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Fremont's Downtown Dream Moves Forward

An interview with Jessica von Borck, City of Fremont Assistant City Manager



Q: Congratulations on your promotion to Assistant City Manager. Formerly, your role as Urban Initiatives Manager was oversight of Fremont's downtown development. Will you remain at the helm?

A: I am still focused on implementing the Downtown Community Plan and have the

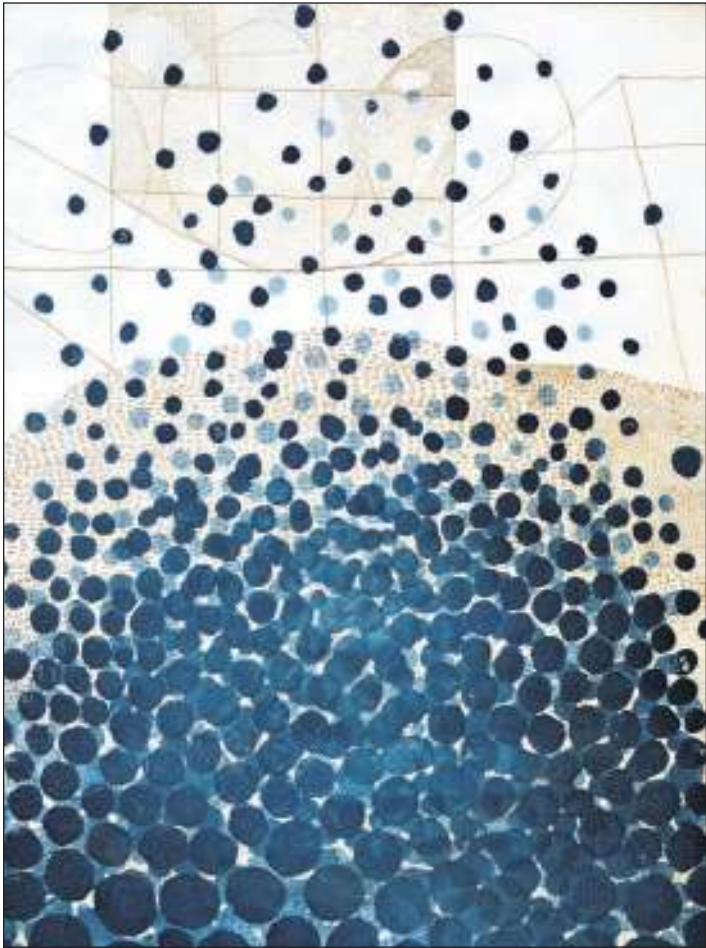
added responsibility for implementation of the Warm Springs Community Plan as well.

Q: What is the vision of Fremont's downtown?

A: It is multifaceted. Foremost, it is designed to serve as a center, a public realm that provides a sense of community identity.

To accomplish this, the Downtown Community Plan has many components including extending Capitol Avenue to Fremont Boulevard [construction is underway] and developing a retail spine along that corridor. In addition, we have initiated a catalytic project

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Olive Hyde presents Collective Musings

SUBMITTED BY DIANE LEYS

"Collective Musings," an exhibit featuring the work of Marks Collective, a group of five abstract artists linked through their association with San Jose State University, will open at Olive Hyde Art Gallery with a reception on Friday, January 9 and run through January 31. Based in the South Bay and Santa Cruz Areas the Marks Collective artists' inspiration is based on various aspects of contemporary life. The artists themselves reflect the enormous diversity of the San Francisco Bay Area. Each of the artists has earned either a BFA or MFA from San Jose State University. Painting, drawing, and print-making are the primary media to be exhibited at Olive Hyde.

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20 years of Rocking the East Bay

BY ROBBIE FINLEY

Twenty years ago, at a restaurant in Fremont that no longer exists, four guys got together to play some music. When asked what their name was, they all looked at each other, amused that they had overlooked an obvious detail. Eventually, the drummer looked up at a picture of a canyon that was hanging on the wall, and said, "We're the Canyon

Band." Ever since then, The Canyon Band has been rocking local audiences throughout the East Bay. With an estimated 1,000 shows under their belts, chances are that you've seen the guys in action at local festivals, store openings, or election fundraisers. "We've seen the city grow... We are pleased and fortunate to become part of Fremont," said Tim Reilly, one of the founding members. For Reilly, the band is the realization of a lifelong dream to make music and perform for an audience. Reilly grew up in a house that celebrated the music of its day. As a child in Florida, he first heard the sounds of one man who would go on to inspire many other acts – Elvis Presley. "Elvis started the dream!" Tim excitedly explained, adding, "Who wouldn't want to be Elvis?" It wouldn't be until he was in his 20's that Reilly would revisit his love of rock music. He suffered a leg injury that laid him up for a little while. "My friend Mike gave me a guitar and showed me some chords," Reilly said. With all the time he had on his hands for recuperating, he decided to scratch that

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Start a New Approach to Food in the New Year

Washington Hospital Dietitian Offers Tips for Making Lasting Changes

As the holidays come to a close, it’s time to think about the New Year and of course those resolutions. Like many people, you may resolve to lose weight every year, only to find yourself back to your same old habits halfway through January.

“I really encourage people to focus on eating healthier rather than losing weight,” said Kim Alvari, a registered dietitian and director of Food and Nutrition Services at Washington Hospital. “Eating right is the key to healthy living. If you can stick to a healthier diet, you will feel better and the weight will likely come off. Diets don’t work. You have to adopt a healthier way of eating that you can live with.”

Alvari said don’t wait until 2015 to start thinking about the changes you want to make. Begin preparing yourself right now by thinking about your goal.

“To be successful, you need to have a reason for eating healthier that is meaningful to you,” she added. “It could be to set a good example for your kids, or to have more energy, or to better manage a chronic illness like diabetes. Losing weight could be another one, just don’t get too caught up in it. Keep the focus on healthy eating. There will be barriers to success, so you need to know what’s in it for you.”

She suggested setting small goals that you can accomplish, and write them down. Start off by picking something you know you can do right away.

“If your goal is too big or global, you won’t be able to do it,” she said. “It also won’t work to just make a laundry list like

eat more fruit or eat fewer desserts.”

For example, you may decide that once a week you will have a vegetarian dinner. She said that is something easy you can incorporate into your life immediately.

“Having something you can be successful at right away helps you get on track,” Alvares added. “Then start setting goals that can be measured such as deciding you will eat a salad for lunch every day for a month.”

She said another good one is to say for two weeks you will have three food groups at breakfast every morning such as fruit, protein, and grains. That could include a banana, some egg whites, and whole grain cereal.

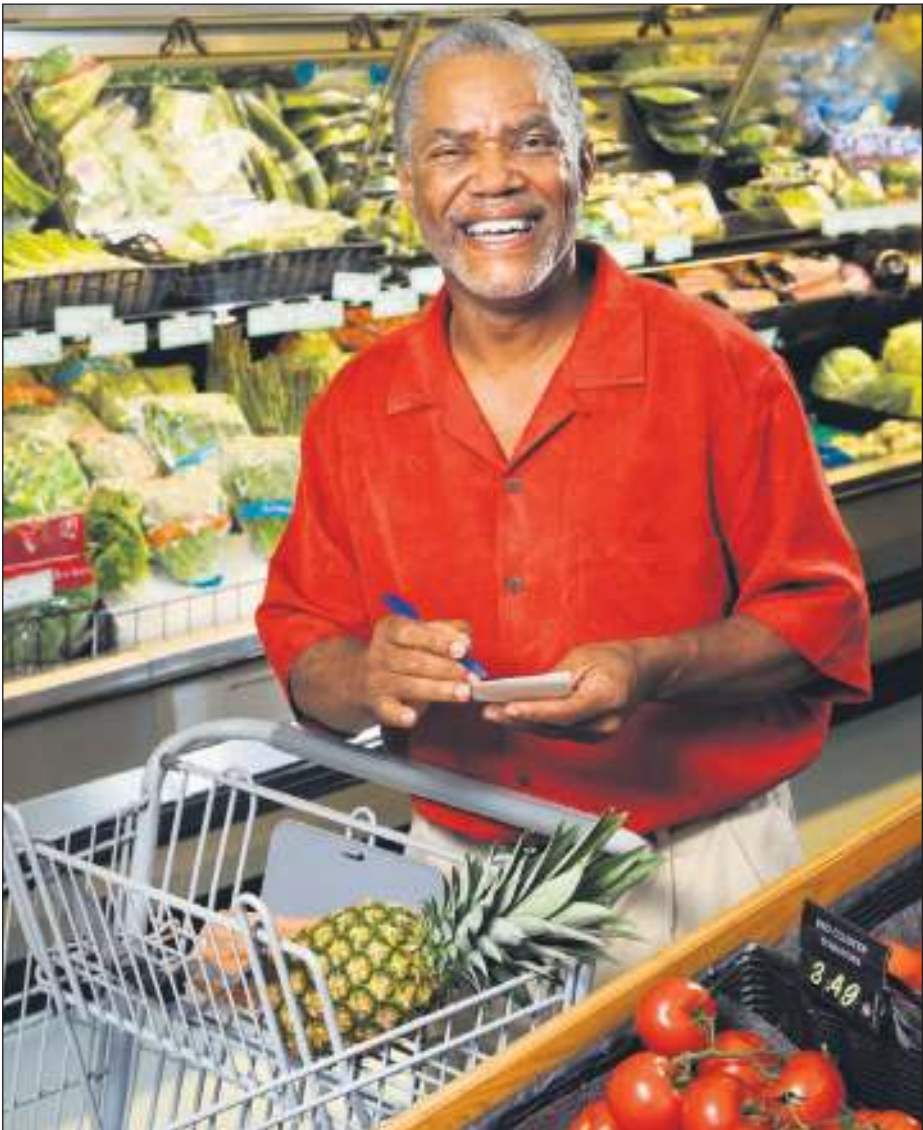
“When you start getting these wins, you can build on them and it becomes easier,” Alvares explained. “That’s why you should write down your goals and keep track of how well you do. Measuring success is important.”

Getting Back to Basics

Eating healthier is really about getting back to basics, Alvares said. That means avoiding processed food and eating more fresh foods.

When you go shopping, stick to the perimeter of the store. That’s where you will find the fresh produce, meats, grains, and dairy products. And it’s best to have a list to avoid impulse buys.

“Fill up your basket with items from the perimeter,” she said. “Then you can venture into the middle to find some of the other items on your list. The middle is where you can get into trouble. That’s where all the cookies, crackers, and other processed foods are.”



Focusing on eating healthier, rather than losing weight, allows you to adopt a healthier lifestyle that you can live with.

Alvares said stick to fruits and vegetables that are in season, if possible; that way you can enjoy the benefits of locally grown, sustainable food choices that offer great taste.

She also suggested eating more fish, which is a great source of lean protein. Whole grains and low-fat dairy products also play a role in a healthy diet.

When you do buy packaged products, it’s important to read labels, Alvares said. Avoid foods with hydrogenated oils and high levels of sodium. Look for products with whole grains rather than processed.

“Try to find foods that are high in fiber,” she added. “Most people don’t get enough fiber in their diet. “It could be soluble fiber like that found in oats or insoluble

fiber found in the skins of many fruits and vegetables.”

She said if you want to eat a more healthy diet, you need to plan around some of the barriers so you don’t get derailed. For example, if time is an issue, buy fruits and vegetables that are precut so you can just grab them and go.

“Get the whole family involved, or maybe a coworker,” Alvares said. “That way you don’t have to do it alone. You can compare notes and share ideas on how to stick with your plan and reach your goals.”

For information about programs and services at Washington Hospital that can help you stay healthy in the New Year, visit www.whhs.com.

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

Toenail Fungus and Managing Hangovers

Dear Doctor,
After a pedicure one of my big toenails fell off. Is this fungus?

Dear Reader,
Fungal infections of the toenails, especially the big toe, are very common and usually result in partial or full loss of the nail. To treat an infection like this, apply antifungal cream twice daily to the nail bed. You might want to change your spa location and ask about how the sterility of the instruments is maintained.

Dear Doctor,
Do you have any advice on how to manage hangovers?

Dear Reader,
The best way to manage hangovers is to prevent them. Drinking alcoholic beverages is a personal choice, but not drinking alcohol or drinking in moderation, along with adequate water may help prevent the hangover feelings that come with dehydration. Though rehydration may help curtail the symptoms of headache and nausea, they are not likely to eliminate the hangover feelings completely.

As a reminder, have a plan to get home after drinking alcohol. Be safe. Don’t drink and drive.

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.

Resolve To Address Your Spiritual, Emotional and Cultural Concerns About the End of Life

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

For many people, the holiday season is filled with spiritual and cultural practices as well as emotional experiences in reuniting with family and friends. Those same life-defining practices and experiences also can play a major role in how we determine our end-of-life health care preferences.

“A ‘good death’ means different things to different people,” says Washington Hospital’s Spiritual Care Coordinator Michelle Hedding, MA, RN, CHPN. “We may have cultural, spiritual or family traditions that set broad parameters about end-of-life care, but there is variety even within specific faith communities. We are each ‘one of a kind,’ and our wishes are as unique as we are. There are no hard and fast rules. What is important is what you and your loved ones want.”

Hedding emphasizes that an advance directive is not simply a ‘do not resuscitate’ order that some patients may have on file. An advance health care directive can specify your wishes for end-of-life medical treatments and designate one or more “agents” to make decisions about your treatment if you can’t make those decisions for yourself. It is also a means of expressing – in writing – the spiritual, emotional and cultural concerns that you want your legal agent to take into account when you face the end of your life.

“Once you have determined your values as to medical care, it’s time go deeper,” she says. “Think about the core of who you are – your essence – which is at the heart of the decisions you want your agent and loved ones to make on



The best time to fill out an advance directive is when you are healthy and in a good frame of mind and not during a health emergency. For assistance with your advance health care directive, contact Washington Hospital’s Health Insurance Information Service at (510) 494-7005.

your behalf. Your comfort at the end of life entails more than just physical needs. As human beings, we are a combination of body, mind, and spirit. Let your loved ones and health care providers know what end-of-life choices would give you peace of mind and spirit, as well as physical comfort.”

Hedding notes that the “Five Wishes” advance health care directive form offered by the nonprofit agency, Aging with Dignity, can provide some direction in defining your spiritual, emotional and cultural values about end-of-life care and after-death care of the body. The Washington Hospital website offers a link to Five Wishes, which costs about \$5 to use the form.

“Five Wishes offers a variety of phrases pertaining to end-of-life care and instructs you to cross out

anything you don’t agree with and write in additional requests,” she explains. “Some sample statements include, ‘I wish to have my favorite music played when possible until my time of death,’ ‘I wish to have religious readings and well-loved poems read aloud when I am near death,’ and ‘I wish to have others by my side and praying for me when possible.’ It is a straightforward, easy way to define your wishes.”

She also suggests using the “Go Wish Game,” a card game developed by Coda Alliance to help people consider the emotional and spiritual elements of end-of-life care and to communicate those concerns to their loved ones.

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Robbie Sugg, a Berkeley native, works primarily in drawing, painting, and printmaking. His first book, “Koccha, and Other Poems,” was published in March 2014. Sugg has exhibited primarily in the Bay Area, however his work has shown in New York City and in Worcester, England. Also a musician, Sugg plays the guzheng, an ancient Chinese zither.

After working as an engineer for 15 years, Gloria Huet decided to study art and work as a full-time artist. The work she will be exhibiting at Olive Hyde Art Gallery was inspired by her frequent hikes up Mission Peak. On her journey to the top, Huet has reflected on the coexistence of the order created by nature, and the disorder imposed by humans. She has participated in group and solo exhibitions in the Bay Area and in Chicago, Illinois.

Planning to showcase works of oil, Matthew Weston Taylor’s paintings are inspired by thoughts about duty, self-awareness, and picnics. Making reference to representational things, Taylor’s art often ends up in an abstracted state. He has also studied at the Academia di Belle Arts in Florence, Italy.

To Colleen Akakaki, “It’s all about the mark” and the ability of a mark to express an emotion. It can become a line or create a feeling of joy or sadness. Working from intuition, Akakaki lets the images emerge from her subconscious experiences. She works with a theme and explores the possibilities using her varied media of printmaking, etching, and painting.

Kyoko Fischer, a printmaker and painter, specializes in combining multiple techniques to create her monoprints. For her paintings she uses oil and encaustic, a technique using wax. Her work is both abstract and symbolic. Having exhibited primarily in the South Bay, Fischer’s work is in the permanent collections of several major Bay Area companies.

Olive Hyde is pleased to invite our community to enjoy this exhibit of contemporary works presented by the Marks Collective.

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“Think about the spiritual, emotional and cultural aspects of life and death that have meaning for you,” she counsels. “For example, it’s not a requirement to specify in an advance directive what you would like in terms of a memorial service, but you can do that if you want. Some people may not want to give specific directions regarding a memorial service – they may prefer to give their loved ones the opportunity to create a memorial service that comforts them, instead.”

An advance health care directive also can specify your wishes for how your body should be treated after death. Do you want to be embalmed or cremated? Do you want to specify a specific cemetery for burial or a place to scatter your ashes? Do you want to be an organ donor or donate your body to a medical school for research?

“An advance directive is your opportunity to define and communicate your core values,” Hedding says. “The more specific you can be, the more it helps your agent or loved ones to know what you want. It also helps those of us on your health care team, because we want to honor your wishes, too.”

Cultural and religious practices and traditions surrounding end-of-life care and after-death care for the body can vary widely in a community like Fremont, with its diverse population.

“Some religions have very specific traditions for how to care for the body after death,” Hedding notes. “For example, I have a Ba-ha’i friend who told me that their tradition is to bury people within a one-hour journey of where they died. If you want to have your religious or family traditions observed, include that information in your advance directive.

“While you are contemplating your own spiritual, cultural and family practices during the holiday season, you might want to consider your end-of-life health care concerns in that observance,” she suggests. “By doing so, you can give a holiday ‘gift’ that truly expresses your love for the people in your life.”

(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. Part 2 of the series offered guidance for having “the conversation” with your loved ones about your end-of-life wishes. The articles can be found in the December 16 and 23, 2014 editions of the Tri-City Voice at www.tricityvoice.com or on the Washington Hospital website at www.whhs.com/news.)

Learn More About Advance Directives

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. To learn more about advance health care directives in California, visit www.calhospital.org/resource/advance-health-care-directive.

Information about “Five Wishes” and how to order a form is available at www.aging-withdignity.org/five-wishes.php. For more information about the “Go Wish Game,” or to order the game, visit www.codaalliance.org/gowishcards.html To view or download a free a PDF version of “The Conversation Starter Kit” to help you prepare for having a conversation with your loved ones about your end-of-life preferences, visit www.TheConversationProject.org

Youth Exchange Scholarships

SUBMITTED BY SARA DUBOIS

The application deadline for the 2015-2016 Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Abroad scholarship program is January 7, 2015. The program provides full scholarships to American high school students to experience overseas communities and cultures, preparing students to collaborate on today’s global challenges such as human rights, community development, workforce development, climate change, and global health.

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the YES Abroad program enables students to study for one academic year in countries that may include Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ghana, South Africa, India, Indonesia, Macedonia, Malaysia, Morocco, Oman, Philippines, Thailand, and Turkey. The merit-based scholarship covers domestic and international travel, applicable visa fees, medical benefits, room and board, tuition at the local high school, orientations, and fees for educational and cultural activities.

Participants in the program fully immerse themselves into the culture of their host family while attending a local high school. Erica, a current scholarship recipient from Wisconsin who was named the October 2014 American Abroad of the Month by the State Department, said, “My time in South Africa has given me a chance to learn from daily life in my host school, while focusing my attention outward to my host family and community. Every day I am both a student and teacher to my peers, and I have learned so much – not just about what it means to be Zulu, Xhosa, or Afrikaans, but also what it means to be an American. I have found that it is in the informal conversations between classes and sport where I have learned and shared the most.”

A 2012 participant, Hannah, who studied in Malaysia for one year, stated that “the YES Abroad program opened my eyes. I learned about a new culture and shared my own. I now have two homes, two families and countless friends from around the world.”

Interested students should visit www.yes-abroad.org to learn more about the program and to apply. Contact the YES Abroad program at yesabroad@afusa.org or 800-237-4636 x2151 if you have questions about the program or application process.

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AP WIRE SERVICE

NEW YORK (AP), A new report says the market for Manhattan condos and co-ops is setting records this year.

One reason: High sales of units costing more than \$10 million.

A real estate listings and data firm, CityRealty, says the average sales price for co-ops and condos will be around \$1.8 million this year. Last year it was \$1.5 million. A record of \$1.6 million was set in 2008.

According to the Wall Street Journal (<http://on.wsj.com/13fyIAU>), it's predicted 220 apartments will be sold this year with price tags over \$10 million. Last year, the total was 123.

Fremont Bank integrates Apple Pay for clients

SUBMITTED BY LAURA OWEN

Fremont Bank has announced their integration with Apple Pay, a new category of service that promises to transform mobile payments with an easy, secure and private way to pay. Fremont Bank is one of the first community banks to integrate with Apple Pay, the 23rd bank to implement this service to date, according to a press release by Apple.

Security and privacy are at the core of Apple Pay. The actual card numbers are not stored on Apple servers when you add a credit or debit card. Instead, a unique Device Account Number is assigned, encrypted and securely stored in the Secure Element on your device. Each transaction is authorized with a one-time unique dynamic security code, instead of using the security code from the back of your card.

Apple Pay will work with iPhone 6, iPhone 6 Plus and Apple Watch upon availability in participating stores. Within apps, Apple Pay is compatible with iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus, iPad Air 2 and iPad mini 3. For more information on Apple Pay, visit www.apple.com/apple-pay.

Fifteen families shop with a cop

SUBMITTED BY LAUREN SUGAYAN
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OFFICER ROB YOUNG, UNION CITY PD

Union City Police Department (UCPD) hosted its first "Shop with a Cop" event on Monday, December 22, 2014. This special event gave 15 pre-selected families the opportunity to shop alongside their neighborhood heroes at Walmart in Union City. The deserving

families spent up to \$150 each in Walmart gift cards, thanks to financial donations by Union City Walmart and United States Cold Storage.

Officer Angela Fonseca took the lead, establishing UCPD's "Shop with a Cop," popular among law enforcement agencies across the region. Officer Fonseca saw an opportunity to bring the event to the community and partnered with the Union City Walmart store manager to make it happen.



Marshall appointed to Fraud Assessment Commission

SUBMITTED BY CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. announced the appointment of Donald Marshall, 60, of Fremont to the California Fraud Assessment Commission, where he has served since 2009. Marshall has been vice president at the Zenith Insurance Company since 2003, where he was manager of investigations from 1993 to 1996. He was director of special investigations at Gates McDonald from 1999 to 2003, vice president of CalFarm Insurance from 1996 to 1999 and special investigations coordinator at the California Casualty Insurance Company from 1991 to 1993. This position does not require Senate confirmation; compensation is \$100 per diem. Marshall is a Democrat.

Sculpture Demo

SUBMITTED BY
AVANTHI KANMATAREDDY

The Fremont Art Association (FAA) guest artist for January is Mary Rosiles, an art teacher in San Lorenzo. Rosiles graduated from Humboldt State with an Art Degree, studying advanced portraiture, advanced drawing, advanced print making, and photography. She also holds a degree in Special Education from Chapman University. Rosiles teaches painting, drawing and sculpting at Arroyo High School.

Join us at the FAA gallery during the monthly general meeting on Wednesday, January 7 for a sculpting demo by Rosiles. She is back by popular demand since last year's "meeting in clay" was a hands-on, fun learning experience. Rosiles plans a fun evening

again, leading us in a step by step process of creating our own bust out of clay. Each attendee will receive six pounds of clay to make a bust or a "pot head." After the meeting, Rosiles will have each sculpture fired and then returned to us for our own use.

Please come early to get a place at the table with clay. The public is always welcome to participate in our meetings.

For more information, call Carol Ramos at (510) 489-5818 or e-mail CarolRudy2@comcast.net.

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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.

Sincerely,
Newark Unified School District Governing Board Members

Fremont Fire Academy class graduates

SUBMITTED BY DIANE HENDRY

Fremont Fire Recruit Academy Class 14-1 Graduation was held Friday, December 5, 2014. The recruits, who finished a rigorous, 17-week entry-level Firefighter Academy and were sworn in as firefighters, performed a demonstration at the Tactical Training Center. A formal ceremony was held at Fremont Veterans' Memorial Building Firefighters: Kevin Geiger, Daniel O'Brien, Nathan Fagundes, Thomas Hoobler, Seth Gatten, Rodney Raqueno and David Eastin.



From left: Kevin Geiger; Daniel O'Brien, Nathan Fagundes, Thomas Hoobler, Academy Instructor Vic Taugher; Seth Gatten, Rodney Raqueno and David Eastin.

Hauck named vice president for University Advancement

SUBMITTED BY JEFF BLISS
PHOTO COURTESY OF MILLS COLLEGE

Tanya Hauck, a seasoned and respected fundraising professional with nearly two decades of comprehensive higher education and campaign experience, has been appointed vice president for University Advancement and president of the Educational Foundation Board of Directors at California State University, East Bay, CSUEB President Leroy M. Morishita announced.

"Ms. Hauck has had a remarkable record of achievement within the CSU and other institutions," Morishita said. "We are excited to have her join our campus, leading the University Advancement team, and working with our Educational Foundation."

For the past year, Hauck served as the vice president for Institutional Advancement at Mills College in Oakland. Hauck was previously the associate vice president for Development at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, where she launched the university's \$500 million Learn by Doing Promise campaign. During her 15-year career at Cal Poly, she was instrumental in the success of the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center Campaign and Cal Poly's Centennial Campaign. Hauck personally raised more than \$80 million in support of mission-focused initiatives at the university.

A graduate of the CSU system, Hauck earned her bachelor's degree in Recreation and Leisure Studies from CSU Long Beach and a master's in Business Administration from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. She will assume her new position for CSUEB on February 16, 2015.





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History

Prohibition Raids

The National Prohibition Act [Volstead Act, October 18, 1919; effective February 1, 1920] was not very popular, and enforcement was a continuous problem. There were numerous bootleggers and illegal stills; raids were common even in our area.



Officers found 51 barrels of wine when they raided a Decoto pool hall and 450 gallons when they searched a similar Niles parlor. Federal agents swooped down on Irvington late one Monday afternoon and arrested two bootleggers. One had a supply of whiskey and the other had 25



Make your own ethanol

heard this excuse many times.

Some bootleggers were rather careless. Several officers were stopping all cars to enforce new headlight regulations. Down the street came an old flivver whose lights were at odds. The officers ordered the car to stop for inspection and found the back seat filled with a 15 gallon barrel, a 10 gallon jug and two demijohns of wine. The driver had probably been sampling his merchandise or he wouldn't have been so careless.

Agents were suspicious when they found one roof that had no frost on a cold morning when

there silhouetted against the sky stood the blackened, warped outline of a huge still. There is no record of what caused the fire or what happened to the owner of the barn and the still.

Special officer Brannon was one of the toughest of the men charged with enforcing the prohibition law. Local bootleggers warned that "he could smell a still a mile away." One hot, summer afternoon, Brannon steered his big, black touring car down Lemos Lane and stopped near a farmhouse. The lady in the house said her husband had gone to



pints of beer. A Newark man was hauled in for selling wine at an ice cream stand. It appeared that enforcement problems were keeping Agents busy in all the villages.

Some raids were rather involved. Nearly 49 officers in eight

all others had heavy frost. It usually meant the attic was heated by a still.

One Niles bootlegger buried his booze in the vegetable garden in his back yard to avoid raids. He had a pet parrot that copied his speech. When the officers came,

town. Brannon just sat in the car waiting. He knew something was going on nearby. Just then, the barn door swung open, and the farmer stepped out unaware that he had company.

Brannon and his deputies peered inside the barn and found what they expected. There sat the still with its big, gleaming copper tubes, redwood vats, and barrels of whiskey. They handcuffed the farmer and attacked the still with sledgehammers. The barn was flooded with mash and reeking with the smell of alcohol in a few minutes. The shining copper still was a pile of junk and the redwood tanks, a heap of splinters. Another still was out of action; another moonshiner out of business.

It was all part of the job for Special Officer Brannon. It was a tough job, but someone had to do it. At least it appeared that way until all efforts to avoid enforcement were abandoned and the Prohibition Act was repealed [December 5, 1933]. Then the special officers could go back to enforcing other laws. It appeared that there is always a need for someone to enforce the law.



cars staged raids on bootlegging joints that netted 15 offenders and brought \$1,950 in fines. Deputy Sheriffs searched five "Booze Joints" on Friday the 13th. One of the men arrested was the alleged bootlegger who supplied liquor to the workmen on the Hetch Hetchy project.

A deputy heard that a home in the Decoto area was the source of liquor that had caused several men to run amuck. He went to the home, intending to warn the owner to stop making liquor before he got in trouble. He was so intrigued with the still that he almost forgot why he was there. The still was a wondrous affair made of a conical copper boiler, a length of coiled auto gas line and a cooler from an old kerosene can. It was evident that bootleggers were quite inventive and resourceful.

Officers learned of a large shipment of sugar coming in. They followed the truck to a ranch near Alameda Creek and found seven fermenting vats in a barn and two huge stills hidden in a basement. The rancher said he only leased the ranch and had no idea the still was there. Enforcement officers had probably

the parrot blurted out, "In the carrots, In the carrots." The secret was out, and the bootlegger was arrested. There is no record of what happened to the parrot.

Bootleggers were often difficult to arrest. One escaped by sprinting into a thicket of poison oak. We must assume that the poison oak rash was better than getting arrested. A Mission San Jose farmer tried to throw four officers off his ranch when they poured his wine on the ground. He was fined \$200 in court. The operators of a Warm Springs roadhouse destroyed the evidence by emptying it into a crock of lye in order to avoid detection and arrest. There is no record of the results of this raid.

A few bootleggers produced a homemade whiskey they called "Jackass" that was downright dangerous. Officers raided a home in Old Town and confiscated 300 gallons of new wine. A year later, the owner died of alcoholic poisoning. Maybe he drank too much of his concoction.

Some bootleggers were never caught. A barn near Olive Avenue caught fire. When the smoke cleared the barn was gone, but



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Decluttering solutions offered

SUBMITTED BY LIFETREE CAFÉ

Practical tips for decluttering your life will be revealed at Lifetree Café on Tuesday, January 6, 2015. Participants will get practical steps for decluttering their homes and their schedules and living calmer, happier lives. The program, “Declutter Your Life: Practical Ways to Find Outer Order and Inner Calm,” features a filmed interview with Gretchen Rubin, author of The New York Times best-selling book, “The Happiness Project.”

“As I’ve studied happiness, I’ve been surprised about how much outer order contributes to inner calm,” says Rubin. “Clutter-clearing seems insignificant but it energizes people. By getting control of their

stuff, people feel they have more control of larger things.”

Admission to the 60-minute event is free, with snacks and beverages available. Questions about Lifetree may be directed to Michael Albanese at (510) 797-7910 or info@lifetreecafe.com. More information is available at www.lifetreecafe.com.

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Free downtown-BART parking shuttle

SUBMITTED BY TERESA MEYER

Starting January 5, 2015, the city of San Leandro will be offering a free shuttle from San Leandro BART Station to the downtown parking garage. The pilot shuttle program is designed to assist BART commuters being displaced from the east BART parking lot during construction for the Cornerstone Apartments project. Once completed in spring 2016, Cornerstone will include a shared parking garage that will provide 240 permanent underground parking spaces for BART patrons.

The free shuttle will make parking downtown safe and easy. Service will run weekdays, Monday through Friday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., leaving the BART station every 15 minutes on the quarter

hour. The shuttle will stop at three locations: BART, the bus stop at the corner of Davis Street and Hays Street, and the Downtown Plaza bus shelter.

On Monday, December 22, 2014, Martinez Street west of the BART station closed and street parking was eliminated for the San Leandro Tech Campus (SLTC) construction. SLTC will be completed in summer 2016 and will include a parking garage with over 400 public parking spaces. Parking is available at the downtown parking garage for \$45 a month or \$2.50 daily, and at the parking lot on Davis/Hays Street for \$2.50 daily. For more information on parking and alternative transportation options, visit www.slparkingpermits.org or call (510) 577-3440.

Koch Industries completes purchase of Oplink Communications

WICHITA, Kan. (AP), A subsidiary of Koch Industries Inc. has completed its acquisition of optical network device company Oplink Communications Inc.

The companies announced Tuesday that Koch Optics Inc. has acquired 14,701,501 shares at a price of \$24.25 per share. The deal represents about 83.8 percent of Oplink’s outstanding shares.

Last month’s tender offer for all of Oplink’s outstanding shares expired on Monday. The companies subsequently completed the merger, effective Tuesday, without a vote or meeting of Oplink’s shareholders.

Oplink survives as a wholly owned subsidiary of Koch Industries. Its shares ceased trading on the NASDAQ Global Market prior to the Tuesday’s opening.

Wichita, Kansas,-based Koch Industries owns companies in various industries such as chemicals, refining, forest and consumer products, fertilizers, electronic components, minerals and energy.

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BUSINESS

US new home sales fall 1.6 percent in November

By **JOSH BOAK**
AP ECONOMICS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP), Sales of new U.S. homes fell in November, evidence that recent job gains have yet to boost the housing sector.

The Commerce Department says new home sales slid 1.6 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 438,000, the second straight monthly decline. October sales fell 2.2 percent to a downwardly revised rate of 445,000.

The construction market has been sluggish in 2014 and continues to lag the broader economic recovery that began more than five years ago. Just 399,000 new homes were bought in the first 11 months of the year, a slight 0.2 percent improvement from the same period in 2013.

Purchases plunged 12 percent in the Northeast last month, while sales also skidded in the Midwest and South. Home-buying increased 14.8 percent in the West.

Who needs a separate camera with these 3 phones?

By **ANICK JESDANUN**
AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER

NEW YORK (AP), Phones have gotten so good at taking photos that I rarely bring along a stand-alone camera anymore.

Of course, a phone is never going to replace a full-bodied, single-lens reflex camera, otherwise known as an SLR. There's just no way to squeeze a powerful, SLR-type lens into the small body of a phone. But many smartphones now match and even outperform point-and-shoot cameras. You'll get good pictures with any high-end phone, including LG's G3 and Google's Nexus 6. But a few phones go beyond just good.

I took more than 10,000 still images with more than 20 phones released in 2014. I used the rear cameras and refrained from using the flash so that I could test the phones' low-light capabilities. That's an area where an otherwise good phone can be great.

Apple's iPhone 6 (starts at \$649 without a contract) and iPhone 6 Plus (\$749):

Last year, I declared the iPhone 5s to be the best camera phone overall. This year's 6 and 6 Plus models are even better, particularly with faster and more accurate focusing. The iPhone can even make moving toddlers look still and sharp.

For indoor and night shots, the iPhone often manages to avoid the image blur that many other cameras produce when shutters stay open longer to let in more light. The 6 Plus model also has anti-shake technology to help reduce blur. I noticed increased sharpness in some shots of statues inside a museum and the city skyline at night, compared with shots taken with the regular iPhone 6. For most shots, though, the iPhone 6 performs just as well. Go for the Plus only if you want the larger viewing screen — not for the camera.

That's not to say the iPhone always takes the best shot, particularly with its resolution on the lower end at 8 megapixels. For any given condition, you might find another phone that does better. But that other phone might perform poorly in other circumstances. The iPhone shines in a wide range of settings, making it an overall great choice for capturing impromptu moments.

Samsung's Galaxy Note 4 (\$700 to \$826, depending on carrier) and Note Edge (\$840 to \$946):

Images taken on the Note phones are rich in color. Friends say "wow" when they see the shots. The Note's AMOLED screen technology contributes to that, but the colors are still rich when viewing on a standard LCD laptop.

The problem is the colors sometimes look too rich, as though they've been adjusted using software. Faces, for instance, often look overly orange, especially for indoor shots (the yellow glow from artificial lighting contributes to that). The iPhone doesn't win on colors, but images look more natural. With the Note, you wind up with many images that look better but others that look worse. The color can typically be fixed with editing software, but that takes time.

The Note camera's 16 megapixels is among the highest in smartphones. Although having more megapixels doesn't necessarily mean better pictures, I can make out smaller text on Note images. The Note also excels with zoom. With most phones, quality degrades as you zoom in because the lens itself doesn't move. Zooming is essentially cropping. The Note compensates for that with anti-shake technology, similar to the 6 Plus, and with the merger of pixels from multiple exposures taken in succession.

Low-light shots come out well, something that wasn't so with older Samsung phones. However, shots aren't free of distortion. In some skyline shots, for instance, the dark sky wasn't entirely dark, and purple spots could be seen when blown up. There's less of that with iPhone shots. But these are subtle differences that most people won't notice.

Microsoft's Lumia Icon (\$499):

Like other Lumia phones using the standard Nokia Pro Cam app, the Icon camera is slow to snap and save the shot. Forget about moving babies. Forget about multiple images in bursts, as iPhones and Note phones allow.

Even as Lumia phones are known for their low-light performance, rivals have caught up. And the Icon's ability to take images of up to 19 megapixels no longer is impressive.

Yet the manual controls in Lumia phones are unmatched. You can control shutter speed, light sensitivity, white balance and other settings you typically only get with an SLR. It's the camera for taking professional-looking photos.

Most people, though, are going to be happy with snapshots taken with other phones under auto settings. The Icon requires patience to set up and take the shot, and some of the manual options you need at night won't be useful without a tripod. When I need that kind of shot, I'll grab my SLR. But having that level of control in a phone is impressive.

Work starts on disputed offshore windmill project

By **WAYNE PARRY**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP), Work began Tuesday on a proposed New Jersey wind power project that's still very much up in the air.

Fishermen's Energy held a groundbreaking in Atlantic City for the onshore portion of its proposed project to locate five windmills about three miles off the city's coast by workers preparing for a connection cable. The plan, rejected three times by New Jersey utility regulators, is the subject of a court appeal due to be heard in March.

But Fishermen's Energy is powering ahead with the plan anyway in order to take advantage of federal tax credits that expire at the end of the year.

"This milestone marks the commencement of construction for Fishermen's Atlantic City wind farm, a project that will bring investment and jobs to both New Jersey and Atlantic City," said Paul Gallagher, the company's chief operating officer.

The state Board of Public Utilities ruled last month there is no guarantee the project would receive all the subsidies it needs to generate electricity affordably.

The U.S. Department of Energy promised up to \$47 million for the project in May to the Chinese-backed project. But the board ruled the project can't advance without guarantees of at least \$100 million in federal subsidies. The company appealed soon afterward, and a March 4 court hearing is scheduled.

The groundbreaking came on the same day that Environment New Jersey Research & Policy Center released a report asserting there is vast untapped potential for wind-powered energy in New Jersey and across the nation. The report claimed enough wind power could be developed off the coast of New Jersey over the next 15 years to power more than 80 percent of the state's homes, while reducing pollution from the burning of fossil fuels.

"The potential of New Jersey's offshore wind is too strong to ignore," said Doug O'Malley, the group's director.

The utilities board previously ruled that a Chinese company that would own 70 percent of the project did not demonstrate financial integrity. But many environmental groups strongly favor the plan, saying the country needs non-polluting sources of power.

According to the report, after more than a decade of rapid growth, wind energy now accounts for 4 percent of total U.S. electricity generation.

"The best Christmas gift New Jersey could get to fight global warming would be to move forward with off-shore wind," O'Malley said.

High cattle prices push up beef cost for consumers

AP WIRE SERVICE
By JACKSON BOLSTAD
RAPID CITY JOURNAL

ST. ONGE, S.D. (AP), All it took was a slight nod of the head or a flick of the finger from a potential buyer to send the auctioneer at the St. Onge Livestock Company further into a rat-a-tat chant.

For sale was a nearly 1,200-pound cow that furiously rounded the auction ring, kicking up sawdust and dirt as a bullwhip cracked over its head. The bidding war was on.

About 15 people sat scattered along the tiered bleachers of the auction ring as the auctioneer breathlessly shouted out bids at a mile-a-minute pace. The price steadily climbed to a rarely seen \$1.16 a pound, making the cow and its flesh worth almost \$1,400.

“Sold,” he called out, abruptly ending the sale as workers chased in the next of nearly 1,500 head of cattle to be sold at the auction last week.

Cattle ranchers have been taking advantage of record cattle prices over the past 14 months, keeping the St. Onge Livestock Company auction busy.

Those record cattle prices have put more money in the pockets of ranchers, but they also helped push up the price of ground beef and steak at grocery stores to record levels.

On Wednesday, Terry Buchholz, 62, of Rapid City, scanned the meat cooler at Wal-Mart where lean ground beef was selling at \$5.86 per pound. She turned away when she couldn't find anything within her price range.

In April of 2011, the national average price of ground beef was just \$2.95 per pound, according to the USDA.

“It's outrageous, almost \$6 a pound for hamburger,” Buchholz told the Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/1Jfubtu>). “We've cut back a lot on eating hamburger.”

But Buchholz seems to be an anomaly among consumers, as demand for beef hasn't fallen much as prices have risen, said Becky Goosen, owner of Cutting Edge Meat Market in Rapid City.

“It's slowed down a little bit, but not much,” Goosen said. “We have our regulars still coming in, and it seems that there are always new people coming in.”

Across South Dakota for the week of Dec. 6, steers weighing 500 to 600 pounds sold to feedlots were purchased at the average price of \$298.46, according to the USDA. A year ago those same steers were selling for \$193.47. The price for young steers is typically far lower than when they are full grown and sold for slaughter.

Cattle are selling at very high rates, nationally and locally, and retail prices have to go up accordingly, said Ken Olson, a South Dakota State University Extension beef specialist.

“A whole bunch of things have converged all at once that nobody expected, to push (prices) higher,” Olson said.

The total number of head of cattle across the country is the lowest since the early 1950s, as severe droughts over the past few years forced many ranchers to sell off large portions of their herds, Olson said.

That sudden surplus of beef into the market helped to drive down retail beef prices at the grocery store for consumers in the early 2000s, he said. But now there is a shortage of cattle being slaughtered, and that has helped push up prices.

Olson also said that since prices have bounced back, and the drought has lifted in many parts of the country, ranchers aren't selling as many heifers and cows to slaughter houses. Instead they're trying to rebuild their herds.

“Not only are the total numbers down, but the number of calves we're sending to feedlots on the heifer side are down,” Olson said.

As the price to feed cattle has decreased steadily over the last year – as corn and alfalfa prices have fallen – cattle buyers at auction also are driving up prices as they have more money to spend, Olson said.

“Feedlots and slaughterhouses need cattle, and they just keep bidding prices higher and higher every month,” Olson said. “They're trying to outbid each other.”

But continued demand for beef at the grocery store, despite higher prices, is really helping prices rise to record levels, Olson said.

“We're still recovering from the recession, but people have the spending power to buy beef,” Olson said. “People like beef, so when they can afford it, they spend on it.”

While high beef prices are cutting into consumers' pocket books, they are helping ranchers like Cheryl Burghduff rebuild herds and help offset exorbitant costs.

“It's been a really positive thing,” Burghduff said. “It's helping to catch us up from the bad years.”

Information from: Rapid City Journal, <http://www.rapidcityjournal.com>

On lead bullets, judges rule against environmentalists

AP WIRE SERVICE

WASHINGTON (AP), A federal appeals court has ruled against environmentalists who are trying to force the Environmental Protection Agency to regulate spent lead bullets and lead shot used in hunting and shooting sports.

Ruling in favor of hunters and target shooters, the U.S. District Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit said that environmental groups have suggested no way in which EPA could regulate spent lead bullets and shot without also regulating cartridges and shells.

The Toxic Substances Control Act exempts cartridges and shells from regulation.

The National Rifle Association and much of the pro-gun lobby intervened on the EPA's side in urging the federal appeals court to uphold the dismissal of the lawsuit by environmentalists.

Teen shot over possible athletic-shoe envy

By DAN SEWELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI (AP), A mall shopper shot and killed a 16-year-old boy who attempted a robbery on the sidewalk outside, possibly in pursuit of a pair of limited-edition athletic shoes, police in southwest Ohio said Monday.

A Miami Township police official said the slain teenager and two other youths went to the Dayton Mall on Saturday morning for a shoe sale. Sgt. Joe Phares told reporters Monday that details were still being investigated, but that the teens apparently got there too late to buy the shoes they wanted. He didn't have any details on the shoes.

Police said the three juveniles from Middletown then approached two men outside and demanded their merchandise. They said one juvenile showed a gun, and one of the adults who had a permit to carry a concealed weapon then fired his own gun. It wasn't clear whether the adults actually had the shoes the youths were seeking.

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“This was a random act of, ‘I want something that person has, and I'm going to take it from him,’” Phares told reporters. “It didn't go down the way they thought it would.”

Phares said he didn't have details on the kinds of weapons involved, but said investigators told him the juvenile's gun was a real firearm. Two young people have been killed in Ohio in recent months carrying what turned out to be pellet guns.

Police responded Saturday morning to a reported shooting at the Dayton Mall just off Interstate 75 near the southern suburb of Centerville. The Montgomery County coroner's office said the teenager died at 10:55 a.m. Saturday. The coroner Monday identified him as Jawaad Jabbar and said he died of a gunshot to the torso. Police said no one else was injured.

Police said the other two teens were being held in juvenile detention in Dayton. Phares said it's too soon to say what charges could be brought.

Several news media outlets reported that Jabbar was a student and athlete at Middletown High School. A message was left at the school, which was on holiday break. A message was also left Monday at a Jabbar family residence in Middletown.

“It's a terrible thing,” Phares said.

The adult shopper's identity wasn't released immediately.

Man who raised \$55K is throwing potato salad party

AP WIRE SERVICE

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP), A man who jokingly sought \$10 from a crowdfunding website to pay for his first attempt at making potato salad and ended up raising \$55,000 is making good on his promise to throw a huge party.

Zack Brown is planning PotatoStock 2014, an all-ages, charity-minded party Saturday in downtown Columbus featuring bands, food trucks, beer vendors, potato-sack races and definitely potato salad.

His effort on Kickstarter in early July to buy potato salad ingredients took on a life of its own and attracted worldwide attention as the amount grew. The 31-year-old eventually raised \$55,492.

The Idaho Potato Commission and corporate sponsors have donated supplies for Brown and volunteers to whip up 300 pounds of potato salad for the event.

The Columbus Dispatch (<http://bit.ly/1vgYdWm>) reports Brown partnered with the Columbus Foundation to start an endowment that will aid area charities that fight hunger and homelessness. The account, started with \$20,000 in post-campaign corporate donations, will grow after proceeds from PotatoStock are added.

“His fund will have potential way after this potato salad is forgotten,” said Lisa Jolley, the foundation's director of donors and development.

Brown has been wooed by chefs, a literary agent and admirers seeking selfies and hugs.

“You never know what's going to take off,” said Justin Kazmark, a spokesman for Kickstarter, whose projects reach their goals 44 percent of the time. “This was just the Internet being the Internet.”

Brown said the effort was never really about potato salad.

“I think it says something about how you can spread an idea now,” Brown said.

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Site Plan

Niles Gateway Development of Old Henkel/Schuckl Cannery Property

Valley Oaks Partners wants to build the Niles Gateway mixed-use development on the old industrial property at the southern entrance to downtown Niles. The six-acre property was the site of the Ellsworth Packing Company, Schuckl Cannery, American Chemical Point Paint Company, and Henkel Corporation.

Community Meeting Comments and Concerns

In January 2014, the developer held a community meeting to give Niles residents a chance to hear about early project plans and to voice their wishes and concerns. The proposal presented was to be a primarily residential development. The developer said that there would be no building or roadway facing the east entrance to town where Niles Boulevard goes under the railroad tracks and turns north. The environmental clean-up of the site was described.

The community's strongest concern was about vehicular access through the existing neighborhood via Second St. or Third St. and Chase Ct. The developer asked what kind of feel residents would prefer in the new development. The comments included "not high(er)-density housing," "want actual houses with yards,"



Townhomes

"sunlight and air," and "Niles wants to remain a village."

Proposed Development Plans

The development application is now complete and will be reviewed by the Planning Commission in January. The project plans show a mixed-use development of residential units, live-work units, and retail space. There will be 85 townhouses in the main residential area to the south. To the north, there will be a "Creative-Retail-Artist-Flex-Tenancy" (CRAFT) building with a community center, 9 live-work units, 4 townhouses, and a restaurant



Gate Way

with two apartments above. The view from the railroad underpass will be of the community center building.

Traffic Access

Access to the development streets will be either directly off Niles Blvd. at the north end of the property or at Chase Ct. off the end of Third St. The developer is asking the city to vacate the dead-end section of Niles Blvd. that currently accesses Alameda Creek so that it can be turned into a linear park with no vehicle access or parking. No explanation was given as to why they don't plan to use the end of Niles Blvd. as an access point rather than use it for a linear park.

The traffic review said a left-turn pocket is warranted from the north-bound lane of Niles Blvd. into the new entrance to the development. There was no call for any stop signs or traffic lights near the railroad underpass.

On-street parking is proposed along Niles Blvd. in front of the CRAFT building. When you

chitecture. The Foundry style has gray metal siding. Most of the buildings are six-plexes.

Amongst all the eclectic building styles in Niles, no other buildings have similar architecture. This gateway to Niles is styled after past industrial uses rather than reflecting Niles' current village feel.

Housing Density

The current General Plan Land Use Designation is Light Industrial. The developer has requested a General Plan Amendment to change the designation to a Commercial section and a Residential-Medium section. The residential section would be allowed a density of between 14.6 and 29.9 dwelling units per acre. The proposed 85 townhomes would occupy 5.43 acres of the site for a density of 15.6 du/ac.

City Review Hearings

Because the property lies within the Niles Historic Overlay District, the project will go before the Historical Architectural Review Board. It will be reviewed for conformance with the Niles Design Guidelines and Regulations. Then the Planning Commission and City Council will review the project as a whole.

Tentative Hearing Dates:

- Jan. 15, 2015 Historical Architectural Review Board
- Jan. 22, 2015 Planning Commission
- Feb. 10, 2015 City Council



CRAFT units

drive south looking for a free space and you find none available, there will be no place to make a legal U-turn in order to drive back north to enter the Niles Blvd. entrance into the development. On nights when there is an event being held in the new community center, parking will be hard to find.

Townhouse Design

There are two exterior styles proposed for the two- and three-story residential townhouses - the Foundry and the Cannery. Both are sharply angled, urban-tech ar-

Email your comments and concerns to the city project planner Clifford Nguyen at cnguyen@fremont.gov regarding NILES GATEWAY (PLN2014-00338)

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CASTRO VALLEY TOTAL SALES: 06						
Highest \$:		975,000	Median \$:		625,000	
Lowest \$:		371,000	Average \$:		645,167	
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD	FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
21267 Hobert Street	94546	371,000	2	1016	1947	11-24-14
19958 Lorena Circle	94546	440,000	2	1276	1996	11-20-14
17569 Parker Road	94546	625,000	3	1258	1948	11-20-14
25210 Canyon Oaks Ct	94552	975,000	5	3219	1997	11-21-14
5880 Shadow Ridge Drive	94552	825,000	4	2229	1975	11-20-14
21137 Timco Way	94552	635,000	4	1741	1992	11-21-14

FREMONT TOTAL SALES: 24						
Highest \$:		2,050,000	Median \$:		650,000	
Lowest \$:		332,000	Average \$:		756,938	
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD	FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
38531 Acacia Street	94536	732,000	3	1248	1985	11-21-14
3517 Birchwood Ter #101	94536	461,000	2	1083	1977	11-21-14
38627 Cherry Lane #13	94536	332,000	2	938	1960	11-20-14
4573 Diaz Drive	94536	602,000	3	1150	1979	11-24-14
1734 Horner Way	94536	788,000	3	1612	1954	11-20-14
575 Lambert Terrace	94536	620,000	3	1592	1993	11-24-14
4562 Mayfield Court	94536	1,125,000	3	1974	1958	11-21-14
5083 Morris Way	94536	585,000	3	1080	1954	11-21-14
2543 Parkside Drive	94536	725,000	3	1576	1964	11-24-14
36196 Potel Common	94556	628,000	3	1663	1987	11-20-14
4452 Richmond Avenue	94556	690,000	3	1370	1978	11-21-14
5362 Sayre Avenue	94556	770,000	3	840	1989	11-24-14
37361 Sequoia Road	94556	386,000	4	1040	1988	11-21-14
3427 Turner Court	94556	665,000	5	999	1972	11-24-14
4223 Bidwell Drive	94558	635,000	3	948	1962	11-21-14
39072 Blacow Road	94558	540,000	3	1540	1959	11-21-14
4463 Hyde Com #222	94558	640,000	3	1302	2009	11-21-14
40485 Verne Street	94558	650,000	4	1302	1960	11-20-14
220 Chantecler Drive	94558	2,050,000	5	3729	1992	11-24-14
151 Meadows Court	94558	1,600,000	4	3168	1999	11-21-14
3649 Bobwhite Terrace	94555	559,000	2	1315	1998	11-20-14
3928 Riverbend Terrace	94555	932,000	4	1845	2001	11-24-14
5647 Via Lugano	94555	660,000	3	1387	2010	11-24-14
33775 Whitehead Lane	94555	791,000	3	1305	1971	11-20-14

HAYWARD TOTAL SALES: 19						
Highest \$:		1,599,000	Median \$:		400,000	
Lowest \$:		292,500	Average \$:		542,650	
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD	FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
23703 Amador Street	94541	365,000	4	1757	1951	11-24-14
2289 East Avenue	94541	430,000	3	1332	1949	11-20-14
22954 Kingsford Way	94541	425,000	3	1434	2005	11-24-14
24065 Madeiros Avenue	94541	815,000	4	2943	1979	11-20-14
22419 Rockaway Lane	94541	335,000	1	597	1954	11-21-14
19162 Waverly Avenue	94541	427,500	3	1662	1952	11-20-14
25112 Belmont Avenue	94542	405,000	0	0	0	11-20-14
57 Carrick Drive	94542	900,000	4	2532	2008	11-21-14
3350 Oakes Drive	94542	875,000	4	2672	1963	11-21-14
24557 Sybil Avenue	94542	300,000	3	1170	1926	11-20-14
896 Bishop Avenue	94545	405,000	3	1085	1954	11-24-14
31032 Carroll Avenue	94555	490,000	3	1161	2007	11-20-14
31183 Faircliff Street	94555	570,000	3	1333	2007	11-20-14
48 May Court	94555	390,000	3	1115	2007	11-21-14
25163 Copa Del Oro Dr #129	94555	215,000	1	608	2007	11-20-14
152 Montevina Way	94555	531,000	3	1990	2007	11-20-14
21228 Gary Drive #105	94546	419,000	3	1276	2007	11-24-14
21109 Gary Drive #209	94546	260,000	1	812	2007	11-24-14
21100 Gary Drive #309	94546	345,000	2	1056	2007	11-24-14

MILPITAS TOTAL SALES: 9						
Highest \$:		1,081,500	Median \$:		673,000	
Lowest \$:		325,000	Average \$:		682,722	
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD	FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
150 Beaumere Way	95035	850,000	4	1743	1978	12-03-14
1302 Chewpon Avenue	95035	673,000	2	1503	1981	12-02-14
1208 Clear Lake Court	95035	820,500	4	1476	1977	11-26-14
129 Ethyl Court #2	95035	325,000	2	882	1971	11-26-14
951 Gomes Lane	95035	1,081,000	4	2222	2013	11-26-14
203 King Court	95035	925,000	4	1904	1999	11-26-14
84 Parc Place Drive	95035	500,500	2	1192	2005	11-26-14
352 San Petra Court #1	95035	405,000	3	1050	1971	11-26-14
1710 Snell Place #703	95035	565,000	3	1253	2010	11-20-14

NEWARK TOTAL SALES: 04						
Highest \$:		800,000	Median \$:		585,000	
Lowest \$:		395,000	Average \$:		597,500	
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD	FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
5920 Bellflower Drive	94560	585,000	3	1152	1975	11-20-14
6366 Buena Vista Drive #A	94560	395,000	2	1448	1984	11-21-14
36155 Crystal Springs Dr	94560	800,000	3	2047	1998	11-21-14
36133 Dalewood Drive	94560	610,000	3	1649	1960	11-24-14

SAN LEANDRO TOTAL SALES: 12						
Highest \$:		607,000	Median \$:		340,000	
Lowest \$:		100,000	Average \$:		358,083	
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD	FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
1132 Carpentier Street #411	94577	280,000	2	1182	1983	11-12-14
1652 Clarke Street	94577	100,000	2	1216	1926	11-19-14
583 Davis Street	94577	300,000	2	1194	1924	11-20-14
14585 Doolittle Drive	94578	285,000	2	865	1979	11-20-14
14177 Seagate Drive	94578	445,000	2	1596	1987	11-20-14
1441 Virginia Street	94579	370,000	3	1118	1943	11-20-14
569 West Juana Avenue	94579	175,000	3	1032	1926	11-20-14
824 Woodland Avenue	94579	607,000	3	1288	1930	11-20-14
1040 Adason Drive	94579	440,000	3	1042	1947	11-20-14
15382 Hesperian Blvd	94579	340,000	3	1376	1979	11-20-14
1517 Arena Street	94579	465,000	3	1166	1955	11-20-14
15478 Montreal Street	94579	490,000	3	1378	1960	11-20-14

SAN LORENZO TOTAL SALES: 01						
Highest \$:		462,000	Median \$:		462,000	
Lowest \$:		462,000	Average \$:		462,000	
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD	FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
16111 Paseo Del Campo	94580	462,000	4	1300	1944	11-20-14

UNION CITY TOTAL SALES: 08						
Highest \$:		790,000	Median \$:		550,000	
Lowest \$:		255,000	Average \$:		557,938	
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD	FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
2457 Cameron Drive	94587	605,000	3	1720	1968	11-20-14
32534 Jacklynn Drive	94587	663,000	3	1340	1974	11-20-14
1042 Jade Terrace	94587	510,000	2	1203	2007	11-20-14
34822 Lilac Street	94587	660,000	4	1544	1971	11-20-14
4542 Reyes Drive	94587	430,500	4	1430	1974	11-21-14
34732 Skylark Drive	94587	255,000	2	810	1972	11-21-14
530 Tamarack Drive	94587	550,000	4	1259	1956	11-24-14
108 Windflower Lane	94587	790,000	4	2244	2001	11-20-14

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Proponents of genetic engineering (GE)—whereby DNA from unrelated species is combined to produce improved or novel organisms—insist that the benefits of increased crop yields and less agricultural waste outweigh the potential risks, but many environmental and public health advocates aren’t convinced.

According to the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS), one risk of GE is that our new “frankencrops” could become invasive, toxic to wildlife, or dangerous in other as-yet unknown ways. “But the most damaging impact of GE in agriculture so far is the phenomenon of pesticide resistance,” reports UCS, adding that millions of acres of American farmland are infested by weeds that have become resistant to Monsanto’s popular herbicide glyphosate (known to most by its trade name Roundup). “Overuse of Monsanto’s ‘Roundup Ready’ trait, which is engineered to tolerate the herbicide, has promoted the accelerated development of resistance in several weed species.”

As a result, farmers are now turning to older, more toxic herbicides—and agribusiness companies are re-sponding in kind with new rounds of GE crops engineered to tolerate these older chemicals. UCS worries that the process repeating itself is only leading us down the path of plants evolving quickly to overcome our defenses however technically brilliant they may be.

As for health risks, UCS acknowledges that eating refined products derived from GE crops is unlikely to cause health problems, but maintains that inserting a gene from one organism into another could still have unintended health consequences. For example, those with food-borne allergies could be at increased risk for reactions given the combination of genes in what looks like any other vegetable or piece of fruit. “This phenomenon was documented in 1996, as soybeans with a Brazil nut gene—added to improve their value as animal feed—produced an allergic response in test subjects with Brazil nut allergies,” reports UCS.

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Twenty-one countries and the European Union have instituted policies requiring foods created using genetic engineering (GE) be labeled accordingly so consumers can know what they’re putting into their mouths. Pictured: A California campaign (defeated in 2012) demanding labeling of GE foods.

Given these risks, some 21 countries and the European Union (EU) have instituted policies requiring foods created with GE technology to be labeled as such so consumers can know what they are buying and putting into their mouths. EU rules mandate that if any ingredient in a food has 0.9 percent or higher of genetically modified organisms, it must be marked accordingly on its packaging. Environmentalists in the U.S. would like to see the federal government put in place a similar policy—research from the non-profit Just Label It found nine in 10 Americans to be in favor of mandated GE labeling—but lobbying interests from agricultural states with a vested interest in selling more GE products still hold lots of sway over elected officials. So for now, Americans concerned about what’s in their food will need to do their own homework regarding what’s safe to put on their dinner tables.



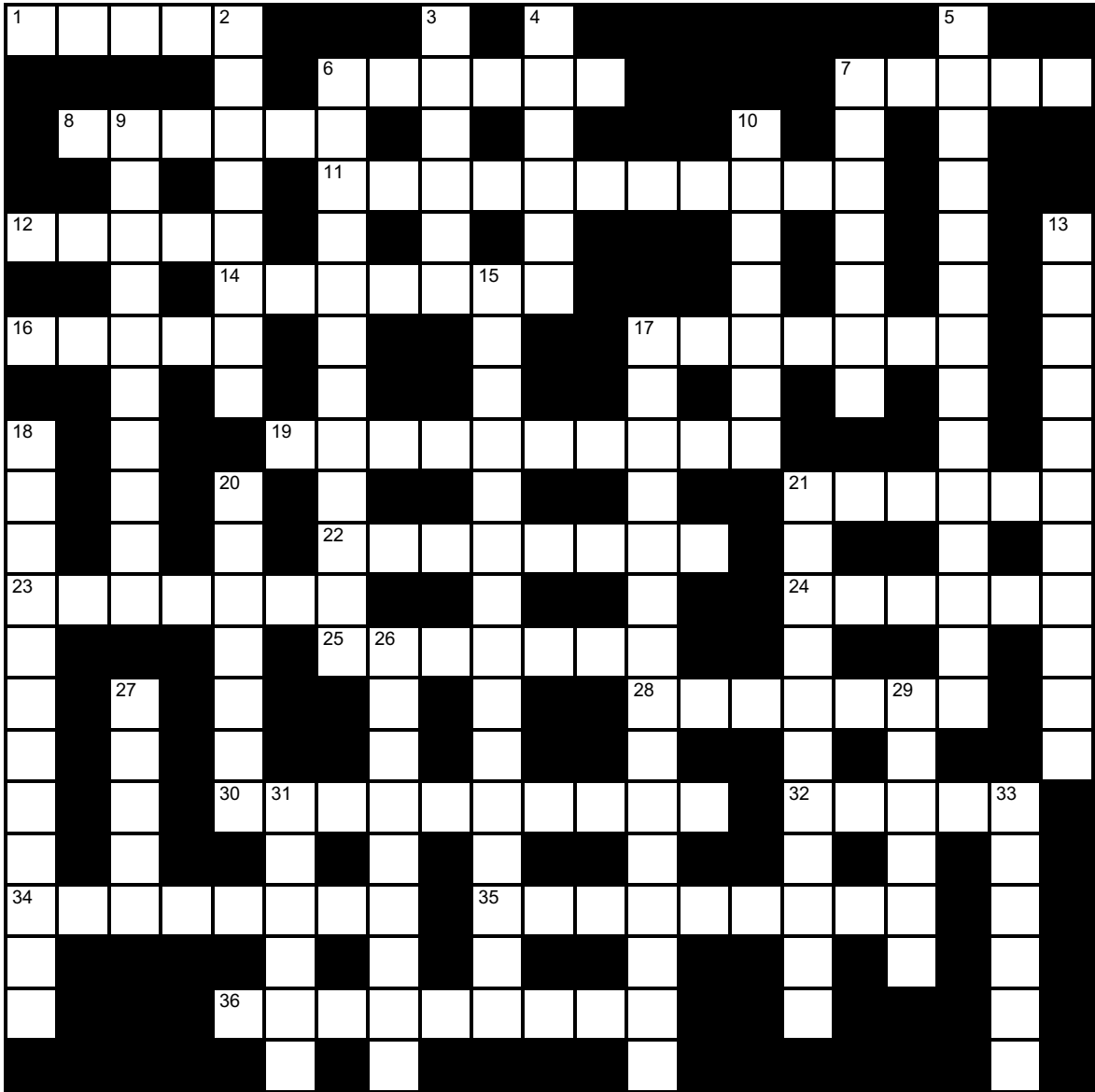
Luckily some natural foods retailers are making it easier for consumers intent on avoiding GE foods. Whole Foods, for one, is working toward full disclosure via labeling in regard to which of the foods on its store shelves contain GE ingredients. While Whole Foods may be a pioneer in this regard, environmentalists are hoping other U.S. grocery store chains will follow suit so that Americans can decide for themselves whether or not to take the risk of eating GE foods.

CONTACTS: UCS, www.ucsusa.org; Just Label It, justlabelit.org.

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Mind Twisters

Crossword Puzzle B 294



- Across
- 1 "You there?" (5)

6 Snow White was poisoned with these (6)

7 Penniless (5)

8 Several attempts to run after a thief or (6)

11 Moved to another place (11)

12 Physical work, working for wages, toil (5)

14 Acidic ingredient used for salad dressing (7)

16 Care for (5)

17 Ease (7)

19 Picture (10)

21 Ask for, (6)

22 Queen Cleopatra was this nationality (8)

23 Oriental (7)

24 Not terrestrial, perhaps (6)

25 Night of the present day (7)

28 Quip, part 4 (7)

30 Mathematics (10)

32 Subdues, with "down" (5)

34 Food roasted on open hearth, fireplace for food (8)

35 Direction between North and East (5-4)

36 "Wow!" (9)
- Down

2 One who makes note, kind of reporter (8)

3 Arose (6)

4 Inferior (6)

5 Conveying wishes at someone's achievement (14)

6 Complete surprise (12)

7 A furnished room for sleeping (7)

9 Sleeps all through winter (10)

10 Victory (7)

13 Items needed to cook a dish (11)

15 Achievements (15)

17 Features of someone or something (15)

18 Too good to be true (12)

20 "West Side Story" song (7)

21 Teach by showing (11)

26 Medicated lotion for skin (9)

27 Anesthetized (5)

29 "A" grade is after this percentage (6)

31 Pertaining to races (6)

33 Kind of party (6)
- ## Sudoku:
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- ## Tri-City Stargazer DECEMBER 31 – JANUARY 6, 2014 BY VIVIAN CAROL
- For All Signs:** The ongoing tense relationship between Uranus, planet of the people, and Pluto, planet of mega-powers, represents the dramatic changes and shifts in our relationship to governments, economics, politics, and the countries of the world. It remains a backdrop to everything else that is happening as we go about our personal lives. We are in the midst of a decade of this tension, which began in 2010. This energy is prominent for 10 years or more and we are now in its center. There have been 6 exact squares – the most recent was on December 15. There will be one more exact square on March 15, 2015. We have seen incredible changes on the globe and in the U.S. Governments have been overthrown, many countries are not speaking, and the overall world economy is precarious at best. Those
- who have even a little bit of power are throwing it around, bullying those who seem to have less. As the faster, inner planets make the circle around the zodiac, they trigger the major squares which make news and further alter the conditions of the world. They also trigger episodes of change in our personal lives. I daresay at this point no one has escaped unscathed.
- Change is not necessarily bad. Humans dislike disruption of routines, so we actually need provocation to move forward and adapt to the next developments. This is the stuff of which inspiration and creativity are made. Unfortunately, Uranus and Pluto are energies that do not know how to create gradual change. They create wars, job losses, diseases, financial instability or other dramas that appear
- unbidden out of nowhere. Old grievances resurface between countries and individuals. We often react as though no time has gone by, becoming as emotional as the first round. Will anything change this time? Unlikely.
- The message in the sky calls us to break from living out the tired old dramas. If we are to save our world we need to change paradigms and let go of black/white thinking. Taking revenge for past wrongs is not a cool thing to do. Neither is acting out the same old creaking stories of the battle between the sexes, or letting warriors rule the planet just because they are louder than peacemakers. Any thinking person would have to agree that continuing our warring history in the same way will not accomplish anything better than what we've got: a circus of a world that is trapped in
- constant replay. At present it appears that Congress is turning retrograde as fast as possible to the 1950s. Suddenly people are revolted by abortions, but they don't object to sending young men to their death in wars created by Hawks. Who understands this thinking?
- Each of us can choose a better option for whatever is happening personally. We do not have to be in replay mode forever. If you can think of nothing new or better to do about an issue, hold the question in mind before you go to
- sleep and ask for the answer – expect it to be there. A fresh and improved version of dealing will be available for evaluation in the morning. If we simply refuse to play the same old tapes, the mind will come up with a better solution. Our minds are naturally lazy and will keep reproducing the same scenarios unless we demand that it reinvent answers.
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ON TIME SIGNS

The rise of Innovation Districts

BY DAVID R. NEWMAN
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What is an Innovation District? It is an urban area containing one or more of the following: large, cutting edge firms or research institutions, start-ups, shared work spaces, grocery stores, restaurants, cafes, housing, etc. It has some combination of parks, plazas, bike paths, and a strong public transit system. And there is a strong support network of community events, conferences, and training sessions. The emphasis is on cooperation, not competition. Mix all this up and locate its components close together and you've got yourself an Innovation District.

Innovation Districts are beneficial because they "allow ideas to develop and hatch through unanticipated meetings, introductions, and random discussion," according to Jennifer Chen, Economic Development Coordinator for the City of Fremont.

Innovation Districts exist in cities throughout the world, such as Barcelona, London, and Stockholm, and are also developing in the United States. Prime examples include South Lake Union in Seattle, pioneered by Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen; Boston's Seaport district, which has been reconnected to the city with the "Big Dig"; and Kendall Square in Cambridge, Massachusetts, centered around MIT.

In the Bay Area, Mission Bay can be described as an Innovation District. Located between the San Francisco Baylands and Highway 280, this patch of over 300 acres contains a new UCSF research campus and hospital, offices focusing on life sciences and biotechnology, 6,000 housing units, a hotel, shops and restaurants, parks and plazas, a school, police station, fire station, library, and other community facilities.

Another local example, on a much smaller scale, is called The Gate in San Leandro. This is basically a shared work space located above the shops at the West Gate shopping mall, a former Dodge auto plant. More than 100 offices house innovative

new companies who feed off of each other's creative energy. Tenants include Type A Machines, which designs and builds 3-D printers; Open Sesame, a maker of door openers for handicapped people; and several artists. They are all connected to the Internet by a high speed, fiber optic network called Lit San Leandro, which is part of the city's plan to attract new businesses.

And soon, Fremont will be added to the ever expanding list of cities that are home to an Innovation District. The City has designated 879 acres for a new Innovation District, centered around the future South Fremont/Warm Springs BART station (slated to be completed in 2015). Companies in this area include Thermo Fisher Scientific, Seagate, Delta Products, Lam Research, and Western Digital, as well as a number of startups in clean technologies, life sciences, and advanced manufacturing. In fact, Fremont's largest concentration of workers - more than 20,000 - can be found here.

Anchoring it all will be Tesla, which is "pushing the envelope by reinventing its manufacturing facility as an extension of a tech campus - replacing guard stations with glass windows, and embracing the public who is now coming to the Fremont showroom to buy branded products, test drive, hook up to a super-charger, and more," according to Kelly Kline, Economic Development Director for the City of Fremont and a regular contributor to the City's blog.

Gone are the days of the office park. In an Innovation District, an employee from Apple could conceivably work next door to an employee from Google, meet up with an employee from eBay over coffee, and bike home with an employee from Yahoo! Fremont is well on the way to making this a reality.

Learn more about developments in Fremont by visiting <http://www.thinksiliconvalley.com/> or calling Fremont Economic Development at (510) 284-4020. Plans for Fremont's Innovation District will be explored in a future article.

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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
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(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, 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/sltg2015.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
(510) 578-4620
www.newark.org

Tuesdays, Dec 23 thru Jan 27

Bridge 2

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Seniors master game strategy

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6800 Mowry Ave., Newark
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Sunday, Jan 2 - Monday, Jan 31

Dine Hayward Restaurant Month \$

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THIS WEEK

Tuesday, Dec 30 - Wednesday, Dec 31

American Red Cross Blood Drive - R

Tues: 11:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Wed: 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Call to schedule an appointment

Drop-ins welcome
Fremont-Newark Blood Center
39227 Cedar Blvd., Newark
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www.redcrossblood.org

Tuesday, Dec 30

Family Do-Over: Is It Ever Too Late?

7 p.m.

Film, discussion and refreshments

Lifetree Café
4020 Technology Pl., Fremont
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www.Lifetreecafe.com

Wednesday, Dec 31

Coyote Cubs \$R

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Games and a craft

Ages 3 - 5
Coyote Hills Regional Park
8000 Patterson Ranch Rd., Fremont
(510) 544-3220
www.ebparks.org

Wednesday, Dec 31

World Pauses to Pray for Peace

4 a.m.

People around the globe pray simultaneously

Community of Christ Fremont
34050 Paseo Padre Parkway, Fremont
(510) 797-0895
jeff@nilesdiscoverychurch.org

Wednesday, Dec 31

Balloon Drop 2014 \$

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Kid's New Year's celebration

Chabot Space & Science Center
10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland
(510) 336-7300
www.chabotspace.org

Wednesday, Dec 31

New Year's Eve Celebration \$

8:00 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.

Five DJs, two different rooms of music

Doubletree Hilton Hotel
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Wednesday, Dec 31

New Year's Eve at ICC \$

7 p.m.

Bar, DJ, dancing, performances and dinner buffet
India Community Center
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Wednesday, Dec 31

New Year's Eve Tribute Concert \$

10 p.m.

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Saturdays

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Year-round
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Wednesday, Dec 31

New Year’s Eve Ball \$

8 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Music, dancing and refreshments
Swiss Park
5911 Mowry Ave., Newark
(510) 793-0983
Mariette2086@gmail.com

Wednesday, Dec 31

New Year’s Eve Party \$

8:00 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.

Music, refreshments and champagne
toast
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Thursday, Jan 1

New Year’s Day Butterfly Discovery \$

11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Visit the monarch butterfly nursery
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd.,
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Thursday, Jan 1

Healthy Parks Healthy People Hike

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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www.ebparks.org

Thursday, Jan 1

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1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Friday, Jan 2

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Friday, Jan 2

New Year’s Party

4:45 p.m.

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Friday, Jan 2 - Saturday, Jan 3

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Saturday, Jan 3 - Sunday, Jan 4

Do Monarchs Matter? \$

10:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.

Questions and answers about butterflies
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(510) 544-2797
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Saturday, Jan 3

Nature Walk for Health

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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Saturday, Jan 3

Covered California Enrollment Session

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Castro Valley
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www.aclibrary.org

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Communication and Emotional Health

2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Communicate with your teen
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400
www.aclibrary.org

Saturday, Jan 3

Monarchs for Kids \$

11 a.m. - 12 noon

Puppet show teaches butterfly life cycle
Ages 3 – 6
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd.,
Fremont
(510) 544-2797
www.ebparks.org

Sunday, Jan 4

Covered California Enrollment Session

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Personal assistance from certified en-
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Union City Branch Library
34007 Alvarado Niles Rd.,
Union City
(510) 745-1464
www.aclibrary.org

Sunday, Jan 4

Marvelous Monarchs \$

12:30 p.m.

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Agriculture is one of our most important industries. It provides food, feed and fuel necessary for our survival. With the global population expected to reach 9 billion by 2050, agricultural production must double to meet the demand. And because of limited arable land, productivity must increase 25% to help meet that goal.

Consider these factoids:

- Major US farming conglomerates are buying foreign land and beginning to farm there citing lower overall cost.
- China is buying land in Africa and sending skilled workers to supervise those new farms.
- Farmers and ranchers the world over are transitioning to precision agricultural methods, i.e., subdividing their acreage into many sub-plots, in some cases, right down to the individual plant/tree/animal thereby enabling increased productivity and lower overall costs.
- Unmanned aerial vehicles are being used to map, observe, sense and spray.
- Unmanned (or at least autonomous) ground vehicles are providing more precise movements and thereby enabling precision practices.
- The US Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that 2012 median pay for farm workers was \$9.09.
- The US Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that there were 749,400 ag workers in 2012, down 3% (25,000) from 2011.
- 74% - approximate number of crop workers in the US who were born in Mexico or Central America of which more than half are likely to be undocumented (according to Fortune Magazine).
- Cropdusters have the 3rd highest fatality rate among professions in the US. 90% of crop spraying in Japan is done using small unmanned helicopters.
- ResearchMoz, in a 1/29/2014 report, projects agricultural robot market size to grow from \$817 million in 2013 to \$16.3 billion by 2020.

Thus the agricultural industry is in transition. A little bit of everything is going on everywhere but the general trend worldwide is toward precision agriculture supplemented by advanced technologies including robotics. Many factors are precipitating these changes in addition to global population growth and the cost and availability of labor: the diminishing availability and increasing cost of water, political and regulatory procedures and hold-ups; limited tillable acreage; better, cheaper and faster technological automation products; and climate change, to name just a few.

Modern farmers and ranchers are already high-tech. Digitally-controlled farm implements are regularly in use. There are partially and fully automatic devices for most aspects of agricultural functions from grafting to planting, from harvesting to sorting, packaging and boxing. Farmers use software systems and aerial survey maps and data to guide their field operations. They also



Robotic Harvesting Strawberry Harvester

use auto-steer systems included in many new tractors (or buy kits that do the same thing) which follow GPS and software guidance. Some farmers are already transitioning some of their operations to full autonomy. Thus forward-thinking farm owners today may be able to skip over slow, incremental improvements and jump directly to robotic and autonomous automation. But are the robots ready?

Company: ISO Group, a Flier Systems company, Gameren, The Netherlands

Website: www.isogroepmachinebouw.nl

Product: RoBoPlant flower planting robot and fully and semi-autonomous grafting robots

Function: Semi and full automatic machinery for greenhouse or protected horticulture. Flower planting robotic system takes flats of peat seedlings, separates them and plants them in chosen patterns.

Company: Autonomous Tractor, Fargo, ND

Website: <http://www.autonomoustractor.com/>

Product: Modular cab-less robotic tractor implement platform
Function: Mowing hay. Can add modular engine power as needed by the type and size of implement. Will expand to other crops and other non-ag industries after mower begins shipping.

Company: Blue River Technologies, Sunnyvale, CA

Website: <http://www.bluerivert.com/>

Product: LettuceBot2 (2nd generation) lettuce thinning

Function: Thinning and weed spraying of iceberg, romaine and leaf lettuce

Company: Agrobot, Huelva, Spain

Website: <http://www.agrobot.com/>

Product: Agrobot SW6010 and AGSHydro, a bed-on hydroponic growing system customized for strawberry growing and harvesting
Function: Ripe berry picking from raised hydroponic growing beds.

Company: Agribotix, Boulder, Colorado

Website: <http://agribotix.com/>

Product: Drone services for precision agriculture

Function: Lease ag drones to co-ops, agronomists, crop consultants, farm managers and big industrial farm corporations; produce and process hi-res images and maps using various sensors, and provide prescription maps

to match the application of fertilizer to the places that need more (or less).

Company: Wall-Ye, Macon,



France

Website: <http://wall-ye.com>

Product: Wall-Ye 1000 mobile pruning robot

Function: Autonomous pruning

Company: ecoRobotix, Essert-Pittet, Switzerland

Website: <http://www.ecorobotix.com/>

Product: Lightweight autonomous robots initially for weeding

Function: A robotic platform for weeding of spaced-row cultures, which includes advanced weed recognition algorithms, fast robotic arms, advanced sensor technology, high energy efficiency, and wireless communications.

Company: Energid, Cambridge, MA

Website: <http://www.energid.com/experience/citrus-harvesting/>

Product: Citrus harvester

Function: Harvesting, initially for juice

Company: Harvest Automation, North Billerica, MA

Website: <http://www.harvestai.com/products>

Product: HV-100 mobile robot

Function: Material handling, movement of containers, spacing.

Company: Clearpath Robotics, Kitchener, ON, Canada

Website: <http://www.clearpathrobotics.com/grizzly/>

Product: Grizzly RUV (cab-less robotic utility vehicle) and Husky UGV

Function: Harvesting, mowing, hauling, research

Company: Autonomous Solutions (ASI), Petersboro, UT

Website: <http://www.asirobots.com/farming/>

Product: Forge Robotic Platform, a kit for enabling a skid steer to operate autonomously or remotely controlled

Function: Mowing and spraying functions

Company: Wageningen UR (University and Research center), Wageningen, The Netherlands and Agritronics, Sint Anna-parochie, The Netherlands

Website: <http://www.wageningenur.nl/en/Expertise-Services/Research-Institutes/Wageningen-UR-Greenhouse-Horticulture/Research-themes/Advanced-Cultivation-and-Production-Systems/Subthemes/Computer-vision-and-robotics.htm> and <http://www.agritronics.nl/>

Product: Research to supply intelligent systems for high value crops to commercial research partners/vendors

Function: Harvesting and spraying (spot and canopy)

Company: Vision Robotics, San Diego, CA

Website: <http://www.visionrobotics.com/>

Product: Lettuce Thinner and Grape Vineyard Pruner

Function: Grapevine pruning being tested; lettuce thinner available for sale

Company: Precision Hawk, Raleigh, NC

Website: <http://precisionhawk.com/>

Product: Lancaster UAV with various plug and play sensor options plus Datamapper

Function: Providing data for crop researchers, consultants and farmers and ranchers to make farm management decisions

Company: F Poulsen Engineering ApS, Hvalso, Denmark

Website: <http://www.visionweed-ing.com>

Product: ROBOVATOR thermal and/or hydraulic weeder

Function: Weeding and thinning of lettuce, cabbage, fennel and onions

Company: Kinze Manufacturing, Williamsburg, Iowa and Jaybridge Robotics, Cambridge, MA

Website: <http://www.kinze.com/> and <http://www.jaybridge.com/>

Product: Autonomous vehicle system for row crop harvesting

Function: Autonomously garner row crop grains from combine machines and bring it out of the field to the transport area

Company: Agrobotics, Little Rock, AR

Website: <http://www.agrobotics.com/>

Product: AutoProbe soil sampling system

Function: AutoProbe is a towed device which directs the driving of the towed vehicle to enable consistent, uniform and accurately distanced soil samples. The device is capable of pulling over 2,500 cores per hour

Company: Amazone-Werke GmbH, Hasbergen, Germany

Website: <http://info.amazone.de/Display-Info.aspx?id=14033>

Product: BoniRob field robot

Function: Autonomous omnidirectional field robots working in "flocks" for multiple purposes

Company: Helper Robotech, Gimhae City, Korea

Website: <http://helpersys.co.kr/>

Product: BoniRob field robot

Function: Grafting is most common in European and Asian countries as well as in greenhouses worldwide where crop ro-

tation is no longer an option and available land is under intense use. Robotic grafting is relatively new although mechanically-assisted grafting has been going on for a long time.

Company: AGCO Fendt, Deluth, GA

Website: <http://www.agcocorp.com/GuideConnect.aspx>

Product: GuideConnect, SectionControl and VarioGuide

Function: SectionControl integrates various data and enables fully automatic section control via GNSS for ISOBUS-capable sprayers, spreaders and seeders; the VarioGuide night and day auto steering system; and the new GuideConnect in which two tractors act as a unit where one vehicle is unmanned

Company: Rowbot, Minneapolis, MN

Website: <http://rowbot.com>

Product: Rowbot is a self-driving, multi-use platform that travels between rows of corn, ex: applying nitrogen fertilizer in sync with corn needs. It can also collect sensor data to inform both current and future work. GPS and several sensors keep the robot from trampling the crop

Function: Rowbot travels between corn rows - often under the leaf canopy - to apply nitrogen fertilizer and also to seed cover crops

Company: senseFly, Cheseaux-Lausanne, Switzerland

Website: <http://www.sensefly.com>

Product: eBee Ag

Function: The eBee ag system includes eMotion software and a carrying case. The software and cameras enable 2 cm per pixel resolution and produce 3D maps and overlays as well as the capability to lay out (and simulate) a flight path for up to 45 minutes of flying time

Company: Conic Systems, Barcelona, Spain

Website: <http://www.conic-system.com/>

Product: EMP-300 Grafting Robot

Function: Enables grafting of vegetables and other greenhouse plants

Company: Naio Technologies, Toulouse, France

Website: <http://naio-technologies.com/>

Product: Naio Technologies Oz field robot

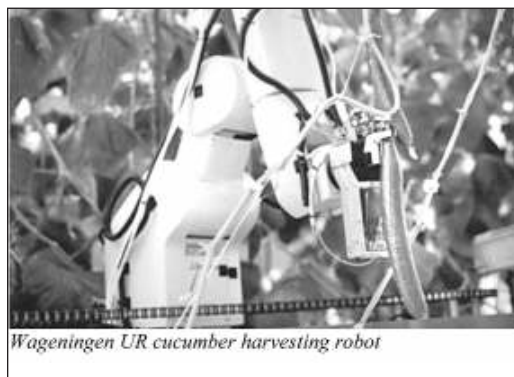
Function: The Oz robot serves as an autonomous electric tractor which can be used for weeding and as a transport from harvesters to accumulation points. Oz operates as a self-powered robotic implement rather than a towed implement

Company: Robotic Harvesting, Simi Valley, CA

Website: <http://www.roboticharvesting.com>

Product: Strawberry harvester, data collector and mobile platform

Function: Autonomous mobile device which takes stereovision photos to locate any fruit or vegetable in 3D space and then uses a robot arm to pick and place on a conveyor selected berries



Wageningen UR cucumber harvesting robot

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20 years of Rocking the East Bay

musical itch. The guitar was his first instrument. "It was the kind that would make your fingers bleed," he joked.

Once Reilly recovered, he ended up shelving the guitar as he resumed his life as an investment banker. A graduate of California State University Hayward (now CSU East Bay), he ended up landing a long-term gig at Union Bank. His musical itch, however, continued to nag at him. It seems that kismet came into play in 1994 when four other like-minded friends got together with Reilly and formulated a simple plan. "We ran into Ed Guthrie and hatched the idea for the band," he said. Guthrie, who has retained guest performer status with the band in the years since, is a relative of folk musical legend Woody Guthrie and provided the crucial spark needed to set the creation of the band in motion.

Since 1994, the lineup has been the same four local guys – Reilly on guitar and backup vocals; Russ Whitehead, vocal arranger and bass guitarist; Bill Epps with the lead vocals, guitar and backup vocals; and Tony Newton on drums. Together, they've been rocking audiences with covers of classic rock favorites from Elvis to Van Morrison, with ventures into the standards as popularized by Frank Sinatra, and country music from the likes of Johnny Cash. Though they have mastered playing the biggest hits of popular music, they've

musical catalogue, a progression that Reilly credits with audience feedback that the band has received while performing. "Depending on what the audience wants, that contributes to the gig with the variety of sound... It's all about giving the audience what they want," he said. They encourage the audience to call out songs, and they will accommodate if possible. The most called out songs are for the Rumba, Tango, or Waltz.

One of their current standing gigs is with the Fremont Senior Center. "We've become the largest draw at the Senior Center," Reilly proudly proclaimed. Every month they play, and every month they get the same requests. "They come up to us and ask for more Rock & Roll!"

us to plan an event for a terminal cancer patient... of course it was a yes," Reilly said. The intent was to raise funds for the patient's funeral costs. The band rocked out a full set, playing all the classics and crowd pleasers. Before they began the final two songs of the set, they invited the terminally-ill woman on stage to sing with them. Together they sang "Stand By Me" and "My Way." A few days later, the woman sent an e-mail to the senator and the band, simply titled, "Thanks for the send-off." "That really makes it worth playing," Reilly said.

Though the band has become a mainstay within the East Bay, they have remained rather humble about their success and stature. They don't sell CDs or mer-



yet to collaborate on original material. Reilly smiled at the idea. "(That's) something to think about."

Their first gig was at the Hungry Hunter Steakhouse, and immediately after, they scored a standing gig at the Luna Loca. Success came at a steady pace from there. "After Luna Loca, we started to get gigs from patrons," Reilly said. One of their first prominent shows was when they played for former Fremont Mayor Gus Morrison. "We've played almost every election cycle," Reilly said, adding, "and we've only played for those who've won!"

As the band expanded their venues and events, they also began to expand their

For over ten years, the band has been a mainstay at the annual tree lighting in Fremont, as well as the Olive Festival and Indo-American Charity Ball. "We have a lot of regular type events," Reilly said, noting that "to see the joy in the audience's eyes... Nothing is better than knowing that we brought happiness or joy or memory to someone in the audience."

With 20 years of rocking, The Canyon Band has seen a multitude of audiences. One of their most memorable performances took place about ten years ago. It all started with a request from former California State Senator Liz Figueroa. "She asked

chandise, and even with their monumental 20th anniversary passing in 2014, the band didn't even think to mark it with a special event. This is characteristic of the band and its members – their reward is in the reactions from the community. The Canyon Band's stalwart support of the East Bay has solidified a reputation as the go-to band for any event, big or small; their legacy of quality entertainment will likely continue for years to come.

Learn more or contact the band at <http://thecanyonband.com>.

Summer Programs Fair 2015

SUBMITTED BY FREMONT
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Fremont Unified Student Store (FUSS) will be hosting the 2015 Summer Programs Fair on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at American High School in Fremont.

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Vendors: \$100 large table; \$60 small table**

SAVE receives grant for passenger van



Dublin Nissan Internet Sales Manager Leo Stefani hands over van keys to SAVE's Executive Director, Nina Clymer, and SAVE staff members.

SUBMITTED BY TINA FERNANDEZ

Fremont, California-based SAVE (Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments) received a generous grant from Danville-based Hedco Foundation funding the purchase of a new Nissan 12-passenger van.

SAVE's new passenger van will allow the organization to provide its clients with emergency transportation services, and rides to events, appointments, and more. SAVE is truly grateful for the generosity of the Hedco Foundation as well as the service and kindness

shown by staff at Dublin Nissan. Their support and contributions will provide safety and support to victims of domestic violence and their families.

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Harlem Globetrotters double their fun in Bay Area

SUBMITTED BY ERIC S. NEMETH

Coming off their most successful season since the team was founded in 1926, the world famous Harlem Globetrotters will bring their new tour to the Bay Area for six games over two consecutive weekends from January 9 through 17 – doubling the number of weekends the team has played in the area in recent years.

Their new 2015 "Washington Generals' Revenge" Tour is the Globetrotters' 89th consecutive season. Bay Area games will include:

Friday, Jan 9: San Jose – SAP Center (7 p.m.)

Saturday, Jan 10: Oakland – Oracle Arena (2 p.m. and 7 p.m.)

Friday, Jan 16: San Jose – SAP Center (7 p.m.)

Saturday, Jan 17: San Jose – SAP Center (12 p.m.)

Saturday, Jan 17: Oakland – Oracle Arena (7:30 p.m.)

The Globetrotters will face a great challenge this year, as the infamous Washington Generals are more determined than ever to match the franchise's historic last victory over the Globetrotters nearly a half century ago. It has been five years since the Globetrotters and Generals have faced off, as the Generals have been searching far and wide for the best players to retool their roster and have been preparing for one thing: victory over the Globetrotters.

In addition to the highly-anticipated matchup on the court, the Globetrotters, known worldwide as the Ambassadors of Goodwill™, will honor a Harlem Globetrotters Hometown Hero at each of their 310-plus games in North America. The team is searching for active, wounded or retired members of the military who

have made their community proud with their brave service and exemplary character. Fans can nominate a Harlem Globetrotters Hometown Hero at harlemglobetrotters.com. The Globetrotters will also play a portion of each game with a camouflage basketball as a sign of respect to all who protect our freedom.

The Globetrotters' one-of-a-kind show is unrivaled in the world of family entertainment, showcasing some of the greatest athletes on the planet. With incredible ball handling wizardry, amazing rim-rattling dunks and trick shots, side-splitting comedy and unequaled on-court fan interaction, this must-see event is guaranteed to entertain the whole family, creating memories that will last a lifetime. After the game, Globetrotter stars remain on the court for autographs and photographs with fans.

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Women's Basketball

Pioneers ground Hawks

SUBMITTED BY
SCOTT CHISHOLM

Cal State East Bay ended its 6-game homestand with a 60-43 win over Holy Names December 16th inside Pioneer Gymnasium. The Pioneers are off to their best 9-game start since the 2005-06 season and have won five of six at home over the recent stretch run. "We came away with a win, but played with very little inten-



Sharissa Estremera knocked down a 3-pointer in each of East Bay's crucial scoring runs in win over Holy Names



Shannon Bland scored the game-winning basket with 31 seconds left in game with CSUMB

Bland sinks game-winner to sweep Cal State Monterey Bay

Shannon Bland scored the game-winning basket with 31 seconds left to give visiting Cal State East Bay a 62-60 league win over Cal State Monterey Bay on December 20th.

"We ran a play for Stephanie Lopez at the 2-minute mark and Shannon found her for a big 3-pointer. Then Shannon took it to the rim and made a very tough shot to give us a two point lead," praised East Bay Head Coach Suzy Barcomb following the team's fifth straight win over the Otters.

Tori Breshers was the focal point of the East Bay offense as she totaled 14 of her game-high 22 points in the first half. She accounted for nearly half of the Pioneer points as the teams headed into halftime deadlocked 31-31.

Trailing by four Sack was fouled on a 3-point attempt and made two of three free throws to cut the deficit in half. A steal and dish from teammate Jenna Bandy set up Sack for the game-tying fastbreak layup in the final minute of regulation.

"Both teams battled all night long. It was an intense game that neither team deserved to lose. The final two and half minutes took an eternity. We feel fortunate to come out of here with a huge win," Barcomb added.

sity. I'm disappointed with how our team approached the game today," said East Bay Head Coach Suzy Barcomb. "Holy Names played with more energy and effort than us. We didn't respond very well to the challenge. The credit goes to (them) for putting us back on our heels most of the day."

The Pioneers held a slim 10-9 advantage when the team's offensive rebounding helped take control of the game. East Bay scored 12 of its next 16 points inside the paint and Sharissa Estremera knocked down a 3-pointer to cap off a 19-8 scoring run. A Mo Fegan triple on the team's final first half possession gave the Pioneers their largest lead up to that point and provided a 32-19 half-time score.

East Bay committed 22 turnovers and had its poorest free throw shooting effort of the season (13-of-22, .591) on Tuesday. A late scoring run initiated by the team's season leading scorer put the game out of reach. Stephanie Lopez and Estremera would combined to score 11 straight East Bay points and build the lead back up to 16 points. Lopez finished with game-highs of 15 points and three steals.

Tori Breshers filled the stat sheet with 11 points, 11 rebounds, five assists, and four blocks. Remy Puou added seven points on only five shots from the field to go along with 11 boards. Estremera finished with eight points on 3-of-5 shooting and knocked down both of her attempts from beyond the arc.

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CSUEB Men's Basketball volunteer at holiday party

SUBMITTED BY
STEVE CONNOLLY

The Cal State East Bay men's basketball took some time during their break from classes to volunteer at the Annual Family Holiday Party, hosted by Hayward Area Recreation at the Ashland Community Center in San Leandro on December 17th.

"The staff at Ashland Community Center, with the help of the local police department, has been doing a phenomenal job of hosting this event for years, and we're glad to be a part of it this holiday sea-

son," said head coach Gus Argenal. "Seeing the families' faces light up when the children met Santa reminded our players why this time of the year is so special. We hope to be back next year."

The Annual Holiday Party provides families with young children the opportunity to meet Santa Claus, listen to holiday stories, and receive a present and holiday snack. The Pioneer student-athletes helped set up the event and organize the youngsters for story time. Many of them also assisted with the arts & crafts activity, helping the children deco-

rate frames in which to put their photos with Santa.

"It always feels good to give back, especially during this time of the year," said sophomore guard Paramvir Singh. "It was awesome to find out how much this event meant to the kids while we made picture frames with them and talked about Christmas."

"My group was helping the children with arts and crafts, and it made my day to see how happy they were to see us and hang out with us," added junior guard Marcus Norman.



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Fremont's Downtown Dream Moves Forward



in partnership with developers TMG Partners and Sares/Regis Group to implement and illustrate the downtown architectural tone. This development will break ground in June 2015. We believe this retail/residential catalytic project will inspire private investment in downtown. Successful downtowns develop over time so the economic development team is working in the background to promote and stimulate interest and action in our vision.

At the heart of the area will be a Civic Center component including government administrative services and a day and night place for the community, both indoor and outdoor. We hope to begin construction of this phase— council chambers/community center/public plaza - in 2016. This will be located where the current Town Fair Shopping Center stands today. Staff is currently drafting a Request for Qualifications for design proposals.

Q: When will the continuation of Capitol Avenue be complete?

A: There are two components of this work. What is seen of the construction right now is between State Street and Fremont Boulevard. Completion is anticipated May 2015. This is an extensive project since infrastructure for utilities does not currently exist. The remainder of improvements for Capitol Avenue from State Street to Paseo Padre Parkway – sidewalks, parking, landscaping, lighting, etc. - will be under construction within the same timeframe but without the need to create completely new infrastructure. The entire streetscape should be complete by September/October 2015.

The street segment between State Street and Fremont Boulevard will include a median. The median was removed from the plans for the remainder of Capitol Avenue to narrow the street and create a more intimate feel and pedestrian-friendly atmosphere. Initially the median was an integral part of a State mandated storm water retention program, but new technology allows us to use tree wells to meet that standard. Due to timing and grant funding for the initial phase, we were unable to incorporate the new design into the continuation segment. In retrospect, we believe the difference – median, no median - will make a unique statement and create a design advantage.

Q: How will the downtown connect with the Fremont BART station?

A: Creating a better connection between downtown and BART was part of the One Bay Area Grant we received from Alameda County Transportation Commission and Metropolitan Transportation Commission. Sidewalk improvements, bike racks and signage are part of the plan. Right now, those unfamiliar with the downtown location have no idea how to get there. We are partnering with Washington Hospital and Weingarten Realty (owners of Gateway Plaza Shopping Center) to utilize and enhance existing pedestrian/bike pathways in a safe and pleasant manner. This effort is planned to begin July 2015.

Q: What is planned to facilitate movement along the new Capitol Avenue retail spine?

A: As private developments emerge, a Transit Development Management Plan will fund a shuttle program to transfer

people along Capitol Avenue and to/from BART. Currently, we are working on bike share similar to existing local programs in Mountain View, Palo Alto and San Jose and regional efforts. Continued assessment of trends and needs of those using the thoroughfare will allow us to respond in the best way possible.

Rachel DiFranco, our Environmental Sustainability Coordinator, secured a grant to include a unique installation on Capitol Avenue... inclusion of electric vehicle charging stations. Conduit along the length of the street will create an infrastructure for these stations. The first section of the street includes six charging stations that will accommodate twelve vehicles. As the street develops, we will have the ability to add more stations.

Q: Parking requirements have been reduced in the downtown area so where will people park to enjoy the amenities?

A: We are using a layered approach. Reducing parking requirements is an incentive for the private sector; the location within a Priority Development Area (PDA) and Transit Oriented Development (TOD), assumes that those who live in this area have less need for parking. However, regardless of efforts to reduce reliance on automobiles, the reality is that they will not be eliminated. In the Downtown Community Plan, we try to anticipate parking issues as much as possible. There will be up to 700 public parking spaces – over 120 on Capitol Avenue plus side street parking. In addition, private developments are required to provide onsite parking. Another layer includes public parking structures. The second phase of

development beginning in 2019 includes a parking structure to accommodate parking for future offices – municipal and public. If necessary, we can develop a parking plan to accommodate additional needs. The City of Fremont has an advantage and flexibility since it owns three properties within downtown – the State Street project, current City Hall property and the proposed City Center in the Town Fair site.

Q: What will happen to existing business in the downtown area?

A: In order to serve proposed residential units within and surrounding the downtown, we will work with existing businesses that have expressed interest in relocating in downtown, if possible. The benefit of city-owned space is that we can encourage the desired mix of business and assist retail establishments who may find pricing untenable. This may include uses such as an art gallery or other amenities.

Q: How will downtown relate to existing business districts?

A: Fremont's existing retail centers and unique historic districts are a big asset for the City. The goal for downtown is to be complimentary, not competitive, to their contributions. Fremont has a unique blend of business districts which can benefit from a regional draw of downtown development. We can market the entire City of Fremont as a complete experience; downtown connected [by shuttle] to other districts with their unique shops and restaurants.

Q: Is nightlife part of the plan for downtown?

A: This is a welcome opportunity. We are working with our police department to modify ordinances that guide nightlife activities. The goal is to encourage uses that meet safety, business and public needs. These types of businesses rely on a good experience for their patrons and we want a good experience for our residents; we see this as a strong partnership opportunity. The area has a high daytime population – government, medical facilities, etc. – and also a 24/7 component of workers, especially at hospitals and residents.

Q: How about planning for a hotel?

A: The Downtown Community Plan allows that type of use. From a design perspective, a hotel becomes a good draw for visitors; guests who are visiting for business or medical visitation, etc. will want and need the amenities of a downtown district.

Q: Is a performing arts center and/or museum part of the downtown plan?

A: The Downtown Community Plan allows such uses. There are four phases of the Civic Center Master Plan. At this time, the fourth phase of development is undefined and could include a variety of uses including a performing arts center. From a funding perspective, a performing arts center can be challenging. A museum can also be considered when the fourth phase is defined. This all depends on the community's goals and desires at that time.

Q: What can residents expect to see of the downtown at the end of five years?

A: Beautification and extension of Capitol Avenue will be completed. The construction currently in on State Street and Capitol Avenue should also be complete – 20,000 square feet of retail on ground level with a podium and three layers of residential above – and row houses along State and side streets. Phase 1 of the Civic Center including Council Chambers, community center and plaza should be complete and construction of Phase 2 – parking structure and possibly housing – underway. More active and vibrant programming of public activities will be evident including existing and planned events such as a Farmers' Market (opening March 2015), Fremont Underground Social Experience (FUSE), Street Eats, and more. Activities at the civic park near the Paragon development will be included in the mix. Hopefully, the private sector will be in the midst of development as well.

Q: Where can the public follow the plans and construction of downtown development?

A: At: www.fremont.gov/downtown. Several videos and in depth information can be found at this website.



Government Briefs

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

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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
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WATER/SEWER

Alameda County Water District
2nd Thursday @ 6:00 p.m.
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www.acwd.org

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2nd/4th Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.
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1st/3rd Tuesday @ 7:30 p.m.
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Do You Hear What I Hear?

The pitter-patter of much needed rain amidst the busyness of last-minute shopping, children squealing with delight, and holiday greetings between friends and family. As we prepare to slow down a bit for the holiday season (for some much well-earned respite before the start of 2015), we want to take a minute to share a few highlights from the past year.

In 2014, the Fremont City Council approved the Warm Springs Innovation District plan; Warren Avenue re-opened to through traffic; Thermo Fisher celebrated the opening of its niche diagnostics facility; and Overton Moore added 700,000 sq. ft. of manufacturing and logistics facilities. With the bulldozing of a three-story office building, Downtown Fremont is in full-swing with the extension of Capitol Avenue — connecting Fremont Boulevard with Paseo Padre. The Block at Pacific Commons welcomed Dick's and Buffalo Wild Wings in time for the holiday season and the Super Bowl in January. And these are a few of the highlights! As we said, it's been a busy, productive, and tasty year.

Building a vibrant community is not possible without the continued investment, partnership, and involvement from the private sector, non-profits, transit agencies, and all levels of government. We appreciate the collective hard work, support, and enthusiasm for the Fremont community over the past year.

In 2015, we look forward to continued collaboration, growth, and development projects that reflect Fremont's vision to be a dynamic, vibrant, and sustainable city filled with opportunities for residents to live, work, and play.

As always, we invite you talk to us about your business plans in 2015 and beyond. Happy Holidays!

**With Good Tidings,
The Fremont Economic Development Team**

ACWD restores Water Main Cleaning Program

SUBMITTED BY SHARENE GONZALES

The Alameda County Water District (ACWD) announced plans to restore its Water Main Cleaning Program, which removes accumulated sediment, such as rust deposits and sand that can affect water color and taste, from water mains. The program is being restored to address customer concerns regarding water quality. The cleaning of waterlines will occur from January until mid-May in Fremont, Newark, and Union City.

Main cleaning is accomplished by systematically flushing the water pipelines at high velocity by opening and closing fire hydrants. The program was previously suspended due to the ongoing drought. Main cleaning will result in temporary runoff from hydrants requiring, on average, five to 10 minutes of water being released before it runs clear. ACWD staff will closely monitor the lines to ensure runoff is minimized.

It is estimated the overall 2015 program will require less than 0.1 percent of ACWD's annual water production. ACWD remains committed to continuous water conservation measures with a steadfast focus on the drought; however, the flushing of lines is necessary to mitigate sediment buildup, improve water quality, and is required by the State Water Resource Control Board's Division of Drinking Water.

"The buildup of sediment in water mains does not affect the safety of the water but is rather an aesthetic issue," said Laura Hidas, Water Production Manager. "ACWD continues to meet or exceed state and federal water quality standards. The reestablishment of the program is addressing the nuisance of discolored water experienced by some of our customers," added Hidas.

Despite its appearance, discolored water does not indicate that the integrity of the water main has been compromised or that the water is unsafe. A disinfectant residual is maintained at all times to ensure that the water remains safe for household use, such as cooking and drinking.

The program will occur in a systematic, phased approach over the coming months and customers affected will receive a postcard approximately two weeks prior to scheduled main cleaning in their neighborhood. Multi-family residences will be notified by way of their property owner or manager.

Temporary effects of the cleaning operation may include episodes of discolored water that may continue until the cleaning procedure is complete. Should customers experience discolored water during or following main cleaning in their neighborhood, it is suggested that they refrain from washing white or light colored laundry as it may result in staining.

If temporary episodes of discolored water continue following main cleaning in your area, please visit ACWD's website to learn how to remove the sediment from internal plumbing. For more information about the Water Main Cleaning Program, please visit www.acwd.org/maincleaning.

California Thursday

SUBMITTED BY JONATHAN BASH

California efforts to connect school meals and local farmers got a boost the first week of December when the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) awarded Berkeley's Center for Ecoliteracy (CEL) with a \$99,969 grant to further its innovative California Thursdays program. The grant was one of 82 awarded nationally through the USDA's Farm to School Program.

California Thursdays works with a network of school districts around the state to bring locally grown, hand-made school meals to up to one million students each Thursday. The project unites local growers, cafeteria staff and principals in an effort to shift an entrenched food system to prioritize the use of fresh, local foods over processed foods shipped across the nation. Presently, 15 school districts, representing over one-fifth of all California students, are piloting this innovative approach.

"This federal grant will allow us to impact children's lives by bringing improved recipes, meals and practices to our partner schools," said Zenobia Barlow, executive director and co-founder of the Center for Ecoliteracy. "We'll be able to double the number of districts participating, all while growing local economies and continuing to serve California children healthy and nutritious California food."

With the grant, CEL will help more schools improve their lunch programs with a "bite-sized" implementation and marketing program designed to enable motivated school districts to serve more freshly prepared meals made with California grown food. CEL will also create new resources for its California Thursdays toolkit, including proven strategies and practical assets for linking schools with regional agriculture, menu development, nutrition staff training, communication and public relations efforts, and nutrition education. Additionally, the grant will allow CEL and its growing network of partner school districts to prepare for a second wave launch of California Thursdays this spring.

The USDA Farm to School grants help schools respond to growing demand for locally sourced foods and increase market opportunities for producers and food businesses, including food processors, manufacturers and distributors. Grants also support agriculture and nutrition education efforts such as school gardens, field trips to local farms and cooking classes. The Farm to School Program is part of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, which authorized USDA to provide grants and technical assistance to help schools gain better access to local foods.

Current school districts participating in the California Thursdays program include Los Angeles, Oakland, Riverside, San Diego, and San Francisco, as well as suburban and rural districts like Alvord, Coachella, Conejo Valley, Elk Grove, Hemet, La Honda-Pescadero, Lodi, Monterey Peninsula, Oceanside and Turlock.

For more information about California Thursdays or to learn how your school district can join, visit www.californiathursdays.org.

Food safety tips

SUBMITTED BY CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

With the holiday season, California Department of Public Health (CDPH) director and state health officer, Dr. Ron Chapman, reminds consumers about the importance of safe food handling to prevent foodborne illness. According to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 48 million illnesses, 128,000 hospitalizations, and 3,000 deaths annually in the U.S. are related to foodborne diseases.

"Bacterial pathogens like salmonella, E. coli (Escherichia coli), and campylobacter can be present in foods, such as meat and poultry, and can cause illness due to insufficient cooking, inadequate cooling and improper food handling practices," Chapman said. "Properly prepared and handled foods can assure us all a safe meal every day of the year."

Bacteria such as salmonella and E. coli O157:H7 are responsible for many foodborne illnesses, caused by eating contaminated foods. Contamination can occur at the farm level, during processing and handling, and as a result of poor food handling practices at home.

Symptoms of foodborne disease can include diarrhea, which may be bloody, vom-

iting, abdominal cramps, and fever. Most infected people recover from foodborne illnesses within a week. Some, however, may develop complications that require hospitalization. Young children, the elderly, pregnant women, and persons with a weakened immune system are at highest risk for potentially life-threatening complications.

Foodborne diseases can be prevented by simple safety steps in the kitchen. Wash hands with soap and warm water before and after food preparation, and especially after handling raw foods. Clean all work surfaces, utensils and dishes with hot soapy water and rinse with hot water after each use. Be sure to cook foods thoroughly and to refrigerate adequately between meals. Consumers can find more information about food safety tips at www.cdph.ca.gov.

Additional resources for information on food safety include the Federal Food and Drug Administration Food Information line at 1-888-SAFEFOOD (1-888-723-3366) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854). Consumers can also access the national Partnership for Food Safety Education's "Fight BAC" (bacteria) at www.fightbac.org.

OPINION



WILLIAM MARSHAK

As the birth of 2015 is imminent and 2014 fades, many hopes and dreams of the old year will be infused into the new one. One of the most prominent is the grab bag of “affordable housing.” Since even moderate income levels are unattainable for many residents, the question is how to create housing – not McMansions - for our local workforce. It’s a conundrum since land costs are so high and many of those making land use decisions are comfortably ensconced in single-family dwellings of their own, beyond the reach of too many folks.

Mandates are the answer from upper levels of government, leaving local areas to target land for mythical affordable housing; practical and real challenges are left for others to tackle. Local governments, contractors and citizens are asked to carry out this mandate without adequate funds or real solutions. The result is a myriad of plans that satisfy the requirements of bureaucrats but leave little for real people. The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), Sacramento

and Washington, D.C. grind out numbers, but the American dream of home ownership in the immediate Bay Area has slipped farther and farther away. The result is increased commute distances, pollution, gridlock and a host of associated problems.

As opportunities constrict, so does the size of affordable units. They become smaller and smaller, without regard to what any household of one, two, three or more will do for living space... real living space. Existing single family dwellings that sit on lots of adequate size have been replaced by zero lot lines, increasing density and relaxed ordinances. High density means smaller units and vertical construction in an urbanized setting. In order to maintain good quality of life with affordable quantity, concomitant and safe, well designed amenities for recreation, leisure activities and relaxation are necessary to maintain positive attitudes. Crowded conditions can be tolerated if the atmosphere is convivial but destructive when construed as claustrophobic and oppressive. Compression of people may be an economic answer to affordable housing, but may not be the path to positive lifestyles. This is how tenants, even property owners, become estranged from and disaffected with authority figures. You need look no farther than current headlines in sensational news broadcasts to see the result.

Are the advent of the trend of tiny houses the answer? Some choose living spaces of a few hundred square feet due to

Big dreams, small houses

economics while others believe it fulfills their quest for a “green” and carbon-free footprint. In any case, space saving designs impact storage, furniture, privacy and a multitude of allied issues that can appear to be tenable but need attention to detail to serve long term living arrangements. As the housing focus becomes more urban and dense, social consequences of life in small spaces should be faced as these units become prevalent. In the past, tenements were associated with high tension and crime due to social pressure, poverty and disregard for ownership and the rights of others. As increased density becomes the norm, our social structure focused on life quality as well as open space becomes critical as well.

Will planners, officials and contractors who live comfortably in dwellings that provide excess space for themselves and their families adequately judge the impact of tiny housing on others? Affordable may not translate to luxury but when the space provided is inadequate for a family, even if deemed affordable, does it translate to a healthy, viable community? As 2015 emerges, hopefully our planners will consider the result of affordable, high density development.

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Fatal car accident

SUBMITTED BY HAYWARD PD

On December 16 at 4:06 p.m., Hayward Police Officers responded to a reported solo vehicle collision at the intersection of Hayward Boulevard and Contreras Place. A vehicle was traveling uphill on Hayward Boulevard when the driver lost control. The vehicle began to spin uncontrollably and collided with a utility pole at Contreras Place. The driver, a 45-year old Hayward woman, was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Hayward Fire Department, who initially provided advanced life support. A preliminary investigation determined that speed, in conjunction with the wet roadways, contributed to the collision.

Drugs or alcohol are not believed to be a factor in this collision. Any witnesses are encouraged to contact Sergeant Jason Corsolini from the Hayward Police Traffic Bureau at (510) 293-7149.

Fremont fatal traffic collision

SUBMITTED BY FREMONT PD

On December 17, at 10:43 p.m., the Fremont Police Department received a report of a single vehicle collision in the area of Fremont Blvd. and Thornton Ave. When officers arrived they found a van near the center median on Fremont Blvd. north of Thornton Ave. The driver suffered life threatening injuries and was pronounced deceased by emergency medical personnel at the scene.

The driver was a 45 year old adult male, Fremont resident and the only occupant of the van. A preliminary investigation by members of the Traffic Unit revealed that the van was traveling northbound on Fremont Blvd when it collided with a tree in the center median. Alcohol may be a factor in the collision.

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Uncovering and avoiding a scam artist

BY HILLARY SCHMEEL

You may think it will never happen to you and you may be right. You might be one of the lucky ones who never experiences investment fraud or is scammed into a costly and cruel situation. 98-year-old Clara Cortelyou of Castro Valley and her daughter, Carla Sebastian of Fremont, were not so lucky.

In 2012, Jon Guay, an independent investment advisor in San Jose, claimed to work under a company [non-existent] called Blake Financial Services. With the help of his mother, Donna Lou Guay, acting as his assistant, Guay was able to gain Cortelyou's trust and money by telling her that he had once worked with her long-time advisor, Michael Tomren of FSC Securities in San Ramon. Guay's mother contacted Cortelyou and asked if she would like to invest with Blake Financial Services.

Cortelyou began her relationship with Guay in April of 2012 by writing a check to Transamerica for an annuity. Transamerica rejected the application because of Cortelyou's age.

Guay wasn't deterred from this failed attempt to earn a commission.

In May, Cortelyou wrote two more checks to Blake Financial Services. Shortly thereafter, she suffered a serious fall and relocated to an assisted living apart-

ment. "I called Jon to tell him about my mother's condition and ask for her money back to pay for her expenses," said Sebastian. "He told me there would be a huge tax penalty for taking out the money." The money was never returned.

In September, Sebastian wrote a check from her joint account with her mother to Blake Financial Services. "He told me that the investment would earn three percent, but that it would be tied up for 24 months."

In October, Sebastian tried to write a check to Franklin Templeton Investments from Cortelyou's trust account. "He told me that Franklin Templeton couldn't accept checks from trust accounts," said Sebastian. She then wrote a check to Franklin Templeton from her personal account instead.

Sebastian's husband, James, grew suspicious of Guay and requested a statement from him, which later proved to be fake. By January 7, 2013, Sebastian fired Guay over the phone. Undeterred, Guay persisted by driving to see Cortelyou and take her to her local bank branch and attempt to have his name placed on her account signature card.

The teller grew suspicious and quickly alerted the manager, who called Sebastian. Sebastian informed the manager that Guay had been scamming them for almost a year and asked him to call the police. "They couldn't arrest him be-

cause he hadn't done anything at that point," said Sebastian. "But the look on his face that he had been caught was priceless."

Sebastian later found out from Guay's actual employer, Wunderlich Securities, Inc. in Memphis, Tennessee, that Guay confessed to investing the \$200,000 with Knight Capital Group, Inc. and lost the entire amount. Guay was terminated from Wunderlich Securities, Inc. and his license revoked. He was arrested in October of 2013, pled no contest to fraud and grand theft, and sentenced to a year in jail. Guay has been ordered to pay Cortelyou and Sebastian restitution. Sebastian also received a settlement from Wunderlich Securities, Inc.

"We almost decided to just eat the loss," said Sebastian. "But, we couldn't let him get away with this and let him hurt someone else."

Beware of common scams

The most common scams happen through e-mail, over the phone, and in-person. "They will send out an e-mail saying, 'I'm in jail in Dubai and I need \$5,000 to bail out, love Johnny,'" said Sgt. Earl Amos of the Santa Clara Police Dept. "Someone eventually has a grandson named Johnny." Once they hook the victim, the scam doesn't stop there. "All of a sudden, it's 'I need \$10,000 and an additional \$10,000 for processing,'" said Sgt. Amos. Do not reply or call the phone number given in a spam e-mail; don't click on any links or

open any files attached to them.

You may get a phone call telling you that your PG&E bill is behind and you need to pay \$500 to make your bill current. "Anyone saying you owe them and you can take care of this here and now is a scam," said Sgt. Amos. "Or, an e-mail asking for your social security number. Call the company and ask them why they are asking you for this information." Never give your credit card, banking, Social Security, Medicare, or other personal information through e-mail or over the phone unless you initiated the call. You can sign up for the "Do Not Call" list and take yourself off multiple mailing lists.

Many calls and e-mails come from overseas and bounce from one country to another, making it hard to track where they originated.

For face-to-face scams, usually two people will approach you. They will come to your home and tell you there have been reports of a gas leak in your neighborhood and ask to see your meter. "One will distract you with the meter, while the other rummages through your house," said Sgt. Amos. "Another one they'll use is telling you your roof needs repair. They'll tear the roof apart, ask for a \$500 deposit and tell you that they'll come back tomorrow. But, they never do." Be skeptical of all unsolicited offers and do your research. Do not

allow yourself to feel pressured into making purchases or signing contracts. If someone comes to your door, ask to see their identification and don't let them in.

"It's only limited by the imagination," said Sgt. Amos. "Lately, we've been seeing a lot of the lotto ticket scam." Typically, it is an old Hispanic woman asking for you to turn in a winning lotto ticket, worth \$5,000. She'll tell you that she can't turn it in because she is an illegal immigrant and all she wants is \$2,000 for the ticket. But, the ticket is a fake.

If it sounds too good to be true, it usually is. For investments, do your research and look the advisor up on FINRA's [Financial Industry Regulatory Authority] website. FINRA will give you a complete print out of the advisor's personal and work history. Talk to multiple advisors and ask for references before making a decision. Avoid promises of guaranteed income or high returns at little risk. There is always a risk when investing.

"If you have an elderly parent, you need to educate them," said Sgt. Amos. "Instruct them to consult you first. Scams seem to keep up with the times. In the seventies, it was stereos in the back of a van. Now, it's electronic scams."

For more information on how to better protect yourself, visit www.finra.org or www.fbi.gov. To stop telemarketers from contacting you, visit www.donotcall.gov.

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September 10, 1923 – December 24, 2014

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Public notice of
northbound I-680 HOV
Lane project

SUBMITTED BY CALTRANS &
ALAMEDA COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

The Interstate I-680 (I-680) Northbound high occupancy vehicle (HOV)/Express Lane project proposes to add a HOV/express lane in the northbound direction on I-680 from south of State Route 237 (SR 237) to north of SR 84 (approximately 15 miles), within Santa Clara and Alameda Counties in and near the cities of Milpitas, Fremont, Pleasanton, and the community of Sunol. The HOV/express lane would be a specially-designated freeway lane that is free for carpools and other eligible HOV users, but also gives single-occupancy-vehicles the option to pay a toll to use the express lane. The project is being proposed to increase the efficiency of the transportation system by expanding and optimizing freeway capacity to reduce congestion and accommodate existing and future travel demands.

A draft Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA) has been prepared for the I-680 Northbound HOV/Express Lane project for public circulation. This notice is to inform you that the draft EIR/EA was published on Thursday, November 20, 2014, and will be circulated for public review with a closing date on Friday, January 23, 2015. Two public meetings will be held to provide you an opportunity to comment on the document and project.

Additionally, noise abatement options have been evaluated at potential noise affected areas along the project corridor. The location of the noise measurements and abatement options will be presented at the public meeting and comments regarding the potential barrier locations are requested.

The draft EIR/EA is available for review online at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/envdocs.htm> and at the following locations during regular business hours: Caltrans District 4, 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland CA 94612

Alameda County Transportation Commission, 1111 Broadway #800, Oakland, CA 94607

Milpitas Library, 160 North Main Street, Milpitas, CA 95035

Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566

Irvington Library, 41825 Greenpark Drive, Fremont, CA 94538

TTY users may request copies of the document in alternate formats

through the California Relay Service a 1 (800) 735-2929 (TTY), 1 (800) 735-2929 (Voice) or 711. If there are any questions, please contact Wahida I. Rashid, Associate Environmental Planner, at (510) 286-5935.

We are offering an opportunity to view information about this project at a public meeting in an open house format on:

JANUARY 8, 2015
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Mission High School
41717 Palm Ave, Fremont

JANUARY 13, 2015
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Hearst Elementary School
5301 Case Ave, Pleasanton

For language translation, special seating accommodation or other assistance at the public meeting, please contact Wahida I. Rashid at (510) 286-5935 at least five days prior to the meeting.

Written comments on the environmental document may be submitted via regular mail to: Wahida I. Rashid, Associate Environmental Planner

Department of Transportation, District 4
P.O. Box 23660, Oakland, CA 94623-0660

Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 23, 2015. Comments can also be sent via email to: wahida.rashid@dot.ca.gov.



Consumers warned about Happy
Apple brand caramel apples

SUBMITTED BY ANITA GORE

On December 25, 2014, California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Director Dr. Ron Chapman warned consumers not to eat all varieties of Happy Apple Brand Caramel Apples because they may be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes. CDPH is coordinating with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other state and local agencies in the investigation of 29 cases of Listeriosis in 10 states which appear to be linked to the consumption of multiple brands of caramel apples. All 29 cases have been hospitalized and five deaths have been reported. A single case-patient in California has died.

Happy Apple Company, with manufacturing facilities in Oroshi, CA and Union, MO, is voluntarily recalling all varieties of Happy Apple Brand Caramel Apples, after learning of the recall of apples used to produce the caramel apples by one of their apple suppliers. These caramel apples were packaged in clear, plastic containers as a single pack, three pack, four pack, or eight pack. All Happy Apple Brand Caramel Apples with "Best if used by dates" between August 25, 2014 and November 23, 2014 are being recalled.

The Happy Apple Brand caramel apples were sold at multiple retail, club and discount store locations throughout California, Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin. Although the recalled caramel apples are not likely to remain on grocery store shelves, consumers may still have the caramel apples in their homes. Anyone in possession of the recalled caramel apples should place them into a garbage bag and dispose of them in the trash.

The CDC continues to recommend that U.S. consumers not eat any commercially produced, pre-packaged caramel apples, including plain caramel apples as well as those containing nuts, sprinkles, chocolate, or other toppings, until the investigation can determine all of the brands that may be implicated in the outbreak. Whole intact apples, apple based beverages such as juice or cider, and apple sauce do not appear to be associated with this outbreak.

Symptoms of Listeria infection may include high fever, headache, and neck stiffness. Infants, the elderly, and people with weakened immune systems are at highest risk for severe illness and death. Listeria infection in pregnant women can lead to miscarriage or stillbirth, premature delivery, or infection of the newborn baby. More information is available at the following link: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/discond/Pages/Listeriosis.aspx>

CDPH recommends consumers experiencing any ill effects after consuming caramel apple products should consult with their health care provider. Consumers that observe the recalled caramel apples being offered for sale are encouraged to report the activity to the CDPH toll free complaint line at (800) 495-3232.

Union City Intermodal Station District expenditures

SUBMITTED BY LAUREN SUGAYAN

The State Controller issued a report this month indicating that expenditures used to build in the areas adjacent to the Union City BART Station, otherwise known as the Intermodal Station District, were properly used by the former Union City Community Redevelopment Agency. This report is consistent with the findings of a Sacramento County Superior Court decision issued January 7, 2014, which validates the City's use of a 2011 bond to spend \$2,081,484 on projects, like the East Plaza and other mixed use development. This much-anticipated news is received by Union City officials as they continue the prospect of future development plans for the Intermodal Station District.

For more information on Union City's Intermodal Station District, visit <http://www.unioncity.org/departments/economiccommunitydevelopment/economic-development/intermodal-station>.

17 tasty options during Hayward Restaurant Month

SUBMITTED BY THE
HAYWARD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Seventeen Hayward restaurants will offer discounts and other special offers during Hayward Restaurant Month in January. A voucher booklet is now available for diners to use at these restaurants and is available at the Hayward Chamber of Commerce, 22561 Main Street, and the main branch of the Hayward Public Library, 835 C Street.

Restaurant Month voucher booklets are \$10 apiece and proceeds will go to the Hayward Public Library's After School Homework Support Center and Leadership Hayward. A limited number of booklets are available.

"Hayward's restaurants are known for their inventive menus and this is a chance for diners to experience cuisine at an establishment that may be new to them," said Kim Huggett, president of the Hayward Chamber of Commerce. "We are delighted with the variety of restaurants that are participating and their eagerness to share creations from their menus. This is the perfect booklet for date nights!"

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.

Voucher booklets are good from January 2 through 31. For more information, contact the chamber at (510) 537-2424.



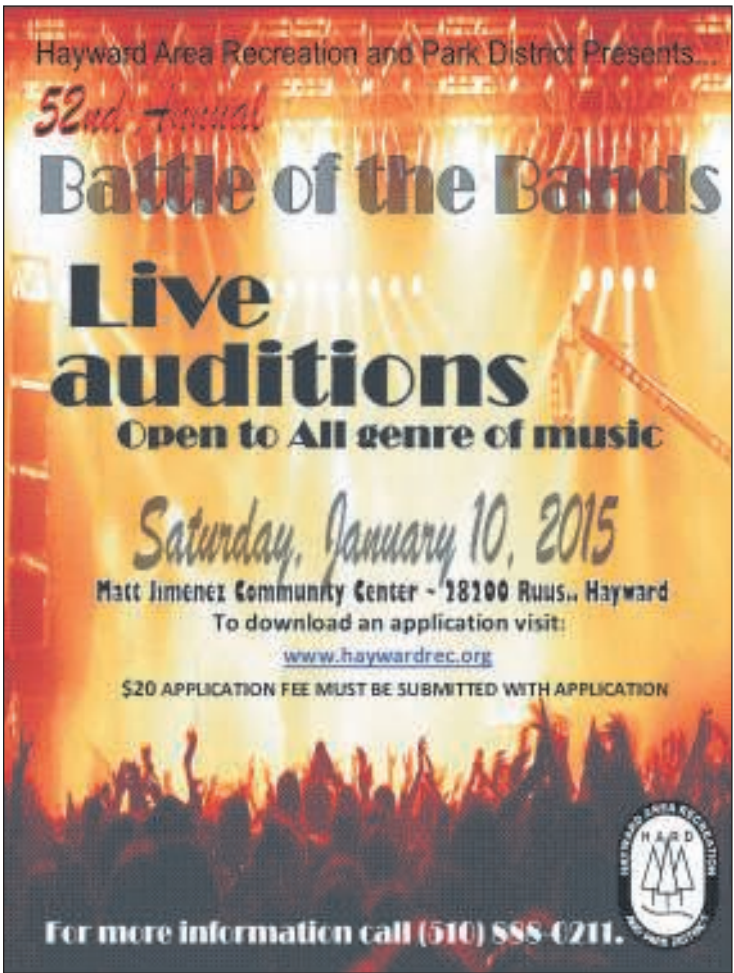
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For more information call (510) 888-0211.

Battle of the Bands Auditions

It's time to get ready for Hayward Area Recreation and Park District's (HARD) 52nd annual "Battle of the Bands"! Live auditions are required for all potential performers and will be held on Saturday, January 10 at the Matt Jimenez Community Center in Hayward. Auditions are open to all genres of music. An Audition Entry Form is required for all musicians. Download the Audition Entry Form at www.haywardrec.org for details and to apply. A \$20 application fee must be submitted with application. For more information, call (510) 888-0211.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 499447

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Good Deals Jewelry, 39066 Donner Way, Fremont, CA 94538, County of Alameda
 Mailing address: 39066 Donner Way, Fremont, CA 94538
 Registrant(s):
 Dai Wen Gao, 39066 Donner Way, 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/ Dai Wen Gao
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 22, 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).
 12/30, 1/6, 1/13, 1/20/15

CNS-2702389#

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 465247

The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **Carcopia LLC, 37434 Glenmoor Dr., Fremont, CA 94536**
 Mailing address: 37434 Glenmoor Dr., Fremont, CA 94536

The Fictitious Business Name Statement being abandoned was filed on 05/15/2012 in the County of Alameda.
 Carcopia LLC, 37434 Glenmoor Dr., Fremont, CA 94536, CA
 This business was conducted by:
 S/ Sanju Pancholi, CEO
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 23, 2014
 12/30, 1/6, 1/13, 1/20/15

CNS-2702384#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 499262

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
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 12/23, 12/30, 1/6, 1/13/15

CNS-2700109#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 499268

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Northall Driving School, 37053 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
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 12/23, 12/30, 1/6, 1/13/15

CNS-2699976#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 498989-499013

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 Loans, 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 01/12/2015

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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 12/23, 12/30, 1/6, 1/13/15

CNS-2699650#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 498877

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
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 12/23, 12/30, 1/6, 1/13/15

CNS-2699646#

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 498816

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

File No. 499065

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

File No. 498196

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Cafe' Lab, 6180 Jarvis Ave. #W, Newark, CA 94560, County of Alameda
 Registrant(s):
 Haxiang 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/ Haxiang 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-2696117#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 498816

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

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 /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

File No. 498295

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Andreia 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

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 /s/ Jacob Coverstone
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 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30/14

CNS-2695773#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 498597

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.

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 /s/ Yi Lin

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 25, 2014.
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 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30/14

CNS-2695497#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 498375

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Wolfgang Creative Studios, 44799 Aguila Ter. Fremont, CA 94539, County of Alameda
 Registrant(s):
 Leland Tang, 44799 Aguila 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

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 /s/ Leland Tang

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 18, 2014.
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 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30/14

CNS-2695495#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 498684

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Shareen & Company LLC, 37885 3rd Street, Fremont, CA 94536, County of Alameda
 Registrant(s):
 Shareen & Co 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

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/s/ Shareen Newman, Manager
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 1, 2014.

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 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30/14

CNS-2694531#

GOVERNMENT

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:

Administrative Site Development Review (ASD-14-016)

The applicant, Mark Bayog, is requesting Administrative Site Development Review (ASD-14-016) to construct a new two-story dwelling at 4451 Homer Street. The project site is zoned RS 4500 and is identified as APN: 482-0015-09. It is staff's recommendation that this project is categorically exempt under Section 15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, January 22, 2015

Said hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. In the Council Chambers of City Hall, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City.

For further information on this project contact Nancy Hutar, Project Planner, at (510) 675-5406. Written comments regarding this project will need to be received by the Planning Division prior to Thursday, January 22, 2015 or public comment can be provided at the public hearing.

The Planning Commission meeting packet, which includes the meeting agenda and project staff report, can be accessed on-line on the City's Agendas and Minutes webpage which is located at <http://www.unioncity.org/gov/agendas.htm>. Meeting packets are generally available on-line the Friday before the meeting.

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JOAN MALLOY
 Economic & Community Development Director
 12/30/14

CNS-2702039#

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:

Modification (MOD-14-005) of Use Permit (UP-12-005)

The applicant, Gabe Garcia, is requesting to modify (MOD-14-005) an existing Use Permit (UP-12-005) to relocate Complete Games, an indoor baseball training facility, from its current location at 29516 Kohoutek Way to 29534 Kohoutek Way - a larger location in the same complex. The project site is zoned MS, Special Industrial, and is identified as APN: 463-0045-124-02. It is staff's recommendation that this project is categorically exempt under Section 15301, Existing Facilities, of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

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JOAN MALLOY
 Economic & Community Development Director
 12/30/14

CNS-2701851#

San Leandro Seismic Retrofit Incentive Program

SUBMITTED BY TERESA MEYER

Mayor Stephen Cassidy and the San Leandro City Council announced that San Leandro has been selected as one of only six jurisdictions in California for inclusion in a statewide program that provides new funding for residential seismic retrofit work. Qualified homeowners who apply and are accepted into the Earthquake Bolt + Brace program are eligible for an incentive payment of up to \$3,000 to help pay for the costs associated with retrofitting their homes, including hiring a contractor and permit costs. For those able to complete such repairs on their own, this program could strengthen a home at little or no cost.

“This new program provides a great opportunity for local residents to better protect their homes in the event of an earthquake,” noted Mayor Cassidy. “This program also serves as another example of the success of our City in obtaining state and federal resources for the benefit of all San Leandrans.”

Due to the requirements of the grant program, registration is limited to a 30-day enrollment period. Homeowners must submit their applications to the California Earthquake Authority between January 15, 2015 and February 15, 2015. To qualify, houses need to be detached; composed of one to four dwelling units; built prior to 1979; be on a level or low-sloping lot; have cripple walls less than 4 ft. tall (i.e. the height of the crawl-space); and have a raised foundation. Previously completed retrofit work is not eligible for the program. Please visit www.earthquakebracebolt.com for more specific details.

Eden Township approves grant funding

SUBMITTED BY JONNIE BANKS

On Wednesday, November 19, 2014, the Eden Township Healthcare District (ETHD) Board of Directors approved grant recommendations presented by the ETHD Community Health Advisory Committee (CHAC).

A total of \$200,000 in grant funding was approved for the 2014 ETHD Grant Cycle. Since 1999 ETHD has given more than \$9 million in grants to nonprofit organizations and some government agencies. The District has also funded hospitals within the District with more than \$35 million to improve the health and well-being of local residents.

The District's funding priorities were based on underserved areas such as Ashland, Cherryland and South Hayward, services provided directly to the community, referrals to services for those who are not aware of available health care options, as well as services to seniors. Board members voiced their

Newark Police Log

SUBMITTED BY
CMDR MICHAEL CARROLL,
NEWARK PD

Friday, December 19

At 1:31 p.m., Officer Allum responded to JCPenney for a shoplifter in custody. Officer Allum arrested Cassandra Glenn of Oakland for burglary. Glenn was issued a citation and

released from the scene.

At 3:11 p.m., Officer Fredstrom responded to Macy’s for a shoplifter in custody. Officer Fredstrom arrested Jose Gamino of San Leandro for petty theft. Gamino was issued a citation and released from the scene.

At 9:53 p.m., Officer Hogan responded to a report of two women fighting on Olive Street and arrested Cristina Isais of Fremont for public intoxication. Isais was booked at Santa Rita Jail.

Saturday, December 20

At 1:52 p.m., California

Highway Patrol (CHP) requested assistance for a stabbing that occurred on I-880 between Mowry Avenue and Stevenson Boulevard, where the suspect fled to John Muir Drive near the Mazda dealership. Officer Jackman’s K-9 began to track the fleeing suspect’s scent. Officers received information that the suspect has ran into Nijo Castle restaurant. A search was conducted and Officer Jackman located Adam Belardes of San Jose hiding under a table. Belardes did not comply with commands and refused to surrender. Officer

Jackman’s K-9 partner, Eliot, was deployed and successfully subdued Belardes. Belardes was arrested by CHP and transported to Santa Rita Jail.

Sunday, December 21

At 1:16 a.m., officers responded to a melee involving 15-20 patrons in front of O’Sullivan’s Bar on Thornton Avenue. Officer Warren arrested Juan Ocana, Julian Cerna, and Salvador Cerna, Jr. of Fremont for public intoxication. All three subjects were booked at Santa Rita Jail.

Monday, December 22

At 9:13 a.m., Officer Arroyo observed Albert Nielsen of Newark dancing in the middle of Jarvis Avenue and carrying a can of beer. Nielsen was subsequently arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance. Nielsen was transported to Santa Rita Jail.

At 6:09 p.m., Officer Sandoval responded to JCPenney for a shoplifter in custody. Officer Sandoval arrested Silvia Ruiz for petty theft. Ruiz was issued a citation and released from the scene.

Union City Log

SUBMITTED BY UNION CITY PD

The Union City Police Department (UCPD) is fortunate to be supported by great community members and businesses alike. During the month of December, the department was able to conduct three special initiatives to underscore the strength of that connection: a Holiday Toy Drive, Shop with a Cop, and Caught Doing Good events. These events would not have been possible without support from so many different community members and local businesses. In addition, we are fortunate to have the good men and women from this department to coordinate and help with such initiatives.

Monday, December 15

At around 8:45 p.m., Officer Cota and other officers were dispatched to the 2200 block of Peacock Place for a report of an armed robbery. Two black male adults approached the victim, pointed a small black handgun at her, and took items out of her purse. They then fled on foot toward Mann Avenue and Skylark Drive. The first suspect with the handgun was described as a black male, 18-20 years old, 5’5” and 155 lbs. The second suspect was described as a black male, 18-20 years old, 6’0” and 160 lbs.

An armed robbery occurred in the BART overflow lot at 11th Street and Decoto Road. Two suspects got out of a gold car and approached the victim in the parking lot. One suspect brandished a dark revolver and demanded the victim’s money, while the second suspect took the victim’s laptop, phone, wallet, and car keys. The laptop was later found discarded on Tamarack Drive. The first suspect was described as a black male, 19-25 years old, 5’9” and 120 lbs., holding a dark revolver. The second suspect was described as a black male, 19-25 years old, 5’8” and 120 lbs. The suspect vehicle is a gold, 4-door vehicle.

Tuesday, December 16

A suspect entered the women’s bathroom in Walmart and recorded a female employee as she used the bathroom in the next stall. When confronted by the female, he fled the scene. The suspect was described as a white male adult, approximately 40-45 years old, 6’4” with salt-and-pepper curly hair. He was last seen wearing a brown jacket, white shirt and dark pants.

Friday, December 19

At around 2:00 p.m., multiple officers were dispatched to Alvarado-Niles Road at I-880 on reports of a man with a gun. A 45-year-old male transient was arrested for brandishing a pellet gun and shooting it at a victim multiple times. There were no reported injuries.

Saturday, December 20

At around 10:00 p.m., Officer Jensen noticed a suspicious vehicle in the 600 block of Tamarack Drive. A records check of the license plate revealed it was a stolen vehicle out of Hayward. Roger McIntosh of Hayward was arrested as he attempted to leave in the vehicle.

From Monday, December 15 through Sunday, December 21, there were three reported auto burglaries and two residential burglary attempts. Two of the auto burglaries involved window smashes to steal items that were left in plain sight in the vehicle. In one of the residential burglary attempts, the victim was home at the time and heard a suspect try to pry open a bedroom window. The victim yelled “Police!” and the suspect quickly fled on foot.

From Monday, December 15 through Sunday, December 21, there were seven reported vehicle thefts. As of the time of this report, four of the vehicles have been recovered. One of the recovered vehicles resulted in the arrest of Kristopher Fernandez of Union City.

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 emailing tips@unioncity.org.

We strive to provide excellent service to the community and are interested in hearing from members of the public about the quality of our service. Please share your experience and let us know how we’re doing. Visit www.ci.union-city.ca.us/departments/police-department to complete a Police Customer Satisfaction Survey.

San Leandro Police Log

SUBMITTED BY
LT. ROBERT MCMANUS, SAN LEANDRO PD

During this year’s holiday season, SLPD officers have done several things to impact the community in which they serve, including providing select children and families with bicycles, gifts and food, to escorting Santa Claus throughout San Leandro to safely arresting suspects who have committed crimes in this city.

Monday, December 15

At 7 p.m., officers assigned to the Crime Suppression Unit saw a 2006 BMW 750 traveling at a high rate of speed on Callan Ave., towards Bancroft Ave. Officers recognized the vehicle as matching the description of a vehicle used in a recent crime.

As the officers activated their emergency lights and siren, the car didn’t stop, but slowed and traveled four blocks before finally stopping. The driver and owner of the BMW, identified as 24 year old Robert Cole of Berkeley was found to be on probation. The passenger, identified as 25 year old, Justin Johnson of Vallejo, was found to be on Federal probation for firearms-related offenses.

Officers smelled a strong odor of burnt marijuana from inside of the vehicle and searched the interior, finding approximately 1 ounce of marijuana near the vehicle’s center console.

While continuing to search the car, officers located a Glock .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol concealed behind the car’s glove compartment. The pistol had a bullet in the chamber and a loaded, high-capacity, 31-round magazine next to it.

Both men were taken into custody. They unregistered pistol and marijuana were submitted as evidence.

Sunday, December 21

At 10:38 p.m., an officer in a marked patrol car was in the area of Bancroft Ave. and Dowling Blvd. when he saw a gold Infinity being followed by a black, Nissan Maxima. Both cars went through the stop sign without stopping and drove on Bancroft Ave. towards Oakland. The officer attempted to stop the vehicles, but both fled, leading him in a pursuit into Oakland.

The officer gave the license plate of the Nissan and learned that it had been stolen in Hayward. He was unable to get the license plate on the Infinity.

As the cars drove up 98th Ave. towards Interstate 580, the gold Infinity turned onto MacArthur Blvd. and fled. The officer continued to pursue the Nissan, which led him into a residential neighborhood between MacArthur Blvd. and I-580.

The Nissan turned into a dead end street, turned around and began to accelerate towards the pursuing officer. In fear that his patrol car would be violently rammed and he may be hurt, he drove in reverse, trying to escape the violent assault. The Nissan chased the patrol car as it drove down the street, eventually pulling to the side, allowing the Nissan to pass.

The officer re-engaged in the pursuit and terminated it, as it drove at a high rate of speed on the opposite side of the road, into on-coming traffic.

Other officers responded to the area and located the vehicle on 94th Ave. As they attempted to apprehend the suspects inside, the car fled again. At some point, the vehicle became mechanically disabled. Police safely arrested the 15 and 16 year occupants, both who reside in Oakland.

While this pursuit was occurring, a responding officer spotted a green, 1994 Acura Integra in the 7300 block of MacArthur Blvd. in Oakland and recognized it as the same car that had been stolen from the 800 block of Rodney Drive at 10 p.m. that same night.

The officer attempted to stop the vehicle, which fled at a high rate of speed. The officer terminated the pursuit due to unsafe conditions. The car was later located unoccupied and recovered by the Oakland Police Department. No one was arrested.

Later that night, deputies from the Alameda County Sher-

iff’s Office spotted the gold Infinity that was originally spotted with the black Nissan at Bancroft Ave. and Dowling Blvd. and learned that it had been reported stolen from the 500 block of Victoria Ave. The deputies pursued the vehicle and arrested the driver.

Monday, December 22

At 11:00 a.m., a patrol officer was parked in a marked patrol car equipped with an Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) computer was parked in the area of E. 14th St. and Durant Ave. when he was alerted to a stolen 2013 Nissan Sentra that drove past him.

The officer stopped the vehicle and found the driver, 22 year old Treston Culverson of Oakland, to have outstanding warrants for his arrest, including two warrants charging robbery and a third warrant for violating his terms and conditions of parole. He was arrested without incident.

The passenger was identified as a 19 year old woman from San Leandro. She was arrested for auto theft, after officers discovered that she was the named suspect in the theft of a family member’s vehicle. Charges against the woman were later dismissed by the District Attorney.

Tuesday, December 23

At 9:40 p.m., an officer on patrol with an ALPR-equipped computer located an unoccupied stolen car parked in the Marina Square parking lot. The car had recently been stolen in Oakland and was returned to its owner.

At 9:45 p.m., a 67 year old San Leandro woman was going to her car in the parking lot outside of the Kohl’s store, when she was punched in the face and her purse was ripped from her shoulder by an African American male adult, dressed in dark clothing.

Witnesses called 9-1-1 to report the robbery and were able to record the license plate to the black, 2006 Honda Accord that the suspect fled in. Officers determined that this car had been carjacked in Oakland earlier that same day.

Detectives will be working with the Oakland Police Department in an attempt to identify the suspect(s) in the carjacking and robbery.

The woman sustained minor injuries from the assault and has since been treated at a local hospital.

With assistance from the Davis Street Family Resource Center, members of the San Leandro Police Department distributed 425 bicycles and helmets to underprivileged children in the San Leandro area.

On Tuesday, December 23rd, Santa Claus made a surprise appearance in San Leandro and with the assistance the SLPD Traffic Division, made his way around San Leandro on a police motorcycle, visiting kids at the Washington Plaza and Bayfair Center.

After refueling with milk and cookies, Santa delivered gifts to select families in San Leandro, bringing toys to the children and food and gift cards to the parents to insure that everyone had a chance to enjoy their holidays!

“Our officers continue to work diligently to reduce crime and make San Leandro a safe place for everyone, despite the dangerous situations that they encounter each day,” said Lt. Robert McManus. “We are proud of the work that we do, but there’s nothing that makes us feel better than to see the relief in someone’s face when we arrest suspects responsible for committing crimes or to see the excitement in a child’s face when Santa brings them toys. That’s what being a cop is all about.”

From Chief Sandra Spagnoli and the members of the San Leandro Police Department to those that we proudly serve.....We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season and a great 2015!

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Mail theft suspects caught on camera

SUBMITTED BY FREMONT PD

Police Detectives are seeking the public’s help to locate a mail theft suspect in a green Dodge Caravan. On Monday, December 15, at approximately 9:51 a.m., Fremont Patrol Officers were dispatched to a suspicious circumstance call on the 5300 block of Matthew Terrace. The caller stated that he witnessed two subjects in a green mini-van speed away and thought they had just stolen mail.

Officers arrived on scene and met with the witness who described the incident. He also pointed to a neighbor’s mailbox where the red flag had been left up, indicating that outgoing mail was inside. Officers walked over and checked the mailbox and noted that there was no mail inside. Later in the day, the victim contacted officers and confirmed that her outgoing mail had been stolen. During their routine neighborhood check, they located a resident who had video surveillance and who was willing to help police with their investigation. The resident sent officers several still photographs of the green Dodge caravan and officers now need the public’s assistance.



School District approves contract for Technology Upgrades

SUBMITTED BY ROBIN MICHEL

At the December 10, 2014, Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the review committee's recommendation to select Deco-Tech Systems, Inc. as the design-build firm for the District's technology infrastructure projects at Kennedy High School and three elementary schools: Ardenwood, Brookvale, and Vallejo Mill.

Facilities Director Therese Gain said that the technology infrastructure projects at these four schools were designated high priority. "We need to have the infrastructure in place at all of our schools in order for our students to take the online Common Core State Standards (CCSS) assessments in the spring," she said.

"Our technology upgrades will fill a more important need than the immediate need of administering the online assessment," said Superintendent James Morris. "We will be able to give our students the 21st century learning environment they deserve, and the technology skills they need in order to be successful in college and career."

The technology infrastructure upgrades are budgeted at \$3.4 million for design and construction, and will include:

- Removing old and non-confirming data cabling backbone infrastructure and switches and replacing with new data cabling backbone and infrastructure for desktop Internet and video
- Increasing data drops and/or wireless networking/access points to cover entire school campus

Measure E, the \$650 million school facilities bond passed by Fremont voters on June 3, 2014, and the Board selected Harris & Associates as program manager for the 10-year bond program on June 25, 2014.

According to Harris & Associates, the Measure E Bond Program budget was built with 2014 dollars; however, it also includes \$132.3 million in estimated escalation costs throughout the duration of the program. "The overall estimated program cost is \$576.4 million," said Serafin Fernandez, Program Manager. "The remaining \$73.6 million is currently not allocated. It is a set-aside for any contingencies we might encounter, such as changes in project scope, unforeseen conditions, or new projects."



In September, the Board authorized Series A, the first issuance of bonds, which will fund approximately \$140 million in projects. Bond issuances will take place every two years, Series A through Series E, with Measure E projects scheduled accordingly. The Measure E Bond Program will be completed in 2025.

"Our assessment identified \$1.6 billion in needs," said Gain. "However, thanks to

the support of our community, Measure E will help us address overcrowding and other pressing needs—like the technology upgrades."

The technology infrastructure upgrades is one of several projects outlined in the Measure E Series A Implementation Plan, which is available on the Measure E web page at www.fremont.k12.ca.us.

Advocating for Survivors of Sexual Assault

PHOTOS COURTESY OF CHRISTOPHER WATSON

According to Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN), there are 237,868 victims (age 12 or older) of rape and

sexual assault each year, as reported by the U.S. Department of Justice's National Crime Victimization Survey. Every two minutes, someone in the U.S. is sexually assaulted. RAINN also stated that 1 in 6 American

women and 1 in 33 men have been victims of an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime.

A sensitive matter such as this deserves the utmost care and attention, especially from trained advocates who are available to support survivors of sexual assault/human trafficking and their significant others at any time. Bay Area Women Against Rape (BAWAR) does that and much more, providing services such as a 24-hour crisis hotline; in-person counseling and support groups; and community education and outreach. BAWAR, formed in 1971 – with offices in Oakland

and Fremont [new BAWAR counseling offices opened in Fremont on December 3, 2014] – is the nation's first rape crisis center.

BAWAR has a Sexual Assault Response Team formed by state certified rape crisis counselors, who accompany survivors and their significant others during medical or forensic exams, police interviews, and legal proceedings to ensure that all their needs are met. A Latina Outreach Program through BAWAR supports and provides services for survivors of the Latino community. The center also reaches out to sexually exploited minors in Alameda County through their Sexually Exploited Minors (SEM) program, offering first crisis response to children who are being commercially and/or sexually exploited.

All services are confidential and free.

The nonprofit organization assisted about 825 first-time callers last year, and receives calls from all over the country, according to Christopher Watson, SEM program director. "We generally define [sexual assault] as 'sex without consent.' That can either mean someone is being forced to have sex, but it can also mean someone is being coerced or manipulated into having sex, or it could mean someone who

has sex after being administered a drug that they did not voluntarily take," Watson said. A common misconception about sexual assault, he adds, is that it happens from strangers only. "The vast majority of sexual assaults actually happen with someone we know," he said, citing that about 75-80 percent of sexual assaults happen from an intimate partner, an ex-partner, or an acquaintance.

"It takes a lot of bravery for folks to step forward, so if anyone ever feels like they just either want to talk or they actually want intensive advocacy – anywhere in that spectrum – definitely feel free to give us a call," Watson said.

For more information, contact BAWAR's office in Oakland at (510) 430-1298 or visit www.bawar.org. The 24-hour crisis hotline at (510) 845-7273 is available in English and Spanish. Any form of help – volunteering or donations –helps BAWAR continue its efforts to provide significant help to survivors of sexual assault.



Police arrest four men after carjacking

SUBMITTED BY LT. ROBERT McMANUS, SAN LEANDRO PD

On December 18, 2014, San Leandro Police officers were involved in a pursuit of a stolen vehicle that had been carjacked from a resident on Bristol Blvd., which ended in the arrest of four suspects and recovery of a loaded handgun.

At 7:45pm, a resident in the 200 block of Bristol Blvd. was approached by suspects in his driveway, one of which was armed with a handgun. His Toyota Camry was stolen, and followed out of the area by a Nissan Versa, believed to have been used to drive the suspects to the residential neighborhood.

Minutes later, members of the SLPD Tactical Operations Team, who were working a crime suppression detail, saw the stolen Camry followed by the Nissan Versa. As the officers attempted to stop the carjacked vehicle, it accelerated, leading officers to a high-speed pursuit on Interstate 580. Due to excessive speeds, the officers determined that it was too dangerous to continue the chase and terminated it. The vehicle's description was broadcast to other law enforcement agencies in the area.

Minutes later, Alameda County Sheriff's Office deputies spotted the carjacked Camry and began to pursue it on the freeway, losing sight of it on Seminary Ave. in Oakland.

Shortly thereafter, members of the SLPD Crime Suppression Unit found the vehicle, parked on 76th Ave. in Oakland and began surveillance of the vehicle. Officers tried to stop the stolen vehicle as four men got into it, but it fled again, leading officers on another pursuit through city streets in Oakland. Oakland Police Department officers and helicopter unit responded to assist.

The car turned onto the 4700 block of Walnut St. and the occupants fled the vehicle, running into several yards in the residential neighborhood. Police canine teams from San Leandro and Oakland conducted searches of several yards and located four suspects hiding in side and rear yards, as well as in a shed.

An 18 year old male, identified as Bud Landers of Berkeley and a 17 year old male from Oakland were apprehended by a San Leandro Police canine. They sustained minor injuries and have since been treated for those injuries. Landers was in possession of a loaded 9mm semi-automatic pistol at the time of arrest.

The four men, ages 16-18 years old were arrested by San Leandro and Oakland Police officers on suspicion of carjacking. Landers, who was in possession of the pistol, will face additional firearms-related charges. The other teens reside in Oakland and Hayward.

"The victim's quick action to call 9-1-1 got the necessary information to alert police officers, which resulted in the arrest of 4 men responsible for a very dangerous crime," said Lt. Robert McManus. "The teamwork between San Leandro Police, the Alameda County Sheriff's deputies and Oakland Police was instrumental in the prompt and safe arrest of the suspects."

Police later learned that the Nissan Versa had been reported stolen to the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department the same night. Police are still looking for that car, which is further described as being a light-silver-blue in color, bearing California license plates 6VBM769.

Police are continuing their investigation into the case and will be interviewing the four suspects. They are trying to determine if the suspects are responsible for other crimes in San Leandro or other East Bay cities. The teenage suspects will be transported to Alameda County's Juvenile Hall, while Landers will be transferred to Santa Rita Jail in Dublin. Landers is expected to be arraigned in the Hayward Superior Court early next week.

Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact the San Leandro Police Department at (510) 577-2740.

Information may also be submitted anonymously by:

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Man arrested with shotgun slung on back

SUBMITTED BY LT. ROBERT McMANUS, SAN LEANDRO PD

On December 9, 2014 at 12:45 a.m., an officer witnessed a Harley Davidson motorcycle skidding, almost to a stop at a red light at the intersection of Marina Blvd. and Merced St. However, the driver, later identified as 38 year old, Rudolph Maya, sped off without stopping.

The officer stopped Maya in the 2300 block of West Ave. 133rd, at which time he noticed the handle of a large knife, with a 10 inch, fixed-blade, protruding from his waistband. For safety reasons, the officer ordered Maya to lie on the ground, while he waited for additional officers to assist him.

As Maya lay on the ground, the leather jacket that he was wearing raised up above his waist, exposing the barrel of a loaded, 12-gauge, pistol-gripped shotgun slung on his back, originally concealed by the heavy jacket. The shotgun had a short barrel, only 18 inches in length, making it easy to conceal.

The officers arrested Maya without incident on suspicion of carrying concealed weapons, including a loaded and concealed firearm.

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