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A Playdate for the Imagination

SUBMITTED BY BAY AREA INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL

The Bay Area International Children's Film Festival (BAICFF) will present its 2015 program on January 24 and 25 in Oakland at the Chabot Space & Science Center. This year's 7th festival features a full line-up of high quality, family-friendly films from around the world along with a weekend full of innovative animation workshops for children.

The two-day event includes animated, live action, short and feature-length films, including the Oscar-nominated "Song of the Sea"; special "how did they do that?" presentations; and



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Molly in Springtime: "Leon's Animated Stories" by Pierre-Luc Granjon and Pascal Le Nôtre, France, 2007 & 2009. Photo courtesy of the filmmakers.



Fremont Christian Dixie Dominus Jazz Band

Youth Dixieland Festival

SUBMITTED BY JOHN SOULIS

The East Bay Traditional Jazz Society (EBTJS) is sponsoring its 8th annual "Youth Dixieland Festival" on Saturday, January 24. Because of renovations at the former New-Park Mall venue, this year's festival will be held at the Bronco Billy's Pizza Palace in Fremont's Irvington District.

The festival's noon down beat will feature the Creekview Jazz Raptors from Roseville, CA. This intermediate school band is directed by Polly Edgerton and has won numerous

awards, both individual and group, at the Sacramento Youth Jazz Festival. Following the Jazz Raptors will be the first of three festival Jams featuring alumni, mentor, and student participants. The first Jam will consist of the mentors/instructors (P. Edgerton, T. Banuelos, J. Barnes, and J. Soulis) and invited alumni. Following the conclusion of the first tune will be an open Jam with no more than two musicians per instrument.

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Music at the Mission: Swing 'n Stuff

SUBMITTED BY VICKILYN HUSSEY

The combination of breathtaking homes, virtuoso instrumentalists, and fabulous food is the hallmark of Music at the Mission's Salon Series. January's Salon Series "Swing n' Stuff" jazzes up the afternoon with spicy new music, plus classical and jazz hits.

In a nod to Schubert's famous 19th century gatherings known as "Schubertiades" among his young friends and fellow artists, the Music at the Mission Chamber Players house party will begin with Schubert's famous "Trout Quintet."

"The music is bathed in sunshine and the spirit of youth ... friendship and hu-



Emily Onderdonk is a featured artist of Music at the Mission Salon Series "Swing n' Stuff."

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Violinist, composer, and arranger Steve Huber's new work will be premiered at the upcoming Music at the Mission Salon Series.

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Washington Hospital Joins Nationwide Study of Minimally Invasive Treatment for Painful, Debilitating Spinal Fractures

About 10 million Americans, 80 percent women, have osteoporosis. Another 34 million others have low bone mass, called osteopenia, meaning they are at risk for developing osteoporosis. With osteoporosis, bones become weak and brittle, and there is a greater chance of a break or fracture. As we grow older, our risk for having osteoporosis increases. By age 80, 40 percent of American women have the disease. Osteoporosis is also a major health concern for men as they age.

The most common fracture from osteoporosis is called a vertebral compression fracture (VCF), when a vertebra in the spine cracks or collapses. People who have a VCF usually experience a lot of pain and limitation of movement, as well as other related symptoms.

When someone has osteoporosis, a VCF can be caused by trauma, such as a fall, or a seemingly minor movement like twisting or sitting down. People with spinal cancer are also more likely to suffer a VCF.

According to the American Society of Neurological Surgeons, about 25 percent of all postmenopausal women in the U.S. have had a VCF, with about

750,000 people suffering a fracture each year. For these individuals, there is a five times greater chance they will have one or more additional spinal fractures in the future.

Now, under the direction of interventional radiologist Bruce Lin, MD, a team at Washington Hospital is taking part in a nationwide study of a minimally invasive treatment for VCF called balloon kyphoplasty. The procedure has been used to treat VCF successfully for more than 10 years, providing a faster recovery and improved quality of life for many patients.

Recently, insurance coverage for the procedure was discontinued by some Medicare providers in some states based on questionable outcomes from two small studies. This new, larger study includes 350 patients at 24 treatment sites across the country. It is named EVOLVE: A Prospective and Multicenter Evaluation of Outcomes for Quality of Life and Activities of Daily Living for Balloon Kyphoplasty in the Treatment of Vertebral Compression Fractures.

The goal of EVOLVE is to show, in a "real world" setting, that patients who have balloon kyphoplasty experience improvement in their back pain, use of pain medications, activities of

daily living and x-ray results. The intent is to keep positive insurance coverage for balloon kyphoplasty in place for patients and communities across the country.

"Getting effective treatment for VCF becomes a quality of life issue for many patients, especially older women," explained Dr. Lin. "As a result of the fracture, they have considerable pain and difficulty with moving and performing activities of daily life. This makes it harder to take care of themselves and remain independent."

"VCF patients often have to take a lot of pain medication and can become very inactive. The inactivity often leads to other medical problems. It can quickly become a cascade of complications spiraling downward. In my experience, balloon kyphoplasty can help stop this outcome," Dr. Lin continued.

With balloon kyphoplasty, Dr. Lin uses X-ray technology to guide a needle into the fractured vertebra. A space is created with a balloon. Then, he injects bone cement into that space. This reinforces the bone and fills in the fracture, making the vertebra stronger. The acute pain will diminish, and many patients begin experiencing symptomatic relief and improvement in their ability

Washington Hospital is participating in a nationwide study to show that patients who have balloon kyphoplasty experience improvement in back pain, use of pain medications, activities of daily living and x-ray results. Balloon kyphoplasty is a minimally invasive treatment for the most common fracture from osteoporosis, vertebral compression fracture (VCF), which provides a faster recovery and improved quality of life for many patients.



to carry out activities of daily living in just a few days.

"Balloon kyphoplasty is a safe, effective procedure approved by the Food and Drug Administration. It should be the standard of care for acute painful compression fractures, and I've been performing it with great success for more than 13 years," reported Dr. Lin.

Washington Hospital is one of 24 sites participating in the EVOLVE study and the only one in the Bay area. Enrollment of patients was completed at the end of October.

"Our team is a significant contributor to EVOLVE, which I understand is the largest prospec-

tive study of balloon kyphoplasty so far," said Dr. Lin. "Once the data collection period ends next fall and the results are published, I expect it will be a landmark study. The members of our team are working extremely hard, and they should be commended."

Learn more

To learn more about Washington Hospital and its Interventional Radiology program, visit www.whhs.com. Details of the EVOLVE study are posted online at www.clinicaltrials.gov (NCT01871519).

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



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

	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
	01/20/15	01/21/15	01/22/15	01/23/15	01/24/15	01/25/15	01/26/15
12:00 PM 12:00 AM	Raising Awareness About Stroke	Influenza and Other Contagious Respiratory Conditions	Keys to Healthy Eyes	Skin Cancer	Movement Disorders, Parkinson's Disease, Tremors and Epilepsy	Living with Heart Failure	Diabetes Matters: New Year, New You
12:30 PM 12:30 AM			Community Based Senior Supportive Services	Keeping Your Heart on the Right Beat			
1:00 PM 1:00 AM		Shingles		Movement Disorders, Parkinson's Disease, Tremors and Epilepsy	Snack Attack	Sports-Related Concussions	Surgical Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea
1:30 PM 1:30 AM	Vitamins and Supplements - How Useful Are They?		Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 10th, 2014				
2:00 PM 2:00 AM		Heart Irregularities		Strengthen Your Back! Learn to Improve Your Back Fitness	Vitamins and Supplements - How Useful Are They?		
2:30 PM 2:30 AM						Diabetes Matters: Top Foods for Heart Health	Turning 65? Get To Know Medicare
3:00 PM 3:00 AM	Treatment Options for Knee Problems	Diabetes Matters: New Year, New You	Important Immunizations for Healthy Adults	Heart Healthy Eating After Surgery and Beyond	Living with Heart Failure		
3:30 PM 3:30 AM						Influenza and Other Contagious Respiratory Conditions	What Are Your Vital Signs Telling You?
4:00 PM 4:00 AM	Snack Attack	Do You Have Sinus Problems?	Women's Health Conference: Aging Gracefully	What You Should Know About Carbs and Food Labels	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 10th, 2014		
4:30 PM 4:30 AM						GERD & Your Risk of Esophageal Cancer	Arthritis: Do I Have One of 100 Types?
5:00 PM 5:00 AM	Heart Healthy Eating After Surgery and Beyond	Skin Cancer	Deep Venous Thrombosis	Alzheimer's Disease	Arthritis: Do I Have One of 100 Types?		
5:30 PM 5:30 AM						Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 10th, 2014	The Weigh to Success
6:00 PM 6:00 AM	Voices InHealth: Cyberbullying - The New Schoolyard Bully	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 10th, 2014	Don't Let Back Pain Sideline You	Women's Health Conference: Aging Gracefully	Treating Infection: Learn About Sepsis		
6:30 PM 6:30 AM						Superbugs: Are We Winning the Germ War?	GERD & Your Risk of Esophageal Cancer
7:00 PM 7:00 AM	What Are Your Vital Signs Telling You?	Snack Attack					
7:30 PM 7:30 AM			Strengthen Your Back! Learn to Improve Your Back Fitness				
8:00 PM 8:00 AM	Women's Health Conference: Aging Gracefully						
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9:00 PM 9:00 AM	Acetaminophen Overuse Danger						
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Former Police Chief Christopher Moore Is Doubly ‘Hip’ To Joint Replacement

Definitions of the slang word “hip” include “being keenly aware of and responsive to the latest developments” and “having inside information.” Both definitions apply to former San Jose Police Chief Christopher Moore, who had his left hip replaced in October 2012 and his right hip replaced in August 2014. Those two surgeries were performed by orthopedic surgeon Alexander Sah, M.D. at the Washington Institute for Joint Restoration and Research, where he and John Dearborn, M.D. serve as co-medical directors.

“I became a police officer at age 21, and I retired in January 2013 after 31 years in law enforcement,” says Moore, now age 53. “I think all those years of working a beat while wearing a heavy gun belt that also held a baton, flashlights and radios really took a toll on my hips. Plus, I had been an athlete in high school, and I continued to run marathons well into my 30s, which probably contributed to the damage to my hips, too.”

In addition to his rise to the rank of Chief of Police in San Jose, Moore’s noteworthy career as a police officer included four months in London as a Fulbright Scholar at the London School of

Economics and Scotland Yard. He also spent a year from 1999 to 2000 as a White House Fellow, serving as counsel to Attorney General Janet Reno.

Moore says he began experiencing excruciating pain in his left hip in 2011.

“By the end of that year, I knew I needed to talk with an orthopedist, so I did some research,” he recalls. “Some of my colleagues had gone to Dr. Sah, and they highly recommended him. He was everything people said about him and more – a great physician with a terrific bedside manner.”

A thorough examination and x-rays showed that Moore had severe osteoarthritis in both the left and right hips.

“Dr. Sah determined that I needed to have my left hip replaced, and that I might need the right hip replaced, too,” Moore says. “I actually hadn’t noticed the pain in my right hip because the left hip hurt so much. Dr. Sah said I would know when it was time to replace the right hip, too, because it was worn down to bone on bone. He was exceptionally adept at explaining the procedure, showing me the x-rays to show how it would work.”

Following surgery to replace his left hip, Moore received train-



From left to right, former San Jose Police Chief Christopher Moore and Orthopedic Surgeon Alexander Sah, Co-Director of the Institute for Joint Restoration and Research outside the Institute for Joint Restoration and Research at Washington Hospital.

ing in physical therapy and occupational therapy exercises to get him back on his feet quickly.

“Dr. Sah and the joint program staff are very thorough in explaining what you have to do to have a successful outcome,” he notes. “They teach you a variety of exercises before you leave the hospital, with a big emphasis on walking. I was walking the day of the surgery, and I went home the next day using only a cane for support. The first couple of weeks, the physical therapist came to my house to check on my progress. The mobility comes back very quickly if you follow the rehab process and avoid certain movements that could risk hip dislocation. You really have to do the rehabilitation work.”

Moore’s second surgery in 2014 to replace the right hip was in many ways similar to the earlier surgery. There were a few of those “latest developments” this time around, however, including the use of a medication that dramatically reduces blood loss, thereby reducing pain and swelling, and enhancing recovery. Dr. Sah also uses another new medication – a long-acting (pos-

sibly three days), sustained-release local anesthetic that is injected into the surgical site for treating postoperative pain.

“The pain management in both surgeries was exceptional, but with the new injected pain medication I didn’t need any narcotic pain medications when I got home,” he says. “If you have to go through this type of procedure, it was as pain-free as it gets. Dr. Sah also used a new type of surgical dressing to cover the incision that I could keep on for a week. I could even take a shower with it on. With the previous surgery, I couldn’t take a shower without covering over the dressing. That dressing was amazing – the incision was pretty much healed within a week.”

As he did after the first surgery, Moore followed the rehabilitation protocol religiously and recovered quickly, which he particularly appreciates.

“I enjoy working, so now I work for a wireless telecommunications company,” he explains. “I have to travel a lot, so my mobility is important. After the second surgery, I still had to do the rehab exercises, and I had to be careful

with certain movements. For example, I’m 6’ 5”, so it was tricky getting into a taxicab. I had to learn to sit down on the seat first and then swing my legs into the cab. By November, I was working out on my elliptical exercise equipment three times a week. I’ve also gone back to hiking, although I haven’t started running again yet. I even exercise when I’m traveling on a plane. It makes it a lot easier to exercise when you’re not in pain!

“I am really grateful to Dr. Sah,” Moore emphasizes. “One thing I really admire – in addition to his good nature – is that he specializes in joint replacement and he has done many, many of these surgeries. I expect a lot from fighter pilots and surgeons, so it’s good for them to have confidence in their abilities. Dr. Sah has that confidence, but he’s not arrogant. He’s a genuinely nice guy. That’s a rare combination.”

For more information about the Washington Institute for Joint Restoration and Research, visit www.whhs.com/joint-restoration/.

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

Traveling and Vaccinations

Dear Doctor,
I will be traveling to Africa on a safari in a few months. I have been recommended to have several vaccinations. I am not in favor of having so many. Do you think it is necessary?

Dear Reader,
Many of the diseases encountered in other parts of the world are life threatening and can be prevented by vaccines. I recommend you make an appointment with a travel medicine clinic to obtain all the vaccines for the area in which you will be visiting. You may want to space them out so as not to have a touch of yellow fever and typhoid all at once!

Dear Doctor,
My wife and I will soon be traveling to South-east Asia. Which anti-malaria drug do you recommend we take for prevention?

Dear Reader,
Malaria prevention includes preventing bites from mosquitos (using repellents and nets) and taking preventative medications. There are several drugs that can be used. Chloroquine is the most common and is taken weekly. Drug resistance has increased against this drug so it is often used along with Proguanil. Malarone and vibramycin are additional drugs that are taken daily. I recommend you check with a travel medicine clinic to see which drug will be most effective in the regions you will be visiting.

Mary S. Maish, M.D



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A Playdate for the Imagination

Q&A sessions with award winning guest filmmakers from Pixar. In the BAICFF Guest Filmmaker Series, Pixar Production Designer and Academy Award-winning filmmaker, Ralph Eggleston, will give a special presentation on the making of his Oscar-winning short film “For the Birds.” Eggleston served as Art Director for such Pixar greats as “Toy Story”

ular stop-motion technique with found objects, and our signature professional clay animation figures. Additional fees apply for workshops and space is limited. Go to <http://baicff.com/activities/> for the full schedule and to sign up. Local Youth Filmmakers Series featuring BAYCAT and Camp Reel Stories is also a part of the

“For the Birds” by Ralph Eggleston, USA, 2000. Photo courtesy of Pixar.

and “The Incredibles,” and Production Designer for “WALL-E” and “Finding Nemo.” New this year, BAICFF will launch the Green Innovation/Green Imagination Challenge to encourage youth filmmakers to make short films on the topic of climate change over the course of 2015. Select films submitted to BAICFF will be screened at the festival in January 2016. The festival will once again offer unique, hands-on workshops for children ages six and up. Jim Capobianco – Pixar Story Artist, Academy Award nominee, local film producer and cofounder of BAICFF – will present an array of workshops led by talented film and media students from Berkeley City College. Scheduled throughout each morning and early afternoon, the workshops allow participants to work in small groups to create engaging sequences of animated footage. The entire film festival audience has a chance to view the creative results of the workshops each afternoon as the footage is edited into a humorous, collaborative short film with music and sound effects and projected on the big screen! The workshops for this year include outdoor live-action pixilation and the ever-pop-

ular stop-motion technique with found objects, and our signature professional clay animation figures. Additional fees apply for workshops and space is limited. Go to <http://baicff.com/activities/> for the full schedule and to sign up. Local Youth Filmmakers Series featuring BAYCAT and Camp Reel Stories is also a part of the festival. Through education, employment, and entertainment in digital media, BAYCAT empowers underserved youth and young adults, helping them find their place in the world. Camp Reel Stories is a non-profit summer program designed to empower 13 through 18 year old women with the skills to create their own media, to view current media critically and thoughtfully, and to aspire to leadership in their field. BAICFF, founded in 2009 by Jim Capobianco and Shelley Trott and now in its seventh consecutive year, has become an annual creative community gathering that fosters global understanding and cultural exchange through cinema. A one-day pass for adults is \$25 and \$15 for youth. The member day rate is \$15 for adults and \$5 for youths. A weekend pass for two full days of films and activities is \$70 (up to 2 adults and 2 children), and \$30 for members. To purchase a weekend pass, call the Box Office at (510) 336-7300. Tickets can also be purchased at the Front Desk on the day of the event. All tickets include general admission to the Center. For a complete schedule of films, go to <http://baicff.com/films/>.

“Song of the Sea” by Tomm Moore, Ireland, 2014. The Oscar-nominated film is an East Bay special advanced screening at the festival.

Playdate for the Imagination
Saturday, Jan 24 – Sunday, Jan 25
Jan 24: 10 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Jan 25: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Chabot Space & Science Center
10000 Skyline Dr, Oakland
(510) 336-7300

www.chabotspace.org
<http://baicff.com>
Tickets: Adult \$25, youth \$15;
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Weekend pass: \$70,
member weekend pass \$30



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Governor's budget proposal expands funding for CSU

SUBMITTED BY
CHRISTIANNE SALVADOR

Governor Jerry Brown announced, on January 9, his budget proposal for fiscal year 2015-16, which allocates an additional \$119.5 million to the California State University (CSU). The governor's proposal provides a \$25 million one-time allocation for another round of Awards for Innovation in Higher Education to fund efforts to improve four-year and transfer student completion rates at CSU campuses. The proposal also includes a new one-time \$25 million allocation to address the university's most immediate deferred maintenance needs which total \$1.8 billion.

The proposed \$119.5 million allocation would fund a one percent net enrollment growth (con-

tinuing students, first-time freshmen and transfer students), sustain existing educational programs and address fixed mandatory costs. In November, the Board of Trustees approved a Support Budget request that is \$97.1 million more than the governor's budget proposal. The Support Budget request reflects the needs of the university. If funded, it will enable the CSU to grow enrollment by three percent, fund student success and completion measures and address additional infrastructure and technology upgrades across the 23-campus system.

The CSU anticipates working with the governor and through the legislative process to ensure the university can continue to fulfill its mission and serve the students of this state with quality educational programs.

Town Hall meeting on Bullying

SUBMITTED BY PREET K. SABHARWAL

Join a Town Hall meeting about bullying on Wednesday, January 21. The meeting features a panel of educators, psychologists and parents as well as comments from students who faced and overcame bullying. Come discuss awareness and prevention of bullying. Listen to a presentation by the Sikh Coalition and other local agencies fighting against bullying.

Town Hall Meeting on Bullying
Wednesday, Jan 21

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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Over 5,700 bay area residents have been trained in Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) in the last three years, by Newark Junior High School, through the Alameda County sponsored CPR7 program. Junior high teachers trained 386 seventh graders in CPR during their science classes this year. Each student was given their own personal CPR kit, which included a manikin and a training DVD, to keep and for practice. In turn, students trained 1,131 friends and relatives. Seventh grader Jeremiah James Ylarde set a

new school record, training 74 people.

Cardiac arrest is the leading cause of death in the United States, killing more than 300,000 people annually. In Alameda County, only 28% of cardiac arrest victims receive CPR in the critical minutes before professional help arrives. Without CPR, the chance of survival decreases by 7-10% every minute.

Debbie Kaur, manager of "Mountain Mike's Pizza" in Newark, donated large pizzas as awards for the top CPR7 trainers.

This project is funded by SB 12 (funds generated by speeding tickets on California Highways) and no public school funds are used for this project. The CPR7 kits cost \$35 each.



Top CPR7 trainers from left to right: Jeremiah James Ylarde, Samantha Gutierrez, Daniel Trabanino, Azucena Lopez and Aaryn Patel

Expressway Plan 2040 Project Public Meetings

SUBMITTED BY GWENDOLYN
MITCHELL/LAUREL ANDERSON

The County of Santa Clara and local cities are hosting a series of community meetings in January and February to encourage expressway users and residents to share their comments about the expressway system as part of the Expressway Plan 2040 project. Community meetings with partnering cities have been scheduled for Capitol, San Tomas, Lawrence and Almaden Expressways.

The plan, expected to be completed in June 2015, will address long range expressway maintenance and improvements for vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists. Members of the public may also provide comments or get more information by visiting www.Expressways.info, sending an e-mail to ExpresswayPlan2040@CountyRoads.org, or calling the proj-

ect hotline at (408) 573-2417.

Tuesday, Jan 20
6:30 pm

San Tomas and Lawrence Expressways
West Valley Branch Library
1243 San Tomas Aquino Road,
San Jose

Thursday, Jan 22
6:30 pm

Capitol Expressway
Seven Trees Community Center
3590 Cas Drive, San Jose

Thursday, Feb 12
6:30 pm

Almaden Expressway
Almaden Community Center
6445 Camden Avenue, San Jose

Public Meeting Fliers available in pdf format: <http://www.sccgov.org/sites/opa/ma/Pages/Expressway-Plan-2040-Public-Meetings-2015.aspx>

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Survival 101

BY NANCY LYON

We've recently weathered deluge, high winds and floods... call it climate change or whatever source you wish, but they caught many off-guard because we're spoiled, living where the weather is usually kind and the life is pretty easy. We know that can change quickly but too many have put preparedness on the "something we need to do" list. Thinking about the proverbial "elephant in the room"... the long overdue Big One may make us a bit uncomfortable but still some haven't taken steps to ensure their own safety and given even less thought to the well-being and survival of their animal family.

Too many people are unaware of what they would do should a disaster occur and planning for their animals is basically non-existent. A national poll showed that more than one-third of companion animal guardians don't have a disaster preparedness plan in place, and only one-quarter responded that their companion animals were micro-chipped.

Lack of planning has had tragic results in past calamities. The following suggestions can help prevent some heartbreaking consequences.

Before the unthinkable happens:

Number one – never leave them behind. If you must evacuate, you are their best chance of survival.

Develop a "buddy system" with your neighbors. Ask them to check on your companion animals if a disaster happens and you are not home. Socialize your "pets" with them before a calamity so they feel safe in their care, and return the favor with their pets.

This can include temporary housing with neighbors or friends in case your dwelling becomes uninhabitable. Few, if any, human disaster-relief shelters admit animals unless they are service animals.

Keep an up-to-date list of veterinarians, kennels, and groomers that might be able to board them on short notice. Check for local

motels/hotels that will take companion animals, those that don't may make an exception in an emergency situation.

Make sure all your fur-family are wearing up-to-date identification, including having them micro-chipped. Without current info they may not make it home if lost. Have current pictures on hand to help ID them if lost or to make lost posters.

Know before-hand where local authority will be housing stray or injured animals. If your companion animal is lost and impounded, the sooner they are returned to their family the better.

Basic on-hand supplies:

Medical - A first aid kit, copies of current medical records; at least a 2-weeks supply of medications kept in a sealed waterproof container. Talk to your veterinarian about your animal's specific needs and what you should include.

Food/water – At least a 7-day supply of food (canned or dry), a 1- week supply of water for all animals and you (stored water should be changed every 2 months), feeding dishes, and can opener.

Travel needs – A flash light; pet carrier or crate for individual animals if they don't get along; extra leashes, harnesses and collars (keep extras in your car). Ac-custom your animals to portable kennels or other suitable pens, and keep one for each. Soft-sided carriers store easily and may be the answer for multiple cat households.

Comfort – Keep a blanket for gathering up fearful animals. Have toys and a garment with your scent on it, and other familiar comfort items that can be placed in a carrier.

Be a survivor: Preparedness is the key to safety and survival for your companion animal and yourself in a disaster. The following link to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) offers expanded information and advice on surviving a catastrophic event.

<http://www.cdc.gov/features/petsanddisasters/>

Swalwell brings hero Afghan interpreter to State of the Union

SUBMITTED BY ALLISON BORMEL

U.S. Representative Eric Swalwell (CA-15) announced that he will bring Mohammad Usafi as his guest to the State of the Union on Tuesday, January 20. Mohammad was an Afghan interpreter who served alongside U.S. troops and after a nearly four year wait received a Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) and moved to the Bay Area. Tragically, Mohammad's father was killed and brother was kidnapped by the Taliban because of his role as an interpreter for U.S. forces. After petitioning by friends, advocates, and Members of Congress, including Rep. Swalwell, Mohammad's family was granted humanitarian parole by USCIS to join him in the U.S. in December 2014.

"I'm thrilled to welcome Mohammad to Washington and bring greater attention to his story and the stories of thousands of Afghan interpreters still waiting for the visas they were promised," said Swalwell, who represents a large Afghan community and met with military interpreters when he visited Afghanistan. "It's a great relief that today Mohammad and his family live in the Bay Area, but more must be done and can be done in a bipartisan fashion to help interpreters like Mohammad."

The State of the Union falls on the exact one year anniversary of the date Mohammad arrived in the U.S. Since moving to the Bay Area, Mohammad has found a steady job and has supported his family since their arrival. Congressman Swalwell's staff is currently helping the family move to Fremont, a city in his congressional district with a significant Afghan population.

Prom Dress Swap

SUBMITTED BY
ANNIE SNELL

Hayward Library's Prom Dress Swap needs your dresses! Make some extra space in your closet this spring by donating your no-longer-needed formal/bridesmaid/party dresses, shoes, and accessories – and help a local teen attend her prom! Bring your gently used dresses and accessories to the Weekes Branch, or Main Library between Saturday, January 24th and Friday, March 27th. Dresses should be current, recently cleaned and in excellent condition – all sizes and styles are welcome.



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Developing a Trail between Niles and Sunol

SUBMITTED BY EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

A second community workshop will be held on Tuesday, January 27, to discuss potential alternatives to develop a trail through Niles Canyon. All are welcome to attend.

Community Workshop on Niles/Sunol Trail
Tuesday, Jan 27
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Fremont Veteran's Memorial Building
37154 – 2nd Street, Fremont
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Celebrate the New Year with free crapemyrtle trees



SUBMITTED BY
ANTHONY MAREK

Residents of California can ring in the New Year with five free crapemyrtle trees by joining the Arbor Day Foundation any time during January 2015.

“These small flowering trees will provide any landscape in California with a splash of color for much of the year,” said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. “Members

will experience pink and red flowers in the spring, green foliage in the summer and a mix of red, orange and yellow during autumn.”

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between February 1 and April 30, with enclosed planting instructions. The trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members will also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to 5 Crapemyrtles, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31. California residents can also join online at arborday.org/january.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Court ruling, a disappointment

The ruling from the 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals today is another setback in the long battle to allow the Oakland A's to move to San Jose. It's a huge disappointment to fans and to the city, which has set aside land for a ballpark to be funded by A's owner Lew Wolff.

It is frustrating that Major League Baseball continues to interfere with a business deal between the City of San Jose and Mr. Wolff, and deny San Jose and Santa Clara County of an economic opportunity.

Santa Clara County has provided steadfast support for the effort, recognizing that the benefits of a major league team extend beyond the boundaries of the City of San Jose to the surrounding area. More importantly, the loss of a major league team in Northern California would have a negative impact across the entire region.

As the founder of Baseball San Jose, I am personally disappointed with this result.

Dave Cortese
President, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors

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History

Daniel Smith Mills

Daniel Smith Mills was born in Norfolk, Connecticut, on April 1, 1831. He crossed the plains with a group of friends to get to the California gold mines. He did not find much gold, so he went to Mission San Jose to resume his trade as a carpenter. He met Sarah Matilda Jones, and they were married at the Mission on February 26, 1858. Sarah was born December 3, 1840 at Nau-



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Mission San Jose Vallejo Street west side 1868

voo, Illinois, the daughter of William and Elizabeth Jones. The Joneses were Mormons who traveled to Salt Lake City by ox cart. Sarah drove the cart while the parents walked. They later moved

Historian William Halley recorded several related events for the year 1866. Grading of 80 miles of the railroad had been completed. Cuts over 60 feet deep had been made in Alameda Canyon with some embankment

through the winter months and were still sound in March.

Daniel also observed that in seven or eight years, he had only seen the plows stopped a day or two by frost, but last winter, the ground was white with snow for three or four hours. Pear trees were sometimes in bloom by February first, and honey bees were seen every year in January.

Daniel next described Smith's building lot, which contained about two acres. It once had been the Mission corral for livestock of all kinds. The soil was so rich that it probably would produce good crops for at least 30 years.

Daniel's sister had been sending her letters to Alameda, but he asked her to send future letters to Mission San Jose because the post office was only three minutes walk from the house.

Smith had a cow, a horse, and several chickens. Early chickens sold for five to six dollars a dozen at the Warm Springs Hotel, a great watering place three miles away. Eggs sold for three to five "bits" (a bit was one eighth of a dollar).

Daniel commented about relatives who were planning to move to California. (If they read his letter's description of the weather, they would probably all move to California. Maybe that's how we got so many people here!)

The last subject Daniel discussed was growing old. He observed that he would "soon have done with earth" and hoped that all will go to a better place where none shall say "I am sick."

Daniel closed his letter with regards from his wife, children, Elizabeth, Anna, Joseph, and from his father, who was now living there as well.

Daniel served as Missionary of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and soon wrote many articles on church history. He moved his family to Orange County where the eighth child was born in 1882. Daniel died in Garden Grove in 1893.



PHILIP HOLMES

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Stanley agricultural works 1890s

to San Bernardino, California.

Daniel and Sarah established a home in Mission San Jose where seven of their children were born between 1859 and 1876. Their names are Elizabeth, Anne, Joseph, William, Frederick, Sarah, and Mary. Daniel is listed in an 1867 business directory as a blacksmith and wheelwright. Nicholas Bergmann was the other blacksmith in Mission San Jose.

A letter written by Daniel to his sister in July 1866 gave a glimpse of life at Mission San Jose. His first comment was that his mind has been much on the Great War (Civil War) and he rejoiced that it was over. Daniel remarked that his health was tolerable most of the time and he was able to do his chores and take care of an acre and a half of garden and orchard. He noted that Mr. Smith had two blacksmiths and forges in operation and kept four men at work blacksmithing and repairing farm machinery, wagons, etc. Daniel was apparently working for a man named Smith, or living on land owned by him.

Daniel relates that the Mission was a fine place for a view of the landscape. When the air was just right, it was possible to see across the bay to San Francisco, 40 miles away. It was occasionally possible to see the city from his doorway. There must not have been any buildings or trees to block the view.

The Western Pacific Railroad had built a depot, only a 15 or 20 minute drive down the hill from Mission San Jose. Daniel expected railroad cars would bring in the irons and rails in the near future to continue building to the north where they could see for nearly four miles.

over 50 feet in height. Over 1,000 feet of bridging had been constructed. Cross ties for 20 miles were delivered and the railroad would be in working order within four months. It was expected that trains would be running to Stockton before the end of the year. Halley recorded several other events of the year 1866.

E. Munion, (probably Emory Munyan) left a sample of Australian wheat - 120 stalks with developed heads - at the Alta California office to show the prolific growth of grain this year. The growth was so dense that year that rust was a problem. The weather was so warm in July that the thermometer registered 110 degrees in the shade.

Halley also quoted a Centerville correspondent saying, "Labor is in good demand, farmers are in want of binders and white men are scarce."

Daniel observes that he had never seen a valley that equaled this one. Wheat, barley, hay, vegetables, and fruits of almost every kind grew here. Fine vineyards were evident. Haying season began about the first of May. Green peas were harvested in April and May, and mustards were available for eating all winter.

One large orchard had yielded fruit that brought \$25,000 per year, but fruit was cheaper now. Beard and Ellsworth had 2500 acres of wheat and barley this year. Farmers sacked their wheat and piled it in the field with no fear of rain. Some farmers raised 50 to 100 acres of potatoes for the early market. Sugar beets kept in the ground all winter and can be pulled for feed as needed. Pumpkins lay on the ground



Washington Hotel 1867

Hayward Area Recreation and Park District announces Board vacancy

SUBMITTED BY
LAURA CORREA-HERNANDEZ

The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (H.A.R.D.) is pleased to announce that it will be accepting applications for a Board of Directors vacancy. The application deadline is 5 p.m. on Thursday, January 29.

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Domestic violence... who ya gonna call?



At times, news of domestic violence can be heartbreaking, especially when lives are in mortal danger. In some cases, law enforcement professionals are called only after horrific events have unfolded, supporting those who have been affected and hoping for the best outcome possible. Fortunately, official protective services have a support network of their own; organizations dedicated to community social welfare. This partnership is often unheralded due to privacy concerns and the sensitive nature of tasks performed.

Each year, one of these Tri-City partnerships is publicly recognized. Advocates of SAVE (Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments) recognize outstanding police officers who have assisted with volatile and sensitive situations to protect victims of domestic abuse. SAVE's COPS (Community Oriented Prevention Services) program, established in 1996, is designed to aid victims in contact with law enforcement personnel and forced to navigate a confusing and often frightening criminal justice system labyrinth.

SAVE Advocates reach out to victims of domestic abuse, offering immediate and ongoing services including shelter, food, clothing, safety planning, crisis counseling and legal protection. These services are enhanced by support provided by responding police officers who offer compassionate and assertive responses that result in victim empowerment.

In a ceremony held on January 13, 2015, SAVE Advocates Erika Pacheco and Titania Trujillo introduced officer honorees Jamil Roberts and Paul Richards of the Fremont Police Department, Ken Landreth and Libier Ledezma of the Hayward Police Department and Detective Abe Teng of the San Leandro Police Department. As each officer was introduced, Pacheco and Trujillo spoke of instances in which the officer provided invaluable assistance as a solid, reliable partner when faced with difficult circumstances. Assembled dignitaries and fellow officers applauded the efforts of those honored. Chief Richard Lucero (Fremont), Captain Mark Koller (Hayward) and Captain Ed Tracey (San Leandro) spoke with pride about their department honorees, adding their congratulations.

When advised of this honor, the officers responded that they were just doing their job. That may be so, but composure under duress and compassionate response are the hallmarks of excellent police work and an invaluable community resource. Congratulations to all departments involved and their successful partnership with SAVE.

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County of Santa Clara recovers \$3 million in settlement

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The Office of the County Counsel has announced that the County of Santa Clara, along with other local public entities in California, settled its dispute with Office Depot, Inc. over years of alleged overcharges for office sup-

plies. Under the terms of the settlement agreement approved by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Kevin C. Brazile, the public entities will receive \$68 million from Office Depot – with \$3 million going to the County of Santa Clara.

In 2012, the County joined a whistleblower lawsuit filed by a

former Office Depot employee under the California False Claims Act. The County and eighteen other California cities, counties, and school districts alleged that Office Depot defrauded them for years by, among other things, failing to provide them with the “best price” available, as guaranteed by their contracts.

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First Tech Challenge (FTC) students build robots, learn computer programming, and compete against other teams at the local, regional and national level. Students gain hands-on skills to test the theories and concepts taught in the classroom. FTC is focused on building a better world for tomorrow by engaging students in (STEM) Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. FTC teaches

students the value of hard work, innovation and creativity along with importance of working together, sharing ideas, and treating each other with respect and dignity.

On November 14, FTC team #6982, “The Metal Magicians,” organized a free interactive event for visitors, parents, students, and kids at Fremont Central Library to promote STEM in the community. They gave an overview of the FTC program, its vision, mission, and STEMs’ impact on society. The team members also discussed this year’s challenge and let participants play with their robot

to encourage students to take up STEM and make the needed difference.

Hundreds of people attended the free session to learn more about FTC and the team plans to come back and do more such events. The FTC team would like to thank the library for allowing the use of the conference room, and all the parents, and the kids who attended the session. The team can be reached at themetalmagicians@gmail.com.



BUSINESS

Judge rules on suit over California college's accreditation

AP WIRE SERVICE

SAN FRANCISCO (AP), An accrediting commission must give City College of San Francisco – one of California's largest community colleges – a chance to respond to criticism before deciding whether to stick to its decision to revoke the school's accreditation, a judge said Friday.

San Francisco Superior Court Judge Curtis Karnow issued the tentative ruling in a lawsuit by San Francisco's city attorney against the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior

Colleges. The commission decided in July 2013 to revoke City College of San Francisco's accreditation a year later over concerns about the school's financial management and governance.

Losing accreditation would likely force the college to close because unaccredited schools are ineligible for state and federal funding. Karnow blocked the revocation temporarily, and the commission earlier this month agreed to grant city college a two-year extension to meet commission standards.

In the lawsuit, City Attorney

Dennis Herrera sought to have the commission's decision thrown out. Calls to a spokesman for Herrera and the commission were not immediately returned.

"City College was deprived of an opportunity to respond in writing to findings of deficiencies in 2013, and to prepare for a hearing on those same deficiencies," Karnow wrote in his ruling. "We do not know if the Commissioners would have exercised their discretion differently had City College been given an opportunity to address the additional findings in writing."

China's Xiaomi takes aim at Apple with new phone

By JOE McDONALD
AP BUSINESS WRITER

BEIJING (AP), Rising smartphone star Xiaomi is moving upmarket and taking aim at Apple's iPhone.

The Chinese manufacturer known for ultra-low-priced handsets on Thursday unveiled a new model that Chairman Jun Lei said is comparable to Apple's iPhone 6 but thinner, lighter and much cheaper. The phone starts at 2,299 yuan (\$375), less than half the 5,288 yuan (\$865) price of an iPhone 6 in China.

"We paid attention to every detail to make it as perfect as possible," said Lei, standing on stage before reporters at a convention center in Beijing.

Xiaomi, founded in 2010, passed South Korea's Samsung Electronics Co. in the second quarter of last year as the best-selling smartphone brand in China by number of handsets sold. The company is expanding into India and other developing markets but has yet to announce plans to enter the United States or Europe.

The new Xiaomi could add to competition for Apple Inc. in China, a market CEO Tim Cook has said is expected to become its biggest. Other Chinese smartphone brands including Lenovo Group and Huawei Technologies Ltd. also have released models they say offer features similar to the iPhone but at lower prices.

Xiaomi "is a respected brand that already has an Apple-like following" in China, said analyst Brian Blair, who tracks mobile device makers at Rosenblatt Securities. Apple is still a relatively small player in China, selling about 45 million iPhones there last year, Blair estimates, but will continue to grow.

"Apple is very much a premium brand," said Blair. "The company that's more at risk is Samsung, which has been losing share in that market."

Wearing jeans and a blue button-down shirt with the sleeves rolled up, Lei showed a side-by-side comparison of Xiaomi's newest model, the Mi Note, and the iPhone 6, which went on sale in China in October. He said the processor power, performance and memory size were comparable and the Mi Note includes an improved camera.

While less expensive than an iPhone, the Mi Note's price is a departure for Xiaomi, whose other models cost as little as 699 yuan (\$114). Lei said the company will offer a professional version of the Mi Note with a more powerful processor and other features for 3,299 yuan (\$540).

Privately held Xiaomi said last year's sales tripled to 61.1 million handsets and revenue more than doubled to 74.3 billion yuan (\$12.2 billion).

The company, based in Beijing, recently completed a round of fundraising from investors that it said valued Xiaomi at \$45 billion, making it one of the world's most valuable technology brands.

Xiaomi ran into legal trouble in India in December after a court blocked sales while it hears a complaint by Sweden's LM Ericsson that the Chinese company violated its patents.

In a blog post earlier this month, Lei called the case a "rite of passage" for a young company.

Technology Writer Brandon Bailey contributed to this story from San Francisco.

More schools serve students dinner as demand expands

By CHRISTINE ARMARIO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES (AP), Many of the students at Kingsley Elementary School in a low-income neighborhood of Los Angeles eat breakfast and lunch provided by the school. For the nearly 100 enrolled in the after-school program, another meal is served: supper.

The nation's second largest school district is doubling the number of students served dinner, with an eye toward eventually offering it at every school. It's a growing trend: Nationwide, the number of students served dinner or an after-school snack soared to nearly 1 million last year.

"When kids are hungry, they don't pay attention," said Bennett Kayser, a member of the Los Angeles Unified School District board, which was announcing the expansion Thursday. "This is something that should have started years ago."

Thirteen states and the District of Columbia began offering students dinner as part of a pilot program expanded to all states after the 2010 passage of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act. Schools where at least half the students are low-income and qualify for free or reduced-price lunch are reimbursed for each supper by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, at a rate often significantly higher than the cost of the meal.

In the 2014 fiscal year, 104 million suppers were served to students, up from about 19 million in 2009. Participation is still lower than in the nation's long-running breakfast and lunch programs, which serve more than 12 million and 31 million students, respectively.

The introduction of dinner to school routines is unique in that it could take the place of what many consider a near-sacred ritual: The family dinner.

Proponents say that since many students stay on campus until the early evening hours, it makes sense to provide an additional meal. In the case of the neediest students, they might not get anything to eat after class other than what is offered at school.

Research on family dinners has shown a plethora of benefits: Greater academic achievement, less delinquency, and better family relations. Yet the research also presents a chicken-and-egg type question: Do children reap those benefits because they have dinner with their families, or do the same families that have dinner together display other traits that account for higher achievement?

More recent research indicates while family dinners can be linked to fewer symptoms of depression, most of the other benefits seem to decrease when demographic and other environmental factors are taken into account. At a time when many families have hectic schedules, dinner at school could provide some relief, said Rachel Dunifon, a policy professor at Cornell University.

"If these meals help alleviate stress, it could actually be good and open up more time for families," she said.

LAUSD currently serves supper to 75,000 students and plans to expand the program to about 150,000 over the next two years. School officials estimate it will generate \$16.6 million in revenue, which will go toward expanding the program.

Other large, urban districts with dinner programs include Philadelphia and District of Columbia public schools. Wayne Grasela, senior vice president for food services, said the School District of Philadelphia now serves 4,500 dinners each day.

At Kingsley Elementary School, several students said the roasted sunflower seeds, cheese sticks and, depending on the day, sandwiches, salads and chicken they are served function more like a snack than a meal. Some eat another meal at home.

But for others, it's one of the few things they eat after class. Ten-year-old Evelyn Ruballos said she usually only eats crackers when she gets home.

"And then I just go to sleep," she said.

GO FIGURE: Figuring the odds of Earth's global hot streak

By SETH BORENSTEIN AP SCIENCE WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP), The global heat streak of the 21st century can be explained with statistics that defy astronomical odds.

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GO FIGURE: Figuring the odds of Earth’s global hot streak

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First, the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration calculates global average temperature going back to 1880. That’s 135 years. So if no other forces were in play and temperatures last year were totally at random, then the odds of 2014 being the warmest on record are 1 in 135. Not too high.

But record and near record heat keep happening. Climate scientists say it’s not random but from heat-trapping gas spewed by the burning of coal, oil and gas. You know, global warming. And one of their many pieces of evidence is how statistically unlikely it is for the world to have warmed so much.

So how likely are these temperatures to be random? The Associated Press consulted with statisticians to calculate the odds of this hot streak happening at random. Here are some statistics and the odds they calculated, with the caveat that high temperatures tend to persist so that can skew odds a bit:

The three hottest years on record – 2014, 2010 and 2005 – have occurred in the last 10 years. The odds of that happening randomly are 3,341 to 1, calculated John Grego of the University of South Carolina. Kai Zhu of Stanford University, Robert Lund of Clemson University and David Peterson, a retired Duke statistician, agreed.

Nine of the 10 hottest years on record have occurred in the 21st century. The odds of that being random are 650 million to 1, the statisticians said.

Thirteen of the 15 the hottest years on record have occurred in the last 15 years. The odds of that being random are more than 41 trillion to 1, the statisticians said.

All 15 years from 2000 on have been among the top 20 warmest years on record. They said the odds of that are 1.5 quadrillion to 1. A quadrillion is a million billion.

And then there’s the fact that the last 358 months in a row have been warmer than the 20th-century average, according to NOAA. The odds of that being random are so high – a number with more than 100 zeros behind it – that there is no name for that figure, Grego said.

US House votes to overturn Obama’s immigration actions

By ERICA WERNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP), The Republican-dominated House of Representatives voted Wednesday to overturn President Barack Obama’s key immigration policies, approving legislation that would eliminate new deportation protections for millions and expose hundreds of thousands of younger immigrants to expulsion.

The legislation represents the latest challenge to Obama’s domestic priorities by Republicans who took control of both houses of Congress last week following their sweep of November elections. The president has fought back with veto threats, and immigrant advocates warned that Republicans risk alienating Latino voters who will be crucial to the 2016 presidential election.

The 236-191 vote came on a broad bill that would provide \$40 billion to finance the Homeland Security Department through the rest of the budget year, legislation that lawmakers of both parties said was sorely needed to pay for counterterrorism, cybersecurity and other priorities at a moment when the Paris terror attacks have underscored dire threats.

Democrats accused Republicans of putting that money at risk by attaching veto-bait amendments on immigration, and some Republicans voiced the same concern. But House Republican leaders and most of their rank and file accused Obama in turn of reckless and unconstitutional actions on immigration that had to be answered.

“This executive overreach is an affront to the rule of law and to the Constitution

itself,” said House Speaker John Boehner. “The people made clear that they wanted more accountability from this president, and by our votes here today we will heed their will and we will keep our oath to protect and defend the Constitution.”

Rep. Linda Sanchez, a Democrat who chairs the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, said the Republicans were simply pandering to the far right.

“Shame on Republicans for attacking the Latino community,” Sanchez said. “Republicans are consciously targeting millions of families who work hard, contribute to our communities and are just trying to give their children a chance at the American dream.”

One of the immigration amendments, approved 237-190, would undo executive actions that Obama announced in November to provide temporary deportation relief and work permits to some 4 million immigrants in the country illegally, mostly people who have children who are citizens or legal permanent residents. The amendment also would cancel earlier directives to immigration agents aimed at giving them discretion in focusing deportations on criminals.

A second amendment would delete Obama’s 2012 policy that’s granted work permits and stays of deportation to more than 600,000 immigrants who arrived in the U.S. illegally as children under age 16. That measure passed narrowly, 218-209, as 26 of the more moderate Republicans, some representing large Hispanic populations, joined Democrats in opposition.

The underlying bill passed on a mostly party line vote, with 10 Republicans voting “no” and two Democrats voting “yes.”

Immigrants can now get Mexican birth certificates in US

By AMY TAXIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP), The Mexican government Thursday began issuing birth certificates to its citizens at its consulates in

the United States to make it easier for immigrants to obtain U.S. work permits, driver’s licenses and protection from deportation.

Until now, Mexico has required its citizens to get birth certificates at government offices in Mexico. Many of those living in the U.S. ask friends and relatives back home to retrieve the paperwork, but the delay can hold up their applications for various benefits.

Now, even as Republicans in Congress try to undo President Barack Obama’s plan to shield millions of immigrants living illegally in the U.S., Mexico is trying to help them apply for programs that would allow them to remain in this country and continue sending money back to relatives across the border.

“It is a huge help. It helps individuals really begin to formulate their formal identity

But even with Republicans in control of the Senate, the bill faces tough sledding there. Republicans are six votes shy of the 60-vote majority needed to advance most legislation, and some Republican senators have argued that the Homeland Security bill shouldn’t be the vehicle for a contentious debate on immigration.

In the House, too, there’s frustration from some centrist Republican lawmakers that two weeks into a new session of Congress, the most conservative lawmakers are still calling the shots, successfully pushing leaders for a vote to undo the 2012 policy dealing with younger immigrants known as “Dreamers.”

“If we were just specifically dealing with the November overreach of the president, you’d have Democrats who’d be voting with us on that piece of it but we’ve gone well beyond that,” said Rep. Jeff Denham. “We’re passing a bill for political reasons, a bill that has no ability to pass the Senate.”

Before leaving town for a two-day retreat in Hershey, Pennsylvania, Republicans also steered the House to approval of legislation to ease the landmark Dodd-Frank law, which aimed to rein in banks and Wall Street. The new legislation would give U.S. banks two extra years to ensure that their holdings of certain complex and risky securities don’t put them out of compliance with a new banking rule. The Dodd-Frank changes, approved 271-154, also face an Obama veto threat.

Associated Press writers Alan Fram, Connie Cass and Marcy Gordon in Washington, Steve Peoples in San Diego, Michael Mishak in Miami and Kathleen Ronayne in Manchester, New Hampshire, contributed to this report.

in this country,” said Angelica Salas, executive director of the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles.

About half the 11 million immigrants living in the U.S. illegally are from Mexico, and immigration experts say roughly 3 million of them could be eligible to apply for work permits and protection from deportation under the administration’s plan.

People applying to stay in this country will probably have to produce photo ID, such as a passport. And a birth certificate is necessary to get a passport.

About two weeks ago, California – home to more Mexicans than any other state – began issuing driver’s licenses to immigrants who are in the country illegally.

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Why a Samsung takeover of Blackberry could make sense

By YOUKYUNG LEE
AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER

SEOUL, South Korea (AP), Samsung and Blackberry have splashed frigid water on a report that Samsung wants to make a \$7.5 billion takeover offer for the struggling Canadian device maker. That, however, did not stop tech industry watchers from dissecting all the possibilities.

Once strong in mobile devices, Blackberry is now an also ran, overtaken by the touchscreen offerings of Apple and Samsung.

But analysts say it has technology and intellectual property that could make it attractive to Samsung, which is looking to revive growth momentum as its smartphone business falters.

– BUSINESS MARKET

Despite its plunging share of the overall smartphone market, BlackBerry still has a strong presence in the business market that Samsung is trying to crack.

Analysts say that business clients are increasingly important for the Korean company’s future. Its motivation to get more corpo-

rate clients is greater nowadays because intense competition in the consumer mobile market has reduced its fat profit margins.

Samsung has software called KNOX for security-conscious business customers but the corporate world has not embraced this new product. By contrast, the software behind the security for Blackberry devices is well regarded and popular.

One drawback of KNOX for Samsung is that it is based on Google’s Android operating system, which the South Korean

company is trying to reduce its reliance on. This week, it launched a cheap smartphone that runs on its own operating system Tizen.

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Samsung wants full control over all aspects of its products, not just their hardware but their software as well, like Apple and Google do.

But relying on Google’s Android limits what Samsung can do with its mobile software and hence, Samsung built its own mobile operating system Tizen.

Acquiring BlackBerry would give Samsung more scope to work independently from Google. BlackBerry’s security software for business customers runs on its own platform.

“It is likely that KNOX, Samsung’s security platform for business clients, will have a synergy effect” with BlackBerry, Yoo Eui-hyung, an analyst at Dongbu Securities, said in a report.

Blackberry’s stock of other patents and intellectual property could also be attractive to Samsung.

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CELEBRATING “THE GOOD LIFE” AT EVERY AGE

In January, communities worldwide will recognize International Quality of Life Month – a celebration that encourages us to consider how we balance the different facets of our lives, including work, family, health, leisure, and spirituality. It's a great opportunity for those of us in the Tri-City Area to celebrate. Last fall, finance website NerdWallet included Fremont in its top 10 list of cities in the U.S. with the highest quality of life.

While NerdWallet's statistical analysis recognized Fremont's low poverty rate, access to major employers, and higher education opportunities, those of us who live in the Tri-City Area know there's even more to appreciate in our community – including our above-average number of sunny days, diverse array of museums and other cultural offerings, and access to some of the most revered cuisine in the world.

And, while in many ways, quality of life relates to basic human needs – access to nutritious food, medical care, and sufficient rest – it also hinges upon something larger: emotional satisfaction and happiness. Research

demonstrates that when it comes to happiness and a longer life expectancy, individual lifestyle choices – not money – make the biggest impact. That's why it's important to stay active, and to take advantage of our regional opportunities for recreation, socialization, and culture.

Consider celebrating International Quality of Life Month by inviting a friend to try a new hobby, picking up tickets to a community performance, or heading to our newly green foothills for a long, relaxing hike. Or, start your new year on a philanthropic note by signing up to volunteer at one of the many worthwhile nonprofit organizations in our community.

Remember: It is up to each one of us to pursue a lifestyle through which we can feel revitalized, inspired, and proud. Happy New Year from the Masonic Homes! ♦



BETTER BALANCE, BETTER LIVING

We may not consider that how we physically move through life can affect our happiness. But the ability to balance can have a far-reaching impact.

Carol Koelling is a recreation specialist and massage therapist who helps Masonic Homes residents improve their balance. “Once people start going to a balance class, they begin to feel more confident,” she explains. “They can go on outings and even help others who are less mobile.”

To support balance programming, the Homes recently initiated a partnership with LIFE ElderCare, a community-based agency that offers a fall prevention program for Tri-City residents over age 60. LIFE program participants can request a home safety check, minor home modifications (grab bars), and help identifying medications that can cause loss of

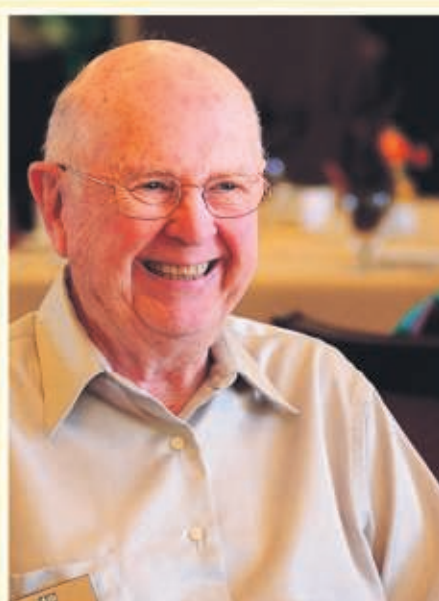
balance. Participants are connected with a senior certified fitness trainer, who helps create a personalized exercise routine to support mobility. Then, nursing students monitor and support participants' continued improvement over time.

The Home will welcome LIFE staff as early as next month. But LIFE resources are available to Tri-City residents on an ongoing basis. Learn more at lifeeldercare.org/get-help.

By maintaining balance and an active lifestyle, you can help ensure a high quality of life for years to come. And local resources like LIFE ElderCare are available to help. ♦

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Coated fabric has an underlying layer of fabric that has been coated with a liquid form of vinyl. Not recommended for humid rooms such as the bathroom or kitchen, it is best used in the bedroom or family room.

Paper-backed vinyl or solid sheet vinyl has a layer of paper or pulp backed to a decorative vinyl surface. Due to the vinyl surface, this is another good candidate for high humidity areas or almost any climate. It is easy to clean, is scrubbable, and peels off easily from the wall when you want to remove it.

Fabric backed vinyl consists of a layer of fabric laminated to a layer of solid vinyl. There are two types: solid vinyl and paper wallpaper. Solid vinyl is simply a layer of paper or fabric laminated to vinyl film. Because the applied vinyl is solid and not liquid, it is considered more durable than most other wallpaper types.

Foil wallpaper is created by applying a thin sheet of metallic foil paper to the back of some

paper. Foil comes in a range of popular colors, such as gold, silver, and copper. The surface of the foil is textured with pigmented dyes that give the effect of marble. The nature of this technique means that the pattern never repeats itself and so cannot be matched. This type of wallpaper is best left to professionals since the foil is extremely thin, and wrinkles and tears easily.

Grasscloth, which is environmentally friendly, is constructed of textured, natural grasses woven together with thin cotton thread and adhered to a rice paper backing. The variety of grasses or plants used will determine how fine or coarse the texture is, as well as the design of the wallpaper. Grasscloth wallpaper is easy to apply, but a strong, clear adhesive material that will not show must be used to hold the heavy and bulky wall covering. This is most appropriate for low traffic areas. (Not for beginners.)

Wallpaper murals are a unique choice for any wall and

are available in peel and stick, canvas, and vinyl options. Murals come in customizable sizes and scenes, from nature and cityscapes to modern graphics and sports themes. Choose from a library of images or use your own photos or artwork for a personal touch.

In what rooms should wallpaper be used? “Every room in the house,” says Jacoby. “Vinyl wallpaper can withstand the moisture in bathrooms and kitchens; in a bedroom, the wall behind the bed is a great place to wallpaper and if you have a tray ceiling, consider wallpapering up there too! A long entry wall is a great place for wallpaper as is a long wall that connects the family room and kitchen.”

When it comes to the art of wallpapering, be daring, eccentric, humorous, and grandiose. New wallpaper can change your environment for the better.

For information or help with wallpaper, contact Liz Cross at (925) 899-4760. For more about



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wallpaper murals, call Murals Your Way at 1-888-398-0653 or visit www.muralsyourway.com.

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Music at the Mission: Swing ‘n Stuff

manity woven into the very texture of the music,” proclaimed leading music critic Massimo Mila. To this day, “Trout Quintet” remains the essence of delight.

Spicing things up is an exciting premier of Los Angeles composer Steve Huber’s “Piano Quintet no.1.” An homage to Huber’s Peruvian mother, it is richly flavored with Peruvian sounds and influences.

From Austria and Peru we’re on to America with Louis Prima’s stirring “Sing, Sing, Sing” arranged by Steve Huber, based on the version popularized by Benny Goodman with Gene Krupa featured on drums.

Violist Emily Onderdonk, who was a founding member of five-time Grammy nominated Quartet San Francisco, will take us from classical to swing to funk with Tower of Power’s “Don’t Change Horses in the Middle of the Stream,” Väsen’s “Hasse A” and Zawinul’s “Mercy, Mercy, Mercy” (all arranged by Onderdonk).

“We are lucky to have two such talented, versatile, and cross-genre musician-composer-

arrangers in our group,” noted Music at the Mission executive director Aileen Chanco.

Music at the Mission Chamber Players are Steve Huber, violin; Karen Shinozaki Sor, violin; Emily Onderdonk, viola; Adelle-Akiko Kearns, cello; Bill Everett, double bass; and Aileen Chanco, piano.

A buffet of epicurean nibbles and wines will compliment the program and the venue, which is the spectacular Pietkiewicz Residence in Hidden Valley Ranch. Directions to the home are provided at the time of ticket purchase.

Music at the Mission’s Salon Series Swing n’ Stuff is Sunday, January 25. Seating is limited. Tickets are \$50 in advance at www.musicatmsj.org. For additional information, please call (510) 402-1724 or e-mail info@musicatmsj.org.

Swing n’ Stuff
Sunday, Jan 25
2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Pietkiewicz Residence,
Hidden Valley Ranch
(510) 402-1724
www.musicatmsj.org
Tickets: \$50



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Youth Dixieland Festival

The second band to perform will be the Dixie Dominus Band from Fremont Christian High School. Dixie Dominus has been

At every festival Banuelos’s group is a crowd pleaser.

Following Dixie Dominus will be the second Jam featuring the



Jazzinators – East Bay Trad Jazz Society



Creekview Jazz Raptors from Roseville, CA

featured at both the Sacramento and Fresno Jazz Festivals, and will be performing twice in the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland in July. They also recently released a new CD. This highly-skilled group is directed by their school instructor Tom Banuelos.

mentors, alumni, and student musicians. Then the EBTJS’ own youth Jazzinators will perform their music for the audience. The Jazzinators have a twice monthly gig at Bronco Billy’s throughout the year, invited by owner Sam Rodriguez. At each performance

the student musicians receive community service and credit toward their scholarship opportunity to Jazz Camp.

All of these students give of their time to promote the continuation of the music created in America known by various titles: Traditional Jazz, Uptown/Downtown New Orleans Jazz, Chicago Style Jazz, Revivalist or San Francisco Jazz or generally classified as Dixieland Jazz. The kids have bought into not only the music and its freedom of expression, but the historical musicians who have created this wonderful music as well. Many go on to college, join forces with other musicians and establish their own Dixieland or Traditional Jazz band. This has been the goal from the inception of the Jazz Society: “the continuation of the traditional jazz through our young people.” Without these young folks’ commitment to “Trad Jazz,” we may lose this great American genre.

Sponsors include Melissa’s Metamorphosis, Lucky Supermarket-Mission Valley, 7 Eleven, Bronco Billy’s Pizza Palace, Kennedy High School Music Program, Mission Gold Jazz Band, NewPark Mall, and Mike Messier Graphics. A tip jar will be passed for each band.

Youth Dixieland Festival
Saturday, Jan 24
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Bronco Billy’s Pizza Palace
41200 Blacow Rd, Fremont
www.eastbaytradjazz.org/

Performance schedule:

12:00 p.m.: Jazz Raptors –
Creekview Ranch
Middle School
12:45 p.m.: Jam I
1:15 p.m.: Dixie Dominus –
Fremont Christian High School
2:30 p.m.: Jam II
3:00 p.m.: Jazzinators – East
Bay Trad Jazz Society
4:15 p.m.: Jam III

Home Sales Report

CASTRO VALLEY		TOTAL SALES: 17				
Highest \$:		800,000	Median \$:		530,000	
Lowest \$:		362,000	Average \$:		556,882	
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
4908 Apricot Court	94546	799,000	4	2300	1999	12-16-14
3931 Forest Circle	94546	446,000	2	1212	2010	12-16-14
19240 Gliddon Street	94546	562,000	3	1176	1959	12-16-14
21243 Kahlert Street	94546	362,000	2	865	1950	12-12-14
20115 Normandy Ct	94546	650,000	3	1754	1957	12-12-14
21724 Orange Avenue	94546	512,000	3	1288	1948	12-16-14
18950 Patton Drive	94546	448,000	3	1563	1950	12-12-14
4771 Proctor Road	94546	599,000	3	1142	1953	12-12-14
4141 Ravenwood Place	94546	370,000	2	900	1970	12-17-14
18144 Redwood Road	94546	385,000	2	760	1953	12-16-14
3519 Remco Street	94546	685,000	3	1814	1962	12-12-14
4991 Seaview Avenue	94546	530,000	3	1577	1955	12-12-14
19055 Stanton Avenue	94546	655,000	4	1914	1968	12-17-14
18775 Vineyard Road	94546	800,000	3	2846	1950	12-15-14
5448 Briar Ridge Drive	94552	400,000	2	1397	1978	12-12-14
19923 Crow Creek Rd	94552	789,000	4	2746	1992	12-12-14
5177 Salvia Drive	94552	475,000	4	2992	1999	12-12-14

FREMONT TOTAL SALES: 17						
Highest \$:		1,250,000	Median \$:	567,500		
Lowest \$:		250,000	Average \$:	638,471		
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
38623 Cherry Lane #14794536	94536	395,000	3	1101	1974	12-12-14
38623 Cherry Lane #21294536	94536	250,000	1	628	1974	12-12-14
38250 Hamlin Street	94536	865,000	3	1842	1965	12-12-14
37248 Meadowbr Cmn #10494536	94536	375,000	1	936	1984	12-12-14
38780 Tyson Lane #207C94536	94536	361,000	1	887	1982	12-12-14
39607 Embarcadero Terrace	94538	567,500	3	1582	1978	12-16-14
39059 Guardino Drive #11194538	94538	440,000	2	1077	1987	12-17-14
5036 Hilo Street	94538	825,000	6	3281	1963	12-15-14
4941 Hyde Park Drive	94538	745,000	3	1913	1961	12-12-14
3927 Wildflower Common	94538	517,000	2	1152	1987	12-15-14
309 Anza Street	94539	908,000	3	951	1953	12-16-14
47079 Bennis Terrace	94539	485,000	2	894	1987	12-12-14
2333 Castillejo Way	94539	1,250,000	5	2469	1971	12-12-14
49002 Cinnamon Fern Cn #409	94539	523,500	2	1081	2009	12-12-14
4722 Balthazar Terrace	94555	790,000	3	1755	1987	12-17-14
34181 Finnigan Terrace	94555	820,000	3	1686	1990	12-15-14
2853 Langhorn Drive	94555	737,000	4	1494	1970	12-12-14

HAYWARD		TOTAL SALES: 28				
Highest \$:		860,000	Median \$:		430,000	
Lowest \$:		270,000	Average \$:		465,143	
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
22770 Alice Street	94541	332,000	3	913	1930	12-17-14
1764 East Avenue	94541	390,000	3	1570	1987	12-16-14
22824 Kings Court	94541	325,000	2	1230	1930	12-12-14
22454 Linden Street	94541	860,000	4	3983	1952	12-17-14
25123 Oakridge Court	94541	409,000	3	1618	1973	12-12-14
410 Palmer Avenue	94541	469,000	3	1726	2012	12-16-14
1870 Sally Creek Circle	94541	398,000	2	1561	1979	12-12-14
22119 Thelma Street	94541	440,500	3	1040	1950	12-15-14
4186 Mystic View Court	94542	800,000	5	3133	2000	12-12-14
3582 Sentinel Court	94542	550,000	4	2552	1973	12-12-14
24444 Alves Street	94544	365,000	3	1020	1950	12-16-14
25482 Franklin Avenue	94544	370,000	3	951	1950	12-12-14
31425 Greenbrier Lane	94544	525,000	3	1613	1955	12-16-14
25506 Huntwood Ave	94544	448,000	4	1565	2009	12-16-14
607 Martha Place	94544	420,000	3	951	1950	12-15-14
36 Orchard Circle	94544	590,000	-	-	-	12-15-14
27871 Ormond Avenue	94544	401,000	3	1000	1954	12-12-14
27739 Pistachio Court	94544	390,000	-	1457	1977	12-12-14
766 Plantation Lane #5	94544	495,000	4	1828	2002	12-16-14

25681 Sublett Drive	94544	435,000	3	1245	1951	12-12-14
26521 Sunvale Court	94544	270,000	3	1200	-	12-15-14
25811 Barnard Street	94545	430,000	4	1280	1959	12-16-14
25534 Belhaven Street	94545	425,000	3	1359	1959	12-17-14
1844 Catalpa Way	94545	325,000	3	1232	1964	12-17-14
26746 Contessa Street	94545	459,000	4	1590	1957	12-17-14
24015 Eden Avenue	94545	547,500	-	-	-	12-16-14
1507 Hayden Street	94545	543,000	-	-	-	12-12-14
522 Ravenna Way	94545	612,000	4	2138	2009	12-17-14

MILPITAS		TOTAL SALES: 09					
Highest \$:		1,180,000		Median \$:		678,500	
Lowest \$:		265,000		Average \$:		674,056	
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD	FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
1588 Canal Street	95035	678,500	-	-	-	12-16-14	
344 Corning Avenue	95035	580,000	3	1040	1955	12-17-14	
1058 Dempsey Road	95035	620,000	2	1430	1977	12-12-14	
484 Dempsey Rd #284	95035	265,000	1	676	2007	12-16-14	
148 Evening Star Court	95035	580,000	3	1240	1969	12-12-14	
999 Jungfrau Court	95035	800,000	3	1763	1981	12-16-14	
520 Odyssey Lane	95035	678,500	-	-	-	12-12-14	
530 Odyssey Lane	95035	684,500	-	-	-	12-12-14	
106 Piedmont Road	95035	1,180,000	6	3648	2000	12-12-14	

NEWARK TOTAL SALES:06					
Highest \$:	719,500	Median \$:	650,000		
Lowest \$:	439,000	Average \$:	628,083		
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
6909 Cedar Boulevard	94560	545,000	3	1126	1963 12-12-14
36397 Dijon Drive	94560	719,500	4	2100	2003 12-12-14
38076 Guava Drive	94560	650,000	4	1560	1976 12-12-14
6724 Jarvis Avenue	94560	439,000	3	1131	1982 12-12-14
36906 Papaya Street	94560	710,000	4	1965	1994 12-12-14
36001 Spruce Street	94560	705,000	4	1632	1975 12-12-14

SAN LEANDRO		TOTAL SALES: 09				
Highest \$:		515,000	Median \$:		450,000	
Lowest \$:		276,000	Average \$:		433,167	
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
299 Castro Street	94577	470,000	4	2155	1926 12-15-14	
1947 Clarke Street	94577	425,000	2	1059	1942 12-15-14	
2115 Cleveland Street	94577	375,000	2	1017	1944 12-12-14	
79 Dorchester Avenue	94577	405,000	2	993	1942 12-12-14	
687 Pershing Drive	94577	450,000	2	1144	1946 12-12-14	
2159 Altamont Road	94578	515,000	3	972	1951 12-12-14	
729 Majestic Way	94578	276,000	2	896	1987 12-16-14	
14936 Saturn Drive	94578	500,000	3	2131	1992 12-16-14	
14483 Merced Street	94579	482,500	4	1382	1952 12-15-14	

SAN LORENZO			TOTAL SALES: 03			
	Highest \$:	495,000		Median \$:	427,000	
	Lowest \$:	425,000		Average \$:	449,000	
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
15876 Devonwood Way	94580	495,000	4	1855	1990	12-12-14
17099 Via Media	94580	427,000	3	1068	1947	12-16-14
1772 Via Sarita	94580	425,000	3	1127	1952	12-17-14
UNION CITY			TOTAL SALES: 09			
	Highest \$:	825,000		Median \$:	560,000	
	Lowest \$:	350,000		Average \$:	550,222	
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
33971 13th Street	94587	360,000	3	1126	1955	12-16-14
31115 Alvarado Niles Rd	94587	350,000	2	1129	1983	12-12-14
4266 Comet Circle	94587	392,000	3	1137	1972	12-12-14
4590 Ojai Loop	94587	725,000	3	1976	1983	12-15-14
4451 Pomponi Street	94587	825,000	4	2043	1994	12-12-14
2327 Royal Ann Drive	94587	560,000	3	1630	1981	12-12-14
31258 San Andreas Drive	94587	625,000	2	1195	1969	12-17-14
4510 Sandra Court	94587	635,000	6	1764	1971	12-12-14
2666 Village Court	94587	480,000	2	1484	1985	12-16-14

Fremont as a semifinalist for Energy Prize

BY DAVID R. NEWMAN

The City of Fremont recently advanced to the semifinal round (Stage 3) of the Georgetown University Energy Prize (GUEP), a friendly competition created to help develop sustainable, energy-savings innovations in communities throughout the nation. A prize of 5 million dollars will be awarded to the winning city in 2017.

“Fremont has always focused on energy efficiency. We have our own cleantech cluster, with more than 30 clean and green tech firms calling Fremont home,” said City of Fremont Mayor Bill Harrison. “Sustainability is a major theme for our future vision. By participating in the Georgetown University Energy Prize, we can continue to achieve energy milestones for future generations to come.”

Fremont joins four other Bay Area cities (Berkeley, Palo Alto, San Mateo and Sunnyvale) in a field of fifty communities spread across the country. “The competition looks truly like America,” said Dr. Francis Slakey, founder and executive director of the Georgetown University Energy Prize. “Not only do these communities come from across the map, they come from across the political spectrum, represent all socioeconomic strata, and include demographically diverse populations. Some are paying the highest prices for energy, some have the ambition to be carbon net-zero, but all communities share the goal of transforming America’s energy future.”

The competition launched in 2013 and hundreds of communities expressed interest in competing. Stage 1 ran from April to June

of 2013 and saw 72 submitted letters of intent and/or applications. Stage 2 ran from August to November of 2014, during which time cities were invited to submit plans detailing their energy-saving strategies.

The idea behind the contest was to help small and medium-sized towns think about ways to become more energy efficient, and to develop an energy plan that is sustainable, replicable, and easily deployed with limited resources. This means getting everyone involved, from residents to businesses to utilities to government. Hence the competition's slogan: "It All Starts With Community."

Cities will track their energy usage (electricity and natural gas) and report it to the GUEP staff at regular intervals. This usage will be compared to a baseline energy usage from 2013 and 2014. In 2017, at the end of Stage 3, the ten communities that have done the best job of reducing overall energy usage will be invited to the finalist round.

The City of Fremont has partnered with PG&E to accomplish this task. In fact, the utility has played a major role in this competition, assisting with initial research, and pledging \$20,000 to help implement energy saving initiatives.

Rachel DiFranco, Sustainability Coordinator for the City of Fremont, is also the author of the energy plan submitted to Georgetown University, and thinks the community is ready for change. “I’d like to run a Fremont Green Homes Challenge, and I’d also like to run a Solarize Fremont effort. In addition to that, I’m working closely with the school district to figure out ways that we can really encourage students to be part of this. We also are strategizing around how to engage the cleantech sector in Fremont.”

DiFranco explains that there are several ways for residents to become involved in this effort. Bike riding and electric vehicles will be more strongly promoted. And homeowners are encouraged to look closely at their

own energy usage. One way to do that is to visit PG&E's Home Energy Analyzer, a free online tool.

DiFranco is also committed to getting residents access to financing should they need it. She urges everyone to take advantage of the numerous local, state, and federal programs out there, such as the CaliforniaFIRST Program, which is an easy way to help pay for energy upgrades.

Another way to get involved is to volunteer. DiFranco is hoping to recruit what she calls Community Energy Champions, or those individuals who would like to take on a leadership role and help her promote energy-reducing strategies. “They can be the ones helping to spread the message to their respective networks, whether it’s other students at the school they attend, whether it’s their coworkers, their neighbors, their friends, the family, their churches.”

During the coming months, the public is welcome to attend meetings of the Environmental Sustainability Commission, which will be overseeing Fremont's energy plan. And should the city win, the public will again be invited to discuss what to do with the money. Some current ideas include school projects, grants, rebates, and green infrastructure.

"It's all about the community," says DiFranco. "It's up to everyone to help define the way we move forward in a more sustainable and urban fashion."

For more information, visit guelap.org,
www.fremont.gov/GUEP, californiafirst.org,
and www.homeenergyanalyzer.org. Contact
Rachel DiFranco at (510) 494-4451 or
RDIFranco@fremont.gov.



Gentle Giants in Danger

In shallow salty waters and rivers, a large, slow-moving creature swims and grazes. It is called a manatee. A shy and very gentle herbivore, it is completely harmless.

For almost 50 million years, manatees have grazed the earth's tropical lagoons, rivers and bays. In Florida alone, there were once thousands of manatees. But now there are less than 3,000 in Florida. They are in danger of becoming extinct.

Varooooom! All too often the people who like to go boating in these same waters ignore the *Caution* signs. Manatees get cut by the sharp propellers and many die from these run-ins.

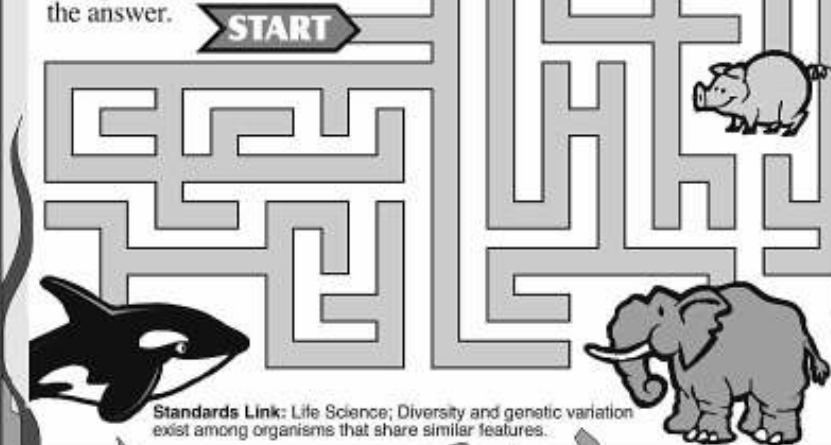
The warm, shallow waters where manatees live are disappearing or becoming polluted. This loss of habitat is another reason manatees are endangered.

Standards Link: Life Science; Living things depend on one another and the environment for survival; the physical conditions of the environment can change and these changes can be detrimental.



What's That?

Manatees are mammals. To what animal is the manatee related? Complete the maze to discover the answer.



Standards Link: Life Science; Diversity and genetic variation exist among organisms that share similar features.

Worrisome Waters

When manatees accidentally eat trash left behind by humans, they can die. Help clean the lagoon by finding all of the things that don't belong.

Standards Link: Scientific methods; Sort objects by attributes.



The Mermaid Legend

Long ago, sailors told tales of lovely sea creatures called mermaids. When early European explorers first saw manatees, they thought they were mermaids. Christopher Columbus wrote in his log book that they were not as beautiful as he had thought they would be.

"They are not as beautiful as they are painted, to some extent they have a human appearance in the face."

Standards Link: Literary Analysis; Understand the origin and format of legends.

Find at least five differences between what Pirate Pete *thinks* he sees and what is *really* there.



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

Manatee Math

Look through the newspaper for numbers that add up to the length and weight of manatee calves and adults.

Standards Link: Math; Compute sums.

FACE FACTS: When manatees greet each other they nuzzle each other on the face.

Manatees are the state marine mammals of Florida



In 1981 singer/songwriter Jimmy Buffet and Bob Graham, who was then governor of Florida, started the Save the Manatee Club because manatees were put on the international endangered wildlife list.

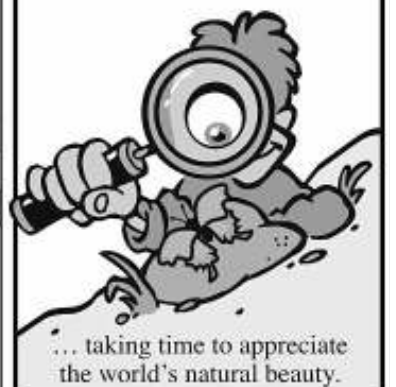
The goal of the club is to protect the habitats where manatees live and reduce manatee deaths due to human interaction.

On their website you can watch manatees on their web cam during the season. The scars on their bodies identify individual manatees.

You can also adopt a real manatee through the club and help protect those manatees at one of three locations in Florida. On registration you get a full biography and a picture of "your" manatee.

For more information go to savethemanatee.org/coolstuff and to adopt call 1-800-432-5646.

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Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word **WAVES** in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

V	W			S
	A		V	
W	V			
	E			
	S	A		

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:
EXTINCT

The adjective **extinct** means to no longer exist.

Dinosaurs have been **extinct** for millions of years.

Use the word **extinct** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

Write On!

I Met a Mermaid!

Finish this story.

Manatee Facts

- Manatees come up for air every 7 to 10 minutes.
- Adult manatees eat over 100 pounds of water plants each day.
- Manatee calves are 3 feet (1 meter) long when they are born and weigh about 100 pounds. They grow to be about 6 feet-long and weigh about 1,000 pounds.

THE MANATEE SECRET CODE



Standards Link: Life Science; When the environment changes because of natural or man-made forces some animals struggle to survive or become extinct.

Double Double Word Search

MANATEE
GENTLE
GIANTS
DANGER
MERMAIDS
CALVES
TRASH
WARM
WATERS
SWIMS
SALTY
TEAM
CLEAN
FACE
TALES

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

S	R	E	T	A	W	S	G	A	V
G	E	F	A	C	E	I	S	T	S
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R	A	S	S	L	T	A	W	E	T
T	N	T	C	L	E	A	N	E	S
D	A	N	G	E	R	E	C	L	U
B	M	A	I	M	S	A	L	T	Y

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Animals in Sports

Look at the sports pages of your newspaper. How many teams are named for animals? Why do you think each team chose that animal name? If you were to name a team the Manatees, what kind of sport would they play?

Standards Link: Social science; Connecting current events to students' lives.



If you are swimming in the ocean and a big alligator attacks you, what should you do?

ANSWER: Nothing. There are no alligators in the ocean!

Pat Kite’s Garden

Orchids

By Pat Kite

Almost every time I enter a room, somebody asks me how to successfully grow orchids. Answering is very embarrassing. I will tell you the truth. This is how I grow orchids. Sometimes my kids get me one for a present. On occasion I buy them, either Dendrobium or Phalaenopsis. These are the ones usually sold at supermarkets and similar. I buy them because they are splendid, or because they cheer me up, or because they are a plant with flowers.

I put the orchid on my kitchen counter where I can enjoy it. I read the instructions. The orchid gets some sun, lots of compliments, a dose of water. I admire it while it slowly tries to drop dead. Now I feel bad. But rather than planning an orchid funeral, I gently take the plant in its pot and carefully carry it

around the corner. There, I give it to my friend Francine. She has quite a few orchids, some of them mine. She puts the Phalaenopsis on a shelf by the window. The Dendrobium goes in her yard. In a year, or so, my Phalaenopsis or Dendrobium is blooming its pretty little head off. It is even starting to multiply in the pot. Her house looks like a flower display. And that, my questioning

readers, is how I grow orchids. Here are very brief book instructions. Keep Phalaenopsis in medium chopped bark or commercial orchid medium. They are basically hothouse plants. In winter, day temperature should be 71 degrees F and 62 degrees F at night. Humidity stays at 70 percent. Water once a week. Use a diluted orchid fertilizer ever two weeks during the growing season. Dendrobium is often grown outdoors under tree shade or in a

gazebo. You usually buy them in one-gallon pots. They do not like being repotted. Water regularly, but let the pot dry out before re-watering. Fertilize every two weeks during the growing season. According to a reference book, Dendrobiums are “not very difficult to grow, even for a beginner.”

Orchids achieve their name from the shape of their tubers (i.e. “orchis”). Long ago, orchids were called a variety of names, some of them fit for a family newspaper. These include “fox stones,” “goatstones,” “dogstones” and “sweet cods.” In case you think plants aren’t super sexy, scientist Hieronymous Braunschweig wrote this ditty in 1500 A.D. “All in all orchids are, even in their names, closely connected with the power that geveeth lust unto the workes of generacyon and multiplycacyon of sperma.”

However going further back in time, Chinese poet-statesman Qu-Yuan (340-278 B.C.E.) firmly stated that orchids symbolize moral virtue. These dilemmas continue today. To find out more, there are multiple Orchid Societies in the Bay Area, including those that sponsor field trips.



PAT KITE

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

City of Fremont News Briefs

SUBMITTED BY CHERYL GOLDEN

Fremont Ranked 5th Best City to Find a Job

For those in search of employment opportunities in the New Year, 2015 is a good time to be on the job market, and Fremont is the place to be! The City of Fremont was recently ranked the fifth best city to find a job in 2015, according to a new study from WalletHub. In an analysis of 150 of the most populated cities across 16 key metrics, ranging from job opportunities to employment growth, Fremont was a clear standout in the rankings. For more information, please refer to the full WalletHub article at [www.Fremont.gov/WalletHub](#).

Composting for Business Program Expanded

The City of Fremont offers a commercial recycling program for collecting and composting food scraps and food-soiled paper called the Composting for Business program. Alameda County’s Mandatory Recycling Ordinance requires food service businesses to separate compostable materials from garbage as of July 1, 2014. To comply with the new law, we are expand-

ing the Composting for Business program and will now offer it to all food service facilities, regardless of size.

Food scraps make up about 60 percent of a sit-down restaurant’s waste stream and in Fremont, composting services cost about 50 percent less than the same level of monthly garbage service. Staff in the Environmental Services Division is available to visit your site, estimate potential savings and provide training to your staff, at no cost to your business. Please contact Lori Marra at 510-494-4581 or [lmarra@fremont.gov](#).

Sign up for a Free Personal Emergency Preparedness Class

The City of Fremont’s Fire Department is offering a free Personal Emergency Preparedness (PEP) class, which will teach you how to take care of yourself and your family before, during and after a disaster. In just a single three-hour class, you will become an expert in:

- Earthquake and Disaster Awareness
- Gas, Electric and Water Shut-off
- Hazardous Material Awareness
- Fire Extinguisher Types
- Smoke Detector Placement
- Sheltering In-place

Classes are held from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on: January 22; March 10; May 13; July 8; September 24; November 10.

Special Saturday classes will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., with hands on training after class, on: March 14; July 18; October 17

All classes will be located at the Fremont Fire Training Tower, located at 7200 Stevenson Blvd., west of Interstate 880. To register for a free PEP class, please call 510-494-4244 or send an email to [Fire-PubEd@fremont.gov](#).

If you would like to schedule your own personal group PEP class, please contact Chuck Guaraglia, Public Education with the Fremont Fire Department, at 510-792-3473 or [guaragliac@comcast.net](#).

Nature Learning Center and the Monarch Butterfly

The Monarch butterfly population is declining rapidly. Milkweed is the Monarch’s primary food source, and the increased use of herbicides on genetically-modified, herbicide-resistant crops like corn and soybeans, has been detrimental for milkweed plants. To help create a safe habitat for the Monarchs, Ranger Laurie started growing milkweed plants and establishing them in the native garden at the Nature Learning Center within Central Park. For more information about the programs offered at the Nature Learning Center, please visit [www.Fremont.gov/NLC](#).

You can help at home by creating your very own monarch habitat:

Plant native milkweed (some non-native plants disturb migratory patterns)

Provide nectar plants and include flowers that bloom during fall migration

Avoid pesticides. Pesticides and herbicides kill monarchs at all stages of the life cycle.

Our Water Our World ([www.ourwater-ourworld.org](#)) offers some great, less toxic alternatives.

Scientists need data to understand all stages of the monarch’s annual cycle. Citizen scientists contribute valuable observations. You can report your sightings online at [www.Learner.org](#).

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

Starting February 2 through April 15, trained IRS-certified VITA tax preparers from the SparkPoint Fremont Family Resource Center (FRC) Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program will be providing free quality tax preparation with e-filing for qualified individuals and families with household incomes of \$53,000 or less annually. Tax preparation assistance will be available at the Fremont Family Resource Center Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tax preparation assistance is also offered in locations throughout the Tri-City area.

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

Emeritus at Fremont earns national award

SUBMITTED BY DENISE GRAAB

On Friday, January 16, 2015, Caring.com, a senior care resource website, presented a special award to Emeritus at Fremont, a Brookdale community, for service excellence based on consumer ratings and reviews.

This assisted living community is one of only four recipients in Alameda County, including two in Fremont, one in Hayward and another in Oakland. Emeritus at Fremont is among the 805 assisted living communities to earn the Caring Stars of 2015 award this year, representing the top assisted living and memory care communi-

ties in the country. The list also includes Casa Sandoval in Hayward and Emeritus at Atherton Court in Fremont.

To be considered for Caring Stars of 2015, the community had to receive at least three new consumer reviews in the last year, including at least one 5-star review; possess a high overall average rating across all reviews on their listing to demonstrate excellence and consistency; and have no unresolved negative reviews to demonstrate responsiveness to critical feedback online. To view the full list of winners, visit [www.caring.com/about/news-room/caring-stars-2015.html](#).



Optimist International Essay Contest

SUBMITTED BY DARRYL REINA

The Newark Optimist Club invites Tri-City students to participate in their 2015 Essay Contest. This year’s topic for the 700 to 800 word essay is: “Optimism Should Be a Priority.” Students under the age of 19, who have not graduated from high

school, are eligible and encouraged to enter the contest.

At the local club level, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place medallions and cash prizes (\$200, \$125, & \$75) will be awarded. The first place essay will be sent on to the District competition where the winner will be awarded a \$2,500 college scholarship.

For more information and an application that includes rules, please visit [www.optimist.org](#) and (click on Visitors, Programs, Scholarships, and Essay Contest) or email Essay Contest Chairman, Darryl Reina, at [darryl14r@aol.com](#) for application and contest information.

Completed essays may be emailed to

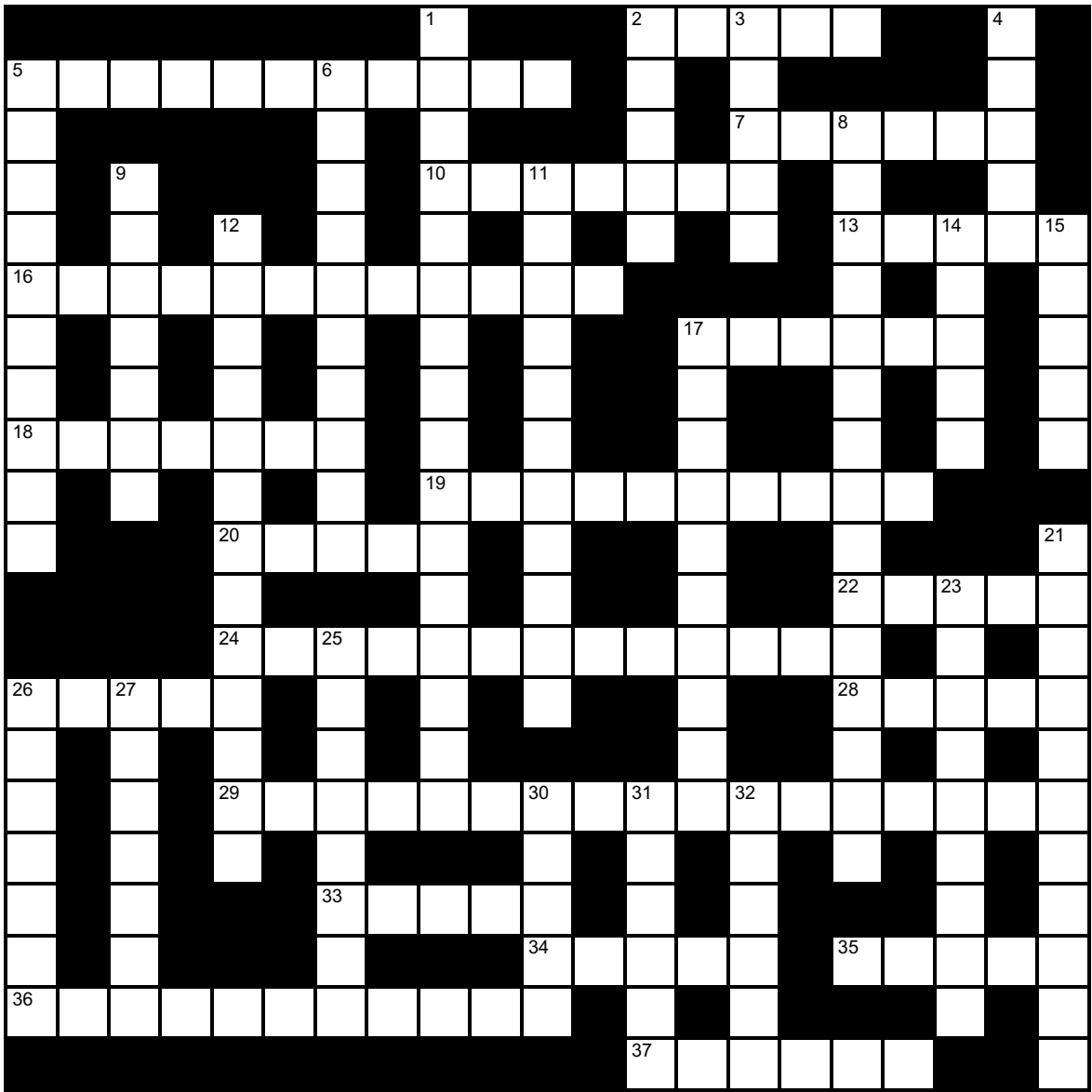
Essay Contest Chairman, Darryl Reina, at [darryl14r@aol.com](#), or sent by mail to: Newark Optimist Club, PO Box 402, Newark, CA 94560

The deadline for entries to be received is February 6. Local club winners will be announced on February 13.

Mind Twisters

Crossword Puzzle

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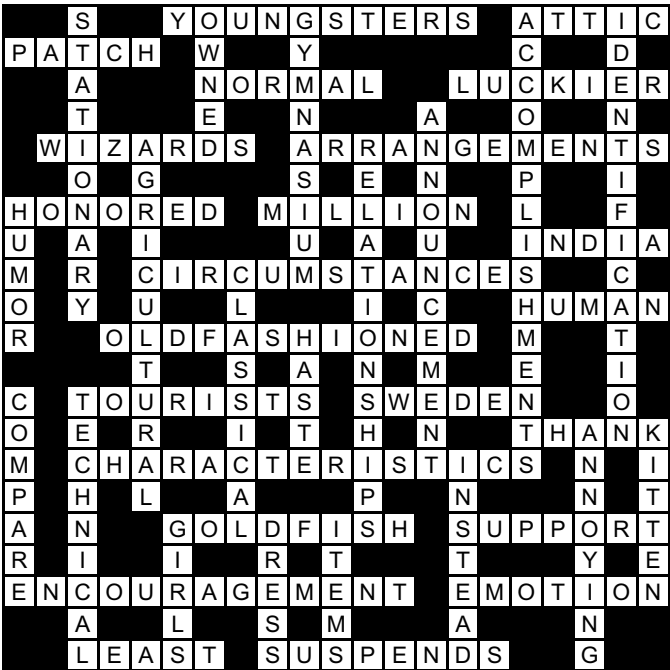
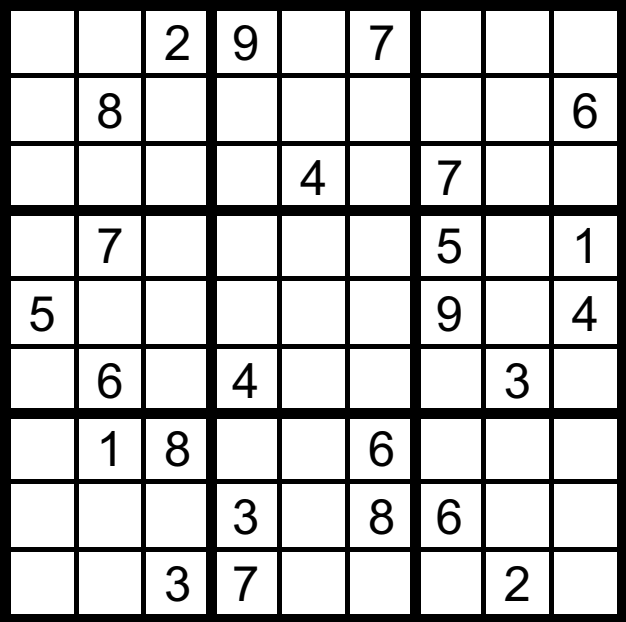
- Across
- 2 Posts usually surrounded by walls and occupied by troops (5)
- 5 Progress (11)
- 7 Like Miss Congeniality (6)
- 10 Gathering stuff (7)
- 13 Cy Young, e.g. (5)
- 16 Enough (12)
- 17 Fix (6)
- 18 Carry out (7)
- 19 Print in italic type (10)
- 20 Deadly (5)
- 22 Dander (5)
- 24 Connection between people by blood or marriage (13)
- 26 Big name in computers (5)
- 28 A goner (5)
- 29 Where Santa puts gifts (9,8)

- 33 The Dow, e.g. (5)
- 34 Overthrow, e.g. (5)
- 35 Bacon bit (5)
- 36 Girl students (11)
- 37 Difficult (6)
- Down
- 1 Onus of doing work (16)
- 2 Delicate (5)
- 3 Steps of a ladder (5)
- 4 Carafe size (5)
- 5 Water flowing towards the lower part of land (10)
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- 8 Features (15)
- 9 Bid (7)
- 11 Festivities to commemorate a day (11)
- 12 Perimeter of a circle (13)

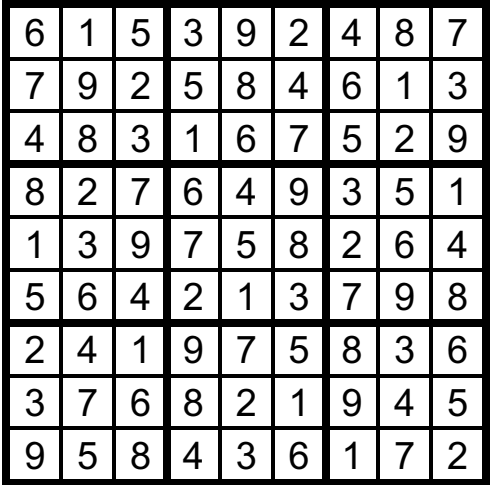
- 14 Bond, for one (5)
- 15 Exhaust (5)
- 17 Vehicle designed for operation in space (10)
- 21 Process of producing images of people, objects or places (11)
- 23 Existing only in someone's mind - not real (9)
- 25 Knowledge acquired by systematic study (8)
- 26 Four legged creatures (7)
- 27 Make known (7)
- 30 Combinations of things (5)
- 31 Apparition (6)
- 32 Ten, twenty, ____ (6)

Sudoku:

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



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Tri-City Stargazer JANUARY 21 – JANUARY 27, 2014 BY VIVIAN CAROL

For All Signs: Mercury, ancient god of travel, communications and routine business, turns retrograde on January 21 and continues in his retrograde trek across the sign of Aquarius through the end of February. Routine astrological advice suggests: 1) Delay the initiation of important new projects. 2) Use this time to research and investigate alternatives for action but make no final costly decisions on major plans. 3) Avoid writing or signing contracts. Often there are loopholes or missing parts, which create difficulties later. 4) Avoid major purchases of transportation or communication equipment. The time is most favorably used to compare alternatives, research details, finish projects started long ago or look deeply into one's interior psyche (i.e. hypnosis, prayer, meditation, psychotherapy). Whatever is lost or misplaced on a Mercury retrograde will resurface. The challenging weeks since January 1 may have brought with them global issues that must be redressed, lest catastrophe takes over.

Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20): You need to extricate yourself from a very difficult situation. Now is the time to disengage from promises or plans that likely will not be good for you in the future. Be especially cautious about proceeding with anything one might consider secretive or behind the scenes. This is not a time to move forward.

Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20): You are under pressure from legal forces and also persons behind the scenes. You probably need to go back to the beginning of whatever has happened since the beginning of January and start again to find errors that are causing you difficulties now. If you do so, this matter may be handled by next week.

Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20): Your ruling planet is changing directions in the territory which deals with education, publishing, travel, public speaking, the law, and philosophy. Therefore any of these activities are subject to shifts, changes, or sudden deceleration due to lack of decision. Maybe the right solution is not available yet. Have a sense of humor. You know Mercury is retrograding.

Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21): A changing social situation or a particular friend wanders across your radar this week. You are left with a lot to think about as a result. Your feathers may be ruffled a bit, but this is no major deal. Stay in communication with your partner. You may be struggling with the complexity of woman as lover versus woman as mother/caretaker now.

Leo the Lion (July 22-August 22): You are attending to responsibilities this week. It is a fairly serious time in which you feel somehow ethically or morally bound to follow through with commitments to the outside world. It is possible you are somehow teaching others what you have learned. Your partner(s) or close friends may be shifting directions, so it is important to do what you can do for yourself.

Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22): Whatever your good health routines, you may feel the need to go back and start over. If you are searching for something, check your desk, files, and any place that you normally keep records. Clean out old paper accumulations and the

stacks of stuff that you never seem to get finished. It will clear your mind and help you feel restored.

Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22): You may be caught between a rock and a hard place. Circumstances in the recent past have trapped you into a situation in which you must explain your actions. You have done nothing wrong, but others may claim you did. So tell your story without a defensive attitude and others may understand.

Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21): If you didn't disengage from a dark situation last week, then now is the time to get free. You and Aries have a similar message, so check that sign for extra information. Your situation is related to a lover and/or a child. It is potentially dangerous. Take freedom now. Do not look back.

Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21): You are launching a new project in self-definition. Anything new can be intimidating, but remind yourself that you stand on the security of solid research in your field. You will communicate bet-

ter by mail, then phone, if you need someone's help. Look at the options and gather data now. Then present your case after Mercury goes direct.

Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19): A beautiful object may be calling your name at this time. Resist until you've had plenty of time to search the competition. Even if this is a part needed to repair property, keep looking around until you find a better price or an item more suited to your needs.

Aquarius the Water Bearer (January 20-February 18): You have more than a little bit going on in your mind. The pressure may be heavy to make decisions now. You do not have to do that. Take your time, wait it out until such time as you feel really clear.

See the lead paragraph. This might take six weeks.

Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20): Congratulations! You have a break from new aspects for this week. However, last week and the weeks before have put you through a ringer. You probably need some time to clean up the debris and bring this challenging time to a close. Take a breather if you can.

Are you interested in a personal horoscope?
Vivian Carol may be reached at (704) 366-3777 for private psychotherapy or astrology appointments (fee required).



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Celebrating India Republic Day

PHOTO BY RITU MAHESHWARI

One of the three national holidays in India, Republic Day commemorates the Constitution of India, which came into effect on January 26, 1950. Although India gained independence from British rule on August 15, 1947, no constitution was drafted at this time to help govern its citizens. A Drafting Committee was formed to prepare the constitution's first draft, which was presented to the Constituent Assembly on November 4, 1947; the Constitution of India was finalized on November 26, 1949.

While Independence Day in August celebrates India's freedom from British rule, Republic Day is officially celebrated on January 26. The date was chosen to also remember the Purna Swaraj or Declaration of the Independence of India, promulgated by the Indian National Congress on January 26, 1930. The holiday is celebrated in the national capital, New Delhi, with a parade in the presence of India's President. The Prime Minister also lays a floral wreath at the Amar Jawan Jyoti memorial in remembrance of fallen soldiers.

Local events around the Tri-City area are scheduled in honor of India Republic Day:

Celebrate the 66th Republic Day of India, a celebration of democracy, on Sunday, January 25, at Santa Clara Convention Center. Enjoy vibrant cultural programs, patriotic songs and delicious snacks with invited dignitaries. Venkatesan Ashok, the Consul General of India, is the chief guest. The event is hosted by Federation of Indo-Americans (FIA) of Northern California.

India's 66th Republic Day
Sunday, Jan 25
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Santa Clara Convention Center
5001 Great America Pkwy, Santa Clara
www.fiaonline.org
Free

Join families, talented kids, and city dignitaries in celebrating the 9th Annual India Republic Day Celebrations on Sunday, February 1, at Lake Elizabeth in Fremont. Presented by Radio Zindagi and Young Leaders Academy, the event will fea-

ture cultural performances, including dances from states of India and Bollywood. Kids will also participate in an art competition, as well as a talent contest that will showcase their dancing, singing, and public speaking prowess. To register for the competitions, contact Ajay Bhutoria at (510) 378-0698 or bhutoria.ajay@gmail.com.

India Republic Day Celebrations
Sunday, Feb 1
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Lake Elizabeth, Performance Pavilion
40204 Paseo Padre Pkwy, Fremont
(510) 378 – 0698
bhutoria.ajay@gmail.com
Free



Featured Showcase artist: Mitchell Neto



SUBMITTED BY SUSAN HELMER

Mitchell Neto is the current Featured Showcase artist for the Fremont Art Association (FAA). He is a multi-faceted individual involved in a wide variety of creative interests, with fine art oil painting being his most compelling. After more than 30 years providing engineering support in high-energy physics/fusion energy research, Neto began transitioning into a career as a fine art oil painter in 2006. He continues to develop his craft under the guidance of several acclaimed masters including Charles H. White of Castro Valley, Brian Blood of Pebble Beach, and Eric Rhoads, publisher of Fine Art Connoisseur and Plein Air magazines.

Artisanal wine-making, theatrical set design, and architecture are among Neto's other pursuits. He recently released a set of wine

labels that feature his art and are being applied to locally produced wines by the "boutique" wineries Alamo Creek, Mike Affinito Wines, and Dois Amigos do Brazil Vintners. Two of these label paintings, "Vibrant Rose" and Timber Cove," are featured in the current FAA exhibit.

Featured Showcase Artist:
Mitchell Neto
Saturday, Jan 17 –
Sunday, Feb 1
Tuesday: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Wednesday: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Friday - Sunday:
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U9 Girls & Boys (DOB: 8/01/06 – 07/31/07)

JAN 31, FEB 7 – 9AM-11AM – Shorty Garcia Park #2

BOYS FEB 3 – 5PM-7PM. GIRLS FEB 5 – 5PM-7PM Shorty Garcia #2

U10 Girls & Boys (DOB: 8/01/05 – 07/31/06)

JAN 31, FEB 7 – 11AM-1PM – Shorty Garcia Park #2

BOYS FEB 3 – 5PM-7PM. GIRLS FEB 5 – 5PM-7PM Shorty Garcia #2

U11 Girls & Boys (DOB: 8/01/04 – 07/31/05)

JAN 31, FEB 7 – 1PM-3PM – Shorty Garcia Park #2

BOYS FEB 3 – 5PM-7PM. GIRLS FEB 5 – 5PM-7PM Shorty Garcia #2

U12 Girls & Boys (DOB: 8/01/03 – 07/31/04)

FEB 21, FEB 28 – 9AM-11AM – Shorty Garcia Park #2

BOYS FEB 24 – 7PM-9PM. GIRLS FEB 26 – 7PM-9PM Shorty Garcia #2

U13 Girls & Boys (DOB: 8/01/02 – 07/31/03)

JAN 31, FEB 7 – 11AM-1PM – Shorty Garcia Park #2

BOYS FEB 24 – 7PM-9PM. GIRLS FEB 26 – 7PM-9PM Shorty Garcia #2

U14 Girls & Boys (DOB: 8/01/01 – 07/31/02)

JAN 31, FEB 7 – 1PM-3PM – Shorty Garcia Park #2

BOYS FEB 24 – 7PM-9PM. GIRLS FEB 26 – 7PM-9PM Shorty Garcia #2



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Tuesdays, Dec 23 thru Jan 27
Bridge 1
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
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Tuesdays, Dec 23 thru Jan 27
Bridge 2
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Seniors master game strategy
Silliman Activity Center
6800 Mowry Ave., Newark
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Fremont residents bring trees for composting
Republic Services
42600 Boyce Rd., Fremont
(510) 657-3500

Tuesdays, Jan 6 thru Feb 24
Toddler Time Winter Edition \$
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Meet farm animals
Ages 1 - 4
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
(510) 544-2797
www.ebparks.org

Thursday, Jan 9 - Sunday, Jan 31
Collective Musings
12 noon - 5 p.m.
Contemporary and abstract works
Olive Hyde Art Gallery
123 Washington Blvd., Fremont
(510) 791-4357
www.olivehydeartguild.org

Arts & Entertainment

Friday, Jan 10 - Sunday, Jan 25
Seussical the Musical \$
Fri & Sat: 7:30 p.m.
Sun: 2:30 p.m.
Magical extravaganza featuring Dr. Seuss characters
Smith Center
43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont
(510) 659-6031
www.starstrucktheatre.org

Saturdays and Sundays, Jan 10 thru Feb 28
Family Fun Hour
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Stories, games and activities
Ages 5+
Coyote Hills Regional Park
8000 Patterson Ranch Rd., Fremont
(510) 544-3220
www.ebparks.org

Mondays, Jan 12 thru Mar 2
Bereavement Support Group
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Honor lost loved ones
Fremont Senior Center
40086 Paseo Padre Parkway, Fremont
(510) 574-2063

Wednesday, Jan 14 - Saturday, Feb 28
Trails Challenge 2015
8 a.m.
Self-guided hiking program
Participants receive guidebook, tee shirt and pin
East Bay Regional Parks District
2950 Peralta Oaks Ct, Oakland
(888) 327-2757
www.RegionalParksFoundation.org

Thursday, Jan 15 - Saturday, Feb 6
Places We Have Never Been
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Artwork by James Pridham and Paintbrush Diplomacy
Foothill Arts of the Bay
22394 Foothill Blvd., Hayward
(510) 538-2787
www.haywardarts.org

Thursday, Jan 15 - Friday, Feb 20
A.R.T. Inc. Members Exhibit
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Wide range of pieces and mediums
Adobe Art Center
20395 San Miguel Ave., Castro Valley
(510) 881-6735
www.haywardrec.org



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Tuesday, Jan 20
Expressway Plan 2040 Public Meeting
6:30 pm
San Tomas and Lawrence Expressways
West Valley Branch Library
1243 San Tomas Aquino Road,
San Jose
(408) 573-2417
www.Expressways.info

Wednesday, Jan 21
ARTSFUND Grant Information Workshop
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Visual and performing arts grant program
Application deadline 3/5/15
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 208-9646
artscommission@acgov.org
www.acgov.org/arts

Wednesday, Jan 21
Town Hall Meeting on Bullying
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
James Logan High School, Little Theater
1800 H St, Union City
(510)745-9151 ext. 339

Wednesday, Jan 21
All About Nonprofit Relationships \$R
11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Advice to run a successful nonprofit
Niles Bankers Building
37611 Niles Blvd., Fremont
(510) 795-2244 x103
kkaneshiro@fremontbusiness.com

Thursday, Jan 22
Starting a Successful Business – R
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Discuss business plans and human resources
Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Ave.,
Castro Valley
(510) 667-7900
www.aclibrary.org

Thursday, Jan 22
Secrets of the Slides \$
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Stunning pictures of plant and wildlife
Hayward Area Historical Museum
22380 Foothill Blvd., Hayward
(501) 581-0223
www.haywardareahistory.org

Thursday, Jan 22
Expressway Plan 2040 Public Meeting
6:30 pm
Capitol Expressway
Seven Trees Community Center
3590 Cas Drive, San Jose
(408) 573-2417
www.Expressways.info

Friday, Jan 23 -Saturday, Jan 24
Science for Youth
Fri: 4:30 p.m. & Sat: 3:30 p.m.
Lecture and demonstration for all ages
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400
scienceforyouth@gmail.com
www.aclibrary.org

Friday, Jan 23
Latino Business Roundtable Meeting
8:30 a.m.
Discuss hiring and retaining Hispanic talent
St. Rose Hospital
27200 Calaroga Ave., Hayward
(510) 537-2424
www.hayward.org

Friday, Jan 23
Health and Resource Fair
1:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Over 30 agencies to meet family needs
Lincoln Elementary School
36111 Bettencourt St, Newark
(510) 818-3500
www.newarkunified.org

City Heroes Honored at Chamber Gala

SUBMITTED BY THE HAYWARD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

In a unique twist on its tradition, the Hayward Chamber of Commerce will honor a family with its Business Person of the Year Award at the 71st annual “Hayward Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala” on January 31, held at California State University, East Bay.

The Ly family, founders of Sugar Bowl Bakery, will be honored as “Business Family of the Year” along with recognition of the Educator, Firefighter, and Police Officer of the Year.

“This is one of Hayward’s great traditions and reflects the esteem this city has for those that make community service part of their life’s work,” said Kim Huggett, president and CEO of the Chamber. “The fact that the gala sells out every year says a lot about Hayward.”

This year’s event will feature a reception from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., followed by a gourmet meal, serving of fine wines, and the awards ceremony. Silent and live auctions will benefit Leadership Hayward, now in its 25th year of training Hayward’s current and future leaders.

Those to be honored are:

-Business Family of the Year:
The Ly family of Sugar Bowl Bakery
-Educator of the Year: Jessica Saavedra, principal of Glassbrook Elementary School

-Police Officer of the Year: Officers Craig Fovel and Aaron Runulfson

-Firefighter of the Year: Capt. Don Nichelson

Business Family of the Year
“This is the 25th year this award has been given and for the first time it goes to an entire family,” said Kaiser Permanente Public Affairs Director Debra Lambert at the announcement ceremony November 19. Kaiser Permanente sponsors the award.

“Their story began when five Vietnamese brothers made their way from Vietnam to the San Francisco Bay Area in 1979 and learned English, while family members worked as handymen, busboys, newspaper carriers, and seamstresses,” Lambert said. “They pooled their incomes to buy a small coffee shop in San Francisco’s Richmond District and expanded their bakery operations.

“They moved the business to Hayward, and with their talent and hard work, have turned Sugar Bowl Bakery into a multimillion dollar enterprise with 300 employees and a devotion to Hayward that puts them among this city’s most exceptional corporate citizens.”

Police Officers of the Year
For the 44th consecutive year, the Police Officer of the Year Award is sponsored by St. Rose Hospital. St. Rose Hospital Foundation Director Mike Cobb said that connection “speaks to the historic ties between St. Rose and a police department

with which we have had such a close relationship.”

Cobb noted that this year honorees – Officers Craig Fovel and Aaron Runulfson – have been accomplished officers for a number of years and shown great initiative and skill.

This year the two officers formed a unique team as part of District Command’s Downtown Bicycle Patrol, and have had a direct impact on reducing crime and serving as the city’s goodwill ambassadors. In fact, some merchants call them the “mayors of downtown.”

Firefighter of the Year
Firefighter of the Year Don Nichelson was hired by Hayward Fire Department in 2000 and has worked as a firefighter, apparatus operator, and was promoted to staff captain last year. He has the high-profile position of public information officer as well as public education officer, and participates in many programs the department offers to the citizens of Hayward.

“He is an example of the professionalism we expect in the Hayward Fire Department,” said Hayward Chamber of Commerce President Kim Huggett, speaking on behalf of the award sponsor Paramedics Plus.

Educator of the Year
Glassbrook Elementary School Principal Jessica Saavedra has served students in Hayward schools for 16 years, rallying her community around a vision for improved

student achievement. Her selection was announced by Michael Mahoney, a member of the board of directors for Tri-CED Community Recycling, which sponsors the award, as well as Alameda County Supervisor Richard Valle.

“Jessica has brought resources to the school through grants and community based organizations and has led the transition to Common Core at the school,” Mahoney said. “As a result Glassbrook’s Academic Performance Index improved by 25 points after her first year, the second greatest gain in the District.”

Reservations for the gala, black tie optional, are \$125 apiece and \$1,000 for a table and can be arranged by calling the Hayward Chamber of Commerce at (510) 537-2424, or visiting 22561 Main Street.

Hayward Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala
Saturday, Jan 31
6 p.m.: No-host bar, hors d'oeuvres & silent auction
7 p.m.: Dinner & presentation of awards

Cal State University East Bay University Union
25800 Carlos Bee Blvd, Hayward
(510) 537-2424
www.hayward.org
Tickets: \$125

New Year's Resolution – Meditation

Led by Guo Gu (Dr. Jimmy Yu), Chan (Zen) Teacher

Public Talk:Chan (Zen), Life and Awakening
1/24 (Sat) 2:00 - 5:00 pm

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Tuesday, Jan 20
10:00 – 11:15 Daycare Center Visit - FREMONT
1:30 – 2:30 Mission Hills Middle School, 250 Tamarack Dr., UNION CITY
2:45 – 3:15 Purple Lotus Buddhist School, 33615 - 9th St., UNION CITY
4:50 – 5:30
Mariner Park, Regents Blvd. & Dorado Dr., UNION CITY
5:40 – 6:20 Sea Breeze Park, Dyer St. & Carmel Way, UNION CITY

Wednesday, Jan 21
3:00 – 4:00 Warm Springs Community Center, 47300 Fernald St., FREMONT
4:15 – 4:50 Lone Tree Creek Park, tarlite Way & Turquoise St., FREMONT
6:00 – 6:30 Camellia Dr. & Camellia Ct., FREMONT

Thursday, Jan 22
9:30 – 10:15 Daycare Center Visit - UNION CITY
10:30 –10:50 Daycare Center Visit - UNION CITY
1:55 – 2:20 Daycare Center Visit - SAN LORENZO
2:45 – 3:40 Bay School, 2001 Bockman Rd., SAN LORENZO

Monday, Jan 26
10:00 – 10:25 Daycare Center Visit – FREMONT
10:45 – 11:15 Daycare Center Visit –

FREMONT
1:30 – 2:00 Acacia Creek, 34400 Mission Blvd., UNION CITY
2:45 – 3:45 Ardenwood School, 33955 Emilia Lane, FREMONT
5:15 – 6:45 Forest Park School, Deep Creek Rd. & Maybird Circle, FREMONT

Tuesday, Jan 27
9:45– 10:15 Daycare Center Visit – FREMONT
10:45 – 11:15 Daycare Canter Visit – FREMONT
2:15 – 2:45 Headstart – 37365 Ash St., NEWARK
4:30 – 5:20 Weibel School, 45135 South Grimmer Blvd., FREMONT
5:50 – 6:40 Booster Park, Gable Dr. & McDuff Ave., FREMONT

Wednesday, Jan 28
12:45 – 2:15 Glenmoor School, 4620 Mattos Drive, FREMONT
3:50 – 4:20 California School for the Deaf, 39350 Gallaudet Dr., FREMONT
6:00 – 6:30 Camellia Dr. & Camellia Ct., FREMONT

Milpitas Bookmobile stops
Renew books by phone (800) 471-0991
For more information (408) 293-2326 x3060

Wednesday, Jan 21
1:45-2:15 Friendly Village Park, 120 Dixon Landing Rd., MILPITAS

Friday, Jan 23
National Pie Day Event \$
4:45 p.m.
Activities for teens
Silliman Activity Center
6800 Mowry Ave., Newark
(510) 578-4620
www.newark.org

Saturday, Jan 24
Story Hunters
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Use GPS to discover landmarks
SF Bay Wildlife Refuge
1 Marshlands Rd., Fremont
(510) 792-0222
http://donedwardsstory.eventbrite.com

Saturday, Jan 24
Ohlone Village Site Tour
10 a.m. - 12 noon & 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Visit 2,000 year old Ohlone village
Coyote Hills Regional Park
8000 Patterson Ranch Rd., Fremont
(510) 544-3220
www.ebparks.org

Saturday, Jan 24 - Sunday, Jan 25
Do Monarchs Matter? \$
10:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Questions and answers about butterflies
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
(510) 544-2797
www.ebparks.org

Saturday, Jan 24
Santa Clara County /Hsinchu County Celebration
10 a.m. – Opening Ceremony – Screening of “A Year in the Clouds”
12 noon – 1 p.m. - Light lunch
1 p.m. – Screening of “Touch of the Light”
Isaac Newton Center Auditorium
Santa Clara County Government Center
70 West Hedding St., San Jose
Advance tickets: (408) 299-5115
\$10/person

Saturday, Jan 24
Covered California Enrollment Session
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Personal assistance from certified en-rollers
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400
www.aclibrary.org

Saturday, Jan 24
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

Saturday, Jan 24
Science Lecture for Children
3:30 p.m.
Program for elementary school kids
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400
www.aclibrary.org

Tuesday, Jan 24
Toddler Time Winter Edition \$
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Meet farm animals and hear stories
Ages 1 – 4
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
(510) 544-2797
www.ebparks.org

Saturday, Jan 24
Community Parent Playgroup – R
10:30 a.m.
Children with developmental delays enjoy sensory toys
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400
www.aclibrary.org

Saturday, Jan 24
Youth Dixieland Festival \$
12 noon - 5 p.m.
Variety of Jazz bands
Bronco Billy’s Pizza
41200 Blacow Road, Fremont
(510) 657-0243
Saturday, Jan 24
Navigating Your Child’s Emotional and Academic Success – R
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Educational seminar for parents
South Bay Community Church
47385 Warm Springs Blvd., Fremont
(510) 490-9500
www.eventbrite.com/educator-sonmission

Saturday, Jan 24
Zumba
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Dance for fitness
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400
www.aclibrary.org

Saturday, Jan 24
Guest Artist Presentation \$R
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Painting with Nancy Benton
Fremont Art Association
37697 Niles Blvd., Fremont
(510) 792-0905
www.nancybenton.net

Saturday, Jan 24
Mystery Author Event
2 p.m.
Authors discuss writing experiences
San Leandro Public Library
300 Estudillo Ave., San Leandro
(510) 577-3971
www.aclibrary.org

Saturday, Jan 24
Community Service
9:30 a.m. - 12 noon
Trash cleanup and weeding
SF Bay Wildlife Refuge
1 Marshlands Rd., Fremont
(510) 792-0222 x361

Saturday, Jan 24
Night Sky Party! - R
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Make charts and view stars with telescopes
Alviso Environmental Education Center
1751 Grand Blvd., Alviso
(408) 262-5513
http://nightsky.eventbrite.com

Saturday, Jan 24
Saturday Night Shows 10th Anniversary \$
7:30 p.m.
Underworld, A Lucky Strike and His New Job
Niles Essanay Theater
37417 Niles Blvd, Fremont
(510) 494-1411
www.nilesfilmmuseum.org

Saturday, Jan 24 - Sunday, Jan 25
International Children’s Film Festival \$
10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Movies, music and animation workshop
Chabot Space & Science Center
10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland
(510) 336-7300
www.chabotspace.org

Saturday, Jan 24
Welcome to the Zone
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Interactive booths, music and prizes
Barnard-White Middle School
725 Whipple Rd, Union City
(510) 471-5363
www.nhusd.k12.ca.us

Sunday, Jan 25
Marvelous Monarchs \$
12:30 p.m.
View butterflies in the greenhouse
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
(510) 544-2797
www.ebparks.org

Sunday, Jan 25
Covered California Enrollment Session
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Personal assistance from certified en-rollers
San Lorenzo Library
395 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo
(510) 670-6283
www.aclibrary.org

Sunday, Jan 25
Math for Adults
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Number Theory
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400
www.aclibrary.org

Sunday, Jan 25
Talking Picture Sunday \$
4 p.m.
One-Two-Three-Four Testing and Seven Keys to Baldpate
Niles Essanay Theater
37417 Niles Blvd, Fremont
(510) 494-1411
www.nilesfilmmuseum.org

Sunday, Jan 25
The Science of Seasons – R
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Assist in documenting climate change
SF Bay Wildlife Refuge
1 Marshlands Rd., Fremont
(510) 792-0222 x362
https://donedwardsphenology.eventbrite.com

Sunday, Jan 25
Sunday Movies at the Library
2 p.m.
“Pleasantville” PG-13
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400
www.aclibrary.org

Sunday, Jan 25
Swing n’ Stuff \$
2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Classical, Swing and Jazz arrangements
Music at the Mission
Location address provided upon RSVP
(510) 402-1724
www.musicatmsj.org

Sunday, Jan 25
Bare Root and Fruit Tree Planting Class – R
10 a.m. - 12 noon
Discussion and demonstration in the nursery
Dale Hardware
3700 Thornton Ave, Fremont
(510) 797-3700
www.dale-hardware.com

Sunday, Jan 25
Celebrate India’s Republic Day \$
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Dancing, singing and cultural programs
Santa Clara Convention Center
5001 Great America Pkwy., Santa Clara
(510) 593-7844
www.fiaonline.org

Monday, Jan 26
Legal Issues for Entrepreneurs
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Discuss business laws for small business
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 208-0410
www.lccr.com www.acsbdcc.org

Tuesday, Jan 27
Free Notary Signings for Seniors
10:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Call to schedule an appointment
Ages 50+
Ruggieri Senior Center
33997 Alvarado Niles Rd., Union City
(510) 675-5495

Tuesday, Jan 27
Covered California Enrollment Session
3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Personal assistance from certified en-rollers
Newark Branch Library
6300 Civic Terrace Ave., Newark
(510) 795-2627
www.aclibrary.org

Tuesday, Jan 27
Weekday Bird Walk
7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Tranquil walk to look for birds
Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center
4901 Breakwater Ave., Hayward
(510) 670-7270
www.haywardrec.org

Tuesday, Jan 27
Community Workshop on Niles/Sunol Trail
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Fremont Veteran’s Memorial Building
37154 – 2nd Street, Fremont
(510) 544-3137/ 1-888-EBPARKS
www.ebparks.org

Saturday, Feb 14
Open House
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
UC approved high school Hindi program
MBK Hindi School
43006 Christy St, Fremont
(510) 682-4249
www.mbk hindi.org



Local chorus looking for women Wild About Singing

SUBMITTED BY
DONNA LOU MORGAN

Bay Area Showcase Chorus invites women of all ages to join them at their annual guest program, Wild About Singing. Starting January 22, this four-week program provides free group vocal lessons where guests will learn a song in a contemporary, a cappella style. Whether you sing high, low or somewhere in between, there is a place for you! No experience is necessary and reading sheet music is not required. All you need is a love for singing and the ability to carry a tune. Women from all walks of life have joined the chorus because they are wild about singing 4-part harmony. An optional performance for friends and family will conclude the program.

Bay Area Showcase Chorus has been the Sweet Adelines International Region 12 champion chorus for most of the past 20 years. Sweet Adelines International is a worldwide organization of women singers committed to advancing the musical art form of barbershop harmony through education, competi-

tion and performance. The chorus entertains throughout the Bay Area and is led by Master Director Julie Starr. Pacific Shores, Region 12 is comprised of choruses from Northern California, Northern Nevada, Southern Oregon and Hawaii.

Start your year off right and attend the Wild About Singing guest program every Thursday night from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. (arrive at 6:30 p.m. the first night). There is a \$10 cost for materials. Bay Area Showcase Chorus rehearses inside Comunidad Cristiana del Silicon Valley in San Jose. For more information, call the chorus hotline at (408) 973-1555 or visit www.SingHarmony.org.

Wild About Singing Guest Program
Thursday, Jan 22 – Thursday, Feb 12
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Comunidad Cristiana del Silicon Valley
1748 Junction Ave, San Jose
(408) 973-1555
www.SingHarmony.org
Cost: \$10

Non Profit Industry Council program

SUBMITTED BY K. K. KANESHIRO

Throughout the year, the goal of the Non Profit Industry Council of the Fremont Chamber of Commerce is to provide the non-profit community with opportunities to network, leverage shared resources, and participate in substantive educational and development opportunities. We hope that you and your colleagues found value in our 2014 program and invite you to join us in the new year.

Our first event for 2015 will feature the return of Kay Sprinkel Grace on Wednesday, January 21. She will present, “All About Relationships: How your organization can develop a strong individual giving program and build relationships that lead to a lifetime of giving.” Costs per person for the luncheon program are \$25 for members/\$40 non members. Register at www.fremontbusiness.com

Kay Sprinkel Grace understands the challenges and opportunities of 21st century philanthropy. Of the \$335 billion given in the US in 2013, 83 percent came from individuals: 75 percent from living individuals and 8 percent from legacy gifts. Far too many organizations are still depending on corporations and foundations – whose combined giving in 2013 was just 17 percent of overall giving in the US. So, how can your organization begin to develop a strong individual giving program and build the relationships that will lead to a lifetime of giving, culminating in a gift from the individual’s estate? Join us to learn the steps, strategies and “moves” required to find, cultivate, engage and keep individual donors for our organizations.

Non Profit Industry Council program
Wednesday, Jan 21
11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
All About Relationships
Fremont Bank, Niles Bankers Building
37611 Niles Blvd, Fremont
RSVP: (510) 795-2244 x103
kkaneshiro@fremontbusiness.com
www.fremontbusiness.com
\$25 members/ \$40 non members (lunch included)

Santa Clara County and Hsinchu County of Taiwan hold celebration

SUBMITTED BY GWEN MITCHELL/MARINA HINESTROSA

For the past 20 years, the Santa Clara County /Hsinchu County, Taiwan, Republic of China Sister County Commission has been promoting the understanding of culture and heritage between the people of both respective areas. The Commission is committed to fostering artistic, commercial, cultural, educational, and technological exchange and understanding between the people and governments of Santa Clara County and Hsinchu County, Taiwan, Republic of China.

The public is invited to attend the Two Decades of Friendship (1994-2014) Movie Festival on Saturday, January 24, to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Commission. The festival includes a film screening of “A Year in the Clouds” and “Touch of the Light.” Tickets are \$10 per person.

Santa Clara County /Hsinchu County Celebration
Saturday, Jan 24
10 a.m. – Opening Ceremony – Screening of “A Year in the Clouds”
12 noon – 1 p.m. - Light lunch
1 p.m. – Screening of “Touch of the Light”
Isaac Newton Center Auditorium
Santa Clara County Government Center
70 West Hedding St., San Jose
Advance tickets:
(408) 299-5115
\$10/person

Health and Resource Fair

BY SIMRAN MOZA

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, “Life’s most persistent and urgent question is ‘what are you doing for others?’” Lincoln Elementary in Newark answers this query in coming together to serve the community by hosting a “Health and Resource Fair” in his honor on January 23.

The fair will serve as a one-stop shop for community members to make contact with over 30 agencies, including Alameda Food Bank, American Cancer Society, NUSD Child Care, Newark Police Department, Coordinated Case Management, Crisis Support, Dairy Council, East Bay Agency for Children, Emergency Food & Clothing, Every Women Counts, LOV Newark, Medical Insurance and Food Program, Music for Minors II, My Slim Fitness, Newark CERT, Niroga Institute, Ohlone College Summer Program for Kids, Parks and Recreation, Physical Health Services, Cultura y Bienestar, Second Chance, Silliman Center, Tooth Mobile, Tiburcio Vasquez Health Care, Viola Blythe, and Washington Hospital.

Organizer of the event and Lincoln Elementary School principal Angela Ehrlich explained, “I felt

there was a need for families to be informed about resources available to them [locally], and what better way to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. [than] through service in our community.” Ehrlich hopes that, “Not only will this event bring families and communities from our schools together, but it will also create an awareness of resources the community has to offer them.”

Families are encouraged to take advantage of this event, which is sponsored in part by Newark Unified School District and the Newark Betterment Corporation. The Honorable Mayor of Newark will open the fair, where visitors will also enjoy many prizes and items to take away.

Lincoln Elementary Health & Resource Fair
Friday, Jan 23
1:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Lincoln Elementary School
36111 Bettencourt St, Newark
(510) 818-3500
<http://Lincoln.NewarkUnified.org>
Free

All Newark families with children are welcome

Career and Community Resource Fair

SUBMITTED BY AARON GOLDSMITH

The Fremont Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present its fifth annual Career and Community Resource Fair on Friday, January 30 at the Fremont Adult School. This event is aimed at helping individuals who are job-hunting, seeking to update or expand their skills or interested in local resources that can help those in transition.

Local employers who are hiring will be on site to explain their job opportunities and accept resumes as well as educational institutions that provide training programs for those seeking to develop new technical skills or transition careers. Local service providers will be on hand to provide information on other support services to individuals and families in need. Workshops will provide information on the latest job-search strategies, financial

tips during times of transition and how-to information about starting a business.

Additional services available during the Fair include one-on-one resume review (provided by local HR professionals) and one-on-one business start-up counseling (provided by SCORE counselors).

This event is free and open to public. Light refreshments will be provided.

Appointments are suggested for counseling to ensure that those interested will be able to be seen. Walk-ins will be taken only if available time slots remain. Interested parties should contact at the Fremont Chamber of Commerce: (510) 795-2244.

Career and Community Resource Fair
Friday, Jan 30
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Fremont Adult School
4700 Calaveras Ave, Fremont
(510) 795-2244
Free

Polar Bear Plunge

SUBMITTED BY LAURA CORREA-HERNANDEZ

Any and all donations are welcome to help raise funds for Swim Lesson Scholarships so come on out to take a dip or to support the brave plungers!

Ring in the New Year with a dip in the unheated outdoor pool where everyone will plunge in together promptly at 9:45 a.m. The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (H.A.R.D.) will be hosting the annual New Year Polar Bear Plunge on Saturday, January 31, in Castro Valley. All registrants will receive a swim cap, certificate and warm refreshments. There will also be a prize for the swim team that brings the most swimmers!

For additional information please call (510) 881-6703.

New Year Polar Bear Plunge
Saturday, Jan 31
9:00 a.m. / Plunge at 9:45 a.m.
Castro Valley Swim Center
Redwood Road at Mabel Avenue, Castro Valley
(510) 881-6703
Donations gladly accepted for Swim Lesson Scholarships

Wind Band a Musical Challenge

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY MISSION PEAK WIND SYMPHONY

Coming soon... a unique concert performed by the Bay Area’s top-notch student musicians of wind and percussion instruments.

Founded in Fremont last year, the Mission Peak Wind Symphony (MPWS) is proud to present its inaugural concert on January 31. Currently the only wind band offered in the area outside of school, MPWS welcomes 8th to 12th grade wind and percussion students who seek to immerse themselves in challenging repertoires with peers, sharing a passion for creating quality music together.

Throughout their junior high and high school years, many members of MPWS have been selected to participate in honor bands of Fremont Unified School District, Northern California Band Association, and California All-State Band Directors Association, as well as the California Music Educators Association (CMEA) Conference. They also take private lessons on their own accord.

“Our program is not intended to replace private lessons or the music programs offered at a student’s school. Rather, it is to provide the opportunity for motivated students to enhance their music education. We strongly encourage all members to enroll in their school’s music program and to take private lessons,” explained MPWS Music Director, Mr. Travis Nasatir.

During his 20+ years of playing music, Mr. Nasatir has participated in more than 50 musical theater productions and in dozens of ensembles across all genres of



music. Inspired by his students when he was serving as the trumpet coach at Hopkins Junior High School, Fremont, in 2013, Mr. Nasatir composed “Rejouissance,” which debuted in 2014. This piece of music received commendations from music professors and program directors of large universities, and has now been submitted for formal publication.

Members of MPWS have the opportunity to play and accompany unique instruments, and rise to the challenge of diverse and sophisticated music literature that is otherwise reserved for college wind ensembles. “Our aim is to deliver a venue for dedicated and talented young individuals to further hone their skills using advanced concert literature and provide a nurturing environment for the appreciation of music and the arts in general,” added Mr. Nasatir, a founding member of the symphony.

In addition to the pure joy of playing with exceptional fellow musicians, the program also stresses personal growth, responsibility and leadership. While MPWS members meet for three hour weekly rehearsals, they are encouraged to provide feedback, share ideas and discuss the program with each other and with the Music Director at a forum one hour before every meeting.

MPWS’s inaugural concert will have an opening performance by Hopkins Junior High School’s Wind Ensemble, conducted by Mr. Greg Conway, Director of Instrumental Music. This flagship student ensemble is the finest in California, having

repeatedly earned “Unanimous Superior” ratings at the CMEA Band Festival, CMEA All-State Band and Orchestra Festival (by invitation only), and both “Superior” ratings and “1st Place Overall Concert Band” awards at the Music In the Parks Festival.

Mission Peak Wind Symphony
Inaugural Concert
Saturday, Jan 31
7:30 p.m.
Chabot College, Buffington Performing Arts Center
25555 Hesperian Blvd, Hayward
www.missionpeakwinds.org
Admission is free. All are invited.

Swalwell appointed to serve on Intelligence Committee

SUBMITTED BY ALLISON BORMEL

U.S. Representative Eric Swalwell (CA-15) announced on January 14 that he was appointed to serve on the House Perma-

nent Select Committee on Intelligence. This committee oversees the activities of the U.S. intelligence community.

“As we face escalating threats to our security, I will work to make sure our gov-

ernment is vigilantly protecting Americans, while being true to our values around privacy and civil liberties. With the rise of data breaches, a top priority of mine will be to increase our cyber-security capabili-

ties. National security should know no party, and I vow to carry out this work in a collaborative, bipartisan manner,” said Swalwell.

SPORTS

Singles Golf Outing

SUBMITTED BY RICH GOSSE

Single professionals of all ages are invited to meet new friends who love to golf, Saturday, January 31, at the Fremont Park Golf Club. It is not necessary to be a good golfer, for the purpose is to have fun and meet other singles. Experienced golfers can help the inexperienced.

This outing will help prepare golfers for the upcoming Charity Golf Tournament to Restore Sight to the Blind (April 20). The format is 9 holes of golf, 2 person scramble. Both players hit a ball and for each stroke they choose

the best ball. Adults of all ages welcome. Socializing follows in the Clubhouse, with no-host drinks and appetizers.

The cost is \$30, which includes golf green fee, one sleeve of golf balls, golf tees, and ball marker. If you choose to rent clubs (\$15 per full set) and cart, they are at an extra cost. Push carts are \$5 and power carts are \$13 per couple or \$8 per single rider. Walking is recommended (it's only 9 holes!). You and your partner can share a set of clubs, if you wish.

This event is co-sponsored by The Society of Single Profession-

als, the world's largest non-profit singles organization; NorCal Golf Events; and several singles meet-ups. Discount and many more singles events can be found at www.ThePartyHotline.com or by calling (415) 507-9962.

Singles Golf Outing
Saturday, Jan 31
1 p.m.
Fremont Park Golf Club
39751 Stevenson Place,
Fremont
(415) 507-9962
www.ThePartyHotline.com

Cougar Wrestlers defeat Washington

Wrestling

SUBMITTED BY TIM HESS

The Cougar Varsity wrestling team stormed back from a 27-6 deficit to defeat Washington HS 34-30 on Fan Appreciation Night, January 14, at NMHS. Denver Del-mundo (132) started off the evening right with a first round pin to put the Cougars up 6-0. The Huskies then rattled off six consecutive wins to up 27-6.

Freshman Marcos Calvo (who bumped up a weight class) was down 12-2 in his match when he threw the legs in and pinned his opponent in the third period. That made it 24-27 after forfeits wins by Kyle Clarno (220) and Murrel Anderson (285). Freshman Ben Tran (106) fought valiantly but lost 3-2 making the score 30-24 Washington. The Cougars clawed back as Hiep Tran (113) won by decision, Gabriel Jasso (120) won by a major decision making the team score 31-30 NM. Whoever won the final match would win the team dual. Sophomore Evan Smith (126) earned the decision with a hard fought 2-0 victory giving the Cougars the team win.

The JV Team also won 33-18. Jirathip Silakum led the team with a third period pin.

Men's Soccer

Logan Report

SUBMITTED BY JAMES WILLIAMS

James Logan vs. American

January 16, 2015

James Logan 5, American 1

1st Half Scoring:

JL: Jared Rivera 30:00

2nd Half Scoring:

JL: John Sanchez 52:00, Jason Jattan (German Villalobos) 67:00, Javier Tijero (German Villalobos) 72:00,

Justyn Raygoza (PK) 75:00

AME: Nirbhik Datta 62:00

JL Goalie: Andres Marquez, 80 Min, 1 GA, 1 Save

AME Goalie: Jovani Campos, 80 Min, 5 GA, 8 Saves

Pioneers sprint past Cougars

Women's Swimming

SUBMITTED BY
SCOTT CHISHOLM

Cal State East Bay swimming finished off a successful return to competitive action at Pioneer



Courtney Schwiesow

Pool on January 17th with a 179-109 win over Azusa Pacific. Courtney Schwiesow, Mariam Lowe, and Alyssa Tenney each won two individual events in helping the Pioneers prevail.

"We were able to play to our strengths today in earning the win. I was happy with our sprinting today," said East Bay Head Coach Ben Looorz. "Alyssa Little-



Courtney Schwiesow swept the breaststroke races against Azusa Pacific

field winning the 50-yard freestyle was one of her biggest dual meet wins at East Bay."

Littlefield completed a bunched group of Pioneer finishers to complete a sweep of the 100-yard freestyle. It was one of Tenney's two event wins on the day finishing in 54.11 seconds. She out-touched teammates Noelle Farrar (54.20) and Littlefield (54.63) for the victory.

Tenney picked up her second win of the day in the 200 individual medley (2:12.62). Makila Schuck (2:16.43) and Shaylyn Brownell (2:17.99) completed one of four 1-2-3 sweeps for Cal State East Bay on the day.

The other pair came in the

100 and 200 breaststroke events with Schwiesow leading the way. She cleared the field by over a full second in the 100 (1:07.54) and more than three seconds in the 200 (2:27.53).

Lowe opened the action with the opening two lengths of the pool as the backstroke swimmer for the winning 200-yard medley relay (1:51.90). The Pioneer 'A' and 'B' relays finished first and second respectively to put the home side out front 15-2.

"Going one-two in the medley relay was a great tone setter for the meet. I was pleased with how we stepped up today," said Looorz. "Our relays and sprints looked good."

Bob's Athletic Club Reunion

SUBMITTED BY MELISSA LYNCH

Please join us and special guests—Bob Perata and Ed Corney as we hold a Bob's Athletic Club Reunion on Saturday, February 28. Dinner is included in the ticket price of \$50.

Bob's Gym was located in Fremont and was "the place" to train! Named after its owner, Bob Perata, it was one of those basic, primary free weight gyms of the past where bodybuilders, weight lifters and the general population all trained to-

gether and everyone helped each other out. In fact, the loyalty and trust of the membership was such that you could purchase a key to the gym from Bob and train at any hour, day or night.

Ed Corney is widely regarded as the greatest poser that the sport of bodybuilding has ever known. Ed won the IFBB (International Federation of Bodybuilding and Fitness) Mr. America, IFBB Mr. Universe, IFBB Masters over 60 Olympia (twice) and is a member of the IFBB Hall of Fame. As a classic body-

builder of the Golden Age, he continues to serve as both a spokesman and ambassador for the sport.

Bob's Athletic Club Reunion
Saturday, Feb 28
5:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.
Buffet Dinner: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Elks Lodge
38991 Farwell Dr, Fremont
RSVP by Feb 10
(510) 304-9658 / (925) 337-3996
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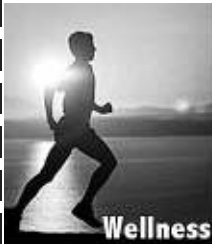
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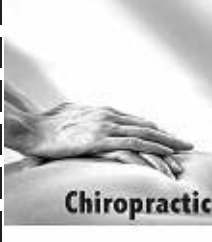
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City Council honors Recycling Poster Contest winners



SUBMITTED BY LAUREN SUGAYAN

Fifteen talented, creative, and environmentally friendly young artists were honored at the start of the January 13, 2015 Union City City Council meeting. They are the winners of the Fifth Annual Union City Recycling Poster Contest, sponsored by the City of Union City, Republic Services, and Tri-CED Community Recycling. The competition was open to all students who live or attend school in Union City.

Through their colorful and inspired artwork, the artists succeeded in communicating the important message of sustaining the earth and its natural resources through recycling and other conservation efforts. In addition to being honored at the City Council meeting, the winners were presented with cash prizes and a special certificate from Union City Recycles. The award-winning artwork was featured in the Union City Leisure Services Activity Guide.

This year’s winners are:

- Angela Que, James Logan High School
- Nio Uen, Alvarado Middle School
- Devin Lovato, Searles Elementary School
- Parul Gupta, Challenger School
- Elijah Espino, Searles Elementary School
- Satvir Kaur Chan, Alvarado Elementary School
- Daniel Valencia, Searles Elementary School

- Ezra Moh, Pioneer Elementary School
- Lorena Baca, Searles Elementary School
- Elijah Moh, Alvarado Middle School
- Sergio Garcia, Searles Elementary School
- Clare Tan, Notre Dame High School
- Eisha Mahey, Searles Elementary School
- Isaiah Moh, Pioneer Elementary School
- Sierra Smith, Searles Elementary School



Ohlone Renegade Report

Basketball

SUBMITTED AND PHOTOS
BY DON JEDLOVEC

Ohlone (Men) vs. Foothill
January 16, 2015
Ohlone 68, Foothill 38

Ohlone (Women) vs. San Jose
City College
January 16, 2015
Ohlone 65,
San Jose City College 74

CSUEB men downed by defending champs

Men’s Basketball

SUBMITTED BY
STEVE CONNOLLY

The Cal State East Bay men’s basketball team fell on the road Saturday night to Cal State San Bernardino by a final score of 81-63. The Pioneers (4-12, 2-8 CCAA) remain winless on the road, while the Coyotes — the defending regular season champions of the California Collegiate Athletic Association — improve to 6-4 in league play. Junior Juawnn Springfield led CSUEB with 18 points, and sophomore Paramvir Singh scored 11 off the bench. But those two career highs weren’t enough to overtake the Coyotes, who never trailed in the contest. Springfield finished 6-for-10 from the field and 6-for-10 at the stripe in posting his highest scoring output of the season. The Fremont native also tallied two steals. Singh reached double figures in scoring

for the first time in his East Bay career while playing a season-high 18 minutes. He had a perfect 4-for-4 night shooting, including 3-for-3 from long distance. Jacari Whitfield scored 12 points and dished out a team-best five assists, which moves him up to fifth place on the program’s all-time career assist list. It also ranks him second among CCAA players with 63 for the season. Jack Pasquini added seven points and pulled in 10 rebounds to lead the team. It was his fifth double-digit performance of the season and his 10th straight game with at least eight boards. Pasquini’s season average of 8.8 per game leads the league. Cody Kale scored four points on just 1-of-8 shooting, but the senior grabbed seven rebounds, picked up two steals, and recorded three assists. Kyle Frakes turned in another solid effort on the offensive boards. The Thousand Oaks native posted seven points along with five rebounds, four of which came on the offensive end.



Paramvir Singh knocked down three long balls and scored a career-high 11 points against CSUSB

Government Briefs

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

City Council/Public Agency MEETINGS

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

CITY COUNCILS

Fremont City Council
1st/2nd/3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.
City Hall, Bldg A
3300 Capitol Ave., Fremont
(510) 284-4000
www.fremont.gov

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

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

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

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

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

WATER/SEWER

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

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

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

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

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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

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

Hayward Unified School Board
2nd/4th Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.
2441 I Amador Street, Hayward
(510) 784-2600
www.husd.k12.ca.us

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

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

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

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

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

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

Vacancies on AC Transit Retirement Board

SUBMITTED BY AC TRANSIT DISTRICT

AC Transit is recruiting two members of the public to fill upcoming vacancies on the five-member AC Transit Retirement Board, which oversees the retirement plan that currently provides benefits to 1,700 retirees and beneficiaries. The new members will serve from April 2015 through March 2017. For full details and the application form, go to www.actransit.org. The deadline for applications is noon on February 4.

Hayward seeks Planning Commission applicants

SUBMITTED BY MIRIAM LENS

The City of Hayward will be accepting applications for potential candidates to fill the remaining term of former Planning Commission Member Trivedi. The vacancy was created when Planning Commissioner Trivedi submitted a resignation letter on January 6.

Applicants must be residents of incorporated Hayward and registered voters of the City of Hayward. Individuals who have served on City commissions are encouraged to apply. Individuals appointed to the Planning Commission will need to file a Fair Political Practices Commission

Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700).

All interested individuals must complete an application available from the Office of the City Clerk, 777 B Street, Hayward, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or online at <http://www.hayward-ca.gov>.

All completed applications must be filed in the Office of the City Clerk by noon, Friday, February 6.

A process for filling the vacancy will be approved by the City Council at its Council meeting on January 20. Interviews with the City Council are tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 10.

For further information, please call the City Clerk at (510) 583-4400.

Hayward City Council

January 13, 2015

Public Comments:

Hayward City Clerk Miriam Lens informed the public that the city is accepting applications for Planning Commissioner to fill the remaining term of Vishal Trivedi, who resigned on January 6, 2015. Applicants must be residents of incorporated Hayward and registered voters of the city. Applications forms are available at the city clerk's office at 777 B St., or online at www.hayward-ca.gov. Deadline for submission is on February 6.

Consent:

Council accepted the resignation of Sarahi Bautista from the Hayward Youth Commission and adopted a resolution appointing Vicky Tran to fulfill Bautista's term until June 30, 2015.

Council adopted a resolution authorizing city manager to execute a professional services agreement with West Yost Associates for engineering services for the Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) Digesters Improvement Project in an amount not to exceed \$675,000.

Council adopted a resolution authorizing city manager to negotiate and execute a contract for up to \$50,000 with Buchalter-Nemer for development of land use/zoning regulations and related environmental impact analysis for the Hayward Executive Airport influence area.

Legislative Business:

Justin Nishioka, Deputy City Attorney, led the presentation of

a proposed Massage Therapy Permit Ordinance in lieu of the passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 1147, which authorizes “a city, county, or city and county to adopt or enforce local ordinances that govern zoning, business licensing, or reasonable health and safety requirements for establishments or businesses of a licensed or certified healing arts professional, including a certified massage therapist.” The proposed ordinance will require CAMTC (California Massage Therapy Council) certification from all massage therapists, and the ordinance will apply to any business that promotes itself as a massage establishment. The ordinance will also require establishments to display massage establishment permit and CAMTC certifications, among other provisions. Council adopted the ordinance; the ordinance will go into effect 30 days after it is adopted. According to the report, “Currently operating nonconforming massage therapy establishments will have six months from the day of adoption to comply with the provisions of the proposed ordinance.”

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned in honor of Pilar Manning, who was a volunteer at Hayward Area Senior Center for 30 years, and Katie Cetinich, who passed away at the age of 103.

Mayor Barbara Halliday	Aye
Mayor Pro Tempore Greg Jones	Aye
Francisco Zermeno	Aye
Marvin Peixoto	Aye
Al Mendall	Aye
Sara Lamnin	Aye
Elisa Márquez	Aye

Union City City Council Meeting

January 13, 2015

Proclamations and Presentations

Present awards and certificates to the winners of Union City's Annual Recycling Poster Art Contest, including Angela Que, Ni Uen, Devin Lovato, Parul Gupta, Elijah Espino, Satvir Kaur Chan, Daniel Valencia, Ezra Moh, Lorena Baca, Elijah Moh, Sergio Garcia, Clare Tan, Eisha Mahey, Isaiah Moh and

Sierra Smith.

Introduce new employees: Administrative Assistant Sharon Petrehen, City Clerk Anna Brown, Communications and Marketing Manager Lauren Sugayan, public works trainees Michael Jester and Ryan Branco, police dispatcher Nicolle Culbertson and police officers Ryan Ramos, Nicolas Perry, Terrence Olson and Lieutenant Doug Calcagno.

Introduce promoted officers, Chief Darryl McAllister, Captains Jared Rinetti and Gloria Lopez-Vaughan, Lieutenants Travis

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City of Fremont Sweeps into the Semifinals for \$5 Million Georgetown University Energy Prize

BY RACHEL DiFRANCO SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR

The City of Fremont is starting off 2015 with a bang! We're excited to share that our commitment to cleantech has enabled the City of Fremont to advance to the Semifinal round of the Georgetown University Energy Prize (<http://guep.org/>), a national competition that challenges Fremont, along with other small- and medium-sized communities to develop and implement creative, sustainable, and replicable strategies to save energy.

Over the next two years, the City of Fremont will work together with PG&E, local government officials, residents, energy efficiency experts, and others to put our energy-saving plan into action. We hope to deliver financial benefits to our residents and, ultimately, ensure the long-term sustainability of our community. Most importantly, our goal is to motivate changed behaviors, and change the way people think about energy efficiency —so that we can all do our part to secure our nation's energy future.

In competing for the Georgetown University Energy Prize, the City of Fremont will focus on the following initiatives:

- Promote no- and low- cost residential energy and water saving devices and incentive programs
- Encourage residents to review home energy usage habits with the Home Energy Analyzer tool

- Offer energy / water conservation and clean energy financing opportunities such as California FIRST

- Work with the Fremont Unified School District to promote energy literacy and develop school-based energy competitions

- Develop a “Fremont Green Homes Challenge” providing residents with the opportunity to participate in energy/water saving and home greening projects at a variety of levels (in the works)

- Train interested individuals and groups as volunteer “Community Energy Champions”

- Develop a “Solarize Fremont” solar education and group solar purchase campaign to accelerate the adoption of on-site renewable energy systems (in the works)

- Complete energy / water efficiency and renewable energy projects at City facilities

- Collaborate with the Fremont Unified School District to encourage energy upgrade projects at public school sites

- Engage Fremont's cleantech companies in green energy demonstration projects

We're anxious to get underway in the competition and we hope to make you proud as we elevate the City of Fremont to become a national leader of energy efficiency efforts in America.

Questions about the Prize? Or want to get involved? You can email me at RDIFranco@fremont.gov. Visit www.fremont.gov/EnergyPrize for more information.

Ohlone College Board of Trustees Meeting

January 14, 2015

Ceremonial Item:

Proclaim January 26, 2015 India Republic Day.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of December 2014 payroll warrants in the amount of \$2,298,262.20.

Review purchase orders in the amount of \$313,624.59

Approve Measure G change orders, design amendments and revisions totaling \$791,926.

Approve agreement with Furgo Consultants for Building 9 elevator and access in the amount of \$15,000

To the Board for Discussion and/or Action:

Accept annual citizens' bond oversight committee report. Measure A's total expenditures equal its total budget of \$164,710,054 and Measure G's expenditures total \$49,606,007 of its \$349,802,544 budget.

Trustee Ishan Shah appointed to 2015 California Community College Board

Chair Greg Bonaccorsi	Aye
Vice Chair Rich Watters	Aye
Teresa Cox	Aye
Jan Giovannini-Hill	Aye
Vivien Larsen:	Aye
Ishan Shah	Aye
Garrett Yee	Absent
Daniel O'Donnell	Aye

(Student Trustee: advisory only)

Souza and Victor Derting and Sergeants Paul Kanazeh, Bob Kensic and Yousuf Shansab.

Recognize February as Teen Violence Awareness Month.

Consent

Renew Microsoft licensing agreement in the amount of \$106,334.30.

Adopt a resolution to award contract to Star Construction, Inc. for Decoto and Green Street project in the amount of \$877,502.10.

Accept work from G. Bor-tolotto & Co, Inc. on the 2014-15 Slurry Seal project in the final amount of \$547,840.52.

Adopt a resolution to award contract to Indigo Architects for architectural design of the police

property & evidence room renovation & expansion in an amount not to exceed \$160,000.

Adopt a resolution to award contract to Impact Construction Services, Inc. in the amount of \$94,901 for the relocation of three school trailers to various city parks.

City Manager Reports

Informational report on the proposed planning calendar for the biennial (fiscal year 2015-16 and 2016-17) operating and capital budget (fiscal year 2015-16 through fiscal year 2019-20).

Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci:	Aye
Vice Mayor Jim Navarro:	Aye
Pat Gacoscos:	Aye
Emily Duncan:	Aye
Lorrian Ellis:	Aye

OPINION



WILLIAM MARSHAK

The Great Divide

In our country, strength is seen through representation; elected representatives make determinations through examination of the effects of proposed and existing legislation. They determine whether proposed rules of behavior are for the benefit of their constituents. The system depends on an informed electorate, informed representatives and willingness to compromise, modify and use rational thought to solve common problems. At its heart, the free flow of information and a lucid analysis, including pros and cons of a proposal, are critical for success.

Different philosophies of governance are a question of faith in humanity. For some there is little hope for common rule; ignorance and stupidity are considered one and the same. But, I believe there is a difference. While stupidity and its behavior can only be corrected to an extent through training and repetition, ignorance is simply lack of knowledge and introduction of tools to apply it. If we, as a people, are simply ignorant, there is hope toward correcting our behavior and community engagement. Along with knowledge, civility and attention are necessary ingredients. This can apply to a plethora of circumstances. For instance, driving a motor vehicle, riding a bicycle or as a pedestrian (i.e. pull over for emergency vehicles, understand flashing traffic lights and attention to red lights at an intersection, common courtesy), paying attention to those around even if engrossed by music on an ipod or rude behavior while talking on a cell phone in the grocery store, to name a few.

The great divide of our personal lives is not always as difficult to solve as traversing a huge mountain range. It takes attention and knowledge that can reach

across communities. Not only can awareness and information create a better atmosphere on a micro scale, but attention to decisions of our representatives can make a big difference in the quality of life for all.

Expanding awareness of the great divide to the political scene can also reap big rewards. It is heartening to see public response to proposals for growth and development, especially when discussion is thoughtful and coherent. Recently, a group of concerned citizens attended a Historical and Architectural Review Board meeting in Fremont to comment on a proposed gateway development of the Henkel site. Developer and citizen comments were well presented and represented knowledge of the property and its importance to visitors and residents of the Niles District. Acknowledgement of efforts by the developer was included with criticism; this was not a raucous "us versus them" discussion, rather a sensible exchange of ideas. The result was a decision based on citizen concerns; reason, knowledge and civility crossed a great divide of form and function that did not fit the community.

If the same pattern can be used in all future discussions and behavior, we, like many early explorers trying to find a practical path through mountain ranges, may find portage when facing future Great Divides.

William Marshak
PUBLISHER

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Letter written in US 83 years ago delivered

AP WIRE SERVICE

SKOWHEGAN, Maine (AP) — A letter written by a school teacher in 1931 to her mother has finally been delivered — 83 years later.

Twenty-three-year-old Miriam McMichael sent the nine-page letter to Dollena McMichael. Both women have since died.

The letter was lost and only recently found at the post office in Pittsfield, Maine. Postal worker Michelle Rowell found it and tells the Morning Sentinel (<http://bit.ly/1jIZi1P>) she knew it was old because of the 2-cent stamp.

The postmaster and town officials tracked down the family, and the letter is now in the hands of 69-year-old Ann MacMichael, Miriam's niece and Dollena's granddaughter. The spelling of the family name has changed.

MacMichael says the irony is that the writer apologizes for not writing sooner.

Information from: Morning Sentinel, <http://www.onlinesentinel.com/>



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Immigrants can now get Mexican birth certificates in US

From now on, Mexico's 50 consulates in the U.S. will be able to get access to data maintained by regional governments in Mexico and print birth certificates, said Arturo Sanchez, consul for press and commercial affairs in Santa Ana, California.

Consulates should be able to issue birth certificates for nearly all places in Mexico, though some villages where documents are not digitally recorded may not be covered, Sanchez said.

Over the past year, the Santa Ana consulate has seen a surge in the demand for documents. Daily appointments have jumped by a third to nearly 400, with many people trying to get birth certificates, Sanchez said.

Those who cross the border illegally to reach the United States rarely carry documents with them on the treacherous journey, partly to avoid detection. And many Mexicans born in remote, rural communities do not make the necessary journey to the nearest government office to obtain a birth certificate, Salas said.

The move comes a day after House Republicans voted to overturn Obama's immigration policies and remove protection for immigrants brought illegally to America as children.

Rep. Duncan Hunter, who represents a San Diego-area congressional district, complained that U.S. and Mexican policies have combined to send more people across the border illegally.

"The administration's position and efforts seem to better align with Mexico's interests than they do with our own – and that's disappointing," he said.

Jessica Vaughan, director of policy studies at the Center for Immigration Studies, said she believes Mexico is trying to make it easier for its citizens to stay here because of the money they send back.

Mexican migrant workers living abroad sent home \$21.6 billion to their families in 2013, according to the country's central bank.

Vaughan, whose organization wants tighter limits on immigration, said ensuring birth certificates are authentic is critical because they are used to obtain key identity documents such as passports.

"If we can trust the Mexican government to do its due diligence and establish a system with integrity, then this will work," she said. But she added: "That is a big if."

Associated Press Writer Kevin Freking contributed to this report from Washington.

California Department of Public Health confirms measles cases

SUBMITTED BY ANITA GORE

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has been notified of seven confirmed cases of measles in patients from five different locations within California as recently reported by Dr. Ron Chapman, CDPH director and state health officer. Two Utah resident cases have also been confirmed and three additional California residents are also suspected to have measles and are under investigation. All confirmed and suspect cases reported visiting Disneyland or Disney California Adventure Park in Orange County, sometime between December 15 – 20.

Based on information from current cases, it is likely that a person, infectious with measles, was at one of the theme parks on these dates.

People can be infectious with measles for nine days. Measles typically begins with fever, cough, runny nose and red eyes and within a few days a red rash appears, usually first on the face and then spreads downward to the rest of the body. Measles is a highly infectious, airborne disease.

"If you have symptoms, and believe you may have been exposed, please contact your health care provider," said Dr. Chapman. "The best way to prevent measles and its spread is to get vaccinated."

Measles has been eliminated in the United States since 2000. However, large measles outbreaks have occurred in Western Europe, Pakistan, Vietnam and the Philippines in recent years. Travelers to areas where measles is endemic can bring measles back to the U.S., resulting in limited domestic trans-

mission of measles. Disney and other theme parks in California are international attractions and visitors come from many parts of the world, including those where measles is endemic.

Two doses of measles-containing vaccine (MMR vaccine) are more than 99 percent effective in preventing measles. Measles vaccines have been available in the United States since 1963, and two doses have been recommended since 1989. If you are unsure of your vaccination status, check with your doctor to have a test to check for measles immunity or to receive vaccination.

More information about measles can be found at: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Health-Info/discond/Pages/Measles.aspx>

Union City contracts dispatching services with Fremont

SUBMITTED BY LAUREN SUGAYAN

The Fremont and Union City Police Departments are ready to begin the first phase of contracting Union City dispatching services through Fremont Police Department's Communication Center. On January 20, the Fremont Police Department will begin dispatching calls for service to both Union City and Fremont residents between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. This phase is anticipated to last through mid-2016 at which point Fremont Police Department will manage dispatch services entirely for both the Union City and Fremont communities.

There will be no impact to police services in either city and residents can expect the same quality of service from their police departments. In addition, Fremont and Union City will benefit from an estimated \$400,000 each in personnel cost-savings annually. Residents should still report emergencies to police by calling 9-1-1 and report Union City non-emergency incidents by calling the Union City Police Department's non-emergency phone number at (510) 471-1365.

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6 more California measles cases tied to Disney outbreak

**By CHRISTOPHER WEBER
ASSOCIATED PRESS**

LOS ANGELES (AP),California health officials confirmed that six new measles cases are connected to an outbreak at Disney theme parks last month, bringing the total number of illnesses to 32.

The new cases of the airborne illness include five in Los Angeles County and one in San Diego County. Craig Sturak with the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency said Thursday that the latest case in his area posed no threat of public exposure.

Officials also awaited measles test results on five people who showed up with fevers and rashes Wednesday at a health clinic in La Mesa, an east San Diego suburb.

The Sharp Rees-Stealy Urgent Care Center closed for about six hours after the patients arrived, spokeswoman Frances Schnall said. The five were released about three hours later, and the clinic reopened after allowing fresh air to circulate.

About 40 patients at the clinic Wednesday were questioned about their measles and vaccination histories, and none believed they were at risk, Schnall said. Their answers were given to county health officials, and they were released.

Until test results come in, it's unclear if the La Mesa patients

are related to the measles outbreak at Disney parks.

Officials said 28 of the confirmed cases are in California, two are in Utah and one apiece in Colorado and Washington.

Most of the patients visited Disneyland or Disney California Adventure between Dec. 15 and Dec. 20, but some may have contracted the illness from others who visited.

Disney officials have said they are working with public health authorities to provide any necessary assistance.

Measles is a highly contagious virus that lives in an infected person's nose and throat mucus and spreads through coughing and sneezing, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Symptoms include fever, cough, runny nose and red eyes and a red rash that usually first appears on the face and spreads to the rest of the body.

Health experts say the best prevention against measles is vaccination. While officials declared measles eliminated in the United States in 2000 because of a lack of continuous transmission, the illness is still brought into the country by foreign visitors or unvaccinated Americans.

Associated Press writer Elliot Spagat contributed from San Diego.

Department of Public Health announces season's first Influenza death

SUBMITTED BY ANITA GORE

On January 9, Dr. Ron Chapman, director of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and state health officer announced the first confirmed influenza death of a person under the age of 65 reported for the 2014-2015 season. This fatality of an adult resident of Southern California is a somber reminder that influenza can be a serious and often deadly disease. Influenza activity remains at a regional level in California.

"Flu activity is beginning to increase statewide, including reports of hospitalizations and severe disease," said Dr. Chapman.

"We are early on in what could be a severe flu season, and I encourage everyone who has not yet gotten a flu vaccination to do so. The influenza vaccine remains the most effective way to protect yourself from the flu."

Dr. Chapman also notes that in addition to getting vaccinated, it's important to practice good hand washing and other good health habits. People who are ill should take actions to stop the spread of germs such as:

- While sick, stay home and limit contact with others
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing
- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water, or use an alcohol-based rub

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth

Those at highest risk of severe influenza – the elderly, pregnant women, infants, or people with other health conditions – who show flu symptoms, should contact their physician immediately in order to get the most effective treatment for influenza. Symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches and fatigue.

For more information on influenza and other respiratory disease reports visit:
<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/data/statistics/Pages/CISPDataArchive.aspx>.

Settlement Ends Kaiser-RN Dispute

SUBMITTED BY CA NURSES ASSOCIATION

With a settlement likely to elevate RN standards across the nation, the California Nurses Association/National Nurses United announced a major tentative contract agreement for 18,000 California RNs who work at Kaiser Permanente hospitals and clinics that will give the RNs a stronger voice on patient care, and breakthrough improvements in workplace protections.

The agreement also provides significant economic gains and additional retirement security.

While the pact must still be ratified by the RNs, who will hold membership meetings beginning January 21, 2015, CNA said it is cancelling a strike that had been scheduled January 21 and 22. The agreement affects registered nurses and nurse practitioners who work in 86 Kaiser Permanente hospitals and clinics in Northern and Central California, from Santa Rosa to Fresno.

CNA/NU Executive Director RoseAnn DeMoro paid tribute to the "unity of the Kaiser RNs and their devotion to assuring the highest level of quality care for patients as well as protections for the nurses who deliver that care."

A key to the settlement was the agreement by Kaiser to establish a new committee of direct care RNs and NPs who will work with management to address the concerns RNs have about care standards in Kaiser facilities.

Among other major components of the agreement: Kaiser will hire hundreds of RNs which the nurses say should substantially improve the quality of care for hospitalized patients, as well as signaling a renewed commitment to RN training and employment opportunities for new RN graduates at a time many hospitals have frozen RN hires.

Groundbreaking workplace protections for nurses from workplace violence to infectious diseases like Ebola to needle stick injuries.

Substantial economic gains for RNs and NPs, many of them the sole source of income for their families or extended families. Over the three years of the agreement, all the nurses will receive 14 percent pay increases through across the board hikes and lump sum payments.

Additional long-term retirement security for Kaiser RNs and NPs through maintenance of a secure pension plan plus a substantial increase in employer contributions to the nurses' 401k pension plans for the 87 percent of Kaiser RNs with those plans.

Annual paid release time, the first in the nation, for 25 RNs every year to participate in NNU's disaster relief program, the Registered Nurse Response Network, which has dispatched hundreds of RNs to provide basic medical services following U.S. and global disasters from Hurricane Katrina to the Haiti earthquake to Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

CNA also committed to helping National Union of Healthcare Workers at Kaiser, including mental health clinicians, to achieve a contract agreement as well.

Students take a bite out of hunger

SUBMITTED BY JEFF BLISS

California State University East Bay students took a bite out of hunger this holiday season by donating "missed meals" – meals they have already paid for through their campus meal plans, but were not consumed due to their absence.

"Many residents in the Pioneer Heights student housing complex leave campus for the holidays, including the long Thanksgiving break," explained Martin Castillo, associate vice president for student affairs and director of university housing and dining services.

Beginning with this year's Thanksgiving holiday, the Residence Hall Association partnered with Aramark Corporation to turn those missed meals into donations to the Alameda County Food Bank. Students were asked to donate their unused meals on the days they were away for the Thanksgiving break. Donated meals will be converted into a dollar amount, which will be used to purchase non-perishable goods for the food bank.

"[Students] have already donated more than 1,900 meals," Castillo said. "This is a great way to help the community at zero cost to students." Students will be asked to donate missed meals at the end of each quarter, and Cal State East Bay intends for this to become an annual tradition.

Correction

Correct credential information is:

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Thank you,
Connie Bush

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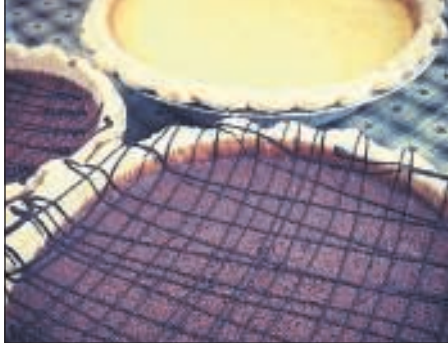
In honor of National Pie Day, the Niles Pie Company will be holding a pie raffle as well as offering some discounts throughout the day. Entries for the pie raffle (no purchase necessary) will be gathered through-

out the day and two winners will be drawn at 6:30 p.m. Winners will receive a pie a month for three months, with a value of \$55. Company owner and baker Carolyn Berke says, “We’ll also offer a free slice of pie for the first 15 lunch orders between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. (eat-in or to-go). We’ve just started offering a small weekly soup and salad menu, featuring seasonal vegetarian soups and weekly specialty salads, in addition to our pasties, empanadas and sausage rolls, so it’s a nice way to highlight the new offerings.”



If you want to take home a slice of heaven or share with others, pies can be pre-ordered and picked up at the shop, Mr. Mikey’s in Niles, or Mission Coffee.

The celebrating isn’t confined to once a year; Pi Day on March 14 honors the mathematical number, while observers consume the pastry equivalent. Niles Pie



Co. will be putting together a whole week-end of fun for that, so stay tuned for more pie-centered celebrating!

Niles Pie Co. is located at 32990 Alvarado-Niles Rd, Suite 960 in Union City. Visit at www.nilespie.com, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NilesPie, or call (510) 324-4743. Learn more about the American Pie Council at www.piecouncil.org.

Watercolor exhibit at Mission Coffee

SUBMITTED BY VILAS KHARE

Mohan Khare’s transparent watercolor paintings are currently on display and sale at Mission Coffee in Fremont.

Khare’s favorite subject is marine art with a focus on seascapes, lighthouses, warships, and related flora and fauna. His paintings show spontaneity, simplicity, effective use of fresh, vibrant, colors and the beauty of Mother Nature.

Khare graduated from art school in Mumbai, India, and has vast experience in Commercial Art, Graphic Design, and painting. He is now a full-time artist and paints in watercolor and oil for his private clients, the Navy and the Coast Guard. He exhibits his art at various art galleries and shows across India, the U.S., and Australia. Khare also paints on a commission basis from a photo/picture reference.

The paintings will remain on display at Mission Coffee until January 31. All of the paintings are original, one-of-a-kind, framed, and ready to hang. Please call (510) 693-8590 for more details.



Mohan Khare
Watercolor Exhibit
Through Saturday, Jan 31
Monday –

Friday: 5 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday:
6 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Mission Coffee
151 Washington Blvd, Fremont
(510) 693-8590

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Rotaract Club of Greater Fremont Community service & business club for young professionals and students ranging from ages 18 to 30. Meetings on 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7 pm. Find our events on meetup.com/rotaractfremont	AMERICAN LEGION POST 837 Meets third Tuesday each month - 6:30-8:30pm Social, Program, General Meeting Historic Niles Veterans Hall 2nd & E. Street, Fremont www.POST837.org ALL VETERANS WELCOME	The League of Women Voters invites you to visit our website at www.lwvfnuc.org You'll find valuable information about your community and voter issues. Keep up to date & learn about our Tri-City area monthly programs. Our programs are non-partisan and free to the public.	10 lines/\$10/ 10 Weeks \$50/Year 510-494-1999 tricityvoice@aol.com Shout out to your community Our readers can post information including: Activities Announcements For sale Garage sales Group meetings Lost and found For the extremely low cost of \$10 for up to 10 weeks, your message will reach thousands of friends and neighbors every TUESDAY in the TCV printed version and continuously online. TCV has the right to reject any posting to the Community Bulletin Board. Payment must be received in advance. Payment is for one posting only. Any change will be considered a new posting and incur a new fee. The “NO” List: • No commercial announcements, services or sales • No personal services (escort services, dating services, etc.) • No sale items over \$100 value • No automobile or real estate sales • No animal sales (non-profit humane organization adoptions accepted) • No P.O. boxes unless physical address is verified by TCV	
TRI-CITY DEMOCRATIC FORUM MEETING Every Third Wednesday 7:00 pm Chandni Restaurant 5748 Mowry School Rd Newark, CA 94560 http://www.tricitydems.com/	Tri-City Ecology Center Your local environmental leader! Eco-Grants available to Residents & Organizations of the Tri-City area working on Environmental projects. www.trityecology.org Office open Thursdays, 11am-2pm 3375 Country Dr., Fremont 510-793-6222	Soroptimist International Tri-Cities Improving the lives of women and girls in our community and throughout the world. Meetings: Third Monday every month at 6:00pm Papillon Resturant 37296 Mission Blvd Fremont Call 510-621-7482 www.sitricities.org	Hayward Arts Council 22394 Foothill Blvd., Hayward 510-538-2787 www.haywardarts.org Open Thurs., Fri., Sat., 10am-4pm Promotes all the arts & encourages local artists in all art mediums. Foothill Gallery, John O’Lague Gallery, Hayward Area Senior Center Exhibit Hall. All FREE- open to public.	
Come Join Us Tri Cities Women’s Club Meets on the third Tuesday Elk’s Club on Farwell Dr. 9:30 – Cards, 12:00 – Lunch 1:00 – Program and Meeting We also have bridge, walking, Gourmet dining groups, And a book club. For info. Call 510-656-7048	Help with Math & Reading You can make a difference by helping Newark children with Math and reading. If you can give one hour a week, you can give a life-long gift of learning to a child. Contact 510-797-2703 dla_aarp_4486@yahoo.com	Fremont Cribbage Club teaches cribbage to new players & tournament cribbage to all players of any skill level every Tues. 6:15pm at Round Table Pizza 37480 Fremont Blvd., Centerville Email: Accgr43@gmail.com American Cribbage Congress www.cribbage.org	Fremont Area Writers Want to write? Meet other writers? Join us from 2-4 p.m. every fourth Saturday except July and December. Rm. 120 at DeVry University, 6600 Dumbarton Circle, Fremont Call Shirley at (510) 791-8639 www.cwc-fremontareawriters.org	
	Afro-American Cultural & Historical Society, Inc. Sharing ur culture and history in the Tri-Cities and surrounding area Meetings: Third Saturday 5:30pm in member homes Contact: 510-793-8181 www.aachis.com We welcome all new members	SparkPoint Financial Services FREE financial services and coaching for low-income people who want to improve their finances. SparkPoint Info Session 3rd Thursday, 6-7pm City of Fremont Family Resource Center To reserve a seat: 574-2020 Fremont.gov/SparkPointFRC		
Troubled By Someone's Drinking? Help is Here! Al-Anon/Alateen Family Groups No cost program of support for people suffering from the effects of alcoholism in a friend or loved one. Call 276-2270 for meeting information or email Easydudz@gmail.com www.ncwsa.org	The Friendship Force San Francisco Bay Area Experience a country and its culture with local hosts and promote global goodwill. Clubs in 56 countries. Monthly activities and group travel. www.ffa.org www.thefriendshipforce.org Call 510-794-6844 or 793-0857.	Become the speaker & leader you want to be Citizens for Better Communicators (CBC) Toastmasters Guests and Visitors welcome Saturdays 10:15am Unitek College Room 141 4580 Auto Mall Pkwy., Fremont 510-754-9595	FREE AIRPLANE RIDES FOR KIDS AGES 8-17 Young Eagles Hayward Airport various Saturdays www.vaa29.org Please call with questions (510) 703-1466 youngeagles29@aol.com	First Church of Christ Scientist, Fremont Sunday Service 10am Sunday School 10am Wed. Eve Service 7:30pm Chld Care is available all services. Reading Room Open Monday - Friday 1-3pm 1351 Driscoll Rd., Fremont 510-656-8161
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QUALITY FREE TAX PREP IRS-Certified Tax Preparers \$53,000 or less household income Other restrictions may apply Saturdays: Feb 7 to Apr 11, 2015 10 am – 1 pm (Closed Mar 14) At Union City Library 34007 Alvarado-Niles Road Union City 510-574-2020 for more info	QUALITY FREE TAX PREP IRS-Certified Tax Preparers \$53,000 or less household income Other restrictions may apply Tuesdays: Feb 3 to Apr 14, 2015 10 am – 1 pm - by Appointment Only At Tri-City Volunteers 37350 Joseph Street Fremont Sara Govea at 510-793-4583		Coffee House Saturday January 31 7-8:30pm FREE Admission David Hughes and The Tribute Band New Hope Community Church 2190 Peralta Blvd., Fremont 510-739-0430 neuhopec@pacbell.net www.newhopefremont.org	Soiree Singles For People Over 60 Many Activities! Dancing, Dinners, Luau’s Potlucks. Great Fun! email: lelochmil@att.net or Call: Lois for FREE Newsletter 510-581-3494
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Facts on 2015 tax season

SUBMITTED BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

This tax season marks the first time individuals and families in California will be asked to provide basic information regarding their health insurance on their tax returns.

Individuals and families with non-marketplace coverage for all of 2014:

Most tax filers – over three quarters – will just need to check a box on their tax return to indicate that they had coverage all year. These people met the Minimum Essential Coverage requirement, which means that they had the basic health cover-

age necessary to meet the Affordable Care Act's standards. These individuals and families will not receive any new forms in the mail and they will not be required to fill out new forms when they file their 2014 income tax returns.

Individuals and families who had a health plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace in 2014:

You will receive Form 1095-A in the mail from the Marketplace by early February. In most states, you can also download a copy of your statement through your Marketplace account starting in late January or early February. It's very important to wait for your Form 1095-A to arrive before you file your taxes. If you haven't received

a Form 1095-A by early February, you should contact the Marketplace Call Center at 1-800-318-2596. TTY users should call 1-855-889-4325.

Individuals who didn't have health coverage in 2014:

While those who can afford health coverage but chose not to buy it may have to pay a fee, individuals who could not afford coverage or met other conditions can receive an exemption. If you qualify, receiving an exemption is simple and easy, and means you won't have to pay a fee. It is important for individuals to know that exemptions are available and to understand the steps they need to take to request one. For a complete list of exemptions and

more information, visit HealthCare.gov/taxes.

If consumers have questions about their taxes, need to download forms, or want to learn more about the fee for not having insurance, they can find information and resources at www.IRS.gov or www.healthcare.gov/taxes. They can also call the Marketplace Call Center at 1-(800) 318-2596. Some people who signed up for health insurance through the Marketplace can get free tax assistance. For more information, visit www.IRS.gov/freefile or www.IRS.gov/VITA

Fremont City Council

January 13, 2015

Consent:

Second reading of ordinance to rezone property at 43360 Mission Boulevard

Second reading of ordinance to rezone property at 111E Street

Second reading of ordinance to rezone property at 34653 Fremont Boulevard

Adopt new records retention schedule

Award contract to Viking Construction Company, Inc. for Niles Blvd bridge replacement project in the amount of \$7,808,567

Initiate street easement for a portion of Overacker Ave adjacent to 39311 Mission Blvd.

Amend Fremont Building Code to clarify qualifications of Plans Examiner

Authorize Track Relocation Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad to facilitate construction of the Warm Springs West Access Bridge and Plaza

Terminate development agreement for Central Park Terraces (145 townhomes and 40-unit apartment building) based on

construction completion and fulfillment of terms.

Public Communications:

Representatives of RISE Coalition spoke about problems of high rent and protection from landlords when complaints are lodged. There is a pressing need for affordable housing and immediate action is necessary for those working and living in Fremont. Requests are for 35% affordable housing in Warm Springs, job training, ban the box (rental applications) and 40% local hire in construction projects.

Scheduled:

Amend rate and method of apportionment of Special Tax for Fremont Community Facilities District 1 (Pacific Commons); issue Special Tax Bonds. Public Hearing opened and continued to February 17, 2015.

Approve design review permit to allow development of a 4,526 square foot Chick-Fil-A restaurant and drive-through in Bayside Industrial Community Plan Area (at Auto Mall Parkway). This will be the second franchise of this brand in Fremont planning to open near the end of the current calendar year. The first franchise (Mowry Avenue) is scheduled to open at the end of January, 2015.

Vote: 4-1 (Bacon, Nay)

Rezone 1.47 acre lot from single family residential to Preliminary and Precise Planned District to include a density bonus, private street and 17-lot residential subdivision at 4325 Alder Ave in the Centerville Community Plan Area; two Below Market Rate units will be included. Approve with additional tree screening and landscaping where appropriate.

Report from City Attorney

Council approved an agreement prior to 2014 year end with City Bank property at extension of Liberty Street at Mowry Avenue.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS:

APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY BODIES

GEORGE W. PATTERSON HOUSE
Karen Mueller

PLANNING COMMISSION
Raj Salwan

RE-APPOINTMENTS
ALAMEDA CO. MOSQUITO ABATEMENT
George Young

Art Review Board
Reena Rao

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY
Steve Gaeta

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
Haroon Rasheed
John Rennels, Jr.
Shiva Swaminathan
Daniel O'Donnell

GEORGE W. PATTERSON HOUSE
AL MINARD

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Tejinder Dhami
Dharminder Dewan
John Nguyen-Cleary

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION
Tariq Ali
Chitrateka Vivek
Joe Samagond

PLANNING COMMISSION
Ripple Leung

RECREATION COMMISSION
John J. Dutra

SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION
Kathryn Kimberlin
Eeshwari Vaidya
JoAnne Rhodes-Jones
Ashok Desai
Pat Helton
Kinji Yamasaki

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION
Shrivats Kannan
Pavithra Nagarajan
Sanjana Gundala
NishthaBhatia
Meghna Srivastava

Approve council assignments to outside commissions, committees and boards

Update by Councilmember Bacon regarding Liaison Committee meeting with East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) on December 4, 2014 to discuss hours, progress of parking lot Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

and hiker fees of Mission Peak trailhead at Stanford Avenue. Hours have been extended to dusk (approx 6 p.m.); EBRPD is working on an EIR for a parking lot but this will be a lengthy process; hiker fees are being studied at this time.

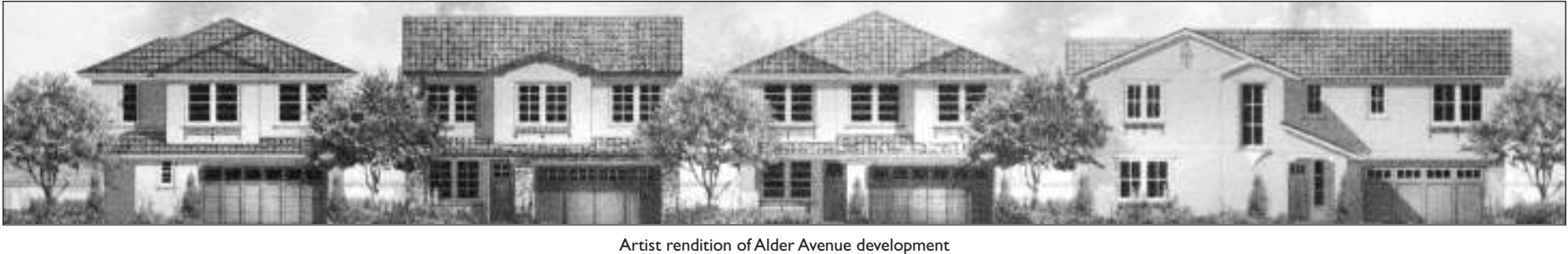
Councilmember Bacon expressed disappointment that the parking lot will take much time and the City of Fremont is willing to underwrite a portion of the cost for gate fee infrastructure.

Public comment included sanitation crisis with only one public toilet; need for at least seven more.

Public comment regarded the need for immediate institution of hiker fees.

Public comment referring to the model of successful use of parking fees and trail administration at Mt. Woodson Trail to Potato Chip Rock at Poway, CA (San Diego area).

Mayor Bill Harrison	Aye
Vice Mayor Suzanne Lee Chan	Aye
Vinnie Bacon	Aye (1 Nay)
Lilly Mei	Aye
Rick Jones	Aye



Artist rendition of Alder Avenue development

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

No Hiking Fees at Mission Peak Regional Preserve

City of Fremont's Council has requested City staffers to look into the costs of implementing hiking fees at EBRPD Mission Peak Regional Preserve following the advice of the City of Fremont EBRPD Advisory Committee which has just two active members, Vinnie Bacon and Frank Pirrone (according to the City of Fremont website). At the 12/4/14 City of Fremont EBRPD Liaison meeting, Mission Peak hiking fees were discussed to reduce parking congestion. EBRPD staffers told

Vinnie Bacon that they had neither plans, procedures nor means to collect hiking fees. While some EBRPD locations have parking fees, hiking fees are counter to their Mission Statement to promote public access.

Hiking fees/taxes would be burdensome to the City of Fremont and EBRPD to implement and manage. Important issues face the Advisory Committee, including working with EBRPD to add toilets and water spigots at the Ohlone College entrance and to

add toilets at the Stanford Avenue entrance. Visitors to Mission Peak Regional Preserve should not have to endure long lines at the single toilet at the Stanford Avenue entrance. Visitors support the economy of the City of Fremont and should be welcomed not penalized. Hiking fees block low-income and high-density urban residents of our community that rely heavily on public parks. We should not penalize the poor, instead we should provide easier access to parks. Privileged factions are pressuring

the City of Fremont and EBRPD which reduced park hours by 33% in 2014.

Hiking fees make no sense, when there's no congestion on park trails. Parking congestion calls for expanded parking inside the park which would remove parking congestion from local neighborhoods. Free public access to a open public park is at risk, threatened by narrow interests that want to reduce park access. Park users, especially those who rent or who don't own large, ex-

pensive homes, deserve a voice in City government. It is time that the City of Fremont EBRPD Advisory Committee represents park users. Let's expand the EBRPD Advisory committee to represent a broader cross-section of our community with 8 – 20 members. Broader membership would better represent the vast number of park visitors whose needs may be summarized as "Healthy Parks - Healthy People."

William Yragui
Mission Peak Conservancy

Help a child; be a mentor

SUBMITTED BY SANTA CLARA COUNTY DISTRICT 3

The proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child," has perhaps become a cliché, but it still makes a lot of sense. Not all children are supported by a family with two parents, aunts, uncles and grandparents to guide them through life's toughest challenges. Children of single parents or whose parents must work several jobs to make ends meet don't always get the attention they need.

The caring adults in a child's life don't have to be relatives; they can be neighbors, teachers, friends or volunteers who provide positive influences to help children make good decisions and stay out of trouble. On Saturday, January 24, you have the opportunity to learn about mentoring a child, teen or young adult at the annual Mentoring Fair at the County Government Center in San Jose. Register at www.sccgov.org/mentoringconference.

The free event will feature representatives from a dozen organizations, who will discuss how you can make a difference in the community by connecting one-on-one with a mentee. This year, our emcee will be Eric Wright, former San Francisco 49ers cornerback, and our guest speaker will be Quoron Reaves of Boldly Me, a nonprofit organization that helps people build self-esteem through classes and counseling services. NFL trainer William Anderson will also tell his mentoring story.

The event is presented by the South Bay Mentoring Coalition and sponsored by the offices of Santa Clara County District 3 Supervisor Dave Cortese and District 2 Supervisor Cindy Chavez. For more information, call (408) 299-5030 or email dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org.

Mentoring Fair
Saturday, Jan 24
10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
County Government Center
70 W Hedding St, San Jose
(408) 299-5030
dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org
www.sccgov.org/mentoringconference
Free

Local student named to Dean's List

SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN MEASE

Veronica Minor of Milpitas has been named to Champlain College Dean's List for Fall 2014 for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.5 or

higher. Minor is majoring in Broadcast and Streaming Media. Since its founding in 1878, Champlain College has provided career-focused education to students at its campus in Burlington, Vt.

Supervisor Haggerty elected President of Alameda County Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY LEAH DOYLE-STEVENSON

In a unanimous vote by his fellow Board members, Supervisor Scott Haggerty was elected to serve as President of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. Having just completed a term as Vice-President of the Board, Supervisor Haggerty will now hold the position of President for the next two years. Supervisor Wilma Chan (D-3) was elected to serve as Vice-President.

"It is an honor to serve as President of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors," said Haggerty. "We represent a vibrant and diverse population and serve a wide variety of needs here in the County. I look forward to serving this Board and our constituents."

Alameda County is governed by a five-member Board of Supervisors, each of whom is elected on a non-partisan basis from a separate district where he/she lives. Supervisor Haggerty represents the First District communities of Fremont, Livermore, Dublin and east unincorporated areas.

The President of the Board, chosen from the membership of the Board every two years, presides at all meetings of the Board and appoints committees to handle work involving the major programs of the County. For more information about Supervisor Haggerty, visit www.acgov.org/board/district1.



PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 500109

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Bella Eye Care Optometry, 6247 Jarvis Avenue Newark CA 94560, County of Alameda; 6247 Jarvis Avenue Newark CA 94560; Alameda Registrant(s):

Judy Nguyen, O.D., Inc., 6247 Jarvis Avenue, Newark CA 94560; California
Business conducted by: a corporation
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)

/s/ Judy Nguyen, OD President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 12, 2015

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).
1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10/15

CNS-2708152#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 499769

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Furniture Depot, 40525 Albrae St., Fremont, CA 94538, County of Alameda

Registrant(s):
Ringo Le, 345 Castro Ln., Fremont CA 94539
Business conducted by: an individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)

/s/ Ringo Le

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 2, 2015

NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.

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1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10/15

CNS-2708150#

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 455780

The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **Furniture Depot, 40525 Albrae St., Fremont, CA 94538**
The Fictitious Business Name Statement being abandoned was filed on 9/12/2011 in the County of Alameda

David Diep Le, 345 Castro Ln., Fremont, CA 94539

This business was conducted by:
S/ Ringo Le
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 2, 2015
1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10/15

CNS-2708148#

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 449276

The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **Peaceful Path to Joy, 35685 Embassy Common, Fremont, CA 94536**

The Fictitious Business Name Statement for the Partnership was filed on 3/16/2011 in the County of Alameda

James B. Freer, 35685 Embassy Common, Fremont, CA 94536

This business was conducted by:
S/ James Bratley Freer
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 13, 2015.
1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10/15

CNS-2707855#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 499778

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Essence of it Beauty Supply Salon, 5409 Central Ave., Suite #14, Newark, CA 94561, County of Alameda

Registrant(s):
Moesa Moore, 4591 Piper St., Fremont, CA 94538

Tracey Perry, 526 Berry Ave., Hayward, CA 94544

Business conducted by: a Joint Venture
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/ Moesa Moore, Partner

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 2, 2015

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10/15

CNS-2707767#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 499353

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Airice HVAC Services, 2718 Cormorant Ct., Union City, CA 94587, County of Alameda; 2718 Cormorant Ct., Union City, CA 94587

Registrant(s):
Danny J Rice, 2718 Cormorant Ct., Union City, CA 94587

Business conducted by: an individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on Sept. 2009

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/ Danny J Rice

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 19, 2014

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1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10/15

CNS-2707092#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 499587

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Feng Shui Pang, Inc., 32949 Regents Blvd., Union City, CA 94587, County of Alameda

Registrant(s):
Feng Shui Pang, Inc., 32949 Regents Blvd., Union City, CA 94587, CA

Business conducted by: a Corporation
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on Nov. 9, 2009

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/ King Yin Pang, CEO

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 26, 2014.

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1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10/15

CNS-2706495#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 499510

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Sold By Design Staged Homes, 37421 Parish Circle, Fremont, CA 94536, County of Alameda

Registrant(s):
Janice E. Fortune, 37421 Parish Circle, 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/ Janice Fortune

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 24, 2014

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1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3/15

CNS-2705718#

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 489209

The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **I Desert, 1596 Washington Blvd, Fremont, CA 94539**
The Fictitious Business Name Statement for the Partnership was filed on 3/14/2014 in the County of Alameda.

I Desert Corporation, 2811 Castro Valley Blvd #112, Castro Valley, CA 94546

This business was conducted by:
S/ Jimin Chen

I Desert Corporation

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 29, 2014.

1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3/15

CNS-2705402#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 499667

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Flight, 1596 Washington Blvd, Fremont, CA 94539, County of Alameda

Registrant(s):
I Desert Corporation, 1596 Washington Blvd, Fremont, CA 94539, CA

Business conducted by: A Corporation
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)

/s/ Simin Chen - CEO

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1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3/15

CNS-2704909#

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 473626

The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **Opto Maben, 49091 Woodgrove CMN, Fremont, CA 94539**

The Fictitious Business Name Statement for the Partnership was filed on 1/10/2013 in the County of Alameda.

Degang Cheng, 49091 Woodgrove CMN, Fremont, CA 94539

This business was conducted by:
S/ Degang Cheng

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 19, 2014.

1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3/15

CNS-2704744#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 499224

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Mathnasium of Fremont, 3185 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont, CA 94538, County of Alameda

40660 Las Palmas Ave., Fremont, Alameda, CA 94539

Registrant(s):
Connexi STEM Education, LLC, 3185 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont, CA 94538; LLC was registered in California

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/ Eric TS Pan, Managing Member

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 16, 2014

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1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27/15

CNS-2704035#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 499152

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Young Smiles, 39560 Stevenson Place, #118, Fremont, CA 94539, County of Alameda

Registrant(s):
David E. Morris, DDS, Inc., 39560 Stevenson Place, #118, Fremont, CA 94539; CA

Business conducted by: a Corporation
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 8-2001

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/s/ David E. Morris DDS, President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 12, 2014

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1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27/15

CNS-2703839#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 499634

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Darmon Services, 5423 Central Ave. Ste. 5, Newark CA 94560, County of Alameda; Same

Registrant(s):
Mohammad Esmael Darman, 5889 Central 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

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/s/ Mohammad Esmael Darman

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 10, 2014

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12/30, 1/6, 1/13, 1/20/15

et seq., Business and Professions Code).

1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27/15

CNS-2703349#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 499432

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Chief Chai Thai Cuisine, 47894 Warm Spring Blvd., Fremont, CA 94539, County of Alameda; 47894 Warm Spring Blvd., Fremont, CA 94539, County of Alameda

Registrant(s):
Nilubon Athiprayoon, 1008 S. De Anza Blvd., #J202, San Jose, CA 95129

Chonthida Athiprayoon, 615 Kenneth Ave., Campbell, CA 95008

Chanatana Assavanivest, 1428 Antonio Lane, San Jose CA 95117

Business conducted by: Co-partners
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on Nov. 27th, 2014

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/ Chanatana Assavanivest, Partner

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 22, 2014

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1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27/15

CNS-2703050#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 499539

Fictitious Business Name(s):
MOA Plumbing, 34101 Sylvester Dr., Fremont, CA 94555, County of Alameda

Registrant(s):
Mauricio Orlando Aguirre, 34101 Sylvester Dr., Fremont, CA 94555

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/ Mauricio Aguirre

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1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27/15

CNS-2702652#

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

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/s/ Dai Wen Gao

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Hayward Police Log

SUBMITTED BY
SGT. ERIC MELENDEZ,
HAYWARD PD

Thursday, January 8

At 3:10 p.m., possession of loaded firearms with arrests occurred at Martin Luther King Jr Drive and Gibbons Street. A patrol officer pulled a vehicle over for nearly hitting his patrol car head-on, and other vehicle code violations. A rear passenger of the vehicle hid two loaded handguns under the driver’s seat and then fled on foot. A second rear passenger grabbed one of the handguns and threw it out of the window into some bushes. The officer was able to recover both handguns at the scene; however, the male suspect who fled the scene was not located.

At 4:48 p.m., a residential burglary occurred on the 27000 block of Gading Road. A resident came home and found his door forced open and heard noises inside. The resident called the police, fearing there may be a burglar still inside. Officers arrived on scene and found the home unoccupied and ransacked throughout. No suspect was found.

Friday, January 9

At 9:54 a.m., an armed robbery occurred in the greenway adjacent to the 400 block of Berry Avenue. Two suspects approached the victim with a handgun. One of the suspects grabbed the victim’s hair and pulled her to the ground. The victim then felt a blunt object (presumably a gun) jabbed into the right side of her abdomen and was told to keep quiet or they will shoot her. The other suspect stole the victim’s ring from her finger, the earrings from her ears, and a cell phone from her pocket. The suspects then ran south toward Charles Avenue. The suspects were described as black males, mid-20s, and 5’6” to 5’10” in height. They were both wearing black hooded

sweat shirts. Anyone with information regarding this robbery is encouraged to contact the Hayward Police Department (HPD) Investigations Division at (510) 293-7034.

Sunday, January 11

At 3:33 p.m., an outside assist was requested by Alameda County Sheriff Office’s (ACSO) deputies in the area of Santa Clara Street/Ocie Way. ACSO requested assistance to apprehend a suspect who had just fled from them in a stolen vehicle. A perimeter was quickly established, and the suspect was taken into custody within 15 minutes and without further incident.

Tuesday, January 13

At 1:06 p.m., an attempted robbery occurred on the 300 block of West A Street. The victim was walking through the parking lot when two suspects approached him. One suspect simulated a handgun in his sweatshirt and the second suspect pushed the victim and demanded his property. The victim ran into the gas station prior to the suspects taking any of his property. Suspect 1 was a Hispanic male, 30 years old, 5’7”, and 200 lbs., with a short black faded hairstyle, brown eyes, mustache and goatee. He was wearing a green t-shirt with a large, white “A” on the front, and blue jeans. Suspect 2 is a Hispanic male, 40-45 years old, 6’1”, and 165 lbs. He was last seen wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt with horizontal gray/yellow/blue stripes along the front of the shirt, gray bandana covering his face, blue jeans, white shoes, and simulated a gun underneath his sweatshirt. Suspect 3 is a black male adult, 40-45 years old, bald head and clean shaven. He wore a blue t-shirt and was driving the suspect vehicle. The suspect vehicle was a gray 2000 4-door Dodge Dakota truck with a bed cover. Anyone with information regarding this attempted robbery is encouraged to contact the Investigations Di-

vision at (510) 293-7034.

At 1:29 p.m., an outside assist was requested by Livermore Police Department in the area of Jackson Street and Watkins Avenue. Livermore PD detectives were in an unmarked vehicle witnessing a vehicle being stolen in Oakland by two suspects. The detectives followed the suspects into Hayward and attempted to pull them over in a parking lot on Mission Boulevard. Just as HPD officers arrived, both suspects fled on foot. The passenger suspect was captured by HPD a few blocks away. Alameda County Sheriff’s deputies conducted a K-9 search for the driver and he was eventually found in a backyard of residence.

Wednesday, January 14

At 7:53 a.m., a shooting into a dwelling occurred on the 30000 block of Carroll Avenue. A resident called the police to report that their home was shot. No one in the home was injured and the neighboring school imposed a voluntary lockdown until the area was secured. No shell casings were located; the home is a known gang house.

At 5:07 p.m., a juvenile is in custody for possession of a stolen vehicle and two counts of robbery. The victim and suspect both attend the same school. While on campus Tuesday, January 13, 2015, the suspect brandished a knife at the victim and stole his cell phone. This incident went unreported. On Wednesday, January 14, 2015, the same suspect confronted the victim and saw he had a new phone. The suspect pushed the victim to the ground and stole his new phone. Later in the day, the victim saw the suspect sitting in a vehicle on Gading Road and confronted him about his stolen cell phones. In a separate incident and during the same time, the registered owner of the vehicle found his stolen vehicle that the suspect was sitting in and called HPD. The suspect was arrested and one of the victim’s cell phones was recovered.

Hayward Police Community Academy

SUBMITTED BY HAYWARD P.D.

Learn more about the Hayward Police Department by attending a FREE - 9 Week Course held every Tuesday, March 3, 2015 - April 28, 2015 from 6:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. Classes will be held at Hayward PD North District Office, 22701 Main Street, Hayward (corner of C St./Main St.). Due to the sensitivity of the information presented, all participants must be at least 18 years or older. To register you must complete an application and pass a background check. Space is limited.

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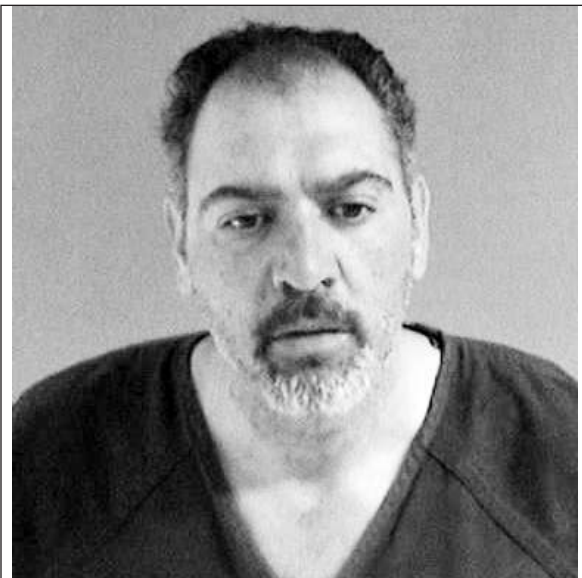
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Hayward homicide suspect in custody



SUBMITTED BY SGT. RYAN CANTRELL, HAYWARD PD

On Thursday, December 4, 2014, Hayward Police Department patrol officers responded to the report of an unresponsive and bleeding male near the dumpsters at the rear of a business, located in the 400 block of West Harder Road. A suspect has been identified for the murder of Barton Feldman, a 68-year-old male from the Hayward area.

Hayward Police Department detectives developed information identifying Kenneth Jason Poggi, a 39-year-old Hispanic male transient from Hayward, as the suspect in the murder of Feldman. A warrant was issued for Poggi’s arrest in late December 2014. On Tuesday, January 6, 2015, Poggi was located and arrested by the Oakland Police Department on an unrelated charge and the arrest warrant.

The case was presented to the Alameda County District Attorney’s Office, who charged Poggi with homicide with a use of a knife. Poggi is currently in custody at Santa Rita Jail.

Fremont Police Log

SUBMITTED BY GENEVA
BOSQUES, FREMONT PD

Friday, January 9

At 12:15 p.m., officers were dispatched to a trespassing call at Mission Peak Apartments, located on Stevenson Boulevard. Officer San Luis and Field Training Officer (FTO) Perry made contact with the subject, eventually locating a toy hand gun. The 26-year-old adult male, Stockton resident, was determined to have an outstanding felony and misdemeanor warrant for his arrest.

Saturday, January 10

At approximately 12:25 a.m., a male called 911 from 7-Eleven on Central Avenue and reported seeing another male outside of the store with a gun. The suspect was described as a Hispanic male wearing a black hoodie. Officers arrived on scene within seconds and located two males standing outside the store, one of them matching the suspect description. The two males were detained and no gun was located. The caller stated that the detained males were not involved. The final story from the caller was that he was followed to the 7-Eleven on foot by three males, one of which was in possession of a handgun. The males did not attempt to contact him; however, he was scared. The three males left in a white, early 2000s 4-door sedan, possibly a Honda or Toyota, just prior to police arrival. Officer Gentry documented the incident.

Sunday, January 11

Officers responded to Taco Bell at Grimmer Boulevard on a report of a “man with a gun.” The reporting party stated the male suspect pulled the gun out of his sweatshirt pocket, looked at

it, and then put it back. Officers arrived on scene shortly after the report was made; however, the suspect was not located. Patrons inside the restaurant were not aware of the suspect and there were no surveillance cameras in or around the restaurant. The suspect was described as white male, 5’10” tall with a heavy build, 30 years old, and was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, blue t-shirt, and denim shorts. Officer Forsberg documented the incident.

At 3:40 p.m., Officer Hollifield conducted a traffic stop at Mowry Avenue/Glenview Drive. The rear passenger, a 27-year-old adult male, Sacramento resident, identified himself as a concealed weapons permit holder and was armed with an unloaded handgun. The investigation revealed he did not have a valid CCW (concealed carry weapon). The driver of the vehicle, a 29-year-old adult male, Merced resident, was a convicted felon and was found to have a stun gun in his trunk. The 27-year-old adult male was cited for having an unloaded firearm in a vehicle and the 29-year-old driver was cited for felon in possession of a stun gun.

A reporting party calls to report a possible battery between two subjects. Officers arrived and located one of the involved subjects, a 19-year-old adult male, Newark resident, and asked him to stop. The male attempted to flee on foot and struggled with officers when he was stopped a short distance away. During the investigation it was learned that the 19-year-old male had made remarks about the other party’s ethnicity during the battery. The male was placed under arrest for resisting arrest, battery, violation of civil rights and vandalism.

Officers responded to take an attempt residential burglary at Rancho Luna Apartments, located on the 3900 block of Mon-

roe Avenue. The victim stated that between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., someone attempted to gain entry into his residence via forced entry on the front door. The door’s outer frame was broken but no entry was made. No items were reported missing.

Monday, January 12

Officers responded to an attempted burglary on the 43100 block of Isle Royal Street at 12:08 p.m. A witness called to report that a male subject was climbing into a neighbor’s bathroom window. Officers immediately set up containment on the house and eventually cleared it with a Newark K-9 for any potential suspects. Further investigation revealed it was an attempt only. The suspect was described as wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt and denim pants.

A series of residential burglaries/attempted burglaries occurred consecutively within a short period of time. In all three cases, the rear sliding glass door was shattered. A possible suspect vehicle is described as a dark colored, older model Lexus sedan.

At approximately 8:25 p.m., a resident on Merlot Drive returned home from dinner and found his home had been burglarized. The master bedroom was ransacked and currency was taken. A rear sliding glass door had been shattered, which was likely the point of entry. A neighbor has video that investigators are following up on.

At 9:01 p.m. while at the burglary on Merlot Drive, dispatch broadcast over the radio that an alarm was sounding from a residence on the 48600 block of Tonopah Court. Officers arrived and found the gate to the backyard partially open. It appears the suspect(s) entered the backyard via this gate. Once inside the backyard, the suspect(s) smashed the sliding glass door, triggering

the alarm. It didn’t appear the suspect(s) made entrance to the residence and were likely scared off by the audible alarm.

At 9:23 p.m., a resident on Kansas Way was home when he heard a loud sound from downstairs. He went down to see what caused the noise and he discovered the rear sliding glass door was shattered. He did not see or hear anyone leaving the area, and entry was not made into the residence. A perimeter was established and multiple backyards were searched with a K-9. The K-9 indicated a scent over a backyard fence and there was an area disturbed in the planter box where it appeared a suspect jumped the fence. Officers were unable to determine what was used to shatter the windows.

A victim reported that a grey 2008 Ford F150 was burglarized while parked in stall #74 at Fremont BART station between 7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. The investigating officer determined the vehicle was entered by a window smash. The victim reported the loss of Panasonic Eclipse stereo (\$1,200). The officer processed the vehicle for fingerprints and completed a report.

Tuesday, January 13

Officers responded to the 35900 block of Carnation Way to investigate a residential burglary that occurred during the morning hours. The unknown suspect(s)

gained entry by using blunt force to open the front door. The suspects ransacked the residence. It was unknown at the time of the report as to what was taken.

Officers were dispatched to a robbery that had just occurred at Walmart on Albrae Street. The initial information was that two suspects stole a car seat and clothing and had battered the loss prevention agent. Arriving units determined that the crime was actually a petty theft and not a robbery. The suspects were not located.

Wednesday, January 14

At approximately 10:35 a.m., officers responded to the 46000 block of Fremont Boulevard to investigate a burglary. The business was burglarized sometime during the night. The loss reported was two television sets.

Officers responded to a residential burglary on the 38700 block of Stonington Terrace. The residents were gone for approximately one hour in the morning, and when they returned they found that their glass door had been shattered and the home was burglarized. Loss was jewelry.

Between 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., a residence on the 41800 block of Chadbourne Drive was burglarized. Unknown suspect(s) entered the residence without permission by breaking a rear glass door. Losses were coins and jewelry.

Balanced offense, dominant defense in season opening win

Women’s Water Polo

SUBMITTED BY
SCOTT CHISHOLM

Cal State East Bay made a victorious season debut January 16th at the LouStrong Memorial Tournament at San Jose State with a 12-2 victory over Fresno Pacific. The Pioneers fell to the host and No. 7 nationally ranked Spartans 17-4 to close out their opening day to the 2015 season. “It was a great team effort today and we had a lot of different people scoring,” praised East Bay Head Coach Lisa Cooper. “Our communication was excellent and our goalies were on fire. Our team defense really stepped up.” Casey Rushforth scored on East Bay’s opening possession and sparked a streak of five unanswered goals against Fresno Pacific. Taylor Cross, Sabrina Hatzter, Tori Dettloff, and Ka’iliponi McGee all scored during that stretch.

Cross, Hatzter, and Alyssa Hess each finished with two goals apiece in the first half in helping build a 9-2 halftime advantage. Hess would finish with a game-high three goals in her Pioneer debut. Olivia Mackell provided half of the East Bay opportunities leading the squad with four drawn exclusions. She was also one of four Pioneers with multiple assists in the contest led by three from Rushforth. East Bay goalkeeper Marrina Nation made seven stops and did not allow a goal when the team was at full strength. She added two assists and a steal in the winning effort. Miranda Diehm closed out the final four-plus minutes and made her first career save in the match. San Jose State (2-0) made its official season debut with a 15-5 win over Western Water Polo Association member Sonoma State. The Pioneers suffered a similar fate to that of their conference rival as the No. 7 Spartans jumped out to an early lead. Rushforth put East Bay on the



Marrina Nation (L) allowed only two goals in win over Fresno Pacific

scoreboard with two minutes left before halftime ending a stretch of seven unanswered goals by

SJSU. A strong offensive third quarter for the Pioneers included 6-on-5 goals from McGee and

Hess, and a counterattack score by Cross. CSUEB’s Nation led all goalkeepers with eight saves.

Women’s Basketball

East Bay Report

SUBMITTED BY SCOTT CHISHOLM

East Bay nearly knocks off Humboldt State

Cal State East Bay nearly became the first California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) team to knock off Humboldt State this season but fell 68-66 inside Lumberjack Arena January 15. East Bay’s Stephanie Lopez led all players with 29 points in the loss. East Bay lead slips away to Cal State San Bernardino Scoring droughts late in each half plagued Cal State East Bay in January 17th 54-52 defeat inside Coussoulis Arena. The host Coyotes scored a string of 10 unanswered points, all at the free throw line, over the final 2:32 in erasing a Pioneer



Micah Walker (near) became the eighth player in program history to score over 800 career points

lead they held for more than 36 minutes. “Unfortunately for us we executed poorly in the final three minutes of each

half and it cost us the game. We need to maintain a ‘we attitude’ when things are not going our way. We didn’t tonight and

that is very disappointing,” said East Bay Head Coach Suzy Barcomb. Micah Walker made her first four shot attempts including a pair of 3-pointers scoring 10 of her 12 points in the opening half. She scored eight of the team’s points during a 10-2 run which extended the Pioneer lead to its peak at 11 points with 6:12 remaining until halftime. “Micah played very well for us offensively tonight. It was good for us to have her in the scoring column,” said East Bay Head Coach Suzy Barcomb of her senior who became just the eighth player in program history to score 800 career points. Stephanie Lopez’ 3-pointer in the final seconds was the only field goal made for the Pioneers during the final five minutes of regulation play. Lopez finished with a team-high 15 points and game-high five assists. Remy Puou contributed 11 points, six rebounds and two blocked shots. Teammate Tori Breschers scored nine and led all players with three blocks.

What happened to the Swiss franc?

BY KEN SWEET
AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP), One of the world’s safest investments – the Swiss franc – has swung wildly this week after the central bank in Switzerland announced it would scrap its policy of limiting the rise of the currency. It may seem like an arcane move, but it’s not. The Swiss National Bank’s surprise decision on Thursday caused the franc to surge against the euro and dollar, sending shockwaves through the global financial system. Holders of Swiss francs profited handsomely, but many investors and brokerage firms, were pounded with losses. Two brokerage firms in London and New Zealand have announced huge losses and will have to close. A New York-based currency broker said clients suffered significant losses, and it needed an emergency loan to stay in business. The turmoil is all the more unsettling because, like U.S. bonds, the dollar and gold, the Swiss franc has been viewed as a haven for investors, thanks to the stability and wealth of the Swiss government. Here’s what happened to the franc and why it matters: How did we get here? Since 2011, the Swiss National Bank has had a program to keep its franc from appreciating too much against other currencies – most importantly the euro.

The franc’s rapid rise makes goods and products produced in Switzerland more expensive and less competitive in other countries. The bank set a limit of 1.20 francs to the euro to keep its rise in check. So what happened next? After several years, it became untenable for the SNB to keep up its program. The euro is continuing to weaken against other currencies, notably the dollar, and the European Central Bank is likely to start stimulus programs that would weaken the European currency even further. The SNB decided to allow the market to re-price the franc Thursday. This caused a massive re-pricing of the currency that led to the franc to gain more than 20 percent against the euro. Reserve currencies do not move like this, so a 20 percent move in the franc was considered historic, investors said. How did the Swiss bank’s move hurt banks and traders? Because currencies don’t usually move much in a single day, traders often use significant leverage to boost their returns. Leverage of 50:1 is not unheard of in the currency market. Because the franc is heavily traded, the SNB’s decision reverberated throughout other currency markets and caused abnormal moves. This left traders exposed to massive losses. Anyone who had bet against the franc, even just a little bit, was hit. Where the losses likely happened in euro. Here’s an example: A trader invested \$100,000 in euros and borrowed 19 times that amount as leverage, or \$1.9 million, for a total investment of \$2 million in euros. The 5 percent decline of the euro against the dollar Thursday would have created a \$5,000 loss for the investor’s money and a \$95,000 loss in the leveraged money. The investor would have lost everything.

Reports also emerged that the SNB’s move inflicted large losses on the some of the world’s biggest banks. The Wall Street Journal reported Citigroup and Deutsche Bank had lost more than \$150 million in the turmoil following the bank’s decision. Mark Costiglio, a spokesman for Citi declined to comment on the report, as did Deutsche Bank spokeswoman Renee Calabro. Why are some brokerages folding? When investors borrow money as leverage, that leveraged money has to come from somewhere. In this case, it came from the brokers where these clients had accounts. Any losses that exceed a client’s balance would have left brokerage firms exposed. New York-firm FXCM said Thursday that the movement of the Swiss franc generated “negative equity balances” of \$225 million, meaning its clients owed the firm \$225 million. It is likely that FXCM will have difficulty getting back most of that money. FXCM had to get an emergency \$300 million investment from Leucadia National to stay in business. Other brokers said similar things. New Zealand brokerage firm Excel Markets said, “when a client cannot cover their losses it is passed onto us,” which left Excel without the capital they needed to operate. Does it matter to stocks and bonds? Swiss stocks were hit hard by the currency moves. When a country’s currency gains in value, it makes goods made in that country more expensive on the global market. Swiss manufacturers now have products that are 15 to 20 percent more expensive than they were three days ago – making it more difficult for Swiss companies to compete.

Senator Wieckowski receives committee assignments

SUBMITTED BY JEFF BARBOSA

State Senate Pro Tem Kevin de Leon has appointed Sen. Bob Wieckowski (D-Fremont) to serve on four standing committees, in addition to chairing the Senate Environmental Quality Committee. “I am very pleased with these committee assignments because they fit well with my policy interests on environmental stewardship, economic development, consumer protection, transportation infrastructure, affordable housing and our court system,” Wieckowski said. “They are also good for my district because they match the clean economy expansion experienced in District 10 and position me to play key roles in helping to meet the challenges facing the region.” De Leon selected Wieckowski to chair the Environmental Quality Committee last month; on January 6 he announced the rest of Wieckowski’s committee assignments: Business, Professions and Economic Development; Insurance; Judiciary; and Transportation and Housing. Wieckowski represents the 10th Senate District, which includes southern Alameda County and northeast Santa Clara County.

Naked Aussie freed from washer with olive oil

AP WIRE SERVICE

SYDNEY (AP), A naked Australian man who became stuck in a washing machine as part of an ill-planned practical joke was freed from the appliance with the help of an unusual rescue device: olive oil. The 20-year-old man, identified only as “Laurence,” told Australia’s Fairfax Radio that he was on his way to take a shower on Saturday when he decided to climb into the top-loader to have a bit of fun. The fun quickly evaporated, however, when he realized he couldn’t budge. He called out to his friend for help, who rang the police. They responded to the scene, along with firefighters, paramedics and a search and rescue squad. “He was very well wedged in there and we were concerned for his health and well-being,” Shepparton police Sgt. Michelle De Araujo told the Shepparton News. “It was just a game gone wrong. It would be fair to say the gentleman was very embarrassed.” Rescuers tried in vain to pull Laurence from the machine. But when it became clear he was seriously stuck, they grabbed a bottle of his favorite olive oil to help lubricate his escape. The oil worked, and he popped out. “I was quite disappointed they used my good olive oil,” Laurence told Fairfax Radio. “As soon as the washing machine went on its side, it was a bit like a birthing.”

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THEATRE REVIEW

Three Viewings brings laughter & tears

BY JESSICA NOËL CHAPIN

Viewings and funerals aren't supposed to be funny. When we think of death, we think of great sadness rather than laughter. Friends and family gather together to mourn and remember the lost loved one. Tales are told, secrets revealed. The living are left to journey on with only memories for comfort.

In Jeffrey Hatcher's play, *Three Viewings*, the playwright dares to add a touch of humor to an otherwise heavy topic. The play is set in the funeral home of a small town in the Midwest. Over the course of three monologues, the audience is privy to the inner secrets of the mourners at three separate viewings. Emil is the director at the funeral parlor. He is secretly in love with the town divorcee, real-estate agent Tessie with her "red coat, black hair, and blue eyes." Mac is a "bipolar, bisexual, drug addict" who has flown from Los Angeles to grieve for her grandmother Nettie James. Virginia is a naïve widow who finds herself in a complicated situation after the death of her husband, Ed Carpolotti.

The play is economical in set and players; just three actors and one setting comprise the whole of the story. Each character takes his



or her turn revealing their narrative to the audience, as though the audience was a confidante on the couch of the parlor. Kyle Smith opens the play as Emil. His story "Tell-Tale" has echoes of Edgar Allen Poe's *Tell Tale Heart* as we hear his own heart thudding with anxiety over his growing infatuation with the beautiful and unobtainable Tessie. "I love you, I love you, I love you," Emil chants inaudibly to Tessie. His frustration over unrequited love and the intensity with which he loves the unseen woman, provides a lot of laughs.

The second story, starring Dawn Cates, focuses on Mac, a woman in her 30s who makes a living by stealing jewelry from the deceased at viewings in Bev-

erly Hills. When she learns her grandmother has finally died at the age of 103, she lifts some earrings off a dead woman to fund her trip back home. Her interest appears to be less about grief and more about a prized dinner ring her grandmother had falsely promised her as a young girl. At one time, Mac was married. Friends at her grandmother's viewing ask about her husband and two children and each time Mac replies with dark humor, "I'm not married anymore. My husband never fixed the kitchen door." Behind the biting sarcasm hides a tragic tale.

The final story is the highlight of the evening. Mary Galde gives a superb performance as the widow Virginia. Her husband



was "quite the wheeler-dealer" and has left her deeply in debt with his brother, the bank, and the mob! Adding to her financial troubles, an anonymous letter threatens to reveal a list of thirteen secrets about her husband's past if Virginia doesn't come up with a lump sum by the end of the week. Galde's portrayal of Virginia was genuine, natural, and amusing; the perfect end to this unique storyline.

Three Viewings is the first of six plays in Broadway West Theatre Company's 19th season. Season tickets are still available. The lineup offers a good mix of theatre genres from humor to drama to horror. This little theatre is a Fremont staple and never fails to entertain. With affordable tickets,

and refreshments served at all Sunday matinees, there's something for every level of theatre-goer. For tickets and show times, visit their Web site at www.broadwaywest.org.

Three Viewings
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Curmudgeon's Garden

SUBMITTED BY HARD
PHOTOBY DOUG BURGESS

Humans invented weeds when we invented agriculture. Before that, our ancestors merely avoided harmful plants and ignored those that did not provide benefits. Once we started cultivating food species, other plants that competed with our efforts became the weeds. Discover more about these unwanted plants as the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center displays the exhibit "Curmudgeon's Garden," a botanical tour of the plants we love to hate: weeds. The exhibit will run from January 24 to March 14, with an artist's reception on Saturday, January 31.

Artist Doug Burgess has assembled a gallery of Bay Area weeds, aliens, and other unwanted plants growing without cultivation – a sort of curmudgeon's garden. He hopes to better understand these plants that we dismiss so easily but plague us so relentlessly. Many of these weeds

can be found along the Hayward shoreline, and all can be found within a few miles of the Interpretive Center.

"As I explored the world of plants, I seldom found anything about the ones I saw most often – the weeds growing from the crack in the sidewalk, or the ones I weed-whack each spring in my yard. Most of the information I found was solely concerned with how to kill and destroy them. Rarely did I find explanations of why they were weeds and from where they came," Burgess said.

According to Burgess, this exhibition is his attempt to see these unwanted plants without prejudice. "What I found is that we [people] are the primary enabler of weeds. Our land use practices, our transportation systems, and our desire to alter the world around us are the very activities that subsidize and promote weeds," he adds.

Professionally, Burgess works in a local Bay Area oil refinery, but he has been taking photo-



graphs since the '80s, often focusing on subjects that are "transparently close." Burgess explains, "I have used photography my entire adult life as a means of exploring the world around me. It causes me to see things close at hand that I might otherwise dismiss without much consideration. It has enriched my life immeasurably." To learn more about

Burgess and his previous works, visit www.d-burgess.com.

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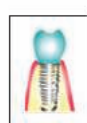
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