30, 1/6, 1/13/15

CNS-2700109#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Northall Driving School, 37503 Cherry St 207C Newark CA 94560, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Harmanpreet Singh, 6104 B Civic Terrace Ave, Newark CA 94560
Business conducted by: An individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Harmanpreet Singh
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 17, 2014.
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
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12/23, 12/30, 1/6, 1/13/15

CNS-2699976#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Fictitious Business Name(s):
2. Mission Peak, 2. Mission Peak Financial Services, 3. Mission Peak Brokers, 4. Mission Peak Business Brokers, 5. Mission Peak Commercial Brokers, 6. Mission Peak Commercial, 7. Mission Peak Home Loans, 8. Mission Peak Loan, 9. Mission Peak Commercial Real Estate, 10. Mission Peak Commercial Loans, 11. Mission Peak Business Loans, 12. Mission Peak Commercial Group, 13. Mission Peak Residential, 14. Mission Peak Residential Brokerage, 15. Mission Peak Capital, 16. Mission Peak Properties, 17. Mission Peak Real Estate Advisors, 18. Mission Peak Investment Advisors, 19. Mission Peak Business Advisors, 20. Mission Peak Funding Group, 21. Mission Peak Funding, 22. Mission Peak Real Estate Services, 23. Mission Peak Realty, 24. Mission Peak Realty and Loans, 25. Harry Sidhu, 46560 Fremont Blvd, Ste #111, Fremont, CA 94538, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Mission Peak Brokers Inc., 46560 Fremont Blvd, Ste #111, Fremont, CA 94538; California
Business conducted by: a Corporation
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/12/2010
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Harpreet Sidhu, (President)
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 9, 2014
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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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12/23, 12/30, 1/6, 1/13/15

CNS-2699650#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Fictitious Business Name(s):
The Book Locker, 4263 Dallas Ct Fremont CA 94536, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Cara Elness, 4263 Dallas Ct Fremont CA 94536
Business conducted by: an individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1993
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Cara Elness
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 5, 2014
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
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12/23, 12/30, 1/6, 1/13/15

CNS-2699646#

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **Para Legal Fremont, CA 94538, 5500 Stewart Ave., Suite 104, Fremont, CA 94538**
The Fictitious Business Name Statement for the Partnership was filed on 12/4/14 in the County of Alameda.
Sandro Recchione, 3680 Beacon Ave., #312, Fremont, CA 94538
This business was conducted by:
S/ Sandro Recchione
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 10, 2014.
12/23, 12/30, 1/6, 1/13/15

CNS-2698378#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Para Legal, 39899 Balentine Drive #240, Newark, CA 94560, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Sandro Recchione, 39899 Balentine Drive #240, Newark, CA 94560
Business conducted by: An individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Sandro Recchione
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 10, 2014
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12/23, 12/30, 1/6, 1/13/15

CNS-2698375#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Cafe Lab, 6180 Jarvis Ave. #W, Newark, CA 94560, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Haixiang Qu, 3587 Rowley Dr., San Jose, CA 95132
Business conducted by: an individual.
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Haixiang Qu
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 13, 2014.
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12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30/14

CNS-2699549#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Para Legal, 5500 Stewart Ave., Suite 104, Fremont, CA 94538, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Sandro Recchione, 3680 Beacon Ave. #312, Fremont, CA 94538
Business conducted by: an individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Harpreet Sidhu, (President)
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 9, 2014
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Para Legal, 5500 Stewart Ave., Suite 104, Fremont, CA 94538, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Sandro Recchione, 3680 Beacon Ave. #312, Fremont, CA 94538
Business conducted by: an individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Harpreet Sidhu, (President)
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 9, 2014
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thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Sandro Recchione
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 4, 2014
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12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30/14

CNS-2695889#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Andrea Works Consulting, 1445 Lakeside Dr. #302, Oakland, CA 94612, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Jacob Sutton Coverstone, 1445 Lakeside Dr. #302, Oakland, CA 94612.
Business conducted by: an individual.
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Jacob Coverstone
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 17, 2014.
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12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30/14

CNS-2695773#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Franklin Properties, 32916 Regents Blvd., Union City, CA 94587, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Yi Lin, 32916 Regents Blvd., Union City, CA 94587
Business conducted by: an individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2004.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Yi Lin
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 25, 2014.
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
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12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30/14

CNS-2695497#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Wolfgang Creative Studios, 44799 Aquila Ter. Fremont, CA 94539, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Leland Tang, 44799 Aquila Ter., Fremont, CA 94539
Business conducted by: an individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Leland Tang
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 18, 2014.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Sharen & Company LLC, 37885 3rd Street, Fremont, CA 94536, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Sharen & Pro LLC, 37885 3rd Street, Fremont, CA 94536; CA
Business conducted by: a Limited Liability Company
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Sharen Newman, Manager
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 1, 2014.
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CNS-2694531#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Fremont Best Limousine, 3843 Carol Ave., Apt 206, Fremont, CA 94538, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Makhan Singh, 3843 Carol Ave, Apt 206, Fremont, CA 94538
Business conducted by: An individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11-14-14
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Makhan Singh
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 14, 2014
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CNS-2692769#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Alvison, 35632 Barnard Dr., Fremont, CA 94536, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Zhang, Feng, 35632 Barnard Dr., Fremont, CA 94536
Business conducted by: an individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Zhang, Feng
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CNS-2692714#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Aprati Foods Americas, Inc., 2477 Liston Way, Union City, CA 94587, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
American Licorice Company, 1900 Whirlpool Drive South, La Porte, IN 46350, Delaware
Business conducted by: a corporation
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ John R. Kretschmer, Chief Executive Officer
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CNS-2692272#

GOVERNMENT

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing for the purpose of considering the following project entitlements to allow the applicant, Windflower Properties, LLC, to develop a mixed use project on a ±2.47 acre site at 34588 11 th Street (Assessor Parcel Number 087-0340-00300), at southeast corner of Berger Way and 11 th Street. The development will generally consist of ±243 market rate multi-family residential units (which include 26 live/work loft units), 2,500 to 3,000 square feet of retail commercial space, a five level private parking garage, and other common area site amenities. The project site is located within the Station Mixed Use Commercial (CSMU) zoning district.
• SD-14-003 (Site Development Review) to allow the development of 243 new, market-rate, multi-family dwelling units of one and two bedrooms (including 26 live/work loft units), a five-level parking structure with 244 parking spaces, 2,500

to 3,000 square feet of ground floor retail space, a courtyard, and related site improvements and amenities; and
• UP-14-006 (Conditional Use Permit) to allow: (a) a mixed-use development within the CSMU zoning district; (b) high-density residential uses and live/work units within the CSMU zoning district (243 units on 2.47 acres, a density of approximately 98 units per acre); (c) less than the required storage; and
• VTPM-14-001 (Vesting Tentative Parcel Map) to allow the City-initiated subdivision of Assessor Parcel No. 87-340-3 to create the ±2.47 acre parcel for sale to the applicant, in compliance with the executed Amended and Restated Disposition and Development Agreement; and
• VTTM-14-002 (Vesting Tentative Tract Map) to allow a future condominium subdivision of the project; and
• AT-14-003 (Text Amendments) to revise Chapter 18.38, Station Mixed Use Commercial district to: (a) establish commercial uses and performance standards for the live/work units; (b) to reduce the parking standard for residential and retail uses in mixed-use developments; and (c) to revise Section 18.08.280, Home Occupation definition, to clarify that the live/work units' non-residential uses are not considered "home occupations"; and
• DA-14-001 (Development Agreement) to memorialize certain vested development rights and conditions between the City and the applicant.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Planning Commission will consider a CEQA determination that the proposed project is within the scope of the previously certified Station District Mixed Use Environmental Impact Report (EIR, State Clearinghouse No. 2008042091) for the Station District Mixed Use Development Project (Resolution 4072-10) and the EIR adequately describes the project for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Also, no new information of substantial importance has been discovered requiring revisions to the impacts, mitigation measures or alternatives that were provided in the EIR. Finally, there have not been any substantial changes with respect to City policies or requirements that would require additional environmental analysis. Thus, pursuant to Section 15162 and 15168 of the CEQA Guidelines, the subsequent use of the previous EIR would apply to the proposed project and the project does not require further environmental review. The Station District Mixed Use EIR may be found on the City's web page at http://www.unioncity.org/departments/economic-community-development/ecd-archives. You may also navigate to the document, which is found on the City's web page in the Planning section under Planning Document Archive.

This item will be heard at a **public hearing by the Planning Commission at the meeting listed below**. You may attend the meeting and voice your comments or you may submit your comments in writing to Nancy Hutar, Project Planner, at nancyn@unioncity.org.
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, January 8, 2015
Said hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. In the Council Chambers of City Hall, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City.
The Planning Commission meeting packet, which includes the meeting agenda and staff report for this project, can be accessed on-line on the City's Agendas and Minutes webpage which is located at http://www.ci.union-city.ca.us/departments/city-manager-s-office/city-clerk/agendas-and-minutes. Meeting packets are generally available on-line the Friday before the meeting.
The City Council is tentatively scheduled to hold a public hearing on this project on January 27, 2015.

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If you challenge the above described project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

JOAN MALLORY
Economic & Community Development Director
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CITY OF UNION CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the City of Union City for the purpose of considering the following project application:
General Plan Amendment (AG-14-004)
The City of Union City is proposing a General Plan Amendment (AG-14-004) to update its Housing Element as required by state Housing Element law (Government Code Section 65580 et seq.) which mandates local governments to adequately plan to meet the existing and projected housing needs of all economic segments of the community. The element is intended to guide decisions that will facilitate the development, rehabilitation, and availability of housing throughout the City.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for the project, which determined that project would not result in any significant environmental impacts with the incorporation of mitigation measures.
The Planning Commission is holding a public hearing to review the Final Draft 2015 Housing Element and associated Mitigated Negative Declaration and provide a recommendation to the City Council. Meeting details are listed below. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments prior to, and may testify at, the public hearing. Details regarding the public hearing are listed below. For further information, contact Vern Smith, Housing and Community Development Coordinator, at (510) 675-5322 or via email at verns@unioncity.org.
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Economic & Community Development Director
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Milpitas City Council Meeting

December 16, 2014

Presentations:

Recognize Milpitas Unified School District staff for supporting inter-school science fair.

Present certificate to No on Measure E Committee.

Recognize Shen Yun 2015 World Tour. Shen Yun is a performing-arts and entertainment company based in New York with upcoming performances in the Bay Area.

Consent:

Adopt ordinance setting city council salaries at \$904.37 per month and the mayoral salary at \$1,130.75 per month.

Receive financial status report for the three-month period ending September 30, 2014. Budget stands at \$72,176,114.

Approve amendment to the agreement with Vali Cooper & Associates, Inc. to extend term and increase the compensation in the additional amount of \$300,000 to continue support on the Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Program Barryessa BART Extension project.

Public Hearings:

Conduct a public hearing to review community development block grant policies and appropriate funding priorities.

Report of Mayor:

Report by Mayor Esteves regarding appointments to committees, commissions and proposed Campaign Finance Committee.

Resolution:

Adopt a resolution certifying the appointment of Felix Reliford, retired annuitant, to serve as part-time principal housing planner necessary to fill a critically needed position pursuant to the California Public Employees Reform Act of 2013.

Approve amendment to the agreement with RMC Water and Environment to increase compensation in the additional amount of \$575,000 for Dempsey Road water line replacements. The original contract was for \$900,000.

Mayor Jose Esteves	Aye
Vice Mayor Carmen Montano	Aye
Debbie Indihar Giordano	Aye
Garry Barbadillo	Aye
Marsha Grilli	Aye

Union City Log

SUBMITTED BY
UNION CITY PD

Tuesday, December 9

At around 11 p.m., Officer Mang was dispatched to the area of Hilton Street and Washington Avenue for a report of suspicious circumstances. He and supporting officers approached two males sitting in a vehicle. A probation searched yielded a switchblade and metal knuckles. Juval Avila of Tracy was arrested for possession of a switchblade in a vehicle.

Wednesday, December 10

At around 8:30 p.m., multiple street racing car clubs and their members packed the Union Landing shopping center. It was estimated there were about 300 vehicles and 300 to 400 spectators. Most of the attendees were cooperative, and those who were not received citations. Union City police officers, with the help of California Highway Patrol, cleared the shopping center by about 11 p.m.

Thursday, December 11

At around 1 a.m., Officer Fonseca responded to a burglary alarm at Babies R Us business in Union Landing. An unknown suspect pried open the sliding exit doors, but was unable to breach the secondary security doors into the store. There was no loss.

Friday, December 12

At around 9 p.m., Officer Vasicek was dispatched to the report of an in-progress assault with a deadly weapon in the 4800 block of Delores Drive. A verbal argument between two brothers turned physical, and one of the brothers struck the other in the head with a coffee cup. The 18-year-old Union City resident was arrested.

From Monday, December 8, 2014 through Sunday, December 14, 2014, there were four reported residential burglaries and five reported auto burglaries. Four of the auto burglaries occurred at Union Landing, and involved window smashes to steal items that were left in plain sight in the vehicle. The fifth auto burglary occurred in a residential neighborhood. The unknown suspect

smashed window, ransacked the vehicle's interior, and stole the garage door opener.

Safety tip: Never leave garage door openers inside your vehicle, especially if you park it outside.

From Monday, December 8, 2014 through Sunday, December 14, 2014, there were eight reported vehicle thefts. At the time of this report, three of the vehicles have been recovered. One of the recovered vehicles was stolen when it was "warming up" in front of the victim's residence in the early morning hours.

Safety tip: Never leave a running vehicle unattended.

On Friday, December 19 at approximately 2:00 p.m., a Union City Police Officer was flagged down by a woman who pointed out a male pedestrian who had allegedly just threatened her with a gun on Alvarado-Niles Rd at I-880. The female pointed across the roadway and identified a male walking away on the shoulder of the road. The male ignored the officer's lawful commands to stop, and he continued to walk away from the officer on the shoulder of the roadway of Alvarado-Niles Rd. A conducted energy device and physical force was used to subdue the male who was found to be concealing a pellet gun underneath his coat. Alex Barath, age 50 years, was arrested for violations including assault with a deadly weapon.

Anyone with information on local crime or any of the listed incidents should contact the Investigations Division at (510) 675-5247. Those wishing to remain anonymous can contact the tips line by calling (510) 675-5207 or email tips@unioncity.org.

Detective Czar Valdehueva was selected as Officer of the Month for December. Detective Valdehueva was nominated and selected for his work with a team of detectives last month, when an unknown suspect made threats to "shoot up" James Logan High School. Det. Valdehueva's investigative actions helped to identify the suspect, ultimately discovering that the threats had been made as a hoax.

Newark Police Log

SUBMITTED BY CMDR MICHAEL
CARROLL, NEWARK PD

Friday, December 12

At 6:40 a.m., Officer Fredstrom investigated a vehicle theft on Argonne Street. A white 1996 Honda Accord, 4-door, License number: 3PDZ443, was taken during the night.

At 6:45 a.m., Officer Taylor investigated a vehicle theft on Fountain Avenue. A black Chevrolet Trailblazer, License number "TMONEY" was taken between 3:00 a.m. and 3:06 a.m., according to Lo-Jack records.

At 5:02 p.m., Officer Johnson responded to JCPenny for a theft that just occurred. During the subsequent

investigation, Officer Johnson contacted Diahletris Simpson and arrested her for her two outstanding warrants, burglary, and for possessing counterfeit driver's licenses. She was booked at Fremont Jail.

Saturday, December 13

At 8:27 p.m., Officer Kovach responded to a family dispute call on Civic Terrace Avenue. Kristi Deborba of Newark was arrested for battery and for disabling a phone while calling for the police. Deborba was booked at Fremont City Jail.

Sunday, December 14

At 8:25 p.m., Officer Smith handled a citizen's arrest of a shoplifter at NewPark Mall Macy's store. Jasvir Kaur of Hayward was cited and released for petty theft.

Hayward City Council

December 16, 2014

Public comments:

City Manager Fran David presented a certificate of commendation to Director of Maintenance Services Matt McGrath.

Members of Service Employees International Union Local



Dominic Dutra of Dutra Cerro Graden Commercial Real Estate Agency presenting Economic Development Strategic Plan Catalyst and Opportunity Site Analysis

1021 came before the Council and asked to review contract, while also presenting about 200 unwrapped gifts/toys to donate. Mayor Barbara Halliday said latest proposals from both parties are available at the City's website.

Consent:

Council approved awarding of contract to L.N. Curtis and Sons for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) in the amount of \$797,013.

Council authorized to renew a rental housing subsidy grant agreement with Abode Services to provide rental assistance to emancipated youth through Project Independence and to utilize federal HOME Investment Partnership funds for that purpose. (Lamnin – Abstain)

Council adopted a resolution approving an amendment to the city of Hayward salary plan for fiscal year 2015.

Work Session:

Dominic Dutra, CEO of Dutra Cerro Graden Commercial Real Estate Consulting & Brokerage, presented the catalyst site analysis, which included the City Center site (5.79 acres), former Mervyn's headquarters site (11 acres), and Mission Boulevard/Valle Vista site (16.4 acres). Economic and Planning Systems, Inc. conducted a study on potential market demand and feasibility for housing, retail, or office development. According to the report, it was determined that

attached single-family housing (townhomes) offers greatest market and financial feasibility for all sites. Tom Callahan of PKF Consulting USA presented market demand and feasibility study for a possible development of a full-service or a select-service hotel in Hayward. On the findings, it was determined that a full-service hotel will not be feasible without a public subsidy from the city; a select-service hotel such as Hilton

takers and one supervisor. This allocates \$2.3-2.6 million in Measure C funds. Maintenance services will use \$500,000 of annual funds to restore five maintenance workers to help clean the city, particularly its identified hot spot areas. Also stated on the report is a \$1 million allocation toward street repairs.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned in memory of:



Tom Callahan of PKF Consulting USA presenting hotel feasibility study

Garden Inn, Hyatt Place, Courtyard by Marriott and the like is financially feasible. It was also recommended that the city should "search for the most desirable sites near major freeways and focus its significant resources toward bringing a hotel and conference center to the city."

City Manager Fran David presented Measure C funding plans particularly in police services, maintenance services, street repairs, and the FY 2015 funds. Additional positions were recommended for the police department such as three sworn officer positions, one sworn sergeant position, certified latent fingerprint examiner and equipment, crime analyst, and eight dispatcher/call

Joe Cabrera
Michael M. Manick, retired Chief of Police from the city of Hayward
John F. Guinee, 2007 City of Hayward Lifetime Award recipient
Doris Rodriguez, former Hayward City Councilmember

Mayor Barbara Halliday	Aye
Mayor Pro Tempore Greg Jones	Aye
Francisco Zermeño	Aye
Marvin Peixoto	Aye
Al Mendall	Aye
Sara Lamnin	Aye,
1 Abstain	
Elisa Márquez	Aye

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and Fremont Blvd where a male was standing in the center median holding a cardboard sign. Officers attempt to make contact and asked that he move. The 45 year old adult male, Fremont resident, does not to cooperate and attempts to walk away from the detention. Officers eventually catch up to him and he is taken into custody for obstructing/resisting and for a probation violation.

Thursday, December 18

Officers responded to a residential burglary in the 400 block of Pawnee

Pl. The incident occurred between 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. The unknown suspect gained entry by breaking the glass of the rear patio door. Loss was iPads, laptops, jewelry, and cash. No video surveillance and no suspect leads. Investigated by CSO Oliveira.

Officer Piol is parked and witnesses a vehicle speed by. The vehicle runs multiple stop signs on Farwell. The vehicle is last seen westbound Mowry and northbound I-880. The vehicle is then found on I-880 and a plate is obtained, but due to speed no

enforcement is taken. Several minutes later the vehicle is spotted southbound in the area of Fremont Bl/Central again traveling at a high rate of speed. A few minutes later a caller advises of a similar vehicle in the area of Cleveland/Farwell. Officers locate the vehicle where it is found parked and occupied on Buchanan just west of Farwell. The 25 year old adult male driver is arrested for reckless driving.

At 10:46 p.m., Eric Clarke of Newark showed up unannounced at a residence on Channel Drive where his ex-girlfriend was with her new boyfriend. After trying to force the front door open and threatening to burn the residence down, Clarke broke a window and fled the scene. During an area check, Officer Warren located Clarke's unoccupied vehicle parked at O'Sullivan's Bar. Clarke was found shortly afterward sitting in the bar and arrested for attempted burglary, criminal threats, and vandalism. Clarke was later booked at Fremont Jail.

Monday, December 15

At 9:23 a.m., school district employees reported seeing a person sleeping in one of the classrooms of the abandoned Ruschin Elementary School campus. Erik Castrejon of Newark, Elise Saladis of Newark, and Raul Rodriguez of Patterson were contacted inside the building. A portion of the empty school is rented to a church group that had been bur-

glarized on November 29, 2014. On that day, a laptop, speakers, a guitar, and other expensive equipment were stolen. The guitar and speakers were recovered in a nearby room and returned to the church. Castrejon later admitted to the previous burglary at the church and admitted to having an Apple MacBook that he stole from the church at his mother's residence on Ruschin Drive. Officer Neithercutt investigated and later responded to the residence to conduct a probation search at the Castrejon residence. The missing laptop was located and returned to its owner. Castrejon was ultimately arrested for burglary, possessing stolen property, possession of dangerous drugs, and a probation violation. Rodriguez and Saladis were arrested for possessing dangerous drugs, trespassing, and probation violations. All three were transported and booked into Fremont City Jail.

At 9:48 a.m., Officer Cerini investigated a stolen vehicle on Bluebell

Drive. A red 1992 Honda Civic (CA license plate: 3WZS580) was taken during the night.

At 2:11 a.m., Officer Norvell responded to a citizen's report of a vehicle speeding recklessly near Spruce Street and Wells Avenue. As Officer Norvell arrived in the area, the driver spotted the police vehicle and sped off at a high rate of speed. The driver almost immediately lost control of his vehicle and slammed into a PG&E power poll near the intersection of Wells Avenue and Enterprise Drive. Jacob Esparza of Newark was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and was transported via ambulance to a local hospital. Esparza was later cited and released after being admitted into the hospital for his non-life threatening injuries. The 18-year-old female passenger was also transported to a local hospital for minor injuries.

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Giving the gift of education through DonorsChoose

BY SARA GIUSTI
PHOTOS COURTESY OF
ELAINE FONG

It's no secret that teachers are often unsung heroes. No matter the obstacle, a teacher's passion to educate will always thrive and persevere, and Tri-City educators are no exception. With help from a national nonprofit, local teachers are making sure their students get the best education possible despite cuts and growing class size.

Tri-City school districts have been using DonorsChoose.org, an online nonprofit that helps public school teachers get projects and supplies funded by donors across the country. The way it works is simple: teachers post project requests, outlining materials needed and what the project will teach students, and donors then choose which projects to support.

DonorsChoose was started in April 2000 by social studies teacher Charles



Best. Best often paid for classroom projects out-of-pocket, as did many of his colleagues at their Bronx high school. He began brainstorming ways for teachers to receive funding, and outlined a website where teachers could post projects and anyone could easily donate to them. He showed his colleagues, who were ecstatic and immediately posted requests. DonorsChoose's first ten projects were anonymously funded by Best himself, and word quickly spread about the new website that helps teachers in need.

DonorsChoose has grown to epic proportions since 2000, and is now available to every public school in America. Oprah Winfrey has called the nonprofit "a revolutionary charity." Stephen Colbert is on the Board of Directors, and has been campaigning for the charity since 2007. With more than 200,000 teachers funded and more than 13 million students reached, DonorsChoose is indeed a nonprofit to be reckoned with, fulfilling its mission to chip away at educational in-

equity classroom by classroom.

Eighth grade science teacher Elaine Fong from Alvarado Middle School in Union City has had several projects funded on the site. Fong has been using DonorsChoose since 2011 after hearing about other teachers' success on the site. She teaches physical science, and labs – such as learning about chemical reactions – are a big part of the curriculum. Fong's latest funded project was for a lesson on friction. She received three sets of new rolling friction carts and sixteen spring scales.

"The kids were thrilled to get new equipment. Lab equipment was getting old or chemicals were expiring," Fong explained. "My students take great care of the new equipment and are as happy as can be."

Eastin Elementary media studies teacher and librarian Laura Cox in Union City has also benefited from DonorsChoose. Like Fong, she heard about the nonprofit through other teachers' success, and decided to give it a try.

Cox needed equipment to help aid her young students in learning technology

skills. It had been difficult teaching students about audio components on sixteen different computers due to the distraction of overlapping noises. She requested headphones and splitters that allow two headphones to be used on one computer for partner projects.

"My students were very excited to see the headphones arrive. The first day that they were put with the computers, students were anxious to try them out. Even some students who were using some non-audio websites just had to try the headphones on," Cox said. "I am very impressed with the site and appreciative of the service," she added.

Washington High School English teacher Jesse McGrath currently has a live project on DonorsChoose; he is requesting fifty copies of Tim O'Brien's classic "The Things They Carried." McGrath only has \$300 left to go before his December 28th deadline. While this is his first project with DonorsChoose, he already sees the benefits of the online charity.

"[DonorsChoose] offers a good place for parents to donate where they can really see where their money is going," said McGrath. "Donating to the school can seem risky for parents, because they don't know exactly where that funding will end up, and if it will even benefit their children. With DonorsChoose, they are able to see exactly what their donations are contributing to their child's education."

DonorsChoose may have many positive qualities, but one anonymous source pointed out frustrations when using the site. "There are so many rules and hoops to jump through. They are strict. For my last project, they refused everything I suggested [to fix the problem]. I think I've had enough," the source said. There are indeed many steps for projects to go live, as well as follow through once a project is

funded, which can be difficult for teachers to manage with their already overloaded schedules.

Despite these frustrations, the site is accessible in other ways. It is completely free for teachers to use, and there is no minimum donation for donors. Donors can search by location, topic, or keyword to find projects to support, or have DonorsChoose find a project for them. If projects are not fully funded by the deadline, donors are asked to either choose a new project to support, have DonorsChoose decide for them, or send the teacher a gift card, allowing them to still buy some supplies.

Seventy percent of projects are successfully funded by DonorsChoose's 1.5 million and counting donors. Classroom supplies make up the largest percentage of requested materials, with technology coming in second. While DonorsChoose is not set up to accept in-kind donations, the site recommends other organizations, such as Good360 or East Bay Children's Book Project.

Residents can easily make a contribution to local schools; there are hundreds of projects posted online in the Tri-City area. "Even if you don't have a student in school, or your student doesn't have a teacher in need, there are many teachers and students in need that could use any contribution, regardless of how big or small," said McGrath.

He definitely has a point. After all, when we support our schools, we support ourselves.

For more information, visit www.DonorsChoose.org. To donate to McGrath's project, The Things They Donated: A Humble Request for Books, by December 28th, visit: <http://www.donorschoose.org/project/the-things-they-donated-a-humble-reques/1319499/>.

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Tuesday, December 16

At 12:58 p.m., Officer Homayoun responded to JC Penney at New-Park Mall for a shoplifter in custody. Irma Rouda of Fremont was arrested for petty theft and released with a citation.

At 10:21 p.m., Officer Norvell investigated a vehicle burglary that occurred in the parking lot of BJ's restaurant.

Wednesday, December 17

At 4:19 p.m., Officer Stone investigated a theft from Doctor's Express, located at 5763 Stevenson Blvd.

At 4:55 p.m., Officer Stone investigated a theft of packages from a porch on Forbes Drive.

Thursday, December 18

At 8:27 p.m., officers responded to a residence on Cotton Avenue for a disturbance between a male and a female. Officer Horst arrested Julia Rosas of Newark for domestic violence. Community Service Officer (CSO) Parks transported Rosas to Santa Rita Jail.

At 2:23 a.m., officers responded to a residence on Saint Mary Street for a reported battery. Officer Fredstrom arrested Jesse Martinez of Newark for battery and elder abuse. CSO Parks transported Martinez to Santa Rita Jail.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Volunteers, donors make Viola Blythe Children's Christmas Party a success

The Viola Blythe Center would like to thank the many volunteers, businesses, churches, schools, and residents who so generously gave to those in need this holiday season. Because of your generosity, we were able to provide a new toy, book, and stuffed animal to over 300 children at our Children's Christmas Party; adopt over 200 families and provide gifts, food and clothing to each family member; we also collect enough food to last several months.

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Newark

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doors away. As the victim exited the store, the suspect shoved him and grabbed the money bag. The suspect fled on foot eastbound on Aldengate Way.

At 2:20 p.m., witnesses reported a man brandishing a weapon (machete) inside a store on Southland Mall Drive. Upon arrival, police officers detained the suspect and found him to be in possession of a folding saw tucked into his waistband. The brandishing was unfounded, but the suspect was still arrested for illegal drug paraphernalia and for being under the influence of drugs.

At 4:50 p.m., a vehicle theft occurred on Western Boulevard and Simon Street. After colliding with the victim's car, two suspects ran away while two others jumped into the victim's car and drove off, leaving the suspect's car behind. The victim's car

was found on Simon Street and two suspects were detained in the area. One was arrested for public intoxication and is pending further investigation at the time of this writing.

At 9:56 p.m., an armed robbery occurred on the 24000 block of Muir Street. Three suspects robbed the victim of an iPhone and debit card with a handgun. The iPhone was abandoned and recovered some time later. The three suspects were black males in their early 20's, wearing dark clothing. They fled in a white Chevy 4-door sedan towards Orchard Avenue.

At 11:00 p.m., a barricaded subject/psychiatric evaluation hold incident occurred on the 2200 block of Industrial Parkway West. The reporting person reported a possible battery and glass breakage on a third floor room. Upon contact, a male barricaded himself inside a room. Officers negotiated with the male for 30 minutes when he decided to come out of

the room without incident. The battery was unfounded and the male was placed on a psychiatric evaluation hold. "Use of force" was not utilized.

Tuesday, December 16

At 12:56 p.m., the Hayward Special Duties Unit recovered a stolen gun from a juvenile gang member. The loaded .45 caliber gun was discovered during a suspicious vehicle investigation. The juvenile suspect was taken into custody and later transported to juvenile hall after booking.

At 4:23 p.m., a burglary occurred on the 600 block of Tennyson Road. Neighbors heard loud knocking next door and saw two subjects with possibly a hammer breaking into an apartment. The suspects entered and exited after only a few minutes carrying backpacks. The suspects were reportedly described as black males in their late 20's, wearing black hoodies and black baseball hats. The resident

was not home at the time of incident.

Wednesday, December 17

At 5:33 p.m., a hit-and-run collision occurred on Martin Luther King Way and Burbank Street. An off-duty officer was on his way to work when he witnessed a hit-and-run. The officer followed the suspect's vehicle and safely detained him until patrol units arrived on scene. It was determined that the suspect was driving under the influence and is responsible for six other crashes in Alameda County Sheriff's jurisdiction.

At 8:46 p.m., a negligent discharge of a firearm incident occurred on the 27000 block of Decatur Way. The reporting person heard the gunshots and the vehicle speeding away; however, the person was unable to see the suspect. Bullet casings were recovered at the scene and no reported injuries.

Monarchs at Ardenwood

PHOTOS BY KEVIN FOX

In January, Ardenwood Historic Farm will open its monarch butterfly nursery and reveal the mysteries that surround these beautiful creatures. Jenna Scimeca, joined by interpretive staff, will facilitate upcoming monarch butterfly activities: New Year's Day Butterfly Walks, Do Monarchs Matter? Monarchs for Kids, and Marvelous Monarchs. According to Ardenwood naturalist Christina Garcia, visitors will learn about the life cycle and migration of the monarch butterfly as well as their conservation. These free activities include walks to view the overwintering monarchs; tours of the milkweed garden and greenhouse to see monarch caterpillars and chrysalides; in-depth slide shows for children and adults; and programs for younger children that include interactive puppet shows.

The monarch butterfly (*danaus plexipus*) is one of the most common North American butterflies, easily identified by its black, orange, and white colors. Monarch butterflies usually start migrating in autumn because they cannot survive the cold weather. Monarchs east of the Rocky Mountains travel to Mexico, while the western population overwinters along the California Coast in eucalyptus trees. Monarchs have been known to overwinter at

Ardenwood for the last 20 years or so. As stated in an article written by retired East Bay Regional Park District naturalist Jan Southworth, "Like whales and caribou, monarchs migrate, and the remarkable precision and length of their migration is unique in the insect world."

Spend the first day of 2015 or your weekends in January marveling at these wonderful creatures. Visit www.ebparks.org to register.

New Year's Day Butterfly Walks

Start the year right with an inspiring visit to our monarch butterfly nursery. Discover the amazing life cycle of these tiny creatures and how they survive the long cold season in the Bay Area. Meet at the Granary.

Thursday, Jan 1
11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd, Fremont
(510) 544-2797
awvisit@ebparks.org
www.ebparks.org
Free

Do Monarchs Matter?
Bring your burning butterfly questions to the greenhouse, and discover the life cycle of these incredible insects. Meet at the Greenhouse.

Saturday, Jan 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
& Sunday, Jan 4, 11, 18, & 25
10:30 a.m. & 2 p.m.
Ardenwood Historic Farm



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Free

Monarchs for Kids (3-6 years old)
Young children will enjoy an interactive puppet show about monarch eggs, caterpillars, chrysalides and butterflies. Then they'll take a short hike to see these amazing insects' life cycle in action. Meet at the Granary.

Saturday, Jan 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
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Free

Marvelous Monarchs
Find out what life is like for monarch butterflies through a slide presentation, and then discover their life cycle in action at our greenhouse. Find out how you can participate in monarch conservation. Meet at the Granary.

Sunday, Jan 4, 11, 18 & 25
12:30 p.m.

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Letter to the Editor

SantaCon Hayward

Following the success of SantaCon Hayward 2014 on Saturday, December 6, 2014, we now have nearly \$4,000 to go to-

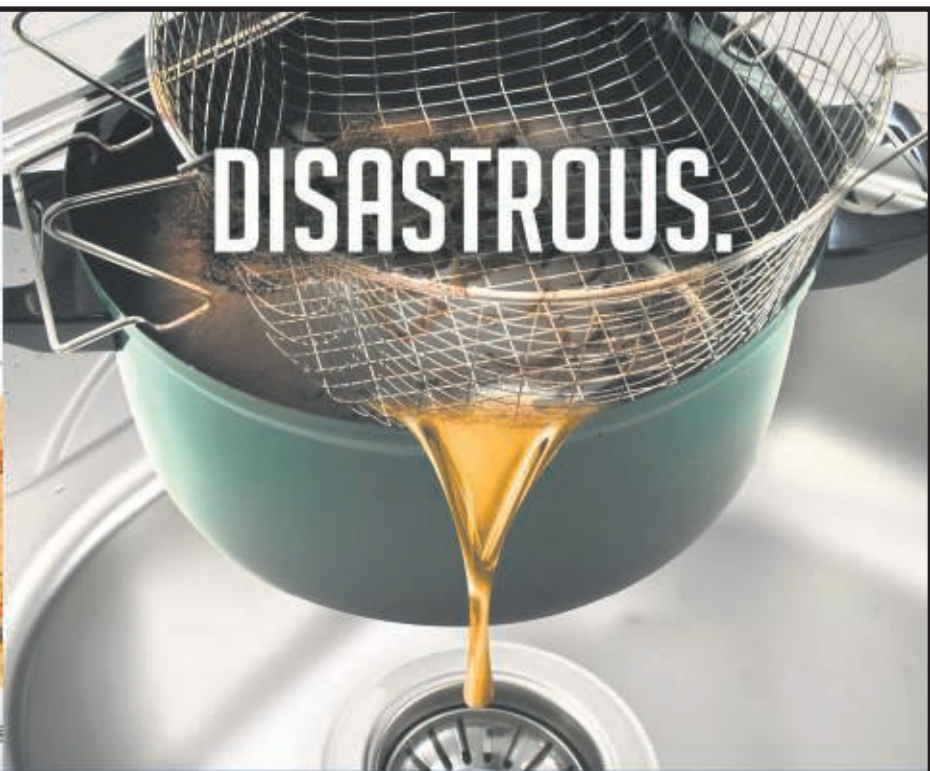
ward sponsored adoptions at the Hayward Animal Shelter!

Hayward's is the only SantaCon in the East Bay. This year, official "Santa Stops" included the World Famous Turf Club, The Bistro and newcomers to the celebration - Bijou and Metro Taquero. These es-

tablishments' donations and the generous support of the Rotary Club of F.U.N. (Fremont, Union City, Newark) Sunset, Alta Vista Veterinary Clinic, Realty World Neighbors, Tri-City Voice, On Time Signs and various individuals helped to exceed what was raised last year.

Next year's SantaCon Hayward will be on Saturday, December 5, 2015!

**Anna May
Hayward**



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DISPOSE OF FATS, OILS AND GREASE PROPERLY.



FOG (Fats, Oils & Grease) in your household drains can create blockages that turn a great holiday into a hot mess.

Avoid sloppy, costly backups into your home and overflows that can enter local waterways, harming wildlife and the environment. NEVER put fats, oils or grease down your drains or into storm drains, which flow untreated to our creeks and San Francisco Bay. Bring your used cooking oil and grease to the Republic Services Customer Service Center at 42600 Boyce Road in Fremont for FREE disposal Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

For more information, visit **www.StopFOG.com**, call Republic Services at (510) 657-3500, or call Union Sanitary District at (510) 477-7500.