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Kwanzaa

African-American and Pan-African communities will celebrate Kwanzaa beginning Saturday, December 26 through Friday, January 1, 2016. The holiday name is derived from "matunda ya kwanza," meaning "first fruits" in Swahili, and

symbolizes the first harvest celebrations of Africa. During Kwanzaa, the community reaffirms and restores their roots in African culture, according to the official Kwanzaa website.

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Laughing all the way through the holidays

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MADE UP THEATRE

Fremont's premier improv comedy theatre, Made Up Theatre, is ending the year with two special shows on Christmas night and New Year's Eve. This will be the 5th time Made Up Theatre has showcased a fully improvised comedy show on New Year's Eve, and the award-winning theatre is also delivering a show on Christmas night for the very first time since opening its doors. "I've spent many Christmas nights with my family wondering what to do, since we always finished our celebration by the afternoon," said Made Up Theatre co-owner Sean Taylor. "We are

trying to give the Bay Area something fun and unique to do on a day where a lot of other venues are closed." The "Holiday Spectacular" will feature Made Up Theatre's main stage show Laugh Track City, which is a show similar to TV's "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" The show incorporates audience suggestions into the actors' scenes and games, and the material is all made up on the spot. The show will also feature a family-friendly rating, so guests of all ages are welcomed to attend. "This season is the most exciting time for our shows, since everybody is in great spirits," said Made Up Theatre co-owner Sean Taylor. "We are

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Courtesy of Victoria Sánchez De Alba

Countdown to 2016



Now that 2015 is coming to a close, many people are anticipating a new year full of opportunities and new beginnings. The greater Tri-Cities are ending the year with a bang by hosting New Year's Eve parties featuring live entertainment and sumptuous dinner buffets. There are also family friendly events for children, as well as kids at heart, that involves nature and educational activities. Staying close to home for New Year's can be fun, too!

Alameda:

Ring in 2016 onboard the historic World War II aircraft-carrier-turned-museum, USS Hornet. The celebration features live music, a silent auction, cash bars and food concessions. Count down to midnight with the spectacular view of the Bay Area skyline from the Flight Deck.

New Year's Eve Gala
Thursday, Dec 31
7:30 p.m. – 1 a.m.

USS Hornet Museum
707 W Hornet Ave, Pier 3, Alameda
(510) 521-8448 x 286
www.uss-hornet.org/calendar/newyear/
Tickets: \$50-\$100
Free parking

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Confused About What Health Insurance is Right for You? This Free Service Can Help

Finding the right health insurance plan for you or your family can be a complicated matter. That's why Washington Hospital offers Health Insurance Information Services (HIIS), a free, confidential program available year-round to all members of the community.

"We help residents get the information they need to navigate the complex world of health insurance," explained Kristi Caracappa, coordinator of the HIIS program. "Our goal is to enable people to make informed decisions about what is best for themselves and their families."

If you and/or your spouse have insurance through your employer, HIIS can help you explore the options so you can find the best plan to fit your needs. That includes:

- Determining what to look for in a plan
- Understanding the difference in choices for open enrollment
- Maximizing benefits when spouses are enrolled in separate plans

If you are turning 65 or you have become eligible for Medicare due to a disability, the service will provide Medicare enrollment counseling. This includes helping you to investigate the different options available, such as managed care, Medicare Supplement plans, and Medicare Part D Prescription Drug plans.

If you are interested in Medi-Cal enrollment, HIIS has information on which providers accept Medi-Cal. Financed by the State of California and the Federal government, Medi-Cal is a medical assistance program for individuals in the state who are medically indigent and meet certain criteria.

"We don't enroll people in Medi-Cal," said Caracappa, "but we can help connect people with local doctors and community clinics that take Medi-Cal patients."

"Another service we provide is to help people learn about and complete their advance health care directive," added Caracappa. "We have access to a variety of tools to assist you in understanding what this important document means and how it enables you to plan and prepare for the future."

Often called advance directive, the form enables you to express your wishes about medical treatment in the event that you become unable to communicate for yourself. At Washington Hospital, all patients over age 18 who are admitted to the Hospital are offered information about advance directives and asked if they have filled one out.

"If you put your wishes in writing ahead of time, before there is a problem or crisis, it is less scary," commented Caracappa. "You can take comfort



Washington Hospital's Health Insurance Information Services coordinator, Kristi Caracappa helps community members navigate the complex world of health insurance. The free and confidential program is available year-round. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (800) 770-9447 anytime from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

in knowing that, in an emergency situation, your care will be conducted the way you want."

The service can also advise you about where the completed advance directive should be stored so it is readily available when needed. For those who have completed an advance directive, Washington Hospital will keep the document in their medical record.

You can reach the Health Insurance Information Service by calling

(800) 770-9447 anytime from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Answers to your questions are available over the phone, or you can set up an appointment for a personal consultation.

Learn more.

To find out more about Washington Hospital Health Insurance Information Service, go to www.whhs.com and click on Community Connection.

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

	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
	12/22/15	12/23/15	12/24/15	12/25/15	12/26/15	12/27/15	12/28/15
12:00 PM 12:00 AM	The Weigh to Success	Deep Venous Thrombosis	Getting the Most Out of Your Insurance When You Have Diabetes	Alzheimer's Disease	Crohn's & Colitis	Arthritis: Do I Have One of 100 Types?	Partnering with Your Doctor to Improve Diabetes Control
12:30 PM 12:30 AM	Movement Disorders, Parkinson's Disease, Tremors and Epilepsy		Inside Washington Hospital: Patient Safety		Acetaminophen Overuse Danger		Women's Health Conference: Aging Gracefully
1:00 PM 1:00 AM		What You Should Know About Carbs and Food Labels	Don't Let Hip Pain Run You Down		Shingles	Family Caregiver Series: Coping as a Caregiver	Take the Steps: What You Should Know About Foot Care
1:30 PM 1:30 AM	Lunch and Learn: Yard to Table		How to Maintain a Healthy Weight: Good Nutrition is Key	Washington Women's Center: Cancer Genetic Counseling		Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 9, 2015	
2:00 PM 2:00 AM	Family Caregiver Series: How Do You Talk to Your Doctor?	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 9, 2015	GERD & Your Risk of Esophageal Cancer		Voices InHealth: New Surgical Options for Breast Cancer Treatment		Don't Let Back Pain Sideline You
2:30 PM 2:30 AM	Minimally Invasive Surgery for Lower Back Disorders			Latest Treatments for Cerebral Aneurysms	Skin Cancer		
3:00 PM 3:00 AM			New Treatment Options for Chronic Sinusitis	Learn Exercises to Help Lower Your Blood Pressure and Slow Your Heart Rate	Voices InHealth: Radiation Safety	Learn If You Are at Risk for Liver Disease	
3:30 PM 3:30 AM	Superbugs: Are We Winning the Germ War?	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes & Stroke: What's the Connection?	Learn About Nutrition for a Healthy Life	Do You Suffer From Anxiety or Depression?	Family Caregiver Series: Fatigue and Depression		Diabetes Matters: Strategies for Support
4:00 PM 4:00 AM		Surgical Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea				Low Back Pain	
4:30 PM 4:30 AM	Eating for Heart Health by Reducing Sodium	Family Caregiver Series: Nutrition for the Caregiver	Heart Irregularities	Heart Healthy Eating After Surgery and Beyond	Diabetes Matters: The Diabetes Domino Effect: ABCs	Family Caregiver Series: Tips for Navigating the Healthcare System	Women's Health Conference: Age Appropriate Screenings
5:00 PM 5:00 AM	Keys to Healthy Eyes	Get Back On Your Feet: New Treatment Options for Ankle Conditions					
5:30 PM 5:30 AM	Raising Awareness About Stroke	Turning 65? Get To Know Medicare	Diabetes Matters: Healthy or Hoax	What Are Your Vital Signs Telling You?	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 9, 2015	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 9, 2015	Your Concerns InHealth: Sun Protection
6:00 PM 6:00 AM			Learn More About Kidney Disease	Voices InHealth: Washington's Community Cancer Program			
6:30 PM 6:30 AM		Kidney Transplants		Snack Attack	Strengthen Your Back! Learn to Improve Your Back Fitness	How Healthy Are Your Lungs?	Diabetes Matters: Sugar Substitutes - Sweet or Sour?
7:00 PM 7:00 AM	Minimally Invasive Options in Gynecology	Diabetes in Pregnancy	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 9, 2015	Heel Problems and Treatment Options	Strengthen Your Back		
7:30 PM 7:30 AM	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 9, 2015	Inside Washington Hospital: Stroke Response Team				Diabetes Matters: Insulin: Everything You Want to Know	Family Caregiver Series: Care for the Caregiver
8:00 PM 8:00 AM		Knee Pain & Replacement		Keeping Your Heart on the Right Beat	Dietary Treatment to Treat Celiac Disease	Voices InHealth: Healthy Pregnancy	
8:30 PM 8:30 AM	Washington Women's Center: Sorry, Gotta Run!	Community Based Senior Supportive Services	Hip Pain in the Young and Middle-Aged Adult	Family Caregiver Series: Driving Safety & Alternative Transportation Resources	Your Concerns InHealth: Decisions in End of Life Care		Peripheral Vascular Disease: Leg Weakness, Symptoms and Treatment
9:00 PM 9:00 AM	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes Meal Planning					Living with Arthritis	
9:30 PM 9:30 AM	Diabetes Matters: Straggies for Support	Voices InHealth: The Legacy Strength Training System	Inside Washington Hospital: The Emergency Department				



The Angel Tree at the Bernardin Family McDonalds Restaurant



Washington Township Health Care District second vice president Dr. Bernard and Nancy Stewart, Santa Claus, Washington Township Health Care District secretary Patricia Danielson and Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation president Rod Silveira.



Fran Stone and Fremont Mayor Bill Harrison lighting the Angel Tree at the Bernardin Family McDonalds Restaurant

Trees of Angels 2015

A Holiday Tradition

Twentieth Anniversary Supporting Hospice

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

The 2015 Trees of Angels kicked off with a tree lighting ceremony on November 30 at the Bernardin Family McDonalds located on Mission Boulevard and I-680. Guests enjoyed holiday favorites from by the Dickens Caroling Group and the Mission San Jose High School Chamber Choral, led by Jason Aucoin. Mayor Bill Harrison and Foundation Honorary Trustee, Fran Stone, threw the switch to light the beautiful tree

adored with angels. Fran was asked to light the tree in memory of her husband, Jim Stone, who was a long-time member of the Development Corporation board of directors.

On Monday, December 7, a chilly but beautiful night, the second tree lighting was held at the Newark City Hall. This event was co-hosted by the City of Newark. Santa and Mrs. Claus mingled in the crowd and Mayor Al Nagy emceed the program. Little ones from the City of Newark Licensed Child Care sang a few holiday favorites followed by the talented Newark Memorial Advanced Choir, led by Joanne Hong. Attendees were in awe of the large tree that was lit once again this year in memory of Newark Police Chief, Carl Pierce, who passed away in 1986. Vandana Sharma, M.D., Medical Director of Oncology and Genetic Counseling at

Washington Hospital, shared her thoughts about the importance of hospice care to her patients and their families.

The third and final tree lighting, co-hosted by City of Union City and the Union City Chamber of Commerce, took place at the Union City, City Hall on December 10. The Dickens Caroling Group entertained the crowd, followed by speeches from the Mayor of Union City, Carol Dutra-Vernaci, and the President of the Union City Chamber of Commerce, Michelle Powell. Dianne Martin, M.D., Medical Director of the Infection Control Program at Washington Hospital spoke about the need for hospice rooms at Washington Hospital. Following the tree lighting, Santa and Mrs. Claus handed out gifts graciously donated by Union City Chamber members to all the children present.

“On behalf of the Foundation, I would like to thank our Trees of Angels sponsors and all the community members who attended the tree lightings this year. It is always a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season,” said Rod Silveira, President of the Foundation.

Hospice services allow patients to live their final weeks with dignity, amidst the support and compassion of their loved ones. The care that patients and their families receive provides quality time together – a cherished gift during the holiday season. This year, funds raised from Trees of Angels will be used by Washington Hospital to refurbish the current hospice room and add a second room, named in memory of Jim Stone.

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Ask the Doctor

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

Precautions to Take for Common Holiday Season Injuries

Dear Readers,

With the holiday season in full swing I wanted to make you aware of the most common injuries during this time so you can exercise precaution:

Burns: Burn injuries happen during the holidays as many of us cook (and cook a lot!) but get distracted with socializing. To prevent burns while cooking, remember to use kitchen mitts and hot pads and be mindful of hot items throughout the kitchen. Don't leave candles burning and make sure electrical outlets aren't overloaded.

Falls: Prevent falls from ladders while putting up the Christmas lights. Do not consume alcohol prior to or while engaged in this project. You should also test that your step stools and ladders function safely before using them. While last year you may have been more spry, don't be afraid to ask for help from an able bodied friend or neighbor if you have aged a bit or had surgery in past year. Avoid using furniture as a step stool and take precaution when stepping onto a ladder by making sure the ladder is on solid ground.

Choking: Choking is a concern for families with small children and caution should be taken to ensure that all of your holiday decorations are baby-proofed. If you are going to be distracted with a holiday project, take a minute to be sure the environment is safe for little ones who may be exploring Christmas decorations. In regards to food, everyone should take their time to chew and swallow properly so nobody chokes on his or her meal.

Electric Shocks: Electric shock is a common injury when dealing with Christmas lights and other electronic products around the holidays. Be sure to buy reputable Christmas lights and electronic products that have a safety

certification mark and try to use a ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) to prevent electric shock whenever possible.

Sports Accidents: Innocent family sports games can lead to significant injuries. Take caution to play nice and be mindful of the abilities of all participants. Even playtime for kids can result in injuries, like bruises, cuts, and broken bones.

Cuts: Distractions from conversations and the hussle and bustle of company can lead to carelessness in the kitchen. Cuts from rushed dinners and carving accidents happen a great deal around the holidays. When you are preparing foods using a knife, step away from immediate conversation and find family to take over to engage your company. Serious knife cuts can mean loss of fingers and/or deep wounds requiring medical attention. Also, beware of sharp edges on containers, packaging, and kitchen tools.

Plant Poisoning: The following plants can be toxic if eaten and can cause nausea, vomiting, skin rashes, and other adverse side effects: mistletoe, poinsettia, holly berries, Jerusalem cherry, and most Christmas trees. Keep your plants away from a child's or pet's reach and always have your local poison control center's number on hand.

Car Crashes: All holiday seasons are fraught with car accidents and Christmas is no exception. The weather can be unpredictable and many are indulging in alcohol before getting behind the wheel. The best way to avoid car related accidents is to minimize car travel around the holidays. Try not to over commit to parties and gatherings and avoid the supermarket rush with planning ahead. If you do find yourself on the road, avoid nighttime driving and make sure everyone in your vehicle is buckled up at all times.



Mary S. Maish, M.D.

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



Holiday Massage Specials

Enjoy a relaxing massage this holiday season. Get a 50 minute massage for \$60 (\$75 value) or a hot stone 75 minute massage for \$80 (\$110 value). Holiday massage specials on sale through December 31, 2015.

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TRI-CITY VOICETM

Athletes of the Month

This month's Tri-City Voice Male and Female Student Athletes of the Month are from the Mariners of Moreau Catholic High School. Christine Krisman is the Athletic Director at Moreau Catholic.

Ryan Regner



Male athlete is 17 year old (soon to be 18) senior, Ryan Regner, starting quarterback on this year's Mariner's Football Team coached by Andrew Cotter. Moreau Catholic finished the season at 11-2 and tied for first place in the Mission Valley Athletic League (MVAL) before being eliminated in the semi-finals of the North Coast Section (NCS) Division 4 High School Playoffs.

Regner was born in Palo Alto but has lived his whole life in Union City. He started playing football at the age of 7 in the Fremont Football League (FFL) where he helped the Panthers win three straight championships. At the age of 10 he stopped playing football and at 11 took up basketball. As a freshman and sophomore, Regner made the varsity basketball team before coming back to football.

During his sophomore year he helped the MC Junior Varsity Football Team to a 10-0 record before



being called up to the varsity for the playoffs. In the playoff game, Regner recorded 10 tackles. Then he moved to quarterback during his junior and senior season and was a team Captain his senior year.

The best parts of Regan's football game are his instincts and work ethic; he believes his footwork needs to improve. As a youth in the FFL he played running back and corner back then moved to quarterback and outside linebacker while playing Junior Varsity. Now he is being recruited to play defensive back or wide receiver (WR) in college though he has never played WR before.

Colleges Regner is considering so far are Cal Poly SLO, U of San Diego, U.C. Davis, Sacramento State and the U of Wyoming. Plan B is to go to a junior college then hopefully receive scholarship offers. He hopes to major in Business Administration while his favorite subjects in high school are business, economics, marketing and math.

Regner has a brother, Sean Regner, who played football at College of San Mateo and is now looking to walk on somewhere, and an older half sister, Carla. His Mother's name is Pauline and Dad is Chad. Regner said his Mom ran track when younger but her

Mom made her quit because it was a "boy sport".

Rap is Regner's favorite music and he likes artists Kanye and Future while his favorite movie is Interstellar.

Pauline, Regner's mom, is his hero as she is the strongest person he knows. She is a single mother and cancer survivor that raised two sons who look up to her. At times, financial situations were rough and stressful and because of that, Regner wants a college scholarship to pay his college tuition.

Regner plays and practices football, works out, goes to classes, studies and does homework. "I eat, sleep, study and play football, that's what I do."

Katrina King



Female athlete is Katrina King, a sophomore who is about to turn 16. She is the virtual quarterback on both the girl's volleyball team, coached by Ami Schelin and basketball team coached by Toni West.

King, who grew up in Union City, started playing basketball in kindergarten and volleyball in third grade because her two older sisters were playing. At first she did not like volleyball but her parents encouraged her and eventually she changed her mind. She also was into gymnastics in the second grade, played soccer in the

third grade, softball in the fifth and sixth grades and ran cross country in the seventh grade.

In volleyball, King used to be a libero but in seventh grade she became a setter (QB) which she plays currently. In basketball she is a point guard (QB) or shooting guard. Right now King loves playing both sports and her biggest fear is to be limited to just one sport and choose the wrong one!

King has two older sisters and a younger brother. Her oldest sister, Jessica, played junior varsity basketball her freshman and sophomore year and

varsity volleyball in her junior and senior seasons. Jessica just graduated from college with a major in kinesiology. King's other older sister, Brianna, played JV basketball her freshman and sophomore year and varsity volleyball her whole high school career. She is now 18 and a freshman at San Francisco State. Younger brother Anthony, 10, is a fifth grader at Saint Clements School. He now plays basketball. Mother, Gemma King, was not involved with sports while growing up, but Father, Eric King, played varsity football and basketball his junior and senior years in



high school, also participating in track and field in grades 10-12.

After high school King hopes to go to a four year college and continue playing at the next level in either sport. Right now she is looking into the sciences or medical field as a major. Her favorite high school subject is math, especially geometry.

Favorite foods are tacos, pizza and pasta; favorite music is hip hop and R&B; and favorite pastime when not busy with sports and academics is hanging out with family or friends.

Before every volleyball match or basketball game, King says she usually has to take at least a 20 minute nap to avoid playing tired and slow.

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Trees of Angels 2015

“Trees of Angels is our way of bringing some holiday cheer to our neighbors in the community,” said Mark Bernardin, owner of Bernardin Family McDonalds. “My wife Gaby and I appreciate the opportunity to celebrate with our friends in Fremont, Union City and Newark, while sharing the important message of hospice care.”

If you would like to make a donation to Trees of Angels in support of the hospice rooms at Washington Hospital, please complete and return the pledge form below.

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Laughing all the way through the holidays

Up Theatre co-owner Ben Stephens. “Laughter is the best way to celebrate this time of year!”

In addition to the Holiday Spectacular, Made Up Theatre’s “New Year’s Eve Show” is also on sale and will provide a night of live entertainment in a double-header showcase featuring Laugh Track City and 5 Play, Made Up Theatre’s second main stage show that features a fully improvised short movie based on an audience suggested title. The event will also contain desserts, a raffle, and an interactive toast to ring in 2016. The show begins at 8 p.m. and will end around 10 p.m., which gives guests enough time to get to their final destination to count down the new year.

“This is definitely our most popular show of the year and always sells out fast,” said Taylor. “It’s the night when we get to let all of the stress of the year evaporate, and we can perform with even more freedom and energy onstage.”

Made Up Theatre cast members Bobby August, Karin Plow, Dustin Seidler, Stephens, and Taylor have been performing im-

prov shows in Fremont since 2010 before they officially opened Made Up Theatre’s doors in January 2011. They are approaching their five-year anniversary and recently celebrated their 250th show. “This has been a very exciting year,” said August. “We’ve been debuting new shows, like Made Up Shakespeare, and we are looking to even more shows in the coming year.”

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

Holiday Spectacular
Friday, Dec 25
8 p.m.

Tickets: \$12 online, \$15 at Box Office
All ages welcomed

New Year’s Eve Show
Thursday, Dec, 31
8 p.m.

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Traffic Talk

SUBMITTED BY FREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT, TRAFFIC UNIT

It's no secret that the holiday season is upon us and with that comes family gatherings, work functions, outings with friends and parties where alcohol is typically served. It should also come as no surprise that the Fremont Police Department is reminding you to have a good time but to do so responsibly. In other words, don't drink and drive.

Speeding and intoxicated drivers are among two of the most common factors in injury crashes. With your help, by being a responsible driver or calling police when you see erratic driving, we can work together to keep Fremont's streets safer this season.

Did you know that through mid-November this year, about 160 drivers have been arrested in Fremont for operating a vehicle while suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs? That's nearly one every other day. And in that same time frame, 86 crashes on city streets in which one driver involved was suspected of being under the influence. Of those crashes, 20 involved persons being injured and in one case, a person was killed.

In an effort to be proactive, Fremont officers will not only conduct roving patrols and participate in the county-wide DUI Avoid the 21 Campaign, but will also make contact at establishments where alcohol is served, warning not only patrons of excessive alcohol use, but also employees serving the drinks.

While it is inevitable that persons will over-indulge, here are a few ways to make sure that if you do, you won't get behind the wheel and endanger your lives or those of others:

- **Designate a driver:** You've all heard the message about designated driving, but the practice does save lives. Is it that hard to pick someone who will enjoy the festivities without a drink?

- **Call for a ride:** In this day and age, with technology making things easier by the minute, there is no excuse to drive drunk. All it takes is a phone call or a few taps of a smart phone and a ride will magically show up. It might cost a few dollars, but it sure beats the price associated with a DUI arrest.

- **Remember, buzzed driving is drunk driving:** You might think you're good to drive, but if you're stumbling while you're walking, seeing a fuzzy picture instead of a clear one, having a hard time forming a thought, or can't easily get your keys out of your pocket, you've got issues and shouldn't drive. Just park the car and come back and get it tomorrow. The risk is not worth it.

And as is the case with any emergency, or a suspicious incident – including drivers who appear to be intoxicated – don't hesitate to dial 9-1-1. That's why we're here. You're phone call could save a life.

California vehicle code section 23152 covers driving under the influence offenses. These are some of the vehicle code sections that apply to public, as well as private property.

• VC 23152(a) is the section that says it is illegal to operate a vehicle while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage.

• VC 23152(b) is the section that is violated if someone drives with a blood alcohol level of .08 percent or more, by weight, in the operator's blood. This is what you'll commonly hear referred to as the "legal limit".

• VC 23152(e) is the section that makes it illegal for a person

under the influence of any drug to operate a vehicle. This includes legal (prescription medication and over the counter medication) and illegal drugs.

• VC 23153(a) is the section that specifies that it is illegal for anyone to operate a motor vehicle while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage and while doing any act forbidden by law or with neglect, cause injury to another.

• VC 23153(b) is the same as VC 23153(a) but it specifies that the operator has a blood alcohol level of .08 or above.

Any of these arrests may result in handcuffs, transport to the jail, finger printing, booking photos, and a four to six hour stay in the jail.

Penal code section 647(f) is the section commonly known as "drunk in public". This section is used when the person is so intoxicated that they cannot care for their own safety or the safety of others. A violation of PC 647f is usually treated as a detention more often than an arrest but it almost always results in a four to six hour stay at the jail.

You can be arrested for being intoxicated while driving a car, a commercial vehicle, a bicycle, an airplane, and even while riding a horse, but we'd prefer you not drink and drive at all! You have plenty of options so plan ahead. You could be saving your life and someone else's.

Traffic Talk is a monthly column submitted by the Fremont Police Department's Traffic Unit. Submit a traffic-related question via e-mail to TrafficTalk@fremont.gov. Interact with the Police Department @Fremont PD on Twitter or [facebook.com/FremontPoliceDepartment](https://www.facebook.com/FremontPoliceDepartment)

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Board elects new Chair and Vice Chair



(Left): County Supervisor Cindy Chavez, Chair (Right): Los Altos City Mayor Jeannie Bruins, Vice Chair

SUBMITTED BY BRANDI CHILDRESS

Chair Perry Woodward now passes the gavel to this year's Vice Chair Cindy Chavez, Santa Clara County Supervisor, who will lead the organization through a number of initiatives. The include: planning for Phase II of VTA's BART Silicon Valley Extension, delivering bus rapid transit and light rail efficiency improvements, and implementing Envision Silicon Valley – VTA's effort to examine Santa Clara County's transportation network and identify the gaps as well as ways to fill them in.

"I'm honored to be back in this leadership role for VTA and among my Board colleagues who are committed to moving VTA forward to address mobility issues throughout Santa Clara County and the region," said Supervisor Chavez. "It's going to be a pivotal year for advancements in transportation in the valley."

Chavez, who served on the VTA Board from

1999 to 2006 while a council member for the City of San José, returned to the VTA Board in 2013 as a County Supervisor. This will be Chavez's second time chairing the Board, having done so in 2006 after serving as vice chair in 2005.

The Board also elected Los Altos Mayor Jeannie Bruins as Vice Chair. Elected in 2012 and appointed to the VTA Board in 2015, Bruins initially served as an alternate member representing City Group 2 (the Northwest Cities of Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View and Palo Alto). In August 2015, she was appointed as the City Group's representative to the VTA Board.

"Transportation plays such a key role in the vitality of our growing region," Bruins stated. "I am very much looking forward to serving as Vice Chair on the VTA Board and being a part of the solutions that will help sustain our thriving economy."

For more information, log onto www.vta.org

Groundbreaking ceremony at Warm Springs Elementary

SUBMITTED BY ROBIN MICHEL

Please join Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) and Warm Springs Elementary School administration, staff, students and families, for the Measure "E" Groundbreaking of the new 12 classroom building. Approved by Fremont Voters in 2014, Measure "E" is a \$650 million school facilities bond that is addressing critical needs in all schools throughout the district. Thank you, Fremont voters!

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Making a difference in Special Education

SUBMITTED BY JESSICA PINCILOTTI

We are pleased to announce that Autism Yesterday and Today is giving back to the community and will be making our 2015 donation of technology for special education on Monday, January 11 at Southgate Elementary School in Hayward.

In conjunction with Hayward Unified School District, we are very proud to be able to provide for Southgate Elementary a donation of 10 mini iPads, 10 protective cases for the mini iPads, one Mac Desktop for the teacher, a camera, a color printer, 10 Osmo learning software programs, and insurance for two years for all the equipment; a total approximate cost of \$9,000.

The purpose of Autism Yesterday and Today (501c non-profit foundation) is to collect funds to provide computers and technology for the special needs classes in our public school system. We want to give the special needs classes an equal opportunity to learn and make the most out of their learning potential. With everyone's donations we are able to provide these classrooms with the latest technology to help kids have a better chance with their education and bring out the best in each one.

We would like to thank everyone who helped us make this year's donation possible. Last year's donations went to Mission Valley Elementary School in Fremont, and next year's donations will go to a school to be determined in San Jose.

Anyone interested in donating, sponsoring, or getting involved as a volunteer, should contact Franco Pincilotti at FPincilotti@hotmail.com or call (510) 796-1278.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A special thank you

It is with mixed emotions that I formally announce my retirement from the Newark Unified School District effective June 30, 2016. I have had the privilege of having a great career in education. As I look to the next chapter of my life, I anticipate exciting opportunities both personally and professionally.

Many of the staff and leaders in Newark Unified School District will continue to hold a special place in my heart and life.

I believe that the school district is in a better place and has bright days ahead. Together, we have accomplished many things over these last five years. Some of the exciting student advancements and achievements have included, but are not limited to:

Readers and Writers' workshop in Elementary Schools

Comprehensive Junior High Program (from no electives to a robust program)

S.T.E.A.M. classes at NJHS/NMHS- (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) "Project lead the Way" at NMHS

AP challenge grant – NMHS- doubled the number of HS students taking AP classes

From 30 to over 300 10th graders taking the PSAT
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Elementary Band 6th grade

Additional 3,000 student computers

Technology support (Teachers on Special assignment – two)

Accelerated English acquisition for English Language learners

State Teacher of the Year 2012– Tom Collett

Alameda County Teacher of the Year 2014– Nancy Kuei

Top API gains in all Alameda County 2013

Two administrators selected for key state committees

Passage of a 63 million dollar bond which facilitated much needed capital improvements at all schools

Sale of Ruschin School which added over 19 million dollars to NUSD

I especially want to thank the team of educators: the administrators, teachers, district staff, parents, and support staff who have put their focus on our students and their education.

Finally, for the students of Newark Unified School District, I implore you to continue to achieve more than even you believe is possible. To leave a positive mark on the world in which you live is critical. In a world with so much negativity, anger, mistrust and hate, I encourage you to be beacons of light and life. Pursue your education, your dreams and your goals!

To my wife Virginia, adult children, Chris, Jessica, Krista and Evan, and 10 grandchildren.... your husband, father, and Poppy will now have much more discretionary time to spend with you.

Thank you.

Dave Marken
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Mandarin Immersion Program expands to junior high

On Wednesday, October 28, 2015, Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) Board of Education unanimously approved the expansion of the Mandarin Immersion Program into junior high school. The program, hosted by Azeveda Elementary School, aims to "develop lifelong learners and well-rounded global citizens in an academically excellent, socially aware, and technologically advanced environment promoting Chinese language and cultural awareness," according to its mission statement. The Spanish Immersion Program's expansion to junior high was also approved.

The Chinese Immersion Parents Council of Fremont (CIPCF) is a nonprofit parent-volunteer group that supports FUSD's Mandarin Immersion Program by providing parental input and advice about the program to FUSD. "We wanted to organize the parents, and we knew that the children who participated in the program would have special challenges that were unique in the program," says Wei-Lin Tong, founder of CIPCF.

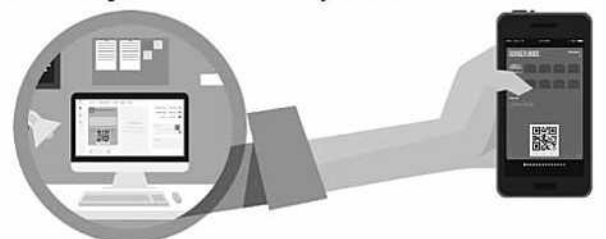
"We also wanted to make sure that we had an opportunity to influence the shape of the program...[We wanted] to support the parents and the children, and work with the District to make this program as good as it could possibly be," she adds.

Currently, the program has 10 classes – two classes each from kindergarten to third grade, and one class each for fourth and fifth grade. The program is set to expand to junior high school in the 2017-18 school year. "I think we're really fortunate in Fremont to have the opportunity to learn both Mandarin and Spanish through the immersion programs," says Tong, whose two children are also part of the program.

Tong encourages parents interested in the program to enroll their children before second grade. Beginning second grade, students who want to join the program would have to take an assessment test "to make sure that the children who enter the program at that point or after can be successful," says Tong.

For more information about the Mandarin Immersion Program, visit www.cipcf.org/about_program.html, or contact FUSD and Azeveda Elementary School directly.

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Zeigler as VP of Institutional Advancement

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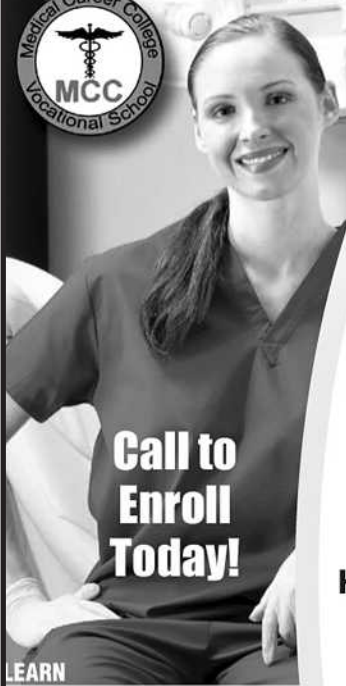
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SUBMITTED BY DIANA ROHINI LAVIGNE

Dr. Mark Zeigler has been appointed Vice President of Institutional Advancement at Life Chiropractic College West. With a 35 year plus career, he has worked in a variety of leadership capacities. Dr. Zeigler worked five years in local government as Mayor of the city of Sturgis in South Dakota, was selected as the fifth president of Northwestern Health Sciences University, served as Vice President of the Association of Chiropractic Colleges, and had a successful private practice for over 25 years.

"It's a privilege to join the team at Life Chiropractic College West, under the leadership of Dr. Brian Kelly. This is an exciting time to be part of Life West as is reflected in the major capital improvements to their campus, the commitment to clinical education, and the growth in student enrollment. It's a wonderful environment for students to study chiropractic and position themselves to be successful doctors of chiropractic in the emerging health care market place," noted Dr. Zeigler.

Dr. Zeigler comes at a time when the college is seeking to raise \$10 million for its capital campaign, Bridge to the Future. This will go toward ongoing capital improvements at the College's Hayward Campus, including a new assembly hall and renovated Monte H. Greenawalt Health Center.



"Dr. Zeigler is an individual that comes to us with significant work experience both inside and outside the chiropractic community. We look forward to working with him strategically and operationally for our next exciting stages of growth. The timing is perfect for his arrival," added President Dr. Brian Kelly.

For more information on Life West, please visit our website at www.lifewest.edu

Holiday Bus

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SUBMITTED BY MICHELE JOSEPH

"We appreciate our customers year round," said AC Transit General Manager Michael Hursh. "A free ride on the Holiday Bus is just one way for us to show our thanks. We hope everyone enjoys the spirit of the season."

The festively decorated bus is offering free rides along different routes from now until January 3. The only required fare is a cheerful greeting to the operator and fellow passengers.

Also in the spirit of giving, AC Transit is collecting non-perishable food for the Alameda County Food Bank at the District's general offices through January 7. Items most needed by the food bank include canned meats and fish; pasta and sauces; low-salt soups, stews and chili; beans and rice; peanut butter; low-sugar cereal and oatmeal. Food in glass jars cannot be accepted.

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Flu vaccine is best way to keep holidays flu-free

SUBMITTED BY ANITA GORE / ORVILLE THOMAS

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Director and State Public Health Officer Dr. Karen Smith is reminding anyone who hasn't yet received a flu vaccine to do so in time for the holidays.

"The holiday season is a time to enjoy getting together with friends and family," Dr. Smith said. "Unfortunately, it's also often when many people catch the flu. Getting the flu vaccine is the best way to protect yourself against influenza and to protect those around you as well. Don't let the flu ruin your holidays."

In the United States, flu activity is usually highest between December and February and can continue into May. As long as flu viruses are circulating, it's not too late to get vaccinated.

Flu vaccine is available now. Once administered, it takes the vaccine up to two weeks to fully protect you against the flu. An influenza vaccine is especially important for pregnant women and other people at higher risk for severe influenza.

Common symptoms of the flu include fever, cough, sore throat, chills, fatigue or body aches. Children may also have nausea, vomiting or diarrhea.

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City of Fremont News Briefs

SUBMITTED BY CHERYL GOLDEN

Pardon our Progress

Have you noticed a few changes in Downtown lately? With guidance from the Downtown Community Plan, an award-winning plan recognized by the Association of Bay Area Governments and the International Downtown Association, the Downtown initiative is gaining momentum.

In October, the Fremont community joined together to celebrate the grand opening of the Capitol Avenue extension between Fremont Boulevard and State Street, which was funded by a \$5.8 million One Bay Area Grant (OBAG). The event also included the unveiling of "Heartfulness," a steel sculpture that debuted at Burning Man in 2012 and now stands as Downtown's newest temporary public art gateway piece.

These implementation efforts all kicked off in September 2014 with the demolition of a three-story office building to make way for the multi-model street extension. The finished street now features a gateway entrance, unique screen walls that enhance the pedestrian experience, bike lanes, free street-side public parking, electric charging spaces, street lights with solar-powered electrical receptacles, and tree-lined 10-15 foot side-walks. The second phase of improvements for Capitol Avenue, between State Street and Paseo Padre Parkway, are underway and will feature the same amenities and street furnishings for a uniform 'complete street' experience.

The transformation will continue in spring 2016 with construction of the first mixed-use private development known as 'State Street' — offering 157 residential condominiums and approximately 21,000 square feet of ground level retail space along Capitol Avenue. Construction of Phase 1 of the new civic center will begin in 2017 — including a 25,000 square-foot community meeting facility and 60,000 square-foot urban plaza. These projects are both critical in the

transformation of the City's Downtown and will serve as the "social heart" of the community.

If you would like to provide comments on what independent retailers and restaurants you would like to see in Downtown's first mixed-use development, visit www.Fremont.gov/OpenCityHall to weigh in. For more information about Downtown, visit www.Fremont.gov/Downtown.

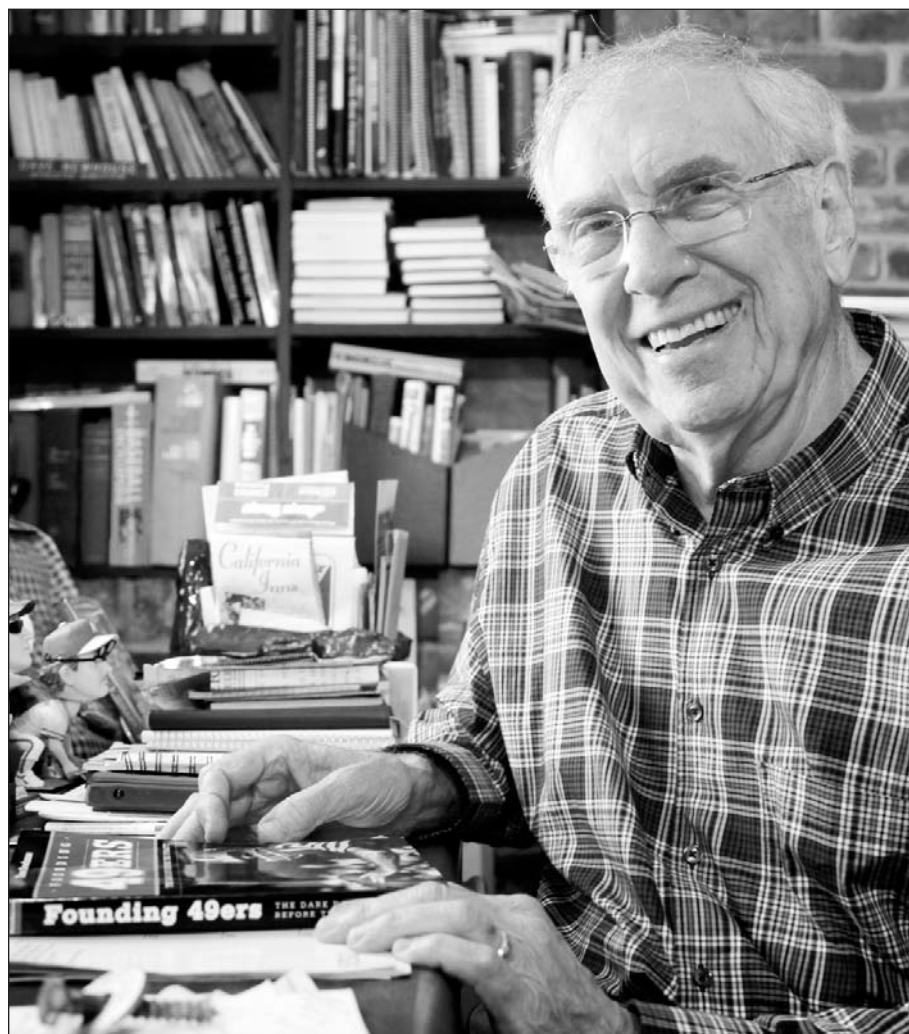
Progress in Warm Springs

Opening of the BART Warm Springs/South Fremont Station, expected in spring of 2016, will mark a significant achievement for the Warm Springs area. It will be the only station from Oakland to the planned end of the line at Berryessa in San Jose, which will be capable of sustaining a major employment center. The City is poised to receive Measure BB funds to complete the West Access Bridge over the Union Pacific railroad tracks and Plaza connecting existing major employment centers, such as Tesla and Thermo Fisher Scientific, to this new station. These exciting updates will continue to optimize the City's strategically urban vision and are anticipated to be completed in 2018.

And there's more progress coming soon. Lennar, Toll Brothers, and Valley Oak Partners will be initiating three separate projects consistent with the Warm Springs Community Plan, helping to realize Fremont's 21st century jobs-focused, transit-oriented Innovation District.

Lennar and Toll Brothers projects will be located on the two largest plots of land nearest the station, with construction starting as soon as late spring/summer 2016. This progress will begin with major backbone infrastructure work, including new multimodal streets incorporating bike lanes and pedestrian-friendly walkways and utilities. The Valley Oak Partners project will follow in 2017 just north of Lennar's project. Overall, progress in the Warm Springs transit area includes an elementary school, public park and plazas, up to 4,000 residential units, over 1.7 million square feet of commercial, office and R&D space, and a hotel. For more information on what's happening in Warm Springs, please visit www.Fremont.gov/WarmSprings.

An evening of 49ers history with author Dave Newhouse



SUBMITTED BY EILEEN MENDEZ

The Fremont Main Library presents Dave Newhouse, author of 11 books and award winning sportswriter and columnist as he talks about his new book, *Founding 49ers: The Dark Days Before the Dynasty*. The book brings to life the previously untold story of the 49ers early, unsuccessful years when they won no league or even conference championship despite having eight Pro Football Hall of Fame inductees.

Join us for an entertaining evening of 49ers history as author Dave Newhouse provides a fascinating look at the 49ers' early years through the eyes of the players who gave the franchise its foundation.

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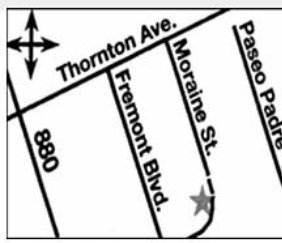


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Holiday sales pattern skews online; malls lose some luster

BY ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
AP RETAIL WRITER

NEW YORK (AP), More often shoppers are making the decision to sit on their couches rather than head to stores this holiday season.

Online sales growth so far this holiday season is surpassing growth in sales at physical stores, according to First Data, which analyzed online and in-store payments from Oct. 31 through Monday.

Sales growth for stores is up 2 percent, while online sales rose 4.6 percent, according to First Data, which declined to give dollar figures, citing proprietary reasons.

Total spending, including sales in both physical stores and online, climbed 2.4 percent, stronger than the 1.8 percent growth during the same period last year.

While physical stores still account for the majority of spending, the uneven growth between buying at locations and on websites signals the continuation of a big shift in how U.S. consumers are shopping.

This season, Mother Nature appeared to provide an extra lift to online sales, analysts said. While unseasonably warm weather has hurt overall sales of cold-weather items, it appears to be driving more shopping to buy on their PCs or mobile phones since they don't want to waste a

pleasant day inside a mall.

"Store traffic is down everywhere, and it's compounded by the weather," said Steven Barr, U.S. retail and consumer sector leader for PwC. "We do believe that warm weather is driving consumers online."

The big question, he asks, is whether warm weather is the number one reason or a secondary reason shoppers are heading online this season.

The overall shift to online spending is largely due to more retailers working to improve their websites and offer speedier delivery on orders placed online. As a result, shoppers, who increasingly are looking for convenience, are spending more of their holiday budgets online.

That's led to a big gap in some product categories between online and physical stores. According to First Data, clothing and accessories stores had a 2.9 percent sales decline so far this season, compared with a 3.7 percent increase online. Furniture and home furnishings store sales slipped 0.5 percent, while online increased 8.1 percent.

And while the average order for key product areas remained largely the same as last year, clothing and accessories got hit hard because of deep discounting. Stores have needed to ramp up price cuts to get rid of excess goods amid the

mild temperatures that have extended into December. As a result, the average ticket size for those products went to \$88.30 from last year's \$83.43.

Amy Kemper said she's been shopping more online because of the convenience of doing so. Her family travels for the holidays, and it's easier to buy online and then have things shipped to where they are going.

"I do come to the mall to look around and see what's out there and then go back online," said Kemper, who lives in Indianapolis.

First Data doesn't make predictions for holiday sales. But the National Retail Federation, the nation's largest retail trade group, expects sales for November and December to rise 3.7 percent to \$630.5 billion. There's still plenty of time for that estimate to come true: Christmas is a week away, and there are some of the biggest shopping days left.

And as cutoffs to order online to get gifts shipped to stores approaches, retailers are relying on die-hard traditionalists like Ann Rabbit during the final stretch.

Rabbit picked up a sweater for herself for 40 percent off at Old Navy in East Harlem in New York on a recent weekend.

"I don't do online. I like to touch things," she said.

Tom Murphy in Indianapolis contributed to this report.

Legends of the Bay Fundraiser

SUBMITTED BY
CITY OF FREMONT

The Legends of the Bay fundraiser means three things: honoring a noteworthy cause, celebrating Fremont's Innovation District, and attending a fun-filled evening!

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Please join the City of Fremont at Legends of the Bay to support the Family Resource Center and celebrate the success of our Innovation District.

Legends of the Bay is looking for event sponsors to partner with the City of Fremont in supporting our 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. If you are interested in sponsoring a table, please contact the City Manager's Office at (510) 284-4000 or via email: cof@fremont.gov

Innovation across the East Bay region

SUBMITTED BY GUY ASHLEY
/DARIEN LOUIE

Exciting uses of technology and advanced manufacturing are impacting companies across the East Bay. Best examples of innovation in product development, services and processes will be celebrated at the East Bay Economic Development Alliance's (East Bay EDA) annual East Bay Innovation Awards on February 25, 2016 at the historic Fox Theatre in Oakland. Over 100 nominations for the awards were received in October, with 16 organizations selected by subject matter experts as finalists in eight competitive categories. Nominees represented innovative businesses and organizations from 24 East Bay cities.

The popular awards ceremony highlights East Bay EDA's marketing of the competitive advantages of the East Bay and showcases outstanding companies who embrace innovation in their manufacturing, services, design and information. The East Bay's assets attract innovate businesses to locate and grow in this region.

Tickets to the event are \$100 for members and \$150 for non-members. For table sponsorships call (510) 272-6745.

The 2016 master of ceremonies will be Scott McGrew, host of NBC's Press: Locally, a reporter for KNBR radio, as well as an anchor for NBC's "Today in the Bay" morning news.

Awards are given out in the categories of Advanced Manufacturing, Clean Tech, Education, Engineering & Design, Food, Information and/or Communication Technology, and Life Sciences. A Catalyst of the Year award is presented to an individual, organization, or company that is currently transcending organizational boundaries to pull East Bay assets together in new ways and/or to catalyze new thinking or processes.

An annual Legacy award is also presented for an organization with a history of innovation that has impacted the quality of life

and/or business development. The 2016 Legacy awardee is the University of California, Berkeley.

The 2016 East Bay Innovation Award awardees in the competitive categories will be revealed at the annual event in February 2016.

Finalists, in alphabetical order, include:

Catalyst of the Year Award:
Delta Diablo Sanitation District
(Western Recycled Water Coalition) Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
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Women are out-earning men in corporate finance

By SARAH SKIDMORE SELL
AP BUSINESS WRITER

Women may be badly outnumbered in the top ranks of corporate America, but at least they aren't underpaid.

Compensation for female chief financial officers at S&P 500 companies last year outpaced that of their male counterparts, according to an analysis by executive compensation firm Equilar and the Associated Press. It follows a similar trend seen with female CEOs in recent years.

The median pay for female CFOs last year rose nearly 11 percent to \$3.32 million. Male CFO pay rose 7 percent, to \$3.3 million. This follows several years of steady gains for both sexes.

The gains, for both men and women, are in part a result of the expansion of the CFO role to include far more responsibility and visibility.

"The CFO is no longer a bean counter," said Josh Crist, managing director at executive search firm Crist Kolder Associates.

Companies and shareholders became more focused on financial security and regulation after the financial crisis, and corporate finance began to play a bigger role in company strategy, according to Gregg Passin, a compensation expert at consulting firm Mercer.

Ruth Porat, became one of the most powerful women on Wall Street while helping steer Morgan Stanley, one of the nation's biggest investment banks, through the aftermath of the financial crisis. She topped the list

of highest paid female CFOs with her \$14.4 million pay package from Morgan Stanley for the 2014 fiscal year.

Google has since lured her away with a pay deal worth \$70 million. Investors have warmly welcomed her arrival at Google, where she is expected to bring some financial discipline to what some consider their free-spending ways.

The increased responsibility and visibility has helped some women CFOs rise even further, to CEO. Indra Nooyi, CEO of PepsiCo and Lynn Good, CEO of Duke Energy are both former CFOs.

"It's a unique position that has the ability to contribute to day-to-day operations but also on long-term strategic planning," Good said. She called the CFO position "a critical training ground" for aspiring CEOs.

The other top-paid female CFOs, after Porat, include Marianne Lake of JPMorgan Chase, whose compensation package is valued at \$9.1 million, Catherine Lesjak of Hewlett-Packard at \$8 million, Sharon McCollam at Best Buy at \$7 million and Robin Washington of Gilead Sciences at \$6.2 million. This ranking reflects only the companies where the CFOs who have served two consecutive years in their particular position.

To calculate pay, Equilar adds salary, bonus, perks, stock awards, stock option awards and other pay components. To determine what stock and option awards are worth, Equilar uses the value of an award on the day it is granted, as shown in a company's proxy statement.

The high median pay for female CFOs is partly a result of sample size — there were only 60 female CFOs at the S&P 500 companies that qualified for inclusion in the study during the last fiscal year, compared with 437 men, according to Equilar.

It is also a factor in female CEO pay. Median CEO pay for women was \$15.9 million last year, according to an analysis done earlier this year by Equilar and the AP, compared with \$10.4 million for male CEOs. There were just 17 female CEOs, however.

The small group of women in these important roles tended to be focused at the largest companies, where pay is higher. Crist said that he expects more women to take on CFO duties in years ahead but the pay range will broaden as more women join smaller companies.

He notes that women have historically been underrepresented in finance overall. That is changing, and helping fuel this shift at the top. Younger women are getting better opportunities at entry levels and these lead to better opportunities down the line.

A Crist Kolder study found that the percentage of female CEOs and CFOs has hit an all-time in 2015. Of the 672 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 companies evaluated, nearly 5 percent had female CEOs and 13 percent had female CFOs.

"It's a heck of a trend," he said. "It has been predominantly white male centric forever."

Microsoft opens NY studio to showcase HoloLens headset

AP WIRE SERVICE

NEW YORK (AP), Microsoft is opening a studio in New York to showcase its upcoming HoloLens headset for inserting holograms into real-world settings.

At the studio, software developers will see a video and get hands-on demonstrations. One is a game in which you shoot hologram alien robots in front of you. Another shows the technology's potential in presentations and sales, using a luxury watch as an example of how holograms can give potential customers more insights into features. A third demo highlights HoloLens' graphical and editing capabilities.

The studio, announced Thursday, is located at Microsoft's flagship retail store on Fifth Avenue. It won't be open to the general public, though. Rather, software developers who want to preview the next-generation technology will have to make an appointment at <https://www.microsoft.com/microsoft-hololens>.

The idea is to get developers to start thinking of the technology's potential. Microsoft had a traveling exhibit in 11 cities, and the company says all slots were booked within 90 minutes. The new studio in New York was designed as a long-term home for the demos.

Microsoft Corp. will start selling developers editions of the headset early next year for \$3,000. There's no release date for a consumer version yet.

Hayward Area Citizens Advisory Committee accepting applications

By: LAURA CORREA-HERNANDEZ

The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (H.A.R.D.) is currently accepting applications for four 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 District's 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

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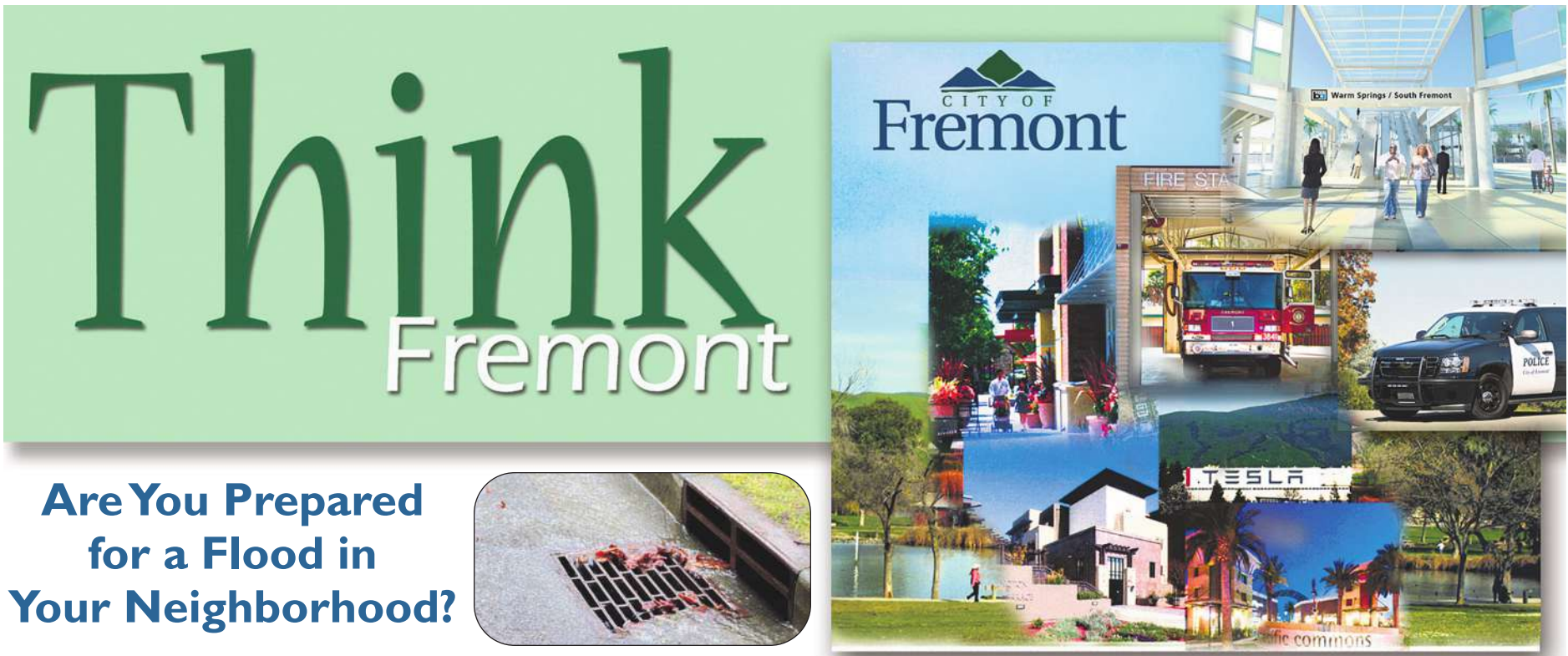
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Here are some ways you can better prepare.

What should you do before a flood?

Determine if your property is located in an area that is subject to flooding by using the following resources:

- Visit www.MSC.fema.gov
- Visit www.Fremont.gov/Flood-Info
- Visit the City's GIS Map at www.Fremont.gov/GISMap-Room

Room 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

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Develop an evacuation plan for your family

What should you do during a flood?

- Tune-in to local commercial radio or television stations and watch for Warning Bulletins and any corresponding emergency

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- 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.

What should you do 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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City of Fremont Maintenance
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Alameda County Flood Control
510-670-5500

Alameda County Water District
510-668-4200

Union Sanitary District
510-477-7500

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800-743-5000

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.

Celebrate Fremont's Innovation District and Support the Family Resource Center at the Legends of the Bay Fundraiser

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Mayor Harrison Reinforces Fremont's Commitment to Tackle Climate Change

Signs onto Compact of Mayors, a Global Coalition of City Leaders



Mayor Harrison has signed onto the Compact of Mayors, a global coalition of city leaders dedicated to reducing their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, making their communities more resilient to climate change and regularly reporting their progress publicly.

As one of the key initiatives launched at last year's UN Climate Summit, the Compact of Mayors is the world's largest collective effort to date by cities to tackle climate change, proactively prepare for its impacts, and regularly track and report progress. Fremont's Mayor Harrison is among the first 100 U.S. mayors who have signed onto the Compact of Mayors before the start of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change 21st annual Conference of Parties (COP21) which recently wrapped up in Paris.

"Through the Compact of Mayors, I am deepening our City's dedication to make Fremont a community where people want to live, where businesses want to invest, and where jobs will grow," said Mayor Harrison. "Each green step we take will help to better the world for today's citizens and future generations to come."

By participating in the Compact of Mayors, Mayor Harrison reinforces Fremont's commitment to climate action by taking stock of greenhouse emissions and the current effects of climate change in the city, creating an action plan with clear and ambitious reduction targets, and implementing a common system of measuring those emissions and monitoring climate risks.

Fremont has already taken a number of significant steps toward protecting the environment and acting on climate change. The City's General Plan embraces the vision of sustainability, setting the goal of transforming Fremont from an auto oriented suburb into a sustainable, strategically urban, and modern city. The Climate Action Plan sets a specific goal of curbing community-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 25 percent from 2005 levels by the year 2020 and offers a roadmap for achieving this reduction. By 2010, Fremont's community emissions had already dropped 11 percent, attributable to significant improvements in vehicle fuel efficiency and local adoption of energy efficient and renewable energy technologies.

With such ambitious goals underway, 2015 has turned out to be a landmark year for Fremont in terms of sustainability. In January, Fremont was named a semifinalist competitor in the Georgetown University Energy Prize, a two-year national competition among 50 small- to mid-size communities to develop innovative, replicable, and scalable models of energy efficiency, with a \$5 million final award. To help residents engage in our climate action efforts, the City developed the Fremont Green Challenge, providing information and resources on energy efficiency and water conservation measures, electric vehicle options, and renewable energy technologies. This past summer, the City installed 1.2 megawatts of solar on its own facilities, and offered residents a group solar purchase option through the East Bay SunShares Program. In recognition of such sustainability efforts, Fremont recently received the EPA Green Power Partnership award and was named America's 10th Greenest City of 2015 by WalletHub.

Visit www.compactofmayors.org to learn more about the Compact of Mayors.



City of Fremont Holiday Closure Scheduled for Dec. 24, 2015 - Jan. 1, 2016

Police, Fire Services Not Affected

The City of Fremont is implementing a Holiday Closure for many non-public safety City Services from Thursday, Dec. 24, 2015 through Friday, Jan. 1, 2016. The Holiday Closure is scheduled for Dec. 28, 29 and 30, 2015, while City holidays are observed on Dec. 24, 25, 31, 2015 and Jan. 1, 2016. City offices participating in the Holiday Closure will re-open for business on Monday, Jan. 4, 2016. This closure will not affect police and fire services.

Offices that are taking part in the Holiday Closure include:

- City Hall, 3300 Capitol Ave., Building A and Building B (Administrative offices)
- Fire Administration, 3300 Capitol Ave., Building A
- Development Services Center, 39550 Liberty St.
- Maintenance Center, 42551 Osgood Rd.
- All Community Centers

Offices and facilities providing limited services during the Holiday Closure include:

- Parks and Recreation, 3300 Capitol Ave., Building B (for walk-in registration of recreation programs only, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 21-23 and Dec. 28-30.
- Community Centers and Recreation buildings with Holiday Day Camps, Programs, and pre-booked facility rentals will be closed Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1, 2016.
- Life ElderCare (clients should contact 510-574-2090 for additional information)
- Afghan Elderly Association (clients should contact 510-574-2059 for additional information)
- HIP Housing (clients should contact 510-574-2173 for additional information)

During the Holiday Closure:

- The Fremont Police Department and Fremont Fire Department will continue to provide public safety services.
 - A minimum number of City staff will be available in an on-call status to provide emergency maintenance services such as responding to storm-related issues.
 - Regularly-scheduled street sweeping will occur on Dec. 28, 29, and 30, 2015, weather permitting; no street sweeping on City-observed holidays. (We will make every effort to provide service on a different day. Contact the City's Maintenance Division at 510-979-5700 prior to the closure for your street's make-up street sweeping date.)
 - Animal Services will provide regular services and the Tri-City Animal Shelter, located at 1950 Stevenson Blvd., will be open Saturday, Dec. 26, as well as Tuesday, Dec. 29, Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2015 and Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016.
 - The Human Services Department will have one or two crisis counselors available at the Fremont Family Resource Center, located at 39155 Liberty St.
 - Garbage, recycling, and yard waste collection by Republic Services normally scheduled for Friday pick up on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, 2016, will be delayed one day due to the holidays; the collection dates will be Saturday, Dec. 26 and Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016. Call 510-657-3500 for more information.
 - The Parks and Recreation Department will offer camps and other programs.
 - Community members with active building permits can call 510-494-4885 for inspections on Dec. 28, 29, and 30, 2015. Coordinate with your building inspector at least one week prior to closure.
- Historically, demand for many City services during the December and January holiday season is low. It is anticipated that the Holiday Closure will have little or no impact on service delivery efficiency. For more information, visit www.Fremont.gov/HolidayClosure or call 510-284-4093.

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Home & Garden

REAL ROOMS FOR REAL PEOPLE

A few
of my
favorite
things

Several years ago, I invoked the classic song from The Sound of Music, and wrote a column featuring “a few of my favorite things” for the home. Here are a few more of my favorite things.

—**Pendant lights.** Of course I love using pendants in kitchens over islands or dining tables, but I also love using hanging pendant lights in bedrooms and even bathrooms. They bring light where you need it, and they look beautiful too.



—**Painted cabinetry.** Natural wood is always beautiful, but paint opens up so many options that it’s hard to resist. In one recent design project, we mixed light gray painted kitchen cabinets with a large island painted black, and the results are stunning. And in the photo shown, the turquoise-painted bath vanity gives this bathroom an unexpected and fun pop of color.

—**A little bit of “bling.”** Almost every room can benefit from a little bit of shine and glamour. Crystal lamps, glass cabinet knobs, Mercury glass, a mirrored cabinet, shiny chrome—small doses add so much personality to a space.

—**Wall-mounted ledges.** These handy items have been “in” for a while, and I don’t see them going away anytime soon. Use them to display family photos, rotating collections of artwork, books and accessories.



—**Quartz countertops.** If you’re debating between quartz and granite, consider the benefits of quartz: No sealing is required, it won’t stain or absorb water, it is extremely durable and it comes in a world of colors and patterns. Quartz works in all design styles from traditional to modern, and the number of options is amazing.

—**Fabric at the windows.** I used to be a minimalist when it came to dressing windows. Maybe it was rebellion against the heavy, old-fashioned drapes of the past. However, I’ve completely changed my mind on this issue. The longer I work in interior design, the more I realize how much of an impact the right fabric can have in the room. I absolutely love how curtain panels frame a window and add softness, texture and color. A tailored valance at a kitchen window can be the perfect finishing touch. Not every room needs fabric at the windows, especially if the design aesthetic is very modern and streamlined. But I would say most rooms don’t look quite “finished” until the windows are properly dressed.

—**Contrasting textures and materials.** For example, if you have wood coffee table, pair it with glass end tables. If you have a leather sofa, pair it with fabric upholstered chairs. Mix metals, such as a chrome and glass table with a gold and silver mirror. Mix a shaggy area rug with a sleek and smooth leather chair. Mixing textures is the key to an interesting room. And please remember that not all woods have to be the same! Variety is the spice of life.



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Santa Claus visits Viola Blythe Holiday Party



Over 300 kids were treated to a holiday party of snacks, books and local entertainment plus a surprise visit by famed guitarist Ron Thompson on Saturday, December 19 at Shilling School in Newark. A new book was handed to each guest as the visitors eyed stacks of presents on stage. As the excitement grew, Santa arrived to join Mrs. Claus and chat with each guest before they received a candy cane, toy laden stockings, wrapped presents and a stuffed animal/character. Smiles of joy were evident everywhere as, arms filled with Christmas gifts, they rejoined their parents outside.

Debbie Carvalho-Rodriguez, Executive Director of The Viola Blythe Community Service Center of Newark and daughter of the late founder Viola Blythe, was overwhelmed by the response and support of the community. A huge list of supporters includes volunteers from the Alameda County firefighters, Newark Police Department, businesses, churches, schools, and residents. "There are so

many people who helped make this party a success, it is hard to list them all."

In attendance at the party, community volunteers, Alameda County Firefighters, City officials including Mayor Al Nagy and City Manager John Becker and the Viola Blythe Board of Directors supervised the young visitors while songs and dance entertained and guaranteed a "wonderful party." She added, "We are fortunate to live in a community that demonstrates an abundance of love and compassion for those less fortunate."

Carvalho-Rodriguez says that before Viola Blythe's passing, the holiday party was the highlight of her mother's activities and is happy to "see my mom's legacy live on."

**Viola Blythe Community
Service Center of Newark**
37365 Ash Street / P.O. Box 362
Newark, CA 94560
(510) 794-3437 <http://violablythe.org>



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CASTRO VALLEY TOTAL SALES: 5						
	Highest \$:	755,000	Median \$:	475,000		
	Lowest \$:	280,000	Average \$:	490,800		
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
18412 Crest Avenue	94546	469,000	2	832	1953	11-17-15
2648 Grove Way	94546	475,000	3	1020	1949	11-17-15
21413 Lake Chabot Road	94546	475,000	2	1104	1943	11-20-15
18568 Madison Avenue	94546	280,000	2	614	1950	11-19-15
18726 Sydney Circle	94546	755,000	3	1997	1991	11-19-15

FREMONT TOTAL SALES: 38						
	Highest \$:	1,890,000	Median \$:	692,000		
	Lowest \$:	380,000	Average \$:	798,592		
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
37975 Blacow Road	94536	1,015,000	4	2102	1958	11-17-15
35290 Crown Court	94536	876,000	3	1609	1999	11-20-15
38464 Garway Drive	94536	825,000	4	1475	1960	11-19-15
36348 Magellan Drive	94536	630,000	3	1448	1961	11-23-15
38245 Parkmont Drive	94536	681,000	2	1050	1963	11-20-15
3518 Pepperwood #314	94536	412,000	2	936	1985	11-17-15
468 Rego Common	94536	550,000	2	1140	1973	11-20-15
39470 Albany Cmn #G	94538	380,000	2	882	1981	11-19-15
4653 Boone Drive	94538	620,000	4	1302	1960	11-19-15
4223 Bullard Street	94538	585,000	3	950	1955	11-18-15
3555 Dayton Common	94538	779,000	3	1430	1999	11-19-15
43035 Grimmer Terrace	94538	750,000	3	1500	1986	11-20-15
4851 Hilo Street	94538	400,000	3	1152	1960	11-23-15
5575 Hughes Place	94538	625,000	3	1232	1966	11-19-15
4463 Hyde Cmn #102	94538	636,000	2	1244	2009	11-18-15
39582 Kona Court	94538	665,000	4	1456	1962	11-18-15
3508 Madison Common	94538	668,000	2	1174	2000	11-19-15
4525 Margery Drive	94538	650,000	3	1150	1959	11-18-15
4428 Millard Avenue	94538	575,000	3	950	1955	11-18-15
5710 Poplar Common	94538	400,000	2	945	1970	11-18-15
41727 Sherwood Street	94538	860,000	3	1118	1959	11-20-15
5176 Silver Reef Drive	94538	674,000	3	1401	1961	11-23-15
2601 Tamalpais Terrace	94538	810,000	2	1644	2014	11-18-15
5536 Tilden Place	94538	692,000	3	1089	1966	11-18-15
41505 Chadbourne Drive	94539	1,890,000	5	3437	1958	11-17-15
233 Corte San Pablo	94539	567,500	2	968	1971	11-20-15
845 Covina Way	94539	1,030,000	3	1650	1969	11-18-15
41785 Higgins Way	94539	1,270,000	3	1434	1960	11-20-15
47647 Hoyt Street	94539	1,265,000	4	2092	1969	11-17-15
43317 Jerome Avenue	94539	1,050,000	4	1594	1953	11-20-15
1150 Washington Blvd	94539	1,035,000	-	-	-	11-18-15
34606 Bahama Common	94555	470,000	3	1166	1970	11-20-15
33956 Capulet Circle	94555	1,066,000	5	1717	1986	11-18-15
34370 Eucalyptus Terrace	94555	1,023,000	3	1597	1993	11-17-15
33031 Lake Huron Street	94555	772,000	4	1651	1971	11-18-15
3467 Oriole Place	94555	1,355,000	4	2598	1985	11-17-15
5405 Quebec Common	94555	930,000	3	1641	1990	11-20-15
34862 Warwick Court	94555	865,000	3	1402	1971	11-20-15

HAYWARD TOTAL SALES: 36						
	Highest \$:	1,005,000	Median \$:	477,500		
	Lowest \$:	285,000	Average \$:	509,806		
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
20748 Angus Way	94541	435,000	3	938	1946	11-23-15
1465 B Street	94541	700,000	4	2327	1895	11-20-15
1119 D Street	94541	400,000	2	1062	1912	11-17-15
1575 D Street	94541	585,000	3	1239	1931	11-19-15
240 Elmwood Lane	94541	385,000	2	841	1950	11-17-15
22856 Evanswood Road	94541	450,000	2	1170	2004	11-19-15
2530 Hermosa Terrace	94541	440,000	2	862	1950	11-19-15
1871 Hill Avenue	94541	315,000	2	746	1952	11-18-15
23032 Ida Lane	94541	358,000	3	1041	1950	11-17-15
23509 Ida Lane	94541	400,000	2	871	1951	11-18-15
24814 Joe Mary Court	94541	688,500	3	1802	1977	11-20-15
3375 Kelly Street	94541	400,000	1	580	1948	11-20-15
387 Laurel Avenue #5	94541	285,000	2	1050	1989	11-17-15
23951 Myrtle Street	94541	477,500	3	1172	1947	11-20-15
22516 Northview Drive	94541	450,000	4	1284	1963	11-23-15
2026 Oak Creek Place	94541	410,000	2	1526	1972	11-18-15
248 Willow Avenue	94541	650,000	1	816	1922	11-18-15
27115 Columbia Way	94542	710,000	3	1735	1985	11-20-15
27349 Dobbelt Avenue	94542	495,000	2	1065	1927	11-23-15
24449 Margaret Drive	94542	479,000	3	1724	1946	11-18-15
3419 Pinewood Drive	94542	550,000	4	1897	1972	11-20-15
133 Sonas Drive	94542	1,005,000	5	2728	2009	11-23-15
2895 Tribune Avenue	94542	450,000	2	1720	1982	11-23-15
224 Bridgehead Lane	94544	850,000	5	2708	2000	11-23-15
815 Challenger Way	94544	368,000	2	1110	1988	11-20-15
26298 Hickory Avenue	94544	490,000	3	1394	1952	11-20-15
26926 Lakewood Way	94544	434,000	3	1081	1953	11-19-15
381 Shepherd Avenue	94544	510,000	3	1025	1959	11-17-15
28715 Triton Street	94544	507,000	3	1416	1961	11-17-15
28544 Anchorage Lane	94545	722,000	4	2134	2009	11-23-15
1978 Boca Raton Street	94545	529,000	3	1488	1956	11-17-15
2416 Bradford Avenue	94545	550,000	3	1148	1958	11-18-15
2440 Bradford Avenue	94545	525,000	3	1150	1958	11-19-15

1756 Dove Court	94545	485,000	3	2068	1964	11-19-15
27763 Melbourne Avenue	94545	435,000	3	1000	1955	11-18-15
27624 Orlando Avenue	94545	430,000	3	1119	1955	11-19-15

MILPITAS TOTAL SALES: 8						
	Highest \$:	905,000	Median \$:	592,000		
	Lowest \$:	355,500	Average \$:	610,313		
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
500 Cestaric Drive	95035	400,000	4	1360	1971	11-24-15
1316 Chewpon Avenue	95035	905,000	3	1680	1981	11-25-15
496 Dempsey Road #298	95035	355,500	2	842	2007	11-25-15
45 Lonetree Court	95035	665,000	3	1240	1969	11-25-15
162 Marylinn Drive	95035	592,000	2	1378	1983	11-25-15
1095 North Abbott Ave	95035	500,000	2	1174	1979	11-24-15
937 Rain Dance	95035	693,000	2	1353	2000	12-01-15
758 Vasona Street	95035	772,000	3	1277	1960	11-24-15

NEWARK TOTAL SALES: 10						
	Highest \$:	862,000	Median \$:	630,000		
	Lowest \$:	432,000	Average \$:	623,000		
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
36330 Bridgepointe Drive	94560	750,000	3	1372	1976	11-20-15
6208 Cedar Boulevard	94560	456,000	-	1164	1970	11-23-15
36263 Darvon Street	94560	540,000	4	1908	1971	11-17-15
7840 Inverness Drive	94560	750,000	3	1482	1968	11-19-15
5791 Lafayette Avenue	94560	680,000	3	1368	1960	11-23-15
35198 Lido Boulevard #K	94560	432,000	4	1076	1984	11-19-15
38242 Luma Terrace	94560	862,000	-	-	-	11-20-15
38219 Manzanita Street	94560	630,000	3	1379	1964	11-23-15
36768 Port Tidewood St	94560	680,000	3	1450	1975	11-23-15
5850 Thornton Avenue	94560	450,000	2	842	1946	11-18-15

SAN LEANDRO TOTAL SALES: 28						
	Highest \$:	729,000	Median \$:	500,000		
	Lowest \$:	330,000	Average \$:	514,929		
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
233 Accolade Drive	94577	656,500	4	1768	2000	11-17-15
1238 Alder Creek Circle	94577	570,000	3	1773	2002	11-20-15
725 Collier Drive	94577	729,000	3	2405	1931	11-20-15
14115 Doolittle Drive	94577	330,000	2	980	1973	11-18-15
956 Dowling Boulevard	94577	460,000	2	973	1936	11-20-15
2437 Dundee Court	94577	500,000	2	1723	1979	11-20-15
351 Elsie Avenue	94577	675,000	3	2038	1972	11-17-15
1831 Hilding Avenue	94577	540,000	5	2075	1952	11-19-15
1396 Marybelle Avenue	94577	465,000	3	1028	1944	11-17-15
136 Peralta Avenue	94577	635,000	3	1896	1946	11-19-15
529 Pershing Drive	94577	425,000	2	1242	1942	11-23-15
589 Victoria Court	94577	628,000	3	2018	1916	11-23-15
2077 Washington #311	94577	370,000	2	1325	1984	11-19-15
14775 Bancroft Avenue	94578	575,000	3	1642	1945	11-19-15
16237 Calypso Court	94578	625,500	4	1626	1994	11-18-15
972 Crespi Drive	94578	483,000	3	1107	1957	11-18-15
1523 Dennis Avenue	94578	485,000	3	1215	1948	11-19-15
3601 Figueroa Drive	94578	475,000	3	1114	1954	11-20-15
1863 Lomita Drive	94578	655,000	4	2216	1996	11-20-15
14346 Orchid Drive	94578	350,000	3	1131	1955	11-20-15
2150 Somerset Avenue	94578	490,000	4	1316	1953	11-19-15
2081 Strang Avenue	94578	400,000	3	1541	1948	11-19-15
1682 Thrush Avenue	94578	365,000	2	812	1928	11-18-15
1661 Arena Street	94579	510,000	3	1107	1956	11-23-15
1477 Burkhart Avenue	94579	500,000	3	1115	1955	11-20-15
14448 Merced Street	94579	450,000	3	1076	1952	11-18-15
15524 Montreal Street	94579	561,000	3	1419	1959	11-19-15
15033 Thoits Street	94579	510,000	3	1114	1951	11-19-15

SAN LORENZO TOTAL SALES: 7						
	Highest \$:	580,000	Median \$:	515,000		
	Lowest \$:	328,000	Average \$:	482,143		
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
1336 Culver Place	94580	400,000	3	1188	1972	11-18-15
260 Flint Court #18	94580	328,000	2	1010	1991	11-20-15
15564 Lorenzo Avenue	94580	580,000	3	1743	1988	11-18-15
16153 Via Harriet	94580	475,000	3	1519	1957	11-20-15
1685 Via Lacqua	94580	555,000	3	1143	1955	11-17-15
932 Via Mariposa	94580	515,000	3	1394	1944	11-20-15
17877 Via Rincon	94580	522,000	3	1274	1944	11-17-15

UNION CITY			TOTAL SALES: 11			
	Highest \$:	1,056,000	Median \$:	520,000		
	Lowest \$:	295,000	Average \$:	549,318		
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
33303 6th Street	94587	635,000	5	2100	1979	11-20-15
32617 Brenda Way #4	94587	295,000	2	798	1973	11-18-15
2936 Daisy Street	94587	650,000	3	1382	1971	11-20-15
1207 I Street	94587	520,000	4	1281	1928	11-20-15
213 Ladera Plaza	94587	300,000	2	685	1984	11-18-15
4205 Lunar Way	94587	455,000	4	1342	1970	11-17-15
31354 MacKinaw Street	94587	1,056,000	3	2992	1994	11-17-15
2189 Medallion Drive #3	94587	412,500	3	1134	1976	11-18-15
4234 Miramonte Way	94587	460,000	3	1155	1972	11-17-15
4705 Rose Way	94587	626,000	3	1320	1973	11-20-15
3250 Santa Isabella Court	94587	633,000	3	1396	1971	11-17-15

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Countdown to 2016

Fremont:

Smoking Pig BBQ Company is hosting a “New Year’s Eve Dance Party,” featuring a three-course barbeque meal, New Year’s Eve toast and party favors, and a performance by Patron Latin Rhythms. Tickets are available at Smoking Pig BBQ Company in Fremont and San Jose.

New Year’s Eve Dance Party
Thursday, Dec 31
7 p.m. – 1 a.m.

Smoking Pig BBQ Company
3340 Mowry Ave, Fremont
(510) 713-1854
<http://smokingpigbbq.net>
Pre-sale: \$49

Standing Room only: \$25 (food not included)

Come out and laugh with Made Up Theatre’s special improv comedy show on New Year’s Eve! In addition to the show, snacks and party favors will be provided to ticket holders, free of charge. A raffle for awesome prizes will also be held; audience members will get one raffle ticket upon entry. We’ll do a special Made Up Theatre toast and invite you to give your personal toast.

New Year’s Eve Spectacular!
Thursday, Dec 31
8 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Made Up Theatre
3392 Seldon Ct, Fremont
(510) 573-3633
www.madeuptheatre.com

Tickets: \$25 online, \$30 door price

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

New Year’s Day Butterfly Walks
Friday, Jan 1
11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd, Fremont
(510) 544-2797
www.ebparks.org
Admission: \$3 adults, \$2 children (4-17 yrs.),
under 4 are free

Hayward:

Norfolk Strikers and Sonic Soundz present the 10th annual New Year’s Eve event at Golden Peacock Grand Ballroom. Ring in the New Year with the West Coast’s hottest DJs, a performance by Bay Area’s premier Indian Band Melody Makers, and full gourmet buffet-style dinner. Tickets are sold at Golden Peacock.

Paradise Ball NYE 2016
Thursday, Dec 31
7 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.
Golden Peacock Grand Ballroom
24989 Santa Clara St, Hayward
(510) 732-2625
www.goldenpeacockbanquets.com
Tickets: \$65 per person, \$35 children

Milpitas:

India Community Center presents the “2016 New Year’s Eve Party,” with performances by Nina Sawant and La Maison Aurora, music by DJ Ahmed, Indian buffet dinner by Jalsa Catering, and an open bar with unlimited drinks. Visit www.indiacc.org/nye2016 for tickets and more information.

2016 New Year’s Eve Party
Thursday, Dec 31
7:30 p.m.
India Community Center
525 Los Coches St, Milpitas
(408) 934-1130
www.indiacc.org
Tickets: \$99 adult, \$900 table of 10

Newark:

Celebrate New Year’s Eve at Oasis Palace with cocktail drinks, a grand buffet, and live music. Book your tickets at www.sulekha.com/oasispalace.

Desi New Year’s Eve Party
Thursday, Dec 31
6 p.m.
Oasis Palace Ballroom
35145 Newark Blvd, Newark
(510) 791-2096
www.sulekha.com/oasispalace
Tickets: \$59 per person, \$425 table of 10, \$20
children (3-12 yrs.)

Oakland:

Come to Chabot Space & Science Center and celebrate strokes of midnight from around the world at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Kids count down and catch hundreds of colorful balloons as they drop from the ceiling. Participate in fun activities to receive a special prize.

Balloon Drop Celebration
Thursday, Dec 31
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Chabot Space & Science Center
10000 Skyline Blvd, Oakland
(510) 336-7373
www.chabotspace.org
Tickets: \$5 per child (members), \$5 per child
plus \$14 general admission (guests)

San Leandro:

True heroes of funk, Con Funk Shun is bringing their high-energy show to the historic BAL Theatre. Get ready for the band’s electrifying choreography and six-part vocal harmonies in a memorable New Year’s Eve show that is full of non-stop Con Funk Shun and Michael Cooper hits.

Con Funk Shun New Year’s Eve Concert
Thursday, Dec 31
8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.
BAL Theatre
14808 E 14th St, San Leandro
(510) 614-1224
www.baltheatre.com
Tickets: \$40-\$150

San Lorenzo:

Ring in the New Year with a dip in the unheated outdoor pool of the Arroyo Swim Center! The Polar Bear Plunge is open to all ages, with snacks and beverages available. Activities and mingling will start the morning, and at 9:45 a.m. everyone will plunge together!

New Year’s Polar Bear Plunge
Saturday, Jan 9
9 a.m.
Arroyo Swim Center
15701 Lorenzo Ave, San Lorenzo
(510) 881-6703
Free, donations accepted

Sunol:

Step into the New Year on Sunol’s own Bridge-to-Bridge hike, featuring a 3.5-mile hike with some steep uphill. Participants must be 7 years and older.

Five Bridges New Year’s Hike
Friday, Jan 1
1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Old Green Barn Visitor Center
Sunol Regional Wilderness
1895 Geary Rd, Sunol
(510) 544-3243
www.ebparks.org
Free
Parking: \$5

Christmas tree composting

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF FREMONT

Each year, Fremont residents buy thousands of Christmas trees that could end up in landfills if they are not properly composted. You can reduce the environmental impact of the holiday season by planting a live tree or using a reusable tree. Also, Republic Services will pick up your tree at the curb (from single family homes) to compost the tree following the holidays. Christmas trees are only compostable if they are free of all decorations, tinsel, nails, and tree stands (including the wooden kind, nailed to the bottom of the trunk). Any tree that is flocked with artificial snow, contains fire retardant, decorations, or tinsel cannot be composted and will be disposed of in the landfill.

Here are a few different ways you can compost your Christmas tree in Fremont:

A. Green Organics Cart:

Cut compostable tree so pieces fit loosely in your organics cart with the lid closed.

Place the cart at the curb on your scheduled collection day.

B. Gutter:

If your tree is less than 6 feet in length, place the whole tree in the gutter on your collection day. If your tree is over 6 feet in length, cut the tree in half and place both halves in the gutter on your collection day.

Make sure your tree is in the gutter, not on the sidewalk.

Check that your tree is free of all decorations when placed in the gutter; this helps keep our storm drains litter-free.

C. Garbage Cart: (Please use this only as the last option. Compost your tree first, if possible.)

If the tree contains flocking or decorations, cut it up so pieces fit

loosely in your garbage cart with the lid closed.

Place the blue or black garbage cart at the curb on your scheduled collection day.

If you live in a multifamily complex please contact your property manager to learn how your tree can be properly composted.

D. Drop off at Republic Services Customer Service Center:

You can also drop off your tree at the Republic Services Customer Service Center, located at 42600 Boyce Rd. from December 28, 2015 to January 29, 2016.

The customer service center is open from Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Compostable trees may be dropped off for free. There is a \$5 charge to drop trees with flocking, fire retardant, decorations, or tinsel.

If you have any questions regarding pick-up or drop-off service, please call Republic Services at (510) 657-3500.

E. Boy Scouts of America Pick-up Service:

Please make arrangements with the Boy Scouts to have your tree picked up outside your residence on Saturday, January 2, 2016.

Please mail in the coupon at: <http://fremont.gov/Document-Center/View/28845> by Wednesday, December 23, 2015.

If you choose to have the Boy Scouts pick up your tree, please do not place it anywhere near the gutter or on the sidewalk. Instead, place your tree on your lawn, driveway, or other designated outdoor area (visible from the street) that you arrange with the Boy Scouts. Christmas tree composting information is also available at www.Fremont.gov/Environment.

Fremont goes solar in a big way

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF FREMONT

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 the municipal greenhouse gas “footprint” by more than five percent, saving the City \$2.6 million on energy bills over the next 20 years.

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: <http://www.fremont.gov/565/Solar-Photovoltaic-Installations>

These efforts bring us one step closer to achieving our community-wide 25 percent greenhouse gas reduction goal by 2020 and improve our chances at bringing home the \$5 Million Georgetown University Energy Prize (<https://www.fremont.gov/guep>).

Give blood in January for National Blood Donor Month

SUBMITTED BY NATIVIDAD LEWIS

This January, during National Blood Donor Month, the American Red Cross encourages people to roll up their sleeves to give blood to help maintain a sufficient blood supply for patients.

Since 1970, National Blood Donor Month has been observed in January to not only honor blood and platelet donors, but also to help increase donations during the winter months. Maintaining a sufficient blood supply for patients is difficult at this time of year because extreme winter weather and seasonal illnesses often impact donor turnout.

The Red Cross encourages eligible donors to resolve to give blood regularly, beginning in January. Donors with all blood types are needed, especially those with types

AB, O, B negative and A negative.

To make an appointment to donate blood, download the free Red Cross Blood Donor App from app stores, visit redcross-blood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Upcoming local blood donation opportunities:

Saturday, Jan 2
7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Fremont - Newark Blood Donation Center
39227 Cedar Blvd, Newark

Tuesday, Jan 5
1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Sillman Activity Center
6800 Mowry Ave, Newark

Friday, Jan 8
7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Fremont - Newark Blood Donation Center
39227 Cedar Blvd, Newark

Saturday, Jan 9
7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Fremont - Newark Blood Donation Center
39227 Cedar Blvd, Newark

Saturday, Jan 9
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Transfiguration Church
4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd,
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Saturday, Jan 9
10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Milpitas Public Library
160 N. Main St, Milpitas

Wednesday, Jan 13
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
CSUEB, New University Union
25800 Carlos Bee Blvd, Hayward

Friday, Jan 15
7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Fremont - Newark Blood Donation Center
39227 Cedar Blvd, Newark

Call: 1-(800) 733-2767
redcrossblood.org

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Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa was created in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, professor of African Studies at California State University, Long Beach, in the hopes to “preserve, continually revitalize, and promote African-American culture.” The weeklong celebration highlights the seven principles, or Nguzo Saba, by lighting a candle on the kinara (candleholder) each night. The seven principles are Umoja (unity), Kujichagulia (self-determination), Ujima (collective work and responsibility), Ujamaa (cooperative economics), Nia (purpose), Kuumba (creativity) and Imani (faith).

Along with the Nguzo Saba, the community also recognizes the seven basic symbols that represent values and concepts reflective of their culture, such as harvest celebrations, tradition and history. These symbols are mazao (crops), mkeka (mat), kinara (candleholder), muhindi (corn), mishumaa saba (seven candles), kikombe cha umoja (unity cup), and zawadi (gifts).

There are several Kwanzaa celebrations in Oakland, as well as an event in San Leandro hosted by Grandmothers Who Help, an organization that promotes African-American culture by bringing exhibits into educational environments. Although the programs are free, those willing to participate are encouraged to bring a dish or drinks to share, and/or wear African clothing.

East Bay Church of Religious Science in Oakland is asking for gifts of money or toys for children five years and older.

Kwanzaa Celebration
Saturday, Dec 26
4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
East Bay Church of Religious Science
4130 Telegraph Ave, Oakland
(510) 420-1003
www.ebcrs.org
Free

Wo'se Community Kwanzaa Celebration
Saturday, Dec 26
5:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Holy Redeemer Center
8945 Golf Links Rd, Oakland
RSVP: (510) 632-8230
www.wosecommunity.org
Free

Light On, Kwanzaa!
Wednesday, Dec 30
3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Oakland Public Library
West Oakland Branch
1801 Adeline St, Oakland
(510) 238-7352
www.oaklandlibrary.org
Free

Celebrate Kwanzaa
Friday, Jan 1
3 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Broadmoor Plaza
232 E 14th St, San Leandro
RSVP: (925) 606-7239
www.grandmotherswhohelp.com

Proposes new rates

SUBMITTED BY
MICHELLE POWELL

Union Sanitary District (USD) is proposing rate increases over the next five years to cover rising costs associated with providing service and maintaining aging infrastructure. The district recently mailed notices of a January 25, 2016 public hearing on the proposed rate changes to all property owners in Fremont, Newark and Union City.

If adopted, rates for single-family residences, the majority of USD's customers, would increase 1 percent in fiscal year 2017 and 3.5 percent in each of the four following fiscal years. The current annual rate for single-family residences is \$377. If adopted, in FY 2017 the rate would increase by \$3.05 to \$380.05. In the fifth year, the rate would be \$436.12.

The proposed rates are based on the results of a comprehensive study of the cost of providing sewer service from July 2016 through June 2021. They reflect the study's calculations of minimum rate increases for each year that would allow the District to meet its capital, operational, and reserve expense requirements.

In anticipation of lower revenues resulting from California's ongoing drought, the district was able in FY 2016 to modify some operating expenses and delay certain capital projects. These adjustments reduced the overall cost pressure on FY 2017, allowing for a lower rate increase than in the following years. Overall, the rate increases are lower than in previous years and keep USD's rates among the lowest in the region.

"USD's rates are within the lowest 11 percent of 26 Bay Area wastewater service providers surveyed, yet we provide some of the most extensive services," said General Manager Paul Eldredge. "We understand that no one likes a rate increase, and we strive to provide a reliable, essential service as efficiently and cost-effectively as possible. Even with the proposed increases, our rates would remain well below those of other Bay Area agencies."

An informational meeting will be held prior to the public hearing to provide customers the opportunity to meet USD's staff and ask questions about the proposed rates and services the district provides to the Tri-Cities. It will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at the Fremont Main Library, 2400 Stevenson Blvd., in Fremont. All members of the community are invited to attend.

"The cost of operating and maintaining these facilities continues to rise year after year, often outpacing inflation," Eldredge said. USD is projecting to spend more than \$175 million for improvements to the Tri-City sewer and treatment system infrastructure over the next 10 years.

"Some of our pipelines date back to the early 1900s, and the majority of the current treatment plant was first constructed in 1978," said Eldredge. "Although our assets are well-maintained, repair and replacement of aging facilities is critical to reliable service and continued protection of public health."

Property owners may protest the proposed rates via mail, email or fax until 5 p.m. on January 25, 2016, or in-person before the close of the public comment portion of the public hearing, which will be held at 7 p.m. on January 25, 2016 in the District Boardroom, 5072 Benson Road, Union City.

Protests must contain the property owner's name, the street address or assessor's parcel number (or other parcel description), and must be signed, unless sent via email, by the property owner.

Protests may be submitted by mail to Union Sanitary District – Rate Protest FY17-21 at 5072 Benson Road, Union City, CA 94587, by email to rates@union-sanitary.ca.gov, or by fax to (510) 477-7501.

Public Hearing on USD Rate Hike
Monday, Jan 25
7 p.m.
USD District Boardroom
5072 Benson Rd, Union City
510/ 477-7634
www.unionsanitary.ca.gov



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Washington Township Museum selected for match grant

SUBMITTED BY PATRICIA SCHAFFARCZYK

For the second year in a row, Washington Township Museum of Local History has been selected for a matching grant of \$5,000 from Despeaux Good Works Fund at East Bay Community Foundation (EBCF). This grant will allow for the continuation of cataloging and archiving unique and valuable collections related to the area.

Harriet Despeaux, a Fremont philanthropist who died in 2011, left a substantial estate to be administered by EBCF for grants to nonprofit organizations in Fremont, Newark and Union City. The current round of grants focuses on local nonprofits that work in the fields of education, environment, social services and health.

Conditions of the grant include a matching provision – the grant must be matched on a 1-to-1 basis in order for the Museum to receive any funds. Because of this, the Museum is turning to the community for help; local businesses and residents are encouraged to donate to this worthy cause.

Kelsey Camello, a dedicated employee of the Museum, shares, "I began my association with the Museum as a research student. That association quickly turned into a combination of a volunteer position tackling membership and the newsletter, as well as a board position. One year ago we were presented with a \$5,000 matching grant from the

Despeaux Good Works Fund, thanks to the East Bay Community Foundation. We worked hard over four months to match that grant dollar-for-dollar, even exceeding the \$5,000 minimum that we needed. We came out of that with a nice pot of money for payroll, and an idea for a new position within the Museum - an onsite cataloguer/archivist."

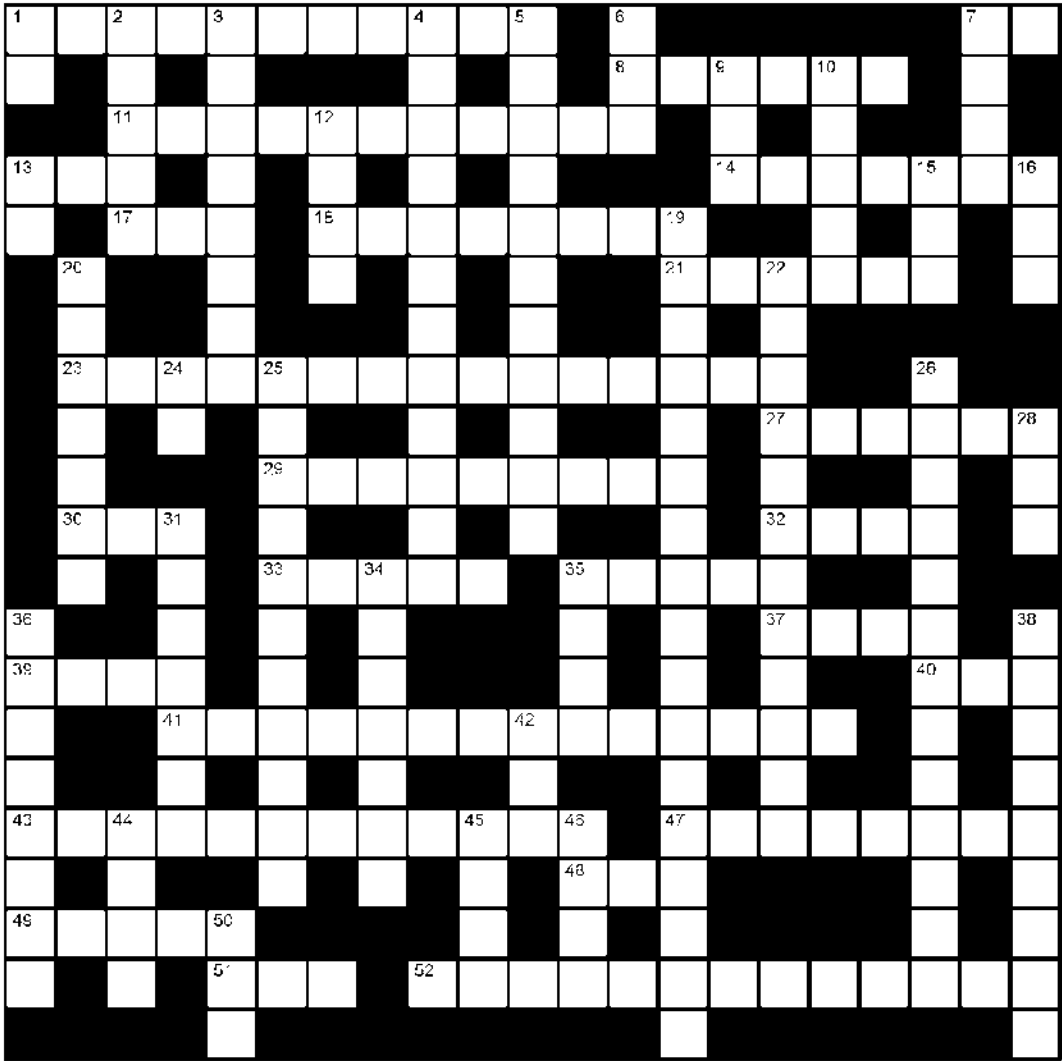
For more information, please contact the Museum at (510) 623-7907. Donations should be made out to the Museum of Local History Guild, for Archival/Cataloguing, and mailed to 190 Anza St., Fremont, CA 94539. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays, as well as the second Saturday and Sunday of each month.



Mind Twisters

Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 no significance (11)
7 "to __, or not to __" (2)
8 consequence (6)
11 progress (11)
13 "I __ you one" (3)
14 guttural sound (7)
17 Animal house (3)
18 extremely good (8)
21 addicted (6)
23 qualities (15)
27 Doings (6)
29 between south and east (5-4)
30 40 winks (3)
32 Cast a ballot (4)
33 hairstyle (5)
35 TV or movie genre (5)
37 Conflicted (4)
39 dull, heavy sound (4)
40 Balloon filler (3)

- 41 meaning (14)
43 reference materials (12)
47 pillows (8)
48 Common deciduous tree (3)
49 Quarters (5)
51 "Thank You (Falettinme Be Mice ___ Agin)" (#1 hit of 1970) (3)
52 lines that meet at a right angle (13)

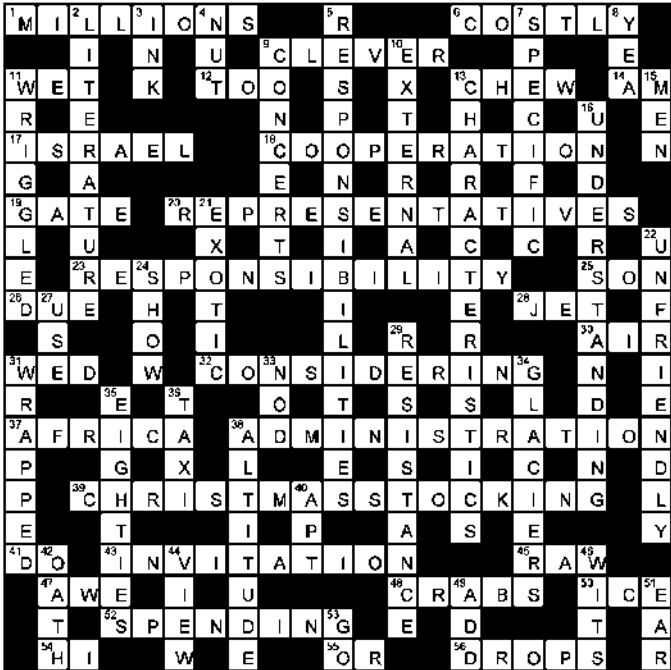
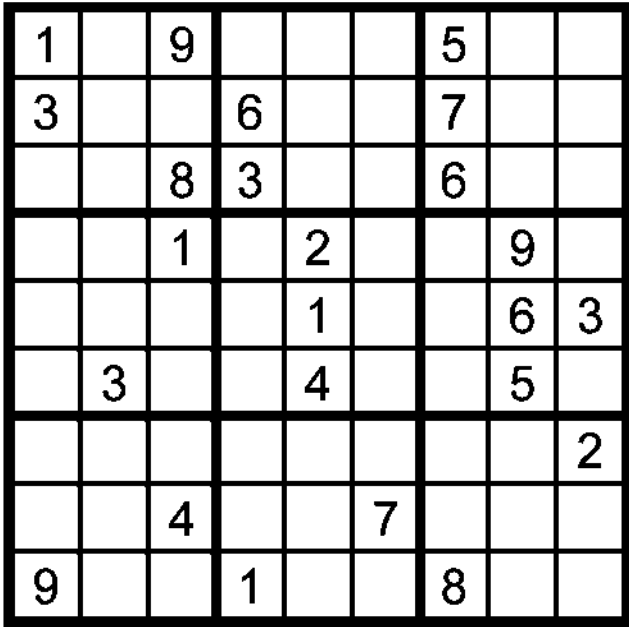
Down

- 1 possessive pronoun (2)
2 Extra (5)
3 creator (8)
4 early stages (12)
5 specific line of work/study (11)
6 Big Apple attraction, with "the" (3)
7 In need of resupply, maybe (4)
9 cloudlike mass (3)
10 time (5)
12 "___ go!" (4)

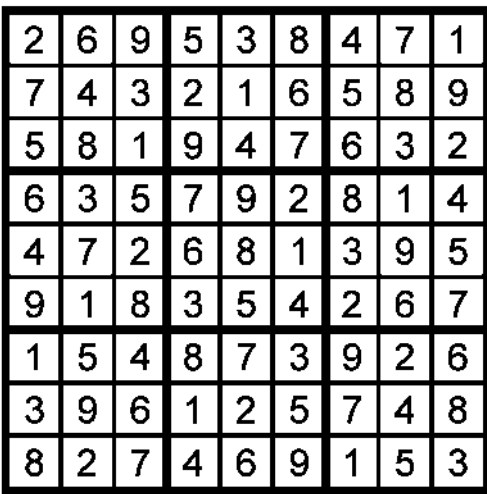
- 13 preposition (2)
15 Cover (3)
16 four-legged animal (3)
19 holiday item (9,8)
20 mechanical apparatus (7)
22 remarks; comments (12)
24 sharp tool (2)
25 connection (11)
26 among nations (13)
28 Undertake, with "out" (3)
31 Guess (7)
34 seclusion (7)
35 Balance sheet item (4)
36 an approved model (8)
38 Convey (9)
42 __ of the Tiger (3)
44 cold (4)
45 Doing nothing (4)
46 Early course (4)
50 Caribbean, e.g. (3)

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 23 - DECEMBER 29, 2015 By VIVIAN CAROL

For All Signs: Christmas 2015 is distinctive in that it happens to occur on the full moon of Cancer. Those with snow on the ground will enjoy a classic Christmas-card scenario. The sign of Cancer is all about nurturing and caretaking those who are hungry, lost and without a home. This year many in the U.S. and over the world have no home or place of safety. We who are warm and well fed should be grateful for our good fortune and generous to those who do not have such benefits. Christmas follows on the heels of the winter solstice - the darkest day of the year. As it becomes clear that the sun will, in fact, return, we celebrate the birth of hope for new life within our psyche and on the planet. May each of you experience a personal awareness of hope and expectation of joy in the year to come. Mercury will change directions next week on January 5 in the sign of Capricorn.

Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20): Mercury will be interfering with you for the next couple of weeks. It is not a good time to make important decisions or sign contracts. You don't yet have enough information. Equipment breakage or software snafus may interfere with your quiet time during this week.

Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20): Love and social life are highly favored during the days around Christmas. Gifts, whether given or received, are meaningful. You have favorable aspects concerning romance and family life. Your creative energies are high and you may be enjoying beautiful things.

Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20): Experiences of this week give you joy and gratitude for your family. Travel and communing with loved ones at a distance is favored. The temptation to overspend is strong. Consider what would be fun and interesting that doesn't require a big expenditure.

Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21): Your mind and heart are clearly in sync at this time.

You are likely at peace with yourself. There is a solid and practical solution at hand and you do not have to quarrel with yourself over it. Activities involving your partner and/or other creative products of your being are favored.

Leo the Lion (July 22-August 22): Christmas is a season you generally love, although you often overwork. This year you are particularly mindful of that which represents spirit in your life. You see the meaning in things more than is your norm. You are especially likely to find delight in certain movies, theater or books.

Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22): This appears to be a happy week for you. There is particular emphasis on the areas of romance and children. You are enjoying all celebrations. Your frame of mind is expansive and optimistic. You want to talk to everybody in sight but particularly to those closest to you.

Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22): You have favorable aspects from Venus between the 24th and the 26th. You will likely be engaging in social activi-

ties that please you over this holiday. Don't drink and drive on New Year's Eve. Stay home. There may be an accident concerning your home or property that you could avoid.

Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21): Whatever you begin now will likely have to be done again within the next month. Think new activities through carefully. Aspects approaching Christmas are favorable, but your physical and emotional cycles are dragging from the 29th through New Year's. Stay out of harm's way and don't push your body beyond what it seems willing to do.

Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21): You have a desire to reach outward to others. You want to share ideas and express yourself in a larger framework. An angel in the background is speaking well of you, and this is likely to help your career. Your ideas are meaningful and will generate interesting conversations.

Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19): Mercury is in your sign and will turn retro-

grade on January 5. It is already affecting your routine life. Have you noticed multiple changes in your calendar, issues with your computer, communication problems, or travels going awry? Have a sense of humor and blame it on Mercury.

Aquarius the Water Bearer (January 20-February 18): Give careful attention to your car and also to any machinery you may be handling. Equipment breakdowns are possible. Of course they always come at highly inconvenient times. Be prepared with backup or extra parts. Your reflexes are off. Use caution with the world of the physical during this period.

Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20): Your imagination could go overboard this week and you might be overly reactive to imagined slights. Double check on facts, data, and directions that come your way. Pay careful attention to communications and messages. You are prone to hear/read what you expect and that may not be what was intended.

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Letters to Santa help wishes come true



Oakland A's mascot, Stomper, with Claudine Dentoni, 2nd-grade teacher at Azevada Elementary School

SUBMITTED BY MARK LARSON
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As part of the annual Macy's Make-a-Wish Believe Campaign, Azevada Elementary School in Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) won the local "Race to Believe" competition, a Bay Area-wide challenge that included over 50 local schools that competed to write 5,000 letters to Santa the fastest. Claudine Dentoni, a 2nd-grade teacher at Azevada Elementary School, orchestrated the 211,000 letters from FUSD. She is responsible for getting nearly 30 Fremont schools involved and having thousands of letters written each year as her class is awarded the "Race to Believe Champions" trophy.

On Friday, December 11, 2015 as part of National Believe Day, local schools dropped off tens of thousands of letters to Santa at Macy's in Walnut Creek. Oakland A's mascot, Stomper, was also in attendance.

Through Thursday, December 24, "Believers" of all ages can bring their stamped letters to Santa to their local Macy's store, or send a letter by visiting macys.com/believe. For each letter received, Macy's will donate \$1 to Make-A-Wish - up to \$1 million - to help grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions. For each letter received on National Believe Day, Macy's will double the donation to Make-A-Wish to \$2 per letter.

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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.
and 12:30 p.m.



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Washington High School's (WHS) seventh annual walk-a-thon, "Paws for a Cause," kicked off on Saturday, November 14, 2015 in Fremont. Over 300 students, with family and friends (and even dogs) walked in honor of those who have been affected by cancer. Participants received community service hours and raised over \$8,400 for Drivers For Survivors (DFS). DFS provides free medical care-related transportation and volunteer companionship for cancer patients.

Lauren Floro created Paws for Cause seven years ago when a student and Associate Student Body (ASB) secretary at WHS. She is now a teacher there and worked with Student Activities Coordinator Helen Paris, coordinator of WHS' Leadership Club, to continue this event. Ria Nigam, current ASB secretary, delegated and organized the event with help of

her peers from Leadership. The event was also made possible by support from WHS Principal Bob Moran and Faith Marcelo, Chase Massone and Esther Gnanadoss, who enlisted sponsors including Traders Joe's, Chipotle, AMC, Blaze Pizza, Panda Express, Starbucks and many more.

Purple and white balloons, colorful banners, and booths transformed WHS into an official fundraising walk-a-thon for DFS. DFS Founder Sherry Higgs, a survivor of Inflammatory Breast Cancer, alongside Principal Moran, cut a ribbon and led the walk. The track was marked by balloons and signs with messages such as "Believe There is a Hope for a Cure"; and the sound of empowering music. After the walk, participants blew bubbles in unison to honor those supported by DFS' cause.

If anyone is interested in learning more about DFS' services, or is interested in being a volunteer, please contact (510) 579-0535 or email volunteer@driversforsurvivors.org. You can also visit the DFS Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Drivers-ForSurvivors for more information. If you would like to make a donation, please visit <http://driversforsurvivors.org/donors/donate>.



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Mon: 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Tues & Thurs: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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PhotoCentral
1099 E St., Hayward
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Friday, Oct 3 - Sunday, Jan 10

Views of Nature

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4901 Breakwater Ave., Hayward
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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

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

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
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Tuesday, Dec 8 - Friday, Dec 24

Giving Hope Holiday Program

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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Fremont City Hall
3300 Capitol Ave., Fremont
(510) 574-2057
mdominguez@fremont.gov
www.fremont.gov/hsdonate

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

Arts & Entertainment

Thursdays, Dec 17 thru Jan 28

Bingo \$

1 p.m.
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Newark Senior Center
7401 Enterprise Dr., Newark
(510) 578-4840
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Mondays, Dec 21 thru Jan 25

Bunco

10 a.m.
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Tuesday, Dec 15 - Thursday, Dec 24

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Capital Ave. between Liberty St.
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www.westcoastfarmersmarkets.org

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Thursdays

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Year-round
39400 Paseo Padre Pkwy.,
Fremont
800-949-FARM
www.pcfma.com

Irvington Farmers' Market

Sundays

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Year-round
Bay Street and Trimboli Way,
Fremont
800-949-FARM
www.pcfma.com

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Saturdays

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Year-round
Niles Town Plaza
37592 Niles Blvd., Fremont
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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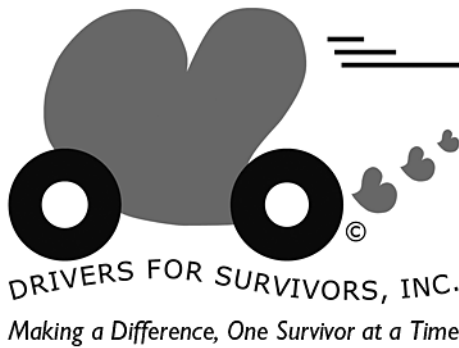
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Tuesday, Dec 22

Richard King's Cabaret Christmas

7 p.m.

Enjoy singing and musical entertainment

Temple Hill
4770 Lincoln Ave., Oakland
(510) 531-1475
www.TempleHillEvents.com

Thursday, Dec 24

Candlelight Christmas Service

11 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Music, carols and sermon
Niles Discovery Church of
Fremont
36600 Niles Blvd., Fremont
(510) 797-0895
www.nilesdiscoverychurch.org

Friday, Dec 25

Holiday Spectacular \$

8 p.m.

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3392 Seldon Ct., Fremont
(510) 573-3633
www.madeuptheatre.com

Saturday, Dec 26

Jr. Refuge Ranger Program - R

10:30 a.m. - 12 noon

Activities to earn a Refuge Ranger Badge

SF Bay Wildlife Refuge
1 Marshlands Rd., Fremont
(510) 792-0222
<http://donedwardsranger.eventbrite.com>

Saturday, Dec 26

Find the Elusive Gray Fox

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

Search for clues to find wildlife

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Saturday, Dec 26

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2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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www.wosecommunity.org

Saturday, Dec 26

Movie Night \$

7:30 p.m.

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Niles Essanay Theater
37417 Niles Blvd, Fremont
(510) 494-1411
www.nilesfilmmuseum.org

Sunday, Dec 27

South Marsh Bird Hike

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Quarry Lakes
2250 Isherwood Way, Fremont
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www.ebparks.org

Monday, Dec 28

Coyote Cubs

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

*Games, crafts and activities for
preschoolers*

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

Monday, Dec 28

Cut, Glue, 3-D Print and Holiday Crafts

1:45 p.m.

*Tickets available at Children's Reference
Desk*

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

Tuesday, Dec 29

American Red Cross Blood Drive - R

2 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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St. Joachim Catholic Church
21250 Hesperian Blvd.,
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Wednesday, Dec 30

Light On, Kwanzaa

3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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and food*

Oakland Public Library
1801 Adeline St, Oakland
(510) 238-7352
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Thursday, Dec 31

New Year's Eve Gala \$

7:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

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10:00 – 11:15 Daycare Center
Visit – UNION CITY
2:00 – 2:30 Fremont Hills Senior
Living, 35490 Mission Blvd.,
FREMONT
2:45 – 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

Wednesday, Dec 23
2:00 – 4:00 Warm Springs Com-
munity Center,
47300 Fernald St., FREMONT
4:15 – 4:50 Lone Tree Creek
Park, Starlit Way & Turquoise
St., FREMONT
6:00 – 6:30 Camellia Dr. &
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Thursday, Dec 24
9:30 – 10:15 Daycare Center
Visit, UNION CITY
10:30 – 10:50 Daycare Center
Visit, UNION CITY
2:00 – 2:30 Daycare Center Visit,
SAN LORENZO
2:45 – 3:40 Bay School, 2001
Bockman Rd., SAN LORENZO

Monday, Dec 28
10:00 – 10:25 Daycare Center
Visit, FREMONT
10:45 – 11:15 Daycare Center
Visit, FREMONT

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

Tuesday, Dec 29
9:45– 10:15 Daycare Center Visit
– FREMONT
10:45 – 11:15 Daycare Center
Visit – FREMONT
2:15 – 2:45 Daycare Center Visit
- NEWARK
4:30 – 5:20 Weibel School,
45135 South Grimmer Blvd.,
FREMONT
5:50 – 6:40 Booster Park, Gable
Dr. & McDuff Ave., FREMONT

Wednesday, Dec 30
12:45 – 2:15 Glenmoor School,
4620 Mattos Drive, FREMONT
2:45 – 3:45 Mission Hills Middle
School, 250 Tamarack Dr.,
UNION CITY
4:00 – 4:30 Purple Lotus Bud-
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New Year's Eve Dance Party \$
7 p.m. - 1 a.m.
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Thursday, Dec 31
New Year's Eve Spectacular \$
8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Comedy show snacks and raffle
Made Up Theatre
3392 Seldon Ct., Fremont
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Thursday, Dec 31
Paradise Ball NYE 2016 \$
7:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
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Golden Peacock Banquet Hall
24989 Santa Clara Street,
Hayward
(510) 732-2625
www.goldenpeacockbanquets.com

Thursday, Dec 31
New Year's Eve Party \$
7:30 p.m.
Music, dancing, dinner and drinks
India Community Center
525 Los Coches Street, Milpitas
408-934-1130
www.indiacc.org/nye2016

Thursday, Dec 31
Desi New Year's Eve Party \$
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Now Circa Then

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The Douglas Morrisson Theatre (DMT) is excited to announce the second production in the 2015-2016 Bare Bones staged reading series: “Now Circa Then” by Carly Mensch. This sweet-spirited romantic comedy, about two historical re-enactors, will have one performance on Monday, January 11 at 8 p.m.

In their jobs as tour guides and historical “re-enactors” in a tenement museum on the Lower East Side of New York, Gideon and Margie portray a poor but enterprising Prussian Jewish immigrant couple circa 1890. Gideon is somewhat of an expert

at reenactment – he’s “done” Plymouth and Salem, a few Renaissance Fairs and two Air and Space museums. Margie just needed a job. As their private lives become entwined in those of the characters they play, the two learn to find themselves as adults and navigate new beginnings.

Now Circa Then
Monday, Jan 11
8 p.m.
Douglas Morrisson Theatre
22311 N. Third St, Hayward
510) 881-6777
www.dmtonline.org
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SUBMITTED BY LAURA CORREA-HERNANDEZ

The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (H.A.R.D.) will be accepting entries for the 53rd Annual Battle of the Bands Live Auditions. The entry deadline is Friday, January 8, 2016 or until 30 bands have registered.

Band finalists will have a chance to play in front of an audience of over 1,000 people, acquire musical exposure, and have an opportunity to win prizes such as studio time, musical equipment, and professional services.

“The Battle” has years of history of quality musicianship, impressive performances, and can boast of famous past competitors such as Y&T, Fungo Mungo, and The Four Fendermans. Over 30 bands will compete in an audition and the top 12 are invited to take the stage at the Chabot College Performing Arts Center before an energetic crowd of over a thousand people on Saturday, February 27, 2015.

Auditions will take place on Saturday, January 16, 2016 at Hayward’s Matt Jimenez Community Center. Pre-registration is required and includes an application and non-refundable fee of \$20. Entry forms are now available and will be accepted until January 8, 2016 or until 30 bands are registered.

Visit www.HaywardRec.org/bands for important dates and to download an entry form. For additional information, please call (510) 888-0211 or email MaiM@haywardrec.org

Park It

BY NED MACKAY

The presents will have been opened, the turkey served, and everyone will be looking for something to do besides standing in line to see “Star Wars.” Well, the East Bay Regional Park District is ready to help.

Although park district visitor centers will be closed on Christmas Day, the parks and trails will be open as usual for hiking, bicycling, and even picnicking if weather permits. Generally park hours are from 8 a.m. to dusk.

And park district naturalists have scheduled lots of family-friendly programs in the days following Christmas.

One option is Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont, where monarch butterflies are stars of the show. Ardenwood’s naturalists will conduct monarch-themed slide shows and greenhouse visits from 11 a.m. to noon on both Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 26 and 27.

Ardenwood is located at 34600 Ardenwood Boulevard, just north of Highway 84. Winter admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 4 through 17, and free for kids under 4 years old. Parking is free. Call 510-544-2797 for information.

Nearby at Coyote Hills Regional Park, naturalist Francis Mendoza will lead an early but easy bird-watching walk from 8 to 10 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 27. You may see winter migratory birds, raptors, and maybe even a burrowing owl along the way. All levels of bird expertise are welcome.

The walk is for ages 15 and older, and parent participation is required. Bring water, sunscreen,

and binoculars or scopes. Meet at the park’s Quarry parking lot, which is on Patterson Ranch Road about half a mile in from the park entrance. Call 510-544-3220 for information.

At Sunol Regional Wilderness, naturalist Katie Colbert plans a “Gift-We-Can’t-Return” family hike from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26. It’s an easy two-mile walk to enjoy seasonal beauties and signs of wildlife.

The park is at the end of Geary Road off Calaveras Road five miles south of I-680 in southern Alameda County. For information, call 510-544-3243.

Up the road at Crab Cove Visitor Center in Alameda, there’s a Holiday Open House from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 26 and 27, and again on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 30 and 31.

Crab Cove naturalists plan a smorgasbord of special activities during the open houses, including nature crafts, games, and interaction with the center’s resident snake and turtle.

From 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day there will be videos about bay and ocean creatures, with popcorn and cider served. From 1 to 2 p.m. it’s Bird Bingo time. From 2 to 3 p.m. there’s a family nature fun treasure hunt using map and compass. And from 3 to 3:30 you can watch the staff feed the fish in the center aquarium.

Crab Cove is at 1252 McKay Ave. off Alameda’s Central Avenue. For information, call 544-3187.

Looking ahead, the Wednesday Walkers will close out 2015 with a walk on Dec. 30 through several of the labyrinths at Sibley

Volcanic Regional Preserve in the Oakland hills.

Meet at 9:30 a.m. under the shade shelter at Sibley’s main entrance on Skyline Boulevard, a short distance south of the intersection with Grizzly Peak Boulevard.

Fire scorched a lot of acreage earlier this year at Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve in Antioch. To see how the burned area has fared since then, naturalist Eddie Willis will lead a hike through it from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27.

Meet Eddie at the end of Frederickson Lane off Golf Course Road. Heavy rain cancels the hike. For information, call 888-327-2757, ext. 2750.

Whether you got a camera for Christmas or you already have one, consider joining naturalist Kevin Dixon on a photo safari from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26 at Morgan Territory Regional Preserve east of Mt. Diablo. Morgan Territory is really beautiful this time of year, with vistas of Mt. Diablo, green grasslands, and oak woodlands refreshed by rain.

Meet at the main parking lot on Morgan Territory Road, about nine miles south of Marsh Creek Road in Clayton. For information, call 888-327-2757, ext. 2750.

Or you can visit Morgan Territory from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 31 with naturalist Mike Moran, who has been conducting a bird of prey census there for many years.

No experience is necessary; Mike will show you how to identify raptors. The activity is free of charge, but registration is required. Call 888-327-2757, select option 2, and refer to program 11467.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The solution to Mission Peak and other parking needs

We citizens, through our elected representatives, need to:

- Provide adequate off-street parking,
- Post the necessary signs,
- Deny use of any amenity beyond current parking facilities as inappropriate use, and
- Provide enforcement. California Vehicle Code (CVC) “22519. Local authorities may by ordinance or resolution prohibit, restrict or regulate the parking, stopping or standing of vehicles on any offstreet parking facility which it owns or operates. No such ordinance or resolution shall apply until signs giving notice thereof have been erected.”

Where to get the money:

It seems on July 14, 2015, the City of Fremont sold 7 acres of land (Palm Avenue) to Summer Hill Homes for \$22.35 million dollars. That land was initially purchased to develop a park with athletic fields. Of that total sales amount of \$22.35M, only \$900,000 was earmarked for a park on the remaining 12.8 acres—an “in like” or “in kind” use. That leaves \$22.35M minus \$0.90M = \$21.45M left for park use—such as adopting both Options A and B for Mission Peak parking since 345 parking spaces would still be insufficient with the influx from new residential-approved housing.

I believe:

- The California Vehicle Code is right. According to its regulations, anyone may park on a public street—as long as that vehicle is not violating another regulation. However, as shown in the solution above, the California Ve-

hicle Code regulations are not the only rules governing residential neighborhoods.

- Mission Peak Conservancy is right. Our elected representatives should not allow streets used and maintained by citizens to be restricted “by permit only” for residents of any one particular neighborhood.

• Mission Peak area residents are right. The Federal Constitution, the California State Constitution, County regulations, and Fremont’s Municipal Code all give residents the right to the enjoyment of their homes—as long as they, themselves, do not violate the rights of other residents while doing so. All Fremont public employees swear to uphold federal and state constitutions as a requirement of employment.

- Mission Peak park users are right. Public parks are provided for public use. When a park’s use exceeds its capabilities, the owners of that park are creating a public nuisance. Mission Peak is owned by us—the citizens. The elected representatives of citizens hold a position of public trust. Providing services to citizens, not creating revenue is their goal. Creating more employees raises salaries for the top one-third of public employees when based on a comparison scale with other cities which rewards higher population, a greater number of employees, and a larger industrial base—but it raises recurring expenses to citizens for wages, benefits, pensions, maintenance, and infrastructure.

Faye McKay
Fremont

Board Envisions Regional Trails, Habitat Restoration for Delta Property

SUBMITTED BY CAROLYN JONES

The East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors voted unanimously Tuesday, December 15, to purchase 646 acres of farmland in eastern Contra Costa County to expand the District’s holdings in the ecologically sensitive Delta area.

The property will eventually be restored to tidal and freshwater wetlands, alkali meadow and oak savanna, providing habitat for the Swainson’s hawk, giant garter snake, silvery legless lizard, western burrowing owl and tri-colored blackbird, among other species. In addition to providing habitat for special status species, the restoration will also address persistent flooding issues in the community of Knightsen.

Park District planners also hope the property will provide a key trail link - both for hikers and bicyclists as well as kayakers - connecting Big Break Regional Shoreline and the future Delta Access Regional Recreation Area.

“This is great news for eastern Contra Costa County as well as the whole East Bay,” said Board member Diane Burgis, whose ward includes the Delta area. “Not only will we be providing recreational opportunities, but we’ll be preserving beautiful Delta land for wildlife as well as future generations.”

East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy Board Chair Randy Pope agreed.

“This presents a unique opportunity for the region,” Pope said. “We can conserve valuable habitat on the shoreline of the Delta, provide more recreation opportunities, and address the risk of flooding in a vulnerable area.”

The Park District is purchasing the property from the Nunn family, a longtime Contra Costa County farming family, for its appraised fair-market value of \$6.1 million. The East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy will provide 90 percent of the purchase price (through state and federal land conservation grants) and the Park District will pay the remaining 10 percent (through Measure WW funds).

The Park District will lease the land back to the Nunn family for two years, beginning Jan. 31, 2016, before moving ahead with restoration plans in partnership with the Conservancy.

The property is located 2 miles north of Brentwood in the community of Knightsen.

Shelter animals find homes for the holidays

SUBMITTED BY ANNA MAY

Hayward Animal Shelter’s Home for the Holidays adoption event sponsored by SantaCon Hayward on December 12 and 13 resulted in 21 animals finding new homes! However, some pets still need homes, and select pets are sponsored for free adoption to qualified homes while the funds last (\$17 dog licensing fee applies).

To welcome a new family member for the holidays, visit Hayward Animal Shelter, located at 16 Barnes Court, or for more information, call (510) 293-7200 or visit www.haywardanimals.org.



Milpitas switches to reusable bags

On Friday, January 1, 2016 all grocery and retail stores in Milpitas are no longer allowed to provide plastic carryout bags at checkout. Retailers may provide a paper bag made of 40 percent post-consumer recycled content for 10 cents each. Plastic produce bags are excluded from the ban, and restaurants may still provide plastic bags for carryout.

In Milpitas, Coyote Creek was declared “impaired by trash” and thereby in violation of the federal Clean Water Act. Tularcitos Creek and Los Coches Creek have considerable amounts of litter. Milpitas and other Bay Area cities are required to reduce litter in waterways in order to comply with state and federal regulations. Plastic bags are one source of plastic litter with a simple alternative – a reusable bag.

Receive a free reusable bag by calling the City of Milpitas Reuse Line at (408) 586-2680; leave your name and full address. Please allow two weeks for delivery. Only one free bag per Milpitas household is offered.

Cortese chosen as Board President

SUBMITTED BY JANICE ROMBECK

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the nomination of Supervisor Dave Cortese as Board President for 2016, and Supervisor Joe Simitian as Board Vice President. The action came at the Tuesday, December 8, Board meeting, with a formal vote to be taken at the first Board meeting on January 12, 2016. Both supervisors currently serve in those roles.

On Tuesday, November 3, the Board voted to allow the Board President and Vice President to serve two consecutive one-year terms to provide greater continuity and more time to accomplish goals and initiatives.

“I will be honored to serve again as the President of the Board,” said Supervisor Cortese. “We have accomplished a lot this year, but another year as Board President will allow us to continue the momentum.”

Among initiatives launched by Supervisor Cortese in 2015:

Homelessness – Efforts focused on short-term solutions to provide shelter for homeless and long-term plans for increasing affordable housing.

Neighborhood Safety Unit –A collaboration of schools, social service providers, law enforcement and community organizations are working with neighborhoods with high juvenile crime rates.

Type 2 Diabetes Prevention –Supervisors Cortese and Yeager and the Public Health Department are running a campaign, to stop the increase of type 2 Diabetes in Santa Clara County.

Alviso County Marina Park –Supervisor Cortese, the Sheriff’s Department, the County Parks and Recreation Department and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service started an educational boat tour program from the Alviso Marina.

The Board President runs the Board meetings and sets direction for initiatives, goals and outcomes for the year in which he or she is serving. The Board President also assigns Board members to committees and approves the agendas before meetings.

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

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Cecil Snoopston, Junior Detective in

The Gumshoe Mystery

My brother Timmy and I discovered a broken lawn gnome in our yard.



Obviously, it was your pet monkey. That's the culprit! He's always monkeying around!



No way! Mondo was with me all day!

Just then, Timmy noticed an important clue—a shoeprint in a blob of gum. He thought the tread looked like our dad's sneakers!



Timmy used this observation to keep investigating. Little brothers can be so stubborn!



Chewy Clues

Timmy and Mondo interviewed mom and dad. They left clues in the gumballs below for Cecil. Write down every other letter to discover who broke the gnome.



D F A P D
Q T H R O
I G P M P
Z E J D V O H N
L I R T K M U O
P W T I R N P G
A T G H F E D L
V A B W T N

Well, I've solved another mystery!



Walter Diemer developed bubble gum in 1928. It was pink because that was the only food color he had available. His product was called **Dubble Bubble** and it became a top seller.

What's in bubble gum?

Originally gum was a kind of tree sap called **chicle** extracted from tapping trees the same way latex is comes from rubber trees. The natural ingredients have now been replaced by man-made plastics and rubber to which color, sweetener and flavors are added. 60 to 70% of most bubble gum is sugar.

Biggest Bubble

According to the *Guinness Book of World Records*, the biggest bubble gum bubble ever blown measured

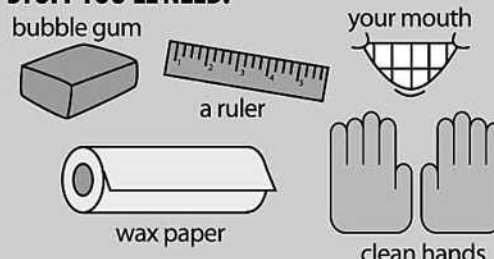
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inches across.

FUN WITH STEM:

GUM INVESTIGATION

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:



1. Measure the **length** of gum before you start chewing it.
2. Blow a bubble and measure the **diameter**. Can you figure out the **circumference**?
3. Stre-e-e-tch the gum and stick it on the wax paper. Make it as long as you can, then measure it.
4. Chew a piece of gum for 2 minutes. Then chew a new piece of gum for 10 minutes. Was it easier to blow bubbles after a longer time? Write your observations here:

Extra! Extra!

Stretch a Sentence

Start with a simple sentence like:

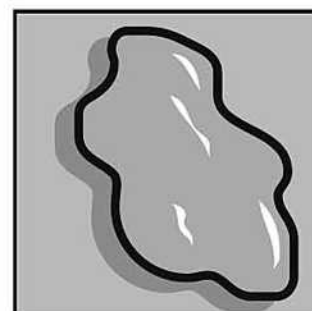
Bobby blew a bubble. Then, look through the newspaper for words you could add to that sentence to make it longer.

For example:

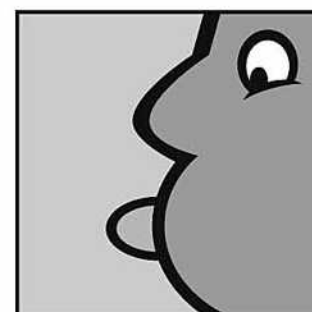
Bobby, a bright and brawny boy, vigorously blew a beautiful, pink, shining bubble. Try stretching these sentences: *Tobias stepped on gum. Alison walked the dog.*

Standards Link: Grammar: Write simple and compound, complex sentences; use adverbs and adjectives.

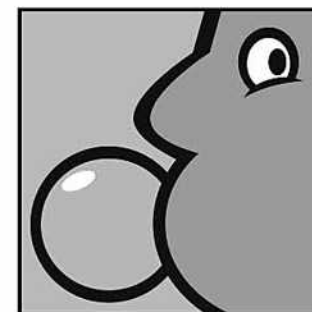
How to Blow a Bodacious Bubble!



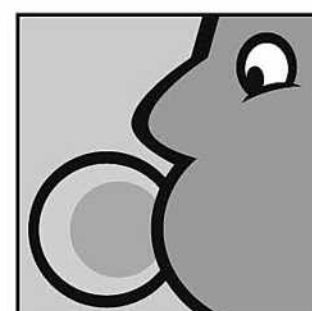
The best bubbles are made with gum after the sugar is all chewed out. So, chew your gum until the sweetness is gone.



Push the gum up to the front of your mouth. Stretch out a thin spot with the tip of your tongue.



Blow a steady stream of air. It takes a lot of practice!



Try blowing a small to medium-sized bubble, then seal off the end in your mouth by pressing your lips together. Next, start blowing another bubble with the gum left in your mouth to make a bubble inside a bubble! Then try for a triple! (This trick might take a few pieces of gum.)

Kid Scoop Puzzler

$$7 + 5 =$$

$$6 + 6 =$$

$$10 + 2 =$$

$$5 + 9 =$$

$$8 + 8 =$$

$$8 + 6 =$$

$$7 + 8 =$$

$$3 + 11 =$$

Chewers Welcome!

Bubble Gum Alley in San Luis Obispo, California invites you to chew your gum and stick your chewed wad on the wall!

Which wads of gum add up to the same amount?

Double Double Word Search

DIAMETER
SNEAKERS
STUBBORN
HOMONYMS
MYSTERY
BUBBLE
BROKEN
CHICLE
CLUES
GNOME
BLOWN
BLOB
WALL
GUM
SAP

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

H O M O N Y M S S S
O E M O N G S R T D
L Y B R O K E N U I
B G R V E K U E B A
L U K E A Y L L B M
O M B E T C C L O E
W S N B I S O A R T
N S A H L B Y W N E
S T C P E E R M Y R

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Chews or Choose?

Chews and *choose* are homonyms—words that sound the same but are spelled differently and have different meanings. Find five words in the newspaper that are homonyms. Write the matching word that is pronounced the same but means something different, next to each word.

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Identify and use homonyms.



What kind of fish likes bubble gum?

ANSWER: A blowfish.

Write On!

Science in My Life

How has science made your life better?

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **CULPRIT**

The noun **culprit** means a person who is guilty of doing something wrong.

The police caught the **culprit** leaving the bank.

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



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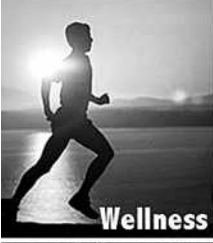


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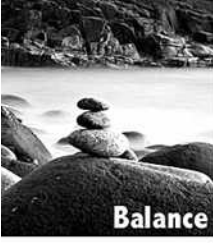
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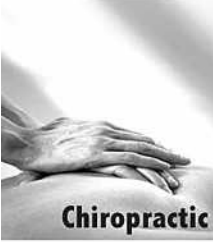
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SPORTS

Local Athletic Trainer recognized

SUBMITTED BY
SAMUEL M. BAUGH, HEAD COACH, MISSION SAN JOSE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL
PHOTO COURTESY OF FWATA PR COMMITTEE

The Far West Athletic Trainers' Association (FWATA) Public Relations Committee is pleased to announce the fall quarter winner of the Excellence in Athletic Training Award. Each quarter, the Excellence in Athletic Training Award celebrates District 8 athletic trainers or athletic training student members who display an exceptional commitment to mentoring, professional development or enhancing the quality of health care.



Dave Stenger and Patricia Cardenas

This quarter's winner is Patricia Cardenas MS, ATC of Mission San Jose High School, Fremont, CA
"I am very humbled to have been selected for this honor. I would especially like to thank my mentor, Dave Stenger, for many years of advice and guidance. Thank you of course to FWATA for everything they do on behalf of this profession. I'd also like to express my appreciation to my friends and family who are so supportive of me and my crazy athletic trainer's schedule, and have at times been put to work to help make heel and lace pads or inventorying rolls of tape!" writes Patricia.
Please help us in congratulating Patricia.

Eagles win close one with Warriors

Men's Soccer

SUBMITTED AND PHOTOS BY MIKE HEIGHTCHEW

Both teams came onto the field in their Mission Valley Athletic League (MVAL) opener on December 15th ready to play following promising preseason play. Each demonstrated great ball control, moving the ball effectively. But sometimes the ball just bounces your way and, in this case, the American Eagles were the beneficiary. Late in the game, an shot bounced off of a Mission San Jose Warrior in front of the goal and an Eagle was able to parlay it into the winning goal. Final score: American Eagles 1, Mission San Jose Warriors 0.



Lady Vikings show promise in early league win

Women's Soccer

SUBMITTED AND PHOTOS BY MIKE HEIGHTCHEW

The John F. Kennedy Lady Titans and Irvington Lady Vikings varsity squads played in a Mission Valley Athletic League (MVAL) soccer contest, demonstrating how exciting the season ahead will be. Both teams fought hard ending with a 2-0 win by the Lady Vikings. However, the score did not reflect the close contest that could have gone either way. Irvington moves to a 3-2 record on the year. Tiger Chen and Brent Hanna of the Vikings were in the right spot to score goals.



Newark Memorial vs Mission San Jose wrestling results

Wrestling

SUBMITTED BY TIMOTHY S. HESS

The Newark Memorial High School (NMHS) Cougar Wrestling Team opened up the MVAL (Mission Valley Athletic League) season with a 46-30 victory against Mission San Jose High School (MSJHS) of Fremont on December 16 at NMHS. Bernardo Martinez (170), Tim Tuite (195), Evan Smith (126), Matthew Silva (132), and Xander Pereira (152) all earned falls and scored big points for the Cougars. Hiep Tran (120) also scored a major decision victory while Marcos Calvo and Cat Tran won by forfeit.

Boys Elite Soccer wins State Championship

Men’s Soccer

SUBMITTED BY SILVIA OCHOA

Elite Soccer Bayern Munich U12 (under age 12) Boys won the State Cup Championship for their division. The boys demonstrated amazing teamwork and unity throughout the tournament and did not lose a single game. Every game was exciting as the boys battled to prove that they were there to give their best. Congratulations to Coach Mario Ochoa, Arturo Viveros and the group of talented players.



Mariners and Huskies battle to tie



Men’s Soccer

SUBMITTED AND PHOTOS BY MIKE HEIGHTCHEW

The Washington Huskies and Moreau Catholic Mariners displayed their prowess on the soccer field in a preseason match that showed both teams are ready for the year ahead in Mission Valley Athletic League (MVAL) competition. Neither team could gain the upper hand with hard fought scores and saves ending in a 2-2 tie. Standout players in the game were Aaron Havard for Moreau and Jaime Robies for Washington; both were named Player of the Game.

Newark Optimist Club announces Holiday Basketball Classic

Girls Basketball

SUBMITTED BY DARRYL REINA, COACH

The annual Newark Optimist Club Holiday Girls Basketball Classic will be held on Monday, December 28, Tuesday, December 29 and Wednesday, December 30 at Newark Memorial High School. The tournament will feature sixteen Varsity and Junior Varsity girls basketball teams from throughout California.

**The opening round game schedule:
Monday, December 28:**

JV Division:
9:00 a.m. - James Logan (Union City) vs. Menlo-Atherton (Atherton)
10:30 a.m. - Monte Vista (Danville) vs. Terra Nova (Pacifica)
12:00 p.m. - San Ramon (San Ramon) vs. Monte Vista Christian (Modesto)
1:30 p.m. - Skyline (Oakland) vs. Newark Memorial (Newark)

Varsity Division:

3:15 p.m. - Pittsburg (Pittsburg) vs. McClymonds (Oakland)
4:45 p.m. - Monte Vista (Danville) vs. Aliso Niguel (Orange County)
6:30 p.m. - Arroyo (San Lorenzo) vs. Balboa (San Francisco)
7:45 p.m. - Dana Hills (Orange County) vs. Newark Memorial (Newark)

The all-day single fees are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students & seniors.

**Holiday Basketball Classic
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Girls rule at Irvington High’s STEM Club

SUBMITTED BY ROBIN MICHEL

Girls-in-STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Club President Asad Mohammad and new member Sumaiyya Burney, both Irvington High School seniors, discussed their plans for building a model crane. This special two-day afterschool project was inspired by the new classroom building under construction at IHS and funded through Measure E, a \$650 million school facilities bond passed by Fremont voters in June 2014. Physics teacher Henry Fung is centering classroom lessons upon student interest in the building project. Irvington High Vikings have enjoyed watching the progress on the ground and on the web, courtesy of a webcam capturing the day-to-day progress. “This is such an exciting opportunity for my students to learn the physics of construction, as I want to reinforce math and science and its real-world applications,” said Fung, who is planning to bring students to a scheduled crane lift at the construction site in order to discuss what they are learning in the classroom. “I also want them to begin to identify possible careers they might want to pursue after high school,” he added. The Girls-in-STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) Club is another way for students to deepen their learning about math and science, and explore the fields of science, technology, math, and engineering. Afterschool, Club members are learning how a crane is built by building

their own model crane similar to the one that will be used on-site to erect walls of the two-story building. Once the model is complete, Mr. Fung, one of the student club’s co-advisors, will use the model crane in his classroom in preparation of his students’ visit to the construction site. Library media teacher Allyson McAuley, the Club’s co-advisor, is excited about new opportunities for learning that will take place in science labs that are part of the new classroom building. Ms. McAuley wants students to have every opportunity to pursue careers options, noting that the Bureau of Labor projects much higher growth in STEM related employment. This includes girls. Four years ago, Ms. McAuley wrote a grant to the Association of American University Women (AAUW) to take girls on STEM field trips during the school year. “The students enjoyed the field trips so much,” said McAuley, “they didn’t want the trips to end. There was no funding. Student Asad Mohammed asked if they could start a club.”

“When I was a freshman,” said Ms. Mohammad, “the engineering club was only boys. I did some research and found that women in the field are a minority. I thought, if we can start a high school club, we can nurture interest and girls will be exposed to it.” Ms. Mohammad, who is now a senior, has served as club president for three years. The first year, the Club was very small, but the list of members has grown significantly. The Club meets during lunch the First Thursday of every month, with additional meetings for field trips or special projects, like the crane model. Work continues on the model crane in the Girls-in-STEM Club, where the students are learning everything from axles to I-beams, collets to O-rings, and connectors to platform brackets, critical thinking skills, cooperation and team-building. Although a core group of 10-15 students attend the noontime meetings, membership in the club is much greater due to the popular field trips. The Club

has visited companies like Alter G, Facebook, and Tesla, as well as the Tech Museum and the Berkeley Molecular Foundry. Senior Sumaiyya Burney, a first-year club member, said that she joined after coming into the classroom during lunch to work on an assignment. “I heard what they were talking about and said (to myself) they have so many cool field trips! I want to join.” Although Girls-in-STEM was created to fill a need for girls interested in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, Ms. Mohammad stressed that the club is open to boys, too. Both the building of the model crane and the physics lesson conducted at the construction site are being filmed by the Multimedia Division of the FUSD Technology Department and will be available to view. We invite you to visit <http://oxblue.com/open/projectfrog/ihs> to view the progress and click on the time-lapse video.



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

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CITY COUNCILS

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

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

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

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

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

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

WATER/SEWER

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

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

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

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

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Honor Linda Olla for twenty years of service

Fremont City Council

December 15, 2015

- Work Session:**

Civic Center Master Plan update. Construction, starting in 2017, will be phased in preserving present Fremont Resource Center until later phases. Goal to achieve LEED Gold, use of photovoltaic power, natural ventilation and attention to sustainability strategies and Fremont Climate Action Plan.

Regular Session:

 - Second reading of ordinance regulating retail sales of tobacco and e-cigarettes, lounges and vapor bars
 - Centerville Unified Site remediation; award contract to Water Rock Construction Corporation in the amount of \$459,011.80 and approve amendment to Professional Services Agree-

- ment for soil vapor recovery and treatment for \$431,800.

 - Approve final map for Tract 8193 at 34653 Fremont Boulevard.
 - Authorize promoter contract with Alameda County Public Health Department
 - Authorize contract with Alameda County Health Care Services Agency to support Youth and Family Opportunities Program.

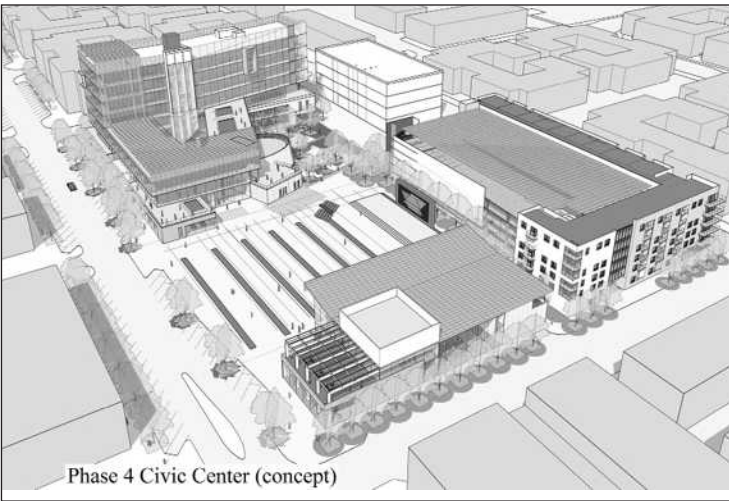
Ceremonial Items:

Honor Linda Olla for twenty years of service.

Other Business:

Approve a neighborhood parking permit process for Mission Peak area. Presented as a balanced approach for hikers and visitors, residents must present a petition to City with at least sixty percent of lot owners to consider permit approval.

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



Milpitas City Council Meeting

December 15, 2015

- Public Hearings:**

 - Conduct a public hearing and adopt a resolution approving the side development permit, conditional permit use and map for a parcel containing townhome units. (4 ayes, 1 recusal: Barbadillo)
 - Adopt ordinances to municipal code for water rate increases. (4 ayes, 1 nay: Barbadillo)

Unfinished Business:

Receive a staff report and update on the Santa Clara County-wide study on minimum wage increase.

Report of Mayor:

Examine report from request to accelerate construction of cricket field.

New Business:

Receive an oral report from the public works director on city's preparation for winter season 2015-16.

Ordinance:

Waive the second reading and adopt ordinance to repeal and replace current regulations regarding water efficient landscaping.

- Resolution:**

Adopt a resolution declaring intention to reimburse expenditures from proceeds of tax exempt obligations to be issued by the city or a related entity and approve consultant agreements with Jones Hall for legal services and Fieldman, Rolapp & Associates for financial advisory services for issuance of the 2016 tax exempt obligations for the water utility fund.

Demands:

 - Receive a report on emergency work for generator at Milpitas Sports Center and authorize payment of invoices in an amount not to exceed \$244,633.19
 - Receive a report on emergency repair of technology drive water main, approve a budget appropriation from the water fund and authorize payment of invoices in the amount of \$24,993.31

Mayor José Esteves:	Aye
Vice Mayor Carmen Montano:	Aye
Debbie Indihar Giordano:	Aye
Garry Barbadillo:	Aye, 1 nay, 1 recusal
Marsha Grilli:	Aye

New Alameda County Permit Portal

SUBMITTED BY GUY ASHLEY

Alameda County just launched its new Permit Portal, a one-stop-shop for business licenses and permits. The Portal is an online guide that helps residents through the permitting process to complete major property upgrades, start businesses or undertake many other tasks regulated by local government.

TAKES FROM SILICON VALLEY EAST



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TheDailyBeast called Fremont the 2nd best U.S. city for innovation. Whether it's manufacturing, clean tech, Fremont or the Silicon Valley scene itself, we're telling the stories that are advancing business here.
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Building Collaboration

By DAVID CHUNG, BUILDING OFFICIAL

City of Fremont: “Building Official” is a very formal title. What are the roles and responsibilities of the position?

David Chung: My role as the Fremont Building Official is to facilitate, supervise, and enforce codes and ordinances related to building safety. My primary responsibility is to ensure that the health and safety of the public is maintained through the community’s adherence to requirements established by law in the construction, alteration or use of every building in our community. Additionally, I am constantly looking for new ways and methods to simplify our processes and procedures to meet business more efficiently and effectively.

Fremont: Tell us a little about your work history. How has your previous work experience prepared you for this job?

DC: I worked for seven years in the private sector and seventeen years in the public sector. In the private sector, I have designed and overseen many complex building projects from design development to construction documentation. Before joining the City of Fremont, I worked with different jurisdictions in Santa Clara County (Palo Alto, Milpitas, and Gilroy). I understand the importance of great customer service and how to get things done quickly and effectively. My experience has prepared me to tackle the large projects in Warm Springs, Centerville, and Downtown, and to lead a team of building inspectors, plan check professionals, and code enforcement officers.

Fremont: There will be many new projects sprouting up in the next few years in Warm Springs and downtown. What projects are you most excited to work on and why?

DC: Downtown is the heart of the community and focal point for the City, especially as we celebrate our 60th year. The Fremont Downtown Community Plan and Design Guidelines envision that the new central downtown will be filled with residential and

commercial developments to create a lively mixed use, transit-oriented sustainable neighborhood. I am very excited to be part of the Fremont team that will review these projects leading to creation of a vibrant new downtown.

Fremont: As the Building Official for the fourth largest city in the Bay Area, how do you balance the roles of regulator and problem solver?

DC: It really doesn’t matter if this is a small city or the fourth largest city in the Bay Area. I believe in building strong relationships and working collaboratively with residents and business owners within the community. At the same time, I am approachable, solution-oriented, and seek to balance safety with customer service to create win-win solutions.

City of Fremont: What public safety issues are most on your radar?

DC: The Hayward Fault, a 74-mile-long fault line that runs along the east side of the Bay Area and throughout Fremont, is definitely on my mind. Scientists believe there’s strong evidence to suggest a major earthquake will strike the San Francisco Bay Area and the question is not if, but when. I want the City to be ready when the big one hits.

City of Fremont: What are your hobbies and interests outside of work, and what makes you smile?

DC: I treasure my time with my family outside of work, especially the time spent with my kids. I smile and enjoy seeing my children grow and develop their individual personalities and skills. One of my favorite hobbies is to work on house projects – building and fixing things. I recently added a second bathroom to my house. It was rewarding to see the completion. I look forward to tackling the next project which is to add a new second story to my house. My wife and I plan to add a master bedroom and bath on the new 2nd story and possibly remodel the 1st floor. We are working with our architect to pencil out the design and hope to start construction next summer.

The Alameda County Permit Portal, available at permit.acgov.org simplifies the permit process by allowing individuals and business operators to search based on address or need. Users can also browse permits by category and view the most popular permits issued by Alameda County and other local jurisdictions.

The new Permit Portal benefits from an unusual amount of cross-agency collaboration. Not only did employees from several Alameda County departments contribute to its design, but the portal provides information about all locally issued permits – not just those required by Alameda County, but by cities and special districts as well.

The Permit Portal also is the first new tool to result from Alameda County’s groundbreaking partnership with technology-giant Google through company’s Government Innovation Labs project earlier this year. The project was designed to bring to government the same “moonshot” thinking that Google brings to its constant search for new innovations – from high-altitude Wi-Fi balloons to driverless cars – that just might change the way we live.

Google developers who assisted in the six-week partnership with Alameda County found the portal to be exactly the type of “10X” idea that government agencies should be pursuing to enhance services in the Technology Age.

Over the past several months, the County’s Information Technology Department worked with a multitude of local agencies to build new Permit Portal – with an eye on eliminating the confusion that often accompanies major projects such as building new swimming pools and home additions, or expanding a business.

OPINION



WILLIAM MARSHAK

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

Merry Christmas to all!

William Marshak
PUBLISHER

Santa Claus is coming!

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

VIRGINIA O'HANLON
115 WEST NINETY-FIFTH STREET

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

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

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Fremont kids shop with police officers

PHOTOS COURTESY OF MARTHA MATTHIESEN

On Wednesday, December 2, 2015, Fremont Police Department (FPD) hosted its 12th annual "Shop with a Cop" event at Target, located at Fremont Hub. This year, 20 children ages six to eight were able to participate in activities such as games, crafts, photo booth, face painting, and shopping, as well as enjoying breakfast and lunch.

The event gives kids identified by the City of Fremont's Human Services Department an opportunity to purchase holiday gifts for their family members. The children were joined by police officers and Target store helpers to shop, and assisted by volunteers to wrap their gifts. Target supplied the wrapping materials as well.

"This community outreach helps to develop positive relationships between local law enforcement and the community. Over 100 individuals benefit from this program each year, counting all of the children and their family members," said FPD Community Engagement Specialist Martha Matthiesen.

The event is supported by Mission San Jose Rotary and Target, and funded by donations and grants from Fremont Bank, Fremont



Police Officers Association, Half Price Books, Costco, Irvington Business Association, and FPD employees.



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Social Security

The twelve sites of Social Security

BY MARIAELENA LEMUS
SOCIAL SECURITY PUBLIC AFFAIRS
SPECIALIST IN SAN JOSE

Familiar carols are a part of the season. This song is so popular that holiday revelers clamored for it again. It's "The Twelve Sites of Social Security," inspired by the popular traditional holiday song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," — a holiday favorite since 1780.

For the first site of Social Security, we give to you: our home page, www.socialsecurity.gov. It's the place to go for all things Social Security. Everything you could want — from online services and benefit screening tools to publications and frequently asked questions — you can find easily on this site.

For the second site of Social Security, we give to you: answers to all of your Social Security related questions at our Frequently Asked Questions page at www.socialsecurity.gov/faq.

For the third site of Social Security, we give to you: an easy way to learn how to replace your Social Security card at www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber.

For the fourth site of Social

Security, we give to you: an online application for retirement benefits that you can complete and submit in as little as 15 minutes at www.socialsecurity.gov/applytoretire.

For the fifth site of Social Security, we give to you: five estimates of your future Social Security benefits! Or as many estimates as you would like using different scenarios. Get instant, personalized estimates of your future benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

For the sixth site of Social Security, we give to you: a convenient way to apply for disability benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability.

For the seventh site of Social Security, we give to you: an online application for Medicare that you can complete in as little as 10 minutes, at www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare-only.

For the eighth site of Social Security, we give to you: Extra Help with Medicare prescription drug plan costs. You can learn more and apply online at www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp.

For the ninth site of Social Security, we give to you: our con-

venient publication library with online booklets and pamphlets on numerous subjects, at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

For the tenth site of Social Security, we give to you: services for people who are currently receiving benefits, such as the ability to replace your Medicare card, get or change a password, request a proof of income letter, or check your Social Security information or benefits. You can do these and other things at www.socialsecurity.gov/pgm/getservices-change.htm.

For the eleventh site of Social Security, we give to you: a way to get your Social Security forms online, at www.socialsecurity.gov/forms.

On the twelfth site of Social Security (and we saved the best for last): open your own personal my Social Security account, which will enable you to verify your earnings, get future benefit estimates, obtain benefit verification letters, update your Social Security information, and more at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

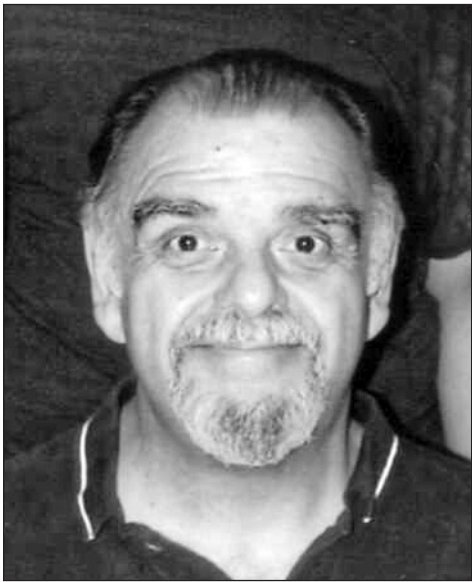
And a partridge in a pear tree. Find it all (except the partridge and pear tree) at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Obituary

John William Baslee Jr.

August 14, 1953 – December 15, 2015

Resident of Fremont



John William Baslee Jr. passed away peacefully at home at the age of 62. Loving husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, and friend. In his spare time he enjoyed fishing with his loved ones and spending time with family. He enjoyed work and was a devoted employee at Owens Illinois for 44 years.

He is survived by his father John William Baslee Sr., wife of 42 years Judy Baslee, two daughters Erica Baslee and Tammie Cravalho, granddaughter

Haley Cravalho, and grandson Brandon Deen.

He is preceded in death by his mother Ann Baslee.

A donation to the American Cancer Society can be made as a gift to honor or remember him.

A Memorial Service will be held for John on Saturday, December 19th, 2015 at 1pm at Fremont Chapel of the Roses, 1940 Peralta Blvd., Fremont CA 94536.

Fremont Chapel of the Roses
1-510-797-1900

Obituary

Charles Lee McCoy

July 16, 1939 – December 11, 2015

Resident of Union City



Charles Lee McCoy was born in Texarkana, Texas to Jessie and Josephine McCoy. A few years later the family moved to California living in several cities in the Bay Area.

He graduated from Oakland Tech and later attended the College of the Pacific. After serving in the Marine Corps, Charles decided to learn a trade so he got a job at Otis Elevator where his diligence enabled him to become an elevator mechanic. He carried this aptitude to BART until his retirement in 1999. He enjoyed playing golf, going fish-

ing, and bowling until his health became an issue.

Charles leaves behind his wife Doris, his daughters Carla and Denise, and grandchildren Joshua and Jada. Charles will be missed by his family, relatives, and friends.

A Memorial Service held for Charles on Monday, December 21st, 11am at Fremont Chapel of the Roses, 1940 Peralta Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536.

Inurnment at Lone Tree Cemetery in Hayward, CA.

Fremont Chapel of the Roses
1-510-797-1900

Hayward City Council

December 15, 2015

Consent:

- Council adopted the ordinance adding Article 6, Chapter 11 of the Hayward Municipal Code regarding recycled water use.
- Council voted to table the item until the next Council meeting due to discussions of not having enough applicants from Hayward. The postponed item was the authorization for city manager to execute professional services agreements with Lordy Rodriguez, Rob Ley, Kana Tanaka, and We Are Matik for structural art installations in the 21st Century Library.
- Council approved resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Hayward Police Management Unit.

Work Session:

- Director of Finance Tracy Vesely reported on the FY 2015 preliminary year-end general fund review.
- Hayward Police Chief Diane Urban reported on the review of the first quarter progress for the Hayward Police Department.

Public Hearing:

- Human Resources Director Nina Morris-Collins discussed adoption of a resolution of intention to introduce an ordinance approving an amendment to the contract between the City and California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) for miscellaneous members in HAME, Local 21, and the unrepresented employee group.

Legislative Business:

- An ordinance was introduced to amend the Hayward Building Code to rescind previously adopted amendments to the State Building Code that restricts issuance of permits only to licensed contractors and resident

owners, and that limits all building permits to one year.

- Council approved authorization for the city manager to implement near-term strategies to assist homeless individuals in Hayward. According to staff report, the recommended near-term strategies are to provide up to \$25,000 in match funding to help open a new winter warming center for people in North Hayward; coordinate with Alameda County and Abode Services to expand homeless outreach to outdoor encampments; and implement a one-year pilot program, Downtown Streets Team, to provide employment and job training to homeless individuals.

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

FUSD Schools/District Office Winter Break closure

SUBMITTED BY BRIAN KILLGORE

The Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) announced that all schools, facilities and the District Office will be closed for Winter Break - Monday, December 21, 2015, through Friday, January 1, 2016. All schools and facilities will resume normal business hours and operations when students return on Monday, January 4. Contact the District Office at (510) 657-2350 with any questions, or for more information.

Homless Housing Approved

SUBMITTED BY JANICE ROMBECK

A wide range of proposals aimed at helping the thousands of homeless families and individuals who are without shelter each night in Santa Clara County were unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors at its final meeting of 2015 on December 15.

Focusing on the immediate needs of providing shelter and services for homeless in the County as well as the long-term demands of increasing the affordable housing stock in the region, the Board approved final recommendations of the Housing Task Force, which Board President Dave Cortese appointed earlier this year with the deadline of December 31, 2015, to complete a report.

A plan to implement and pay for the latest proposals, which are estimated at \$68 million, will be considered by the Board early next year. The final recommendations include offering incentives to landlords to rent to homeless veterans, providing more housing and services for homeless youth and those who transition out of the foster care system, expanding housing and services for homeless families and chronically homeless.

The largest investment would be a long-term plan to build housing for chronically homeless individuals that also provides intensive case

management, counseling and treatment programs. The recent cost study on homelessness revealed that the largest percentage of County resources are allocated to this group while they remain unsheltered.

The recommendations also include County staff working with the City of San Jose staff to pursue creating "sanctioned encampments," which would allow some of the 4,000 unsheltered homeless people living outside to camp in safe, sanitary, and well-managed sites. The County and City have agreed to work together on this solution to the illegal camps that have become common along creeks, under freeway overpasses and in neighborhoods.

In September, the Board approved the Task Force's first set of recommendations with an investment of \$13.2 million for one-time projects and \$3.8 million a year in ongoing funding. The recommendations included expanding shelter beds and drop-in centers, launching a safe parking pilot program, establishing a client engagement team, building a micro-housing prototype and contracting with Abode Services to provide interim housing.

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

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Obituary

Beverly Ann Enos

July 1, 1944 – November 18, 2015
Resident of Newark



Beverly Ann Enos passed away at the age of 71. She was born in Honolulu, Hawaii. She leaves to cherish her memories her husband, Bennett; two daughters: Raelene Leinaala (Tavui) Sagapolu and Veronica Ahulani (JJ) Wright; and six grandchildren: Danielle Vega, Tatiana Sagapolu, Jordyne, Joshua, Justin, and Jenna Ann Wright.

Beverly was a member of Beta Sigma Phi, Epsilon Sigma Masters. She enjoyed playing

Bunco, volunteering at local charities, book club, shopping, and having fun.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Beverly on Monday, December 28th, 5pm at Fremont Memorial Chapel, 3723 Peralta Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Beverly to a charity of your choice.

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Obituary

Dominic Anthony Verdile

June 27, 1937 – December 10, 2015
Resident of Fremont

Dominic Verdile passed away peacefully at home while living a full life on December 10th, 2015.

Dominic, a graduate of South Hills High School in Pittsburgh, PA, and honorable veteran of the United States Army, passed into the loving hands of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior on December 10th 2015. He is survived by his four children, Anthony (Tony), Vincent, Cathy, and Kristina.

After Honorable Discharge from the military, he owned Auto Body Hospital and Dominic Appraisers for many years. Dominic served on the board for his neighborhood homeowner's association, and he volunteered many hours at Parkmont Elementary as a gardener.

Dominic loved spending time with his children, listening to classical music, and learning about cultures from around the world. Dominic shared his wisdom with everyone.

Dominic will be missed, and we will hold on to the wonderful memories we have of him while celebrating his life.

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Tips from IRS to reduce 2015 taxes

SUBMITTED BY RAPHAEL TULINO

The Internal Revenue Service reminded taxpayers they have just a few weeks left to make final tax moves for the 2015 tax year.

Several key points to consider:

Make Charitable Contributions. Make 2015 deductible charitable contributions on or before December 31. Give to a qualified public charity and keep a paper trail. Clothing and household items must generally be in good used condition or better

to be deductible. Donations charged to a credit card by December 31 are deductible for 2015 even if paid in 2016. Taxpayers must be itemizing deductions on IRS Schedule A in order to benefit.

Check Investments and Consider a Portfolio Adjustment. Taxpayers can deduct capital losses up to the amount of capital gains plus an additional \$3,000.

Contribute to a Retirement Account. The maximum 2015 IRA contribution is \$5,500 (\$6,500 if age 50 or over). The maximum contribution for a retirement plan such as a 401(k) is \$18,000. (\$24,000 if age

50 or older) Eligible taxpayers can also deduct IRA contributions. IRA contributions for 2015 can be made on or before April 18, 2016 to have it count on a 2015 tax return.

Get Credit for Retirement from the Retirement Savings Contribution Credit or "Saver's Credit." This under-the-radar tax credit may be worth up to \$2,000. It is available to eligible taxpayers who contribute to a retirement plan and whose income is generally less than \$61,000.

Take Advantage of all Deductions and Credits. The tax code provides numerous tax benefits for eligible individuals and businesses. Besides the savers credit above, eligible taxpayers can reduce taxes paid by taking advantage of other credits such as the child and dependent care credit. Small business owners may find tax relief through the small business health care tax credit. Eligible homeowners will find tax

relief for going solar on their homes. Medical and dental expenses are deductible for those who itemize their deductions.

Gift Giving. Taxpayers can give a gift worth as much as \$14,000 in cash or property in 2015 to another person without having to file a gift tax return. Gifts to individuals are not deductible.

Affordable Care Act. The ACA provides health insurance coverage and financial assistance options for individuals and families. In general, all U. S. taxpayers will have to account for the ACA once again when they file in 2016. Most, however, will just check a box on their form 1040. Complete details on all ACA tax forms and provisions can be found at http://www.irs.gov/aca.

Save Receipts and Paperwork. Accurate recordkeeping provides a good reminder at tax time.

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LOV Family Nutcracker Party a success



SUBMITTED BY SHARON SLAYTON

On December 13, League of Volunteers (LOV), and Pacific Commons Shopping Center brought holiday fun and excitement to more than 150 children and their families at the Family Holiday Nutcracker Party. These families braved the rain downpour and came out to enjoy a Nutcracker Sugar Plum performance by the Silicon Valley Ballet, swashbuckling sword fighting by the Mouse King at Davenriche European Martial Arts (sword-fightingschool.com), costumed Dickens Carolers, magic by Castro Valley's Celebrity Gems, balloon art and juggling by Colin of Dan Chan Presents.

The day was topped off with special guests Santa and Mrs. Claus, who shared candy canes and stock-

ing stuffers with the children. This event was a community effort, brought together by generous donations from Costco, Pancheros Restaurant, Cream, the Technology Credit Union, and donations from many individuals and businesses throughout the Tri-City community. Participating children and their families are part of the LOV 2015 Adopt-a-Family holiday program.

LOV thanks the efforts of our community to support these families and their children through the holidays. Contact LOV at (510) 793-5683, or Sharon Slayton, Program Development Director, at sharon@lov.org for more information about holiday donations and LOV's many year-round events and programs.

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Now recruiting for V.I.P.S. Volunteer Program

SUBMITTED BY **FREMONT PD**

The Fremont Police Department is currently accepting applications in an effort to recruit approximately 25 new participants for our Volunteers in Police Services (V.I.P.S.) program (formerly CARE and HAPP, now combined).

The Fremont Police V.I.P.S. program helps support the goals and mission of the department by developing and strengthening partnerships and relationships with the community. Similar to a “Citizens on Patrol” program, it began in 2006 with the purpose of being a highly visible support function of the Patrol Division.

Our program, which began with 25 dedicated community members, has grown to more than 60 volunteers. This current recruitment will allow us to get closer to our goal of having 100 volunteers in patrol!

Some of the volunteer duties include conducting security checks in neighborhoods and commercial business centers, distributing crime alert bulletins, conducting vacation home security checks, working

at special events, enforcing handicapped parking violations, helping as the “eyes and ears” for the department, and for our You Are Not Alone (YANA) Program, a telephone reassurance program for our community’s elderly or disabled.

There will be considerable training (60 hours over two months) and a background investigation to ensure we have the best fit to join our Fremont Police Department team.

The recruitment period will run through Monday, January 11, or until we get a sufficient number of responses. Interviews will take place between January 18 and January 27.

For more information, visit our website at www.fremontpolice.org or go directly to the volunteer page at <http://www.fremontpolice.org/index.aspx?nid=132>. If you would like to speak with someone about the recruitment, please call Volunteer Administrator CSO Kristen Escamilla at (510) 790-6691.

Newark Police Log

SUBMITTED BY
**CMDR. MIKE CARROLL,
NEWARK PD**

Monday, 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 Eunyoung Han. An infant and a young child were located inside the residence along with Hee Jin Kim, 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. Kim did not cooperate with officers and did not 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 (NPD) worked with the Korean Consulate to notify the victim’s family of this tragic

event. Kim was subsequently arrested and booked for homicide.

Tuesday, December 8

At 8:07 p.m., a resident on the 8500 block of Mahogany Place returned home to an open front door and heard the sound of breaking glass. An officer responded to a possible burglary in progress. Ofc. Mavrakis had his K-9 searched but the suspects were not located. It turned out the breaking glass was from the rear sliding door. The residence had been ransacked sometime between 7:00 p.m. and time of call.

Wednesday, December 9

At 11:14 a.m., NPD officers were dispatched to a residence in the 6600 block of Dairy Avenue for a battery in progress. Dispatch received calls that a male subject associated with the address was assaulting a woman. Ofc. Jackman arrived and determined a 19-year-old male of Newark had battered his girlfriend and fled as police arrived. A perimeter was established, a K-9 track was conducted, but the male was not located.

At 6:23 p.m., Ofc. Taylor investigated an armed robbery that had occurred at 6:00 p.m. at the Classic Cleaners on Jarvis Avenue. The suspect was described as a black male, 20-25 year old, 5’7” tall, wearing a black hoodie and dark colored jeans and armed with a handgun. The victim was not injured and the suspect fled the area.

Thursday, December 10

At 11:14 p.m., Fremont Police Department was following up on an armed robbery in their city which led them to the suspect’s location on Portsmouth Avenue in Newark. Due to the violent nature of the crime, a SWAT/HNT (Hostage Negotia-

tions Team) response was utilized. Three suspects were taken into custody, and the property taken during the robbery was recovered.

At 1:53 a.m., as units were clearing the SWAT/HNT incident, two members of the HNT/NPD police officers were driving a police van back to NPD on Newark Boulevard near Brittany Avenue when the passenger door window shattered and one of the officers was struck in the forehead by what was later determined to be a large rock. The officer was bleeding profusely and they initially thought they were being shot at prompting an 11-99 broadcast (emergency mutual aid request to neighboring police departments). The officer was taken to a local trauma center where he was treated for a large laceration to his forehead. Responding police officers flooded the area and located three juveniles. The juveniles admitted to throwing the rock at the police vehicle and were sorry they had injured a police officer. The juveniles were arrested for assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer, causing injury, and released to their parents pending a court hearing.

Saturday, December 12

At 6:27 p.m., Ofc. Johnson investigated a theft case at NewPark Mall where the suspect, who is on probation for theft offenses, stole two skateboards from Zumiez and additional merchandise from Macy’s. Macy’s Loss Prevention staff detained a 29-year-old male of Fremont. When Ofc. Johnson was placing the suspect in a patrol vehicle, he spat in the face of a NewPark Mall security guard. The male was booked at Santa Rita Jail for petty theft, possession of stolen property, battery and probation violation.

Hit and Run Injury Collision

SUBMITTED BY
GENEVA BOSQUES, FREMONT PD

Traffic investigators are still seeking information and witnesses in the felony hit and run major injury collision that occurred Saturday, December 19th. Investigators believe two male victims, ages 29 and 42 (both Fremont residents), were walking in the crosswalk, across the intersection of Fremont Blvd and Paseo Padre Parkway, when they both were struck by the suspect vehicle. The vehicle fled the scene with moderate/major front end damage to the headlights and grill. Debris consistent with a 1998-99 Ford SUV or pick-up truck was left at the scene.

The 29 year old victim’s medical condition has been upgraded and he is expected to survive. The 42 year old victim remains in critical condition at a trauma center with life threatening injuries.

Investigators are asking for anyone with information about this collision or tips about the suspect vehicle, to please contact Traffic Officer Alan Zambonin at Azambonin@fremont.gov or by phone at 510-790-6760. We will also accept anonymous tips, please follow the instructions below or visit www.fremontpolice.org/tip.

Collision injury - Auto vs pedestrian

SUBMITTED BY
LT. DEAN SATO, UNION CITY PD

On November 29 at approximately 6:39 a.m., Union City Police responded to an injury-collision on Whipple Rd., east of Liston Way. A pedestrian was struck by a Chevrolet Cruz travelling eastbound on Whipple Ave.

The pedestrian sustained possible life-threatening injuries and was transported to a local trauma center.

The driver of the Chevrolet was uninjured and is cooperating with the police investigation.

This collision is being investigated by the Union City Police Department Traffic Unit. Anyone with information regarding this collision is asked to contact Union City Traffic Officer Brigid Dinneen at (510) 675-5291.

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SUBMITTED BY ANITA GORE AND ORVILLE THOMAS

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

(U.C.C. §101 ET SEQ. AND B & P 24073 ET SEQ.)

ESCROW NO. F5BC-0271502220

Notice is hereby given that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The names and addresses of the Seller/Licensee are: RHEEKO INVESTMENT, INC., 31810 ALVARADO BLVD., UNION CITY, CA 94587

The business is known as: MANEKI SUSHI. The names and addresses of the Buyer/Transferee are: FAMILIA BISTRO, INC., 31810 ALVARADO BLVD., UNION CITY, CA 94587. As listed by the Seller/Licensee, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller/Licensee within three (3) years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer/Transferee are: NONE.

The assets to be sold are described in general as: STOCK IN TRADE, INVENTORY, FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL AND TRADE NAME, and are located at: 31810 ALVARADO BLVD., UNION CITY, CA 94587.

The kind of license to be transferred is: Type: 41-ON-SALE BEER AND WINE-EATING PLACE, License Number: 482962 now issued for the premises located at: 31810 ALVARADO BLVD., UNION CITY, CA 94587.

The anticipated date of the sale/transfer is: JANUARY 11, 2016 at the office of: FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE CO., 2099 GATEWAY PL., STE 100, SAN JOSE, CA 95110. PHONE (408)437-4313, FAX (408)392-9272.

It has been agreed between the Seller/Licensee and the intended Buyer/Transferee, as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions Code, that the consideration for the transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this document on the date(s) set forth below.

Dated: NOVEMBER 23, 2015
FAMILIA BISTRO, INC
LA1613172 TRI CITY VOICE
12/22/15

CNS-2827178#

CIVIL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. HC15794497

Superior Court of California, County of Alameda
Petition of: James Matthew Gilbert for Change of Name

TO 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 94544

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Tri-City Voice

Date: Nov 24, 2015
WINIFRED Y. SMITH
Judge of the Superior Court
12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22/15

CNS-2820467#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 512293-512294

Fictitious Business Name(s):
(1) Property Management, Inc. East Bay; (2) Appraisal 19, 40780 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, CA 94538, County of Alameda

Mailing address: 40780 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, CA 94539

Registrant(s):
MPC & Associates, Inc., 40780 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, CA 94538, California
Business conducted by: a Corporation
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)

/s/ Michael P. Connolly, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 7, 2015

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 12/22, 12/29, 1/5, 1/12/16

CNS-2826919#

FICTITIOUS 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 94536

Business conducted by: an individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on n/a. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)

/s/ Vijaypal Sandhu
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 4, 2015

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

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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 Alameda

Registrant(s):
David Michael Galindo, 34185 Firenze Terrace, Fremont, CA 94555
Business conducted by: an individual

The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 7-23-2010

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

/s/ David Galindo
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 1, 2015

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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 Alameda

Registrant(s):
Cecilia I. Gonzalez, 465 Enos St, Fremont, CA 94539

Business conducted by: an individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)

/s/ Cecilia I. Gonzalez
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 30, 2015

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

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CNS-2823697#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 511789

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Addicta Hair Studio, 41288 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, CA 94538, County of Alameda

Registrant(s):
Diana Wanees, 1007 Sage Ct, Fremont CA 94539

Business conducted by: an individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)

/s/ Diana Wanees
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 18, 2015

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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, 1328 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 Alameda

The full name and residence of the person(s) withdrawing as a partner(s):
Kalvin Ma, 2818 Baton Rouge Ct, San Jose, CA 95137

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/ 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 Alameda

Registrant(s):
Baywide Income Tax Services, Inc., 37444 Sycamore St #21, Newark, CA 94560; CA

Business conducted by: A Corporation
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)

/s/ Nuno Silveira - Vice President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 30, 2015

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clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.

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CNS-2822907#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 511541

Fictitious Business Name(s):
East Bay Cafe Depot, 37260 Fremont Blvd, Fremont, CA 94536, County of Alameda

Registrant(s):
Timothy Veilla, 31389 Wheelon Ave, Hayward, CA 94544

Lisa Lorenz, 37260 Fremont Blvd, Fremont, CA 94536

Business conducted by: A Joint Venture
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)

/s/ Timothy Veilla, Manager
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 10, 2015

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 12/8, 12/15, 12/22, 12/29/15

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 Alameda

Registrant(s):
Mustafa Maqdoor, 465 Spetti Dr., Fremont, CA 94536

Business conducted by: an individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on n/a. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)

/s/ Mustafa Maqdoor
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 30, 2015

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CNS-2822332#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 512006

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Jasparsi Design, 43511 Southerland Way, Fremont, CA 94539, County of Alameda

Registrant(s):
Janet T. Jackson, 43511 Southerland Way, Fremont, CA 94539

Business conducted by: an individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on n/a. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)

/s/ Janet T. Jackson
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 25, 2015

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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 Alameda

Registrant(s):
R & D Tech, LLC, 37345 Blarow Rd., Fremont, CA 94536; CA

Business conducted by: a Limited Liability Company
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 9/23/15

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/ Robert Bork, Management
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 24, 2015

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CNS-2822022#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 511250

Fictitious Business Name(s):
The Notary, 37250 Sequoia Terrace, #3032, Fremont, CA 94536, County of Alameda

Registrant(s):
Alfredo M. Molina Jr., 37250 Sequoia Terrace, #3032, Fremont, CA 94536

Business conducted by: an individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on n/a. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)

/s/ Alfredo M. Molina
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 2, 2015

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pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22/15

CNS-2820972#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 511898

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Papa Lin's Kitchen, 3520 Newark Blvd., Unit B, Newark, CA 94560, County of Alameda; 1831 Seville Way, San Jose, CA 95131

Registrant(s):
Chinnien Lin, 1831 Seville Way, San Jose, CA 95131

Business conducted by: an individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on n/a. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)

/s/ Chinnien Lin - Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 23, 2015

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CNS-2

Fremont Police Log

SUBMITTED BY GENEVA BOSQUES, FREMONT PD

Thursday, December 10

An auto burglary was reported at 6:00 a.m. in a parking lot located on Farwell Drive near Mowry Avenue. Case was investigated by Ofc. Collins.

Friday, December 11

A homeowner on Detjen Street called Fremont Police Department (FPD) stating he was away from his home but was watching two unknown people in his backyard via video surveillance. He stated he believed the two people were preparing to break into his home. Detectives, street crimes and patrol units contacted a 47-year-old adult male and a 31-year-old adult female sitting in a vehicle in the driveway of the residence. It was learned that the male was a prior resident at the address and had stayed at the home a few nights prior. Both were on active searchable probation. During a search, stolen property was located that had been taken from an unlocked vehicle in the Good Night Inn parking lot. They both went to jail for possession of stolen property. Case was investigated by Ofc. Nordseth.

Saturday, December 12

Ofc. Latimer responded to a suspicious vehicle on Ram Court and arrested a 30-year-old adult male for possession of stolen property, burglary tools, and a meth pipe.

Kohl’s security detained a juvenile for shoplifting. Ofc. Sun and Field Training Officer (FTO) Perry took custody of the female juvenile. She was released on Notice to Appear to an adult relative.

Sunday, December 13

Community Service Officer (CSO) Oliveira investigated a commercial burglary in the 39800 block of Mission Boulevard.

Monday, December 14

CSO Zamora investigated a commercial burglary in the 41100 block of Fremont Boulevard. Unknown suspects forced entry into construction Conex boxes.

Ofc. Navas is investigating a theft of a package from a porch in the 4400 block of Keepsake Rose Co.

Costco Security arrested a 62-year-old adult female for shoplifting. The female was cited and released.

Costco Security arrested a 53-year-old adult female for shoplifting. She was cited and released.

Tuesday, December 15

At 7:43 a.m., Ofc. Navas stopped a vehicle in the 3900 block of Washington Boulevard.

The vehicle was stolen out of Union City and the 43-year-old adult male driver was arrested.

At 10:33 a.m., CSO Zamora investigated a residential burglary in the 35000 block of Sofia Court that had occurred sometime between Monday, December 14, 2015 during the evening and Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. Signs of forced entry were located on the side garage door, but there was no loss reported.

At 10:40 p.m., a caller reported that as she was getting ready to enter her home on the 200 block of Hackamore Common when she was robbed at gun point. The loss was her purse. The victim reported that there were three suspects who fled the area in a dark grey newer Chevy. Suspect 1 was described as a Hispanic male adult with a light complexion, 5’05”, 160-170 lbs., black beard with a circular tattoo on the right side of his neck. Suspect 1 was wearing a white t-shirt described as oversized, long black shorts and had a black bandana covering part of his face and neck area. The suspect was armed with a handgun. Suspect 2 was described as a male or female of about 5’02” and medium build. Suspect 2 was wearing dark pants, dark shoes and a zip-up hooded sweatshirt. The hooded sweatshirt was covering the suspect’s face, and the hood had some kind of design (white in color) on the front. Suspect 3 was described as a male or female wearing a red hat.

At 7:43 p.m., CSO Baca investigated a residential burglary that occurred on the 1600 block of Walden Court. The incident occurred sometime during the day, possibly around 2:00 p.m., based on witness statements and video surveillance. The point of entry was unknown. The losses were a computer and cash.

Wednesday, December 16

At 6:08 p.m., Ofc. Catassi stopped a stolen vehicle in the area of Logan Drive and Mowry Avenue; and arrested a 36-year-old adult female, Fremont resident, and a 46-year-old adult male, Fremont resident, for vehicle theft, burglary tools and probation violations.

At 6:10 p.m., a strong-arm robbery was reported in a parking lot at Fremont Hub. A 19-year-old female victim was pushed to the ground and had her purse stolen by two male suspects. The first suspect was described as a Filipino male in his 20s wearing a grey hoodie, and the second suspect was possibly a Hispanic male with light skin last seen wearing a dark long sleeved shirt. The suspect vehicle was described as a newer white four-door. The female victim did not sustain any injuries.

At around 12:00 p.m., three students at James Logan High School robbed another student of his cell phone. The cell phone was later recovered by a school principal, and at least one of the suspects was identified.

Tuesday, December 8

At around 3:15 p.m., police officers observed a male attempting to open vehicle doors in the parking lot of Alvarado Plaza shopping center (corner of Alvarado and Dyer). They detained the suspect, who was also found with burglary tools on his person. Rodney Porlaris, a Union City resident, was arrested for possession of burglary tools and attempted burglary.

At around 10:45 a.m., officers responded to a residence for a family disturbance. One of the subjects had a knife concealed beneath his sweatshirt. Theodore Bostic, a Union City resident, was arrested for possession of a concealed dirk/dagger.

Wednesday, December 9

A commercial burglary occurred on the 34700 block of Alvarado-Niles Road between Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 9:00 p.m. and Thursday, Decem-

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.

Police seek to identify sexual assault suspect

SUBMITTED BY SAN LEANDRO PD

San Leandro Police detectives are seeking the public’s assistance in identifying a man who groped a woman at a San Leandro laundromat in November.

On November 13 at 6:50 p.m., a 36 year old woman was inside of the laundromat at the corner of Marina Blvd. and Washington Ave. doing laundry, when she was approached by a suspect, who began to grope her in a sexual manner. The woman threatened to call the police and the man fled.

He got into a white, Honda Civic that was parked in the parking lot. He drove away and was last seen driving south on Washington Ave. towards San Leandro Blvd.

“We are asking the public for assistance in promptly identifying this man. This information will allow us to hold him accountable for his criminal behavior and protect others from potential harm,” stated Lt. Robert McManus.



Images of the suspect were taken from surveillance video at the laundromat, which captured the entire incident. The suspect is further described as Hispanic male in his early to mid-20s, about 5’08” tall, with a medium, athletic build. He appears to be clean shaven, and have a neatly-trimmed haircut. The images depict the suspect as wearing a gray, “GAP” pullover hooded sweat-shirt and khaki colored pants.

Police believe that this suspect may be responsible for similar crimes in other San Leandro locations or East Bay cities. They are



working with other law enforcement agencies and are asking anyone with information to contact them to help solve this case.

Please contact the San Leandro Police Department’s Criminal Investigation Division with any information regarding this case or any other case at (510) 577-3230.

Information may also be submitted anonymously by:
Phone: Anonymous Crime Tips at (510) 577-3278
Text Message: Text “TipSLPolice” to 888777

Union City Police Log

SUBMITTED BY UNION CITY PD

Monday, December 7

A residential burglary occurred on the 34700 block of Williams Way between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. The rear glass sliding door was smashed. The master bedroom was ransacked, and the losses included jewelry, cash and weapons.

At around 11:15 a.m., officers were dispatched to Early Rivers Place for the report of a robbery and attempted carjacking. Three male suspects approached a victim sitting in his vehicle. One of them brandished a knife and attempted to carjack the victim, but he couldn’t start the car. The suspects ended up running away with the victim’s keys and cell phone. They were located and detained a short distance away. A 16-year-old Hayward resident, a 16-year-old Tracy resident, and a 17-year-old Tracy resident were arrested.



ber 10, 2015 at 8:10 a.m. A glass window was smashed, and the cash register box was taken from the front counter.

At around 8:00 a.m., Ofc. Lanier was conducting a security check in the area of Whipple Road and I-880 near the railroad tracks. He detained a subject for trespassing on railroad property, and a pat search also yielded a concealed knife on his person. Dennis Puthoff, a Livermore resi-



dent, was arrested on both charges.

A residential burglary occurred on the 3100 block of San Joaquin Way between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. The victim realized a large amount of cash was missing from his wallet and believes it was taken from his home the previous day.

Saturday, December 12

At around 12:30 a.m., officers



were dispatched to the 7-Eleven store on Alvarado-Niles Road on the report of an assault. The victim said that an unknown suspect tried to stab him with a knife, and then slashed all four of the victim’s vehicle tires. A second victim said the suspect attempted to stab her as well. No one was injured, and the suspect fled on foot. He was described as a black male adult, 25-30 years old, and 5’8”.

Death investigation

SUBMITTED BY LT. HENRY KWONG, MILPITAS PD

On the evening of November 29, the Milpitas Police Department received a call regarding a person, who might have been despondent and possibly armed with a handgun, in a parked recreational vehicle, near Railroad Court. Officers responded to the location in order to conduct a welfare check and spoke to the person by telephone, but the person refused to leave the recreational vehicle or meet with the officers. Officers conducted surveillance of the area and continued periodic telephone conversatins with the person for over 24 hours. After the person stopped answering the telephone, officers went into the recreational vehicle on December 1 and discovered the person deceased. Officers are still actively investigating the death with the Santa Clara County Coroner’s Office.

Christmas Trees

SUBMITTED BY HAYWARD FD

If your household includes a natural tree in its festivities, take to heart Hayward Fire Department’s suggestion: Keep the tree watered. Christmas trees account for hundreds of fires annually. Frequently, shorts in electrical lights or open flames from candles, lighters or matches start tree fires. Well-

watered trees typically are not a problem. A dry and neglected tree can be a true fire hazard. Visit www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/media/dry-treefire/tree_fire.mpeg to watch a short video showing how quickly a tree can burn. Older dry trees can be identified by bouncing the tree trunk on the ground. If many needles fall off, the tree has been cut

too long ago, has probably dried out, and is a fire hazard. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times. A cut tree can absorb over a gallon of water a day. Do not put your live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks. Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near a tree. Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood-burning stove. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. The best way to dispose of your tree is by putting it outside during scheduled tree recycling pick up (with your garbage service), taking it to a recycling center, or having it hauled

away by a community pick-up service. Many tragic fires start when there is no one at home or when the family is in bed. For this reason, do not leave the lights on too long, always turning them off when you retire for the night. Always be sure that every level of your home has a least one working smoke alarm, and be sure to test and clean it on a monthly basis. Plan and practice a home escape plan with your family. For more information on disaster preparedness and safety related materials, visit www.hayward-ca.gov and click on the red “Disaster Preparedness” button, or contact Hayward Fire Department Emergency Services Office at (510) 583-4948.

BART Train Control Electronic Techs

SUBMITTED BY BART DISTRICT

Carlton Davis is an outgoing, talkative guy – traits which belie the fact that his job is largely invisible to riders – unless something goes wrong. “My job is to make trains move. That’s what keeps us in business and that’s what keeps people happy,” Carlton says. Carlton is a Train Control Electronic Technician. If BART’s train control network is its nervous system, he and his coworkers are the neurosurgeons of BART. They maintain, troubleshoot and fix the equipment that provides trains with the information they need to operate automatically: orders for how fast to travel, when and where to stop, even how long to keep the doors open at a station (although Train Operators can manually override the door controls if necessary). For example, at about 2:45 p.m. on November 3 a piece of equipment that sends routing information to trains just north of Fremont was on the fritz – it was not sending signals and it had the potential to make the afternoon commute a mess in southern Alameda County. Train control techs scrambled to the scene. They quickly located a bad fuse, replaced it and less than a half hour later, the equipment was working again. Crisis averted; passengers didn’t even notice.



Train Control Electronic Technicians are in constant contact with the BART Operations Control Center.

Train control techs also work on the electro-mechanical switches which allow trains to be guided from one track to another in addition to repairing and replacing a wide array of power supplies, electrical components and motors. While they are tasked with fixing a dizzying array of equipment, it all directly affects passenger safety. It’s an important responsibility but one for which Carlton is well prepared. He says the U.S. Air Force instilled in him an unyielding attention to detail. Carlton spent a couple of tours working on radar equipment on fighter jets, then took his skills to the commercial airline industry. He then spent time working on train control equipment for



Train Control Electronic Technician Carlton Davis prepares a new switch machine prior to installation.

freight rail companies and for MARTA, Atlanta’s public transportation system. A California native, Carlton jumped at the chance to become a BART train control tech. “If you smile when you talk about your job, then you’ve got the right job,” Carlton says with – you guessed it – a big smile. BART has 88 train control techs working at locations throughout the 45 station BART system at all hours of the day but it needs more. BART is looking to hire 24 more. It’s not for everybody. Qualifications include “a knowledge of basic operating principles of analog and digital electronics, electrical and electronic circuitry and mechanical mechanisms” as well as “mathe-

matics used in train control maintenance including Boolean algebra.” Carlton is clearly comfortable with his skills. In a cavernous warehouse in Hayward, he’s surveying one of several dozen matte black contraptions about five feet long that look to weigh a couple hundred pounds. “These are switch machines. BART’s in the process of replacing all of the switches throughout the system. We just finished number 300 last week.” It’s just about midnight as Carlton thumbs through the four-page checklist that train control techs must complete for each switch before it’s approved for installation. “This list covers everything. We make sure each switch is safe and working properly before it goes anywhere.” He’s particularly proud of his switch crew’s efficiency. They recently tested and installed four switches in a single shift – a pace that impressed not only the supervisors but the switch manufacturer. He’s not deterred by the suggestion that most BART riders would simply shrug their shoulders at this achievement. “I’d like members of the public to know that what we care about most is their safety. We take a lot of pride in what we do and we’re here to work for the riders.”

If you’re interested in a career at BART, visit www.bart.gov/jobs.

Home burglary suspects arrested

SUBMITTED BY LT. MAX NOBIDA, MILPITAS PD

On May 27, 2015 at 10:45 a.m., the Milpitas Police Department investigated a residential burglary at the 200 (B) of Heath St. The victim returned home and saw three male suspects inside her home. The suspects fled before officers arrived. The next day, Milpitas detectives learned the Newark Police Department arrested three suspects attempting to burglarize a Newark home, also on May 27. Newark Police booked the three suspects into the Alameda County Jail. Milpitas detectives followed up and discovered property recovered from the suspects during the Newark incident had been stolen during the Milpitas burglary. Milpitas detectives were able to obtain arrest warrants for all three suspects for the Milpitas burglary. Erik Torres, Daniel Sanchez-Menijavar and Cesar Garcia, all from Redwood City, were booked into jail for the Milpitas warrants. Anyone with any information regarding this burglary is encouraged to call the Milpitas Police Department at (408) 586-2400. Information can be given anonymously by calling the Crime Tip Hotline at (408) 586-2500 or via the Milpitas Police Department website at: http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/government/police/crime_tip.asp



Suspect 1: Erik Torres, 20 year-old, Redwood City resident
Suspect 2: Daniel Sanchez-Menijavar, 18 year-old, Redwood City resident
Suspect 3: Cesar Garcia, 18 year-old, Redwood City resident

Hayward PD introduces E.Y.E.S. Program

SUBMITTED BY HAYWARD PD

The Hayward Police Department is excited to introduce a cooperative effort with our community and busi-

ness owners to help keep Hayward safe. The Empowering Your Electronic Security (E.Y.E.S.) Program will allow persons and/or businesses to register their privately owned surveillance camera systems with the Hayward Police Department. Enrollment is voluntary and free. The E.Y.E.S. program is similar to many programs already in use throughout the United State and has proven to be a valuable crime fighting tool. Your video footage could prove critical to solving a crime and helping to keep

our community safe. Participation in the program is totally confidential and it’s simple to register online. Beginning on December 16, participants can register their privately owned surveillance camera systems at the link below: <https://cityofhayward.formstack.com/forms/hpdcameras> For more information on the E.Y.E.S program and other crime prevention tips, please visit the Hayward Police Department online at: <http://www.haywardpd.net/>

Information on drones and motorized boards

SUBMITTED BY MILPITAS PD



Considering buying a drone or roller board for yourself or a family member as a Christmas gift? Maybe you already have one? Please take a moment to read about some upcoming rules/laws regarding both. Press Release – FAA Announces Small UAS Registration Rule http://www.faa.gov/news/press_releases/news_story.cfm?newsId=19856 Assembly Bill 604 - Electrically Motorized Boards (specifically California Vehicle Code sections 313.5, 21290 thru 21294 at the bottom of the bill): https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB604

LETTERS POLICY

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New Fremont Jazz album hits all the right notes

BY SARA GIUSTI
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Lake Elizabeth, delicious Southeast Asian cuisine, Mission Peak, and... jazz! Lucky for us, Fremont is adding jazz to its repertoire with the release of a new album performed, recorded, and produced right here in Fremont.

Fremont musician and vocalist John Vargas has been behind the Tri-City area's jazz scene for years. In 2011, he started 510JAZZ, a collective of local jazz musicians who perform at private and public events throughout the East Bay. 510JAZZ performed weekly at Newark's Love at First Slice from October 2012 until the pizza restaurant's unfortunate closing after a fire last year, and weekly at Irvington's Cafe Robles for half of this year, ending in June. Vargas also compiles jazz events happening all over the Bay Area on the collective's website, 510jazz.com. This month, 510JAZZ is excited to announce the release of its very first album, "Bossa510," out on December 22.

The album's name is derived from bossa nova, a genre of Brazilian music that fuses samba and American jazz, and the East Bay, or "510." Bossa nova rose to fame in the 1960s, and is considered one of the most well-known genres of Brazilian music. The genre is known for its emphasis on classical guitar, plucked with fingers rather than a pick. Vargas was first introduced to bossa nova in the early 1980s. "I loved the simplicity of the sound – and es-

pecially the beauty of the composition," he explained.

"Bossa510" is Fremont-bred from beginning to end. The album is being released by 4Play Records, a label created and managed by Vargas and his son, David, a rapper and producer under the stage name D-Varg. Their goal is to increase the visi-



Composer, executive producer, and vocalist John Vargas

bility of musical talent in "The 510," and the Tri-City area. CDs are being manufactured by Fremont's own ISO Media as well.

The sixteen-song album features fifteen local musicians. Five original members of 510JAZZ are from Fremont: John Vargas (composer, executive producer, vocalist), David Vargas (composer, producer, engineer, vocalist), Ravi Jayasinghe (bass), Sam Brignon (drums), and Mark Rickey (piano). Ed Lee (guitar),



David Stockman (congas), and Chris Koraltan (drums) are also from Fremont. The remaining six artists are from the greater San Francisco Bay Area: Esther

the Tri-City and beyond to back home again.

"Our title track 'Bossa510' is homage to the local music scene. We are proud of the musicians all around the San Francisco Bay...These are some of the most talented people in the world, they're right here in our backyard – and most of them are not famous yet. Often times they play for free – sometimes they are paid with a meal or tips. You can see these amazing musicians at the corner coffee shop, for the price of a latte. Amazing!" said Vargas. His passion for jazz and the local music scene is contagious, and "Bossa510" reflects such energy and excitement; listeners will definitely bob their heads to this album's captivating beats.

In early December, 510JAZZ members were interviewed by KPFA, and the album's songs were aired on the station in mid-December as well. An album re-

lease party is scheduled for February 12 at Oasis Palace in Newark; stay tuned for more information and updates at 510jazz.com.

Vargas and his musical comrades hope to create more albums from local artists in the future. "Bossa510" is a shakedown cruise for us. If this works, we plan to do this as many times as we can – for 510JAZZ and for other artists. At 4Play Records, we're all about original music," he said.

CDs will be available to purchase from 510jazz.com directly; check the website for purchase links to iTunes, Amazon, and Google Play on December 22.

There's much to be proud about living in Fremont, and now its own jazz album is on the list. Check out "Bossa510" and support local music!

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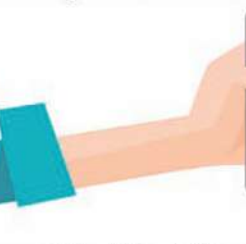
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Union City's Station District selected for prestigious award



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Union City is the winner of this year's "Turning Red Tape into Red Carpet" Award granted by the Silicon Valley Leadership Group. Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci received this award on December 16 at a ceremony at Santa Clara University. The City is being recognized in the "Real Estate Development and Reuse" category for their role in transforming unused, environmentally contaminated land around the Union City BART Station into a pedestrian-friendly, transit-oriented community. The Station District is one of the City's flagship communities with a combination of mixed-use development that has pedestrian pathways lined with public art and aesthetic views of the rolling East Bay foothills.

The project was selected due to the resilience and commitment on the part of City leaders to navigate a myriad of challenges in the site's transformation. This was done through several successful partner-

ships with BART, state and local agencies, housing developers and federal court. Together and with the leadership of the City, the former Pacific States Steel Corporation and a PG&E pipe yard was renovated into a new urbanist area with new streets, utilities, a community plaza, a children's playground and a pedestrian promenade. This is all adjacent to a mix of market-rate and affordable high-density housing. The end result is the conversion of 90 acres of negative value land into an environmentally clean and sustainable area that generates \$4 million a year in property taxes.

The Station District remains the largest transit hub in Southern Alameda County that accommodates a "workforce-ready community". And, only four vacant parcels of varying size remain available for commercial development on this site. The City anticipates that the available sites will be desirable to businesses who value the accessibility to transit and a sustainable urban lifestyle.