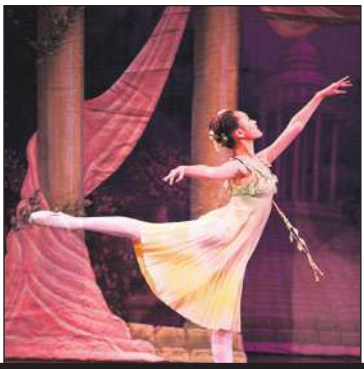




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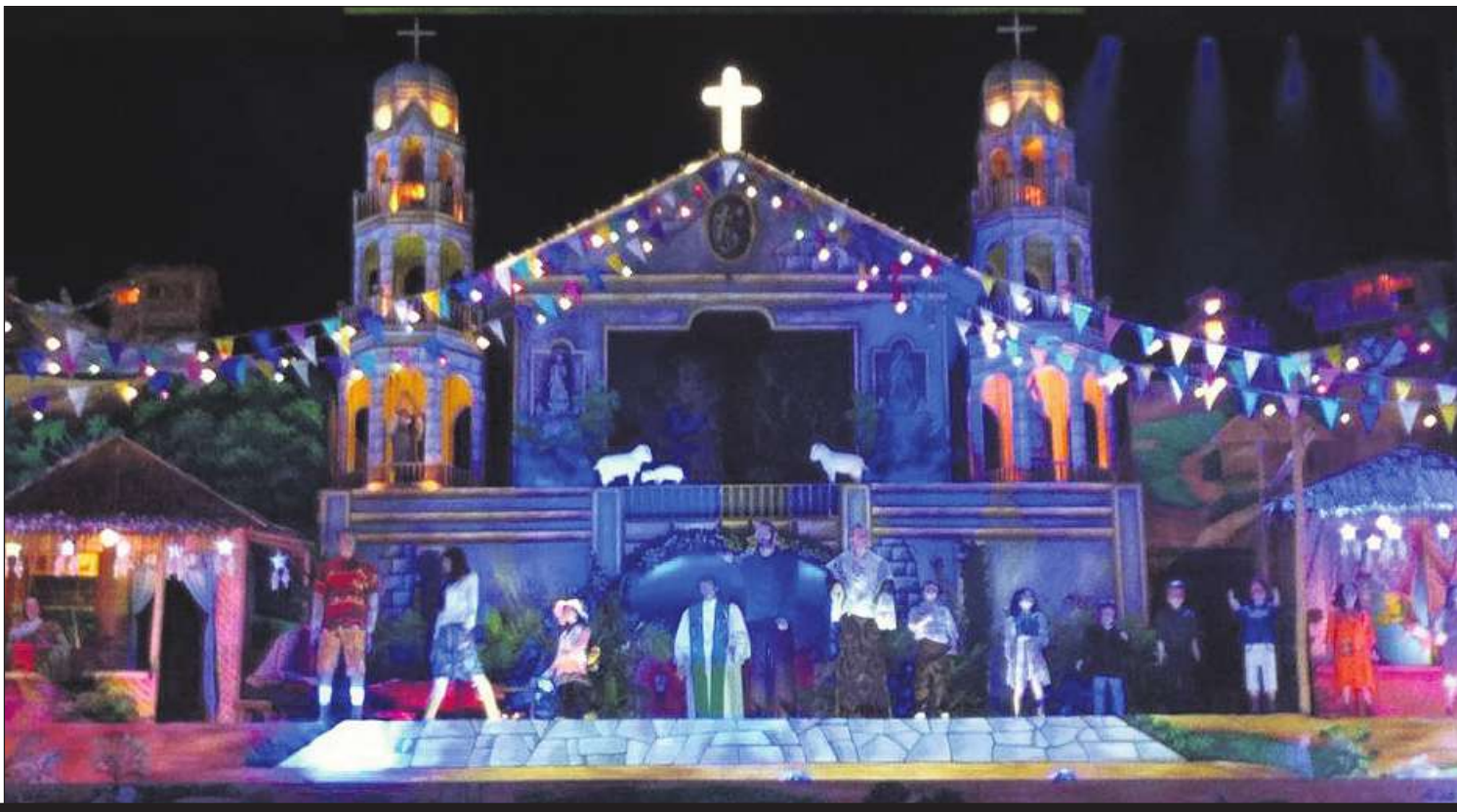
Filipino community celebrates Simbang Gabi

Beginning Wednesday, December 16, the Filipino Catholic community will gather for nine consecutive mornings in a series of liturgical masses called "Simbang Gabi" (Night Mass). Simbang Gabi is observed by Filipinos all over the world in anticipation of Christmas and to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. As a traditional practice, the masses are held between the early hours of 4 a.m. to 6 a.m. or during late evenings.

"It's a tradition to help welcome the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the days leading up to Christmas," says Mark Bilbao, a devoted Catholic who has been attending Simbang Gabi masses with his extended family for about 20 years now.

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Photo by Robbie Menor



Christmas Posadas



SUBMITTED BY ARATHI SATISH
PHOTOS BY CONNIE CHEW

The celebration of "Las Posadas" has been part of Christmas festivities in Fremont since 1982. The Fremont Cultural Arts Council (FCAC) and the Committee for the Restoration of the Mission San Jose have co-sponsored this event for more than thirty years, and continue the annual tradition in the Mission San Jose district Tuesday, December 15 through Wednesday, December 23.

Posada means "inn" or "shelter" in Spanish and this event re-enacts Mary and Joseph's search for a shelter in Bethlehem. The nine nights of posadas leading up to Christmas symbolizes their nine days journey to Bethlehem, or alternatively, the nine months Mary was pregnant with Jesus. The procession generally includes people costumed as Joseph, Mary, angels, shepherds, and the Three Wise Men who travel to different houses seeking shelter. They are denied entry, until finally they are allowed to enter the designated house where the festivities take place.

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Mingle with police and officials at Holiday Party

SUBMITTED BY MICHELLE POWELL

Fremont Bank and Union City Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a "Holiday Party with the Cops" on Thursday, December 17. The community is invited to enjoy wonderful holiday music while socializing with Chamber members, Union City Police and City Officials, and other Union City residents.

"It's a bit of an extension of 'Coffee with the Cops' – an evening event where people who might not be able to make those daytime coffee dates can come and socialize a bit with UCPD, Fremont Bank, City and Chamber staff, and enjoy holiday cheer," says Union City Chamber Board President Michelle Powell.

This is an opportunity for you to talk to a police officer and find out what is happening in your neighborhood, suggest new ideas for neighborhood safety, or just commend them

for all the work they do for our community! Finger food and drinks will be available, as well as a chance to win a holiday gift donated by our Chamber members.

We will also be collecting canned food for Centro de Servicios, if attendees would like to donate.

Set aside December 17 to join us at the Fremont Bank. If you have never been to a mixer or social event, this would be an excellent time to do so. See you there!

Holiday Party with the Cops
Thursday, Dec 17
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Fremont Bank

32000 Alvarado Blvd, Union City
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www.unioncitychamber.com/ucevents/upcoming-events



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Healthy Eating Strategies this Holiday Season

Thanksgiving is past but winning the challenge of healthy holiday eating is far from over. Christmas, New Year's and other holiday celebrations still lie ahead. How can you manage your weight with the many parties and family dinners that are a part of the season?

Pecan pie, eggnog, cookies and candy are holiday treats that tempt. And that list doesn't include the extra potatoes and gravy, stuffing, rolls with butter, the absolutely delicious desserts and other special treats that come with the holiday season.

Before you know it, you are adjusting your belt a notch or two. And, in January when you tackle the problem, you find that losing that extra weight is much more difficult than anticipated.

The average person can gain from two to five pounds during the holidays and the danger comes when you don't lose the extra pounds. Over the years, weight keeps building, bringing with it the increased risk of high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease and other problematic health issues.

The holidays don't have to be about denial, says Kimberlee Alvari, Registered Dietitian and Director of Food and Nutrition Services at Washington Hospital. "You can still enjoy some of the special dishes you always look forward to, but mix them up with some healthier choices so that the table — and your plate — isn't loaded down all with high-calorie food."

Alvari warns that the holidays are not the time to try to lose weight. "Don't be overly ambitious with healthy holiday eating strategies or you could set yourself up for failure. It probably will be more realistic to aim to keep your weight at your pre-Thanksgiving level."

And, she cautions, it's not just the special holiday itself that leads to weight gain, but all of the days leading up to the celebrations and the days in-between.

Alvari suggests some strategies for healthy eating during the holidays:

Plan in advance: When going to a party, decide ahead of time what type of food you'll eat and what and how much you'll drink. Eating a healthy snack before you leave for the party will help control your appetite and desire for all the food on display. Ask your host/hostess if you may bring a dish to the party — one you consider healthy — so there will be at least one "sure thing" on the table for you.

Eating at the event: Start with lighter appetizers such as raw veggies and salads. Look over the entire selection before deciding what to eat; otherwise you might end up overloading your plate since you don't know what else is being offered. Select one or two higher-calorie favorites from the buffet table and then step away so that you aren't tempted to load up your plate with other treats.

Drinking at the event: Include your drinks as part of your healthy eating strategy. If you are watching carbohydrates, think about the carbs in sweet drinks like margaritas, beer and eggnog. If you are diabetic, it's critical to monitor your blood sugar level and to be aware of the effect of alcohol.

During the holiday season: Keep moving so the pounds can't catch up with you. Don't skip regular exercise and add a little more physical activity to counter the extra calories. Limit treats to one small serving a day during the holiday season, such as cookies or a piece of candy or pie.

Control temptation by keeping treats out of sight — not on your desk or in places you frequent. And don't skip meals to "make room" for food later in the day. Skipping meals almost always leads to overeating later.

When you cook: Make healthier versions of some traditional holiday appetizers or main course dishes and seek out new recipes for tasty healthy options. For example, substitute light and low-fat cream cheese and sour cream for full-fat ones in recipes. Low-fat and non-fat Greek style

yogurt also is a great substitute. Use olive oil instead of butter to cook. Instead of chips, cut up pita bread and bake it in the oven. Serve with hummus for a great low-fat, nutritious treat.

Finally, Alvari suggests using a smaller plate such as a nine-inch plate instead of the standard 12-inch size. "A smaller plate holds less food, so you can save 200 – 300 calories by reducing the plate size. If you are hosting a party, do your guests a favor by using smaller plates."

Autumn Kale Salad

- ½ large butternut squash, cut and peeled into ½ inch pieces (about 20 oz)

4 T olive oil, divided

¾ tsp salt, divided

Freshly ground pepper to taste

2 T lemon juice
- 1/8 tsp ground cinnamon

8 cups torn curly kale leaves (about 2 bunches, de-stemmed)

½ cup chopped pecans, toasted

¼ cup pomegranate seeds

½ shallot, thinly sliced

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Toss the butternut squash with 1 tablespoons olive oil, ¼ tsp salt, and pepper to taste. Spread on the baking sheet and roast until tender and golden brown, about 25 minutes.



For the next holiday gathering, ask the host if you can contribute by bringing a dish to the party. Consider a healthy dish, such as a delicious and nutritious Autumn Chard Salad.

In a small bowl, whisk together 3 tablespoons olive oil, the lemon juice, ½ tsp salt, cinnamon, and pepper to taste.

In a large bowl, combine the kale, squash, pecans, pomegranate seeds, sliced shallot, and dressing up to an hour before serving. Add more salt if necessary, and transfer to a serving platter. Makes 8 servings.

Per serving: 178 kcals, 4 g protein, 12 g fat, 17 g carbs, 5 g fiber, 247 mg sodium

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12:00 PM 12:00 AM	Arthritis: Do I Have One of 100 Types?	Diabetes Matters: Healthy or Hoax	Deep Venous Thrombosis	Surgical Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea	Heel Problems and Treatment Options	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes & Stroke: What's the Connection?	Women's Health Conference: Can Lifestyle Reduce the Risk of Cancer?
12:30 PM 12:30 AM		Diabetes Matters: Insulin: Everything You Want to Know		Acetaminophen Overuse Danger		Learn Exercises to Help Lower Your Blood Pressure and Slow Your Heart Rate	
1:00 PM 1:00 AM	Your Concerns InHealth: Sun Protection	Minimally Invasive Surgery for Lower Back Disorders	Kidney Transplants	Keeping Your Heart on the Right Beat	How Healthy Are Your Lungs?	Washington Women's Center: Cholesterol and Women	Family Caregiver Series: Coping as a Caregiver
1:30 PM 1:30 AM						Family Caregiver Series: Medication Safety	
2:00 PM 2:00 AM	Keys to Healthy Eyes	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting November 11, 2015	Women's Health Conference: Aging Gracefully	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting November 11, 2015	Skin Cancer	Diabetes Matters: Key To A Healthy Heart with Diabetes	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 9, 2015
2:30 PM 2:30 AM	How to Maintain a Healthy Weight: Good Nutrition is Key		Meatless Mondays		Inside Washington Hospital: Patient Safety		
3:00 PM 3:00 AM	Don't Let Hip Pain Run You Down		Learn More About Kidney Disease		GERD & Your Risk of Esophageal Cancer	Shingles	
3:30 PM 3:30 AM		Family Caregiver Series: Fatigue and Depression		Women's Health Conference: Aging Gracefully			
4:00 PM 4:00 AM	Community Based Senior Supportive Services	Strengthen Your Back	Turning 65? Get To Know Medicare	Heart Healthy Eating After Surgery and Beyond	Strengthen Your Back! Learn to Improve Your Back Fitness	Family Caregiver Series: Tips for Navigating the Healthcare System	Hip Pain in the Young and Middle-Aged Adult
4:30 PM 4:30 AM						Dietary Treatment to Treat Celiac Disease	
5:00 PM 5:00 AM		Family Caregiver Series: Tips for Navigating the Healthcare System	Superbugs: Are We Winning the Germ War?	Diabetes Matters: When You Care Too Much	Prostate Health and Prostate Cancer	Latest Treatments for Cerebral Aneurysms	Diabetes Matters: Sugar Substitutes - Sweet or Sour?
5:30 PM 5:30 AM	Heart Irregularities			Diabetes Matters: Protecting Your Heart	Minimally Invasive Options in Gynecology		
6:00 PM 6:00 AM	Family Caregiver Series: Care for the Caregiver	Varicose Veins and Chronic Venous Disease	Heart Irregularities	Diabetes Matters: Protecting Your Heart	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 9, 2015	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 9, 2015	Cough and Pneumonia: When to See a Doctor
6:30 PM 6:30 AM	Movement Disorders, Parkinson's Disease, Tremors and Epilepsy		Learn If You Are at Risk for Liver Disease	Raising Awareness About Stroke			
7:00 PM 7:00 AM							Voices InHealth: The Legacy Strength Training System
7:30 PM 7:30 AM	Washington Women's Center: Sorry, Gotta Run!	Family Caregiver Series: Driving Safety & Alternative Transportation Resources	Get Back On Your Feet: New Treatment Options for Ankle Conditions		Voices InHealth: New Surgical Options for Breast Cancer Treatment	Lunch and Learn: Yard to Table	Voices InHealth: The Greatest Gift of All
8:00 PM 8:00 AM	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting November 11, 2015	Family Caregiver Series: How Do You Talk to Your Doctor?	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting November 11, 2015	Snack Attack	Alzheimer's Disease	Voices InHealth: Radiation Safety	Voices InHealth: Healthy Pregnancy
8:30 PM 8:30 AM		Radiation Safety		New Treatment Options for Chronic Sinusitis		Don't Let Back Pain Sideline You	
9:00 PM 9:00 AM		Crohn's & Colitis		Family Caregiver Series: Nutrition for the Caregiver			Your Concerns InHealth: Senior Scam Prevention
9:30 PM 9:30 AM	What You Should Know About Carbs and Food Labels	Do You Suffer From Anxiety or Depression?	Family Caregiver Series: Fatigue and Depression	Eating for Heart Health by Reducing Sodium	Low Back Pain	Inside Washington Hospital: The Emergency Department	Diabetes Matters: Partnering with your Doctor to Improve Control
10:00 PM 10:00 AM			Knee Pain & Replacement	Getting the Most Out of Your Insurance When You Have Diabetes		Voices InHealth: Healthy Pregnancy	Washington Women's Center: Cancer Genetic Counseling
10:30 PM 10:30 AM	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes Meal Planning	Diabetes Matters: The Diabetes Domino Effect: ABCs					
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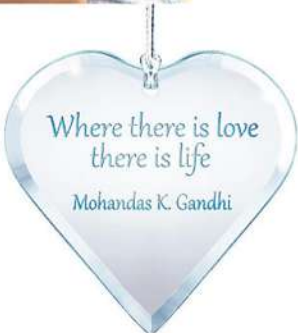
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World pauses to Pray for Peace

SUBMITTED BY REV. JEFFREY SPENCER

Imagine if people all around the globe paused at the same moment and prayed for peace. At noon, Greenwich Mean Time, on December 31, that happens. That can be kind of tough for those living on the west coast of the United States. Noon in England is 4 a.m. here. But, some Bay Area residents will be getting up at 4 a.m. for an interfaith prayer service on December 31, and others won't go to sleep on December 30. This year, the service, co-sponsored by the Tri-City Interfaith Council, Interfaith Women of Peace, and Pax Christi, will be held at Niles Discovery Church in Fremont.

Prayers from several different faith traditions will be shared by those present. The Rainbow Ukulele Club will offer a song or two. There will be a time of fellowship following the service.

Interfaith Prayer Service
Thursday, Dec 31
4 a.m.
Niles Discovery Church
36600 Niles Blvd, Fremont
(510) 797-0895
jeff@nilesdiscoverychurch.org

Rivera appointed president of Statewide Board

SUBMITTED BY
PATRICK GANNON

The Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE) congratulates Board of Education Trustee Joaquin Rivera on his appointment as President of the California County Boards of Education (CCBE). Rivera was elected President-Elect in 2014 and was officially appointed President at the conclusion of the CCBE's annual meeting on Friday, December 4 in San Diego. As President, Rivera will lead the CCBE in the organization's mission of serving as a voice for county boards of education across the state to improve public school policies, increase



public awareness, and promote governance training for county board members.

Rivera's election as president follows a number of previous leadership roles he has held within the CCBE, including serving as Vice President as well as on the CCBE Board of Directors, the Charter School Task force and the Nominating Committee. "I am proud to represent Alameda County as CCBE President and to lead for our work in schools and communities to ensure that every student succeeds," said Rivera. "I will bring my passion and expertise to continue to advocate for our most at-risk youth and to support what is best for our schools and communities."

Citizens Advisory Committee accepting applications

SUBMITTED BY LAURA CORREA-HERNANDEZ

The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (H.A.R.D.) is currently accepting applications for four (4) vacant committee positions from interested residents who reside in Hayward, Castro Valley, San Lorenzo and the unincorporated areas of Alameda County – Ashland, Cherryland and Fairview – for the Districts' Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).

The committee meets four times per year and provides recommendations to the District's Board of Directors, works on specific Board-directed projects, and reviews District and park design projects. Applications will be accepted until appointments are approved.

To learn more about the District's CAC or to download an application, please visit www.HaywardRec.org/cac. For additional information, please call (510) 881-6705 or email HanG@haywardrec.org

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Christmas Tea

SUBMITTED BY RAYMOND GRIMM

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Christmas Tea Open House
Wednesday, Dec 16
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Fremont Residents Rise Up To Secure Community Benefits

Residents of Fremont achieved a significant victory with the signing of a community benefits agreement (CBA) between Congregations Organizing for Renewal (COR) and Lennar Homes of California. The agreement marks a major milestone in a hard fought campaign launched by the RISE Fremont Coalition – RISE for short – to win a CBA as part of a transit-oriented project around the new BART station at Warm Springs. The site, located adjacent to Tesla Motors, is set to be a mixed-use, commercial, residential, and light industrial development and will eventually include 4,000 new homes at full build out.

This historic CBA between Lennar and COR, a legally binding contract negotiated on behalf of COR by the Law Office of Julian Gross, will provide \$70,000 a year for five years in workforce training funds to prepare Fremont residents for jobs in the construction and non-construction sectors, and includes an outreach program to prioritize for on-site affordable housing. The CBA also provides additional certainty regarding the full package of public benefits negotiated by the city for this project – giving the community a direct oversight role in ensuring community priorities over the life of the project. Roberta Ryan, a core leader of

RISE, believes that the CBA, “demonstrates a shift in the way developments are planned and executed in Fremont. We now have an alternative avenue to include community voices and demands, especially those most marginalized, in the decision-making process of how our city is being built.”

This campaign was an important win for the emerging RISE Fremont Coalition. As market-driven development demands intensify in Fremont, advocates are working to ensure that it results in tangible benefits – not displacement – for our communities. Many residents, particularly renters most at risk of being priced out as the city transforms, worry that they will not be able to enjoy the benefits of new transit and investments. As we talk to friends and neighbors, we hear distressing stories of rising rents, business and resident displacement, and stagnant wages that cannot keep up with inflating housing costs.

The City of Fremont is facing an unprecedented housing crisis, one that disproportionately affects low-income people and people of color. In a city where 42% of residents pay more than 30% of their income on rent and 37% rent (U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2009-2013), a two-bedroom apartment

can cost a working class family upwards of \$2,736 (Rent Trend Data from Rent Jungle). Earlier this year, Forbes Magazine named the Oakland-Hayward-Fremont metro area as second worst market for renters. Additionally, Fremont has the second fastest rising rents in California behind Sunnyvale (Apartment List California Rental Price Monitor, 2015).

Throughout last summer into this spring, RISE members testified at public meetings to build support for a CBA and met with elected officials, community members, and city staff to share our priorities. As the RISE Coalition, we will continue building community power and organizing around equitable development based on our needs; pushing for stronger renter protections citywide; and participating in planning processes to shape land use policies. We are proud of what we have been able to accomplish in a short span, but know that we still have much work ahead of us.

Residents Insisting on Social Equity (RISE) is a coalition of local stakeholders including faith congregations, residents, service agencies, and community-based organizations rooted in Fremont and committed to social justice.

RISE Fremont Coalition
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Five-dollar Fridays are back

SUBMITTED BY SHANNON CHERRY

Start your weekend early and spend your Friday night at Chabot Space and Science Center. Explore our hands-on exhibits, take in a planetarium show, and gaze through the telescopes with our experts. All admission tickets cost \$5 after 5 p.m. on Friday, December 18 and Friday, January 15.

Your \$5 Friday admission includes one Digital Dome Planetarium Show (first come, first serve basis). We recommend arriving 10 - 20 minutes before the first show you are scheduled to see. The ticket also includes access to game night with many of your favorite board and strategy games available; you may bring your own to play. Guests will also have access to interactive exhibits featuring Bill Nye's Climate Lab and the Touch the Sun exhibit, as well as access to the Observatory Complex. Day and evening telescope viewing is available (weather permitting).

For more information or to purchase your tickets, visit www.chabotspace.org/events.htm.

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Friday, Dec 18 & Friday, Jan 15
5 p.m. – 10 p.m.
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www.chabotspace.org/events.htm
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Road Work Advisory

SUBMITTED BY FREMONT PD

Tennyson Electric, Inc. will be performing construction work at the intersection of Grimmer Blvd at Blacow Road from 4 p.m. to 1a.m., through Saturday, December 19. We suggest motorists use alternative routes to avoid traffic delays during the hours of construction.

Candlelight service offered by Niles Discovery Church

SUBMITTED BY
REV. JEFFREY SPENCER

Niles Discovery Church in Fremont will offer a candlelight Christmas Eve service on Thursday, December 24. Children are welcome to come in their pajamas. The service will include special Christmas anthems from the choir, familiar Christmas carols, and candlelight. Pastor Jeff will be preaching.

Christmas Eve Service
Thursday, Dec 24
11 p.m.
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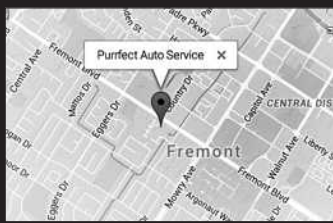
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Legends of the Bay Fundraiser

Join us for a wonderful evening event on February 5, 2016, and support a noteworthy cause at the Legends of the Bay fundraiser. The event will take place at Delta's new headquarter building to celebrate Fremont's Innovation District and support our award-winning Fremont Family Resource Center. The Family Resource Center was founded in 1999 with the goal of connecting community members to the services they need by bringing together 24 state, county, city, and non-profit organizations to create a "one-stop" center for the Fremont community. The evening will include dinner, entertainment, and the opportunity to mingle with football greats and other illustrious Bay Area athletes who partner with the Family Resource Center. Recent football Hall of Fame inductee and five-time Super Bowl champion, Charles Haley, and four-time Super Bowl winner, Eric Wright, will both be in attendance to show their support.

Legends of the Bay is looking for event sponsors to partner with the City of Fremont in supporting the local community. With your help, the Fremont Family Resource Center can continue to strengthen families and provide a higher quality of life to our community residents and employees.

Please join Fremont at Legends of the Bay to support the Family Resource Center and celebrate the success of our Innovation District. For more information, visit www.Fremont.gov/frcdonate.

Are You Prepared for flooding?

The City of Fremont has a long history of flooding, dating back to the 1950's. With El Niño on the way, there's no better time than the present to prepare. Here are some ways you can better prepare:

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 - Visit www.MSC.fema.gov
 - Visit www.Fremont.gov/FloodInfo

- Visit the City's GIS Map at www.Fremont.gov/GISMapRoom to obtain copies of Elevation Certificates and Letters of Map Changes
 - Email inquiries to floodinfo@fremont.gov or call the Flood Zone Information Line at 510-494-4718
 - Purchase flood insurance on your property
 - Maintain gutters, inlets, channels, and pipes free of obstruction and debris
 - Protect your property from the hazards of flooding
 - Develop an evacuation plan for your family

During a flood?

- Tune-in to local commercial radio or television stations and watch for Warning Bulletins and any corresponding emergency instructions such as those disseminated through the City's Community Alert System, CodeRED®.
 - If dangerous flooding conditions are imminent, avoid driving a vehicle if possible. Do not attempt to drive or wade through deep pockets of water or running washes. Unstable banks should be avoided.
 - Avoid low-lying areas. Seek shelter in the highest areas possible.

- After a flood
 - Listen to the radio for emergency instructions
 - Avoid driving if possible
 - Follow established procedures for property damage repairs

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Contact Information:

- City of Fremont Maintenance 510-979-5700
- Alameda County Flood Control

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• Alameda County Water District

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• Union Sanitary District

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• Pacific Gas & Electric

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For more information on how you can be better prepared for the upcoming storm season, visit www.Fremont.gov/FremontStormWatch. You may also contact the City's Maintenance Division at 510-979-5700 or maint@fremont.gov, or the City of Fremont Flood Information Line at 510-494-4718 or floodinfo@fremont.gov.

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Are You an Informed Community Member?

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Fremont Goes Solar in a Big Way!

The City of Fremont is committed to environmental sustainability, having recently installed solar photovoltaic (PV) carport structures at the Aqua Adventure Waterpark, the Robert Wasserman Fremont Police Center, and the Irvington Community Center. These systems, plus one more planned for the City's Maintenance Center, total over 1.5 megawatts of power, the equivalent of 422 Fremont homes' annual electricity use. They will supply over 14 percent of the City's municipal electric demand and will reduce our municipal greenhouse gas "footprint" by more than five percent, saving the City \$2.6 million on energy bills over the next 20 years.

Fremont was able to procure its municipal solar systems through the Regional Renewable Energy Project (RREP), a multi-agency effort spearheaded by Alameda County that represents the largest collaborative purchase of renewables in the nation. For more information on the RREP, visit www.Fremont.gov/RREP.

As the price of solar continues to drop and more residents choose to install solar, the City has worked to streamline the residential solar permitting process. Specifically, turnaround times for small residential rooftop solar permits have been reduced to three days maximum, permit applications may now be submitted by fax or email, and only one City inspection is now required. All solar permit forms and instructions can be found online at www.Fremont.gov/SolarPermit. With an average of 100 new residential solar permits issued monthly, Fremont anticipates having over 2,000 homes powered by solar by the end of 2015!

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Spotify mulls a 'paid only' option for new music releases

By RYAN NAKASHIMA
AP BUSINESS WRITER

LOS ANGELES (AP), — Music-streaming giant Spotify is toying with the idea of allowing musicians to reserve new releases for paying subscribers, although it balked at doing so for Coldplay's latest album, according to a person familiar with the matter.

Such a move might push some users of Spotify's free version to upgrade to a \$10-a-month subscription. Artists and record labels have pressured Spotify to pay more for the music it streams.

A "paid-only" window might also increase album sales if it led more music fans to purchase music rather than wait months or years for it to become available via cumbersome free options involving ads or the use of computers instead of phones or tablets. It's also possible it could tempt more people to seek out pirated music.

The person familiar with the discussions wasn't authorized to speak publicly about the matter and spoke on condition of anonymity. Spotify's deliberations were reported earlier by The Wall Street Journal.

Spotify has argued its "freemium" model has been a highly effective tool for gaining new paying subscribers. The company is the global leader in music streaming, with 20 million paying customers and 75 million total active users.

But artists like Taylor Swift have said the free service devalues their work. Last year, after failing

to win an exception to have her music only on Spotify's paid tier, she pulled all her music from the service, instead distributing it to paid-only streaming services such as Apple Music. Similarly, Adele withheld her latest album "25" from all streaming services, which may have helped it achieve 4.5 million album sales in its first two weeks in release.

Spotify spokesman Jonathan Prince said in a statement that "we explored a wide range of promotional options for the new Coldplay album and ultimately decided, together with management, that Coldplay and its fans would best be served with the full album on both free and premium this Friday."

The album was released for sale last week.

Spotify is "100 percent committed to our model because we believe that a free, ad-supported tier combined with a more robust premium tier is the best way to deliver music to fans," Prince said.

While it publicly has taken the line that its free and paid services must have the same music to attract new users, in negotiations, Spotify has expressed a willingness to test out different ways of releasing music, according to two people familiar with such talks.

However, with few new big releases coming up this year, it's unclear when Spotify might start those tests.

Spotify's free service is unusually generous, allowing users who are willing to tolerate a few ads to select an entire album for free playback on computers, or on

mobile devices so long as the tracks are shuffled out of order. Other services like Internet radio giant Pandora randomize playback, making it impossible to listen to a single album all at once.

Spotify has already experimented in smaller ways with reserving music for paying customers. Earlier this year, the company didn't initially make the 10-minute track "The Globalist" from Muse's June release "Drones" freely available, one of the people said. That track is currently on both Spotify's free and paid tiers.

A stream from a paying subscriber earns artists and labels roughly 10 times what they'd receive from a non-paying user, one person said. Artists and labels are thus extremely interested in limiting streaming plays to paying subscribers. That option is less attractive for Spotify, which is still trying to use its free service as a hook to lure new users.

Streaming, while quite popular, still only appeals to a fraction of the listening public. Only about a third of survey respondents in more than a dozen countries had listened to a free music streaming service in the last six months, according to the 2015 Digital Music Report by the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry.

There's another danger in creating a "paid-only" window for some artists, at least from Spotify's perspective. If the tactic catches on, it might create a rush for the exits that makes the free service less attractive to new users.

Yahoo's new plan: Spin off itself, not its Alibaba stake

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER

SAN FRANCISCO (AP), Internet pioneer Yahoo, under pressure from unhappy shareholders and desperate to avoid a huge investment-related tax bill, will break itself apart — just not in the way it had previously planned.

The company will now aim to spin off its struggling Internet business — essentially, everything associated with the Yahoo brand name — into a new company. Yahoo itself would then become little more than a holding company for its \$32 billion stake in Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba.

For most of the past year, Yahoo had planned instead to spin off the Alibaba stake into a separate holding company called Aabaco. That corporate maneuver was designed to sidestep more than \$10 billion in taxes Yahoo might otherwise owe. But the IRS jeopardized that plan by refusing to guarantee a tax exemption.

The about-face could mean big changes for hundreds of millions of users who rely on Yahoo websites, services like email and other mobile applications. CEO Marissa Mayer plans to outline a cost-cutting reorganization late next month; many analysts speculate that Yahoo may simply sell off that business if the latest overhaul doesn't bear fruit quickly.

The uncertainty and reshuffling threaten more distractions at a time when Yahoo is already struggling in digital advertising against rivals such as Google and Facebook. It also may raise more doubts about whether Mayer will be able to turn around Yahoo, even though company Chairman

Maynard Webb said Wednesday that the board of directors remains in her corner after three-and-a-half years on the job.

"The bottom line is the saga continues," Macquarie Securities analyst Ben Schachter wrote in a Wednesday note titled "The Never-Ending Story."

Yahoo's new spinoff plan could be even more complicated than the original Aabaco spinoff. It may take more than a year before Yahoo shareholders get stock in a newly formed company that has yet to be named.

"This means they have squandered an entire year and now it's going to take another year while the core business continues to get weaker," BGC Financial analyst Colin Gillis said.

With Yahoo hanging in limbo, prospective bidders could emerge for the company's Internet operations, which Wall Street has been valuing at next to nothing. Analysts believe Yahoo's websites, mobile applications, ad services and well-known brand eventually could be worth \$3 billion to \$5 billion. Suitors might include AT&T Inc., Verizon Communications, Comcast Corp., IAC/InterActiveCorp and private equity firms that specialize in buying troubled companies.

Webb, though, emphasized there are no plans to sell Yahoo's Internet business, which he called "tremendously undervalued" in a Wednesday conference call. The best path forward, Webb said, involves "separating the Alibaba assets from our operating businesses and also turning around the performance in our operating business."

Those remarks seemed to disappoint investors hoping that Yahoo's latest change in course might be a

precursor to a sale. Yahoo's stock shed 45 cents to close at \$34.40. The shares have fallen by 32 percent so far this year.

Yahoo's board met last week to review Mayer's stalled turnaround attempts, as well as whether to move ahead with the previously planned Alibaba spinoff. Although the board unanimously voted in favor of dropping the spinoff, it emerged from last week's meeting with one less director. The company disclosed Wednesday that Paypal co-founder Max Levchin, a director recruited by Mayer, is resigning from the board to concentrate on running his latest financial services startup.

Mayer said she believes Yahoo's Internet business in significantly better shape than when she arrived, largely because it is pulling in more traffic and advertising in the increasingly important smartphone and tablet market. Even so, Yahoo's net revenue declined by 8 percent from the prior year in the third quarter and an even steeper decline is forecast for the current quarter ending in December.

When Yahoo announces those fourth-quarter results next month, Mayer also plans to unveil a shake-up that is supposed to jettison the company's least profitable products and likely will lead to layoffs.

It will be the latest overhaul of a company that is now on its fifth full-time CEO in the past decade, all of whom have struggled to define what Yahoo's mission should be. In the backdrop, Yahoo also has had to ward off a hostile takeover bid from Microsoft

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Planning News from Fremont and Around the Bay

With a new year approaching, several proposed housing developments are being finalized. At the same time, opposition over a number of issues is increasing. Here are some news items from Fremont and elsewhere.

The Big One in Fremont

The Walnut Residences proposal to build a multi-story apartment complex at the corner of Walnut Avenue and Guardino Drive generated a lot of negative feelings from local residents who felt the project was too big, too tall, and didn't have enough parking. During the City Council Study Session on November 17, the developer presented a new plan to reduce the number of units from 882 to 670, lower the building heights from 4- and 5-stories to 3- and 4-stories, and increase the parking from 1.6 spaces to 1.7 spaces per unit.

That was not good enough for many people, who lined up to speak against the project. They asked the Council to consider the character of the surrounding neighborhood and demanded further changes in the height, density, and parking. Fremont's maximum limit of only 1.75 parking spaces per unit was felt to be unrealistic for this project, especially because over half of the apartments will have 2 or 3 bedrooms. Several councilmembers also had concerns over parking and felt it should be increased.

The purpose of the Study Session was to get input during the design phase, and no decision to approve or deny the project was made. **Residents may continue to email their comments and concerns about the Walnut Residences project to City Staff Project Planner Bill Roth at broth@fremont.gov.**

... and More in Fremont
Two developments are

proposed for the empty field off Stevenson Place near Stevenson Boulevard and Mission Boulevard. The General Plan Land Use Designations of the two parcels were changed to Medium Density Residential in 2014.

Robson Homes proposes to build 46 3-story townhouses on the parcel near where Stevenson Place intersects with Stevenson Boulevard — 12 will be detached standalone units and 34 will be paired in 17 duet buildings. Resident parking will be in garages; most guest parking will be on the street.

MidPen Housing Corporation has submitted plans for an 80-unit affordable housing apartment complex on the parcel adjacent to the railroad. It will have both 3- and 4-story buildings with a mix of 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom units. Resident parking will be in uncovered spaces on the site; guest parking will be both on the site and on the street. This project is partially funded by in-lieu fees collected from other new housing developments in Fremont.

Menlo Park

Like many other Bay Area cities, Menlo Park is struggling to provide affordable housing in an area where the median monthly rent for a two-bedroom apartment is \$3,700. To help address the problem, the city has been partnering with private companies and non-profit developers to add below-market-rate housing units in what are being called "mixed-income" apartment developments.

One recent example is when Facebook, which has a business campus in Menlo Park, worked with the city and a developer to add 15 below-market units to the 22 below-market units that were already planned for a nearby apartment project. (As a comparison, the average monthly rent for a two-bedroom

apartment in San Francisco is \$4,950, in San Jose it is \$2,500, and in Oakland, \$2,212).

Walnut Creek

An all-too-familiar scenario is playing out in Walnut Creek as local residents are protesting a developer's plan to build 53 single-family homes at a density of about 10 homes per acre on land adjacent to a semi-rural residential area where the average density is only about 1-2 homes per acre. One opponent said "We're not opposed to development, but we want development that fits the area".

The conflict between maximizing new housing density and maintaining existing community character is an ongoing issue in many cities throughout the Bay Area.

Danville

Danville is proud of its small-town character. To protect that character, the City Council recently rejected a proposal to build a 3-story, 150-unit apartment building near Interstate 680. "I do not want to see this building in Danville under any circumstances," commented Councilman Newell Arnerich. "It's an urban solution, and this is not an urban environment."

Councilman Robert Storer went on to tell representatives of the developer, "With all due respect, I don't think you're listening to what the town wants."

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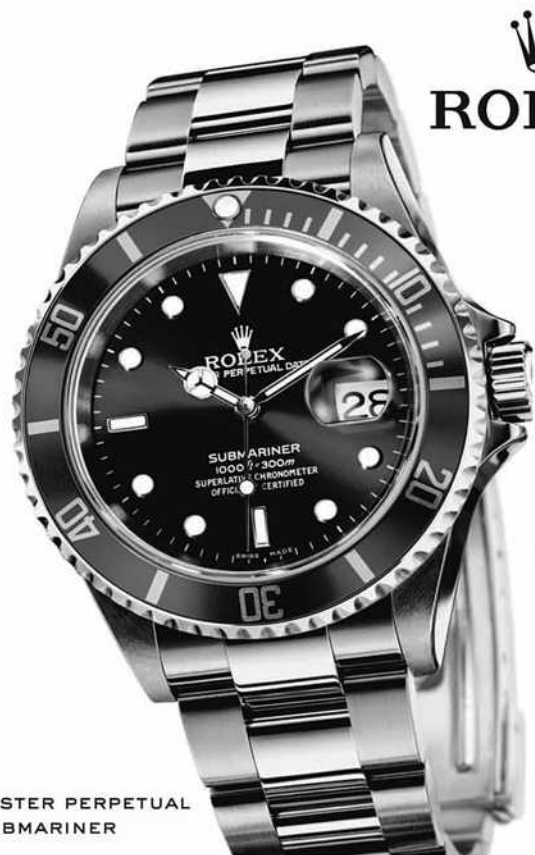
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Yahoo's new plan continued from page 10

Corp. and quell shareholder uprisings spearheaded by activist investors Carl Icahn and Daniel Loeb. Another activist shareholder, Jeff Smith of the New York hedge fund Starboard Value, had threatened to lead a mutiny if Yahoo's board hadn't backed off from the Alibaba spinoff.

"The narrative around Yahoo and our valuation is complicated," Mayer said Wednesday during an appearance on the financial news channel CNBC.

The handling of the Alibaba stake is crucial to Yahoo shareholders because of the money involved. If Yahoo is taxed on the gains in its original \$1 billion investment, the bill would exceed more than \$10 billion.

Yahoo also owns a stake in Yahoo Japan that's worth \$7 billion to \$8 billion. The revised plan calls for the Yahoo Japan holdings to move into the new company that will house its Internet operations.

AP Business Writer Michelle Chapman in New York City contributed to this story.

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HOLIDAY MEMORIES THAT LAST

Storytelling can bring family members together – including those with dementia.

When we reminisce about holidays gone by, one gift is usually most treasured of all: the time spent sharing stories and creating memories with loved ones. And, recent studies show that in addition to boosting family bonds, the process of sharing stories and memories can actually help strengthen the aging mind. According to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA), "Storytelling sparks memories, encourages verbalization and promotes self-esteem among those with dementia."

But, experts say, these stories mustn't be limited to reminiscences, or even to reality. People experiencing Alzheimer's or other dementias may have a difficult time when asked to tell a story about a real-life family photo or other historic object, as it may cause them to feel a sense of sadness or shame if they are not able to recall a particular memory. Yet when dementia patients are asked to create a story based on a photo, painting, or object not associated with their own lives, they are often able to imagine rich, emotional narratives that are drawn from experiences – even experiences that they may not distinctly remember. When family members participate in this process by adding to a loved one's stories or telling one of their own, new connections emerge. In addition to sharing the joy and accomplishment of creating a story, family members with and without dementia are able to have a renewed means by which to build strong connections with each other.

Another great way to connect with family members experiencing memory loss is through music. The AFA explains that, "Most people associate music with important events and a wide array of emotions. The connection can be so strong that hearing a tune long after the occurrence evokes a memory of



it." In other words, by sharing familiar songs, such as holiday music, caretakers and family members may be able to help those with dementia strengthen connections between their present and past.

However you share the holidays with your loved ones, remember that those with dementia can continue to play an important, vibrant role in family celebrations. For more information on engaging family members with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, visit alzfdn.org.

TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATES COMMUNITY

On Dec. 3, the Masonic Homes celebrated its 14th annual tree lighting. M. David Perry, grand master of Masons in California, and his wife, Jeanette, joined Masonic Homes Executive Vice President Gary Charland, residents and staff of the Masonic Homes and Acacia Creek Retirement Community, and other members of the Tri-City community for the fun, family-oriented event. Guests enjoyed festive refreshments, photos with Santa, and live entertainment from Delaine Eastin Elementary School students, James Logan High School Show Choir, and the Fremont Christian School Jazz Band. Betty and Art Ashfield – the couple who have lived at the Masonic Homes the longest – and James Mason, one of Acacia Creek's original charter members, had the honor of lighting the holiday tree.

The event also included a Toys for Tots donation drive, which collected more than \$750 worth of toys for children in need – enough to fill the entire donation sleigh. The Masonic Homes thanks everyone who helped make this event a success.



RELIEF FOR CARE GIVERS

Respite care offers family caregivers needed time for rejuvenation

More than 15 million people in the United States currently care for people with Alzheimer's disease. This is often a mentally and physically demanding responsibility, and despite caretakers' devotion to their loved ones, it is important for them to also take time to care for themselves. In order to meet this need, a variety of "respite care" options exist nationwide to provide short-term dedicated care for those with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Caretakers can opt for in-home care; adult day centers; and residential facilities, for longer stays, giving them an opportunity to handle personal errands, make medical appointments, exercise, and rest. The Alzheimer's Association offers many resources for caregivers, including help accessing respite care. Visit alz.org/care for more information.

HOLIDAY JOKE:

Q: What did one snowman say to the other?

A: Do you smell carrots?

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4 Holiday Decorating Trends to Try This Season

With the holidays upon us, homeowners and renters are gearing up to deck the halls in celebration of the season. Just as the year-round decor in your space reflects your personality and unique style, your approach to holiday decorating shouldn't be any different. Whether your design style is cheery and colorful, natural and rustic or glitzy and glamorous, there are many ways to replace traditional holiday decor and make the space feel more like you.

"Bringing your personal style to life doesn't require an interior designer, and is something you can easily tackle on your own," said Carrie and Morgan of Amper-sand Design Studio. "With a little inspiration and help from damage-free Command Clear Hooks that blend seam-

lessly into surfaces, you can take your holiday decorating to the next level with ease."

Carrie and Morgan suggest these design trends to help infuse personality and go all out on holiday decorating this year:

Gilded Modern – This bold and graphic style combines black, gold and brass tones for a sleek, polished look. Upgrade your mantel by hanging a chic and modern wreath as the focal point and surround it with gallery-style framed quotes and simple paintings over gold garland. The high-contrast patterns and simple color palette transcend holiday and can even be left up through New Year's Eve.

Merry and Bright – Capture the fun of being a kid with a look that contrasts natu-



ral tones and plywood against glossy, neon colors. Turn a bare wall into a life-size Christmas countdown made from brown paper bags and boxes color-blocked with paint and hung in a tree shape. The result is a punchy and playful display whose colors glow as bright as traditional tree lights.

Sugar Plum – Go for girly by mixing vibrant pinks and teals with metallic colors and glitter that instantly make any decoration stand out. String together bulb ornaments to dress up a bar cart and set the scene with a complementary backdrop on

the wall. The playful and casual set-up conveys a fun, relaxed atmosphere.

Camp Christmas – Embrace the outdoors and the cozy feelings that come with the holiday season by fusing traditional colors with warm patterns. Dress outdoor wreaths and furniture with flannel or buffalo-check patterned fabric reminiscent of winter. Guests from near and far will feel welcome and at home for the holidays.

For more holiday decorating tips, visit Command.com.



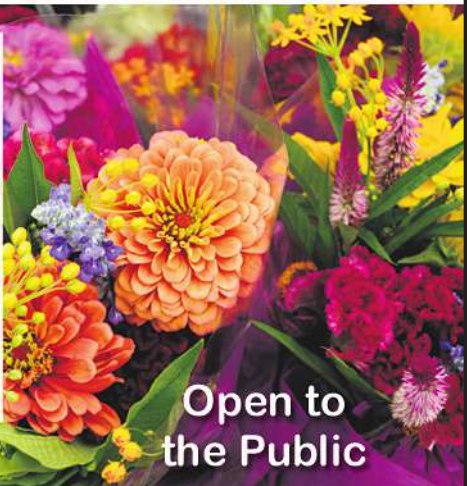


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Christmas Posadas

In Fremont, this holiday ritual is celebrated to honor the Fremont Spanish Mission heritage. The procession begins every evening from the front porch of the Old Mission San Jose Museum. It is open to public and people gather at 6 p.m. The procession begins with people holding candles and singing traditional songs, then they proceed towards a local business or site located within two blocks of the Mission. As per tradition, a family is selected to carry a statue of Mary and Joseph. Inside the business location selected, FCAC provides an entertainment program and light refreshments are provided by the hosts.

People participating in the event are advised to carry flashlights and wear warm clothes. For more information, call (510) 794-7166.

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Tuesday, Dec 15

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Wednesday, Dec 16

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Thursday, Dec 17

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Entertainment: Sharon Xavier de Sousa, Soprano,
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Friday, Dec 18

Washington Township Museum of Local History

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Saturday, Dec 19

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Entertainment: Connie Chew, Soprano, Arias

Sunday, Dec 20

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Entertainment: First United Methodist Church
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Classical Christmas Music & Carols

Monday, Dec 21

Mission Coffee and More

151 Washington Blvd, Fremont

Entertainment: Kristen Del Rio, Soprano with Band, A
Little Night Music

Tuesday, Dec 22

Dominican Sisters Mission San Jose

43326 Mission Blvd, Fremont

Entertainment: AAAAHZ, Traditional Christmas

Wednesday, Dec 23

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Lowest \$:		545,000		Average \$:		732,462
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
16983 Brierly Court	94546	940,000	4	2786	1975	11-10-15
18425 Carlwyn Drive	94546	715,000	3	1441	1958	11-16-15
4562 Edwards Lane	94546	970,000	4	2059	1950	11-16-15
5045 Elrod Drive	94546	720,000	3	1986	1951	11-13-15
4244 Gem Avenue	94546	545,000	3	1080	1947	11-10-15
2252 Jeffer Street	94546	550,000	3	1465	1948	11-13-15
19233 Lake Chabot Rd	94546	675,000	3	1424	1962	11-13-15
20964 San Miguel Ave	94546	625,000	4	1831	1948	11-12-15
21028 San Miguel Ave	94546	650,000	3	1554	1948	11-12-15
18707 Stanton Avenue	94546	550,000	2	1144	1945	11-13-15
18479 Walnut Road	94546	782,000	3	2108	1965	11-16-15
7300 Greenville Place	94552	775,000	4	1887	2000	11-13-15
5823 Shadow Ridge Dr	94552	1,025,000	3	2256	1972	11-12-15

FREMONT TOTAL SALES: 40						
Highest \$:		2,100,000		Median \$:		756,000
Lowest \$:		300,000		Average \$:		808,463
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
4675 Alameda Drive	94536	872,000	4	1593	1964	11-10-15
36054 Ashton Place	94536	980,000	3	1579	1971	11-10-15
2755 Country Dr #245	94536	425,000	2	950	1970	11-10-15
38045 Logan Drive	94536	825,000	3	1517	1959	11-13-15
37074 Penzance Cmn	94536	672,500	3	1460	1987	11-13-15
38590 Royal Ann Cmn	94536	501,000	3	1180	1971	11-10-15
38545 Salinger Terrace	94536	805,000	3	1376	1999	11-16-15
37332 Spruce Terrace	94536	320,000	1	593	1986	11-12-15
38700 Tyson Ln #204A	94536	615,000	2	1124	2000	11-16-15
38541 Vancouver Cmn	94536	465,000	2	976	1978	11-13-15
39495 Albany Cmn #H	94538	405,000	2	881	1981	11-12-15
3573 Dayton Common	94538	797,000	3	1430	1999	11-13-15
39640 Embarcadero Terr	94538	425,000	3	1371	1978	11-10-15
3616 Fitzsimmons Cmn	94538	830,000	3	1961	1997	11-13-15
3209 Hancock Place	94538	900,000	4	2552	1984	11-10-15
39570 Kona Court	94538	635,000	3	1008	1962	11-10-15
40430 Leslie Street	94538	550,000	3	950	1955	11-10-15
38600 Mary Terrace	94538	300,000	2	842	1986	11-10-15
42626 Saratoga Park St	94538	733,000	3	1347	1962	11-10-15
4893 Yellowstone Park Dr	94538	756,000	4	1552	1961	11-13-15
223 Addison Court	94539	975,000	3	1166	1960	11-16-15
2261 Annapolis Drive	94539	1,550,000	4	2694	1988	11-10-15
727 Big Foot Court	94539	1,300,000	-	1723	1977	11-12-15
932 Boar Circle	94539	1,670,000	5	2612	1989	11-12-15
177 Shaniko Cmn #4I	94539	650,000	3	1150	-	11-10-15
49195 Violet Terrace	94539	1,000,000	3	1814	2006	11-12-15
683 Windmill Court	94539	2,100,000	6	5413	1987	11-13-15
34203 Aberdeen Terr	94555	460,000	2	988	1970	11-13-15
5416 Buckner Terrace	94555	963,000	3	1762	1988	11-10-15
4848 Creekwood Dr	94555	970,000	4	1863	1989	11-09-15
4161 Darwin Drive	94555	810,000	3	1305	1972	11-13-15
3763 Dryden Road	94555	685,000	3	1376	1977	11-13-15
34768 Hemet Common	94555	548,000	2	930	1987	11-12-15
4375 Jessica Circle	94555	997,500	-	1601	1980	11-10-15
33218 Lake Superior Ct	94555	548,500	2	880	1969	11-09-15
34387 Locke Avenue	94555	575,000	3	1382	1972	11-10-15
3195 Mountain Drive	94555	1,320,000	4	2456	1988	11-10-15
34336 Portia Terrace	94555	945,000	3	1688	1987	11-12-15
34520 Salinas Place	94555	835,000	3	1484	1972	11-10-15
4211 Tanager Common	94555	625,000	3	1240	1984	11-12-15

HAYWARD TOTAL SALES: 27						
Highest \$:		1,600,000		Median \$:		460,000
Lowest \$:		250,000		Average \$:		562,407
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
225 Anderly Court #17	94541	324,000	2	940	1992	11-10-15
635 Arcadia Drive	94541	460,000	3	1345	2003	11-13-15
43 Ardis Street	94541	460,000	3	1182	1951	11-16-15
21638 Banyan Street	94541	310,000	2	832	1947	11-16-15
3374 D Street	94541	610,000	3	2110	1958	11-13-15
22283 Hathaway Avenue	94541	260,000	2	903	1920	11-13-15
3880 Arbutus Court	94542	745,000	2	1490	1960	11-13-15
27056 Belfast Lane	94542	800,000	4	2088	1980	11-12-15
27981 El Portal Drive	94542	775,000	4	2599	1972	11-10-15
24511 Marie Drive	94542	250,000	3	1178	1949	11-10-15
2714 Oakes Drive	94542	600,000	3	1472	1958	11-10-15
25398 Old Fairview Ave	94542	1,600,000	6	4546	1997	11-10-15
3252 Round Hill Drive	94542	600,000	3	1928	1971	11-10-15
27842 Biscayne Avenue	94544	439,000	3	1000	1954	11-10-15

30532 Carroll Avenue	94544	570,000	3	1158	1955	11-12-15
27501 Green Wood Rd	94544	625,000	5	2529	2000	11-13-15
182 Hermes Court	94544	410,000	3	1024	1951	11-13-15
772 Kellogg Avenue	94544	403,000	2	780	1948	11-10-15
447 Orchard Avenue	94544	455,000	2	1280	1955	11-13-15
494 Orchard Avenue	94544	460,000	4	1518	1953	11-13-15
32278 Pulaski Drive	94544	398,000	2	820	1951	11-13-15
37 Schuyler Avenue	94544	475,000	3	1031	1951	11-10-15
24611 Surrey Way	94544	420,000	3	1173	1958	11-13-15
24799 Townsend Avenue	94544	530,000	4	1669	1957	11-13-15
29591 Vanderbilt St #206	94544	265,000	1	643	1988	11-13-15
24695 Whitman Street	94544	441,000	3	1175	1913	11-13-15
23653 Eden Avenue	94545	1,500,000	2	1156	1949	11-10-15

MILPITAS TOTAL SALES: 8						
Highest \$:		1,100,000		Median \$:		797,500
Lowest \$:		280,000		Average \$:		801,000
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
1722 Clear Lake Ave	95035	1,070,000	-	2472	1979	11-18-15
1733 Crater Lake Ave	95035	840,000	3	1509	1964	11-20-15
460 Dempsey Rd #161	95035	280,000	2	842	2007	11-20-15
946 Gomes Lane	95035	1,100,000	4	2295	2013	11-18-15
383 Montecito Way	95035	740,000	3	1375	1992	11-23-15
175 Rodrigues Avenue	95035	895,500	4	2001	1966	11-19-15
843 Spirit Walk	95035	685,000	2	1353	2000	11-20-15
1602 Yosemite Drive	95035	797,500	4	1690	1964	11-20-15

NEWARK TOTAL SALES: 8						
Highest \$:		890,000		Median \$:		636,000
Lowest \$:		430,000		Average \$:		638,250
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
37610 Aster Court	94560	890,000	4	2883	1965	11-13-15
39821 Cedar Blvd #115	94560	430,000	2	1071	1986	11-16-15
6115 East Thornton #E	94560	465,000	2	1166	1987	11-16-15
5519 McDonald Avenue	94560	650,000	4	1360	1961	11-13-15
6433 Potrero Drive	94560	665,000	3	1766	1990	11-10-15
5454 San Antonio Way	94560	600,000	3	1136	1957	11-10-15
36362 Shelley Court	94560	770,000	5	1908	1971	11-13-15
36190 Toulouse Street	94560	636,000	3	1455	1987	11-12-15

SAN LEANDRO TOTAL SALES: 16						
Highest \$:		1,205,000		Median \$:		500,000
Lowest \$:		318,000		Average \$:		602,625
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
395 Belleview Drive	94577	700,000	4	2042	1948	11-16-15
396 Callan Avenue	94577	318,000	2	1050	1981	11-13-15
2210 Croyden Place	94577	480,000	3	1659	1979	11-12-15
1522 Daily Drive	94577	905,000	3	3291	1965	11-12-15
965 Durant Avenue	94577	409,000	2	1063	1941	11-12-15
632 Elsie Avenue	94577	705,000	3	1654	1925	11-12-15
2545 Humboldt Drive	94577	1,205,000	4	3306	1958	11-10-15
328 Iris Court	94577	695,000	4	1742	1994	11-13-15
864 Melcher Street	94577	475,000	2	1326	1943	11-10-15
1365 Norene Way	94577	725,000	3	1970	1940	11-10-15
350 Sybil Avenue	94577	510,000	2	1438	1910	11-10-15
756 Victoria Avenue	94577	500,000	5	2400	1925	11-13-15
1011 Castle Street	94578	500,000	3	1334	1952	11-13-15
2113 Manchester Road	94578	490,000	2	1233	1949	11-13-15
1280 Terra Avenue	94578	600,000	4	1812	1952	11-13-15
949 Trojan Avenue	94579	425,000	2	1190	1951	11-13-15

SAN LORENZO TOTAL SALES: 5						
Highest \$:		535,000		Median \$:		460,000
Lowest \$:		390,000		Average \$:		458,900
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
1891 Bandoni Avenue	94580	420,000	3	1252	1955	11-13-15
1421 Culver Place	94580	390,000	3	1040	1972	11-13-15
1663 Via Amigos	94580	535,000	3	1249	1955	11-10-15
1246 Via Nube	94580	489,500	3	1043	1950	11-16-15
16122 Via Segundo	94580	460,000	3	1000	1944	11-13-15

UNION CITY			TOTAL SALES: 8			
Highest \$:		1,110,000	Median \$:		600,000	
Lowest \$:		327,000	Average \$:		680,875	
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
4909 Bridgepointe Place	94587	450,000	3	1154	1985 11-12-15	
4935 Bridgepointe Place	94587	327,000	1	672	- 11-13-15	
32448 Darlene Way	94587	700,000	4	1566	1974 11-12-15	
4536 Fernandez Street	94587	1,110,000	5	2968	2009 11-12-15	
4641 Granada Way	94587	505,000	4	1632	1972 11-10-15	
2501 Hilton Street	94587	675,000	3	1452	1964 11-10-15	
35040 Hollyhock Street	94587	600,000	4	1544	1970 11-13-15	
4727 Silvertide Court	94587	1,080,000	4	2992	1997 11-13-15	

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Chabot Park gun range

The sound of gunfire from Chabot Park is intrusive to people like us who live within a few miles of the gun range. Warlike noise drives families away from park trails, nearby campgrounds and the golf course. It is unconscionable to subsidize the gun range with taxpayer money; it drives out families who seek peace and quiet in a natural setting. Lead in runoff just downstream from the gun range far exceeds environmental standards.

Since there are about 15 other local gun ranges from which to choose, how about an archery range instead? It would attract families and not wreak havoc on the environment.

Winnie and Gerry Thompson
Castro Valley

Sobriety and driver's license checkpoint upcoming in San Leandro

SUBMITTED BY SAN LEANDRO PD

The San Leandro Police Department will conduct a sobriety and driver's license checkpoint on Wednesday December 23, in the 14800 block of E.14th Street. It will begin at 8 p.m. and operate for approximately 7 hours.

Traffic entering the checkpoint will be contacted by uniformed officers who will be checking for alcohol and/or drug impaired drivers. Officers will also make sure that all drivers have a valid driver's license.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the "Avoid the 21 Program." Please direct any inquiry to Sergeant Nick Corti at (510) 577-3249.

Biscayne Homicide

SUBMITTED BY SGT RYAN CANTRELL, HAYWARD PD

On Monday, December 7 at 9:27 p.m., the Hayward Police Department received a 911 call regarding a male who had been shot in the 28000 block of Biscayne Ave in Hayward.

The victim of this investigation has been identified as Anton Lee Williams, a 31 year old black male from Hayward. Williams's death is a result of gunshot wound(s) sustained during the incident and the Coroner's Bureau has classified his death as a homicide.

The suspect in this incident has been described as an unknown race male adult, late 20's to early 30's, light colored skin, 5'-6" to 5'-7", heavy set, and wearing a black zip-up hoodie and black jeans.

This incident is actively being investigated. Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to contact Det. Trevor Vonnegut of the Hayward PD Criminal Investigations Bureau at (510) 293-7034.

Miles for Smiles program is back

SUBMITTED BY NEW HAVEN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Miles for Smiles program returns for its 10th year this year. The program, which was formed by the James Logan Cross Country and Track and Field teams, helps people in need in our surrounding community especially during the holidays.

The teams are asking for any donations that they can deliver to seniors, veterans and special needs families in the area. The teams will start reaching out to these families on Saturday, December 19 and continue during the holiday season. They have recently taken special needs students to the movies and will do this again during Christmas.

Clothing, food, school items, toys and educational items are good things to donate. You can contact Lee Webb for more information at (510) 304-7172. If you know people who are in need, please contact us and we will help.

How healthy are our children? You can help us find out

SUBMITTED BY SUPERVISOR
DAVE CORTESE, SANTA CLARA COUNTY

Just a few minutes of your time can help make Santa Clara County a healthier place for children.

Starting in mid-January, you may receive a phone call from a survey conductor working for the County Public Health Department asking questions aimed at determining the health needs of the 414,000 children in the County. All the information you provide is confidential, and you will not be asked for any personal financial information. I'm inviting you to please participate in the survey.

The telephone survey, which will be conducted through May 2016, is part of the Children's Health Assessment that I called for in my State of the County speech last January. The assessment was approved by the Board of Supervisors in April, and since then, our County Public Health workers have been compiling and updating existing data about the health of our younger population, from infant through age 18. In April 2016, more information will be gathered through focus groups and meetings with residents in neighborhoods across the County.



The information gathering efforts — in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Chinese — will give us a much better idea of how healthy our children are and what we need to do to better serve them. We'll learn what kind of access they have to health care, their economic stability, condition of their neighborhoods, their school environment and family culture. All those factors are important to health.

We also can get a better understanding of how our diversity plays a role. Children under age 18 in Santa Clara County are 37 percent Latino, 24 percent White (non-Latino), 31 percent Asian, 2 percent African American, and 6 percent mixed ethnicity. Sixty-three percent of children have at least one parent born outside the U.S., and 51 percent of families speak a language other than English at home.

All the information will be compiled into a report to go to the Board of Supervisors in September 2016 to serve as a foundation for community partners, leaders and others who serve children to determine where the needs are and how we can all improve the health status of children in our County. The data can also help providers secure grants and other funding to help them continue to care for children.

The assessment will also build on the success of universal health care that the County established in 2000, becoming the first county in the nation to provide health insurance coverage for all children. Today, Santa Clara County has the highest percentage of insured children of any of the 52 counties in the state, with more than 94 percent coverage.

The County has also conducted assessments of the health of the Latino, Vietnamese, African American and LGBTQ communities.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact my office at (408) 299-5030 or email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Native plants garden: Building community, one park at a time

SUBMITTED BY
ANGELA AKRIDGE

Borrowing from Alameda County Master Gardeners' amazing vision, Friends of Newark Demonstration Garden would like to spearhead the creation of a new open space—a Native Plants Garden (“Demonstration Garden”) in Newark, with native plants supplied by the SF Don Edwards Wildlife Refuge's Native Plants Nursery, just a couple miles from the proposed garden.

We'd like this garden to showcase native drought-tolerant plants and sustainable landscaping techniques and provide educational and volunteer opportunities for home gardeners on design, planting, and maintenance. Our goal is to provide an open space that provides a space for residents to socialize with one another, building friendships and uniting the community.

We are currently in the site feasibility phase of this project, and we have our eye on a fabulous site at Ash Street Park. This private, SFPUC (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission) parcel borders a popular neighborhood park in an old part of town, providing a unique opportunity to enrich a neighborhood that

needs a little TLC. Adjacent to Head Start, a daycare, a Senior Center, and a local church in a low-income neighborhood, this project offers an unusual open space to a number of at-risk youth and other underserved groups and weaves together people from different age, ethnic, and religious groups.

This parcel is currently unmaintained as evidenced by the dense weeds, litter, and broken glass, making the nearby picnic areas unattractive to park visitors who flock to the park for its attractive volleyball court, basketball courts, playground, soccer field, and walking path. SFPUC is well-known for supporting community gardens by providing right-of-way leases at little to no cost.

Help us deliver on this vision!
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Lake Del Valle closed to swimming

SUBMITTED BY CAROLYN JONES

The East Bay Regional Park District has closed Lake Del Valle in Livermore for swimming due to a bloom of toxic blue-green algae. People and dogs should stay out of the water. Staff detected the algae near the boat launch and are sending water samples to a laboratory in Florida for further testing. Preliminary test results showed a toxicity of more than 20 parts per billion, which exceeds the Park District's safety threshold.

At five miles long, Lake Del Valle is the largest lake in the East Bay Regional Park District. It is owned and operated by the California Department of Water Resources and is part of the State Water Project. The Park District is currently consulting with the State on the algae condition.

The park, including the marina and campground, remain open. Fishing and boating are safe for visitors, as long as fish are thoroughly rinsed and the guts removed. Boaters should wash their hands following contact with the water.

Toxic algae can be fatal for dogs. The Park District strongly urges dog owners to keep their dogs away from the lake until further notice. For people, toxic algae can cause skin irritation, diarrhea, vomiting, headaches and other symptoms.

Toxic algae continues to plague other lakes in the District, including Quarry Lakes in Fremont and Lake Chabot in Castro Valley. Toxic blooms have cleared and warning signs have been removed at Lake Temescal in Oakland and Lake Anza in Berkeley, but the lakes remain closed for the season until April 2016.

For more information, contact Carolyn Jones, public information supervisor, at (510) 544-2217 or cjones@ebparks.org



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More than 180,000 Robotic Cleaners sold on a single day

On Singles Day 2015, a holiday for the Chinese singles and youth market, Ecovacs Robotics sold \$47 million worth of robotic products. Ecovacs only has three robotic products: a line of vacuum cleaners, a window cleaner, and a security and air purification device.

Ecovacs Robotic's Deebot robotic vacuum cleaners sell for between \$180 and \$500 in China; their robotic window cleaner sells for \$350; and their Famibot mobile wifi and air purification robot is only available for pre-order. Dividing \$47 million by \$250 (which presumes that most of the Singles Day sales were vacuums) equals 188,000 robotic units sold on a single day! Much of those sales were sold online on Alibaba. Ecovacs is taking orders for their Famibot, the security, wifi and air purification mobile bot with no specific delivery date mentioned. Deebots and Winbots are available for immediate delivery online with Amazon and Ecovacs Robotics.

The phenomenon of Singles Day was originally created by some college students in China as a special holiday to celebrate people who were not in a relationship – people who were essentially single. November 11, or

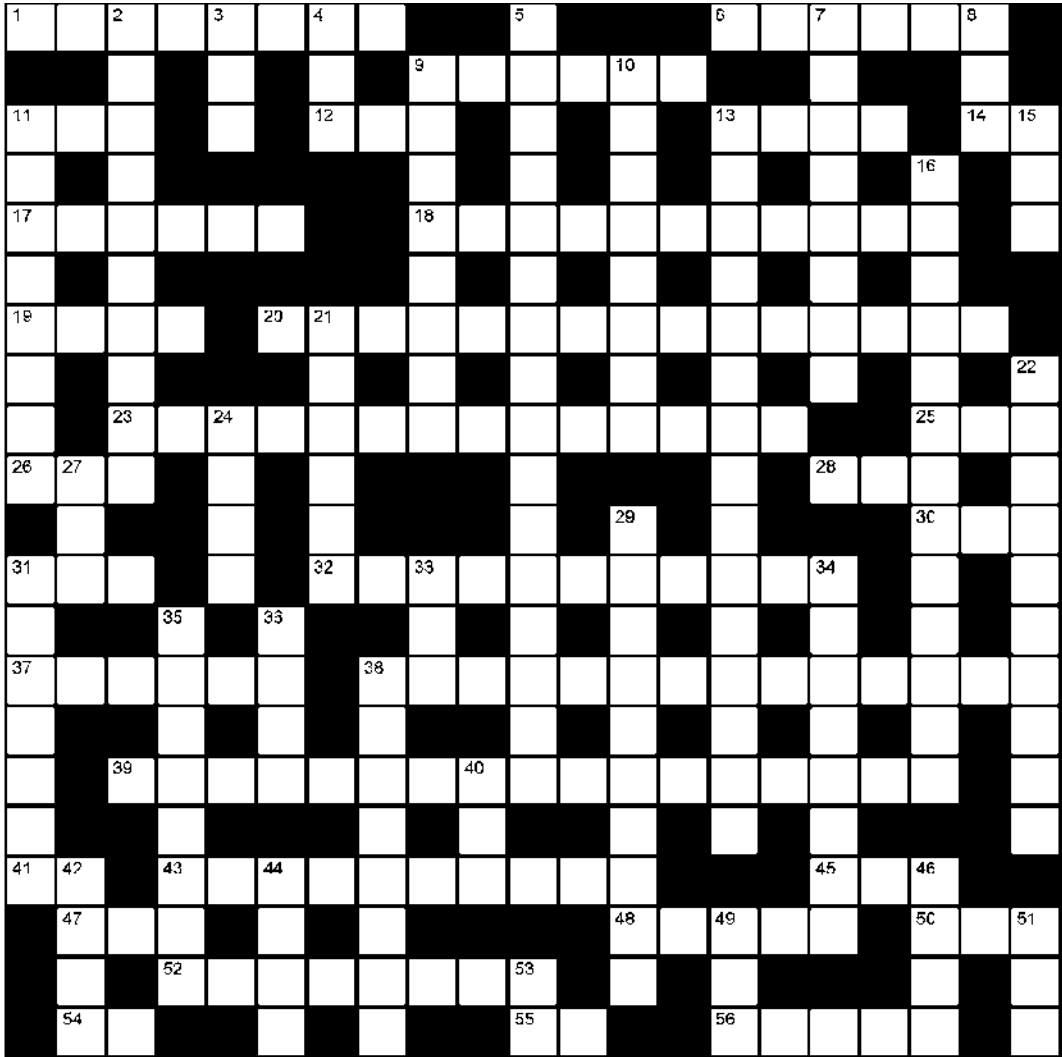
11/11, was chosen for the annual holiday, because no other date on the calendar has as many 1's, or "singles". Alibaba has trademarked the Chinese double 11 symbol in their effort to make Singles' Day (11/11, November 11th) an international online shopping event. From Ecovacs point of view, they've certainly succeeded!

Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. reported \$14.3 billion in sales during China's Singles' Day. The results, posted by the Chinese e-commerce giant in the early morning hours on Thursday local time, were 54% higher than last year's Singles' Day and were better than many analysts had expected.

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Mind Twisters

Crossword Puzzle B 346



- Across
- 1 7-digits (8)

6 expensive (6)

9 Sharp (6)

11 damp (3)

12 "___ bad!" (3)

13 Prepare to swallow (4)

14 verb, 1st person (2)

17 David, "the sweet psalmist of ___" (6)

18 joint action (11)

19 Box office take (4)

20 acting for another (15)

23 obligation (14)

25 "My boy" (3)

26 Directly (3)

28 Boeing 747, e.g. (3)

30 Balloon filler (3)

31 Lent's start, e.g.:Abbr. (3)

32 taking into account (11)

37 continent (6)

38 management; higher-ups (14)
- 39 holiday item (9,8)

41 to perform (2)

43 RSVP (10)

45 Cold and wet (3)

47 wonder (3)

48 Crustaceans (5)

50 "Rocks" (3)

52 buying (8)

54 informal greeting (2)

55 conjunction (2)

56 falls (5)
- Down

2 novels (10)

3 for writing or printing (3)

4 Cashew, e.g. (3)

5 accountabilities (16)

7 precise (8)

8 affirmation (informal) (3)

9 musical performances (8)

10 outer part (8)

11 twist to and fro (8)

13 qualities (15)

15 ___ are from Mars (3)

16 comprehension (13)

21 not native (6)

22 aloof (10)

24 TV program (4)

27 "It's no ___!" (3)

29 opposing (10)

31 covered (7)

33 Affirmative action (3)

34 mass of ice (8)

35 The Goonies, Madonna etc. (8)

36 Checker, perhaps (4)

38 distance upward (8)

40 Appropriate (3)

42 promise (4)

44 Aspect (4)

46 Mental keenness (4)

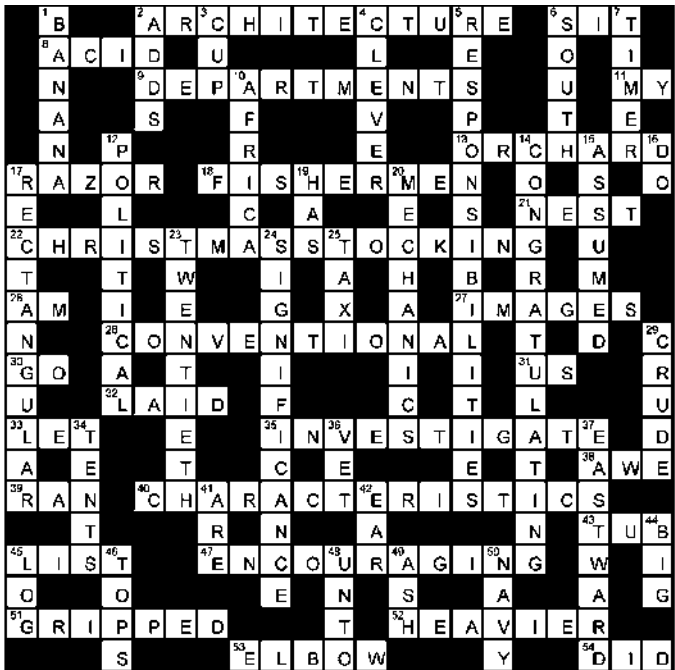
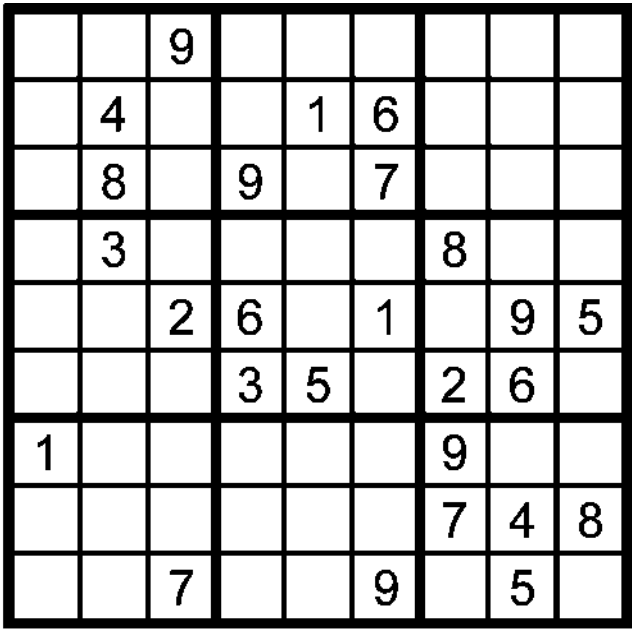
49 Make sense, with "up" (3)

51 ___ of corn (3)

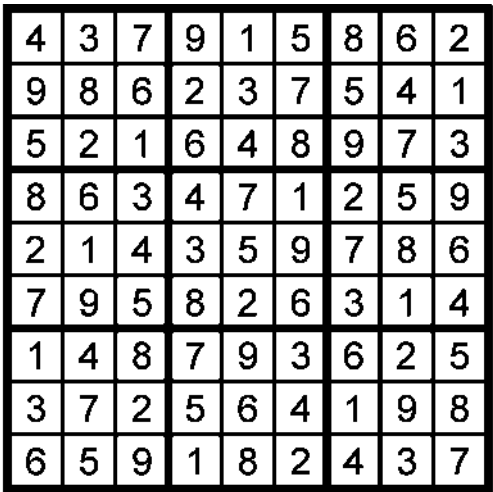
53 leave (2)

Sudoku:

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



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Tri-City Stargazer DECEMBER 16 - DECEMBER 22, 2015 BY VIVIAN CAROL

For All Signs: The winter solstice this year is timed at 11:49 p.m. EST on December 21. This is the point of the year at which the northern hemisphere is tilted furthest from the sun. Therefore our nights are longest at this time. Ancient people of the north celebrated the return of the sun within a few days following the winter solstice at the point when it became apparent that the sun would, indeed, return to bring heat, light and life back to the people. This holiday was widely celebrated among the pagans (country people) at least as far back in time as the dating of Stonehenge in the British Isles, carbon dated at 2500 B.C.E. to 1700 B.C.E..

Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20): Sometimes we are pressed to see the flaws even in those things and people we love the most. You are not at fault in this situation, though you may be looking for what you could have done. You did the best you could at the time.

Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20): The next couple of weeks are especially good for discussing important subjects with partners. You both are in a cooperative frame of mind and communications flow well. You can give and receive mutual help at this time and improve the overall energy in the relationship.

Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20): News comes that may take your breath away for a while. It isn't as though you didn't know it already. It has been in the background for some time now. Somehow you managed to avoid knowing that this could really happen. You do not have to stay on top of the circumstances right now. Give yourself some days to breathe.

Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21): You may feel out of

sorts this week. Your feelings are in conflict with your ideal self and your values. You want to put your best foot forward, but circumstances do not feel quite right. If the conflict is deep, it is usually best to wait and not yield to whatever pressure is around you. Take your time. Don't allow others to push you before you are ready.

Leo the Lion (July 22-August 22): This is the time of year in which you try to do too much, take care of everyone, and often forget to include yourself in the equation. Now is the time to check with your internal sensors. Is it truly necessary to handle every last detail? If your energy level is low, give yourself a break from the usual routine. Your body will reward you for the sacrifice.

Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22): Challenging news comes your way concerning children, a love affair, or creative ventures. It may be sudden so brace yourself. Take deep breaths and calm yourself so that you can have your wits about you to think issues through. Rise above the appearance of things so you can envision a larger picture. You

will need to access your ability to think outside the box.

Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22): Take every precaution not to abuse your body during this period. Drugs or alcohol could have peculiar side effects that you don't understand. You are in a low physical cycle and will be unable to push yourself as hard as normal on any physical task. If you are affected emotionally, try not to worry about it. Your body/feelings will right themselves within a week.

Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21): This is a good time to communicate with family members and those close to you. The environment and circumstances contribute to allowing things to be said honestly without fear of rebuke or attack in any form. New agreements and understandings can be created.

Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21): This week there are no new aspects involving your planetary ruler. You may find that you can take it easy and relax a bit. Consider this time of quiet a gift from the cosmos. You can catch up on the threads of unfinished projects

and maybe even get some extra sleep.

Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19): This is a week in which you will tend to be thinking obsessively. It is an opportunity to learn how to better control your mind. Shift your attention to something less dramatic, such as whatever is happening this moment. Make an effort to avoid worry over what might happen in the future and/or some past experience.

Aquarius the Water Bearer (January 20-February 18): You are always concerned about the multitudes that don't have enough food, clothing or shelter. It is possible that you may have overcommitted your time on be-

half of the needy. Give where you genuinely want to help, but don't allow your volunteerism to soak you dry of energy.

Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20): You may very well feel disappointed and angry, but there seems to be nowhere to really direct those feelings. The best solution is to identify where you find solace and deliberately connect with the person, place or thing that will offer reassurance and comfort. This is a powerful time to consider your spiritual purposes.

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VIFE presents FREE *Christmas Concert*



Trio Grace Lai, Soo Hyun Hong, and Judy Lam will perform at VIFE's Christmas Concert

SUBMITTED BY VIRTUOSO FLUTE INTERNATIONAL ENSEMBLE

The Virtuoso Flute International Ensemble (VIFE) is pleased to present a very exciting program for this year's Christmas Concert. Saxophonist Tony Bolivar will be our repeat guest soloist, and featured trio Grace Lai (flute), Soo Hyun Hong (piano), and Judy Lam (flute) will perform selections from the Heart of Hope CD project. Our young musicians in the ensemble bring a classic Christmas repertoire to celebrate the Savior's birth.

VIFE, a group of multi-ethnic and competitive young musicians, is dedicated to serving the community with their musical gifts strives for artistic excellence to support non-profit organizations and community events. Since its establishment in March 2008, VIFE has appeared in more than 50 performances including travel to Southern California. They have performed locally to support several nonprofit organizations including Friends of Children with Special Needs, Deaf Plus Adult Community, Tri-City Volunteers, Fremont Unified Schools After School Band Program, and Aegis of Fremont.

Guest performer Tony Bolivar is a celebrated saxophonist in Fremont, Music Minister, and Band Director at Fremont Christian School. He is an inspiring musician, band director, and mentor to many, especially Dream Achievers, a special needs

band which has actively performed in Fremont.

VIFE Director Judy Lam received her music education from the University of California in Los Angeles and has served as church pianist, director of church choruses, co-producer and director of Easter and Christmas musicals. She has performed with the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra, Hong Kong Youth Orchestra, and conducted various flute ensembles, chamber groups, most recently, the Fremont Symphony Orchestra at the 2015/2016 season opening.

Soo Hyun Hong received a bachelor's degree in Piano Performance from Osaka College of Music in Japan and a master's degree in Piano Performance as Honors Graduate from New England Conservatory of Music. She has performed in the Aspen Music Festival, Kirishima International Music Festival, and Yong-Pyong International Music Festival.

Grace Lai is an award-winning flutist, teacher, and clinician. She received her doctorate in flute performance from the University of Missouri and was principal flutist in the Musica Nova and the University's Conservatory Orchestra, and a quarter-finalist in the UMKC 2013 Concerto Aria competition.

The trio members are active chamber musicians in VIFE, and in addition to keeping a busy schedule teaching privately, they are also involved in Fremont Unified Schools band programs.

Last year's Christmas Concert was a benefit for the Heart of Hope Asian American Hospice Care (HOHAAHC). This year, HOHAAHC invited Lai, Hong, and Lam to donate their professional musical talents in a CD project. The "Whispering Hope" hymnal CD is designed to bring spiritual encouragement and comfort to hospice patients. Recording is in progress and HOHAAHC is hoping to raise funds so they can distribute it for free to hospice patients.

Lena Zee will once again be our emcee at the December 19 concert. We sincerely hope that you and your family can join us for an afternoon of heart-warming and uplifting Christmas music.

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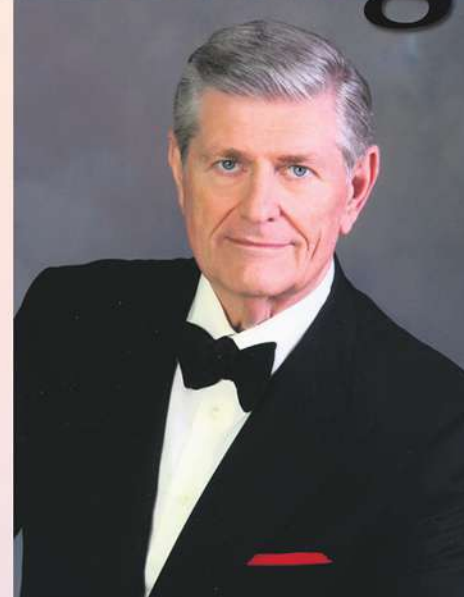
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Spend a Merry Morning with Santa

SUBMITTED BY TANYA MENDOZA

Now that Christmas is just around the corner, the greater Tri-Cities are hosting family friendly events in tune with the holiday spirit. "Breakfast with Santa" has been happening for more than 20 years; this year, it will be held on Monday, December 21 at Fremont Senior Center.

Guests will be served with a delicious, warm breakfast of bacon, chicken sausage, French toast, hash brown, scrambled eggs, maple syrup and fruits. Santa Claus will visit and he will be available to take photos with children. The price will be \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members, and \$3 for kids 12 years old and under. To purchase tickets, come by the Fremont Senior Center.

**Breakfast with Santa
Monday, Dec 21
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.**

Fremont Senior Center
40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy, Fremont
(510) 790-6600
www.facebook.com/FremontSeniorCenter/
\$5 members; \$7 non-members
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Christmas Schedule**Communal Reconciliation**

Monday, December 21st
7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Mass

December 24th

3:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.
(Children's Masses)

8:00 p.m. & Midnight

Christmas Day Mass

December 25th

7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.
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- **December 12, 2015** - \$125 registration fee for the first player* (9:00 AM to 1:00 PM).
- **January 9, 2016** - League tryout day, \$150 registration fee for the first player* (9:00 AM to 1:00 PM).
- **January 10, 2016** - League tryout day, \$150 registration fee for the first player* (9:00 AM to 1:00 PM).

* Discounted registration of \$40 for second child and \$20 for third or more.

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CONTINUING EVENTS

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, Sep 24 thru Dec 31

Wildlife Beyond Borders Exhibit

Mon: 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Tues & Thurs: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Animal photography display
Reception with live animals Saturday, Sept 26 from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
PhotoCentral
1099 E St., Hayward
(510) 881-6721
<http://www.photocentral>

Friday, Oct 3 - Sunday, Jan 10

Views of Nature

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Wildlife photography and art by Baz-zani and Preston
Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center
4901 Breakwater Ave., Hayward
(510) 670-7270
www.haywardrec.org

Tuesdays, Oct 27 - Dec 29

Lectio Divina - Prepare to Live the Sunday Gospel

7:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Practice reading scripture to enlighten your soul
Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose
43326 Mission Blvd., Fremont
(510) 933-6335
www.msjdominicans.org

Saturdays, Oct 31-Dec 19

Bridges to Jobs

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Job interview training class
Centerville Presbyterian Church
4360 Central Ave., Fremont
(510) 299-2223
<http://bridgestojobs.org>

Thursday, Nov 13 - Sunday, Dec 19

Greetings \$

Thurs - Sat: 8:00 p.m.
Sun: 12:15 p.m.
Heartwarming holiday play about family
Broadway West Theatre Company
400-B Bay St., Fremont
(510) 683-9218
www.broadwaywest.org

Tuesday, Nov 17 thru Thursday, Dec 24

Santa Claus \$

11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Children visit Santa and take pictures
NewPark Mall
2086 Newpark Mall, Newark
(510) 793-5683
www.newparkmall.com

Tuesday, Dec 1 - Saturday, Dec 16

LOV Holiday Toy Drive

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Drop off new unwrapped toys, gifts and non-perishable food
NewPark Mall
Management Office located in food court
2086 Newpark Mall, Newark
(510) 793-5683
Harold@lov.org

Fridays, Dec 4 thru Dec 18

Toddler Ramble: Works of Art

10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Edible art for toddlers ages 1-3
Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center
4901 Breakwater Ave., Hayward
(510) 670-7270
www.haywardrec.org

Arts & Entertainment

Saturdays, Dec 5 thru Dec 19

McConaghy House Holiday Tours \$

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Visit the Victorian home decked out for the holiday season
McConaghy Victorian House
18701 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward
(510) 581-0223
www.haywardareahistory.org

Saturdays, Dec 5 thru Dec 19

Christmas at McConaghy \$

5 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Listen to stories and enjoy refreshments
McConaghy Victorian House
18701 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward
(510) 581-0223 x131
www.haywardareahistory.org

Saturday, Dec 5 thru Sunday, Dec 27

Do Monarchs Matter? \$

1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Discuss the life cycle of butterflies
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
(510) 544-2797
www.ebpartks.org

Tuesday, Dec 8 - Friday, Dec 24

Giving Hope Holiday Program

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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www.fremontfarmersmarket.com

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Wednesdays
3 p.m. – 7 p.m.
May thru October
Capital Ave. between Liberty St.
and State St.
www.westcoastfarmersmarkets.org

Kaiser Permanente Fremont Farmers' Market
Thursdays
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Year-round
39400 Paseo Padre Pkwy.,
Fremont
800-949-FARM
www.pcfma.com

Irvington Farmers' Market
Sundays
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Bay Street and Trimboli Way,
Fremont
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9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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Niles Town Plaza
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www.westcoastfarmersmarket.org

HAYWARD:

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

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Saturdays
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Saturdays
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Year-round
Old Alvarado Park
Smith and Watkins Streets,
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Saturdays, Dec 12 - Sundays, Dec 20
Christmas at Patterson House \$
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tour the Victorian home, music and refreshments
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd.,
Fremont
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www.ebparks.org

Tuesday, Dec 15 - Wednesday, Dec 23
Las Posadas
6 p.m.
Processional celebration of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem
Bring flashlights to read song sheets
Old Mission San Jose
43300 Mission Blvd., Fremont
(510) 794-7166
http://msjchamber.org/events/las-posadas/

Tuesdays, Dec 15 thru Jan 26
Bridge 1
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Introduction to set up, bid play and score keeping
Newark Senior Center
7401 Enterprise Dr., Newark
(510) 578-4840
www.newark.org

Tuesdays, Dec 15 thru Jan 26
Bridge 2
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Mastering game strategy
Newark Senior Center
7401 Enterprise Dr., Newark
(510) 578-4840
www.newark.org

Thursdays, Dec 17 thru Jan 28
Bingo \$
1 p.m.
Games, refreshments and door prizes
Newark Senior Center
7401 Enterprise Dr., Newark
(510) 578-4840
www.newark.org

Mondays, Dec 21 thru Jan 25
Bunco
10 a.m.
Dice game
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(510) 578-4840
www.newark.org

Tuesday, Dec 15 - Thursday, Dec 24
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THIS WEEK

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Christmas Tea Open House – R
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Refreshments and gift exchange
Brookdale Senior Living
2860 Country Dr., Fremont
(510) 755-3002

Thursday, Dec 17
East Bay Stompers Band
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Dixie, swing and standards music
Bronco Billy's Pizza
41200 Blacow Road, Fremont
(510) 438-0121

Thursday, Dec 17
Kid's Club
11 a.m.
Entertainment and prizes for children 5 & under
NewPark Mall
2086 Newpark Mall, Newark
(510) 793-5683
www.newparkmall.com

Thursday, Dec 17
Holiday Party with the Cops
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Music, refreshments and socializing with City members
Fremont Bank
32000 Alvarado Blvd,
Union City
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www.unioncitychamber.com/ucevents/upcoming-events



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2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
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www.aclibrary.org

Thursday, Dec 17 -Friday, Dec 18
The Elves and the Shoemaker \$
7 p.m.
Upbeat musical about a kind hearted shoemaker
Sal Cracolice Building
540 S. Able St, Milpitas
(408) 707-7158
www.centerstagecpa.org

Thursday, Dec 17
Holiday Appreciation Mixer – R
3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Light food and refreshments
On Lok Lifeways
3683 Peralta Blvd, Fremont
(510) 250-5180
jarduz@onlock.org

Thursday, Dec 17
Holiday Mixer and Fundraiser – R
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Food, drinks, entertainment and raffle
Benefit for Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay
Aegis of Fremont
3850 Walnut Ave., Fremont
(510) 739-1515
Debbie.zogarc@aegisliving.com

Friday, Dec 18
Friday Teen Festivities \$
4:45 p.m.
Ugly sweater party
Silliman Activity Center
6800 Mowry Ave., Newark
(510) 578-4620
www.newark.org

Friday, Dec 18
NHUSD Name Transition Dedication Ceremony
1 p.m.
Speakers, dance performances and celebration
Name transition to Itliong-Vera Cruz Middle School
View live broadcast at: go.mynhusd.org.icvmscremony
Itliong-Vera Cruz Middle School
Formerly Alvarado Middle School
31604 Alvarado Blvd.,
Union City
(510) 489-0700

Saturday, Dec 19
Family Bird Walk – R
10 a.m. - 12 noon
Use field guides and binoculars to search for birds
Ages 5 – 10
SF Bay Wildlife Refuge
1 Marshlands Rd., Fremont
(510) 792-0222 x363
<https://donedwarsfamilybird.eve.nbrite.com>

Saturday, Dec 19
Yarn Ornaments \$
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
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Tuesday, Dec 15 9:45 – 11:30 Daycare Center Visit – FREMONT 2:30 – 3:25 Cabrillo School, 36700 San Pedro Dr., FREMONT 4:45 – 5:30 Baywood Apts., 4275 Bay St., FREMONT 5:50 – 6:30 Jerome Ave. and Ohlones St., FREMONT	Monday, Dec 21 9:20 – 10:00 Daycare Center Visit, FREMONT 10:15 – 11:15 Daycare Center Visit, FREMONT 1:45 – 2:45 Pioneer School, Blythe St. & Jean Dr., UNION CITY 4:15 – 4:45 Greenhaven Apts., Alvarado Blvd & Fair Ranch Rd., UNION CITY 5:15 – 6:45 Forest Park School, Deep Creek Rd. & Maybird Cir., FREMONT
Wednesday, Dec 16 1:00 – 2:00 Del Rey School, Via Mesa at Via Julia, SAN LORENZO 2:30 – 3:00 Eden House Apts., 1601 165th Ave., SAN LEANDRO 3:30 – 4:00 Baywood Ct., 21966 Dolores St., CASTRO VALLEY 6:00 – 6:30 Camellia Dr., & Camellia Ct., FREMONT	Tuesday, Dec 22 10:00 – 11:15 Daycare Center Visit – UNION CITY 2:00 – 2:30 Fremont Hills Senior Living, 35490 Mission Blvd., FREMONT 2:40 – 3:15 Mission Gateway Apts., 33155 Mission Blvd., UNION CITY 4:50 – 5:30 Mariner Park, Re- gents Blvd. & Dorado Dr., UNION CITY 5:40 – 6:20 Sea Breeze Park, Dyer St. & Carmel Way, UNION CITY
Thursday, Dec 17 9:50 – 10:20 Daycare Center Visit – UNION CITY 10:40 – 11:30 Daycare Center Visit - NEWARK 1:15 – 1:45 Steller Academy, 38325 Cedar Blvd., NEWARK 2:00 – 3:00 Graham School, 36270 Cherry St., NEWARK	Wednesday, Dec 23 No Service Milpitas Bookmobile stops Renew books by phone (800) 471-0991 For more information (408) 293-2326 x3060
Friday, Dec 18 9:45 – 10:15 Daycare Center Visit – SAN LORENZO 10:35 – 11:05 Daycare Center Visit – HAYWARD 1:00 – 1:30 Daycare Center Visit – SAN LORENZO 1:45 – 3:00 Hillside School,	Wednesday, Dec 11 1:45 – 3:00 Foothill School, 1991 Landess Ave., MILPITAS 3:15-3:45 Friendly Village Park, 120 Dixon Landing Rd., MILPITAS

Saturday, Dec 19
Mini Tule Basket Ornament – R
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Create a decoration from marsh plants
Coyote Hills Regional Park
8000 Patterson Ranch Rd.,
Fremont
(510) 544-3220
www.ebparks.org

Saturday, Dec 19
VIFE Christmas Concert
2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Ensemble of youth musician perform holiday classics
Centerville Presbyterian Church
4360 Central Ave., Fremont
(510) 979-9263

Saturday, Dec 19
Tri-City Winter Charity
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Free food, toys, clothes, games and entertainment
Purple Lotus School
33619 9th St., Union City
(510) 408-7294
http://purplelotusschool.org/

Saturday, Dec 19
Children with Developmental Delays Playgroup
10:30 a.m.
Tactile and sensory toys provided for play and socialization
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400
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Saturday, Dec 19
School-Age Storytime
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Stories for children grades preschool – kindergarten
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Saturday, Dec 19 - Sunday, Dec 20
Nutcracker Ballet \$
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Holiday classic performed by Berkeley City Ballet
Smith Center
43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont
(510) 659-6031
www.smithcenter.com

Saturday, Dec 19
Holiday Open House
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Caroling, stories and Santa Claus
Douglas Morrison Theatre
22311 N Third St., Hayward
(510) 881-6777
www.dmtonline.org

Saturday, Dec 19
Teen Gingerbread House Competition – R
1:30 p.m. - 4:0 p.m.
Create houses using cookies, frosting and candy
Prizes for winners
Hayward Main Library
835 C St., Hayward
(510) 881-7975
www.library.hayward-ca.gov

Saturday, Dec 19
What Water Makes Our Bay?
10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
Children play games to learn about water
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Winter Solstice Hike
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Monday, Dec 21
American Red Cross Blood Drive
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United Way of the Bay Area seeks volunteer tax preparers

SUBMITTED BY GREG FREED

United Way of the Bay Area's Earn It! Keep It! Save It! program is seeking volunteer tax preparers, interpreters and greeters to help staff Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites throughout the Bay Area during the 2016 tax season. With the support of trained, IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers, VITA sites provide free tax preparation to individuals and families earning less than \$54,000 per year. More than 100 VITA sites operate as part of the Earn It! Keep It! Save It! coalition of 200+ free tax sites throughout the seven Bay Area counties, including AARP and Tax-Aid.

Last year, 3,000-plus Earn It! Keep It! Save It! volunteers helped file more than 74,000 federal and state tax returns, bringingover \$80 million in federal tax refunds back to the local community. Since 2003, volunteers have brought back \$575 million in refunds to Bay Area households—an estimated 80 percent of which isspent locally.

Free volunteer training provided by community partners and the IRS begins in December and January. On average, novice volunteers will be required to attend three days of classroom instruction. For tax professionals or experienced volunteers, an online training and certification tool is available. Site operation hours vary, but each volunteer is asked to volunteer regularly for at least one four-hour shift per week from late January until April 15. Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are welcome, but all volunteers need to be comfortable working with a computer. There is a special need for bilingual Spanish speakers.

Potential volunteers can learn more and register at earnitkeepitsaveit.org/volunteer



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Holiday luncheon features Kennedy Voices



SUBMITTED BY NEWARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

In a holiday tradition dedicated to local nonprofit organizations helping families celebrate the season with assistance from community and business leaders of Newark and adjoining cities, the Newark Chamber of Commerce held their annual Holiday Luncheon at the Double Tree by Hilton on December 10th. Admission was an unwrapped toy donated to The League of Volunteers that has been active, in concert with other nonprofit organizations, to help support Christmas activities as well as summer recreation, concerts, a food pantry and emergency shelter. Just prior to this gathering, LOV sponsored a highly successful

Thanksgiving meal and meal delivery throughout the greater Tri-City area.

Entertainment was provided by the Kennedy [Elementary School] Voices in an encore performance after last year's luncheon. The chamber thanks Choir Director Lynette Aquino and Santa Claus Jay Schaefer for their participation in a successful event including raffles and donations by many local businesses. Special thanks to luncheon sponsors Cargill, Republic Services, Pacific Realty and Integral Communities. Raffle sponsors included Cargill, Newark Professional Center, American Swim Academy, NewPark Mall, Homewood Suites, Unitek College, DoubleTree by Hilton, Republic Services, Das Brew, Sunrise Construction, Afana Enterprises, Castro Valley Mineral & Gems.



Got Talent winners



**SUBMITTED BY
FREMONT UNIFIED STUDENT STORE**

Fremont Unified Student Store presented trophies and awards to winners of the 2015 FUSD's Got Talent Show at the Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) board meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2015:

1st Place Choir: Blacow Bobcats (Conductor Mark Arroyo)
1st Place Staff: April Scott (Glankler)
1st Place High School: Melody Chen (American High)
1st Place High School: Anthony Adams (Robertson High)
1st Place Jr. High: Marissa Freitas (Walters)
1st Place Elementary: Rishabh Athreya (Warwick)
2nd Place Elementary: Lucas Dong and

Elena Chow (Leitch)
3rd Place Elementary: Skylar Qian and Alyssa Chen (Mission San Jose)

A video and some photos have been posted on the following websites:
www.fuss4schools.org/2015-fusds-got-talent-show-winners/
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Table Tennis Winter Camps

SUBMITTED BY INDIA COMMUNITY CENTER

Would you like to learn the art of table tennis or improve your skills? India Community Center's Table Tennis Center is offering Table Tennis Winter Camps December 21 through January 1. ICC Table Tennis Center is located at 1507 N. Milpitas Boulevard in Milpitas. For more information and to register, visit www.indiacc.org/2015wintercamp or call (408) 945-9556 or e-mail sports@indiacc.org.

Breshers nabs second CCAA Player of the Week Award



Breshers was presented with a ball commemorating her 1,000th point by Athletics Director Joan McDermott, head coach Suzy Barcomb, and teammate Laci Effenberger, who assisted on the historic basket.

SUBMITTED BY STEVE CONNOLLY

Cal State University East Bay (CSUEB) senior Tori Breshers (Gardena) has been selected as the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) Women's Basketball Player of the Week for November 3-December 6, as announced recently by the conference office.

It's the second time Breshers has captured the award through the first four weeks of the season. She filled up the scoresheet for the Pioneers during the first week of conference play and led the team to a 2-0 start to the CCAA slate.

On December 8, East Bay earned a decisive 21-point victory on the road against Cal State San Bernardino. Breshers poured in a game-high 24 points on 10-for-18 shooting. On the December 5 CCAA home opener against Chico State, she paced the Pioneers with 17 points and three steals in a convincing 24-point victory over the Wildcats.

Breshers also grabbed eight rebounds in each contest, and 10 of her 16 boards for the week were on the

offensive end. Overall, she averaged 20.5 points and 8.0 rebounds while shooting 53 percent from the field.

On Saturday, December 5, during the men's game, the Pioneers presented Tori with a basketball commemorating 1,000 career points, which she had reached the previous week. Against Chico State, the four-year senior scored her 1,045th point, moving her into third place in the program's all-time scoring list. She already holds the school record for blocks (121) and ranks in the top five in rebounds, field goals, and free throws made.

Through eight games this season, Breshers is the second-leading scorer in the CCAA at 18.0 points per game. She also ranks in the top 10 in rebounds, blocks, and field goal percentage (.495) as she approaches 100 career games for the Pioneers.

Cal State East Bay has now won four straight after dropping two tournament games in Colorado. Dating back to last season, the Pioneer women have won 10 of their last 11 home games. They also cracked the top 10 in the D2SIDA West Region Poll, capturing a No. 9 ranking.

Fremont Colts FC wins State Cup Championship

SUBMITTED BY FERNANDO COLMENARES

On December 5, the Fremont Colts FC Under 6 Boys team was crowned the California Youth Soccer Association (Cal North) State Cup Champions.

The team, made up of boys from 6-8 years old, battled it out over the course of two weekends with teams from all across northern California. The players played amazing individual and team soccer to dominate the competition outscoring their opponent 37 goals to 6.

"Being the new soccer club in the area and to bring home a State cup championship to Fremont in only 2 years of official affiliation with Cal North is quite an accomplishment," says coaching director, and 2015 US Youth Soccer region 4 coach of the year, Ricky Garcia. "It proves how important it is to focus on individual player development rather than team play in the early years."

Fremont Colts FC is a 501 (c) (3) organization and was established in 2013. It serves North Fremont and the surrounding communities. For more information please visit their website at www.fremontcoltsfc.org



Park It

BY NED MACKAY

Special programs are celebrating the holiday season at Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont and the merry-go-round at Tilden Regional Park near Berkeley.

At Ardenwood, it's Christmas tour time at the Patterson mansion. The home is decorated with more than 20 Christmas trees and Victorian-style holiday ornaments. Tours are at 11:30 a.m., noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 19 and 20. Tours are included with park admission, which in winter is is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 4 through 17, and free for kids under 4 years old. Tickets are available at the door. To book a large group, call 510-791-4196 or email cdcentry@fremont.gov.

As long as we're at Ardenwood, the park has scheduled a **yarn ornament program** from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19. Using colored yarn and sticks, the group will create unique ornaments to take home and hang on the tree.

Ardenwood is located at 34600 Ardenwood Boulevard, just north of Highway 84. For general information on the park, call 510-544-2797.

The Tilden Park merry-go-round is hosting **"Winter Wonderland"** through Dec. 23. Hours are 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 4 to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The carousel is closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The event includes holiday decorations, gingerbread and hot chocolate, Christmas trees, visits from Santa Claus, and of course rides on the 1911 merry-go-round with its

hand-carved animals. Ride tickets cost \$2 each, or seven tickets for \$10. Children under age 2 ride for free, but a parent has to purchase a ticket and ride with the child. The carousel is on Central Park Drive just down the hill from the intersection with Wildcat Canyon Road. For more information, call 510-559-1004.

The holiday spirit also will prevail at **Tilden's Environmental Education Center**, located at the north end of Central Park Drive. Interpretive student aide Sharona Kleinman will lead a "gingerbread jamboree" from 1 to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19. The idea is to construct and decorate a small animal abode out of gingerbread, while learning what home means to different wild creatures. Then from 2 to 3 p.m. the same day, interpretive student aide Briana Contaxis-Tucker will read "letters from our furry friends" during a story time at the center. And there's more: the center interpretive staff will stage a holiday puppet show from 1 to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20. All ages are welcome, and audience participation is encouraged.

For more information on the center programs, call 510-544-2233.

The winter solstice, which is the shortest day of the year, has held significance for many +cultures through the ages. This year it falls on Tuesday, Dec. 22, and it will be anticipated with several free, naturalist-led programs in the regional parks. Naturalist Morgan Dill will lead a "seize the solstice" early morning hike from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19 at **Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve** in the Oakland hills. It's a two-mile hike to greet the rising sun. Morgan

suggests bringing a hot beverage to stay warm. Meet at the park's staging area, which is on Skyline Boulevard a short distance south of the intersection with Grizzly Peak Boulevard. For information, call 510-544-3187.

And Morgan will lead a celebration of winter solstice traditions from 11 a.m. to noon the same day at **Crab Cove** Visitor Center in Alameda. The program will include crafts, stories and a Yule log. Crab Cove is at 1252 McKay Ave. off Alameda's Central Avenue. Call 510-544-3187.

There's another early riser with naturalist "Trail Gail" Broesder, who will lead a **climb from Tilden's Environmental Education Center to the top of Wildcat Peak**, from 6:15 to 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 21. The hope is to see the sun rise over Mt. Diablo and points east. This hike is for ages seven and older. Bring your own hot beverage. For information, call 510-544-3249.

Seasonal use of plants by Native Americans is the theme of a free program from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 20 at Leona Canyon Regional Open Space Preserve in Oakland. Yogi Francis and naturalist Michael Charnofsky will discuss how the Ohlone people use various plants and manage plant communities. Meet at Parking Lot E of Merritt College. The college is on Campus Drive off Redwood Road in Oakland. For information, call 510-544-3187.

But whether you attend any of the East Bay Regional Park District's programs or explore the parks on your own, here's wishing you a great holiday season and a happy New Year.

Averroes High School basketball

SUBMITTED BY ALEXANDER NEJAT

Despite being on the losing end of his high school varsity game against International Studies Academy of South San Francisco, 68-58, Averroes Falcons boys basketball player, Atmar Mundu (15), had a memorable night on December 7, scoring his single game career highest of 43 points. Earlier that week, on December 4, in Alameda, at the Saint Joseph Tournament, PG/SG Atmar Mundu once again scored his second single game highest of 37 points while taking the win 52-42 against North Hills Christian High School of Vallejo. Mundu is currently averaging 35 points a game and is the existing points per game leader of his team.

Atmar Mundu, a rising star and sophomore, is performing beyond expectations as he played his second varsity game. The team and their coach, Charles Rivers (Faheem), (42) is everything Mundu can ask for as he continues his basketball career. Mundu has great ambitions in pursuing college basketball and can be found training hard everyday at Club Sport.

Founded in 2010, Averroes High School is a college preparatory Islamic high school in Fremont.

27th Annual Newark Rotary Ironman Duals at Newark Memorial High

Wrestling

SUBMITTED BY TIM HESS

1st Chico HS 5-0
2nd Independence HS 4-1
3rd Firebaugh HS 3-1

Newark Memorial 3-2
NM Results: L36-42 Firebaugh,
L30-46 Independence, W51-23
Irvington, W48-30 San Leandro,
W33-30 Mission San Jose

Kennedy 2-3
Mission San Jose 2-3
San Leandro 1-4
Irvington 0-5

Top Performers for the Cougars included Hiep Tran, Xander Pereira, Tim Tuite, Bernardo Martinez, and 126 lb Ironman Champion Evan Smith. Thank you to our sponsors the Newark Rotary Club and

WrestlingMart and the many volunteers who made this tournament a huge success.

All Tournament Team
106 - Jacob Hiller Chico
113 - Jake Vergarn San Leandro
120 - Diego Ahumada San Leandro
126 - Evan Smith Newark Memorial
132 - Jonathan Lin Mission San Jose
138 - Ryan Rudkin Chico
145 - Gerry Hernandez Firebaugh
152 - Kurtis Clem Chico
160 - Arturo Rivas Firebaugh
170 - Jackson Blankenship Chico
182 - Jasper Medina Firebaugh
195 - Nick Maximov Chico *
Rich Swift OW Award*
220 - Chris Vareck Mission San Jose
285 - Nick Echesceste Firebaugh

Four Pioneers Reach Double Figures in Rout of Simpson

Men's Basketball

SUBMITTED BY STEVE CONNOLLY

Four Cal State East Bay players scored in double figures in a 100-77 rout of the Simpson University Red Hawks on December 12th at Pioneer Gymnasium. The win improves the Pioneers' overall record to 4-4.

This was the Pioneers second victory over the Red Hawks after the Pioneers defeated Simpson 86-48 at Chico State's Mac Martin Invitational Nov. 27.

The first half was closely contested for the first eight minutes until junior Jalen Richard hit a three-pointer to put the Pioneers up 23-20 that started an 11-0 run that would put the Pioneers in-front by 11 with 9:55 left in the opening half. The Pioneers would build their lead to as high as 18 points in the first half and go to the locker room with that same 18 point lead, 57-39.

The second half saw the Pioneers lead by as many as 33 when junior Pierre Carter dunked to make it 81-48 with 9:47 left before eventually settling on a 23-point non-conference win.

"I was very impressed with the way Simpson attacked us from the beginning," said Cal State East Bay Head Coach, Gus Argenal.

Junior Jalen Richard led the Pioneers in scoring, netting 19 points on 6-10 shooting and 4-7 on three-pointers. Richard's contributions didn't stop there, as he had four rebounds, three steals, and two blocks.

Senior Ryan Okwudibonye scored 15 points on 5-8 shooting, including 5-5 from the charity-stripe and had eight rebounds to tie senior Jack Pasquini for the team-lead. Pasquini drained 17 points on 7-10 from the field. He also had two steals and two blocks.

The Pioneer bench was dominant, outscoring the Red Hawks 36-6 and Argenal took notice. "We had some players step-up and give us sparks off the bench, especially Tre (Mauldin) and Pom (Paramvir Singh)."

Senior Tre Mauldin had eight points, four rebounds, and a team-high five assists in 23 minutes. Singh, a junior, scored 10 points and dished-out four assists in 16 minutes of action.



Ryan Okwudibonye slams home two of his 15 points in 100-77 Pioneer win.

Cal State East Bay Defense Dominates Menlo

Women's Basketball

SUBMITTED BY STEVE CONNOLLY

Ignited by a huge second quarter rally, the Cal State East Bay women's basketball team cruised to an 84-39 road win over Menlo College on December 12th.

The Pioneers (7-2, 2-0 CCAA) trailed after a tight first quarter, but they locked down on defense and allowed just eight total points over the next two periods. East Bay out-scored the Oaks 30-4 in the second quarter to take a commanding lead into halftime. They stretched their lead out further in the third in equally impressive fashion, finishing the frame with a 23-4 advantage.

Five players scored in double figures for the Pioneers, who shot 53 percent as a team from the field. Led by Shannon Bland (2-for-3 from three-point range) and Madison Craig (3-for-6), East Bay was red hot from long range, hitting at 44 percent as a team.

"We played very well defensively tonight," said head coach Suzy Barcomb. "After a week away for finals, it took us a bit to start clicking offensively. As a team we shared the ball well tonight. Shannon and Madi shot lights out, but so much of that was due to how we ran our sets."

Craig led the way with 15 points and went 5-for-9 from the floor. Fellow senior guard Laci Effenberger scored 14, going 4-for-11 from beyond the arc. Bland was efficient from the field, finishing 5-for-7, and she filled up the scoresheet with 12 points, seven rebounds, and a career-high nine assists.

Reigning CCAA Player of the Week Tori Breshers notched 12 points in just 23 points, hitting 4-of-7 shots. Fellow senior Ashleigh Anderson just missed a double-double with 10 points and a team-high nine boards.

Remy Puou posted nine points and four rebounds in just 16 minutes, going 4-for-5 from the floor. Bianca Littleton added six points in 17 minutes off the bench.

FEMA releases El Niño Disaster Response Plan

SUBMITTED BY MARY SIMMS

The FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Region 9 office, in Oakland, has established an El Niño task force charged with preparing the regional office and its partners for the impacts of El Niño. Recently, the FEMA Region 9 Office released its Severe El Nino Disaster Response plan and will convene a regional interagency steering committee meeting in Northern California to exercise the plan.

The task force has evaluated the core capabilities needed to prepare for, respond to, recover from and mitigate against any El Niño related incident that occurs across the office's area of responsibility. The task force has developed an Executive Decision Support Guide, or response plan, and an interactive flood decision support tool to enhance the regional office's ability to respond to potential El Niño flood events during the winter of 2015-2016. The plan seeks to align actionable decision points that provide critical information that leaders need to make informed decisions by determining the hazard level potentially impacting lives, public health, safety, property, and critical infrastructure.

To view the FEMA Region 9 El Nino Disaster Response Plan please visit:
<http://FEMA.proptout.com/ViewAttachment.aspx?EID=sF02om1OE4NfUj80ev7qDk8OS0oR53XXxBn6gsxWbzU%3d>

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
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www.ci.newark.ca.us

San Leandro City Council
1st/3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.
835 East 14th St., San Leandro
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2nd/4th Tuesday @ 7 p.m.
City Hall
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Alameda County Water District
2nd Thursday @ 6:00 p.m.
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East Bay Municipal Utility District
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375 11th St., Oakland
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Santa Clara Valley Water District
2nd/4th Tuesday @ 6:00 p.m.
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Fremont Unified School Board
2nd/4th Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.
4210 Technology Dr., Fremont
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Hayward Unified School Board
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2441 I Amador Street, Hayward
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Milpitas Unified School Board
2nd/4th Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.
1331 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas
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New Haven Unified School Board
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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.
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Sunol Glen Unified School Board
2nd Tuesday @ 5:30 p.m.
11601 Main Street, Sunol
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Fremont City Council

December 8, 2015

Consent Calendar:

Set solid waste collection rates, transfer station service fees and landfill disposal fees for 2016-2017. Residential rates will increase by \$1.60 per month to a total \$34.99, a 4.8% increase.

Adopt a resolution supporting action against human trafficking to raise awareness of problem, especially with regards to Super Bowl 50.

Approve 2016 pavement crack seal project to VSS International, Inc. in the amount of \$212,777.

Approve final map for Tract 8192 (10.34 acres) at 4325 Alder

Avenue with Robson Homes for 20 single family homes and one historic house.

Other Business:

Presentation by Economic Development Department of business engagement activities between July 2014-October 2015 including Business Appreciation Program, Web and Social Media Presence, Small Business Outreach and Nurturing Technology Startups.

Renew public relations/marketing communications contract with The Hoffman Agency; two year contract for \$335,000 (\$120,000 Year 1, \$215,000 Year 2).

Mayor Bill Harrison	Aye
Vice Mayor Suzanne Lee Chan	Aye
Vinnie Bacon	Aye
Lily Mei	Aye
Rick Jones	Aye

Union City City Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Proclamations and Presentations:

- Appoint Emily Duncan as vice mayor.
- Recognize participants of “Make a Difference Day at Cesar Chavez Middle School:” including Cesar Chavez Middle School assistant principal Keith Lark, Christine Szeto who organized the event, muralists Erwin Haya and Jennifer Haya and Kids’ Zone staff Nancy George, Jennifer Hawkins, Lourdes Villegas, Melissa Blancas, Nora Moussavi, Imelda Rivas,
- Express support of for Assembly Bill 199 and Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2015.

Consent Calendar:

- Amend agreement between city of Union City and County of Alameda for housing rehabilitation services increasing the budget by \$100,000.
- Award contract for purchase of one vehicle for the Union City Police Department project and declare one vehicle as surplus to be sent to auction.
- Authorize the city manager to designee to apply for California Transit Security Grant Program funds from the Office of Emergency Services door lock system and to approve and appropriate funds to the project. Union City is eligible to receive

\$18,792 for fiscal years 2014 and 2015.

- Authorize a grant extension of rotational towing and non-exclusive towing franchise for the police department to Central Tow and All Ways Tow.
- Authorize purchase of hot water pressure washer in the amount of \$21,405.50.
- Adopt a resolution to award contract for purchase of one police vehicle for pursuit in the amount of \$37,354.
- Accept work for playground improvements from Casa Verde Park Trailers in the amount of \$327,641.
- Adopt resolutions of the city council declaring its intention to authorize the annexation of territory to community facilities and adopt the boundary map showing territory proposed to be annexed to community facilities district.

Public Hearings:

Adopt a resolution declaring its intention to authorize the annexation of territory and implement special tax.

City Manager Reports:

Adopt a resolution amending the general plan update contract for professional services with Mintierharnish Planning Consultants by \$46,340 to authorize outreach to Decoto neighborhood with Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. and provide an overview of the general plan update’s progression.

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

Newark City Council

December 10, 2015

Presentations and Proclamations:

Recognize retiring former Newark City and recent Alameda County firefighters Brian Caminada, Tony Connell, Ernie Morua and Steve Perry.

Public Hearings:

Approve Sanctuary Project of 386 single family units at Cherry Street and Stevenson Boulevard. The development will include approximately 68 acres in Area 3. It includes provisions for a school site, recreational acreage in Area 4 and an adjoining park next to the school site.

Consent:

- Accept California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control grant. (considered separately at request of Councilmember Hannon)
- Approve 2016 local appointments list (considered separately at request of Councilmember Hannon)
- Approve Newark Develop-

ment Impact fees

- Approve bid and award for park and landscape maintenance services to Mike Davis Landscape Services
- Approve final map for Tract 8212, a 77 lot family residential subdivision at 36120 Ruschin Drive
- Approve project specific funding agreement with Alameda County Transportation Commission for final design of Central Avenue Overpass
- Adopt five-year findings for Community Development Maintenance Impact Fee (considered separately at request of Councilmember Collazo)
- Approve reorganization of management structure in Administration Services
- Non-Consent:**
 - Approve Contractual Services with Quincy Engineering, Inc. for professional engineering services for Central Avenue overpass
 - Approve solid waste collection recycling services rate increase of 3.4% for 2016. Average household usage of a 32-gallon cart will increase by \$0.98 per month
- City Council Matters:**
 - Appoint Luis Freitas as Mayor Pro Tempore (Vice

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How to Get to Fremont (From Fremont) Transportation Policy Forum Recap

By AARON GOLDSMITH, DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Here’s a startling fact: Alameda County holds roughly 20 percent of the Bay Area’s total population, yet is home to 40 percent of the region’s traffic congestion. This is how Supervisor, Scott Haggerty began his remarks at the Fremont Chamber of Commerce’s recent transportation policy forum, “How to Get to Fremont (from Fremont).” The forum was a focused conversation around policies, programs, and other ideas to deal with increased traffic and an aging public transportation system. In addition to Supervisor Haggerty, Fremont Mayor, Bill Harrison and BART Board Member, Joel Keller also participated in the panel moderated by Fremont City Engineer, Hans Larsen. In case you missed it, here’s the Cliffs Notes version.

- Traffic on I-680 is a major cause for our local road congestion. We’ve all seen it—the backups on 680 extend for miles each day. People are using every alternate route imaginable, including major thoroughfares, like Mission Boulevard, and even rural roads in Sunol that aren’t equipped to handle the volume. The HOV (‘high occupancy vehicle’) lane in the southbound direction is helping and work will begin soon on the northbound side.

- BART is the oldest system of its kind in the nation. Couple this with increased ridership from a booming economy, and the system is experiencing more frequent delays and service interruptions as a result. To combat this, investments are being made to modernize its fleet, increase capacity, accommodate parking needs and provide

amenities closer to stations. Strong partnerships with cities where stations are located are crucial to improving the end-to-end experience of riders and Fremont has been a great example of this.

- “You can either have traffic flow to your City or through your City.” Mayor Harrison learned this mantra from his mentors and is determined to choose the former option. That’s why he’s laser focused on initiatives like the employment-focused Warm Springs Innovation District development plan adjacent to BART’s newest station. Allowing for the addition of 4,000 residential units and 20,000 new jobs oriented to transit, will keep people off our local roads and freeways.

- Measure BB funds will make a difference. In the transportation world, Alameda County is considered the darling of the area, since it the first region in California to increase from a half cent to a full cent in transportation sales tax. As a result, funding for local street improvements will double from \$2 million to \$4 million. For Fremont specifically, we will see funding for I-680 improvements, Mission Boulevard improvements at bottlenecks, the proposed Irvington BART station and a pedestrian bridge connecting the Warm Springs/South Fremont BART station to new residential and commercial development on the west side of the railroad tracks.

- Go local. Local regions must continue to identify alternative funding tools (like Measure BB) as Federal and State funding struggle to keep pace with the huge needs in transportation infrastructure. Case in point: the federal TIGER program only has \$600 million of funding available for applications worth \$9 billion!

Mayor) (Freitas – Abstain)

- Appoint councilmembers to agencies, boards, commissions and committees. One change of Councilmember Hannon to Waste Management Authority/ councilmember Freitas as alternate
- Reappoint William Fitts and Debbie Otterstetter to Planning Commission

Oral Communications:

- Thank you for demolition of Motel 6
- William Spinola is leaving Mosquito Abatement District as Newark representative. A new representative is needed.
- Request for clarification of residential RV storage



OPINION



WILLIAM MARSHAK

Tandem Parking

Planners and cities shrug off such complications, arguing that a parking space, no matter how inconvenient or ineffective, is a parking space. In effect, the attitude is that people should not own cars and, if they do, it's their own problem when no parking space is available. As frontage and side streets are increasingly walled by parked cars, those who exceed planned parking ratios or need

personal transportation message even extends to alternative fuel cars such as electric power stations within a residential complex. Who gets to use them? Are they reserved? What if someone parks and leaves their car attached beyond charging time required? Who pays for the service?

These are important questions for residents and guests. Automobiles have not been eliminated, simply modified. Also, as gas prices remain relatively low, will large gas guzzlers gain in popularity? If so, how will new parking spaces accommodate them? The struggle between "green" planners and residents is not over. Planners want to regulate personal car ownership out of existence; but multiple family ownership of automobiles remains a reality. When Noah built the arc to save animal species, he needed adequate space to house them. In order to convey us and our cars into the future, we also need space for our traveling companions.

William Marshak
PUBLISHER

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automobiles for non-daily, specific outings are faced with the dilemma of losing a valuable space when absent or leaving the car in place most of the time, excluding anyone else who might swoop in as they leave.

Calculations of parking ratios also include visitor parking that theoretically allows guests of residents to park nearby. As the ratios disregard resident parking, visitors are discouraged as well. The mixed

These days, when developments search for additional parking, a space saving element called "tandem parking" is employed. Although nothing new, the allure of this feature is evident. In the past, parking has been considered adequate for two or more cars when there is room for all to ingress and egress independently. Tandem parking is an arrangement within a parking garage or on an apron elongated to accommodate cars, end to end rather than side by side. The problem is that the first car to arrive is effectively blocked by the second car parked behind it. This only works well when last to arrive is the first to leave. Otherwise, the gymnastics necessary to arrange cars for subsequent exits can be onerous.

Union City receives grant from National Parkinson's Foundation

SUBMITTED BY LAUREN SUGAYAN

Leisure Services Manager Corina Hahn was approached by two residents of our community who suffer from Parkinson's disease inquiring about city-provided support programs and services for local Parkinson's patients. Hahn wasted no time in reaching out to the National Parkinson's Foundation (NPF) to seek grant opportunities that would help the development of such programs.

After pursuing the grant process, the City was awarded a one-year grant for \$13,800 from the NPF to train and provide specialty exercise classes for local Parkinson's patients. The grant funds will also provide new fitness class options to the members of the Sports and Ruggieri Centers. New specialized classes will include boxing, dance, and Parkinson's Wellness Recovery, and though geared towards people with Parkinson's, classes will be open and beneficial to anyone looking to exercise. So far, there are no similar programs or classes offered in Southern Alameda County; NPF hopes that Union City can serve as a model program for other cities.

This is a stellar example of the pride and passion that City staff brings to the job in serving the community. Leisure Services strives to have their programs reach all the groups who make up our community and this proves their commitment to doing so. Leisure Services anticipates launching this new program in spring 2016.

For more information about the new exercise class programs, e-mail Corina Hahn at Chahn@unioncity.org or call the Mark Green Sports Center at (510) 675-5808.

East 14th Street to come alive with performing arts

SUBMITTED BY ROSIE QUINTAL

On Tuesday, July 21, 2015, local nonprofit organization Soulciety was awarded the National Endowment for the Arts' (NEA) "Our Town" grant in the amount of \$75,000 to bring performing arts to East 14 Street in San Leandro. Using art to bring light to issues such as economic inequality and high incarceration rates in the unincorporated Ashland area, the Unincorporated Theater & Arts project will bring theater and the arts to blighted vacant lots along East 14th Street and to a community that has limited performing arts programming.

Over the span of two years, the Unincorporated Project will work with youth of the community to produce a series of site-specific, pop-up art projects along East 14th Street, culminating in a major theatrical production inspired by Fritz Lang's revolutionary film, "Metropolis" (1927). Out of a nationwide grant process with 275 applicants, Soulciety's Unincorporated was one of the 69 projects that were awarded funding. The Our Town grant program supports creative placemaking projects that help transform communities into lively, beautiful and resilient places with the arts at their core.

Soulciety was founded in 2008 by best friends Ron Carino and Aaron Horner, who grew up surrounded by the unsung talent of the community and felt the need to develop a platform for that expression.

"We are excited to partner with governmental and nonprofit organizations such as the Alameda County Health Care Services, Center for Healthy Schools and Communities Alameda County Community Development Agency, Alameda County Arts Commission, BRL (Beats, Rhymes and Life), and the REACH Ashland Youth Center in contributing to the revitalization of the Ashland community through the performing arts," says Horner, co-executive director of Soulciety. For more information on the Unincorporated project and Soulciety, please contact ronnie@soulciety.org.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Update from Assemblymember Kansen Chu

December concludes my first year serving as an Assemblymember for Assembly District 25, which covers Newark, southern Fremont, Milpitas, Santa Clara and portions of San José.

When I came to Sacramento nearly a year ago, I set a goal to build on what we had accomplished on the San Jose City Council and continue to push for increased funding for critical services for the most vulnerable among us. I wanted to ensure we were pursuing initiatives that would protect our environment while creating a more robust, sustainable economy, and serving as an advocate for workers' rights and consumer protection.

I am proud to have authored three bills that were signed into law by Governor Brown including a much needed reform to ensure the safety of bicycles on the road at night (AB 28), giving flexibility and grieving time to working Californians that had gone through the painful process of losing a child (AB 433), and streamlining the appeals process for community and residential care facilities to ensure that state funding is going towards providing services to seniors instead of attorney fees (AB 1387).

Besides that, several bills that I co-authored were signed into law by the Governor such as requiring each urban retail water supplier to submit an annual water loss audit report to the Department of Water Resources (SB 555); ensuring men and women receive equal pay for substantially similar work even if they work in different locations (SB 358); and eliminating a barrier the BART Board of Directors face when purchasing renewable energy (SB 502).

I introduced AB 385, which would have allowed residents to have the opportunity to voice their concerns regarding Newby Island Landfill's undertakings, and set up a community advisory committee and codified its meeting procedures. For years, residents in my community have voiced their concerns about the odor from facilities in the South Bay. Residents in the landfill's immediate vicinity have felt that they have been left out of the decision-making process. Although this bill did not pass the Senate, I will continue my efforts in providing residents the opportunity to express their concerns about issues of major importance, and working closely with Newby Island stakeholders and local government representatives to reduce the odor impact to our community.

I also introduced AB 718 which would have protected homeless people who live in their cars from fines and vehicle impounds. For many who are homeless, their vehicle is their only asset and sole means of transportation to work and/or school. I believe that criminalizing the act of sleeping in cars will only hinder this already vulnerable population as many cannot pay fines and subsequent impoundment fees. Although this bill did not pass the Senate, I will continue my efforts to help the homeless and make housing more affordable.

I would like to once again thank you for all your support. If you have any concerns or legislative ideas, please feel free to contact my District Office at (408) 262-2501. Last but not least, I wish you all a very happy holiday season!

Thank you, Fremont!

SUBMITTED BY
CITY OF FREMONT

The City salutes the more than 3,000 volunteers comprised of Fremont individuals, students, families, clubs, schools, businesses, churches, and nonprofit organizations that joined together for a “national day of doing good” on Saturday, October 24. This year’s annual Make A Difference Day was sponsored by the City of Fremont Human Relations Commission, Target, CityServe’s Compassion Network, Fremont Bank Foundation, Kaiser Permanente, and Elks Lodge 2121. This special day showcased Fremont residents serving their community in a variety of practical ways.

Volunteers participated in 106 planned projects throughout Fremont and contributed more than 12,128 volunteer hours! Projects included: collecting over 2,000 old batteries to recycle; haircuts for low income residents; various projects at the Fremont Learning Center, Stivers Lagoon cleanup; beautification projects at Cabrillo Elementary, Glenmoor Elementary, Grimmer Elementary, Kidango Delaine Eastin, Oliveira Elementary, Tom Maloney Elementary, Vallejo Mill Elementary, and Walters Junior High; graffiti abatement; free single parent oil change; free bike repair; mobile home park yard work; Boost after school tutoring; feeding of 500 hungry people; peanut butter drive; athletic shoe drive; school supply drive; community gardening at Local Ecology Agriculture Fremont (LEAF) ; Dominican Sisters' orchard maintenance; emergency homeless snack pack

assembly; garage sale to help local senior resident; Treasure Trove thrift store organizing; free harvest festivals; Sunrise shelter beautification; knitting blankets and gloves; making jewelry; designing a counseling room; making quilts for local nonprofits; Run to benefit the Guy Emmanuel Sports Fund; sort and bag 6,000 donated books for local kindergarteners at Durham Elementary School; senior resource faire; writing cards to firefighters; and visiting shut-ins (people who are unable to leave their home).

Special thanks to following groups for your commitment to making a difference in Fremont: Abode Services, Afghan Coalition Youth, Asian Christian Church, Bay Area Baptist Church, Boy Scouts Pack 110, Briar Elementary School, Brookdale residents, Brownie Troop 33847, Cabrillo Elementary School, Calvary Chapel, Cedar Boulevard Neighborhood Church, Centerville Presbyterian Church, City of Fremont Code Enforcement, CityServe's Compassion Network, Cub Scout Pack 199, Wolves, Discovery International Church, Dominican Sisters of the Holy Family, Durham Elementary School, Elks Lodge 2121, Faith Chapel, Faith Chapel, Firelight Church, Flex Your Faith Fitness, Footprints Shoe Closet, Forerunner Church, Fremont Bank Foundation, Fremont Community Church, Fremont Family Resource Center, Fremont Unified School District (FUSD), Girl Scout Troop 32834, Glenmoor Elementary School, Grace Church, Grimmer Elementary School, Harbor Light Church, Harold Family Rebuild-

Union Sanitary District mobile technology

SUBMITTED BY MICHELLE POWELL

Union Sanitary District operational groups will soon use mobile technology to boost efficiency as they work in the District’s 60 square-mile service area. Employees will use mobile tablets to access information while working in the field on more than 800 miles of underground pipes, at pumping stations located throughout the service area, and at USD’s 33-acre treatment plant in Union City.

“Currently, employees must return to the District offices to access and enter information on computer servers,” said General Manager Paul Eldredge. “Mobile tablets will increase productivity by enabling staff to securely access many types of data while they are in the field; from information about our buried pipes, to operation and maintenance history for pumps and other equipment.”

Treatment plant operators will be able to monitor processes on tablets as they work in remote locations at the District’s large facility in Union City. Employees also will be able to complete administrative tasks, such as closing out work orders, without having to transfer handwritten records into databases. It is estimated that more than 3,500 hours of staff time could be freed up annually for other critical tasks, enhancing productivity in operating and maintaining USD’s infrastructure.

ACWD braces for flood of changes to California water policy and regulations

SUBMITTED BY
SHARENE GONZALES, ACWD

Imagine all the rules governing your business changing at the same time. The product you provide your customers is scarcer than ever. New, once-in-a-generation regulations are being written regarding how you’ll source that product, store it, and deliver it to your customers. Even the way you charge for it is being rethought throughout your industry. New technologies and ideas are exploding onto the scene almost daily, some offering your customers great benefits, others presenting significant risks, and many doing both at once.

If you can imagine this, you will have some idea of what the industry of supplying clean water to California customers is like as we enter 2016. The entire landscape on which water districts operate is being remade from the ground up – from below the ground up, in fact.

It’s no wonder, then, that the Association of California Water Agencies had little trouble filling spots at the recently held 2015 annual conference. With an attendance of over 1,800 from more than 400 water districts and agencies, attendees were eager to understand what lies ahead for California water customers and how best to serve them.

This year, the state will begin implementing regulations related to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, a 2014 package of bills that is re-making the way local districts and the state manage a resource that accounts for 40 percent of ACWD’s water supply. The Act grants new authority to districts like ACWD, and it imposes extensive new responsibilities and requirements. Each new requirement carries with it volumes of legal issues and significant implications for customers. To say that districts are focused on understanding and im-

plementing these changes is an understatement. Presentations on this topic at the ACWA conference were extremely well attended.

At the same time, districts like ours have to evaluate new technologies and innovations. Presentations on advances in desalination were of particular interest, as were seminars on topics such as managing energy costs.

As at any conference, the ACWA event presented an opportunity for face-to-face meetings with suppliers, vendors and would-be vendors. If any of these contacts result in an opportunity to save on some of the infrastructure or equipment costs we incur each year, the travel bills will quickly seem like a bargain.

Throughout the water industry, districts are trying to balance budgets and address the constant upward pressure on costs and rates – while insulating customers as much as possible from price spikes. On issues involving rate structures, rate setting processes, and billing systems, the conference provided an opportunity to learn more about what is working for other districts and what isn’t. Our involvement in these sessions was particularly timely, as ACWD plans a series of six workshops on financial issues in the year ahead.

ACWD remains committed to providing clean, reliable drinking water to our customers regardless of unprecedented changes coming at unprecedented speed. The discussions that are underway right now – particularly at a gathering of more than 400 water districts – will in large part determine what the new landscape looks like for us and for our customers. We believe it is our responsibility to be involved in these discussions and to take an active role in shaping California’s water future. Doing anything less is not fair to our customers or Fremont, Newark, and Union City.

Ohlone College Board of Trustees Meeting

December 9, 2015

Closed Session:

- Consider employee discipline/dismissal/release.

Ceremonial Item to the Board for Discussion and/or Action:

- Approve Emeritus status for Constance Teshara.

Organizational Meeting:

- Elect Rich Waters Board Chair for 2016, effective January, 2016.

- Elect Viven Larsen Vice Chair for 2016, effective January, 2016.

Consent Agenda:

- Approval of November 2015 payroll warrants in the amount of \$2,593,092.46
- Approve purchase orders in the amount of \$817,542.98.
- Ratification of contracts in

the amount of \$13,697.86

- Approve change order in the amount of \$38,812.

- Approve memorandum of understanding with the San José Evergreen Community College District Workforce Institute in the amount of \$570,000 for approved expenditures.

To the Board for Discussion and/or Action:

- Acceptance of independent auditor's report and the performance audit for Measure G for fiscal year 2014-15
- Notice of public hearing for waiver requests of public bidding requirements for ground lease of surplus frontage property at January 13, 2016 meeting to be held at Newark Ohlone Campus.
- Approve tentative agreement with United Faculty of Ohlone

and Ohlone Community College District which includes a 3% across-the-board pay increase for full-time and part-time faculty and a temporary 2% raise for part-time faculty as well as an increase to monthly medical stipend to \$650.

- Review Student Equity Plan
- Increase compensation for Board of Trustees members to \$321.63 per month.

Chair Greg Bonaccorsi:	Aye
Vice Chair Rich Watters:	Aye
Teresa Cox:	Aye
Jan Giovannini-Hill:	Aye
Vivien Larsen:	Aye
Ishan Shah:	Aye
Garrett Yee:	Aye
(via telephone)	
Rahul Patel:	Absent (student member, advisory only)

ing Center, Human Relations Commission, ICF Girl Scout Troop 30021, Inroads Church, Inter-Act Club Newark High School, Irvington Presbyterian Church, Islamic Center of Fremont, Kaiser Permanente, Kidango, LEAF's Stone Garden Project, Love Never Fails Shelter, MacGregor Elementary School, Mission Springs Community Church, Morpho Detection, New Life Mission Church, Niles Canyon Estates, Niles Discovery Church, Niles Elementary School, No Shame Active Wear, Oliveira Elementary School, Operation Access, Pathway Church, Piecemakers Quilt Making, Prince of Peace Lutheran, Pronet, Rotary Club of Fremont, St. Paul United

Methodist Church, Studio Designs, Target, Tom Maloney Elementary School, Tri-City Free Breakfast Program, Tri City Volunteers/Treasure Trove, Tri-City Ecology Center and Museum of Local History, Tzu Chi Foundation, Vallejo Mill Elementary School, Walters Junior High School, YMCA, Youth and Family Services/City of Fremont, Zurvita, and

community members throughout Fremont.

Mark your calendar for next year's event on October 22, 2016! For more information about Make A Difference Day or to receive this year's Make a Difference Day T-shirt, email: makeadifferenceday@fremont.gov or call (510) 574-2099.



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Obituary

Georgene (“Jean”, Genie”) Gilbertson

December 22, 1928 – December 7, 2015

Resident of Fremont



Born on December 22nd, 1927 in Dorchester, WI, and entered into rest on December 7th, 2015 in Fremont, CA at the age of 87. Survived by her children: Joyce Farley (Dale) of Modesto, CA, Martin Gilbertson of Fremont, and Larry Gilbertson (Linda) of Turlock; grandchildren: Darryl Farley, Stacy Valdez, Tricia Sanchez, Amanda Wilson, Martin L. Gilbertson, Elizabeth Gilbertson, Heather Castiblanco, and Jennifer Gilbertson; 9 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great grandchildren; and her sister Nancy Fahdl (Bob) of Surprise, AZ. Predeceased by her husband Martin Gilbertson, and her daughter Carol Wilson.

She belonged to her church, Prince of Peace, for 50 years, and also joined the Tri Valley Woman's Club 20 years ago. She loved to play games and our visits with each other always included several hours of game playing.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 13th, from 2-5pm at Fremont Chapel of the Roses, 1940 Peralta Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536. A Funeral Service will begin on Monday, December 14th, 12pm at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 38451 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536. Burial will follow at Chapel of the Chimes Memorial Park in Hayward, CA.

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Obituary

Patricia L. Affonso

Mar. 22, 1943 - Dec. 12, 2015

Resident of Union City

Patricia, “Patti” Affonso passed away on December 12, 2015 in Fremont. She was born on March 22, 1943 to Patrick and Rose McCollum in Cincinnati, OH.

Loving wife of Rod A. Affonso, Sr. Devoted moth-er of Vikki L. Affonso and her boyfriend Zach of Ione, CA, and Rod A. Affonso, JR. and his wife Diane of San Lorenzo, CA. Cherished grandmother of ten and great-grandmother of one. Caring sister of Nicholas McCollum of Galt, CA.

Patti loved going to Michael's Craft Store as she loved to make cards, sew and crochet. Her favorite gift was time with her fam-ily and friends and she es-pecially loved family gather-ings.

Family and friends are in- vited to attend a Celebration of her life at the family home on January 2, 2015 from 2:00 - 6:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, remem-brances in Patti's name can be made to Wounded Warriors Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, Florida 32256.

State wants to return

\$28 Million in undelivered income tax refunds

SUBMITTED BY DAN TAHARA

The Franchise Tax Board (FTB) is encouraging taxpayers to find out if they are among the thousands of Californians who missed receiving a total of \$28 million in income tax refunds.

This year, the U.S. Postal Service returned more than 49,000 personal income tax refunds to FTB. Most cases involve taxpayers who moved but failed to update their addresses with FTB.

Taxpayers can use the Check Your Refund Status online tool, in both English and Spanish, at: https://www.ftb.ca.gov/online/refund/index.asp to learn whether they have a refund waiting. Taxpayers may also call FTB at 1-(800) 852-5711. Once FTB enters a taxpayer's new mailing address, a refund is automatically re-issued. Taxpayers are strongly encouraged to use direct deposit, which allows FTB to deliver refunds in a matter of days.

As of November 28, 2015, FTB had issued more than 10.5 million refunds totaling more than \$10.8 billion for the 2014 tax year.

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Union City gang members sentenced in Vernon Eddins case

SUBMITTED BY
LAUREN SUGAYAN

On December 4, Alexis Pamiroyon, 26, was sentenced to fifteen years under a deal where he pleaded no contest to second-degree murder in Vernon Eddins's death. Four co-defendants — Jovencio Camacho, 25, and his brother Eric Anthony Camacho, 25, Derek Justin Rodriguez, 27, and Robert Joseph Yim, 25 — pleaded no contest to voluntary manslaughter and an arming clause in exchange for twelve years in prison. They all were sentenced Friday, except for

Eric Camacho, who was sentenced in November.

A sixth defendant, Richard Antonio Corona, 25, will be sentenced on December 17 between eight and sixteen years for assaulting a rival gang member in 2013. Prosecutors dismissed his charges in Vernon's death as part of a plea deal because a witness who had previously identified Corona in a photo line-up backed out from testifying.

In addition, Yim was sentenced last year to 110 years to life in prison for fatally shooting a 17-year-old Hayward High School student, Samuel Nava III, at Stonybrook Park in 2010.

This was a long-fought, challenging journey for Union City PD and the Alameda County District Attorney's Office. When the investigation began to unfold at the time of the crime, there was not enough evidence to prove the case beyond a reasonable doubt. UCPD investigators in partnership with Deputy District Attorney Elgin Lowe refused to give up and continued to pursue every ounce of evidence, even long after the crime. The incredible tenacity of both investigators and Deputy District Attorney Elgin Low rids our streets of these very violent criminals for a long time.

Fremont Police Log

SUBMITTED BY
GENEVA BOSQUES,
FREMONT PD

Thursday, December 3

At 5:09 p.m., officers investigated a residential burglary that had occurred in the 4900 block of Coco Palm Drive. The burglary occurred sometime between 9:15 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. A laptop, jewelry, luggage and bank documents were taken.

Friday, December 4

At 2:19 p.m., officers were dispatched to a parking lot on the 44000 block of Osgood Road for a hazardous material situation. A nearby business uses various chemicals as part of their standard procedure. During the off loading of some of the chemicals, a hazardous gas was released. Several patrons entered Walmart and complained about the fumes to the management. Fremont Fire (FFD) and Fremont Police departments (FPD) were called to investigate the incident. Sgt. Miller and Sgt. Huiskens supervised the incident. Several FPD officers were treated as part of the exposure protocol. Case was documented by Ofc. Scherer.

Saturday, December 5

At 5:02 p.m., Ofc. Forsberg and Ofc. Burkhammer were dispatched to Extended Stay motel on Farwell Place for a call of three suspicious subjects hanging around a suspicious vehicle. Ofc. Burkhammer located the unoccupied vehicle, and a records check revealed that it was a stolen vehicle. Officers detained a female and two males in the area and were able to connect them to the stolen vehicle. Ofc. Forsberg booked a 22-year-old adult fe-

male, Pittsburg resident, for theft of the vehicle; a 27-year-old adult male, Oakley resident, for theft of a vehicle; and a 21-year-old adult male, Antioch resident, for theft of a vehicle and possession of a controlled substance.

Sunday, December 6

At 5:30 p.m., officers responded to Walmart on Albrae Street to investigate a reported theft. A 37-year-old adult female (Hayward resident) and a 41-year-old adult male (Hayward resident) were both arrested for theft.

At 6:43 p.m., officers were in the 39200 block of Fremont Boulevard when they noticed two males running across Walnut Avenue. A few minutes later, a call came out at Target regarding a shoplifting incident. A 19-year-old adult male (Pittsburg resident) and a 25-year-old adult male (Pleasant Hill) found a short distance away were arrested for theft.

Monday, December 7

At 6:43 a.m., FFD requested assistance for a medical call. A garbage truck stopped near Alder Avenue and Fremont Boulevard after a 44-year-old adult male climbed out of the truck and jumped down to the street. Ofc. Richards investigated and learned that the male had been sleeping in the dumpster at a local restaurant when it was emptied into the garbage truck. The male luckily survived two cycles of compaction before deciding to climb out of the truck. The male was transported for a medical evaluation.

At 1:25 a.m., a victim reported that their blue, 4-door 1997 Honda Civic 4-door (CA license #7NBY494) was taken from the area of Capitol Avenue between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. No suspect leads are available at this time. Case was documented by Ofc. Piol.

Ofc. Wilson responded to the 4100 block of Cushing Parkway

to assist his zone partners and investigated a stolen vehicle. A white, 2007 Ford F55 work truck with a small trailer (CA license plate #03571Y1) was last seen by the owner at approximately 6:00 p.m. It was discovered missing at 5:15 a.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 2015.

Tuesday, December 8

A late-reported strong-arm robbery occurred on Paseo Padre Parkway at Isherwood Way. The victim was walking along the trail when an unknown suspect grabbed her purse and pushed her to the ground. The suspect was described as a white male adult in his 20s with black hair and heavy acne on his face. He was wearing a red t-shirt and blue jeans.

Ofc. Goepf investigated a package theft from the 4000 block of Calypso Terrace. Video surveillance was obtained and the suspect was an Asian male in his mid to late 20s, 5'6" - 5'9" in height, and medium build. The suspect has black hair cropped close on the sides and longer on top, and was wearing black-framed glasses, a black button-up shirt, and dark colored pants. He had a tattoo on his right forearm. The suspect vehicle was described as a grey or silver 4-door Honda Civic with damage to the front passenger door.

Wednesday, December 9

At 4:49 p.m., officers responded to the 46600 block of Mission Boulevard to investigate an auto burglary that had just occurred. The victim advised that he had parked his car at 4:35 p.m. and walked into a business to obtain a beverage. When he came outside, he noticed that the rear driver side window had been smashed out. The victim's backpack containing a laptop was taken from the floorboard of the back seat.

Major injury collision at Paseo Padre Pkwy and Stevenson Blvd

SUBMITTED BY FREMONT PD

On Sunday, November 29, at 7:40 p.m., officers responded to a major injury collision involving a pedestrian and motorist at the intersection of Paseo Padre Pkwy and Stevenson Blvd. The preliminary investigation revealed that a 25 year-old female pedestrian (Fremont resident) was walking westbound in the north crosswalk of Paseo Padre Pkwy against a red signal. As the pedestrian crossed Paseo Padre Pkwy, she walked in front of a vehicle that was traveling with a green signal southbound in the #3 lane of Paseo Padre Pkwy at a speed of approximately 40 mph. The driver of the vehicle attempted to stop when he saw the pedestrian to avoid a collision, but was unable to do so. The pedestrian was found unconscious suffering from visible injuries and was transported to a trauma center where she remains hospitalized in critical condition. Drugs and alcohol do not appear to be a factor.

Witnesses are asked to contact Traffic Officer T. Sasser at Tsasser@fremont.gov or (510) 790-6760.

Motorcyclist dies in collision with vehicle

SUBMITTED BY
SGT. JASON CORSOLINI, HAYWARD PD

On Sunday December 6th at approximately 11:13 am, a fatal collision occurred near the intersection of Jackson at Amador. The driver of a Chevrolet Blazer, 59-year Charles Fulbright from Hayward, pulled onto westbound Jackson ST from the Safeway parking lot just west of Amador Street. During that turning movement Fulbright failed to yield to an oncoming motorcyclist, who was also traveling westbound. The rider, a 25-year old man from Hayward, collided with the front of that vehicle ejecting him onto the roadway. Before the motorcycle came to rest it collided with and sheared a fire hydrant, which caused temporary flooding.

The motorcyclist sustained major injuries and despite life-saving measures, succumbed to his injuries at the scene. Mr. Fulbright remained at the scene and is cooperating with investigators. It was later determined that he had a suspended drivers license for DUI and also had several traffic related warrants for similar offenses. He was arrested for those warrants and booked at the Hayward Jail. Criminal liability for the collision will be determined at a later time. It is unknown if drugs and/or alcohol are a factor in this incident.

Any witnesses to the collision are encouraged to contact Sergeant Jason Corsolini from the Hayward Police Department Traffic Bureau at (510)293-7149.

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SUBMITTED BY
FREMONT PD

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The scam consists of an "agent" calling victims saying they owe money to the IRS. The "agent" demands the money be paid promptly by a pre-paid debit card. If the victim refuses, the "agent" threatens to call the police to have the victim arrested. It is not known if the con artists are working in the Fremont area. In some cases, the phone number on caller ID has been of official government agencies, suggesting that they are using sophisticated computer software programs to disguise their ID and appear official.

If you receive a call regarding taxes owed, we encourage you to do the following:

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. HG15794497

Superior Court of California, County of Alameda
Petition of: James Matthew Gilbert for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner James Matthew Gilbert filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:James Matthew Gilbert to James Gilbert Horiuchi
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.Notice of Hearing:
Date: Apr 07, 2016, Time: 01:30 P.M., Dept.: 503
The address of the court is 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Tri-City Voice
Date: Nov 24, 2015
WINIFRED Y. SMITH
Judge of the Superior Court
12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22/15

CNS-2820467#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAMESFICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 512206

Fictitious Business Name(s):
V. Sandhu Trucking, 38625 Paseo Padre Pkwy., #203, Fremont, CA 94536, County of Alameda; same as (b)Registrant(s):
Vijaypal Singh Sandhu, 38625 Paseo Padre Pkwy., #203, Fremont, CA 94536Business 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/ Vijaypal SandhuThis statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 4, 2015
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12/15, 12/22, 12/29, 1/5/16

CNS-2825114#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 512115-19

Fictitious Business Name(s):
1. Digitally Organic Hybrid Products (D.O.H.P.), 2. D.O.H.P., 3. Decorate Our Home Planet, 4. Digitally Organic Hybrid Productions, 5. Digitally Organic Hybrid Publishing, 34185 Firenze Terrace, Fremont, CA 94555, County of AlamedaRegistrant(s):
David Michael Galindo, 34185 Firenze Terrace, Fremont, CA 94555Business conducted by: an individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 7-23-2011I 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/ David Galindo

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 1, 2015

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12/15, 12/22, 12/29, 1/5/16

CNS-2825111#

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT
OF USE OF FICTITIOUS
BUSINESS NAME

File No. 480341

The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **Physique Wellness, 38069 Ave #300B Fremont CA 94536**
The Fictitious Business Name Statement being abandoned was filed on 7/9/13 in the County of Alameda.Steve Abercrombie, 38069 Ave #300, Fremont CA 94536
S/ Steve Abercrombie

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 20, 2015.

12/15, 12/22, 12/29, 1/5/16

CNS-2824301#

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT
OF USE OF FICTITIOUS
BUSINESS NAME

File No. 484730

The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **JC Travel, 2915 Meridian Circle Union City CA 94587**
The Fictitious Business Name Statement being abandoned was filed on 11/5/2013 in the County of Alameda.

Jon Jian Chen, 2915 Meridian Circle Union City CA 94587

Ming Wang, 2915 Meridian Circle Union City CA 94587

S/ Jon J Chen

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

12/15, 12/22, 12/29, 1/5/16

CNS-2824300#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 512028

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Fashionistaoncall, 465 Enos St, Fremont, CA 94539, County of AlamedaRegistrant(s):
Cecilia I. Gonzalez, 465 Enos St, Fremont, CA 94539Business 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/ Cecilia I. Gonzalez

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 30, 2015

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12/15, 12/22, 12/29, 1/5/16

CNS-2823697#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT

File No. 511789

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Addiction Hair Studio, 41288 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, CA 94538, County of AlamedaRegistrant(s):
Diana Wanees, 1007 Sage Ct, Fremont CA 94539Business 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].)This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 18, 2015
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12/15, 12/22, 12/29, 1/5/16

CNS-2823638#

STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL
FROM PARTNERSHIP
OPERATING UNDER FICTITIOUS
BUSINESS NAME

FILE NO. 489202

The following person(s) has (have) withdrawn as a general partner(s) from the partnership operating under the fictitious business name of **Oriental Treatment Center, 1326 Decoto Rd #124, Union City, CA 94587**
The fictitious business name statement for the partnership was filed on 3/14/2014 in the County of AlamedaThe full name and residence of the person(s) withdrawing as a partner(s):
Kalvin Ma, 2818 Baton Rouge Ct, San Jose, CA 95137I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
/s/ Kalvin Ma

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 23, 2015.

12/15, 12/22, 12/29, 1/5/16

CNS-2823214#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 512020-24

Fictitious Business Name(s):
(1) Guaranteed Products, (2) Route 1040, (3) TMS Tax Service, (4) GPSTaxSupplies.com, (5) The Tax School, 37444 Sycamore St #21, Newark, CA 94560, County of AlamedaRegistrant(s):
Alfred M. Molina Jr., 37250 Sequoia Terrace, #3032, Fremont, CA 94536Business 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/ Alfredo M. Molina

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

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12/15, 12/22, 12/29, 1/5/16

CNS-2822907#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 51541

Fictitious Business Name(s):
East Bay Cafe Depot, 37260 Fremont Blvd, Fremont, CA 94536, County of AlamedaRegistrant(s):
Timothy Veillia, 31389 Wheelon Ave, Hayward, CA 94544Business 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/ Timothy Veillia, Manager

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 10, 2015

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12/15, 12/22, 12/29, 1/5/16

CNS-2822907#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 51541

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East Bay Cafe Depot, 37260 Fremont Blvd, Fremont, CA 94536, County of AlamedaRegistrant(s):
Timothy Veillia, 31389 Wheelon Ave, Hayward, CA 94544Business conducted by: A Joint Venture
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12/15, 12/22, 12/29, 1/5/16

CNS-2822701#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 512058

Fictitious Business Name(s):
MTM Budget Auto Dealer, 2090 La Playa Drive, Hayward, CA 94545, County of AlamedaRegistrant(s):
Mustafa Maqdoor, 465 Spetti Dr., Fremont, CA 94536Business 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/ Mustafa Maqdoor

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 30, 2015

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12/15, 12/22, 12/29/15

CNS-2822332#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 512006

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Jaspari Design, 43511 Southerland Way, Fremont, CA 94539, County of AlamedaRegistrant(s):
Janet T. Jackson, 43511 Southerland Way, Fremont, CA 94539Business 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/ Janet T. Jackson

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 25, 2015

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12/15, 12/22, 12/29, 1/5/16

CNS-2823697#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 512058

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Fashionistaoncall, 465 Enos St, Fremont, CA 94539, County of AlamedaRegistrant(s):
Cecilia I. Gonzalez, 465 Enos St, Fremont, CA 94539Business 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/ Cecilia I. Gonzalez

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12/15, 12/22, 12/29/15

CNS-2822095#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 511954

Fictitious Business Name(s):
R & D Tech, LLC, 37345 Blarow Rd., Fremont, CA 94536, County of AlamedaRegistrant(s):
R & D Tech, LLC, 37345 Blarow Rd., Fremont, CA 94536; CABusiness conducted by: a Limited Liability Company
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 9/15/15I 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/ Robert Borck, Management

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 24, 2015

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12/15, 12/22, 12/29/15

CNS-2822022#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 511520

Fictitious Business Name(s):
The Notary, 37250 Sequoia Terrace, #3032, Fremont, CA 94536, County of AlamedaRegistrant(s):
Alfredo M. Molina Jr., 37250 Sequoia Terrace, #3032, Fremont, CA 94536Business 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/ Alfredo M. Molina

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12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22/15

CNS-2820972#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 511898

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Papa Lin's Kitchen, 35201 Newark Blvd., Unit B, Newark, CA 94560, County of Alameda; 1831 Seville Way, San Jose, CA 95131Registrant(s):
Nimmin Lin, 1831 Seville Way, San Jose, CA 95131Business 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/ Nimmin Lin - Owner

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12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22/15

CNS-2820820#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 511959

Fictitious Business Name(s):
STCM 31471 Meadowbrook Ave., Hayward, CA 94544, County of Alameda; P.O. Box 902; Fremont, CA 94537Registrant(s):
International Sharing Traditional Chinese Medicine Foundation, 31471 Meadowbrook Ave., Hayward, CA 94544; CABusiness conducted by: a Corporation
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 05/05/15I 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/ ZhongQing Zhang, CEO

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12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22/15

CNS-2820806#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 511957

Newark Police Log

SUBMITTED BY
CMDR. MIKE CARROLL,
NEWARK PD

Monday, November 30

At 12:32 p.m., Ofc. Fredstrom responded to Macy's at NewPark Mall, on a report of a shoplifter in custody. Ofc. Fredstrom arrived on scene and arrested a 35-year-old male of Hayward for petty theft. The suspect had a previous arrest from a different Macy's and had been previously provided with a no-trespass order by Macy's loss prevention agents. He was additionally arrested for trespassing and later released on a citation.

Tuesday, December 1

At 7:54 a.m., Ofc. Rodgers investigated a domestic violence incident that occurred on Monday, November 30, 2015 during a child-custody exchange at McDonald's by NewPark Mall. On Friday, December 4, 2015 at 12:24 p.m., Ofc. Posadas and Ofc. Heckman responded to Fremont and contacted the suspect, a 29-year-old male of Stockton. He was arrested for several no-cite warrants. He was also served with an Emergency Protective Order granted by a judge and related to the domestic violence incident. He was booked at Santa Rita Jail.

At 2:17 p.m., an armed robbery occurred at the Jarvis Avenue Chevron gas station. Less than a minute later, Ofc. Johnson started following a possible suspect vehicle based on the store clerk's description of the getaway vehicle. With the assistance of California Highway Patrol (CHP) units, a high-risk car stop was conducted northbound I-880 near Whipple Avenue. The occupants of this vehicle were determined to have had no involvement in the robbery. Detectives are following up on the robbery investigation.

Wednesday, December 2

At 10:02 a.m., Ofc. Ackerman investigated the theft of a debit

card machine from the outside office of Bridgeport Apartments, located at 36826 Cherry St. The theft occurred sometime between Saturday, November 28, 2015 and Monday, November 30, 2015.

At 1:22 p.m., Ofc. Horst investigated a theft for a storage locker from Public Storage, located at 35360 Fircrest St. Losses include tools, camping gear, clothing and a laptop computer.

At 3:08 a.m., Ofc. Norvell investigated an attempted commercial burglary at Thai Express, located at 39945 Balentine Dr. A nearby delivery driver witnessed two suspects attempting to smash the front glass window. The suspects made numerous attempts to break the front glass window but were unsuccessful.

Friday, December 4

At 5:30 p.m., officers responded to a residence in the 6300 block of Narcissus Avenue for a restraining order violation. According to the caller, a restrained male was inside of the garage where he keeps a safe loaded with firearms. Further investigation revealed the restraining order had not been served upon the male. Ofc. Jackman served the restraining order on the male, and officers seized the firearms based on the conditions of the order.

At 7:06 p.m., Ofc. Simon accepted a citizen in custody arrested for shoplifting at JCPenney. A 20-year-old female of San Leandro was cite released petty theft.

At 7:28 p.m., a victim reported that a package was taken off his porch in the 5500 block of Rosa Way.

At 7:36 p.m., Community Service Officer (CSO) Parks investigated a cell phone stolen out of a Silliman Center locker.

At 3:00 a.m., Ofc. Losier investigated a battery that occurred outside of Jacque's Bar. The victim was transported to a local hospital after being punched in the nose. The suspect was described as a white male adult with long, dark hair in his mid-20s. He was walking a large dog.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF PUBLIC LEASE BIDDING AND AWARD PROVISIONS IN CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE SECTIONS 81360 ET SEQ.

The Ohlone Community College District ("District") gives notice that the District Board of Trustees ("Board") will hold a public hearing on a general waiver request related to certain of the provisions in California Education Code Part 49, Chapter 1, Article 4, Sections 81365, 81370 and 81374 concerning the public lease of District surplus property.

The topic of the waiver request relates to allowing the Board to ground lease a portion of surplus District frontage property consisting of an assemblage of three District sites totaling approximately 15 acres located along Mission Boulevard, Fremont, CA with the common street address 43600 Mission Boulevard, Fremont, CA (the "Property"). The three sites are designated Private Development A, Private Development B-1 and Private Development B-2 and are depicted in Attachment 1 hereto. The waiver will allow the Property to be ground leased through a request for proposal process that will allow the Property to be marketed by a licensed real estate brokerage firm without public bidding. The waiver will also give the Board greater flexibility in determining lease proposals that meet the best interest of the District. Attached as Attachment 2 are the provisions of the Education Code to be waived and the statement of purpose.

Members of the public are invited to attend and provide either written or oral comments concerning the general waiver at, or prior to, the public meeting.

The public hearing will be held at a regular meeting of the Board as follows:

Time and Date:	January 13, 2016 (Open session of meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.)
Location:	Ohlone Community College District Newark Center for Health Sciences and Technology 39399 Cherry Street, Room #2100 Newark, CA 94560

For more information, please contact George Kozitza, Interim Vice President, Administrative Services, Ohlone Community College District, 43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont, CA 94539, or at (510) 659-7307, or by e-mail at GKozitza@ohlone.edu. To view the attachments, please visit the following link, www.ohlone.edu/go/publicnotice.

Newark Police arrest man in homicide

SUBMITTED BY NEWARK PD

On December 7 at 8:21 p.m., the Newark Police Communications Center received a call requesting a welfare check on the inhabitants at an address in the 5600 block of McLaughlin Avenue in Newark. The caller reported he was asked by a family friend living in Korea to check on the occupants at the house. The reporting party went to the residence and saw a small child inside the home and the kitchen in disarray.

Newark Police Officers responded to the home and discovered an unresponsive female inside the house. Alameda County Fire Department paramedics arrived on scene and determined the female was dead. The victim has been identified as Eunkyoung Han, a 38 year old female.

An infant and a young child were located inside the residence along with Hee Jin Kim, a 39 year old male, the husband of the victim and the father of the children. There was blood and broken items strewn about the interior of the house indicating a struggle inside the residence.

Hee Jin Kim did not cooperate with Officers and did not to provide details of what may have occurred inside the residence. The children were examined at a local hospital as a precaution and then taken into protective custody. Both the suspect and victim are Korean citizens. The Newark Police Department has been working with the Korean Consulate to notify the victim's family of this tragic event.

Kim was subsequently arrested and booked for homicide. The Alameda County District Attorney's Office is currently reviewing the case.

Union City Police Log

SUBMITTED BY UNION CITY PD

Tuesday, December 1

Officers were dispatched to Petco on the report of a theft. An employee reported that a male suspect was in a nearby business with a chinchilla that had been stolen a week prior. The suspect was located nearby with the stolen chinchilla and a stolen bicycle. Jeffrey Soriano, a Dublin resident, was arrested for possession of stolen property.

Thursday, December 3

A commercial burglary occurred on the 1500 block of Whipple Road around 1:45 a.m. The glass front door was smashed, and the loss is unknown at this time.

Friday, December 4

A residential burglary attempt occurred on the 4700 block of Cabello Street around 10:00 a.m. An unknown suspect broke the rear glass sliding door but fled on foot when the resident yelled at him. The suspect could only be described as a male wearing a dark-hooded sweatshirt.

Saturday, December 5

A residential burglary occurred on the 4500 block of Ventura Way between Saturday, December 5, 2015 at 10:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 6, 2015 at 6:00 a.m. The rear sliding door and detached garage were unlocked. Some areas of the residence were ransacked, and the losses included electronics and motorcycle keys.

Sunday, December 6

A commercial burglary occurred on the 32900 block of Alvarado-Niles Road around 5:00 a.m. Two suspects broke glass next to the front door with a rock. They unsuccessfully tried to steal computer monitors, but they were bolted to the desk. The suspects were captured on video surveillance, but the video quality was too poor to identify them.

At around 12:45 p.m., officers were dispatched to the area of Regents Boulevard and Union City Boulevard on reports of a road rage incident, which turned out to be a robbery. During a transaction to sell a car, two suspects robbed two victims at gun-point and then fled in their vehicle. One of the victims followed the suspect vehicle, but the suspects rammed the victim's vehicle and forced him off the road. The victim recorded the license plate of the suspect vehicle, which was associated to a suspect in Fremont.

At around 12:30 a.m., Ofc. Gannam was patrolling the area of Whipple Road and Industrial Parkway SW when he observed a vehicle that was



reported stolen out of Fremont. Nesar Azimi, a Fremont resident, was arrested for vehicle theft, possession of stolen property, and various drug offenses.

Wednesday, December 9

Union City Police Department detectives and members of the Southern Alameda County Major Crimes Task Force conducted an operation that resulted in the arrest of To Nguyen, a Fremont resident, for robbery and assault with a deadly weapon. Detectives are still working to identify the second suspect, who was described as an Asian male in his mid-20s, bald, 5'5" - 5'10" and 130-160 lbs.

Obituary

Jose Carlos Arias

Jan. 28, 1922 - Dec. 12, 2015

Resident of Union City



Jose Carlos Arias, of Union City, CA was born in Zapotitlan, Jalisco, Mexico on January 28, 1922. He passed away peacefully, at Washington Hospital in Fremont, CA on December 12, 2015. He is preceded in death by his parents, Refugio Arias and Trinidad Montes de Oca, two brothers and two sisters. Maria Graciela Arias, wife of over 50 years, also passed away before him in 1998. He is survived by 6 sons and 4 daughters, 29 grandchildren and 34 great grandchildren. These family members reside in California, Nevada, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Mexico.

Jose was a hard working husband, father and grandfather, his family was the most important part of his life's work. He enjoyed ranching, farming and teaching his kids the values of hard work and opportunities that lead to by those efforts. His spiritual devotion as a Catholic is evident in his family. He will be missed greatly by family and friends.

Visitation will be held from 5-8pm with a Vigil service at 7pm on Wednesday, December 16 at Fremont Chapel of the Roses, 1940 Peralta Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536. Mass will be held at 11am on Friday, December 18 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 1045 Franklin Ave, Lovelock, NV 89419. Burial will follow at Lone Mountain Cemetery in Lovelock, NV.

The agitators behind Dow, DuPont, Yahoo moves

BY MARLEY JAY
AP MARKETS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP), Dow Chemical, DuPont and Yahoo didn’t so much leap toward new corporate futures this week. They were pushed.

Behind the \$130 billion merger of Dow and DuPont and the impending breakup of Yahoo were large investment firms that were agitating for change.

These firms, known as activist investors, buy enormous numbers of shares in companies they think are not performing well and then use that power to influence corporate strategy. Sometimes activists will push a target company to distribute more of its cash to shareholders – which of course enriches the activists – in the form of a bigger dividend or through share repurchases. Sometimes they want the company to change its corporate rules, break up, or join forces with a competitor.

Win or lose, they cause a commotion in boardrooms and on Wall Street, and they’re becoming a more powerful force.

The activist funds, says Columbia Law School professor Joseph Coffee, “have exploded like a giant balloon.”

According to HFR, a research firm that studies investment funds, activist funds now hold \$122 billion in assets. That’s almost double their total from 2012.

Coffee says the moves have become more common because they often result in great returns for the funds. Stock prices of target companies can jump when an activist fund announces it has bought stock in them. That can win over other investors to their cause.

By the time the funds announce their demands, they have often already shored up enough support to get the company to do what it wants. Companies often won’t even put up a fight. Instead of starting a tussle, the company will simply offer the fund one or two seats on its board, giving the fund more power to influence the company.

Shyam Gidumal, a principal at the consulting firm EY, says many activist investors don’t want public confrontations. He says about half the time, an activist fund will buy shares in a company, have behind-the-scenes negotiations with management, and then sell their shares later without a fuss. In this way, these investors can have a big effect on the market even when they don’t get into feuds.

A downside, Coffee says: the fear of attracting attention from these funds forces companies to focus too much on short-term profits. “The impact of hedge fund activism is having a very adverse effect on companies’ willingness to invest in research and development or undertake long-term capital expenditures,” Coffee said.

It was Trian Fund Management, run by Nelson Peltz, who helped push DuPont and Dow together on Friday, a year after he argued the 200-year-old DuPont should be broken up into two companies.

Starboard Value, run by Jeffrey Smith, has urged Yahoo to separate its main Internet business from its very valuable stake in Chinese e-commerce company Alibaba. After a year of public wrangling, Yahoo agreed to separate the two businesses on Wednesday.

Here’s more about Peltz, Smith, and other notable activist investors:
Nelson Peltz
Trian Fund Management
\$12 billion under management
Notable campaigns: DuPont, PepsiCo

Trian first urged DuPont to split itself in two with the argument that it would improve its financial performance and boost value for shareholders. When the DuPont refused, Trian’s next step was a campaign to get seats on the company’s board of directors. Shareholders rejected that effort in May, but Peltz kept up the pressure and in October DuPont CEO Ellen Kullman resigned, helping open the path to this week’s deal with Dow.

In another campaign, Peltz tried unsuccessfully to get PepsiCo to separate its more successful snacks business from its

beverage division, which includes Gatorade, Mountain Dew and Aquafina.
Jeffrey Smith
Starboard Value
\$4.5 billion under management
Notable campaigns: Yahoo, Staples-Office Depot, Darden Restaurants

After accumulating about \$400 million in Yahoo shares, Smith urged the company to spin off its valuable stake in Chinese e-commerce company Alibaba. When that attempt fizzled, he successfully pressed Yahoo to spin off its core Internet business instead, a move announced this week.

Smith invested in both Staples and Office Depot and pushed Staples to buy its smaller rival. The companies agreed to a deal worth \$6.3 billion in February, but the federal government said Monday it will try to block the sale.

Starboard took over the board of Darden Restaurants, the parent of the Olive Garden, arguing the company failed to improve the performance of the restaurant and mishandled the sale of its Red Lobster chain.

Bill Ackman
Pershing Square Capital Management
\$14 billion under management
Notable campaigns: Herbalife, Target, JC Penney

Ackman is one of the better-known activist investors because his campaigns are so aggressive and because he often makes his

case publicly. He took a large stake in Target in 2007 and pushed them sell off their credit cards and spin off its real estate into a separate company. More recently he put money on a bet that shares in Herbalife, the vitamin supplements company, would fall sharply. After he made the bet, he very publicly made the case that the company is overvalued and compared it to a Ponzi scheme, claims that, if true, would make his bet pay off big. Herbalife adamantly denies the claims.

Carl Icahn
Icahn Enterprises
\$12 billion under management
Notable campaigns: Apple, eBay, Hertz

Icahn is often thought of as the father of activist investing. Once known for his hostile buy-outs of companies in the ’80s, where a shareholder would buy a company against the wishes of the board, Icahn generally takes a new approach now. For example, he pushed for eBay to spin off its PayPal division, something eBay eventually did this year.

Another recent campaign: He accumulated \$3 billion worth of Apple stock in 2013, then pushed for the company to use its cash to increase its dividend and buy back stock to boost the share price. His shares are now worth \$6 billion.

AP Business Writer Ken Sweet contributed to this story.

The Bookworm

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

“Magnetic: The Art of Attracting Business” by Joe Calloway

A lasso just won’t do it.

Neither will a harness, a come-along, or a whole pack of sheepdogs. No, there are better ways to get customers to your door, but what are they? What’s the secret to snaring new clients? Author Joe Calloway knows, and in his new book “Magnetic: The Art of Attracting Business,” he draws it out.

A long line down the sidewalk. For a business owner, there’s nothing better than to see customers waiting to give you their money. It’s irresistible and, says Joe Calloway, it’s “what magnetic looks like.”

Magnetic is a way of business that attracts customers old and new. It’s a method for pulling in new clients by tapping into “the greatest marketing program of all time,” also known as word of mouth.

“The single most important factor in the future success of your business,” he says, “is this: what your customers tell people about their experience with you.” Making sure that it’s positive is “the single most important thing... to grow your business.”

That’s done by determining the three things you want your customers to say about you, and the three things that you “must get right every time.” Those, says Calloway, are the “guiding elements of” a successful business. They can’t be general; they must be specific and “intentional” because you can’t, of course, control people but you can control your corporation and its culture.

Don’t rest on being “different,” however; Calloway says that being better is the key to magnetism. It’s also important to know that the greatest threat is irrelevancy: remember that your customers are connected, most will research you online, they know about the next new thing (even if you don’t), they have other choices in purchasing, and they won’t settle for anything less than immediacy. Don’t, therefore, sit on an email or tweet from a customer; to do so is to lose out.

Finally, remember that while you should work to “re-earn” customer loyalty every day, there will be times when “no” is the proper response to a client request. Cultivate a “filter” and don’t feel guilty when you listen to it.

Common-sense stuff? Yes, it is, and somewhat repetitive but be patient. Once you get to the nitty-gritty of what’s inside “Magnetic,” there’s plenty to learn.

Using his own business as an example, boosted by a plethora of stories from colleagues, author Joe Calloway gives readers sure-fire ways of changing the inside of a business in order to affect its outside success. There are no accidents or incidentals in the teaching in this book; Calloway is deliberate and, as it seems, politely short with problem clients. He doesn’t apparently suffer fools gladly; readers might actually find a few surprises on that note, which may lead to real empowerment.

The repetition here can be a distraction, but I have to say that I learned quite a bit from this book. If, in fact, you’re looking to gain clients with the right amount of efficiency, I think you’ll find “Magnetic” to be quite attractive.

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Comets that Graze the Sun



BY KATIE MCKISSICK
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It’s not easy finding comets, especially when they’re near the bright, shining sun. Comets that approach the sun are called sungrazers. They can be as small as 30 to 150 feet in diameter. That’s the length of a limousine up to half a football field. Out in space, that’s a very small object to find. Also, some of these comets are only bright for a few hours before they go around the sun and burn up.

So how do we spot these sungrazer comets? We find them with a satellite that watches the sun from space.

The Solar and Heliospheric Observatory (SOHO), a joint project of the European Space Agency and NASA, was launched in 1995. SOHO’s main mission is to observe the sun and the space around it. It watches the sun for giant explosions called coronal mass ejections. It looks at the constant energy and particles the sun releases that we call the solar wind. It wasn’t built to find sungrazing comets, but it turned out to be really good at it.

SOHO has discovered over 3,000 comets. In fact, it is the greatest comet finder of all time. Before SOHO, only about a dozen comets had been discovered from space. And only 900 had been discovered from the ground.

SOHO didn’t find all these comets by itself. It gathered lots of data about what’s going on around the sun, but it took many people looking at the data to spot the sungrazers. The data is available for

everyone to see, including citizen scientists. These are volunteers who help out with scientific research. Lots of people with all different backgrounds helped spot the comets. In all, 95 percent of SOHO’s comets were found by citizen scientists, including teachers, writers, and 13-year-olds.

We can learn a lot from comets. These chunks of ice and rock flying through space can teach us about how our solar system formed. When they get close to the sun, their gas tails light up and blow in the solar wind. Looking at their tails closely, we can learn more about the solar wind and what makes the tails shine so brightly.

Want to make your own comet? Visit spaceplace.nasa.gov/comet-stick

The dot in the cross hairs is a comet streaming toward the sun, as seen on Sept. 14, 2015, by the ESA/NASA Solar and Heliospheric Observatory (SOHO). This is the 3,000th comet discovered in SOHO data since the spacecraft launched in 1995. The comet was originally spotted by Worachate Boonplod of Samut Songkhram, Thailand by looking through SOHO images.

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Be prepared when disaster strikes

BY MARIAELENA LEMUS
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For many of us, preparing for winter involves pulling out heavy coats from the closet and making sure our vehicle is ready for intense weather. Whether your winter brings snow, ice, or flooding, you need to be prepared.

Preparing for a possible physical or mental disability is the same. Many people don’t think of disability as something that could happen to them. Statistics show the chances of becoming disabled are greater than most realize. Fifty-six million Americans, or 1-in-5, live with a disability. Thirty-eight million Americans, or 1-in-10, live with a severe disability. A sobering fact for 20 year-olds is that more than a quarter of them will become disabled before reaching retirement age. Dis-

ability can happen to anyone. But who is prepared?

When disability does happen, Social Security can help people meet their basic needs. Our disability programs provide financial and medical benefits for those who qualify to pay for doctors’ visits, medicines, and treatments. You can learn more about how you might be covered if you are disabled at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/disability.

Social Security pays benefits to people who worked and paid Social Security taxes, but who can no longer work and whose medical condition meets the strict definition of disability under the Social Security Act. A person is considered disabled under this definition if he or she cannot work due to a severe medical condition that has lasted or is expected to last at least one year or result in death.

The person’s medical condition must prevent him or her

from doing work that he or she did in the past, and it must prevent the person from adjusting to other work based on their age, education, and experience.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI), our other disability program, is a needs-based program for people with limited income and resources.

You can find all the information you need about eligibility and benefits available to you by reading our publication, Disability Benefits, available at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

While extreme winter weather may not affect all of us, the risk of being disabled and needing help isn’t based on geography. Chances are you know someone who is disabled or perhaps you live with a disability. If you wish to help a friend or family member — or need to plan for disability yourself — visit www.socialsecurity.gov/disability.

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Filipino community celebrates Simbang Gabi

The tradition began during the Spanish Colonial Era in the 1500s, when local farmers, who began work before sunrise, would attend mass in the early mornings. Since then, Simbang Gabi has become a customary practice for devoted Filipino Catholics as a symbol of unity, charity, and spirituality.

During Simbang Gabi, bibingka (a type of rice cake) and puto bumbong (a purple-colored sticky rice cake) are among the unique Filipino treats commonly sold outside the church for people to enjoy. After the mass, Filipino families and parish members typically gather for more socializing and sharing of stories. On the last night/morning or Christmas Eve, the mass is then referred to as Misa de Gallo (Rooster's Mass).

The greater Tri-Cities are taking part in this Filipino tradition:

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Beginning Tuesday, Dec 15
6 a.m.
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(510) 581-2570
<http://allsaintshayward.org/>

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
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37588 Fremont Blvd, Fremont
(510) 797-1660
www.holyspiritfremont.org

Saint Anne Catholic Church
5:30 a.m.
32223 Cabello St, Union City
(510) 471-7766
www.saintannecatholic.org

St. Joachim Church
5:30 a.m.
21250 Hesperian Blvd, Hayward
(510) 783-2766
www.stjoachimchurch.net

Saint Leander Catholic Church
5:30 a.m.



Photo by Arjay Gonzales

50 West Estudillo Ave, San Leandro
(510) 895-5631
www.stleanderchurch.org

St Elizabeth Catholic Church
6 a.m.
750 Sequoia Drive, Milpitas
(408) 262-8100
www.stelizabethmilpitas.org

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