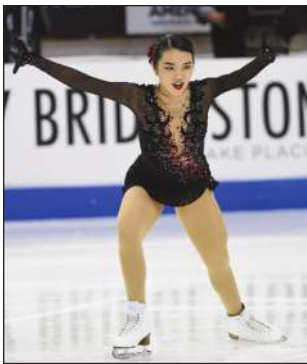




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Las Posadas Celebrates the True Spirit of Christmas

For many people the month of December is busy with shopping, planning vacations, and organizing Christmas get-togethers. Amidst all this frenzy, one of the most traditional ways to celebrate the true spirit of Christmas is being a part of Las Posadas festivities in Fremont. This ceremonial nine-day celebration has been co-sponsored by the Fremont Cultural Arts Council (FCAC) and the Old Mission San Jose annually since 1982.

It is a great way for the community to come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Joseph and Mary, nine months pregnant, travelled for nine days from Nazareth **Continued on page 12**



Get in the Christmas mood with Free Holiday Concert

SUBMITTED BY JIM CARTER
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The Newark Symphonic Winds (NSW), under the superb direction of Mr. Richard Wong, will be presenting its "Free Holiday Concert and Sing-Along Saturday, December 16.

Performing all new and exciting compositions, we'll start off by getting your toes tapping with "A Celtic Carol" by James L. Hosay, then you'll hear a lovely piece by John Lennon and Yoko Ono, "Happy Xmas (War is Over)." Next, we'll perform Sammy Nestico's medley "A Fireside Christmas," and then Jose Feliciano's "Feliz Navidad." We'll end the first half of our concert with all the kids up front at the stage to listen to the Honorable Dave Smith's reading of "Twas the Night before Christmas." After Smith's reading we'll have our traditional visit by Santa and Mrs. Claus, so be certain to bring the kids and grandkids – they'll love getting a chance to talk with Santa.

After intermission, the very talented Montecito Brass Ensemble will begin the second half of our concert. After their

performance the symphony will play "The Eighth Candle" by Steve Reisteter and a series of the most beloved holiday pieces by Irving Berlin in "Irving Berlin's Christmas." We'll then perform John Wasson's piece "In the Christmas Mood" that is loaded with lots of familiar holiday melodies. At that point, it will be your turn to perform with us by participating in our annual community holiday sing-along.

We are once again extremely fortunate to have this performance sponsored by the Fremont Bank Foundation. As always, the concert is free of charge and no tickets are necessary. Simply come and enjoy the evening – and be certain to bring all your friends. We have experienced near full-house attendance at our recent performances, so you might want to plan on arriving somewhat early to get the seating you prefer.



For more information about NSW performances and a map of Newark Memorial High School, visit <http://newarksymphonic.org>.

Holiday wishes to all and we look forward to seeing you at our Free Holiday Concert!

NSW Free Holiday Concert & Sing-Along
Saturday, Dec 16
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Newark Memorial High School Theatre
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(510) 552-7186
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“MyChart makes it easier for patients to communicate with their doctors and engage in their own health care,” said Dr. Tam

Nguyen, a family physician at Washington Township Medical Foundation’s Nakamura Clinic. “I encourage all my patients to use it.”

MyChart is part of Washington Hospital Healthcare System’s WeCare, an electronic medical records system that allows providers to have patients’ health information at their fingertips so patients receive more personalized, accurate and timely care. MyChart provides an online portal for patients to navigate the system using a computer, mobile phone, tablet or any other device that connects to the internet. It is a secure network with safeguards

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Signing up is easy at www.whhs.com/MyChart. You just need to get an access code from your physician’s office. Or you can register while you’re at your next doctor’s appointment.

“When patients come in, we can walk them through the whole process,” said Farah Toki, medical assistant at the Nakamura Clinic. “If you would rather sign up in the comfort of your own home, you can call your doctor’s office

and ask for an access code. Then you go to the website, enter the access code, and pick a username and password.”

The free online service is available to patients in the Washington Hospital Healthcare System, including Washington Hospital inpatient and outpatient clinics, Washington Township Medical Foundation clinics, Washington Urgent Care, Washington Radiation Oncology, Washington Outpatient Rehabilitation Center and Washington On Wheels Mobile Health Clinic. It’s also available at any doctor’s office that is part of the WeCare system.

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He said patients also have access to previous after-visit notes, which provide a summary of their doctor’s visit as well as any prescribed medications or treatment plans. They no longer have to hang on to a piece of paper to access those details.

“If you have any questions, you can email your doctor through MyChart,” Dr. Nguyen said. “You no longer need to have your messages filtered through a nurse or wait to get your phone call returned, only to miss it because you aren’t available when the doctor calls. You can communicate with your physician when the time is right for you.”

He said MyChart also allows him to communicate with his patients after they leave his office.

“For instance, test results often come back after I have already seen a patient and I might need to prescribe medication based on those results,” Dr. Nguyen explained. “With MyChart, they don’t need to come back to the office. I can send them a message with details about their prescription.”

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12:30 PM 12:30 AM	Raising Awareness About Stroke		Good Fats vs. Bad Fats		Your Concerns InHealth: Senior Scam Prevention		Minimally Invasive Surgery for Lower Back Disorders
1:00 PM 1:00 AM		Kidney Transplants	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting November 8, 2017	Get Your Child's Plate in Shape	(Late Start) Balance & Falls Prevention	Relieving Back Pain: Know Your Options	Diabetes Matters: Gastroparesis
1:30 PM 1:30 AM	Hip Pain and Arthritis: Evaluation & Treatment			Your Concerns InHealth: Sun Protection	(Late Start) Knee Pain & Arthritis		Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting November 8, 2017
2:00 PM 2:00 AM		(Late Start) Learn More About Kidney Disease	Voices InHealth: Demystifying the Radiation Oncology Center			(Late Start) Learn If You Are at Risk for Liver Disease	
2:30 PM 2:30 AM	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes: Is There an App for That?			Palliative Care Series: Palliative Care Demystified	11th Annual Women's Health Conference: Meditation		Strengthen Your Back! Learn to Improve Your Back Fitness
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Making Children's Holiday Gifts Fun, Educational and Safe!



Board-certified pediatrician, Bhaskari Peela, MD, offers advice on toy selection.

little ones develop motor and cognitive skills.

For infants, mobiles twirling above the crib help stimulate vision and attention spans. But, be sure the mobiles are out of the baby's reach and all pieces are secure. Walking toys for toddlers can pose potential pitfalls as your little one cruises around the house. "If you live in a multi-level house, you should put gates up to prevent your child from falling down stairs," Dr. Peela explains.

"For children 6 to 9 months old, choose plastic rings which a child learns to place on a cone in order of size. Another good choice is tapping toys, such as plastic structures with objects to be lightly hammered into place with a soft mallet-like tool. These toys help develop motor skills," Dr. Peela says. She adds that musical toys, puzzles and blocks help children with cognitive development. And, those cute push-pull toys help tots with balance and large muscle development.

Riding toys such as rocking horses and wagons, particularly suitable for children age 1 to 6, should come with safety harnesses or straps and they should be stable to prevent tipping.

Dr. Peela also cautions parents to be sure to clean up toys or games with small pieces immediately after an older child is finished playing with them, to prevent younger kids from putting the pieces in their mouths and choking on them.

Grade schoolers and older kids love to zip around on wheels. If you plan to buy a scooter, bicycle, skateboard or inline skates, be sure to include a helmet and other safety equipment such as wrist and shin guards.

Store shelves are teeming with toys and books that are educational. From learning play sets and tablets to robots and learning software and, of course, books, there are many options. These gifts encourage the development of innovative and creative thinking, as well as problem-solving skills.

How do you get your child interested in these toys and books? "Let them touch and explore them," says Dr. Peela. "Children are naturally curious, and they learn by experimenting and evaluating," she adds. A useful method for helping your children learn is to make it interesting and hands-on. For instance, a cooking experiment can offer lessons in math, biology, and even chemistry. While measuring ingredients, show how ½ cup of flour relates to one cup. You can talk about the plants that people grow to produce ingredients and how the right group of ingredients—in the appropriate amounts—can result in something delicious to eat!

While playing with musical toys, make up silly songs. Read poems or rhymes to teach basic language skills while having fun. The key to getting children engaged with educational toys is spending time introducing the toy to the child.

Enjoy your holidays with smart, safe, fun toys and books for year-round amusement and learning.

One of the greatest joys of the holidays is watching youngsters eagerly unwrap their presents and immediately dive into playing with new toys. Toys are not only a great source of entertainment and delight, they can also aid in a child's physical and cognitive development.

But, choosing the wrong toys can be hazardous, so it pays to read labels. Here are some general guidelines from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission:

- Toys made of fabric should be labeled as flame-resistant or flame-retardant

- Stuffed toys should be washable
- Painted toys should be covered with lead-free paint
- Art materials should be labeled as nontoxic

Choking is a particular risk for children aged 3 and younger because they tend to put things in their mouths. To avoid this danger, think "big." Choose toys that are larger than your child's mouth and steer clear of smaller items such as marbles and coins, as well as toys with buttons and beads that can be pulled off.

Those are some of the types of toys to avoid. What are some of the best types of toys to buy?

Choose age-appropriate toys to ensure your child safely derives the most pleasure and skills development from them. Keep in mind that the "recommended age" labels on toys are determined by safety factors, not merely intelligence or maturity. For example, toys with projectiles may be recommended for children 4 years and up, but many 6-year-olds aren't mature enough to handle them.

"First, make sure the toys are safe," advises Bhaskari Peela, MD, a board-certified pediatrician with the Washington Township Medical Foundation. She adds that many toys are instrumental in helping



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“For many, Christmas time is a bittersweet time of year,” Spencer explained. He pointed out that for people who are dealing with grief, significant life changes, sobriety, and other challenges, this time of year can be especially difficult. “This is also the time of year with the longest nights,” he said, “so on the longest night of the year, Niles Discovery Church offers a special, meditative worship service that makes time for remembering and sharing our hurting places with God. The structure of the service helps people open their hearts to hope.”

The liturgy, honed over the years by Rev. Spencer, includes special music, scripture, silent reflection, candle lighting, and healing prayer followed by a time of fellowship for those who wish to participate.

“The highlight of the service seems to be the lighting of candles,” according to Spencer. “It is a quiet response to the scripture readings and an act of prayer.”

Spencer says he hopes that the service will provide a space for people “to release their anger, face their emptiness, have a good cry (if that’s what they need), and know that God cares.” He adds that anyone from any faith tradition is welcome, though the service has a “Christian feel” to it.

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The joys of Giving

By ANNE CHAN, PhD, MFT

Is it truly better to give than to receive?

Many different religions promote the virtues of giving and generosity. Recently, social scientists have studied this question and the answer is an emphatic yes. According to Christian Smith and Hilary Davidson, researchers and authors of 'The Paradox of Generosity: Giving We Receive, Grasping We Lose,' it is better to give than to receive. Based on their five-year study of 2,000 individuals, Smith and Davidson found that those who give generously enjoy an impressive range of benefits in comparison to those who do not give as much. The generous folks were found to be significantly more resilient, healthy, and happy than those who are not as generous.

Conversely, those who are selfish and ungenerous have been found to have higher stress levels than their generous counterparts. Notes Smith, "It's no accident that the word 'miserly' and the word 'miserable' are related."

Think about this the next time you drop a dollar into the Salvation Army kettle, donate food to a local shelter, or stop to

help someone cross the street. You are not only helping others and your community, you are helping yourself as well!

Being generous is not confined to giving money or goods. You can enjoy the benefits of generosity if you are generous in giving time, attention, compassion, and kindness. You can think of your time and attention as valued commodities; every time you listen to a friend, pat someone on the back, or call to check on someone, you are engaging in acts of generosity (and reaping the rewards of generosity as well).

The benefits of generosity have been observed in marriage as well. Couples who demonstrate kindness, respect, forgiveness, and affection are less likely to argue and get divorced. They are also more likely to be satisfied in their marriage.

Note that generosity does not mean grand, impressive gestures. Rather, small acts of kindness and compassion are powerful, both for the giver and the receiver. My holiday challenge for you would be to do small acts of generosity whenever you can. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Perhaps you can help with a local cause?

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- Comfort a small child?
- Bring some food over to a stressed new mother?
- Check in on a family member or friend?
- Write or reach out to someone who is grieving?
- Be more patient when your child tells you the same story for the umpteenth time?
- Respond with gentleness even when your partner says something to annoy you?

This is, of course, the season for giving gifts. But you don't have to buy anything or spend any money for my holiday challenge. Rather, I would encourage you to give of yourself, your time, and your heart this season. Practice generosity in situations when you might not otherwise be inclined. Have a happy, generous holiday season!

Age doesn't stop this dynamo

SUBMITTED BY PAT TORELLO

Sue TenEyck believes in the importance of helping others, and puts her belief to work. For 14 years she has volunteered with the City of Fremont to provide peer counseling for seniors wanting help in handling a life challenge. The longtime Fremont resident counsels each of her clients weekly in their home. She also helps in the busy Senior Center office one day a week with whatever needs doing.

TenEyck also believes in the importance of having fun. She went ballroom dancing about ten years ago, thoroughly enjoyed herself, and has become an accomplished dancer with a repertoire of routines from East Coast swing to the Viennese waltz.

Not bad, for 83.

"My first goal in counseling is to get my clients talking," says the high-energy octogenarian. "I start by getting them comfortable with me, having a relaxed conversation about simple things like where they're from, what it was like there, what things were like growing up." She wants them to feel comfortable talking because she believes they have the answer to their problem. Her role as she sees it is to help them open up and find it within themselves.

"I love the moment when I can see that they've uncovered it," she says. "I don't give it to them. They discover it."

Issues facing seniors aren't much different from 14 years ago, she says. Anxiety can arise from many things: not being able to do things they used to do, health issues, death of friends and loved ones. But she does believe that today's fast-changing



technology may add to loneliness. "They feel left out," she says. "I remember telephones without dials. You just picked up the phone and an operator asked if she could help you and you gave her the number to call. When the dial came along I wondered if my grandmother would be able to handle it." Now, she points out, most phones are actually hand-held computers, just one example of complex technology involved in almost everything we do.

A Fremont resident for 50 years, TenEyck was born and raised in San Francisco and graduated from UC Berkeley in home economics. She worked in product development for the food industry for 42 years. Following that she managed the office of San Francisco Bay Wildlife Society part-time for 11 years.

When she's not at the Senior Center TenEyck is often ballroom dancing—taking her weekly class, or dancing the night away on Friday and Saturday night, or performing around the Bay Area with her instructor. She's a tireless volunteer at her church. She does all her own gardening and plans to continue "as long as I have a power mower." Finally, to ensure she never gets bored, her cat Caspian rules the house and expects her to meet his every demand. And as any cat owner knows, that can be a full-time job in itself.



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'Kid Hero'

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With two years of community service experience under her belt, Ashley Sinn, a fourth grader at Southgate Elementary School in Hayward, is already a veteran. And, at 8-years-old, Ashley has been donating her time and efforts to community causes for a quarter of her young life.

And her efforts haven't gone unnoticed.

She's been named a "Kid Hero" by the online fundraising platform GoFundMe, and recently was awarded a "Youth Hall of Fame" award for her innovative work from the City of Hayward.

Ashley began her community service work when she was 6-years-old. During a routine trip to the grocery store with her father, she decided to sell hot chocolate and donate the profits to support the homeless. Two years later, Sinn has now started her own non-profit organization and is encouraging other children to join her cause.

Her non-profit organization, Small Hands with Helping Hearts, was established after Ashley found very limited opportunities for children her age to volunteer. The organization is



Ashley Sinn

led by children (with some help from adults) and to date has worked on projects such as beach cleanups and on establishing a community garden to help support the homeless community.

Asked if she could change one thing in the world, Ashley said, "I would make it so that people can't become homeless." In addition to serving as president of her organization, she takes pride in recruiting other like-minded kids who want to improve their communities.

Among current projects Ashley is involved with is a GoFundMe page that seeks to address immediate community

needs for the holiday season. The page is well on its way to reaching its \$10,000 campaign goal which will go toward expanding the Small Hands with Helping Hearts fund-raising spaghetti dinner, supporting the Hayward Animal Shelter, maintaining the South Hayward Parish community garden, and additional community beautification projects.

Brian White, Ashley's principal at Southgate Elementary says, "All four of Ashley's teachers during her time at Southgate have been blown away by how helpful and compassionate she is to all students. Her stick-to-it-iveness and perseverance has made her an exceptional student — excelling in both English language arts and math. We are truly fortunate to have Ashley Sinn here at Southgate."

For more information about Ashley's organization, visit its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/smallhandshelpinghearts



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Llamas stop by to reduce student stress

BY RHODA J. SHAPIRO

For the past couple of years, Geo Caldwell has driven a van full of llamas from his farm in Sonora to UC Berkeley's campus. The llamas always come around Finals Week, as part of a De-Stressing program organized by the student government. Monday, December 4, the llamas greeted students on an open green space known as Memorial Glade.

"It's a beautiful day at UC Berkeley today. There's a lot of excitement out here," says Geo, as four of his llamas — Ollantaytambo, Quinoa, Amigo, and Wykee — garner all kinds of positive attention from students.

Geo refers to his llamas as "speechless brothers" who communicate with humans and each other at a soul level. One gets a sense of what he means by witnessing the depth in their eyes. With their soft fur and expressive features, Geo's llamas gain countless admirers everywhere they go.

Ana Mancia, in her third year at UC Berkeley, is a member of the student association's

Academic Affairs office. This is her third time organizing the llama event, which she says grows more popular with each passing semester. "I've been the coordinator for the last three llama events. It's always been overwhelming and incredible. People really love the llamas. It's really cool to see the llamas becoming an integral part of UC Berkeley and something students look forward to."

Andrew-Ian Bullitt, a senior, is the Academic Affairs Vice President. "We do a lot of events related to mental health and wellness," says Bullitt. "The llamas are part of our De-Stress Week. Last week, we had a petting zoo. We also had a photo campaign about mental health. In the library, there's another event called the Social Media Blackout Challenge where we take phones and award people for getting off social media. But the llamas are definitely one of the most iconic events that the organization has."

Although few studies have been done, Geo has witnessed the profound impact that llamas have

made on the mental health of those that come in contact with them. This has fueled Geo's sense of purpose, as he regularly takes his llamas out to nursing homes, hospitals, and other facilities.

"I have seen the effect llamas have on people. It's very positive," Geo writes in an email after the Berkeley event. "I have seen llamas have tremendous influence on those who were depressed and suicidal; they actually pull people out of it. I have seen the way the llama energy affects people in the short term as well."

In the future, Geo hopes to be instrumental in helping UC Berkeley procure their own herd of on-campus llamas. That way, students can learn to care for and communicate with them, while also having a kind of "safe haven" to visit whenever things get too stressful with school.

One student, Serena Wang, makes sure to snap a selfie with a llama before rushing off to her next class. "I make sure to come out to see them every semester near finals. Students are stressed 24/7. But when we see the llamas, we pet them. We take photos. It de-stresses us. It's a way of bringing a little happiness to campus."

To learn more about Geo Caldwell and his llamas, go to: www.experiencellamas.com



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Facebook launches parent-controlled Messenger App For Kids

BY BARBARA ORTUTAY

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NEW YORK (AP), Facebook is coming for your kids. The social media giant is launching a messaging app for children to chat with their parents and with friends approved by their parents.

The free app is aimed at kids under 13, who can't yet have their own accounts under Facebook's rules, though they often do.

Messenger Kids comes with a slew of controls for parents. The service won't let children add their own friends or delete messages — only parents can do that. Kids don't get a separate Facebook or Messenger account; rather, it's an extension of a parent's account. Messenger Kids came out Dec. 4 in the U.S. as an app for Apple devices — the iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch. Versions for Android and Amazon's tablets are coming later.

While children do use messaging and social media apps designed for teenagers and adults, those services aren't built for them, said Kristelle Lavallee, a children's psychology expert who advised Facebook on designing the service. "The risk of exposure to things they were not developmentally prepared for is huge," she said.

Messenger Kids, meanwhile, "is a result of seeing what kids like," which is images, emoji and the like. Face filters and playful masks can be distracting for adults, Lavallee said, but for kids who are just learning how to form relationships and stay in touch with parents digitally, they are ways to express themselves.

Lavallee, who is content strategist at the Center on Media and Child Health at Boston Children's Hospital and Harvard University, called Messenger Kids a "useful tool" that "makes par-

ents the gatekeepers." But she said that while Facebook made the app "with the best of intentions," it's not yet known how people will use it.

As with other tools Facebook has released in the past, intentions and real-world use do not always match up. Facebook's live video streaming feature, for example, has been used for plenty of innocuous and useful things, but also to stream crimes and suicides.

Is Messenger Kids simply a way for Facebook to rope in the young ones? Stephen Balkam, CEO of the nonprofit Family Online Safety Institute, said "that train has left the station."

Federal law prohibits internet companies from collecting personal information on kids under 13 without their parents' permission and imposes restrictions on advertising to them. That is why Facebook and many other social media companies prohibit younger kids from joining. Even so, Balkam said millions of kids under 13 are already on Facebook, with or without their parents' approval.

Park district names veteran law enforcement leader to public safety post

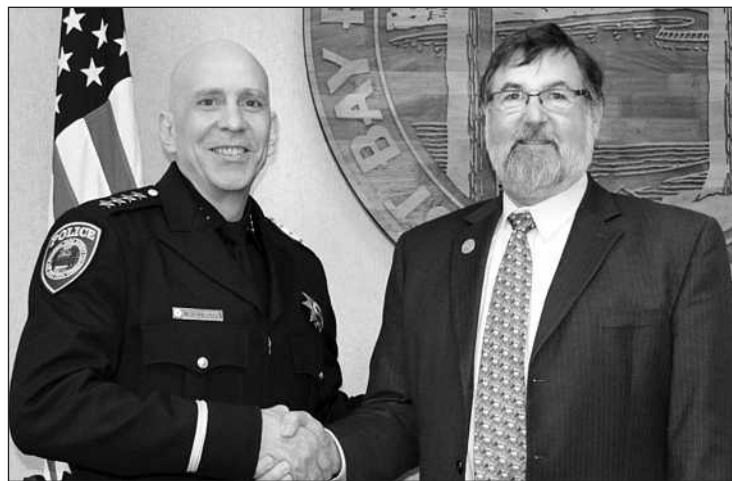
SUBMITTED BY DAVE MASON

Officials from the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) recently named Anthony (Tony) Ciaburro as the district's Assistant General Manager of Public Safety.

Ciaburro, a 28-year-law enforcement veteran, had been filling the position with the park district on a temporary basis since June 6. His promotion to the permanent job was announced during the park district's Nov. 21 Board of Director's meeting. He replaces Chief Tim Anderson who retired Nov. 25 after 30 years with the park district.

In his new position, Ciaburro holds the dual title of EBRPD Assistant General Manager for Public Safety, and EBRPD Police Chief.

"We are happy to announce Chief Tony Ciaburro as our new Assistant General Manager for Public Safety," said EBRPD General Manager Robert Doyle.



Chief Anthony (Tony) Ciaburro with General Manager Robert Doyle at Swearing in event Nov. 21, 2017

"Chief Ciaburro is a veteran leader in Bay Area law enforcement with a wealth of knowledge and experience."

A long-time Bay Area resident, began his career in law enforcement in 1989 as an officer with the San Jose Police Department. His assignments as a sergeant and officer included narcotics, robbery, and internal affairs. As a lieutenant, he ran Santa Clara County's Regional Auto Theft Task Force and oversaw investigations as an acting captain. Upon promotion to captain, Ciaburro commanded the Central Division of the San Jose Police Department, overseeing 125 police officers.

Chief Ciaburro joined the park district in 2015 as a Captain of Patrol Operations, overseeing policing of the park district's 73 parks and 121,000 acres of open space. He also oversaw the Investigations Unit, the Volunteer Safety Patrol Unit, and served as the liaison to the Park District's unit managers working enforcement and events.

Ciaburro earned bachelor's and master's degrees in criminal justice from San Jose State University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He also is a graduate of the Senior Management Institute for Police.

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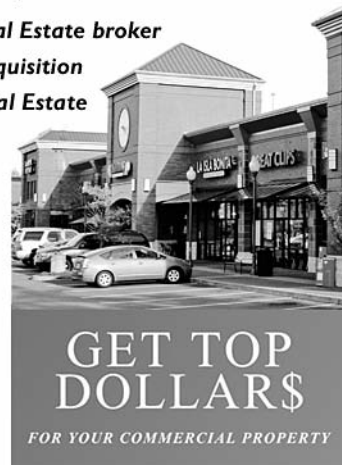
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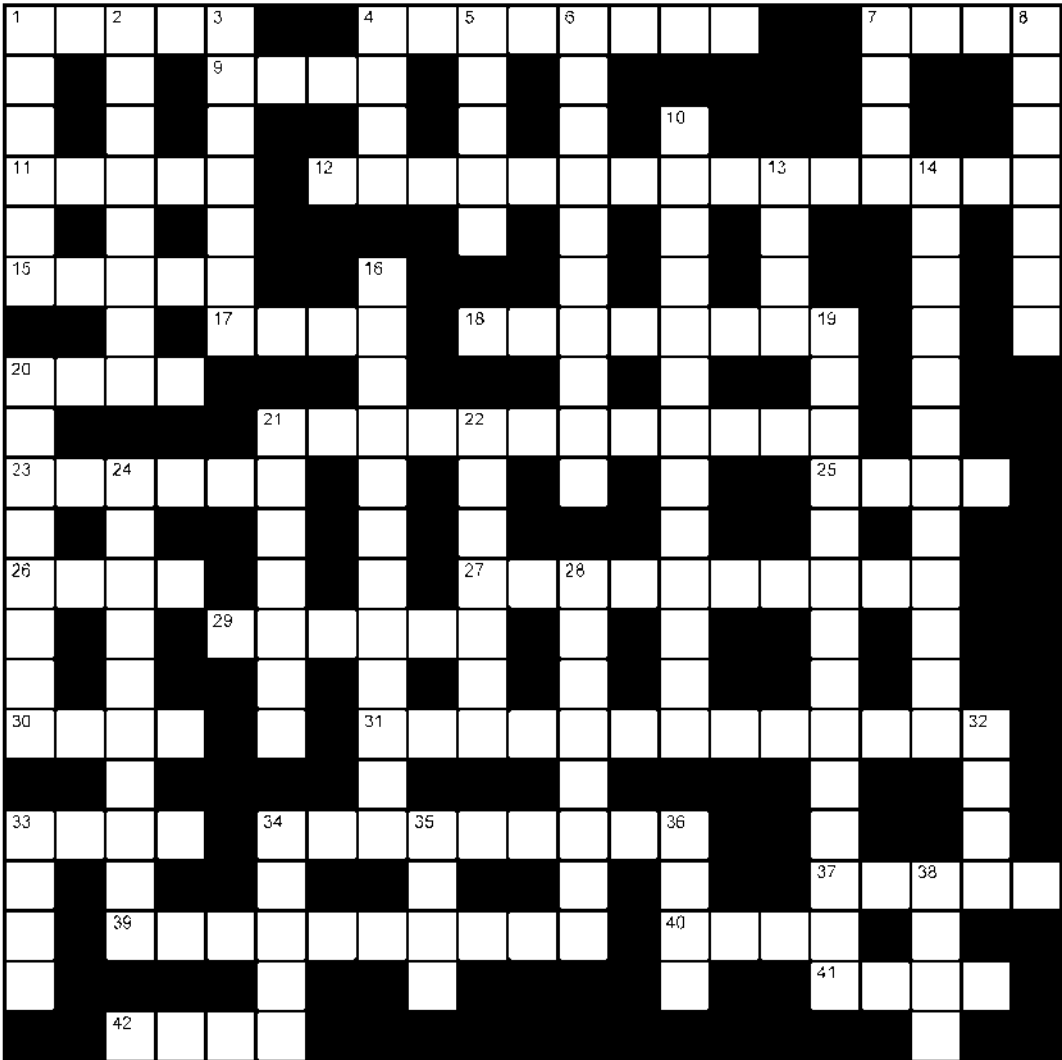


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- Across

1 Brute (5)

4 Other offices (8)

7 Aardvark fare (4)

9 "I'm ___ you!" (4)

11 Issue (5)

12 Traits (15)

15 Bring up (5)

17 Close, as an envelope (4)

18 Conjured in one's mind (8)

20 Advocate (4)

21 Deeds (12)

23 Calamitous (6)

25 Battery contents (4)

26 Maker of holes (4)

27 Often misused punctuation (10)

29 'Must not' using 27-across (6)

30 "... happily ___ after" (4)
- Down

1 Ram, maybe (6)

2 Editing, for TV maybe (8)

3 Hand-held lights (7)

4 Not just one (4)

5 Burned up (5)

6 Did the math (10)

7 Em, to Dorothy (4)

8 Link (7)
- 10 Heat-exchanging appliances (13)

13 Doing nothing (4)

14 Cognitive ability (12)

16 One kind of order (12)

19 Let-down (14)

20 Final (8)

21 Version (as of a story) (7)

22 Big belt (7)

24 In total (10)

28 Bathroom sign (8)

32 Bank (4)

33 Urges, with "on" (4)

34 Bring in (5)

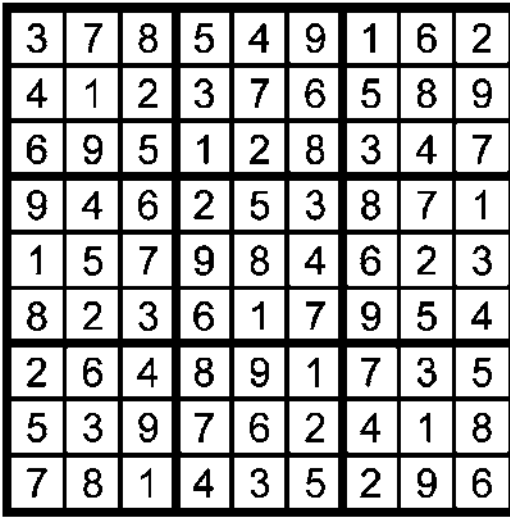
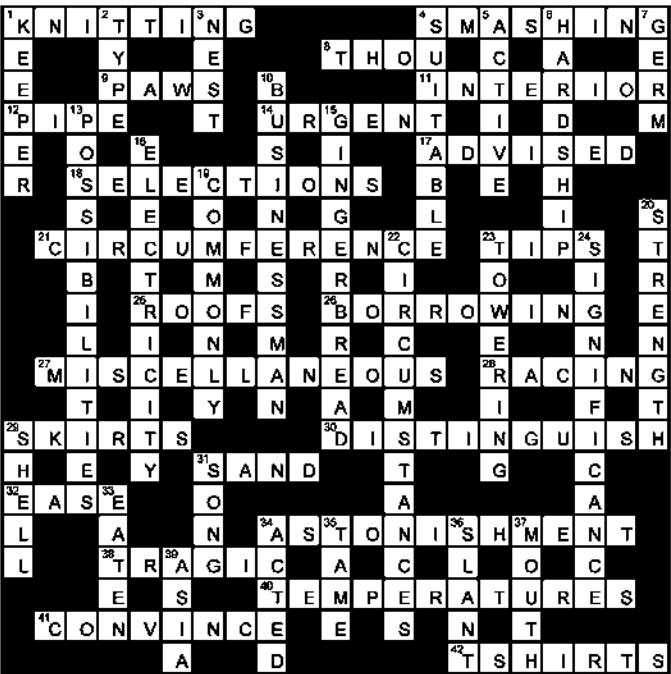
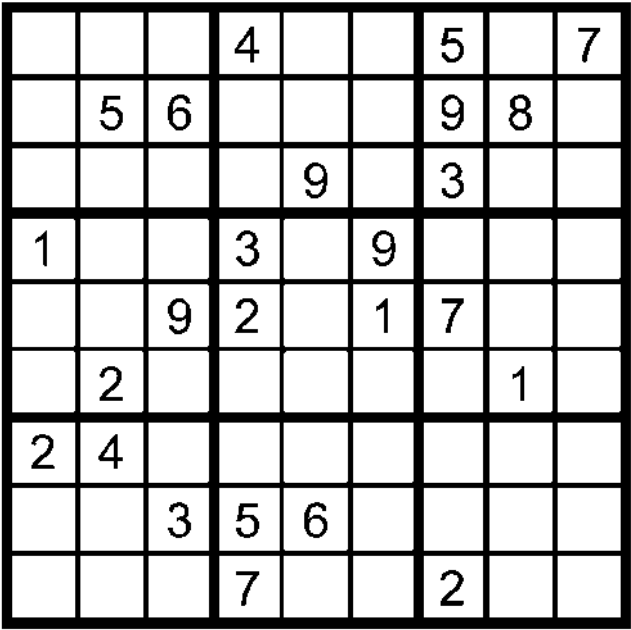
35 What an egg is (4)

36 Deceive (4)

38 Barber's job (4)

Sudoku:

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



Tri-City Stargazer FOR WEEK: DECEMBER 13 - DECEMBER 19

For All Signs: Saturn, the Great Teacher within us, is on the cusp of changing signs to Capricorn, sign of corporations and business. Whenever Saturn changes signs, there are multiple changes in the world and the laws we must abide to get along in society. Saturn in Capricorn can be hard-nosed indeed. It rewards those who benefit the world and punishes those who have not demonstrated the lessons of social and corporate give-and-take. Everyone feels the presence of Saturn, although it affects varying parts of our lives, depending upon its position relative to the sun sign. Saturn represents manifest reality and the “rules” by which

we all must live to maintain our social and personal systems. At worst, Saturn symbolizes rigidity, the calcification of fears and the resulting refusal to change. At its best, Saturn is our teacher and requires that we look at the facts. It insists on self-discipline and organization, definition and improving the structures of our lives in whatever sector of life it transits. We may feel its impact through the demands of others or it may come through the call of inner conscience. Check your sun and rising signs below to identify your next Saturn project.

Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20): The next 2.5 years is a highly productive period. For those who were happy with life goals of 2016, the following two years brings greater responsibility. Long term goals and desire for achievement in your outer life may press you to temporarily sacrifice personal life and leisure. It is likely you are either adding responsibilities or departing an old lifestyle to begin a fresh adventure.

Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20): The new Saturn cycle calls upon you to study your beliefs for flaws. If they are sound, then commit yourself to establish practical ways in which to manifest them. The arena may be legal, religious, philosophical or educational. You must apply what you have learned in the secular world. You must “walk your talk”. The world requires that you expand your usual territory to include a larger perspective.

Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20): Saturn in Capricorn will require you to focus on the consequences, responsibilities and liabilities of sharing resources with others. There may be work to do related to managing your own finances or those of someone else. This is a good period to tackle internal roadblocks that interfere with your ability to

achieve genuine intimacy. Resources may be reduced for a time.

Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21): The new Saturn cycle rivets attention on the quality of your important relationships. It is time to begin realistically considering your responsibilities in this area and clarify your commitment. Existing relationships will be evaluated and new purposes carved. On the other hand, it may be time to release those persons who are wasting your precious time and energy.

Leo the Lion (July 22-August 22): This cycle of Saturn will be a period of apprenticeship. Now is the time to perfect your broad index of experience and knowledge, to practice until the accumulated bits of wisdom become second nature and highly efficient. The subsequent cycle will yield the improvement in status resulting from work now. Give thorough attention to the needs of your physical body from now through March 2020. Neglect could be costly.

Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22): This is the time for intentional application of your creative energy and to take steps toward manifesting your dreams of fulfillment. Something deep inside you, no more than three years in your consciousness, wants to be expressed. Don't

anticipate grandiose results on this cycle, but there should be reasonably positive responses from the world if you are on the right track.

Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22): In terms of worldly influence, you are at the lowest point in the Saturn cycle. It is time now to lay the foundations for the next 28 years and it begins with inner work. We can produce little in the outer world until we develop a sense of a stable internal sanctuary. Define what you must have to feel solidly secure and initiate the steps that will produce it. Family and property concerns may dominate for a time.

Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21): This is the beginning of a period for you to define and clarify your level of knowledge. You may be called upon to adopt a project requiring close concentration and sharpened communication skills. Learning to speak or write volumes in a few chosen words will become important as this cycle progresses. Work toward efficiency and streamlining all communication methods over these two years.

Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21): This Saturn cycle asks you to more clearly define your values. You may have fewer resources

available now, whether that refers to money, energy or time. Discrimination will be necessary to maximize efficiency. You are likely to voluntarily forego expenditures on immediate pleasures for longer range objectives. People commonly purchase a home or make important investments on this cycle.

Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19): It is time to redefine yourself. The old way was good for many years but it has outlived its purpose and you must now look at yourself more deeply. What are the potentials not yet developed? What is the best way to contribute your gifts to a greater whole? Focus your attention on personal identity and tighten up all life agendas to match who you wish to become.

Aquarius the Water Bearer (January 20-February 18): The new Saturn cycle asks that you be directed inward and you may

choose to withdraw from the world (if not physically, then mentally). Attempts to capitalize on the social and political power of the last few years will fail to make you happy. You may be drawn to work with those who are deprived or mistreated. Now is a time for spiritual refurbishing and R&R before the next 28 year cycle begins in 2.5 years.

Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20): Saturn's new cycle calls you to take responsibility for your niche in life and clarify the role you wish to play in society. You have much knowledge coupled with many social and communications skills and talents. It is time to consider extending these gifts beyond the personal and offer them in service to a larger group. You will experience the outcome of many years' work during the next three years.

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The next meeting will be held on Wednesday January 17, 2018, at the Fremont Elks’ Lodge #2121, located at 38991 Farwell Drive in Fremont. This month is our Holiday luncheon which includes wives, daughters or significant others.

If you are a retired man you should join Fremont/Newark/Union City Branch 59 of SIR! Socializing is from 11:00am to 12:00pm, and there is time to look over an extensive library of books, sign up for activities, and meet new people or shoot the breeze with old friends. The formal meeting starts at 12:00pm with branch announcements, birthday wishes, a sing-a-long, and lunch, followed by an interesting and entertaining guest speaker. Meetings usually end about 1:30pm.

Activities run the gamut from golf, bowling, computers, wine tasting, bridge, bocce, and couples dining out, and more are being added as interest dictates.

SIR Branch 59 welcomes new members. Visit the website at www.sirbranch59.org or call Ron Brutvan at (510) 794-4019 or email sirbranch59@gmail.com for more information. Do it today!

Amazon partners with League of Volunteers

BY RHODA J. SHAPIRO

Last Monday, December 4, Amazon partnered up with League of Volunteers (LOV) in Newark to give away \$15,000 worth of toys and gifts to children and families in need. “This is the first time we’ve done something like this with Amazon. We’re so thankful that they contacted us,” says Executive Director Shirley Sisk, who co-founded LOV back in 1979.

The LOV team isn't new to such events. Over the course of nearly four decades, they’ve organized countless toy drives,

along with a program called Adopt-a-Family, where every holiday season, families in need receive food, toys, household items, and other gifts.

“We help families every year, but not nearly with this much magnitude or support,” says President of LOV’s Board Betty Cole as she looks out at a gigantic Amazon truck in the parking lot.

Within moments, a fleet of representatives from Newark’s Amazon distribution center, wearing red Amazon shirts with “#deliveringsmiles” printed on the back, carried boxes from the truck into Newark’s community

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center, where dozens of eager kids awaited. Inside the center, musicians from Fremont Symphony set a spirited tone, as enchanting holiday music filled the room. Santa Claus sat near the musicians, and every now and

then, a child climbed onto his lap. Families sat at tables, eating holiday cookies and candy canes.

Site Leader Scott Sharp, who has worked at the Newark Amazon location for about a year, appreciates the work that LOV does. “The League of Volunteers actually drew us toward them. We saw the work they were doing in the community,” Sharp says. “We love doing things in the community. We’re a large company, no doubt about it. But we want to make a large impact on a small scale within the community we work. The people I brought today are all part of the Newark community. We work here. We know people who work here. We wanted to be a part of that. The thing I’m most looking forward to today are the smiles. Not just on the kids, but on the parents too. The kids are going to get a small gift, but the parents are going to get relief as well.”

Once all the toys were set up on tables toward the back of the room, each child was escorted in by an Amazon representative. They were told that they could pick any two items they wanted.

Eyes gleaming with excitement, the children walked from table to table, examining the many board games, building sets, scooters, telescopes, dreamcatchers, and kitten pet sets. Brand new bicycles with helmets lined up along the back wall. After picking out their gifts, kids joined their parents to show their new toys.

One parent, Damonnesha Drew, was absolutely floored when she saw her daughter walk out with a new bicycle.

“This was on the wish list to get my daughter,” Damonnesha said, her voice shot through with sheer excitement. “And I didn’t know if I was going to be able to get her a bike. And today she got a bike, and I want to cry. I’m so excited for her, I want to get on that bike myself! It’s beautiful. It’s a blessing for Amazon to come out and help the children. It’s very touching. I’m happy because I couldn’t really afford Christmas this year.”

Mah’niah Glover, 8, echoes her mother’s sentiments. “I feel the same way my mom does. I really want to cry. I can’t wait to ride this bike. This is really a blessing. This is joy and love.”



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Las Posadas Celebrates the True Spirit of Christmas



to Bethlehem. The couple sought shelter, or posada, in order to rest and for Mary to give birth. They were continuously rejected, and the divine child was finally born in a stable manger.

Las Posadas originated in Mexico in the 16th century when the catholic Christmas was observed by Spanish Augustinian friars. Now, it is celebrated in many parts of the world during the nine days leading up to Christmas Day. Adults and children dress up in biblical attire and are led by a couple dressed as

Joseph and Mary carrying a baby. The procession includes musicians and, sometimes, even a live donkey. Singing songs and holding candles, the procession stops at pre-selected locations where the participants ask for lodging and are refused admittance, just as Mary and Joseph were. Finally, they are provided shelter and refreshments at a pre-determine venue. Songs are sung and scriptures read. Children break a star-shaped piñata filled with candies, small toys, and money. The star is a symbol of the biblical star that



led three wise men to the Christ child, while the candies represent a heavenly reward.

This great tradition has been celebrated locally in honor of the Spanish and Mexican heritage of Fremont. FCAC Vice President Connie Chew, who has been organizing this event for the last few years says, "As usual, the procession will start each night at the front porch of the Old Mission San Jose Museum building. The procession will assemble by 6 p.m. and walk to a local business or site within two blocks of the Mission by 6:15 p.m. People are encouraged to dress warmly and carry a flashlight to read song sheets. Once inside the host business, an entertainment program organized by FCAC will take place and light refreshments will be provided by the host."

FCAC President Margaret Thornberry pointed out, "Las Posadas will be even brighter and more festive this year, thanks to Tri-City Voice, that has generously provided light sticks to be carried during the nightly processions from the Old Mission San Jose to evening entertainments."

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Either Centerstage or Santa's Tallest Elves (Pop Christmas)

Thursday, Dec 21
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Centerstage Singers

Friday, Dec 22
Tavares Realty
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Knuti Van Hoven
(Pop Christmas)

Saturday, Dec 23
Old Mission San Jose Church
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Carols followed by a piñata for children



Home & Garden



Open the door to local produce

farms. The final model sources imperfect produce from West Coast farms that would otherwise go to waste.

Farm Fresh To You (www.farmfreshtoyou.com) offers a year-round CSA box subscription that is delivered to the home or office. Created by Capay Organic farm, they have partnered with a variety of

regional and statewide farmers and artisans to offer a wide variety of organic fruits and vegetables and other handcrafted farm products. Ordering is simple from their online Farm Stand. They offer box types that are as good as having a personal produce shopper in addition to a standard selection box that can be edited. There is a snack box, a non-cooking box, a fruit only box, a vegetable only box, and a local box that focuses on seasonal produce grown on the Capay Organic farm. The Yolo County farm also host tours, chef dinners, and has four different farm houses that are available for vacation stays.

A CSA box does not get much more local than the one available from Happy Acre Farm in Sunol (www.happyacrefarm.com). The subscription is seasonal from spring through fall, and the price is charged by the season. There is no home delivery. Instead, the box can be picked up on Wednesdays at a handful of East Bay locations or from one or two Sunday farmers markets at Jack London Square or in Kensington. Each box contains some herbs, greens, root vegetables, and seasonally available produce. Suspense and curiosity will also come with the subscription. Recipes are available on the website just in case a vegetable or herb might be unfamiliar.

There is a lot of produce that never makes it to the supermarket because it does not have the

“perfect” or recognizable shape that people have grown accustomed to. These fruits and vegetables do not taste any different. Imperfect Produce (www.imperfectproduce.com) realized this. They started a CSA subscription that offers this “ugly” or imperfect produce to subscribers at a lower price than CSA boxes with standard shaped fruits and vegetables. Delivered to the doorstep weekly or bi-monthly, a box selection can be customized to avoid receiving unwanted produce. The subscription can be paused for vacations and other reasons with no fee. Imperfect Produce offers organic and non-organic produce as well as olive oil and other condiments when available.

CSA boxes are becoming popular for many reasons. There are now sustainable seafood boxes, locally farmed meat subscriptions, and herbal products CSA boxes available. Subscription purchases support local farmers and artisans, curtail transportation pollution, reduce food waste, and give people a greater respect and understanding of where their food comes from. However, in the end, the produce must taste good... and CSA boxes deliver.

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ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY
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The world is not changing so much as adapting to new technologies.

Subscriptions to newspapers, magazines, and gyms still exist. However, smartphones and computers have made it possible to get subscriptions for a larger variety of items. Netflix offers unlimited streaming of movies, Stitch Fix will send five handpicked articles of clothing from a personal stylist each month, and Birchbox will mail five high-end cosmetic samples each month. Only a few types of subscriptions offer all of the benefits of a monthly service as well as support small or local businesses. A Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) box subscription is one of these.

A CSA box is a monthly subscription for fruits, vegetables, and other non-produce food items such as olive oils, eggs, and honey. The process is simple. Once a subscription has been purchased, the subscriber chooses the size of the box based upon the number of people in the household. Organic or conventional produce, or a combination of both can be selected, as well as the delivery frequency. There will be a window of time available to customize the box before every delivery date. Next, sit back and enjoy fresh produce from local and family-owned farms delivered straight to your doorstep.

There are many things that make a CSA box appealing. Convenience is the primary factor for many people, especially in the Bay Area where time is at a premium. There can be cost savings because the produce gets shipped straight from the farm to where the box is assembled and then directly to the subscriber. This eliminates a lot of the risk of produce spoiling or being damaged during transportation



and distribution to larger grocery outlets. The suspense of waiting and the curiosity of opening the box makes purchasing fruits and vegetables fun. Subscribing to a CSA box can also align with a person's values of supporting small, independent, local, and sustainable businesses.

There are a few different options of CSA boxes to choose from that vary slightly in their business model structure. One has a year-round subscription from regional and state-wide farms. Another has a seasonal subscription available from local



THE ACWD CONNECTION

Holiday Tap Water Recipes

The holiday season is a busy time for all - celebrations with family and friends might include parties with food and drink leaving you to crave something cool and invigorating. You can keep things festive, impress your guests and stay hydrated throughout the holidays with delicious tap water recipes, with a twist. Try budget-friendly recipes that will add a hint of color and refresh that already tasty tap water. To boot, tap water is available at the turn of a faucet, needs no extra filtering, is safe to drink and already available in your home...no extra trips to the store!

Citrus Mint Water

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- 1 - lemon sliced
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- Half gallon of tap water
- Chill in refrigerator for 30 min. before serving



Create your own flavored tap water using any combination of seasonal fruits, vegetables, herbs, berries, or even edible flowers. Popular flavors include cucumber melon, strawberry mint and grapefruit lime. Get creative!

Another fun and festive way to jazz up your tap water is flavored ice cubes. Fill ice cube trays with fresh basil, thyme, pomegranate seeds or any pureed fruit and a touch of tap water. Mix and match the different flavored ice cubes for a beautiful presentation and delicious refreshing treat!



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21157 Elm Street	94546	660,000	3	978	1948	10-24-17
4622 Lawrence Drive	94546	744,000	-	1815	1965	10-27-17
3874 Link Court	94546	605,000	3	990	1955	10-23-17
1853 Riverbank Avenue	94546	630,000	2	1174	1947	10-23-17
18768 Sydney Circle	94546	780,000	4	1901	1992	10-25-17
3719 Boulder Canyon Dr	94552	1,065,000	4	2352	1998	10-24-17
7825 Crow Canyon Road	94552	1,265,000	3	3762	1957	10-25-17
5957 East Castro Valley Blvd	94552	750,000	-	2208	-	10-25-17
6430 Ridgewood Drive	94552	1,100,000	4	2240	1990	10-26-17
5478 Troost Court	94552	800,000	3	1712	1980	10-26-17

FREMONT TOTAL SALES: 39						
Highest \$: 2,609,000		Median \$: 1,015,000				
Lowest \$: 303,500		Average \$: 1,122,077				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
38795 Adcock Drive	94536	1,025,000	-	1409	1978	10-27-17
35817 Adobe Drive	94536	820,000	3	1148	1957	10-23-17
38455 Bronson St #327	94536	355,000	1	750	1970	10-23-17
38351 Canyon Heights Dr	94536	830,000	3	1120	1955	10-27-17
4402 Eggers Drive	94536	1,075,000	4	1534	1958	10-23-17
4338 Gertrude Drive	94536	1,080,000	3	1732	1959	10-24-17
3235 Greenwood Drive	94536	850,000	2	1292	1950	10-27-17
3266 Greenwood Drive	94536	855,000	3	1075	1950	10-23-17
38910 Hayes Street	94536	1,015,000	4	1409	1977	10-26-17
37804 Laurus Court	94536	1,496,500	4	2591	2001	10-26-17
37673 Logan Drive	94536	1,081,000	3	1553	1965	10-24-17
37547 Mission Blvd	94536	988,000	5	1748	1931	10-27-17
38279 Oracle Com #7	94536	998,000	-	-	-	10-23-17
39199 Walnut Terrace	94536	650,000	2	1270	1984	10-27-17
39602 Bruning Street	94538	925,500	3	1204	1964	10-27-17
42719 Everglades Park Dr	94538	1,140,000	4	1736	1962	10-25-17
39078 Guardino Dr #107	94538	510,000	2	844	1990	10-23-17
3506 Hart Common	94538	868,000	3	1430	1996	10-23-17
40239 Legend Rose Ter	94538	1,031,000	3	1922	2008	10-27-17
123 Lichen Court	94538	964,000	4	1428	1961	10-23-17
42786 Philadelphia Place	94538	1,088,000	3	1000	1958	10-27-17
4303 Sacramento Ave #223	94538	532,500	1	1221	1974	10-27-17
3868 Steuben Court	94538	940,000	3	1156	1958	10-27-17
309 Anza Street	94539	1,055,000	3	951	1953	10-23-17
901 Camero Way	94539	1,400,000	5	1902	1965	10-26-17
2297 Castillejo Way	94539	1,590,000	4	2615	1966	10-23-17
49002 Cinnamon Fern Com #216	94539	303,500	2	1081	2009	10-24-17
347 De Leon Avenue	94539	1,596,500	3	2472	1953	10-26-17
740 Little Foot Drive	94539	1,545,000	3	2140	1977	10-27-17
353 Lower Vintners Circle	94539	2,376,000	5	3821	1996	10-27-17
43122 Palm Place	94539	1,615,500	3	1916	2007	10-24-17
483 Pilgrim Loop	94539	2,609,000	4	4048	1990	10-27-17
1122 Tewa Court	94539	2,499,000	5	4025	1987	10-26-17
41982 Via San Luis Rey	94539	1,561,000	4	2082	1963	10-25-17
34522 Alberta Terrace	94555	1,010,000	3	1641	1991	10-26-17
3555 Bittern Place	94555	1,650,000	4	2524	1984	10-24-17
34674 Greenstone Com	94555	643,000	3	1166	1970	10-27-17
33202 Lake Lanier Place	94555	710,000	3	1060	1969	10-27-17
3905 Lake Tahoe Terrace	94555	480,000	2	870	1971	10-27-17

HAYWARD TOTAL SALES: 44						
Highest \$: 1,045,000		Median \$: 630,000				
Lowest \$: 347,000		Average \$: 645,636				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
22860 1st Street	94541	570,000	3	1115	1920	10-27-17
807 Alonda Court	94541	515,000	3	1481	1950	10-23-17
635 Arcadia Drive	94541	574,000	3	1345	2003	10-27-17
22718 Blackwood Ave	94541	560,000	2	1560	1961	10-25-17
989 Blossom Way	94541	498,000	2	832	1924	10-27-17
595 Blossom Way #6	94541	450,000	2	1077	1989	10-27-17
1678 East Avenue	94541	470,000	2	837	1956	10-24-17
20633 Garden Avenue	94541	575,000	4	1338	1906	10-27-17
19730 Hathaway Avenue	94541	620,000	3	1572	1952	10-27-17
944 Hotel Avenue	94541	515,000	2	1079	1937	10-27-17
856 Lester Avenue	94541	658,000	3	1708	1950	10-27-17
921 Longwood Avenue	94541	600,000	3	1026	1951	10-27-17
3179 Madsen Street	94541	635,000	3	1834	2011	10-24-17
23066 Maud Avenue	94541	746,000	3	1691	1947	10-25-17
25111 Oakridge Court	94541	545,000	3	1365	1973	10-24-17
22119 Prospect Street	94541	795,000	4	4226	1950	10-24-17
260 Sunset Boulevard #9	94541	347,000	2	926	1981	10-27-17
28550 Barn Rock Drive	94542	1,045,000	3	2492	1992	10-26-17
3097 Chronicle Avenue	94542	985,500	-	-	-	10-25-17
3429 Otter Court	94542	900,000	4	2248	1979	10-25-17
26868 Pelham Place	94542	800,000	4	2387	1969	10-26-17
29878 Baltic Court	94544	620,000	3	1156	1985	10-24-17
807 Challenger Way	94544	441,000	2	1110	1988	10-24-17
1003 Cheryl Ann Cl #55	94544	410,000	2	1060	1979	10-23-17
26268 Coleman Avenue	94544	700,000	3	1555	1953	10-24-17
742 Freshmeadow Court	94544	705,000	4	1731	1959	10-27-17
26244 Hickory Avenue	94544	475,000	3	1059	1952	10-26-17
25060 Joyce Street	94544	548,000	3	1305	1952	10-25-17
31856 Kennet Street	94544	750,000	5	2053	1956	10-27-17
521 Kim Place	94544	680,000	3	1176	1956	10-25-17
27085 Lemay Way	94544	650,000	3	1474	1957	10-23-17
1346 McBride Lane	94544	650,000	3	1231	1954	10-27-17
245 Rome Place	94544	645,000	3	1327	1951	10-27-17
27083 Underwood Ave	94544	640,000	3	1210	1955	10-27-17
2543 Admiral Circle	94545	931,000	4	2161	2016	10-25-17
2545 Admiral Circle	94545	956,000	3	2047	2016	10-25-17
2239 Bennington Lane	94545	640,000	3	1107	1957	10-26-17
24843 Calaroga Avenue	94545	630,000	1	1215	1959	10-26-17
29068 Caravan Lane	94545	660,000	2	1604	2011	10-23-17

2827 Dune Circle	94545	989,000	5	2440	2003	10-26-17
176 Montevina Way	94545	862,500	-	-	-	10-23-17
2415 Oliver Drive	94545	432,000	2	988	1970	10-27-17
800 Resota Street	94545	530,000	3	1121	1959	10-27-17
21314 Gary Drive #206	94546	460,000	2	1100	1991	10-26-17

MILPITAS TOTAL SALES: 15						
Highest \$: 1,960,000		Median \$: 960,000				
Lowest \$: 520,000		Average \$: 957,433				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
435 Arbor Way	95035	641,000	2	924	1992	11-17-17
1478 Ashland Drive	95035	675,000	3	995	1956	11-20-17
1345 Coyote Creek Way	95035	1,050,000	3	1788	2014	11-17-17
357 Ethyl Street #3	95035	520,000	2	882	1971	11-16-17
1582 Hidden Creek Ln	95035	1,182,000	4	2405	2017	11-15-17
1586 Hidden Creek Ln	95035	1,042,000	3	2318	2017	11-15-17
1596 Hidden Creek Ln	95035	1,100,000	3	2413	2017	11-17-17
1597 Hidden Creek Ln	95035	1,050,500	3	2318	2017	11-17-17
1598 Hidden Creek Ln	95035	1,182,000	4	2405	2017	11-15-17
2045 Lee Way	95035	940,000	3	1622	2014	11-14-17
300 Monmouth Drive	95035	589,000	4	1154	1956	11-17-17
406 North Park Victoria Dr	95035	700,000	4	1411	1962	11-20-17
1836 Pinehurst Court	95035	1,960,000	4	4068	1992	11-14-17
351 Silvertip Court	95035	770,000	3	1215	1966	11-14-17
657 Wool Drive	95035	960,000	3	1550	1987	11-17-17

NEWARK TOTAL SALES: 20						
Highest \$: 1,006,000		Median \$: 781,000				
Lowest \$: 423,000		Average \$: 764,525				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
6041 Baine Avenue	94560	900,000	3	1983	1998	10-23-17
6308 Buena Vista Dr #B	94560	480,000	1	924	1985	10-25-17
8552 Cabana Way	94560	787,500	-	-	-	10-27-17
39865 Cedar Blvd #343	94560	423,000	1	777	1986	10-27-17
8547 Dunes Way	94560	1,006,000	-	-	-	10-25-17
8553 Dunes Way	94560	971,500	-	-	-	10-24-17
8555 Dunes Way	94560	952,500	-	-	-	10-27-17
7859 Hazelnut Drive	94560	885,000	3	1232	1964	10-27-17
6270 Jarvis Avenue	94560	815,000	3	1503	1987	10-24-17
36206 La Salle Drive	94560	550,000	3	1100	1960	10-24-17
37898 Lattitudes Lane	94560	870,000	-	-	-	10-26-17
5418 Port Sailwood Dr	94560	630,000	3	1498	1983	10-23-17
6323 Rockrose Drive	94560	925,000	4	1752	1963	10-25-17
36283 Sandalwood St	94560	703,000	3	1136	1961	10-24-17
37529 Shelter Road	94560	747,500	-	-	-	10-25-17
37547 Shelter Road	94560	783,500	-	-	-	10-24-17
37557 Shelter Road	94560	781,000	-	-	-	10-24-17
38913 Snapdragon Pl	94560	730,000	-	-	-	10-27-17
5746 Souza Avenue	94560	720,000	4	1064	1955	10-25-17
7530 Wells Avenue	94560	630,000	3	1015	1957	10-26-17

SAN LEANDRO			TOTAL SALES: 22			
Highest \$: 1,350,000			Median \$: 625,000			
Lowest \$: 329,000			Average \$: 627,614			
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
1400 Carpentier St #304	94577	380,000	2	977	1983	10-26-17
400 Davis Street #203	94577	475,500	2	1431	1982	10-25-17
2390 Driftwood Way	94577	710,000	5	1584	1963	10-27-17
396 Haas Avenue	94577	678,000	4	1924	1938	10-27-17
433 Harlan Street #303	94577	404,000	3	1033	1964	10-24-17
2264 Heathrow Place	94577	560,000	3	1659	1979	10-26-17
2447 Jamaica Way	94577	680,000	3	1336	1961	11-27-17
14159 Maracaibo Road	94577	651,000	3	1230	1963	10-26-17
12960 Neptune Drive	94577	675,000	2	1444	1946	10-27-17
13055 Neptune Drive	94577	1,350,000	4	3126	2008	10-26-17
14475 Tiburon Road	94577	630,000	3	1196	1963	10-24-17
2475 Easy Street	94578	850,000	5	2204	1949	10-26-17
16099 Gramercy Drive	94578	732,000	2	1390	1950	10-27-17
732 Hamlin Way	94578	600,000	-	1356	1979	10-25-17
15065 Hesperian Blvd #28	94578	329,000	2	771	1985	10-27-17
16197 Marcella Street	94578	567,000	3	1054	1947	10-26-17
13845 Rose Drive #1D	94578	575,000	4	2117	1981	10-24-17
16049 Selborne Drive	94578	710,000	2	1411	1949	10-26-17
2165 Somerset Avenue	94578	637,000	3	1463	1957	10-26-17
1466 Church Avenue	94579	625,000	3	1241	1952	10-27-17
1651 Manzanita Avenue	94579	460,000	3	1096	1953	10-27-17
15017 Swenson Street	94579	529,000	2	927	1948	10-27-17

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SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Can you find all the things in Santa's Workshop listed at right?
Read carefully and look closely – it's tricky!

- ☐ 12 PAINT BRUSHES
- ☐ 11 HAMMERS
- ☐ 10 PENCILS
- ☐ 9 BASEBALLS
- ☐ 8 TEDDY BEARS
- ☐ 7 DOLLS
- ☐ 6 WRAPPING PAPER ROLLS
- ☐ 5 ORNAMENTS
- ☐ 4 ROLLS OF TAPE
- ☐ 3 STOCKINGS
- ☐ 2 MUGS
- ☐ 1 SAW

How many candy
canes can you find
in two minutes?

Find the two
identical elves.

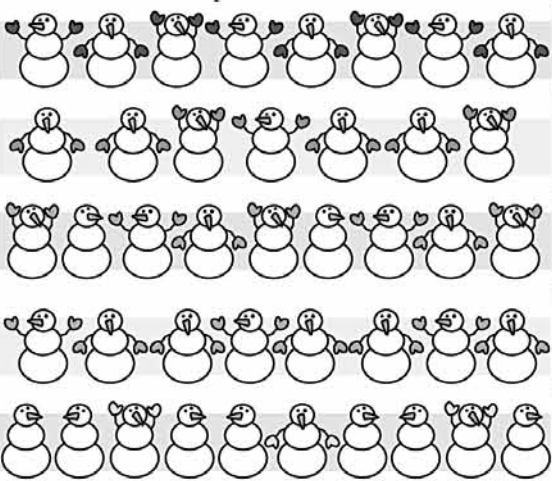
Winter Words

Look through the newspaper for words that could be used to describe a cold winter. Use them in a sentence to describe the weather today.

Standards Link: Writing: Write sentences using descriptive details.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Draw the snowman that should come next to complete the pattern in each row.



Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Complete patterns.

Kid Scoop Word Search

ORNAMENTS
WRAPPING
STOCKINGS
WORKSHOP
PENCILS
SANTA
ROLLS
ELVES
TEDDY
PAINT
CANDY
TAPE
MUGS
COLD
SAW

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

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

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



Kid Scoop Together: Funny Filler

Have a friend give you each
type of word to fill in the blanks.
Then read the story aloud!

My family celebrates the
holidays in a rather unusual way.

We always decorate a _____
NOUN
with lots of _____
ADJECTIVE
_____. Then we
PLURAL NOUN
go from door to door, singing
songs about _____
ADJECTIVE
_____.
PLURAL NOUN
Sometimes, the neighbors will
_____ along with us.
VERB

My mom will wrap several
_____ and place
PLURAL NOUN
them under a _____.
NOUN
My sister and I bake some tasty
_____.
ADJECTIVE PLURAL NOUN
and sprinkle _____
PLURAL NOUN
on them.

The day ends with everyone
opening their _____.
ADJECTIVE
_____. Then we
NOUN
_____ upstairs to bed,
VERB
thinking back on what a
_____ day we had and
ADJECTIVE
looking forward to New Year's
Eve, when our celebration gets
really _____.
ADJECTIVE

Standards Link: Grammar: Understand and use nouns, adjectives and verbs correctly.

Kid Scoo-doku™

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

	S	W	
	N		
W	O	S	
	W		

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:
CELEBRATE

The verb **celebrate** means
to mark a special time or
event with a gathering or
happy activity.

The family **celebrates**
the season with a happy
family gathering.

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

FROM THE **Kid Scoop** LESSON LIBRARY

Naughty and Nice

Look through the newspaper to find a news story about someone being naughty and another news story about someone being nice. Write a letter to each of them.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write informal letters using correct format.



What do you call
an old snowman?

ANSWER: Water!

Write On!

Priceless Gifts

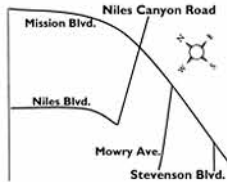
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Daffodils

BY PAT KITE

For oft when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude,
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the Daffodils.

—William Wordsworth

There is still time to plant daffodil bulbs. Where other bulbs, such as tulips, or even watsonia, may sneer at you, daffodils tend to come up and flower. “Daff-a-down-dill has now come to town. In a yellow petticoat and a green gown,” goes a traditional country rhyme. Of course, there are now hundreds of different colors plus a variety of different names. Formally, daffodils are listed under narcissus, their Latin name. Once you have accepted this, add in primrose peerless, Lent lily, daffodilly, old pheasant’s eye, bell flower, Gracy day, yellow crowbells, churn, etc. The name daffodil most likely comes from the Old English word ‘affodyle,’ meaning early-comer. Originally

from Spain and Portugal, daffodils had spread throughout Europe by prehistoric times. In Spanish Moorish gardens, a favorite planting site was under fruit trees. In about 600 CE Mohammed wrote, “He that has two cakes of bread, let him sell one of them for some flowers of the Narcissus, for bread is food for the body, but Narcissus is food of the soul.” Apparently, daffodils arrived in North America with our early settlers. Thomas Jefferson grew them at Monticello around 1809. In California, daffodils travelled with missionaries and may still be enjoyed on mission sites. The daffodil is the traditional flower of Lent; as an Easter decoration, it was mixed with yew clippings, symbolizing the Resurrection. Daffodils being world travelers, they voyaged to China too. Shui xian hua (water fairy flowers), came across via the old Silk Road, probably on ninth-century camel back, accompanying valuable spices. They became very popular during the Yuan dynasty (1279-1368), symbolizing best wishes for a married couple, in-

TRI-CITY GARDEN CLUB MEETINGS:
Friends of Heirloom Flowers
Work Parties - Every Tuesday - at Shinn Park, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
1251 Peralta near Mowry, Fremont (510) 656-7702
Bring gloves and tools. - Social Hour afterward
Every Thursday, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Niles Rose Garden - 36501 Niles Boulevard, Fremont
Bring gloves and tools.
[Across Driveway from Mission Adobe Nursery]
Contact Joyce Ruiz: 659-9396
Meetings are held quarterly. Call for details

Fremont Senior Center Garden Club
First Friday of each month, 1-2 p.m.
Tanya Mendoza, Program Coordinator 510-790-6602

Fremont Garden Club
The Fremont Garden Club meets the third Wednesday of each month, February - October, in members' homes & gardens, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Locations are posted on the Fremont Garden Clubs' web site at www.fremontgardenclub.org call Lynn at 510-604-8206

Gardens at the California Nursery Historical Park
Every Thursday 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
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Bring gloves and tools
Park near entrance across from rose garden
contact bart.balk@comcast.net for details
Find us on Facebook:
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Pat Kite's Garden

PAT KITE

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

cluding virtue, many sons, and harmony. Potted up in pure water and pebbles, this narcissus (N. tazetta), also known as Chinese sacred lily, is an integral part of the Chinese New Year. Our gardens today are a potpourri of geographic imports and history, so you might as well add a few—or lots of daffodils. They aren't expensive. Find a garden area with full or mostly sun and place them about, a few here, and a few there, about six inches apart. Holes should be about four inches deep, a little deeper if you get very large bulbs. Rain should keep them happy. They will

flower in early spring. While daffodils are not tasty to deer, voles, moles, and gophers, snails do like the flowers. If, at season's end, you don't cut back the leaves, they will nurture the bulbs underneath. Then you get more. Happiness.

Development Digest

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF FREMONT

December Holiday Closure

The City is implementing a Holiday Closure for many non-public safety City Services from Monday, Dec. 25, 2017 through Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018. The Holiday Closure is scheduled for Dec. 27, 28 and 29, 2017, while City holidays are observed on Dec. 25 and 26, 2017 and Jan. 1 and 2, 2018. City offices participating in the Holiday Closure will re-open for business Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018. This closure will not affect police and fire services. Prior to the Holiday Closure going into effect, community members who may need assistance with

building permits and inspections are encouraged to use the time between now and Dec. 22 to organize project timelines and visit the Development Services Center. The Center is located at 39550 Liberty St. and open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information, visit [Fremont.gov/HolidayClosure](#) or call the Development Services Center at (510) 494-4443.

Home additions

On November 7, 2017, after months of public engagement, two Planning Commission public hearings, and three City Council public hearings, the Fremont City Council adopted several new standards, rules, and guidelines that apply to all projects received on or after December 7, 2017. New zoning standards include:

- Limitations on finished floor levels

- Requirements for roof pitch
- Potential requirement for solar setbacks
- Limitations on use of the side yard setback exception
- New design rules and guidelines include:
 - Requirements for addressing neighborhood context and neighborhood design compatibility
 - Requirements for identifying privacy sensitive areas and implementing design solutions that mitigate potential impacts (including enhanced landscaping requirements for screening)
- Further design rules and requirements for second story additions and two-story homes
- For more information and links to the new requirements, visit [Fremont.gov/Additions](#).



**City of Fremont Holiday Closure Scheduled for
Dec. 25, 2017 to Jan. 2, 2018**
Police, Fire Services Not Affected



The City of Fremont is implementing a Holiday Closure for many non-public safety City Services. The Holiday Closure is scheduled for Dec. 27, 28, and 29, 2017, while City holidays are observed on Dec. 25 and 26, 2017 and Jan. 1 and 2, 2018. City offices participating in the Holiday Closure will re-open for business on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018. This closure will not affect police and fire services.

Offices 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. 26 - 29 and Jan. 2, 2018.
 - Community Centers and Recreation buildings with holiday day camps, programs, and pre-booked facility rentals will be closed Dec. 25, 2017 and Jan. 1, 2018.
 - Human Services will provide limited services for Youth & Family Services, Family Resource Center, Healthy Start Program, HIP Housing and In-Home Support Services (IHSS). Please call 510-284-4093 with any questions.
 - Life ElderCare (clients should contact 510-574-2090 for additional information).
 - Afghan Elderly Association (clients should contact their caseworker for additional information).

- During the Holiday Closure:
- The Fremont Police and Fire Departments 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. 27, 28, and 29, 2017; weather permitting. There will be 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.)
 - The Tri-City Animal Shelter, located at 1950 Stevenson Blvd., will be closed to the public on City-observed holidays. Animal Field Services will be available during limited hours on Dec. 25 and 26, 2017 and Jan. 1 and 2, 2018.
 - 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 will be provided one day later than normally scheduled during the closure. Call 510-657-3500 for more information.
 - The Parks and Recreation Division will offer camps and other programs.
 - Due to limited staffing during the Holiday Closure, community members who need to schedule a building inspection on Dec. 27, 28, and 29 should prearrange their inspection with their building inspector no later than Dec. 20.
- 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 on the Holiday Closure, please visit www.Fremont.gov/HolidayClosure or call 510-284-4093.

**Fremont Fire Department
is Collecting Food, Toy Donations
through December 19**



The Fremont Fire Department is once again teaming up with Tri-City Volunteers, a local nonprofit, to collect non-perishable food items and new, unwrapped toys. Donation barrels will be located at Fire Stations No. 1 through No. 10 and the Fire Department's Administrative Office at 3300 Capitol Ave., Building A from November 24 through December 19.

For a list of fire station locations, visit www.Fremont.gov/FireStations. For more information call the Fremont Fire Department at 510-494-4200.

**Plan Ahead for Your Planning,
Permitting, and Building Inspection
Needs during the Holiday Closure**



Prior to the Holiday Closure going into effect, community members who may need assistance with building permits and inspections are encouraged to use the time between now and December 22 to organize project timelines and visit the Development Services Center. The Center is located at 39550 Liberty St. in Fremont and open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Development Services Center is a one-stop shop for accepting, reviewing, and approving applications and construction documents for all types of projects. Zoning, Planning, Engineering, and Building Inspection staff members are available to answer questions and assist you.

During the Holiday Closure, the Development Services Center will be closed; however, due to limited staffing during the Holiday Closure, community members who need to schedule a building inspection on Dec. 27, 28, and 29 should prearrange their inspection with their building inspector no later than Dec. 20.

For more information about the Development Services Center, as well as plans and permits for your projects, visit www.Fremont.gov/DSC or call 510-494-4443.

Additional information about the City of Fremont Holiday Closure is available at www.Fremont.gov/HolidayClosure.

Bring Holiday Cheer to Families and Seniors in Need

The City of Fremont Giving Hope Holiday Program is an opportunity to give hope this holiday season to families and seniors in need who receive counseling and/or case management services from Fremont's Human Services Department. Can you help brighten their holiday season? You can sponsor and provide personalized gifts for a senior or family by using their Wish List available for viewing at www.Fremont.gov/GivingHope. You can also make cash donations to support the City's efforts to ensure all Wish Lists are fulfilled at www.Fremont.gov/HSDonate. Whether as an individual or working together as a team in an office or organization, Give Hope this holiday season to your fellow Fremont residents!



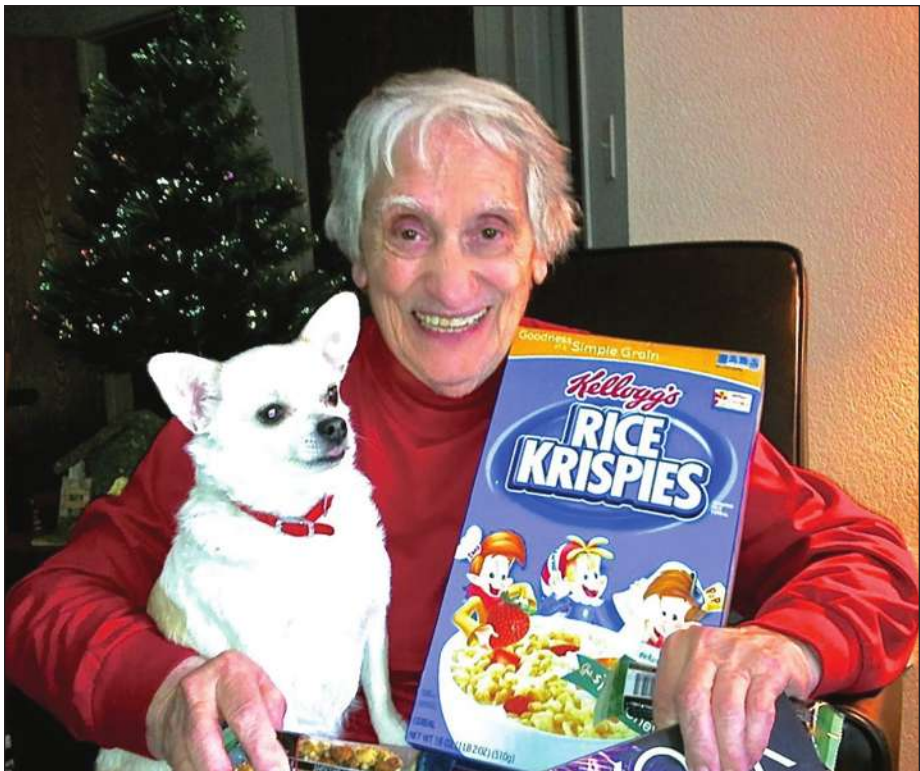
Giving Hope looks for donors to bestow holiday cheer

BY JULIE HUSON
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FREMONT FAMILY
RESOURCE CENTER

Holidays are welcomed as a time of joy and celebration for most, but for some people November and December can have a negative impact on those who are socially isolated, in the midst of a crisis, or experiencing severe poverty. As local citizens ramp up shopping activity in

serve who “could use the cheer.” Donors purchase gift cards and presents for about 100 families each holiday season, and O’Hollaren says that additional gifts for seniors, as well as for their pet companions, are in high demand.

One-hundred-dollar gift cards to large retailers are among the most appreciated donations O’Hollaren reports, allowing families to select just what they want and need, although contributions of toys, pet food, and cash are equally welcome. Last year’s Giving Hope Holiday drive collected



over \$63,000 in gifts and cash which benefited hundreds of local residents in need.

This year the staff at Fremont Family Resource Center and Senior Center encourages members of the community to contribute now until Friday, December 15, although gifts to the Giving Hope program are appreciated all year long. Each sponsor will receive a thank you letter for tax purposes in January. Personalized wish lists from families or seniors can also be provided for those wanting to gift with specific items.

O’Hollaren says that the Giving Hope program is intended to help raise the spirits of community members in need by providing gifts and grocery cards to lift the spirits of children, seniors, and families who are struggling. She offers this story of one family’s journey as an illustration of the impact giving can make.

Jacqueline (not her real name) is a four-year-old girl recently diagnosed with Leukemia. Her mother quit her job in order to care full-time for Jacqueline and

take her to the hospital for frequent chemotherapy treatments. Jacqueline’s mother reports that when she is not in too much pain from the difficult side effects of chemotherapy, the happy little girl likes to play with her My Little Pony toys and her cat. In addition to coping with the child’s life-threatening diagnosis, the family faces extreme financial hardship, with its only source of income being Jacqueline’s father’s minimum wage job. The family struggles to cover their household expenses as well as rent, more than \$2,200 a month. They are hopeful that Jacqueline will overcome this illness but in the meantime, could benefit from donations to provide her with a happy holiday.

Those wishing to contribute to the Giving Hope Holiday Program can contact Jane O’Hollaren at (510) 574-2026 or johollaren@fremont.gov. The Fremont Family Resource Center is located at 39155 Liberty Street, Suite A110, Fremont.



anticipation of the holiday season, many will add extra people to their gift-giving list: folks who have found themselves in a tight spot and turned to Fremont Family Resource Center for help.

Since 2009, the Giving Hope Holiday Program has been an outgrowth of the Fremont Family Resource Center, located in central Fremont. The center, a treasure trove of city, county, state, and non-profit agencies provides integrated services for families and individuals seeking help with employment, child care, counseling, housing information and other support systems.

Jane O’Hollaren of the Fremont Family Resource Center says that recipients of the Giving Hope program are identified by case managers from among clients they



Adopting a Pet can be a Holiday Family Affair



SUBMITTED BY CHRIS GIN

What household is complete without a four-legged or furry friend for companionship,

security and affection? Especially during the holiday season. With that in mind, the Hayward Animal Shelter is hosting a “Home for the Holidays” pet adoption event December 16 and 17.

Highlighting the event, of course, will be a bevy of dogs, cats and even rabbits, of all ages and sizes available for adoption from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. For families who want to adopt a pet, it’s a good idea to bring children along to meet the animals before



deciding on a specific animal. Adoptions are free to qualified homes and include spay/neuter services, vaccinations and a microchip, courtesy of

SantaCon Hayward. Hayward residents must also pay a \$17 license fee for dogs.

Other activities planned during the event include a holiday bake sale, a raffle with prizes. Kids, families and pets can also have their photo taken with Santa from noon to 3 p.m. The cost is \$10 with proceeds benefiting the animal shelter and the Cops for Kids Toy Drive.

The event is co-sponsored by the Hayward Animal Shelter Volunteers and SantaCon Hayward.

Pet Adoption Day
Saturday and Sunday,
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16 Barnes Court
(510) 293-7200
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510-293-7200
16 Barnes Court (Near Soto & Jackson)
Hayward
Tuesday - Saturday 1pm - 5pm

\$ = Entrance or Activity Fee
R= Reservations Required
Schedules are subject to change.
Call to confirm activities shown in these listings.



CONTINUING EVENTS

Monday, Sept 11 - Friday, Dec 15

Homework Club and Fun Fridays

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Assistance with homework for grades 1 - 5

Games, crafts, cooking, sports on Friday

Attend two homework sessions to join Friday group
10th Street Community Center
33948 10th Street, Union City
(510) 675-5488
www.unioncity.org

Saturday, Sep 16 - Sunday, Jan 7

B is for Bird

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Captivating photography of birds

Opening reception Sunday, Sept 17 at 2 p.m.
Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center
4901 Breakwater Ave., Hayward
(510) 670-7270
www.haywardrec.org

Saturdays, Sep 30 thru Dec 30
Bridges to Jobs

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Job interview training class

Centerville Presbyterian Church
4360 Central Ave., Fremont
(510) 299-2223
http://bridgestojobs.org

Tuesday, Oct 10 - Friday, Dec 15

Bear in Mind, California Grizzly Bear Story

10 a.m. - 7 p.m. daily

Stories, artifacts, images of now extinct bear

Historical symbol of the California State flag

Milpitas Library
160 North Main St., Milpitas
(408) 262-1171
https://www.scccl.org/milpitas

Thursday, Nov 10 - Sunday, Dec 16

Lost in Yonkers \$

Thurs - Sat: 8 p.m.

Sun: 3 p.m.

Comedy about New York family set in 1942

Broadway West Theatre Company
400-B Bay St., Fremont
(510) 683-9218
www.broadwaywest.org

Tuesday, Nov 28 - Friday, Feb 9

Favorites from the Sew 'n Sews

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Colorful quilt show

John O'Lague Galleria
777 B Street, Hayward
(510) 538-2787
www.haywardartscouncil.org

Thursday, Nov 30 - Friday, Jan 5

Nordic 5 Arts

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Scandinavian visual arts

PhotoCentral
1099 E St., Hayward
(510) 881-6721
www.photocentral.org

Friday, Dec 1 - Saturday, Dec 23

Santa at the Zoo \$

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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Oakland Zoo
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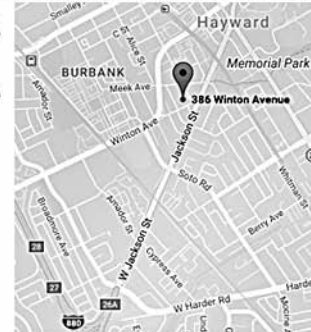
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www.fremontfarmersmarket.com

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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

Niles Farmer's Market

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
1-800-897-FARM
www.agriculturalinstitute.org

South Hayward Glad Tidings

Saturdays

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Year-round
W. Tennyson Rd. between Tyrell
Ave. and Tampa Ave., Hayward
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www.cafarmersmarkets.com

SAN LEANDRO:

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Saturdays

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Year-round
Fairmont and East 14th St.,
San Leandro
(925) 465-4690
www.cafarmersmkts.com

Kaiser Permanente San Leandro

Wednesday

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

June 11, 2017 to
December 31, 2017
2500 Merced St, San Leandro
www.cafarmersmarkets.com

MILPITAS:

Milpitas Farmers’ Market at ICC

Sundays

8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Year-round
India Community Center
525 Los Coches St.
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www.pcfma.com

NEWARK:

Newark Farmers’ Market

Sundays

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Year-round
NewPark Mall
2086 NewPark Mall, Newark
1-800-897-FARM
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UNION CITY:

Kaiser Permanente Union City Farmers’ Market

Tuesdays

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Year-round
Kaiser Permanente Medical
Offices
3553 Whipple Rd., Union City
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Union City Farmers’ Market

Saturdays

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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Old Alvarado Park
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Thursday, Dec 2 - Saturday, Jan 13

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Monday, Jan 8 - Thursday, May 24

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Friday, Dec. 15
Fremont Adult School
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www.fremont.k12.ca.us/page/30129

Tuesday, Dec 5 - Monday, Dec 25

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Tuesday, Dec 12 - Tuesday, Dec 19

Lighting of Giant Menorah
6 p.m.
Menorah lighting and festivities
Temple Beth Shalom
642 Dolores Ave., San Leandro
(510) 357-8505
www.tbssanleandro.com

Friday, Dec 15 - Saturday, Dec 23

Las Posadas
6 p.m.
Processional celebration of Mary
and Joseph's journey to Bethle-
hem
Bring flashlights to read song
sheets
Old Mission San Jose
43300 Mission Blvd., Fremont
(510) 657-1797 x106
www.missionshanjose.org

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, Dec 12

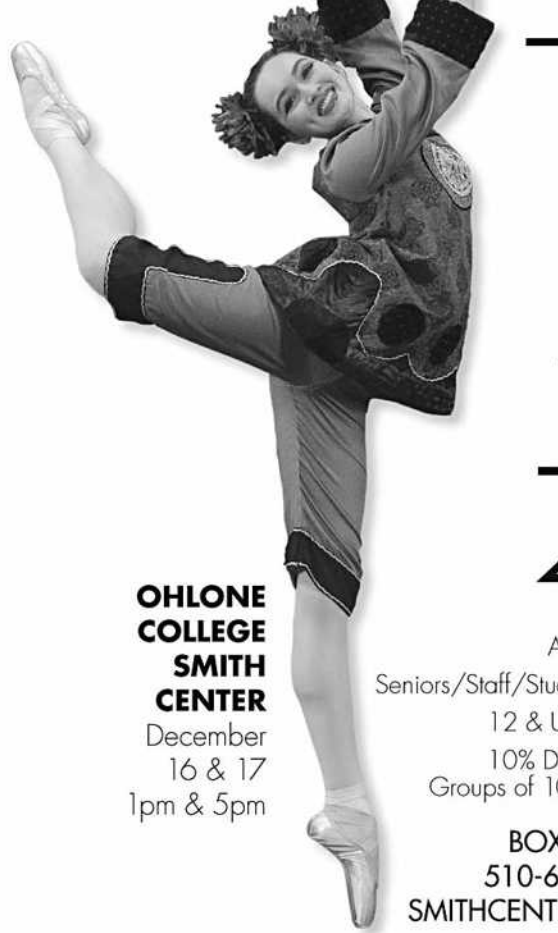
Small Business Forum
12 noon - 1:30 p.m.
Discuss startups, money manage-
ment, human resources
San Lorenzo Village Homes Asso-
ciation Hall
377 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo
(510) 583-8818
Deborah.Cox@asm.ca.gov

Wednesday, Dec 13

Union City Youth Commission

4 p.m.
Teens advise and assist with recreation programs
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31600 Alvarado Blvd.,
Union City
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Holiday Boutique

Tuesday, Nov 14 – Sunday, Jan 7

Holiday Boutique

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Friday, Nov 17 – Sunday, Dec 17

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11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Handmade holiday gift items
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www.sungallery.org
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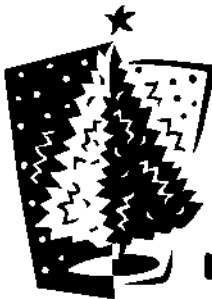
Upcoming Events (Sponsorship Opportunities Available):
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Times & Stops subject to change

Tuesday, Dec 12
4:30 – 5:20
Weibel School, 45135 South
Grimmer Blvd., FREMONT
5:50 – 6:40
Booster Park, Gable Dr. &
McDuff Ave., FREMONT

Wednesday, Dec 13
12:45 – 2:15 Glenmoor School,
4620 Mattos Dr., FREMONT
3:15 – 3:45 Station Center,
Cheeves Way, UNION CITY
6:00 – 6:30
Camellia Dr. & Camellia Ct.,
FREMONT

Thursday, Dec 14
11:30 – 12:30 Our Lady of
Grace, 19920 Anita Ave.,
CASTRO VALLEY
2:15 – 3:15 Cherryland School,
585 Willow Ave., HAYWARD

Monday, Dec 18
1:45 – 2:45 Delaine School,
34901 Eastin Dr.,
UNION CITY
4:15 – 4:45 Contempo Homes,
4190 Gemini Dr.,
UNION CITY

5:15 – 6:45 Forest Park School,
Deep Creek Rd. & Maybird
Circle, FREMONT

Tuesday, Dec 19
4:45 – 5:30 Baywood
Apartments, 4275 Bay St.,
FREMONT
5:50 – 6:30
Jerome Ave. & Oholones St.,
FREMONT

Wednesday, Dec 20
1:00 – 2:00 Del Rey School,
Via Mesa & Via Julia.,
SAN LEANDRO
2:30 – 3:00 Eden House
Apartments, 1601 165th Ave.,
SAN LEANDRO
3:30 – 4:00 Baywood Court,
21966 Dolores St.,
CASTRO VALLEY
6:00 – 6:30
Camellia Dr. & Camellia Ct.,
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Wednesday, December 20
1:45 – 3:00 Foothill School,
1991 Landess Ave., MILPITAS
3:30 – 4:00
Friendly Village Park, 120 Dixon
Landing Rd., MILPITAS

Wednesday, Dec 13
Inauguration of Young Authors Program
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Students read own works
Union City Branch Library
34007 Alvarado Niles Rd.,
Union City
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www.aclibrary.org

Thursday, Dec 14
Toddler Time \$
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Stories and crafts for little ones
Hayward Area Historical Society
Museum
22380 Foothill Blvd., Hayward
(510) 581-0223
www.haywardareahistory.org

Thursday, Dec 14
Winter Concert
7:30 p.m.
Enjoy holiday music and singing
California School for the Blind
500 Walnut Ave., Fremont
(510) 936-5571
kbennett@csb-cde.ca.gov

Friday, Dec 15 - Saturday, Dec 16
Monarchs and Milkweed \$
Fri: 1:30 p.m.
Sat: 10:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
Search for caterpillars and butterflies
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd.,
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(510) 544-2797
www.ebparks.org

Friday, Dec 15
Teen Night Out!
5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Play pool, air hockey, video games
Ages 12 – 17
Union City Teen Center
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Friday, Dec 15
Weekend Kickoff Dance Party \$
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
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Enjoy traditional Mexican music
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Friday, Dec 15
Holiday Lunch Party \$R
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Luncheon, music, raffle
Milpitas Senior Center
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Channukah Shabbat Service
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
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Friday, Dec 15
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5:30 p.m.
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Saturday, Dec 16
School Age Storytime
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
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A Home for the Holidays Pet Adoptions
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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Hayward Animal Shelter
16 Barnes Ct., Hayward
(510) 293-7200
https://www.facebook.com/hay-wardanimalshelter
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Saturday, Dec 16 - Sunday, Dec 17
Marvelous Monarchs \$
Sat: 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon
Sun: 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Discover the butterfly life cycle
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd.,
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(510) 544-2797
www.ebparks.org

Saturday, Dec 16 - Sunday, Dec 17
Discovery Days
10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Hands-on exploration and crafts
Parent participation required
Coyote Hills Regional Park
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Saturday, Dec 16
Live Dance Music \$
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
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Saturday, Dec 16
Eden Area Village Meeting
9 a.m.
Strategies to keep senior engaged in community
Hayward Area Historical Society
Museum
22380 Foothill Blvd., Hayward
(510) 581-0223
info@edenareavillage.org
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Saturday, Dec 16 - Sunday, Dec 17
Patterson House Christmas Tours \$
11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Docent led tour of Victorian home
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd.,
Fremont
(510) 544-2797
www.ebparks.org

Saturday, Dec 16
Holiday Festival \$
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Tour home, create ornaments, crafts, Santa Claus
McConaghy Victorian House
18701 Hesperian Blvd.,
Hayward
(510) 581-0223
www.haywardareahistory.org

Saturday, Dec 16
Brilliant Bird Beaks Hike
11 a.m. - 12 noon
Discuss bird beak adaptations
Sunol Regional Wilderness
1895 Geary Rd., Sunol
(510) 544-8381
www.ebparks.org

Saturday, Dec 16
Irvington Lights Contest – R
6 p.m.
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Saturday, Dec 16
Fremont Symphony Holiday Sparkler \$
7:30 p.m.
Brass quintet and chamber singers perform
Irvington Presbyterian church
4181 Irvington Ave., Fremont
(510) 657-3133
www.FremontSymphony.org

Saturday, Dec 16
Fremont Flute Ensemble
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Christmas concert
Featuring Crystal Children's Choir
Immanuel Presbyterian Church
4333 Hansen Ave., Fremont
(510) 565-6638
fremontfluteensemble@yahoo.com
www.fremontfluteensemble.org

Saturday, Dec 16
Season of Love Holiday Concert
2:45 p.m.
Virtuoso International Flute Ensemble performance
Irvington Presbyterian church
4181 Irvington Ave., Fremont
(510) 657-3133
http://www.fremontsymphony.org/youth

Saturday, Dec 16 – Sunday, Dec 17
American Red Cross Blood Drive – R
8:15 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Call to schedule an appointment
Drop-ins welcome
Fremont-Newark Blood Center
39227 Cedar Blvd., Newark
(800) 733-2767
www.redcrossblood.org

Saturday, Dec 16
Community Chanukah Menorah Lighting
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Dinner and Chanukah celebration
Congregation Shir Ami
4529 Malabar Ave., Castro Valley
(510) 537-1787
www.congshirami.org

Saturday, Dec 16
Marshland of Dreams
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Docent led 1 mile walk along marsh trail
SF Bay Wildlife Refuge
1 Marshlands Rd., Fremont
(510) 792-0222

Saturday, Dec 16
Restoration Work Day – R
10 a.m. - 12 noon
Volunteers weed, mulch, plant native plants
All ages welcome
Alviso Environmental Education Center
1751 Grand Blvd., Alviso
(408) 262-5513 x104
https://restorationeccc.eventbrite.com

Saturday, Dec 16
Concentration and the Focused Mind
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Meditation retreat, potluck lunch
Wat Buddhanusorn Thai Buddhist Temple
36054 Niles Blvd., Fremont
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Intention@imsb.org

Saturday, Dec 16
Comedy Shorts Night \$
7:30 p.m.
Floorwalker, Ain't No Santa Claus, Big Business
Niles Essanay Theater
37417 Niles Blvd, Fremont
(510) 494-1411
www.nilesfilmmuseum.org

Sunday, Dec 17
Ohlone People and Cultures
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Discuss family values of Native Americans
Ages 8+
Coyote Hills Regional Park
8000 Patterson Ranch Rd., Fremont
(510) 544-3220
www.ebparks.org

Sunday, Dec 17
Bird Walk
8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Naturalist led bird watching hike
Ages 15+
Coyote Hills Regional Park
8000 Patterson Ranch Rd., Fremont
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www.ebparks.org

Sunday, Dec 17
Mexican Trio
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
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Sunday, Dec 17
Mini Christmas Trees \$
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Create ornaments from pine cones
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Sunday, Dec 17
Sensational Solstice High Peaks Hike – R
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Moderate 4.7 mile hike to Maguire Peak
Ages 6+
Sunol Regional Wilderness
1895 Geary Rd., Sunol
(510) 544-3249
www.ebparks.org/register

Sunday, Dec 17
Swingin' Holiday Concert
2 p.m.
Big band jazz and classics
Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley
(510) 667-7900
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Sunday, Dec 17
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10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
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Sunday, Dec 17
W.C. Fields Sunday Matinee \$
4 p.m.
David Copperfield
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www.nilesfilmmuseum.org

Monday, Dec 18
Healthy Student Committee Meeting
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Discuss ideas to reduce stress in school
Fremont Unified School District
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Tuesday, Dec 19
Start Smart Teen Driving Program
6 p.m.
Driver safety education for ages 15 – 19
Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley
(510) 667-7900
www.aclibrary.org

Tuesday, Dec 19
Tri-Cities Women's Club Meeting
11:30 a.m.
Dixie Dominus Jazz Band performs
Elks Lodge
38991 Farwell Dr., Fremont
(510) 673-3969

Tuesday, Dec 19
Chanukah Lighting
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Music, snacks, activities
The Block at Pacific Commons
43923 Pacific Commons Blvd., Fremont
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www.pacificcommons.com

Tuesday, Dec 19
Kiwanis Club Meeting
7 a.m.
Adopted family Christmas party
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December Films in Niles



SUBMITTED BY THE NILES ESSANAY SILENT FILM MUSEUM

Take a break from the holiday bustle to enjoy classic films and shorts at the Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum in December. “Comedy Shorts Night” on Saturday, December 16 will have Greg Pane at the piano accompanying “The Floorwalker” (1916) with Charles Chaplin, “There Ain’t No Santa Claus” (1926) with Charley Chase, Buster Keaton in “The Scarecrow” (1920), and “Big Business” (1929) with Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy.

Come back on Sunday, December 17 for the film classic “David Copperfield” (1935). W.C. Fields has a standout role as Mr. Micawber in this classic study of Victorian England based on the Charles Dickens novel. Ronald J. Fields, the prime-time Emmy Award-winning writer/producer, playwright, NY Times bestselling author, and movie script doctor will be on hand to sign copies of his updated (and now in paperback) biography, “W.C. Fields by Himself,” on the legendary comedian/actor who was also his grandfather. Ronald considers the book to be W. C.’s intended autobiography with hitherto unpublished letters, notes, scripts, and articles.

Dog lovers will appreciate “K9 Night” on Saturday, December 23, featuring “The Lighthouse by the Sea” (1924) in which Rin Tin Tin, the Wonder Dog, protects a lighthouse keeper and his daughter (Louise Fazenda) from the bad guys. The film is preceded by shorts “Koko’s Cure” (1924) with Koko the Clown, and “Fast and Furious” (1924) with Lige Conley. Frederick Hodges will be at the piano.



The year comes to a close with “Screamouche” (1923) on Saturday, December 30. Ramon Navarro, Alice Terry, Lewis Stone star in this French Revolution epic tale of action, adventure, and romance directed by the great Rex Ingram. The film is preceded by “Flies” (1922) with Koko the Clown, and “Second Childhood” (1923) with Bobby Vernon. Hodges returns to the piano for the evening.

Comedy Shorts Night
Saturday, Dec 16
7:30 p.m.

David Copperfield & Book Signing with Ronald J. Fields
Sunday, Dec 17
4 p.m.

K9 Night at the Edison Theatre
Saturday, Dec 23
7:30 p.m.

French Revolution on Our Screen
Saturday, Dec 30
7:30 p.m.

Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum
37417 Niles Blvd, Fremont
(510) 494-1411
www.nilesfilmmuseum.org
Tickets: Members \$5, non-members \$7



Holiday Festival AT MCCONAGHY HOUSE



SUBMITTED BY
THE HAYWARD AREA
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Discover the history of the McConaghy House this holiday season! Be part of a community tradition and explore the local landmark as it has been adorned in cheer and ornaments for the season. The first holiday tour was held in 1976 (the same year it was open to the public) and has taken place nearly every year since, making it a tradition you can enjoy with your whole family for years to come.

The house will be open on Saturday, December 16 for self-guided tours. Experience McConaghy House decked out for the holidays and learn some family history. Don't forget to say hi to Santa Claus, tell him what you want for Christmas, and get your photo taken with him as well!

There will be additional activities outdoors for the whole family. Bring the little ones down to make their own tree ornaments and holiday crafts. Be sure to take a look through the Carriage

House Gift Shop where you can find an amazing assortment of holiday items and gifts. Complementary hot cider and snacks will be offered, and admission into the shop is free.

House admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors, and free for HAHS members and children ages four and younger. For more information, visit www.haywardareahistory.org, call (510) 581-0223, or email info@haywardareahistory.org

Holiday Festival at McConaghy House
Saturday, Dec 16
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

McConaghy House
18701 Hesperian Blvd,
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(510) 581-0223

www.haywardareahistory.org
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Regional parks increasing in number

BY DENNIS WAESPI

When the East Bay Regional Park District was established in 1934 with overwhelming popular support, the District included no actual parklands—just an office in downtown Oakland.

From that humble beginning, the District has expanded to establish parklands throughout Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, offering opportunities for recreation and nature education.

At latest count, the District now operates 73 regional parks totaling more than 121,000 acres, situated throughout the two counties. There are six open-water lakefront beaches, three chlorinated lagoons, two pools and two bay shoreline

beaches. If you like to fish, try one of 11 lakes and reservoirs or more than 25 miles of Bay/Delta shoreline. Campers have a choice of two RV campgrounds with reservable sites, or lots of group camps for scouts and other organizations. Hikers, cyclists and equestrians can explore 1,250 miles of trails, both within the parks and connecting them.

You can find out more about all of this by visiting the Park District website at www.ebparks.org. Besides that, the District puts out Regional in Nature, a calendar of events that shows up every two months in area newspapers. Or you can pick it up at Park District visitor centers.

Here's a sampler of activities you can enjoy in the Regional Parks in coming weeks:

Coyote Hills Regional Park in Fremont has naturalist-led Discovery Days between 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the visitor center every Saturday and Sunday, with a different topic each week. You can come in at the start for a presentation, or drop in throughout the day for hands on nature exploration and crafts. Parent participation is required.

Coyote Hills is at the end of Patterson Ranch Road off Paseo Padre Parkway. There's a parking fee of \$5 per vehicle; Discovery Days are free of charge. Call (510) 544-3220.

Nearby at Ardenwood Historic Farm, many programs are scheduled to showcase the monarch butterflies that overwinter in the park's

eucalyptus groves.

There's a special program for kids ages three through six, accompanied by parents, from 11 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 23. It's an interactive puppet show followed by a short walk to see the butterflies.

Ardenwood is at 34600 Ardenwood Boulevard, just north of Highway 84 in Fremont. For fees and other information, call (510) 544-2797.

Sunol Regional Wilderness south of the town of Sunol is another beautiful regional park. You can explore the park on a naturalist-led hike from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17 on a 4.7-mile trek to Maguire Peaks for ages six and up.

The hike is free, but registration is required. Call

(888) 327-2757, select option 2 and refer to program 18797.

One of the more recently opened regional parks is Vargas Plateau, which is at the end of Vargas Road off Interstate 680. From Vargas Plateau there are beautiful views of South San Francisco Bay from several miles of hiking and bicycling trails.

The citizens and community leaders who had the foresight to preserve some of the East Bay's most beautiful lands for public enjoyment would be surprised and delighted at the success of the agency they created back in 1934. The park district board and staff hope that you will take advantage of this great, easily accessible public resource.

Happy Holidays to all!

SPORTS

Lady Cougars beat Tamalpais

Girls' Basketball

SUBMITTED BY
TIMOTHY HESS

In a highly-anticipated girls' basketball rematch, the Lady Cougars of Newark Memorial High School beat the Tamalpais

Lady Red Tailed Hawks Varsity Team 65-33 on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at Newark.

Game highlights:
Ten 3-point field-goals.
Haylee Nelson (18-points, 16-rebounds), Rylee Sarasua (personal career high 18-points) and Kylie Chan (15-points). The

two teams last faced each other in the opening round of last year's North Coast Section Tournament.

Next up: The Lady Cougars will host Santa Clara Lady Bruins on Tuesday, Dec. 12. The Junior Varsity game starts at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Varsity game at 7 p.m.

Lady Cougar wins Briones Tournament

Women's Wrestling

SUBMITTED BY TIMOTHY HESS

Newark Memorial High School Wrestler Sierra Van Rossem claimed the top spot at the Roger Briones Girls Wrestling Tournament at San Leandro High School on December 9th; the Lady Cougars placed second overall. Van Rossem scored 30 team points with four consecutive wins by fall over opponents.

With 136 points total, Lady Cougars adding to the point total were:

- 1st Sierra Van Rossem
- 3rd Christina Craig
- 3rd Emmily Patneaud
- 4th Ariana Pereira
- 5th Meghan Sage
- 5th Daisy Rodriguez
- 6th Alexis Castaneda

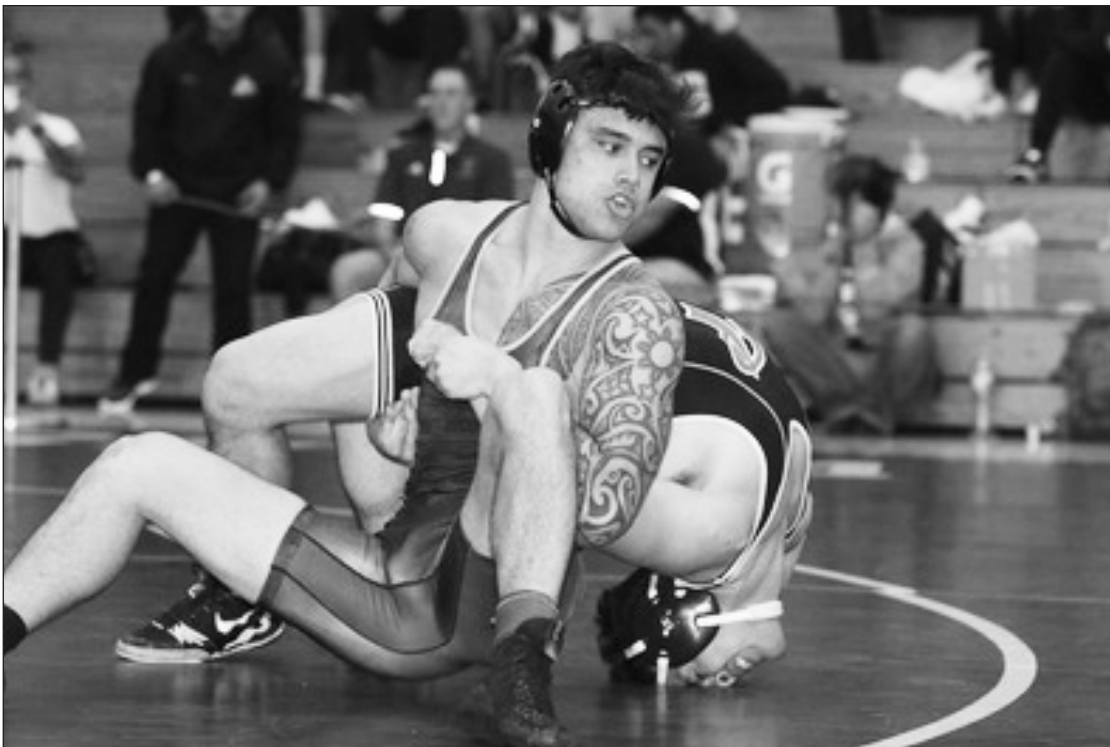


Men's Wrestling

Cress wins State Championship

SUBMITTED BY MATT SCHWAB
PHOTO BY JOHN SACHS

Chabot College wrestler Anthony Cress pinned Sacramento City's Abel Garcia in 2:52 to win the 174-pound title in the CCCAA State Championships Saturday, December 9th in Stockton. Cress, an Antioch High School graduate, also won the NorCal title. Chabot's Chumkaur Dhaliwal and Lazaro Carrasco both placed fourth in the state. Buoyed by Cress, Dhaliwal and Carrasco, who earned All-American honors, Chabot finished ninth in the team standings.



Anthony Cress competing at the CCCAA State Championships

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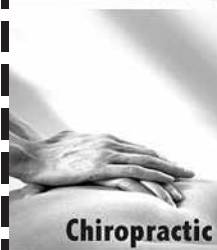
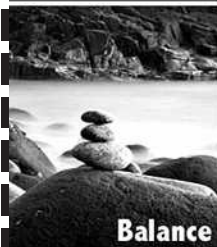
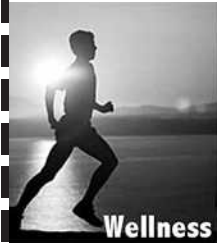
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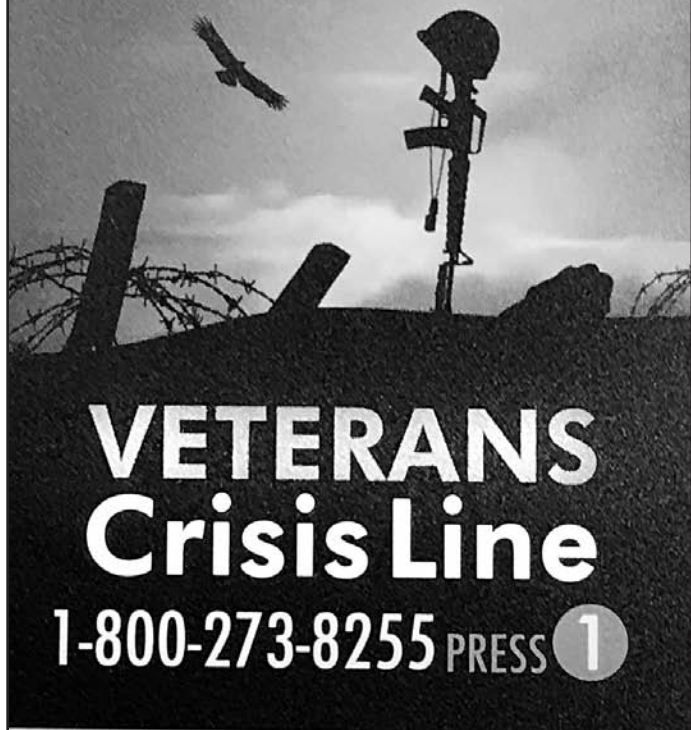
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Fremont native Karen Chen vies for Olympic Games at Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships

BY TERRY TERZIAN
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The eyes of the skating world will focus on San Jose when the SAP Center and the SolarAmerica Ice (Sharks Ice) play host to the 2018 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships, Dec. 29, 2017 – Jan. 7, 2018. In addition to crowning our new National Champions, the 2018 U.S. Championships will serve as the final qualifying event prior to selecting and announcing the U.S. Olympic Figure Skating Team that will represent Team USA at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in February in Pyeongchang, South Korea.



Vincent Zhou



Karen Chen



Polina Edmunds

history of figure skating and many stellar champions of the past call the area home.

The U.S. Championships return to San Jose for the third time (1996, 2012). Northern California is/was home to many national champions including 1992 Olympic Champion Kristi Yamaguchi, 1988 Olympic Champion Brian Boitano, 1968 Olympic Champion Peggy Fleming, 1986 World Champion Debi Thomas, and 1996 U.S. Champion Rudy Galindo.

The 2018 U.S. Championships will attract more than 1,500 athletes, coaches, and officials, in addition to families, friends, and figure skating fans from around the world. The last time the event was held in San Jose, in 2012, the Championships generated more than \$23 million in economic impact.

Champions will be crowned in 20 events in ladies, men’s, pairs, and ice dancing at the senior, junior, novice, intermediate, and juvenile levels. Senior-level competition will take place Jan. 4 -7, while the juvenile-junior athletes will compete Dec. 29 – Jan. 4.

In the Championship Ladies event, 18-year old Fremont native Karen Chen will attempt to defend her 2017 National crown. Chen will face many talented adversaries including three-time National Champion and 2016 World Silver Medalist 26-year old Ashley Wagner, and 2016 National Silver Medalist 19-year old Polina Edmunds, who lives and trains in San Jose.

In the Championship Men’s event, this year’s reigning National Champion 18-year old

Nathan Chen of Salt Lake City has electrified the skating world with his arsenal of quadruple jumps. One of Chen’s chief rivals for the 2018 National crown will be 17-year old San Jose native Vincent Zhou, who placed second to Chen at the 2017 US Championships.

For comprehensive information about the upcoming Championships please visit: SkateSanJose2018.com. or <http://www.sapcenter.com/events/detail/2018-prudential-us-figure-skating-championships>

Ticket information can be obtained at (408) 977-4715

NBC and NBCSN plan extensive coverage of the Championships; please check your guides for details.

Park It

BY NED MACKAY

Winter Solstice Activities

At least on the calendar, Dec. 21 marks the first day of winter in the northern hemisphere. It’s the winter solstice, the shortest day and longest night of the year.

Cultures throughout the world consider it an auspicious event. Not wishing to miss out, East Bay Regional Park District naturalists have planned several activities with a solstice theme.

At Tilden Nature Area near Berkeley, naturalist “**Trail Gail**” Broesder will lead an “**Almost Solstice Amble**” from 10 a.m. to noon on Sunday, Dec. 17. The group will stroll through the woods, visit a lake and pond, then return to the Environmental Education Center to burn a Yule log and ring in the year ahead.

After the walk, interpretive student aide Brianna Contaxis-Tucker will help visitors make a sachet of aromatic bath salts using herbs from the center garden. Her program is from 2 to 3 p.m.

And for early risers, **Trail Gail** plans a “**Meet the Solstice Sun Hike**” from 6:15 to 8:30 a.m. on solstice day, Dec. 21. It’s an ascent to Wildcat Peak in hopes of greeting the sunrise. Bring your own coffee and flashlight.

All three programs meet at the center, which is at the north end of Tilden’s Central Park Drive. Call (510) 544-2233 for information.

And there’s a **solstice-themed hike from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 17** at Sunol Regional Wilderness in southern Alameda County, led by naturalist Ashley Adams.

This one is an almost five-mile trek to scenic Maguire Peaks, for ages six and older. It’s free, but registration is required. To

register, call (888) 327-2757. Select option 2 and refer to course number 18797.

Sunol Wilderness is at the end of Geary Road. There’s a parking fee of \$5 per vehicle.

Solstice or no solstice, this is a great time of year for hiking in the regional parks. And one of the most secluded and beautiful regional parks is Round Valley Regional Preserve south of Brentwood.

Once a gathering place for Native Americans, Round Valley has golden eagles, hawks, coyotes, tiger salamanders and other abundant wildlife in a grassy, oak-studded savannah covering hundreds of acres.

Naturalist Kevin Dixon will lead a hike there from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16. It’s rated as moderately strenuous. No dogs, please, because the preserve is habitat for the rare and endangered San Joaquin kit fox.

Meet Kevin at the park’s staging area, which is on Marsh Creek Road between Deer Valley Road and Walnut Boulevard. For information, call (888) 327-2757, ext. 2750.

Smaller animals will be the focus of another nature walk, this one from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 16 at Redwood Regional Park in Oakland. Naturalist Morgan Dill and interpretive student aide Bellal Naderi will lead the hunt for salamanders, ladybugs, rainbow trout and “creepy crawlers.”

Meet Morgan and Bellal at the Canyon Meadows staging area. To get there, drive about two miles east on Redwood Road past the intersection with Skyline Boulevard. Turn left into the park and proceed all the way to the end of the road. For information, call (510) 544-3187.

Winter migrating birds are the theme of a program from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16

at Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area in Pleasanton, led by naturalist Constance Taylor.

Families and beginning birders are welcome at Constance’s program. The group will look for all kinds of birds, and learn why the park’s Arroyo area and lake, which once was a quarry, are so attractive to birds.

Shadow Cliffs is on Stanley Boulevard a bit east of downtown Pleasanton. Meet Constance at the Lakeside picnic area. For information, call (510) 544-3249.

This is just a sample of activities planned in the regional parks at winter solstice and thereafter. You can find out lots more at the park district website, www.ebparks.org.

Holiday food safety

SUBMITTED BY COREY EGEL

With the holiday season upon us, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) reminds consumers about the importance of safe food preparation and storage measures to prevent foodborne illness.

Bacteria can be found in foods such as meat and poultry and may cause illness if insufficiently cooked, inadequately cooled, or improperly handled. Also, it is important to carefully wash fresh

produce, and not allow uncooked food to come in contact with raw meat or poultry.

“We can help ensure that foodborne illnesses don’t ruin our holidays, or any day, by properly preparing and handling meat, poultry and other foods,” said CDPH Director and State Public Health Officer Dr. Karen Smith.

Most foodborne diseases can be prevented by:

- Washing hands with soap and warm water before and after food preparation, and especially after handling raw foods.
- Cleaning all work surfaces, utensils and dishes with hot soapy water and rinsing with hot water after each use.
- Cooking food thoroughly

and refrigerating leftovers promptly between meals.

- Preventing cross-contamination (from raw foods to foods that are ready to eat).
- Keeping hot foods hot and cold foods cold.

Symptoms of foodborne disease can include diarrhea (which may be bloody), vomiting, abdominal cramps, and fever. Most infected people recover from foodborne illnesses within a week. Some, however, may develop complications requiring hospitalization. Young children, the elderly, pregnant women, and people with weakened immune systems are at highest risk for potentially life-threatening complications.

For more information about preparing and storing food, visit the following CDPH links:

- Food Safety Tips for Holiday Feasts (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DFDCS/CDPH%20Document%20Library/FDB/FoodSafetyProgram/2017Holiday-FoodSafetyTips.pdf>)
- Safe Food Handling Practices (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DFDCS/CDPH%20Document%20Library/FDB/FoodSafetyProgram/SafeFoodHandlingPractices.pdf>)
- Foodborne Pathogens and Illnesses (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DFDCS/CDPH%20Document%20Library/FDB/FoodSafetyProgram/Food-bornePathogensandIllnesses.pdf>)

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- Controlling Food Allergens (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DFDCS/CDPH%20Document%20Library/FDB/FoodSafetyProgram/Controlling-FoodAllergens.pdf>)
- Additional information on food safety is available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Meat and Poultry hotline at 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854). Consumers can also access the national Partnership for Food Safety Education’s “Fight BAC!” (bacteria) Web page (<http://www.fightbac.org/>).

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

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City Hall, Bldg A
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City Hall, second floor
777 B Street, Hayward
(510) 583-4000
www.ci.hayward.ca.us

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

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2nd Thursday @ 6:00 p.m.
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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

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www.musd.org
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Union City
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www.nhusd.k12.ca.us

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www.newarkunified.org

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www.sanleandro.k12.ca.us

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(510) 317-4600
www.slzusd.org

Sunol Glen Unified School Board
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www.sunol.k12.ca.us

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).

Fremont City Council

DECEMBER 5, 2017

- Work Session:**
- Overview of new housing legislation by State of California.
- Consent Calendar:**
- Second Reading levying special taxes of Fremont Community Facilities District No. 2 (Warm Springs). Passed 4-0-1 (Salwan, recuse)
 - Vacation of portions of Hastings Street and Capitol Avenue for Capitol Villas mixed-use development.
 - Renew public relations contract with The Hoffman Agency at \$120,000/year for up to 3-year period.
 - Add an eighth member (Fremont Unified School District representative) to the Environmental Sustainability Commission until resignation or removal of a public representative

- position. Then reduce to seven members.
- Establish a fee for administration of Rent Review Program, effective January 1, 2018, of rent increases in excess of five percent in any 12-month period. Revenue estimate of \$503,127 based on fee of \$25 to \$34 per residential rental unit. Staff will return to council in spring 2018 with recommended first-year fee.
- Ceremonial Items:**
- Honor Superior Court Judge Keith Fudenna upon his retirement.
- Oral Communications:**
- Public comment asking council to protect neighborhood character from mega-home intrusion.
- Other Business:**
- Presentation by Economic Development Department of business engagement activities, outreach and social media efforts.
- Council Communications:**
- Re-appointments to Advisory Bodies



Honor Superior Court Judge Keith Fudenna upon his retirement.

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| George W. Patterson House Advisory Board: Christopher Thomas, Laura Calvillo, Karen Mueller, Patricia Lacey | Mayor Lily Mei | Aye |
| Historical Architectural Review Board: Alta Jo Adamson | Vice Mayor Vinnie Bacon | Aye |
| Recreation Commission: Brian Hughes, Mia Mora | Rick Jones | Aye |
| Senior Citizens Commission: Krishnaswamy Narasimhan, Linda Wasserman | Raj Salwan | Aye (1 recusal) |
| | David Bonaccorsi | Aye |

Milpitas City Council

December 5, 2017

- Presentations:**
- Recognize members of the Citizens Task Force on Water Rates and City Staff for helping to discover the best options for a new water strategy.
 - Presentation of check to Fire Department Explorers from Robert Burrill, Milpitas Monster, and Milpitas Historical Society.
 - Recognize 2017 graduates of the Strategic Actions for Emergencies (SAFE) program.
- Public Forum:**
- Rob Means spoke of the second warning from 15,000 scientists about how the planet is suffering, based on all of our destructive choices. Means commended the City of Milpitas for all of its environmental efforts.
 - Nelly Cabuslay, Vice President of the Milpitas Executive Lions Club, requested that the Council agendize possibly sponsoring the fourth Celebrating Differences event March 2018.
 - Voltaire Montemayor spoke about the new garbage bins, and the need to adjust to change.
 - Robert Marini said that he heard there was more information not presented to the Water Rates Task Force that

- he sits on. He would like more information so that they have an accurate idea about what the future rates might be.
- Carmen Montano invited everyone to St. John’s Catholic Church for a special mass on Tuesday, December 12, from 7am - 8am, to celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe.
 - Tom Valore, who is on the Water Rates Task Force, spoke about the need for the Task Force to periodically receive reports on what plans were made based on all of their recommendations.
- Announcements:**
- On Tuesday, December 12, from 6:30pm - 8pm, the City of Milpitas and Santa Clara County are hosting the Going Green Community Workshop. Residents of Milpitas are invited to attend to learn more about the new clean energy provider, Silicon Valley Clean Energy; there will also be continued outreach from Milpitas Sanitation, along with information on energy efficient rebates.
- Consent Calendar:**
- Per recommendation of City Council Facilities Naming Subcommittee, approve name of a new park in the Transit Area.
 - Approve Final Map Tract No. 10420 for 73-unit residential condominiums at 600 Amalfi Loop (Siena) by LS-Milpitas, LLC.
 - Receive Financial Status Report for the three months ended September 30, 2017.

- Consider approval of request from Kiwanis Club for a fee waiver of \$700 for Annual Crab Fest fundraising event February 9, 2018.
 - Waive the Second Reading and adopt Ordinance regarding Solid Waste Management.
 - Adopt a resolution approving initial acceptance of and authorize reduction of the performance bond for Jose Higuera Adobe Park Renovations and authorize City Engineer to release the performance bond after the one-year warranty period.
 - Adopt a resolution approving sole source purchase of 2 Channel Monster Grinders from MISCOwater for amount not to exceed \$225,600.
 - Adopt a resolution amending the Classification Plan to adjust City of Milpitas part-time temporary classifications to reflect changes in the Milpitas minimum wage.
 - Approve Consulting Service Agreement with Mott MacDonald, LLC, to increase compensation in the additional amount of \$157,000, and extend the term to June 30, 2018, with land development projects.
- Public Hearing:**
- Conduct a Public Hearing and take all necessary actions for approval of Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map, Site Development permit, Conditional Use permit and Environmental

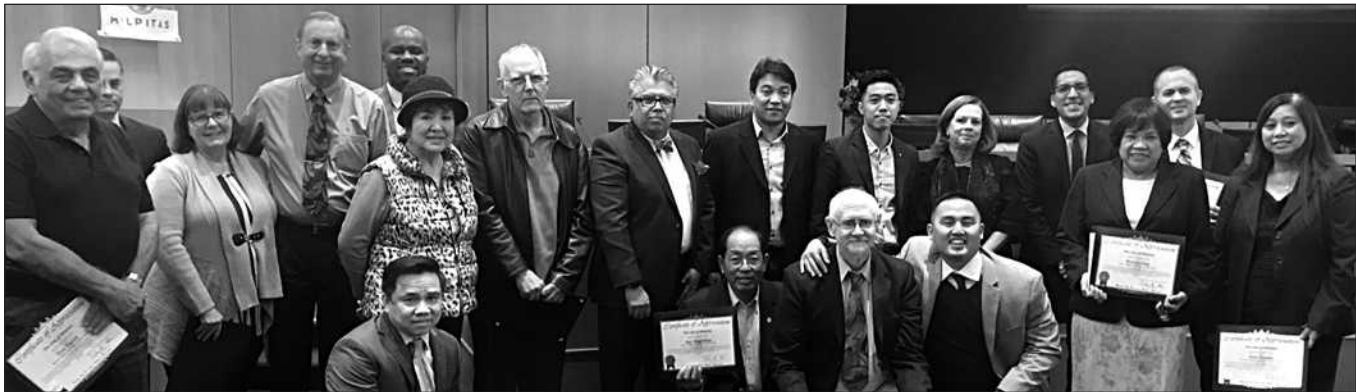
- Assessment for 808 S. Main Street. PASSED 3-2 (Tran and Barbadillo, Nay)
- Resolutions:**
- Receive a presentation on 35% design of Montague Expressway pedestrian overcrossing at Piper Drive and adopt a resolution authorizing City of Milpitas to assume ownership and maintenance roles of Montague Expressway pedestrian overcrossing. PASSED 4-1 (Nay, Phan)
 - Receive a presentation from Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) for three potential State Route 237 Improvement Projects, direct staff to coordinate with VTA to implement preferred projects, and adopt a resolution declaring those projects in Milpitas as highest priority transportation projects for the City.
- Unfinished Business:**
- Consider the Subdivision Improvement Agreement, the Public Street Maintenance Agreement and the Fee Reimbursement Agreement for a 199-unit senior assisted living residential development at 1504-1620 South Main Street by Milpitas Phase I, LP. Council was not prepared to vote on this item at this time.
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| Mayor Rich Tran | Aye (1 nay) |
| Vice Mayor Marsha Grilli | Aye |
| Anthony Phan | Aye (1 nay) |
| Garry Barbadillo | Aye (1 nay) |
| Bob Nuñez | Aye |



Milpitas Fire Department Explorers representatives with the Milpitas City Council; they were recognized and gifted with \$400 from Robert Burrill (Far Right) and the Milpitas Monster.



Milpitas City Council recognizes graduates of the Strategic Actions for Emergencies (SAFE) program.



Milpitas City Council recognizes members of Citizens Task Force on Water Rates, along with City staff.

OPINION



WILLIAM MARSHAK

Mandates

a limited housing and real estate crisis, driving up the cost of living for those with moderate incomes and steering those with lower incomes to desperate measures. Shared living quarters are rampant due to a few disreputable landlords who ply their trade with impunity although cities have begun to monitor and restrict such bad behavior. At the root of this are large companies that build enormous “campus” facilities for hundreds of workers with little regard to concomitant housing requirements.

Cities have begun to recognize the impact of these housing pressures on their environment and employ land use ordinances to regulate construction within their borders. While many actions have a laudable objective and close loopholes that some cities have used to escape their fair share of affordable housing mandates, others allow developers to build dense housing projects with little control or interference from city planners. For instance, when these new state laws were reviewed during a Fremont City Council Work Session, the Walnut Avenue project now underway by Carmel Partners was cited as an instance that would have been approved [by law] without the current density modifications if the new law was applied. To oppose it, the burden would be on the city to show “specific findings” even if the project did not comply with all “objective” standards. If restrictive timelines were not met, significant fines would have been the consequence.

The attempt by the State to accelerate production of affordable housing is understandable. A cursory glance at traffic, rental market and expanding mega-companies is all that is necessary to legitimize the flurry of lawmaker activity. However, there are several aspects of this

rush to build more housing that should be considered. Is there an unlimited supply of land? Since the answer is an obvious “no,” the response to a need for more and more housing might lie in another direction... relocation. Another question that should be addressed is whether the demand for line workers will slow or reverse with the advent of artificial intelligence and automation. Will this need change direction? What about balance between land uses? Will land devoted to commercial/industrial use be sacrificed for residential use? Or vice versa? What are the costs of urbanization to our generation and those that follow?

While housing legislation at the state level is driven by overt problems, a one size fits all approach can be a double-edged sword; corrective and yet, counterproductive. A patchwork fix, just like pumping up a flat tire with a slow leak, can be effective in the short run, but sooner or later, that tire needs to be replaced. It is time for our local officials to engage industry and address the root of the housing problem. Mandates at any level of government carry responsibility for the consequences. Are our representatives adequately informed of impending rules and regulations to advise state officials prior to the fait accompli of a law? Are state lawmakers too far removed from the affordable housing conundrum to wrestle with the real problem?

William Marshak
PUBLISHER

There is a peculiar tendency of federal and state government to mandate rules and regulations without giving a significant amount of thought to how such dictates will be managed and usually without adequate funding. Lofty pronouncements of reforms, solutions to problems can be popular, but when others are left to untangle rhetoric and dictates, practical issues arise that can thwart the intent.

An example of such excess is the recent review of housing legislation outlined in a Fremont City Council work session on December 5th. A plethora of regulations are on the menu with the goal of creating “affordable housing.” Laws run the gamut from restrictions on Housing Elements of General Plans to density regulations. While well intentioned, some of these rules are designed to attack a manifestation of the problem while allowing the root cause to escape scrutiny. Why do we have a housing problem in the first place?

The voracious appetite of large businesses of the Bay Area for workers, both drones and upper echelon employees has fueled a housing need that exceeds supply. Those earning extravagant incomes and speculators have exacerbated

Make decorating with holiday lights safe, efficient and fun

SUBMITTED BY
TAMAR SARKISSIAN, PG&E

Every December, many people begin to think about how they'll decorate their homes and businesses for the holiday season.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) reminds customers that while holiday lighting truly adds to the season, it can also significantly increase the potential for fire risk, injury and electric shock if the proper precautions aren't followed while decorating. Adding to possible safety risks, older, non-energy-efficient lighting can severely impact customers' power bills. To ensure that customers remain safe throughout the holiday, PG&E

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- Before climbing ladders to string outdoor lights, check for overhead power lines nearby. Be especially aware of lines over your

roof and lines attached to your home. Look up before raising ladders and other tall objects. Always keep at least 10 feet away from overhead lines.

- Never place yourself or any object such as a string of lights in a position that risks contact with a power line — the result can be fatal.
- Before stringing lights on outdoor trees, make sure tree limbs haven't grown into or near power lines. Branches, entire trees and even the ground adjacent to a tree can become energized when trees contact power lines.
- Prevent Fire Hazards
- Avoid overloading extension cords and wall sockets by following the manufacturer's limits for the number of light strings that

can be safely connected.

- Check all light strands for cracked or broken plugs, frayed insulation or bare wires. Worn cords can cause fires, so discard damaged sets of lights.
- Don't place cords under rugs, furniture or appliances. If covered, cords can overheat or become frayed, increasing the risk of fire.
- Always turn off decorative lights — indoors and outdoors — when leaving the house and before going to bed.
- Do not place your holiday tree near a heat source such as a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, making it more susceptible to fires caused by heat, flame or sparks.

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Obituary

Junior "AL" A. Childers

Resident of Fremont

July 14, 1921 – December 6, 2017

Junior (Al) Childers was born in Avant, Oklahoma on July 14, 1921. He died peacefully at home in Fremont, California on December 6, 2017.

He was in the Army Infantry for more than 20years attaining the rank of Major before retiring. He served in China, Korea, Japan, Germany, and Africa under General Patton. He received many citations and awards which included Order of Breast Yun Hu with ribbon, European Africa Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Service Stars, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation (Japan and Germany), Bel Forragerre Medal, Silver Star, Bronze Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, 4 Overseas Bars, Presidential Unit Citation (ROK), Presidential Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal, Combat Infantry

Badge 2d Award, and the United Nations Service Medal.

He loved to hunt, fish, travel, read, dance and do Sudoku.

After retiring from the Army, he worked as an Electronic Technician at Len-Kurt Electric Company in San Carlos, California. He was a member of the Fremont Elks Lodge 2121, Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree (St. Edwards), Military Officers Association of America and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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Obituary

Frances Rose Meredith

Resident of Newark

July 10, 1946 – December 8, 2017

Francis Meredith entered in to eternal rest at her home in Newark, California on December 8, 2017 at the age of 71.

Francis is survived by her beloved of husband of 51 years, Donald Meredith; children, John Meredith and Camille Meredith.

A Memorial Service will be held for Frances at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, December 14, 2017 at Fremont Chapel of the Roses, 1940 Peralta Blvd., Fremont, CA.

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Assemblyman Chu hosts toy drive and open house



The Assemblyman and his wife, Daisy.

By Rhoda J. Shapiro

In Assemblyman Kansen Chu's office, a wall is reserved for constituents to write down their legislative ideas. It doesn't have an official name yet, so for now, Chu refers to it as the Bill Idea Wall. Little touches like this are the things that give his District office in Milpitas a unique feel. Above the Assemblymember's office desk hangs a large painting of a horse in flight. "This was done by a high school buddy," says Assemblyman Chu. "He liked to draw horses that don't touch the ground. This is a flying horse... when he takes off, he shoots up to the sky."

Chu hosted constituents at his first-ever Toy Drive and Open House on December 5. For the Toy Drive, Assemblyman Chu's office partnered with the Newark Public Library, as well as Viola Blythe Community Services, also based in Newark, that has served families in need in the Tri-City area for nearly seven decades. "We're collecting the gifts so we can help families in need," said Chu, who represents California's 25th Assembly District, which includes Milpitas, Fremont, Newark, San Jose, and Santa Clara. "So, it's a toy drive

and an open house. This is a good way to let constituents know where my office is, so that they know how to get a hold of me and my staff." This event isn't the only thing Chu planned for the month. At the moment, on recess from his duties in Sacramento, he meets with constituents, is working to consolidate ideas, preparing to present bills for the next session, and spending quality time with his two grandchildren. "We started with 40 bill ideas, and are now down to 15. Some of them we felt would have a stronger impact; not just to the constituents of our district, but throughout California," the Assemblyman says. "We are elected by the district, but we also represent California. We have to weigh how much impact and how important it is to my district, and also how much it will impact the people of California." When constituents arrived at the Toy Drive and Open House, they were greeted by Assemblyman Chu and his wife, Daisy. Among the elected officials attending the open house were Yang Shao, Fremont Unified School District Board; Teresa Cox, Ohlone College Board of Trustees; and Daniel Bobay, President of the Milpitas Unified School District Board. Milpitas



Ohlone College Board Trustee Teresa Cox (R) with her two children David (L) and Jacqueline (Center).

Councilmember Bob Nuñez also stopped by to say hello, before rushing off to a council meeting. As Assemblymember Chu looked out at the many faces in the audience, he thanked everyone for taking time out of their busy schedules. "I want to wish you a very happy holiday season. I'm hoping you will keep in touch with us with any bill ideas or concerns, or anything we can help with." To visit Assemblymember Kansen Chu's website, go to: <https://a25.asmdc.org>

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Astronomers discover super big black hole

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—Astronomers have discovered a super-size black hole harkening back to almost the dawn of creation. It's the farthest black hole ever found. A team led by the Carnegie Observatories' Eduardo Banados reported in the journal Nature on Dec. 6 that the black hole lies in a quasar dating to 690 million years of the Big Bang. That means the light from this quasar has been traveling our way for more than 13 billion years. Banados said the quasar provides a unique baby picture of the universe, when it was just 5 percent of its current age. It would be like seeing photos of a 50-year-old man when he was 2 1/2 years old, according to Banados. "This discovery opens up an exciting new window to understand the early universe," he said in an email from Pasadena, California. Quasars are incredibly bright objects deep in the cosmos, powered by black holes devouring everything around them. That makes them perfect candidates for unraveling the mysteries of the earliest cosmic times. The black hole in this newest, most distant quasar is 800 million times the mass of our sun. Much bigger black holes are out there, but none so far away -- at least among those found so far. These larger black holes have had more time to grow in the hearts of galaxies since the Big

Bang, compared with the young one just observed. "The new quasar is itself one of the first galaxies, and yet it already harbors a behemoth black hole as massive as others in the present-day universe," co-author Xiaohui Fan of the University of Arizona's Steward Observatory said in a statement. Around the time of this newest quasar, the universe was emerging from a so-called Dark Ages. Stars and galaxies were first appearing and their radiation ionizing the surrounding hydrogen gas to illuminate the cosmos. Banados suspects there are more examples like this out there, between 20 and 100. "The newfound quasar is so luminous and evolved that I would be surprised if this was the first quasar ever formed," Banados said. "The universe is enormous and searching for these very rare objects is like looking for the needle in the haystack." Only one other quasar has been found in this ultra-distant category, despite extensive scanning. This newest quasar beats that previous record-holder by about 60 million years. Still on the lookout, astronomers are uncertain how close they'll get to the actual beginning of time, 13.8 billion years ago. Banados and his team used the Carnegie's Magellan telescopes in Chile, supported by observatories in Hawaii, the American Southwest and the French Alps

Stone Soup, a Work of Art



Submitted by Guy Ashley

Alameda County employees are finding creative ways to inspire the spirit of giving this holiday season by building imaginative displays constructed with cans, boxes and bags of donated food. The displays, which focus on the themes of hunger and helping others, are being showcased in many County buildings over the next few weeks.

The displays are the focus of Alameda County's Fifth Annual Stone Soup Holiday Food Drive and Design Competition, which sparked a flurry of giving by County employees who donated more than 10 tons of non-perishable food and \$11,000 in cash to assist the Alameda County Community Food Bank in its effort to ensure that tasty, nutritious meals are available to everyone during the holidays.

Displays this year include the "Garden of Hope" and "Tree of Promise" built by the Probation Department, which involved youth from the Alameda County Juvenile Justice Center in creating a thoughtful display incorporating food packages, live herbs, flowers and other plants. Also among many remarkable displays is a "Pac-Man"-themed creation by the Information Technology Department and a pair of showpieces thanking first responders for their recent heroism in fighting the Napa/Sonoma wine country wildfires. On December 19, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors will present awards for the most creative displays and most donations raised.

In 2012, Alameda County used the old fable of Stone Soup, which celebrates generosity and collaboration in difficult times, to create a new spin on its annual holiday food drive to support the Food Bank. By encouraging friendly competition within

Alameda County's 9,600-plus person workforce, Stone Soup helped the County to more than triple its total holiday donations in the first year alone. And the numbers continue to grow, with this year's total food donations surpassing the record of nine tons recorded last year.

"The Stone Soup food drive is a great example of our County employees working together and thinking outside the box to be part of the community-wide solution to the problem of hunger in Alameda County," Supervisor Wilma Chan said.

While the employee-built displays are drawing broad attention to food donation, the Stone Soup drive also raises cash donations to the Food Bank, which distributes \$6 worth of food for every \$1 donated.

To donate, go to <http://www.accfb.org/>

Stone Soup locations:

- Probation Dept. exhibit: 1111 Jackson St, Oakland
- Information Technology Dept. exhibit: County Building, 1106 Madison St, 3rd Floor, Oakland
- DA's Office exhibit: Rene C. Davidson Courthouse, 1225 Fallon St, 2nd Floor, Oakland
- General Services Agency exhibit: County Building, 1401 Lakeside Dr, 1st Floor, Oakland
- County Administrator's Office exhibit: County Administration Building, 1221 Oak St, 5th Floor, Oakland

The public is invited to come out and view the amazing creations of our Alameda County employees, which will be on display until Tuesday, December 19, when their comestible components will be donated to the Food Bank. For more information, call Guy Ashley at (510) 272-6569.





SUBMITTED BY CARYL DOCKTER

Celebrate the holidays with a sparkling concert by the Tamalpais Brass Quintet, Mission Peak Chamber Singers, and organist Janet Holmes. A wide range of music including Canadian Brass favorites, Renaissance dances, traditional carols, popular holiday tunes, and even a sing-along will fill you with the spirit of the season!

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The performance will be held Saturday, December 16 at Irvington Presbyterian Church in Fremont. Tickets are \$45 and \$25 for adults, \$15 for students, and are available at www.fremontsymphony.org, by phone at (510) 371-4859, or at the door. Don't miss this glorious celebration of the season!

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SUBMITTED BY TAYLOR JOHNSON

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As our client numbers have grown this year - we are expecting higher numbers than usual. This is a memorable event for those in need with Santa, Carolers, Face Painting, Popcorn, Snacks, Hot Chocolate and more! We turn our Marketplace into a Winter Wonderland and the thought of not having enough toys, breaks our heart.

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Fat squirrel steals gourmet chocolate and other goodies

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An obese squirrel has been caught on video stealing gourmet chocolate and lip balm that a New Jersey family leaves out yearly as a holiday treat for delivery people.

Michele Boudreaux wrote on her blog that she provides candy, tissues, lip balm and other goodies on her doorstep. This year, her basket was raided within hours. The thief was targeting the priciest stuff, including Ghirardelli chocolate squares.

The Maplewood family set up a surveillance camera and spotted the overweight varmint Dec. 5. It cleared out all the chocolate, snack bars and throat lozenges. Boudreaux stumbled upon the thieving rodent in the act two days later, and recorded it taking more chocolate and a Carmex lip balm.

She says they now have the chocolate in a jar that requires opposable thumbs to open.

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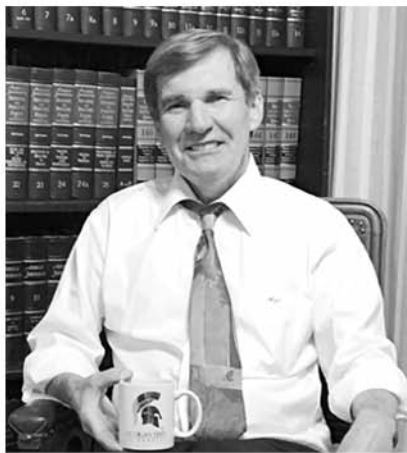
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HEADS-UP! FOLLOW THESE TIPS TO PREVENT HOLIDAY MAIL THEFT

SUBMITTED BY
**GENEVA BOSQUES,
FREMONT PD**

Mail theft is a crime of opportunity. Promptly retrieving incoming mail and taking outgoing mail to a local post office are the two best methods of protection. Below are more tips the Fremont Police Department believes will help keep your deliveries safe during the holiday season.

Protect incoming mail and packages:

- Promptly retrieve your mail. The United States Postal Inspection Service strongly recommends that you pick up mail from your mailbox as soon as possible after delivery, especially if you are expecting to receive a check or merchandise. Do not leave your mail unattended overnight.
- Replace your mailbox with one that has a locking device.
- The U.S. Postal Service can hold your mail at no charge if you'll be traveling.
- Use your workplace as the shipping address or ship to a location where someone is always home.
- Track your shipments by phone or online so that you know what day they should arrive.
- If you can't pick up your mail or have a package scheduled for

delivery, ask a trusted friend or neighbor to pick it up for you.

- Keep an eye on your neighborhood and report suspicious persons and vehicles sitting or cruising the area.
- Request a signature delivery option if available, or request the shipment be held at the shipping facility.
- Check with "mailbox" businesses in Fremont and see if they will accept shipment of your item for a fee.
- Some online retailers offer a locker service. Packages are delivered to a location where lockers have been securely installed and you are given a code to retrieve it.
- If you do not receive your shipment on time, check with the company of origin and confirm the delivery.
- If your item was delivered and you did not receive it, then report the theft or loss to the original company, the shipping company, and the Fremont Police Department.

Protect Outgoing Mail and Packages:

- Do not leave outgoing mail with checks or money orders in your personal mailbox for pick up by the mail carrier. Take your mail to a postal collection box.
- Protect yourself by hand delivering your mail to a post office. If you don't have the option to

take your mail to a postal collection box and you must leave outgoing mail in your mailbox, please don't raise the flag.

- Do not leave packages on your front porch for pick up by private carriers.
- Using commercial companies does not necessarily mean your packages will be safer. Often when drivers deliver packages, they leave them sitting on the front porch. Thieves will drive around neighborhoods looking for boxes on porches to steal.
- If you are sending a package, let the person you are sending it to know that it is coming and when to expect it to be delivered so they can plan for pick up.

• Insure any packages you are sending for the replacement cost of the items shipped. Most carriers and the United States Postal Service offer insurance.

How to Report Mail and Package Theft:

- To report an in-progress crime, dial 911.
- To report a package theft when you have suspect information (including a photo or video surveillance), please call (510) 790-6800, Extension 3.
- To report a theft where there is no suspect information or evidence, please utilize our online system to file your report at www.fremontpolice.org.

Pedestrian killed in Fremont crash

SUBMITTED BY
**GENEVA BOSQUES,
FREMONT PD**

A pedestrian was killed, and a driver was injured on Friday, Dec. 8 in a vehicle crash on Argonaut Way near the Fremont Hub shopping center.

According to a 9:58 a.m. report received by Fremont Police, a vehicle struck a parked truck on Argonaut Way near Mowry Avenue. Arriving officers found a 2013 Nissan Rogue impaled into the back of a utility trailer which was connected to a 2015 Chevrolet pickup truck.

The driver of the Nissan, a 57-year-old Fremont man, was found unconscious in the driver's seat. Meanwhile, officers also found a man's body nearby on the grass median next to the west edge of Argonaut Way. Paramedics pronounced the man dead at the scene. Police said the dead man was 44-years old and had a Huntington Beach address.

Early details from the police investigation indicate that the victim was a pedestrian and was standing near the vehicle as he was attempting to move a piano from the trailer and into a residence on Argonaut Way. The driver of the Nissan was traveling southbound on Argonaut Way and apparently lost control of his vehicle and struck both the pedestrian and the rear of the trailer.

The driver of the Nissan was taken to a local hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. While at the hospital, traffic investigators recognized objective signs of drug impairment. The man was taken into custody on suspicion of driving under the influence and causing a fatal injury.

Police said the Chevrolet truck and utility trailer were legally parked on the side of Argonaut Way at the time of the collision. The name of the victim was not immediately released, and the investigation is continuing.

Anyone who witnessed the incident or has information about the investigation is asked to call Fremont Traffic Investigators at (510) 790-6760.

Suspect arrested in major burglary case

SUBMITTED BY **SAN LEANDRO PD**

On Tuesday, December 5th, San Leandro Police detectives arrested a Sacramento man responsible for a series of auto burglaries that occurred at the San Leandro Marina on November 18th, 2017.

The investigation began last month when a total of eight vehicles were burglarized in one incident while parked at the San Leandro Marina during the daylight hours. Witnesses reported seeing the suspect smashing windows of the victim's vehicles and taking items from within. A witness to the crime took cell phone snapshots of the suspect and his getaway car while burglarizing the vehicles.

In a second incident, another vehicle was burglarized on November 20th in the parking lot of 699 Lewelling Blvd. In that case, credit cards were stolen out of the victim vehicle. During the course of both investigations, the suspect was identified as 21 year-old Jacob Owens of Sacramento. Owens was seen on surveillance footage using the victim's credit card after the burglary at a nearby gas station.

On Tuesday, Owens and his vehicle were located in Sacramento by a Law Enforcement partner agency. San Leandro Police detectives traveled to Sacramento and took custody of Owens. When arrested, Owens was in possession of multiple burglary tools and stolen items from multiple cases. Owens subsequently confessed to the detectives regarding the burglaries he committed at the San Leandro Marina and the Lewelling location.

"This is a major bust in a chronic crime occurring at our Marina," said Lt. Isaac Benabou. "We know that Owens is not solely responsible for all the burglaries that have occurred at the Marina, but he is clearly responsible for many of them." This is an on-going investigation as San Leandro Police detectives work with other Law Enforcement agencies also looking at Owens as a possible suspect in their cases.

Jacob Owens has since been charged by the Alameda County District Attorney for eight counts of auto burglary and one count of fraud for using a victim's stolen credit card. Owens remains in custody at Alameda County's Santa Rita Jail in Dublin.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
(UCC Sec. 6105)
Escrow No. 025926

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s) and business address of the seller are:
Raymond F. Pedersen, OD, a Professional Corporation, 38069 Martha Avenue, #200, Fremont, CA 94536
Doing Business as: Capitol Eye Care Center
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s) are: NONE
The location in California of the Chief executive officer of the seller is: 38069 Martha Avenue #200, Fremont, CA 94536
The name(s) and business address of the buyer(s) are:
Stella Levin, OD a Professional Corporation, 38069 Martha Avenue, #200, Fremont, CA 94536
The assets being sold are described in general as: Furniture/Fixtures/Equipment, Goodwill, Inventory, and all business assets and are located at: 38069 Martha Avenue, #200, Fremont, CA 94536
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: Redwood Escrow Services, Inc., 19131 Redwood Road, Suite E & F, Castro Valley, CA 94546 and the anticipated sale date is 12/29/17
The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2
The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: Redwood Escrow Services, Inc., Janet Carrera, EO, 19131 Redwood Road, Suite E & F, Castro Valley, CA 94546 and the last date for filing claims by any creditor shall be 12/28/17, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.
Dated: December 6, 2017
Stella Levin, OD, a Professional Corporation
By: S/ Stella Levin, OD
Buyer(s)

CNS-307895#

CIVIL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. HG17885081
Superior Court of California, County of Alameda
Petition of: Wenyuan Yu for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner Wenyuan Yu filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Xiao Yu to Alyssa Xiao Yu
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: 1/26/2018, Time: 11:30 AM, Dept.: 24
The address of the court is 1221 Oak Street 3rd Fl., Oakland CA 94612
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: Whats Happenings Tri-City Voice - Fremont
Date: Dec 07 2017
Morris D. Jacobson
Judge of the Superior Court
12/12, 12/19, 12/26/17, 12/18

CNS-307920#

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. HG17884737
Superior Court of California, County of Alameda
Petition of: Lorraine Margo Patricia Vandegraaf Rodriguez and Alfredo Cabral Rodriguez for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner Lorraine Margo Patricia Vandegraaf Rodriguez and Alfredo Cabral Rodriguez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Lorraine Margo Patricia Vandegraaf Rodriguez to Lorraine M VanRod
Sofia Athena Vandegraaf Rodriguez to Sofia Athena VanRod
Ethan Ares Vandegraaf Rodriguez to Ethan Ares VanRod
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: 01/12/2018, Time: 11:30 AM, Dept.: 24
The address of the court is 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612
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: Dec 05 2017
Morris Jacobson
Judge of the Superior Court
12/12, 12/19, 12/26/17, 12/18

CNS-307825#

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. HG17880960
Superior Court of California, County of Alameda
Petition of: Mary Carmen Walker for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner Mary Carmen Walker filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Mary Carmen Walker to Maria Carmen Walker
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: 1-12-18, Time: 11:30 AM, Dept.: 24
The address of the court is 1221 Oak Street, 3rd Fl., Oakland, CA 94612
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 02 2017
Morris Jacobson
Judge of the Superior Court
12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26/17

CNS-307617#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAMESFICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Josh The Garage Door Guy, 5794 St. Matthew Dr., Newark CA 94560, County of Alameda
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1631, Newark CA 94560
Business conducted by: an Individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/1/2017
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/ Josh Fout, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 30, 2017
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26/17

CNS-3079203#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 538552
Fictitious Business Name(s):
Joseph Realty Services & Management, 31770 Alvarado Blvd, #170, Union City, CA 94587, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Wilbert Joseph Robinson Jr., 31770 Alvarado Blvd, #170, Union City, CA 94587
Business conducted by: An Individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/6/2017
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/ Wilbert Joseph Robinson Jr., Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 6, 2017
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/12, 12/19, 12/26/17, 12/18

CNS-3078818#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 538485
Fictitious Business Name(s):
Serra LLC, 4125 Breakwater Ave, Unit -E, Hayward, CA 94545, County of Alameda
Mailing Address: 2163 Aldengate Way #295, Hayward, CA 94557
Registrant(s):
Serra LLC, 4125 Breakwater Ave Unit E, Hayward, CA 94545; Missouri
Business conducted by: A Limited Liability Company
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Esequiel Sandoval, Member
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 4, 2017
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/12, 12/19, 12/26/17, 12/18

CNS-3078265#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 537748
Fictitious Business Name(s):
Gaia Gems and Crystals, 4816 Cabello Ct., Union City, CA 94587, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Sarah Eunjo Lee, 4816 Cabello Ct., Union City, CA 94587
Business conducted by: An Individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/6/17
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/ Sarah E. Lee
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 8, 2017
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26/17

CNS-3076558#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 537896
Fictitious Business Name(s):
Badru Hyatt Services, 34370 Enea Ter, Fremont, CA 94555, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Badru Hyatt, 34370 Enea Ter, Fremont, CA 94555
Business conducted by: an Individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A
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/ Badru Hyatt
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 14, 2017
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26/17

CNS-3076546#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 538107
Fictitious Business Name(s):
Groundjet Transportation, 41078 Farallon Common, Apt #102, Fremont, CA 94538, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Shahabuddin Samaruddin, 1886 N. Capitol Ave. Apt #125, San Jose, CA 95132
Business conducted by: a Joint Venture
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/1/2017
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/ Shahabuddin Samaruddin, Operation Manager/Partner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 20, 2017
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26/17

CNS-3076327#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 538172
Fictitious Business Name(s):
Unique Hair And Nails, 3923 Washington Blvd., Fremont, CA 94538, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Thuy Nguyen, 1101 Shirley Drive, Apt. #1, Milpitas, CA 95035
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/ Thuy Nguyen, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 21, 2017
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26/17

CNS-3076325#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 538187
Fictitious Business Name(s):
Helioplume, 33798 Trailside Way, Union City, CA 94587, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Katherine Lau, 33798 Trailside Way, Union City, CA 94587; California
Business conducted by: a Limited Liability Company
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on November 21st, 2017
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/ Katherine Lau, Manager
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 22, 2017
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26/17

CNS-3076269#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 537999
Fictitious Business Name(s):
At Heart, 41135 Canyon Heights Drive, Fremont, CA 94539, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Amanda Fung, 41135 Canyon Heights Drive, 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/ Amanda Fung
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 16, 2017
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19/17

CNS-3075158#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 537972
Fictitious Business Name(s):
Ragamalika Music Academy, 37155 Aspenwood Common, Unit 201, Fremont, CA 94536, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Jayanthi Balakrishnan, 37155 Aspenwood Common, Unit 201, 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/ Jayanthi Balakrishnan
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 15, 2017
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12/17

CNS-3072837#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 537809
Fictitious Business Name(s):
Ground Zone Environmental Services, LLC, DBA Ground Zone LLC, 1361 B Street, Hayward, CA 94544, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Ground Zone LLC DBA Ground Zone Environmental Services, LLC, 1705 Modoc Ave., Hayward, CA 94542; California
Business conducted by: a Limited Liability Company
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2/16/12
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/ Sam Brathwaite, Principal
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 9, 2017
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12/17

CNS-3072279#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 537149
Fictitious Business Name(s):
Niles Supply Company, 345 Goleta Terrace, Fremont, CA 94536, County of Alameda; PO Box 1101, Fremont, CA 94536
Registrant(s):
Keith Westra, 345 Goleta Terrace, Fremont, CA 94536
Business conducted by: Married Couple
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/ Keith Westra, Owner / Partner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 25, 2017
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of

Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12/17

CNS-3071714#

GOVERNMENT

ORDINANCE NO. 21-2017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREMONT LEVYING SPECIAL TAXES WITHIN CITY OF FREMONT COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2 (WARM SPRINGS PUBLIC FACILITIES)
WHEREAS, on October 17, 2017, the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Fremont (the "City"), adopted a resolution entitled "A Resolution of Intention of the City Council of the City of Fremont to Establish Community Facilities District No. 2 (Warm Springs Public Facilities)" stating its intention to establish "City of Fremont Community Facilities District No. 2 (Warm Springs Public Facilities)" (the "CFD"), pursuant to the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, as amended, Sections 53311, et seq., of the California Government Code (the "Act"), to finance the acquisition and construction of certain facilities; and
WHEREAS, notice was published as required by the Act relative to the intention of the Council to form the CFD, to provide for certain facilities and to incur bonded indebtedness and other debt (as defined in the Act) for the CFD in an amount not to exceed \$25,000,000; and
WHEREAS, the Council has held noticed public hearings as required by the Act relative to (i) the determination to proceed with the formation of the CFD and the rate and method of apportionment of the special tax to be levied within the CFD to finance a portion of the costs of the facilities and (ii) the issuance of a not to exceed amount of \$25,000,000 of bonded indebtedness and other debt (as defined in the Act) for the CFD; and
WHEREAS, at said hearing all persons desiring to be heard on all matters pertaining to the formation of the CFD and the levy of said special taxes were heard, substantial evidence was presented and considered by the Council and a full and fair hearing was held; and
WHEREAS, in accordance to the hearing, the Council adopted resolutions entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fremont Forming the 'City of Fremont Community Facilities District No. 2 (Warm Springs Public Facilities)' (the 'Resolution of Formation')", "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fremont Determining the Necessity to Incur Bonded Indebtedness in Connection with 'City of Fremont Community Facilities District No. 2 (Warm Springs Public Facilities)' (the 'Resolution of Necessity')", and "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fremont Calling a Special Election in Connection with the 'City of Fremont Community Facilities District No. 2 (Warm Springs Public Facilities)' (the 'Resolution of Formation')", which resolutions defined the public facilities to be financed by the CFD (the "Facilities"), established the CFD, authorized the levy of a special tax within the CFD, determined the necessity to incur bonded indebtedness and other debt in the CFD and called an election within the CFD on the propositions of incurring indebtedness and other debt, levying a special tax, and establishing appropriations limit within the CFD, respectively;

AND WHEREAS, on November 21, 2017 a special election was held within the CFD at which the eligible landowner-electors approved such propositions by the two-thirds vote required by the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREMONT DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.
By the passage of this Ordinance, the Council hereby authorizes and levies special taxes within the CFD pursuant to the Act, at the rate and in accordance with the formula (the "Rate and Method") set forth in the Resolution of Formation, which Resolution of Formation is by this reference incorporated herein. The special taxes are hereby levied commencing in fiscal year 2018-19 and in each fiscal year thereafter until payment in full of any bonds or other debt issued by the City for the CFD (collectively, the "Bonds") or such longer period provided in the Rate and Method, as contemplated by the Resolution of Formation and the Resolution of Necessity, and all costs of administering the CFD.

SECTION 2.
The Finance Director of the City is hereby authorized and directed each fiscal year to determine the specific special tax rate and amount to be levied for the next ensuing fiscal year for each parcel of real property within the CFD, in the manner and as provided in the Resolution of Formation.

SECTION 3.
Properties and entities of the State, federal or local governments shall be exempt from any levy of the special taxes. In no event shall the special taxes be levied on any parcel within the CFD in excess of the maximum tax specified in the Resolution of Formation.

SECTION 4.
All of the collections of the special tax shall be used as provided for in the Act and in the Resolution of Formation including, but not limited to, the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds, the replenishment of the reserve fund and the Resolution of Formation of the costs of the Facilities, the payment of the costs of the City in administering the CFD, and the costs of collecting and administering the special tax.

SECTION 5.
The special taxes shall be collected in the same manner as oratory and valorem taxes and shall be subject to the same penalties and the same procedure and sale in cases of delinquency as provided for ad valorem taxes; provided, however, that this City Council may provide for other secondary methods of collection by resolution of this City Council. In addition, the provisions of Section 53356.1 of the Act shall apply to delinquent special tax payments. The Finance Director of the City is hereby authorized and directed to provide all necessary information to the auditor for collection of the County of Alameda in order to effect proper billing and collection of the special tax, so that the special tax shall be included on the secured property tax roll of the County of Alameda for fiscal year 2018-19 and for each fiscal year thereafter until the Bonds are paid in full or such longer period of time provided in the Rate and Method.

SECTION 6. CEQA.
The City Council finds that the proposed amendments to the Fremont Municipal Code are exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 15061(b)(3) in that it is not a project which has the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.
If for any reason any portion of this Ordinance is found to be invalid, or if the special tax is found inapplicable to any particular parcel within the CFD, by a court of competent jurisdiction, the balance of this Ordinance and the application of the special tax to the remaining parcels within the CFD shall not be affected.
SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.
This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from the date of final passage.
SECTION 9. PUBLICATION AND POSTING.
The Mayor shall sign this Ordinance and the City Clerk shall cause the same to be published within fifteen (15) days after its passage at least once in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the City.

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced before the City Council of the City of Fremont at the regular meeting of the City Council, held on 21st day of November, 2017 and finally adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council held on 5th day of December, 2017. The following vote:
AYES: Mayor Mei; Vice Mayor Bacon; Councilmembers Jones and Bonaccorsi
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Salwan
CITY CLERK
12/12/17

CNS-3078855#

TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. NO.: 10-06877 A.P.N. 0922-0465-00-04. NOTE: THIS IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THE DOCUMENT ATTACHED, PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.3(a). THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO ABOVE IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THE DOCUMENT. ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/12/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURAL OR PROBABLE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or a savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right,

title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor: RONALD MILLER, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY. Duly Appointed Trustee: Atlantic and Pacific Foreclosure Services, LLC. Recorded 3/13/2006 as Instrument No. 2006092299 in page and recorded on -- as of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Alameda County, California. Described as follows: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust. Date of Sale: 12/26/2017 at 12:30 P.M. Place of Sale: At the Fallon Street emergency exit to the Alameda County Courthouse, located at 1225 Fallon Street, Oakland, CA 94612. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$546,169.05 (Estimated). Street Address or other common designation of real property: 7721 SUNSET AVE NEWARK, CA 94560. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for the sale of the property, the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of sale. The beneficiary of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS NOT PROVIDING ANY INFORMATION ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail

PUBLIC NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID
LEGAL SERVICES FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS
Ruby’s Place, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, invites the submission of sealed bids for Legal Services for Human Trafficking Victims. Bid documents are available at www.rubysplace.org. Documents can also be obtained at 1180 B Street, Hayward, California between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Bids are due December 15th at 5:00 pm.

This is to provide notification that in March 2017 there was a break in by homeless people at my property located at 3411 Capitol Ave., Fremont, CA 94538

As a result, some stored medical charts of a few patients were compromised. These are the patient’s charts (which had the following information but not limited to patients demographics, insurance information, clinical notes, lab/x-ray reports, procedure reports) who were treated at my medical office: Mission Primary Care located at 3755 Beacon Ave., Fremont, CA 94538. This incident has been reported to the local police and precautionary steps have been taken to further secure the place. The remaining (about 80 charts) have been retrieved and shredded properly. There are no medical records stored at this location any more.

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BART Police Log

SUBMITTED BY

Monday, Nov. 27

At 8:28 a.m. A male victim placed Gregory Soto, 47, of Oakland under a citizen’s arrest after he allegedly struck the victim with a closed fist at the Bayfair Station in San Leandro. Responding police issued Soto a prohibition order and he was booked into the Santa Rita Jail on suspicion of battery on transit property and a probation viola-

tion. The victim was not injured.

Tuesday, Dec. 5

At 1:30 p.m. a man identified by police as Anthony Perez, 30, of Garden Grove was placed under arrest at the Bayfair station on suspicion of petty theft and possession of stolen property.

Thursday, Dec. 7

At 8 a.m. A man identified by police as Jose Chavez, 31, of Oakland, was found sleeping at the Warm Springs/Fremont station. He was arrested on suspicion of trespassing and two \$5,000 warrants for vandalism and domestic violence. He was booked into the Santa Rita Jail.

Police investigate fatal hit-and-run

SUBMITTED BY GENEVA BOSQUES, FREMONT PD

Police in Fremont are investigating a fatal hit-and-run traffic incident that occurred on Tuesday, Dec. 5 in the Warm Springs area. A caller to 911 at 5:37 p.m. reported a person was down on the roadway prompting Fremont Police officers and Fremont Fire Department paramedics to the area of East Warren Avenue and Bradley Street. Responding officers found a human body and vehicle debris in the roadway. The person in the roadway had several visible injuries and was pronounced dead by paramedics. While checking the area for a car and driver that might be involved, patrol officers found an unoccupied vehicle parked in the Franciscan Shopping Center on Mission and Warm Springs boulevards with major front-end damage. The vehicle’s driver was soon found in the area and was detained by officers. No information about the victim was immediately released and police said it’s not clear if drugs or alcohol were factors in the incident. The incident is under investigation and police are asking that anyone with information about the incident to call the Fremont Police Department at (510) 790-6800, extension 3

Newark Police Log

SUBMITTED BY CAPTAIN CHOMNAN LOTH, NEWARK PD

Thursday, Nov. 30

At 8:27 p.m. Officer Rivera accepted the citizen’s arrest of a suspected shoplifter in custody at Macy’s, NewPark Mall. The suspect, a 38-year-old Oakland man was issued a citation and released.

Friday, Dec. 1

At 9:12 a.m. Officer Palacio and Field Training Officer Ackerman conducted a probation search of a room at the Homewood Suites, 39270 Cedar Boulevard. A 54-year-old Fremont man was arrested on suspicion of possessing methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia and booked into the Santa Rita Jail.

At 10:28 a.m. Officer Rivas lead a team of officers on a probation search on the 37200 block of Walnut Street. A 42-year-old Newark man was arrested on suspicion of having fraudulent checks and identity theft. A 33-year-old Newark woman was arrested on suspicion of possessing burglary tools and drug paraphernalia. Both suspects

were booked into the Fremont Jail.

Saturday, Dec. 2

At 1:32 p.m. Officer Sandoval conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle with expired registration tags and driving recklessly through the Newark Square shopping center parking lot on Thornton Avenue at Cedar Boulevard. The driver, a 43-year-old Newark man, was arrested on an outstanding warrant and booked into the Fremont Jail.

Sunday, Dec. 3

At 12:37 p.m. Officer Quinonez responded to a disturbance at the Safeway Store, 5877 Jarvis Avenue. A 54-year-old Newark man was arrested on suspicion of disorderly conduct / under the influence of alcohol. The suspect was booked into the Santa Rita Jail.

At 5:03 p.m. Officer Johnson contacted and arrested a 34-year-old San Leandro man on suspicion of credit fraud, receiving known stolen property and probation violation in the NewPark Mall parking lot. The suspect was booked into the Santa Rita Jail.

Tuesday, Dec. 5

At 7:06 a.m. Officer Rivera investigated a commercial burglary and the theft of a construction trailer that occurred at a hotel construction site near NewPark Mall. The trailer and

the stolen items were recovered by the Hayward Police Department later in the day.

At 7:20 p.m. Officer Smith investigated a grab-and-run theft of a carburetor from O’Reilly Auto Parts, 35382 Newark Boulevard.

At 7:26 p.m. Officer Lenz responded to a shoplifter in custody report at Macy’s NewPark Mall. The suspect, a 21-year-old San Leandro woman was arrested and booked into the Santa Rita Jail.

At 8:44 p.m. Officer D. Johnson and Field Training Officer Norvell responded to a disturbance at the 7-Eleven store, 7288 Thornton Ave. The officers arrested a 29-year-old Newark woman on outstanding warrants. The suspect was booked into the Fremont Jail.

Wednesday, Dec. 6

At 8:25 a.m. Officer Mapes contacted and arrested a 48-year-old Newark man on suspicion of possessing a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia on the 7700 block of Arrowhead Place. The suspect was issued a citation and released.

At 9:54 a.m. Officer Piquette and Field Training Officer Allum investigated a multi-vehicle injury accident on Thornton Avenue at Cedar Boulevard. The injured parties were taken to area hospitals for treatment.

Union City Police Log

SUBMITTED BY LT. MATIAS PARDO, UNION CITY PD

Monday, Nov. 27

At 1:30 p.m. Officer Olson was dispatched to the 1700 block of Decoto Road to investigate a report of a robbery. The victim said he was in the men’s restroom at Kennedy Park, when four suspects battered him and stole his wallet. He described all four suspects as black males between 16 and 18-years-old. The case is under investigation.

At around 6:10 p.m. officers were dispatched to the area of Mission Boulevard and Tamarack Drive on the report of a shooting. The victim said that a suspect fired one round at her vehicle following a road rage incident. No one was injured.

Wednesday, Nov. 29

At around 2:15 p.m. officers were dispatched to James Logan High School on a robbery report. The victim said she was around Hartnell Street and Syracuse Avenue when an unknown female approached her and asked what kind of phone she had. She then grabbed the phone out of the victim’s hand and fled on foot. The suspect was described as a white female in her 30s or 40s, standing between 5-foot-2 and 5-foot-4-inches tall and weighing between 110 and 120 pounds.

Wednesday, Nov. 29

At around 3:30 p.m. Detectives DeJong and Seto conducted a traffic stop around Mission Boulevard and Tamarack Drive. A search of the vehicle



Jennifer Moore



Michael Hinojoza

turned up various narcotics; evidence indicative of sales; a loaded and concealed handgun; and evidence of identity theft and fraud. Michael Hinojoza, 24, of Union City, was arrested on suspicion of various weapons and drug-related offenses. Jennifer Moore, 35, of Hayward, was also arrested on suspicion of identity theft and various drug-related offenses.

From Monday, Nov. 28 through Friday, Dec. 1, there were nine reported residential and commercial burglaries:

- 1700 block of Decoto Rd.: Occurred on Nov. 28, around 4 a.m. A suspect was found in the business’ restroom while the business was closed. Eric Arnold, a 36-year-old Richmond resident, was arrested on suspicion of burglary and trespassing.
- 35700 block of Alvarado Niles Rd.: Occurred between Nov. 28 at 5 p.m., and Nov. 29 at 8 a.m. The lock was cut off a Conex box, and the loss included construction equipment.
- 34600 block of Alvarado Niles Rd.: Occurred on Nov. 29, around 6 a.m. A female suspect was seen using a set of keys to try to open the business’ coin-operated machines. She was unsuccessful and left.

- 31200 block of San Andreas Dr.: Occurred Nov. 29, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. A rear window was smashed, and the loss included jewelry and cash.
- 29400 block of Kohoutek Way: Occurred on Nov. 30, around 5:20 a.m. A male suspect broke the glass door and stole a subwoofer.
- 32500 block of Point Lobos Ct.: Occurred Nov. 30, from 12:30 p.m. to 3:20 p.m. The method of entry is unknown, and the loss included electronics and jewelry.
- 34300 block of Myrtle Lane: Occurred on Dec. 1, between 11:25 a.m. and 11:40 a.m. After knocking on the door for about 30 minutes, a Hispanic male suspect broke a window next to the front door. As he put his hand through the broken window and attempted to unlock the front door, the resident yelled at him and he fled on foot.
- 4800 block of Michelle Way: Occurred on Dec. 1, between 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Two doors were kicked in, and the loss included an iPad and credit cards.
- 33000 block of Garfinkle St.: Occurred on Dec. 1, between 4:10 p.m. and 11:59 p.m. The method of entry is unknown, and the loss included jewelry.

FEMA Is looking to hire

SUBMITTED BY BRANDI RICHARD

If you or someone you know is looking for a full-time job, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is looking to hire across a wide range of specialties. FEMA wants to hire local talent to fill a number of positions to continue the work begun after the October wildfires. Temporary full-time positions include logistics, administrative support, applicant services specialists and voluntary agency liaisons.

Several disaster reservists currently working the California disaster began their FEMA careers as local hires. Robert Hoffman joined the agency as a local hire after a hurricane hit in his home state several years ago. “I was retired from a 40-year career in journalism, but I wanted to keep busy,” Hoffman said. “So, I signed up for

temporary work as a writer.” After three months, he joined FEMA on a permanent basis.

Disaster also brought Tanishia Masga to FEMA after a typhoon struck her native Saipan, in the Northern Mariana Islands. Masga, who was working at the time in Washington State, returned to Saipan and joined FEMA as a local hire in September 2015. The following year she was hired as a reservist in logistics. Like Hoffman, Masga likes traveling around, meeting new people and helping survivors.

“The satisfaction derived from helping people out when fate deals them a lousy hand is a precious reward,” Hoffman said.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, 18 years of age or older, with a high school diploma or GED. Individuals

will be required to pass a background investigation that includes fingerprinting and a credit check, have their own transportation to and from work and live within 50 miles of the employing office.

Go to the CalJOBS website at <https://www.Caljobs.ca.gov/vosnet/Default.aspx> and search FEMA to see postings and job descriptions, and securely apply online.

For more information on California recovery, visit the disaster web page at www.fema.gov/disaster/4344, Twitter at <https://www.twitter.com/femaregion9> and WildfireRecovery.org

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Let’s Do Lunch! Volunteer for LIFE ElderCare – Meals on Wheels Mon – Fri, 10:30-12:30 Choose your day(s) Call Tammy 510-574-2086 tduran@fremont.gov www.LifeElderCare.org	Afro-American Cultural & Historical Society, Inc. Sharing ur culture and history in the Tri-Cities and surrounding area Meetings: Third Saturday Except Dec & Feb 5:30pm Newark Library 510-793-8181 www.aachsi.com We welcome all new members	FREMONT COIN CLUB Established 1971 Meets 2nd & 4th Tues 7pm At the Fremont Elks Lodge 38991 Farwell Dr., Fremont All are welcome, come join us www.fremontcoinclub.org 510-792-1511	10 lines/\$10/ 10 Weeks \$50/Year 510-494-1999 tricityvoice@aol.com Shout out to your community Our readers can post information including: Activities Announcements For sale Garage sales Group meetings Lost and found For the extremely low cost of \$10 for up to 10 weeks, your message will reach thousands of friends and neighbors every TUESDAY in the TCV printed version and continuously online. TCV has the right to reject any posting to the Community Bulletin Board. Payment must be received in advance.	Payment is for one posting only. Any change will be considered a new posting and incur a new fee. The “NO” List: • No commercial announcements, services or sales • No personal services (escort services, dating services, etc.) • No sale items over \$100 value • No automobile or real estate sales • No animal sales (non-profit humane organization adoptions accepted) • No P.O. boxes unless physical address is verified by TCV
League of Women Voters Fremont-Newark-Union City www.lwvfnuc.org Free meetings to inform the public about local, regional and statewide policy issues. Participate in non-partisan in-depth, discussions with guest speakers at our meetings. All sites are wheelchair accessible	TRI-CITY DEMOCRATIC FORUM MEETING Every Third Wednesday 7:00 pm Chandni Restaurant 5748 Mowry School Rd Newark, CA 94560 http://www.tricitydems.com/	Tri-City Society of Model Engineers The TCSME located in Niles Plaza is currently looking for new members to help build & operate an N Scale HO layout focused on Fremont & surrounding areas. We meet Fridays 7:30-9:30pm. Please visit our web site: www.nilesdepot.org		
Make a senior’s life a bit easier Volunteer for LIFE ElderCare – VIP Rides Drive seniors to appts/errands Flexible weekday scheduling Call Valerie 510-574-2096 vdraeseke@fremont.gov www.LifeElderCare.org	American Assoc. of University Women Fremont Branch Advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. to join or for more information: fremont-ca.aauw.net	ABWA-Pathfinder Chap. American Business Women’s Assoc. provides opportunities for women personally & professionally thru leadership, education, networking Dinner Meetings: 3rd Wednesday each month. DoubleTree 39900 Balentine Dr, Newark (Fremont): 6:30-9:00 pm Call Harriet 510-793-7465 www.abwa-pathfinder.org	FREE AIRPLANE RIDES FOR KIDS AGES 8-17 Young Eagles Hayward Airport Various Saturdays www.vaa29.org Email for more information youngeagles29@aol.com	First Church of Christ Scientist, Fremont Sunday Service 10am Sunday School 10am Wed. Eve Service 7:30pm Child Care is available all services. Reading Room Open Tuesday - Wednesday 1-3pm 1351 Driscoll Rd., Fremont 510-656-8161
Fremont Cribbage Club teaches cribbage to new players & tournament cribbage to all players of any skill level every Tues. 6:15pm at Round Table Pizza 37480 Fremont Blvd., Centerville Email:Accgr43@gmail.com American Cribbage Congress www.cribbage.org	Is food a problem? Try Overeaters Anonymous Mon 7 PM & Wed 7 PM St. James Episcopal Church 37051 Cabrillo Terr., Fremont Sat 10:30 AM No dues or fees All are welcome! First Presbyterian Church 35450 Newark Blvd., Newark www.oasaco.org	Start Your Own Business East Bay Self Employment Assoc Calling all unemployed, including able bodies or disabled, retired, men & women for “FREE COUNSELING” One to One, How to start your small business Call 408-306-0827		
FREMONT STAMP CLUB SINCE 1978 Meets 2nd Thurs. each month 7pm Cultural Arts Center 3375 Country Dr., Fremont Everyone is welcome. Beginners to Advanced. For questions or more information: www.fremontstampclub.org/ or call Dave: 510-487-5288	Do you get nervous when you have to speak in public? Newark Toastmasters can help Learn this skill and more in a supportive atmosphere It’s FREE to attend Tue 7am - 8:10am @ Newark Library, 6300 Civic Terrace Ave 510-402-8318 or 510-796-3562 www.1118.toastmastersclubs.org	F.U.N. (Fremont, Union City, Newark) PROGRESSIVES Join us for pizza and politics Bronco Billy’s Pizza 41200 Blacow Road Fremont Most meetings 6pm - third Sun of the month. For Info Visit our website: www.funprogressives.com Contact us at: funprogressives@gmail.com	A-1 Comm. Housing Svcs 1st Time Home Buyers Workshop Learn the process of homeownership Down Payment Assistance Every 3rd Sat. 10am-1pm 22693 Hesperian Blvd. #150 Hayward, CA 94541 Register: www.a1chs.org Call: 510-674-9227	FREMONT SYMPHONY GUILD Enthusiastic music lovers who support the Fremont Symphony! First Tuesday each month 7:30 pm Fremont Community Activities Center 3375 Country Drive, Fremont Visitors are welcome! call 510-656-8763 or email mmherstory@comcast.net
Shinn House Mission Peak Heritage Foundation 1269 Peralta Blvd. Fremont Docents & Volunteers needed for Various Activities throughout the year. Free professional Docent Training. Please contact: Joan Serafino 510-795-0891	Fremont Cribbage Club Meets to play weekly, every Wed. We play a Cribbage Tournament starting at 6:25 pm at Round Table Pizza at 37480 Fremont Blvd., We welcome experienced player and will work with new players hoping to learn the game. email: Accgr43@gmail.com for more information	New Dimension Chorus Men’s 4 Part Vocal Harmony In the “Barbershop” style Thursdays at 7pm Calvary Luther Church 17200 Via Magdalena SanLorenzo Contact: ndchorus.org 510-332-2481	Supporting the Fremont Symphony Orchestra for 50 years! FREMONT SYMPHONY GUILD To learn more about this group of music-lovers call 510-673-0085 or email blgorsuch@att.net	The Friendship Force San Francisco Bay Area Experience a country & its culture with local hosts; meet global visitors here. Japanese guests in 2017 Travel to Kenya in 2018 Many Bay Area social activities. www.ffsfba.org www.thefriendshipforce.org Call 510-794-6844 or 793-0857
TRI-CITIES WOMEN’S CLUB Meets on the third Tuesday Elk’s Club on Farwell Drive 9:15 – Cards & Games 11:45 – Lunch 1:00 – Program & Meeting Group meeting monthly/bimonthly; marathon bridge, walking group, lunch bunch,rummikub group, pinochle group, bocce ball & book club. For more info, call 510-656-0162	St Vincent de Paul Thrift Store 3777 Decoto Road Fremont DONATIONS: Tues. - Sun. 10AM- 4:30 PM Clean, lightly used clothing. House-hold & furniture. No electronics or e-waste. VOLUNTEERS: Individuals & groups! COMMUNITY SPACE Call for info 510-792-3711 Fremont@svdp-alameda.org	HELP FEED THE NEED TCV Food Bank & Thrift Store (Tri-City Volunteers) looking for energized volunteers to help out in our Marketplace (Food Bank) and Thrift Store. Variety of tasks & shifts available Monday–Friday 7:30a–4:00p. For more information, visit www.tcvfoodbank.org email volunteer@tcvfoodbank.org.	SONS OF ITALY Social Club for Italians And Friends 1st Friday of month (No meetings July/Aug/Dec) 5:30 social hour 6:30 potluck dinner (\$5) Newark Pavilion - Bld. 2 (Thornton Blvd. & Cherry Blvd., Newark) Info: Gina 510-943-7403 www.giuseppemazzini.org	Sun Gallery Annual 2017 Holiday Boutique Supports Our Children’s Art Programs Nov 17-Dec 17 2017 5 weeks Thurs.-Sun 11-5pm Call forCrafters & Artists 1015 E St., Hayward Sungallery.org or Sungallery@comcast.net
Scholarships for Women Our Fremont Philanthropic Organization, PEO Scholarships for Women entering college,earning another degree or returning to school after 2+ yrs Low interest education loans Apply online: www.peocalifonia.org wordsmit65@gmail.com for info	Are You Troubled By Someone’s Drinking? Al-Anon and Alateen are here to help. Al-Anon has but one purpose: to help families of alcoholics. We share our experience, strength, and hope. www.ncwsa.org for a meeting near you, or call 510-276-2270, or email Easydudz@gmail.com	Fremont Area Writers Like to write? Meet other writers? Get tips from speakers? Join us from 2-4pm every fourth Saturday except in July & December www.cwc-fremontareawriters.org	Students Looking for Scholarship Money? Enter Newark Optimist Essay Contest Topic: “Can Society Function Without Respect?” to enter: www.optimist.org January 26, 2018 Deadline Mail to: Newark Optimist Club PO Box 402 Newark CA 94560	Little Lamb Preschool Open House Sat. March 3 Drop-in Between 9-12pm Refreshments Meet the Teachers Visit the Classrooms Registration Info Available www.littlelambpreschoolbcc.org
Fremont Youth Symphony Orchestra Apply online for Audition http://fremontsymphony.org New Season starts on 9/11/17 Monday Rehearsals, 4pm-7pm First United Methodist Church 2950 Washington Blvd, Fremont youth@fremontsymphony.org or call (510) 936-0570	Soiree Seniors For People Over 60 Many Activities Potluck Dinners, Dancing, TGIF’s, Birthdays and more Call Dianne for information (510) 581-9008	Fremont Garden Club Join enthusiasts from Tri-City area Meets Feb. - Oct. 3rd Wednesday of the month at various locations Social time: 6:15 pm Presentation: 7-8:30 pm Annual dues: \$30 indi, \$50 couples Call Lynn: 510-604-8206 www.fremontgardenclub.org		FREE Christmas Eve Concert Sun. Dec. 24 11am-12noon Alder Ave. Baptist Church 4111 Alder Ave., Fremont Featuring: Bob Reyen Brass Quintet From SF Opera Orchestra Like us on Facebook alderaveuebaptist.com 510-797-3305
	SparkPoint Financial Servicesfor Low-Income Residents FREE financial services & coaching. SparkPoint Info Session 3rd Thursday, 6-7pm City of Fremont Family Resource Center To register, call 574-2020. Fremont.gov/SparkPointFRC	Attend Free Classes Become A Travel Trainer & teach others how to travel at wholesale Prices. Tax Benefits & Free Health Care Reserve your seating. Arleen 510 695 7278 insidertravel4u@gmail.com		Serious Mental Illness FREE 12 week course for caregivers of someone with a serious mental illness January 6 2018 9:00 -11:30 in Fremont Registration required Contact: Joe Rose 510-378-1578 or Email: F2F@NAMIacs.org http://www.NAMIacs.org http://www.NAMI.org

Dancing on two wheels

SUBMITTED BY
KIMBERLY HAWKINS

In a dance studio lit by twinkling lights at the back of the Cal State East Bay campus, a dozen students — half of whom are seated in wheelchairs — begin

“Inclusivity has become an important part of our culture, and learning how to facilitate inclusivity will be important,” Williams said. “And, considering the size of the disabled community and the growing trend toward greater inclusiveness, I



moving to the count of American DanceWheels Foundation Teacher Derrick Williams. “Five-six-seven-eight and quick, quick, slow, quick, quick, slow,” Williams instructs the group while seated in a wheelchair. On the floor dancing with the students is Cal State East Bay Assistant Professor Eric Kupers. The students are part of Kupers’ Inclusive Interdisciplinary Ensemble class, which focuses on teaching them how to make dance and performance inclusive for all body types and abilities. It’s a skill Williams says the students will likely need as professionals entering a more diverse and inclusive dance world.



believe there will be many more opportunities emerging to apply these skills.” The course will be an ongoing partnership between Cal State East Bay and American DanceWheels, but this quarter, students are learning the salsa and rumba in preparation for an upcoming department performance. As for why wheelchair-based classes are important? That’s easy, Williams said. “It makes available an activity for disabled people that they have generally felt excluded from,” he explained. “This is even more important

when you consider the importance of dance in our society. We have high school dances, dance clubs, first dances, dancing as a performance art and movies about dancing, and yet, if a wheelchair user hasn’t seen someone else in a wheelchair dance before, they may believe it impossible to participate.” Students in Kupers’ class must learn both parts, using sports wheelchairs to practice with if they aren’t already wheelchair users. Lifelong dancer and participant Kyra Birks said the experience has not only given her a new

appreciation for different abilities, but her own body as well. “I never really thought of all the different ways different body types move, so I wanted to open my eyes to what other people can do and [I] realize that everybody can dance,” Birks said. “I’ve never been in a wheelchair before so to be able to use a chair and see what it feels like to have to move using it has been cool. Everybody has different things they have to deal with, whether it’s disabilities or injuries, and this has really taught me that you need to appreciate yourself and the body you have.” Kupers has long wanted to bring ballroom dancing classes to Cal State East Bay, but it was important to him that they were integrated and available to all dancers. So, when he met Williams and learned that American DanceWheels offered free programming, with access to a local seated teacher, he knew he had to incorporate it into his curriculum. “I wanted my students to get exposure to different mobilities, and for most people, this class is the first time they’ve used a wheelchair,” he said. “But it’s also a powerful lesson for them because the teacher (Williams) has a disability and yet is the one leading, so it shows [them] that seated dancers can not only do ballroom too, but there’s a whole additional level of skill required.”

Health center expands in Fremont

SUBMITTED BY TRI-CITY HEALTH CENTER

For more than 40 years Tri-City Health Center has provided residents in Southern Alameda County with affordable, full service healthcare. Their approach recognizes every person’s unique financial and cultural needs, and helps them take control of their health. Officials from the Tri-City Health Center recently announced the opening of a new facility in the Irvington

district of Fremont. Located next to the center’s existing “Irvington Dave” facility at 40942 Fremont Boulevard. The first phase of the new facility, provisionally called “Irvington II,” will offer a vision clinic with complimentary services soon to follow. The idea is to compliment the Irvington Dave facility and build the groundwork for a health campus. The new clinic will offer services that help boost the success of the center’s main service lines: Primary, Dental

and Behavioral health care. The entire buildout will eventually provide a holistic system of care to patients, where all health and wellness needs can be addressed from a single location. More details about the opening of the “Irvington II” clinic will be posted soon on the Tri-City Health Center website at www.tri-cityhealth.org.

Filipino Catholics celebrate Simbang Gabi

SUBMITTED BY VICTOR CARVELLAS

Simbang Gabi is observed by Filipinos all over the world in anticipation of Christmas and to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Filipino Catholic community gathers for nine consecutive mornings in a series of Advent Novena masses in spiritual preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ on Christmas Day. Today, in the Philippines, advent masses are held outdoors to accommodate the crowds, a practice begun in 1587 in Mexico when the Pope gave permission to Diego de Soria, a Mexican friar, to hold outdoor mass to accommodate large crowds. With the establishment of Catholicism in the Philippines, Filipinos called the nine masses Simbang Gabi, or ‘evening mass’ because early rising farmers, desiring to go to mass, had to do so in the dark, (around 4 a.m.) before heading to the fields. Since then, Simbang Gabi has become a customary practice for devoted Filipino Catholics as a symbol of unity, charity, and spirituality. Simbang Gabi brings traditional

Filipino treats, including bibingka (a type of rice cake) and puto bumbong (a purple-colored sticky rice cake), often sold outside the church for people to enjoy. After mass, Filipino families and parish members typically gather for more socializing and sharing of stories. The last mass of Simbang Gabi is called Misa de Gallo, meaning ‘rooster mass’ because the whole family wakes with the rooster to attend. At Christmas Eve evening, traditional Filipino families share a midnight feast called ‘Noche Buena.’ The Noche Buena is a big, open house celebration with family, friends and neighbors dropping by to wish everyone a Merry Christmas!

Several Tri-City churches take part in this Filipino tradition:

All Saints Church
Beginning Saturday, Dec 16
6:00 a.m.
22824 Second St, Hayward
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<http://allsaintshayward.org/>

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Beginning Saturday, Dec 16
5:30 a.m.
37588 Fremont Blvd, Fremont
(510) 797-1660
www.holyspiritfremont.org

Saint Anne Catholic Church
Beginning Saturday, Dec 16
5:30 a.m.
32223 Cabello St, Union City
(510) 471-7766
www.saintannecatholic.org

St. Joachim Church
Beginning Saturday, Dec 16
5:30 a.m.
21250 Hesperian Blvd, Hayward
(510) 783-2766
www.stjoachimchurch.net

Saint Leander Catholic Church
Beginning Saturday, Dec 16
5:00 a.m.
50 West Estudillo Ave, San Leandro
(510) 895-5631
www.stleanderchurch.org

St Elizabeth Catholic Church
Beginning Saturday, Dec 16
5:00 a.m.
750 Sequoia Drive, Milpitas
(408) 262-8100
www.stelizabethmilpitas.org

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Fremont is excited to present four noted youth musical performance groups in our community band for an upcoming holiday concert on Saturday, December 16, showcasing over 150 performers. Directors of the four groups are drawn together by their common dedication to create vibrancy in a healthy community through quality music education programs.

FYSO and the Virtuoso International Flute Ensemble (VIFE),

both under the directions of Artistic Director Judy Lam and Associate Director Dr. Grace Lai, successfully presented last year's Christmas concert, which was well received by a standing room only full house audience. Many among the young audience were inspired, and are enthusiastically anticipating this year's concert as participating new members. The concert program includes a celebrated repertoire by Beethoven, J.S. Bach, Mozart, Brahms, Vaughn Williams, Elgar, Anderson, and more.

FYSO and VIFE will be joined by guest performers Warwick Elementary School Choir, directed by Gloria Chang, and Music for Minors II (MFMII) Kids Choir, directed by Lydia Concepcion under the founding leadership of Carol Zilli.

The Warwick choir is a repeated winner of the FUSS (Fremont Unified Student Store) talent show, a Fremont Unified School District competition. They also took the top prize in the most recent competition held in November.

MFMII is noted for its successful music literacy program for minors and is well supported by a strong team of volunteer music docents, including professional music educators and parent musicians.

Together, the youth musicians and choir members will bring energy and warmth to this holiday concert. Please mark December 16 on your calendar! A full house audience is anticipated, so guests are encouraged to arrive early for better seating.

For more information, contact youth@fremontsymphony.org or visit the Fremont Symphony Orchestra website at <https://fremontsymphony.org/>.

The Season of Love
Saturday, Dec 16
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Kaleidoscopic Art of Sanaz Mazinani comes to BART

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Commute. Conjuring anxiety and frustration in equal parts, few words convey such loathing as commute. Between the traffic and crowding, our brains have few opportunities to relax as we travel from home to workplace—neither of which are guaranteed to be peaceful destinations! What can public transportation do to assist the weary rider beyond serving as a simple conveyance?

Enter San Francisco artist Sanaz Mazinani, whose pieces will be featured inside BART over the coming months. Her three unique photo montages each feature BART-themed images that were digitally refashioned into kaleidoscopic patterns. Each piece provides a departure from the information noise associated with modern living, and communicates something

my country, my home, my people—was very negative compared to my personal experiences in Iran. Photography has the power to show you a great deal of things, but it also has its

The work you’ve done for BART is striking. For those who see it, what are you looking to evoke in these pieces?

“This kind of patterning is associated with Islamic



Images of a BART card, ticketing machine, and train form the architectural geometric pattern of “Tickets” by Sanaz Mazinani.



“Platform” features the bright yellow bands of the BART stations’ platforms.



Two images of the new BART cars are used in “Train,” the seat colors creating a complex pattern of blues and greens.

new yet familiar for each person seeing it. You’ve lived an extraordinary life—what first inspired you to become an artist? “I enjoyed art as a child, but I really understood it as a calling for me on my first visit back to Iran, when I was about 15 years old. I lived there until I was 11 and only then realized that the vernacular imagery in the Western world representing

limits. What makes it into the frame and what gets edited or highlighted can really have a profound effect on what is finally perceived. So, I started photographing to show my culture through my lens. I juxtaposed opposing images of Iran within Iran, showing how complex and varied any country can be, and how one image can never tell a full story.”

ornamentation. It’s not particularly religious, it’s from that region. This type of geometrically inspired art took off during the Middle Eastern renaissance period and focused on building intricate patterns that stressed the importance of unity and order. As you said ‘kaleidoscopic’ imagery, as a way for the mind to relax and meditate. It’s designed to inspire you. Maybe you see a rug, or architecture of a mosque or palace—the ornamentation allows you to look through it and think of other things, as a form of meditation. I thought, wouldn’t it be cool for that kind of experience to happen on a BART platform? I wanted to create a moment for the mind to relax and think about greater things.

“The set of three posters focuses on three aspects of the vast BART network: the Station, the Platform, and the Train. For the first kaleidoscopic montage, I used two images. One shows the BART card in front of a ticketing machine. The second image shows a long view of a train on

the platform. These two images come together to build an architectural geometric pattern in blues and reds. For the “Platform” piece, I wanted to feature the bright bands of yellow that mark the platform of every station. I combined this image with a perspective long shot of the Colma Station. Together these two images create a graceful pattern that is both complex and visually appealing. Finally, the piece featuring the “Train” uses two images of the newly unveiled fleet of cars. The bright colors of the seats were used to build a complex pattern of blues and greens.”

Is photography your preferred medium?

“I have been a photographer for a very long time. There is so much photography out there today, on our feeds, from Facebook on down... there’s so many images already out there impacting us that I’ve actually stopped photographing and started using images that already exist. With this project, I wanted to do the same thing: create a patterned network from existing photos to start a conversation about how we experience imagery.”

What was your process for this work? How did you get started?

“I first went to the public library, main branch, and looked at images of BART that already existed. I looked through archives, and through images using BART resources. I realized during this search that what I really wanted was to use pictures that the average Bay Area citizen might have taken. I then conducted simple online searches for BART and station names, and the project became a sort of collaboration between myself, BART, and riders whether

they be tourists or regular commuters.”

How has being a female artist shaped your experience?

“It’s probably gotten easier over the years to be a female artist. Being a woman contributes to a general awareness of the diversity in the world, and inspires me to create art works that somehow celebrate and highlight the beauty in diversity.”

Do you remember your first BART ride?

“When I first moved to the Bay Area I lived in Menlo Park so I could get to Stanford. From there, I would take Caltrain, get on BART at Millbrae, then explore the City. I am still amazed at how huge the network is and how much landscape the BART system covers. Being from Toronto, and having lived in other places, it’s an impressive network that connects so many cities together so efficiently. Some people think it’s just inside San Francisco, but it’s pretty amazing how much bigger it is.”

What do you hope to convey to passengers through these displays?

“I hope they bring to it what they wish. I don’t have a specific message to pass along. My aim is to create artwork that brings about a space for reflection, so that it may provide visual rest amidst the urban chaos of our daily lives.”

How is exhibiting your work in BART stations different from other venues such as a gallery or magazine cover?

“The audience is so much wider—it allows me as an artist to get to show my work to a diverse group of people. What’s exciting is thinking about all the myriads of people who might get to experience my work and feel something new. It’s a wonderful feeling.

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