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Unity through Diversity: Ethics in Public Life and Public Service to Promote Unity



Cultural Identity

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Eleven years ago, the India Community Center (ICC) created a competition to feature the talents of youth in the Bay Area, using dance as a platform to foster community spirit and provide a deeper understanding of the Indian-American subculture. This annual competition, with its high-energy music and dazzling props and costumes, recognizes the performers' interpretation of their culture as they dance to define what it means to be

an Indian-American for their generation. Rooted in ICC's motto of "Unite, Serve, Celebrate," "Youthsava" allows children to showcase festive dance performances while presenting the audience with a connection to rich Indian culture and heritage.

On Saturday, March 17, the India Community Center in Milpitas will hold anywhere from 1,000 to 1,200 performers ages four through eighteen. The 12-hour long competition is comprised of four performance categories: Folk, Film, Remix, and a new addition called Director's Choice. Folk dance will

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Music and culture intersect with 'Mighty Danube'

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Masterful, romantic and passionate, the music of Hungary and Austria echoes the historic Danube River and is the inspiration for Music at the Mission's Thursday, March 22 concert at Old Mission San Jose. The program is poetry and storytelling at its finest, with stellar and deeply moving works by Haydn, Doppler, Smetana, Liszt, and Dohnanyi.

"We will have many familiar faces on stage, including Steve Huber and Ertan Torgul on violin, and Ivo Bokulic on viola, with Rhonda Bradetich, flute, and Katherine Lee and Aileen Chanco, pianos. I'm also happy we will be joined for the first time by Jennifer Kloetzel, former cellist with the celebrated Cypress String Quartet," said Bill Everett, artistic co-director of Music at the Mission.

"Central Europe has many distinct cultures, yet also many common ties. The Danube draws these nationalities together geographically," explained Everett in describing the concert theme. "We'll be artistically exploring where the music intersects from these varied cultures."

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Learn the
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Are you experiencing numbness or pain in your feet? Do you have a foot wound that just won't heal? If so, what steps can you take to keep your feet in tip-top shape?

Amir Dastgah, DPM, a board-certified podiatrist, will cover the most common causes of foot problems and share information about prevention and treatments at a free seminar sponsored by Washington Hospital on Thursday, April 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. This Health & Wellness seminar called "Sick Feet?" will be held in the Conrad E. Anderson, MD, Auditorium, rooms A and B, in Washington West at 2500 Mowry Ave.

If you're experiencing any of the above symptoms in your feet, Dr. Dastgah recommends consulting your primary care doctor or endocrinologist, especially if you have diabetes.

Pain and numbness in feet can be the result of several factors, including diabetes, radiculopathy (lower back pain), chemotherapy, abuse of alcohol and vascular disease.

An open sore (also known as an ulcer) that won't heal is often a complication of diabetes or vasculopathy, a blood vessel disease that hampers proper blood circulation.

It's vital to seek medical attention immediately if you have an infected open wound, as the infection can worsen and spread to other areas of the body. "If you don't get help right away, you could end up in the emergency room, where you'll most likely be hospitalized and treated with antibiotics," says Dr. Dastgah. He explains that infected wounds with abscess would be drained, an infectious disease doctor would examine the infected tissue to determine what

organism is involved and treat it with the appropriate antibiotics, and the patient would need to be seen by a vascular surgeon if there is underlying vascular



Healthy feet are happy feet. On April 17, board-certified podiatrist Amir Dastgah, DPM, will share information on pre-emptive foot care and resources available for foot treatments.

The center provides specialized, comprehensive wound care with the latest technologies and approaches to help improve your condition and your quality of life. Dr. Dastgah explains that the center staff works closely with your primary care doctor to determine the underlying causes and develop a treatment plan that's right for you.

“Depending on the severity of your condition, potential treatments include a course of antibiotics, vascular intervention if needed to get adequate blood flow back to your limb, hyperbaric oxygen therapy, wound debridement or surgery and correcting any abnormal biomechanics with shoes or inserts designed to protect your feet from developing ulcers,” says Dr. Dastgah.

At the seminar, Dr. Dastgah will provide recommendations on what you can do to help prevent foot problems, including inspecting your feet daily, keeping your skin moist, maintaining your blood sugar and making sure you wear supportive shoes or insoles.

"We'll talk about a range of foot conditions and describe the various treatment options for each in detail," Dr. Dastgah says.

For more information, and to register for this seminar, visit www.whhs.com/events.

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	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
	3/13/18	3/14/18	3/15/18	3/16/18	3/17/18	3/18/18	3/19/18
12:00 PM 12:00 AM	Diabetes Matters: Gastroparesis	Colon Cancer: Prevention & Treatment	Nerve Compression Disorders of the Arm	11th Annual Women's Health Conference: Heart Health Nutrition	Palliative Care Series: How Can This Help Me?	Symptoms of Thyroid Problems	Diabetes Matters: The History of Diabetes
12:30 PM 12:30 AM	Kidney Transplants	Family Caregiver Series: Understanding Health Care Benefits		The Patient's Playbook Community Forum: Getting to the No-Mistake Zone			(Late Start) Learn More About Kidney Disease
1:00 PM 1:00 AM		Strategies to Reduce the Risk of Cancer Recurrence	Keys to Healthy Eyes		(Late Start) Do You Suffer From Anxiety or Depression?		
1:30 PM 1:30 AM	New to Medicare? What You Need to Know	Family Caregiver Series: Coping as a Caregiver	11th Annual Women's Health Conference: Meditation	Colon Cancer: Prevention & Treatment		Minimally Invasive Options in Gynecology	
2:00 PM 2:00 AM	Learn About the Signs & Symptoms of Sepsis	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting February 14, 2018	Understanding HPV: What You Need to Know	Don't Let Hip Pain Run You Down	Diabetes Matters: Type 1.5 Diabetes	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting February 14, 2018	
2:30 PM 2:30 AM			Deep Venous Thrombosis				Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting February 14, 2018
3:00 PM 3:00 AM	(Late Start) Diabetes Matters: Living with Diabetes		Keeping Your Heart on the Right Beat	Digestive Health: What You Need to Know			
3:30 PM 3:30 AM	Community Based Senior Supportive Services	Inside Washington Hospital: Advanced Treatment of Aneurysms	Diabetes Matters: Sugar Substitutes - Sweet or Sour?		Voices InHealth: Bras for Body & Soul	Urinary Incontinence in Women: What You Need to Know	
4:00 PM 4:00 AM		How to Talk to Your Doctor	Colon Cancer: Prevention & Treatment	(Late Start) Voices InHealth: Healthy Pregnancy	Surgical Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea		
4:30 PM 4:30 AM		Colon Cancer: Prevention & Treatment	Not A Superficial Problem: Varicose Veins & Chronic Venous Disease	Learn If You Are at Risk for Liver Disease	Diabetes Matters: Mindless vs Mindful Eating	Colon Cancer: Prevention & Treatment	
5:00 PM 5:00 AM	Your Concerns InHealth: Senior Scam Prevention	Raising Awareness About Stroke	Diabetes Health Fair: Quick Meals On A Budget	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting February 14, 2018	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting February 14, 2018	Palliative Care Series: Palliative Care Demystified	
5:30 PM 5:30 AM			Respiratory Health			Pain When You Walk? It Could Be PVD	Arthritis: Do I Have One of 100 Types?
6:00 PM 6:00 AM	Stop Diabetes Before it Starts	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting February 14, 2018		Eating for Heart Health by Reducing Sodium	Family Caregiver Series: Legal & Financial Affairs		
6:30 PM 6:30 AM	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting February 14, 2018	(Late Start) Menopause: A Mind-Body Approach	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting February 14, 2018	Strengthen Your Back! Learn to Improve Your Back Fitness	Kidney Transplants	Obesity: Understand the Causes, Consequences & Prevention	
7:00 PM 7:00 AM							Prostate Cancer: What You Need to Know
7:30 PM 7:30 AM	Superbugs: Are We Winning the Germ War?	Minimally Invasive Surgery for Lower Back Disorders	Vitamins & Supplements: How Useful Are They?	Heart Health: What You Need to Know	Good Fats vs. Bad Fats	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes: Is There an App for That?	Family Caregiver Series: Panel Discussion
8:00 PM 8:00 AM							

Washington Sports Medicine Doctor Shares His Exceptional Views of “March Madness”

This time of year, thousands of fans get wrapped up in “March Madness,” watching their favorite teams compete in college basketball tournaments. While most fans watch from the comfort of their homes or from the spectator seats at tournaments, Medical Director of Washington Sports Medicine, Russell Nord, MD, gets exceptional views of the action from a seat right behind the players’ bench.

Since 2012, Dr. Nord has served as one of two conference physicians for the West Coast Conference (WCC) Basketball Tournament at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas, covering games for both the men’s and women’s teams. The 2018 WCC Tournament marked Dr. Nord’s seventh year of serving in that capacity.

“This year, I covered four games a day, three consecutive days, during the first part of the tournament,” says Dr. Nord, an orthopedic surgeon and sports medicine specialist. “Of the 20 teams there, eight had team physicians while I was working, and about half of these were orthopedists. If a team didn’t have a doctor, I assisted the team’s athletic trainer when a player needed help. When a team did have a doctor, I still touched base with that doctor so that we could assist one another if needed.

It’s always better to have two sets of skilled hands available.”

While Dr. Nord was at the tournament, there were no serious injuries to any players, cheerleaders, team mascots, referees or tournament staff. “One player injured her hand, but we determined there was no fracture,” he says. “Another player had a knee injury that was treated on the sideline. One other player had some breathing problems that we resolved with the help of paramedics. The job isn’t always about orthopedic care.”

One of the interesting benefits Dr. Nord enjoys is his “back stage” view. “I get to observe team huddles and interactions among the players and coaches,” he notes. “Watching these young athletes up close, I noticed how each team has its own ‘personality’ and culture. It was encouraging to see so many tight-knit teams with a supportive environment. My new insight for this year was to better appreciate this social side of sports. It’s probably one of the best aspects of sports competition.”

An avid sports fan who still plays recreational soccer, Dr. Nord appreciates the importance of teamwork.

“I participated in high school sports, including soccer and



Local orthopedic surgeon, Russell Nord, MD, serves as conference physician at West Coast Conference basketball tournament.

volleyball, so I learned to value teamwork,” he says, “and I have seen similar camaraderie in my work as a team physician for several local high school football teams. But a basketball team is a smaller group, and college varsity sports are played at a much higher intensity, in both preparation and competition. Creating that strong sense of team spirit hinges on the institutional values of the schools and teams.”

There also was a lot of teamwork among the staff at the WCC tournament, including medical care providers. “We had to make sure we had all the supplies and equipment

we needed,” Dr. Nord explains. “We worked with the athletic trainers and physicians from various colleges and also worked with local paramedics to help the player with breathing problems. Thanks to today’s technology, I even was able to view hand X-rays from a local urgent care facility on my cell phone to determine there were no fractures.”

“I could draw some parallels with our physicians, athletic trainers and staff at our sports medicine program at Washington,” he adds. “We value teamwork in caring for our patients, including in the operating room. These same

principles apply to all successful groups. It’s actually a commentary on life. You do better work when you feel that you belong to a group that benefits other people – which is what we strive to do with all our patients.”

Learn More

For more information about Washington Sports Medicine, visit www.whhs.com/services/sports

The WCC of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) includes three Bay Area schools: University of San Francisco, Saint Mary’s College in Moraga, and Santa Clara University. Other WCC schools include: Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington; Brigham Young University (BYU) in Provo, Utah; Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles; University of the Pacific in Stockton; Pepperdine University in Malibu; University of Portland in Oregon; and the University of San Diego.

In the Men’s WCC Tournament final on Tuesday, March 6, Gonzaga pounded BYU, by a decisive score of 74 to 54, to win its sixth consecutive conference championship and automatic entry to the NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament. Gonzaga also won the WCC Women’s Tournament final, beating San Diego by 79 to 71, for the championship and a berth in the NCAA Women’s Basketball Tournament.

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Music and culture intersect with 'Mighty Danube'

The London Flute Trio by Haydn is absolutely delightful, “a great composer having fun,” as many listeners have commented. Its light, sparkling quality contrasts dramatically later in the program with the dark transformative emotions of Smetana’s Piano Trio in G. In between those two, Doppler’s Fantaisie Pastorale Hongroise has as many turns and twists as a river. Liszt’s Mazeppa for Four Hands is a Byronic thunderous wild ride before the concert concludes with the triumphant ending of the Dohnanyi Piano Quintet No. 1. “With its lush soaring emotion, it could pass for an early work by Brahms (who admired Dohnanyi),” said Martin Jukovsky on AllMusic.

The concert will be dedicated to David Ogden Stiers, who appeared several times with Music at the Mission, as narrator. “David was, in addition to being Major Charles Emerson Winchester III [M*A*S*H] and many other roles, a classical musician and conductor and was extremely generous with his time with many organizations, including Music at the Mission,” noted Everett. “It has been a while since he has performed with us, but he was part of the Music at the Mission family.”

There will be a Pre-Concert Talk at 7:15 p.m. with a short performance by Music at the Mission ChamberFest students,

13-year-old Jeston Lu, piano, and 14-year-old Angela Sun, cello. Please support their efforts by attending the Pre-Concert Talk.

Concert ticket holders are invited to meet the artists at the After-Party Reception sponsored by J. R. Griffin Construction, held at Mission Coffee. Details and concert tickets are available online, by phone, or at the door.

Experience the extraordinary with Music at the Mission at “The Mighty Danube” on March 22, and “All Strings Attached” on May 11. The “Mission Masquerade Buccaneer’s Ball,” a fabulous fundraiser for Music at the Mission honoring the Niles-Rotary Club of Fremont and Volunteer of the Year Katherine Lee, will be held on April 13. For these and other concerts, events and youth programs, check www.musicatmsj.org and www.facebook.com/musicatthemissionsj/.

The Mighty Danube
Thursday, Mar 22
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8:00 p.m.: Concert

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Cultural Identity



consist of performances in South Asian folk or tribal costumes, and the music will be accompanied by folk beats in any language. In the film category, performers will dance to a song from Indian cinema, while the Remix category is a medley of any number of songs. Finally, in Director’s Choice, the dance performances will convey the director’s vision and inspiration by incorporating one of the various themes provided, which include “Girl Child,” “Five Elements” (Earth, Wind, Fire, Water, Spirit), and “Disco Through the Ages.” Judging is based on how well the director and performers interpret the chosen theme through their dance.

ICC staff member Neena Jain expressed her ambitions for the event, stating, “As a [part of the] youth programs team at ICC, we are always striving to bring our talented kids visibility, and this provides a great forum for this goal.” Over the years, Youthsava has established a welcoming image, brimming with positivity and inclusiveness to connect with people from various racial, ethnic, and religious back-

grounds. It has progressed into a signature event in the Bay Area that provides youth with a chance to develop passions for dance, and by enforcing a support system for youth across multiple age groups, Youthsava has gained immense popularity. “It is an event which brings people in the community together and supports the youth,” said Jain. “We are very proud of that.”

The name Youthsava is based on the Sanskrit word ustava, meaning celebration. This celebration embodies the liveliness of Indian-American culture and embraces the values of unity that communities everywhere strive to achieve. The competition celebrates dance, culture, and heritage. Most of all, it celebrates the ability to provide youth with the power of expressing their identity.

Youthsava
Saturday, Mar 17
9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

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Paula Harris stands out among the Bay Area's best as one of the most unique and funky blues bands

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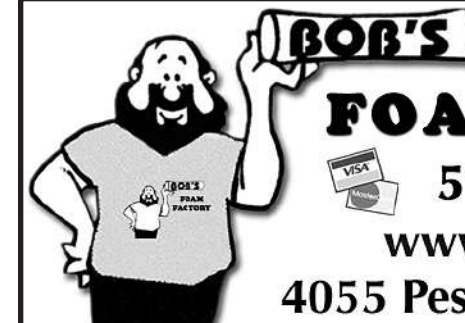
who long for good ole home, and also for those who wish a blessing on those that love them—and on those that don't.

As Mission Peak Chamber Singers present 'And Now for Something Completely Different,' there will also be a multitude of ensemble numbers from the members of the choir that are sure to lighten your spirits. Please join the Mission Peak Chamber Singers and their director, Ofer dal Lal, for two fun filled mid-March performances. You will find us at the Niles Discovery Church in Fremont on Saturday, March 17 and at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore at on Sunday, March 18

And Now for Something Completely Different
Saturday, Mar 17
7:00 p.m.

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Who's happy at work?

BY ANNE CHAN, PhD, MFT

Americans are a happy bunch when it comes to work, according to a February 2018 Bankrate survey. Half of those surveyed rated their jobs an 8 out of a possible 10. Even more strikingly, a significant percentage of Americans seem to love their work. Almost 20 percent of respondents gave their jobs a perfect ten.

What is the secret to happiness at work? The Bankrate survey provides a few tantalizing clues. First, having a higher level of education appears to boost job satisfaction: those with graduate degrees reported the highest level of satisfaction, followed by those with high school, then college degrees. Note, though, that those with high school diplomas had higher job satisfaction ratings than those with college degrees. I suspect this finding might be related to job fit, expectation, and sense of purpose. A college graduate without a sense of purpose but with unrealistic job expectations (and college debt) would likely end up being disappointed and disillusioned with work.

Does money bring job happiness? One would expect that those with high salaries are happier than those who are paid far less. Indeed, the survey found that those who earned more than \$80,000 had an average job rating of 7.5. The people on the other end of the pay scale (those who earned less than \$30,000) averaged a respectable job rating of 6.6. At first glance, this appears to show that having a

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higher salary translates to job happiness. However, having a lower salary does not mean that one is doomed to be dissatisfied with work. In fact, almost half of those who earned less than \$30,000 reported job satisfaction ratings of 8 or more. It seems puzzling that those who earn less than \$30,000 can feel as much or even more job satisfaction than those who earn more than \$80,000. Again, my hunch is that career satisfaction is deeply intertwined with job fit, work environment, individual expectations, and a sense of purpose. A high salary will not bring job satisfaction if an individual does not feel a sense of purpose, worth, and fit in the workplace.

The workplace can be an uncomfortable and even discriminatory place for older workers. Thus, one would expect older workers to report lower job satisfaction ratings than younger workers. Surprisingly, those who are older reported more satisfaction than younger workers. Of the different demographic groups surveyed, the Baby Boomers had the highest overall satisfaction (7.2), followed by the Gen X'ers (7.0) and the Millennials (6.9). Finally, some positive news for older workers and for those who are feeling their age! Being older does not equate to misery at work. The exact reverse might be true



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for many folks—being older might very well mean reaping the rewards of a sense of perspective and purpose gained from experience.

Take heart if you are reading this article and you are not among those who are happy on the job. You are not alone: 11 percent rated their jobs a 3 out of 10. If you are one of those who would give your job situation a failing grade, please consider taking some action to increase your happiness at work. If you're up for a big move, a switch to a different job or workplace might be a solution. Our current unemployment rate is low, which means that now is a great time to be looking for jobs. It would be worth your while to polish your resume, spiff up your LinkedIn profile, and hit a few 'submit' buttons.

If you're not ready to change jobs, take an honest look at the reasons behind your job unhappiness. Are there things that you can take charge of or change? Can you advocate more for yourself? How can you make your current job more palatable? Sometimes, simple tweaks can make all the difference in how you perceive your job. Perhaps it's not realistic for all of us to give our jobs a perfect 10, but you can always strive for a better grade.

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Free Children's Concert

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The Fremont Symphony Orchestra (FSO) will present an intriguing free concert on Tuesday, March 20 that includes music written for children, music performed by children, and music composed by children. The concert will be held in the Epler Gymnasium at Ohlone College's Fremont campus on Mission Boulevard.

Prokofiev's beloved "Peter and the Wolf," with orchestra, narrator, and dancers from Yoko's Dance Academy, tells the story of a young boy in Russia who goes out into the meadow to play, defying his grandfather who warns him about a dangerous wolf. But Peter isn't afraid. As the narrator tells of Peter's encounter with the wolf, the music and



Alan Anibal De Souza Ramos will conduct at FSO's Children's Concert.

dancers illustrate the story. Ava Pakiam, a second grader at Redding Elementary School in San Francisco, will perform the first movement of Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 2. Ava won Honorable Mention in FSO's Young Artist Competition last January and has won many other competitions. She even composed the cadenza (a virtuoso solo interlude inserted near the end of the movement) herself! A regular feature of the Children's Concerts is a group of original compositions by 4th, 5th, and 6th graders in the Fremont Unified School District. Each school selects a tune to submit, and a few of the best are professionally orchestrated and played by the symphony. The March 20 concert will include compositions by Abigail Baron, Rishi Chandrasekar, Alison Lau, Erin Law, Chadrick Stark, Karissa Tang, Harshitha Venkateswaran, and Maggie Yang. The Brazilian artist Alan Anibal De Souza Ramos will conduct the orchestra. While

the concert, which runs about an hour, is designed for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders, anyone is welcome to attend, free of charge. As Ohlone College is not in session that week, there will be plenty of available parking in the garage at the south end of the campus, near the gymnasium.

The Fremont Symphony has presented free Children's Concerts every year since 1975, providing a chance for thousands of school-age children from public and private schools in Fremont, Newark, Union City and other areas to hear live symphonic music.

For more information, please contact the Fremont Symphony at (510) 371-4860 or visit www.fremontsymphony.org.

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Second grader Ava Pakiam will perform at the Children's Concert.



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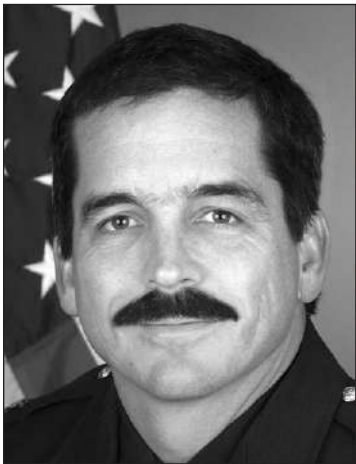
announces retirement

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CHERYL GOLDEN

After serving more than

30 years with the Fremont Police



Department, Police Chief

Richard Lucero recently

announced he plans to retire

in July.

Lucero began his career with

the city as a police officer in 1987

and rose through the ranks to

become chief in 2013. Over the

course of three decades, Lucero's

entire law enforcement career has

been with Fremont. As he rose

through the ranks of sergeant,

lieutenant and captain, Lucero

served in several specialized

assignments including SWAT,

Street Crimes, Narcotics, and

Internal Affairs.

"Police Chief Rich Lucero has

been the bedrock of the Fremont

Police Department, driving

innovation and inspiring

excellence among those he

worked with," said Fremont City

Manager Fred Diaz. "His

leadership guided the department

through the most difficult of

circumstances, and they truly rose

to every challenge. I'm grateful to

have had the opportunity to serve

with Rich and I'm going to miss

his thoughtful and responsive

approach that helped the

department, and community,

to flourish."

Over the years, Lucero has

worked closely with department

members to implement initiatives

that decrease local crime, improve

officer safety, reduce traffic injury

accidents, provide education and

awareness, and emphasize candid

and trusted communication with

the people the department serves.

These efforts have been the core

strength and foundation in the

relationship the department has

with the community.

A major focus in recent years

has been the adoption of

intelligence-based policing

strategies which has contributed

to a more than 60 percent

decrease in residential burglaries

in Fremont since the spring of

2013. Other initiatives led the

department to establish a public

and private community video

partnership program, initiate

implementation of a body-worn

camera program, and have

improved safety equipment for

field personnel.

Early in his career, Lucero

earned a law degree early and is a

current member of the California

State Bar. He is a recipient of the

CALI Excellence for the Future

Award in the study of local

government law.

Lucero is also a member of

several law enforcement and

nonprofit organizations,

including the California Police

Chiefs' Association, International

Association of Chiefs of Police,

Niles Rotary, Officers Give

Hope, and is a past president

of the California Peace Officers

Association. He is a lifetime

member of the California

Narcotic Officer's Association.

Fremont officials said that the

city plans to conduct an internal

recruitment process in the

coming months to find a

replacement for Lucero.

Alternative school earns state merit award

SUBMITTED BY ALAMEDA

COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Hayward Community School,

run by the Alameda County Office

of Education, recently received the

2018 Civic Learning Award of

Merit from the California Depart-

ment of Education. The school

was the only one in Alameda

County to be recognized.

Throughout the state, 65 schools

received Awards of Merit. Three

schools received Awards of

Excellence and six schools received

Awards of Distinction. The Civic

Learning Awards celebrate public

schools' efforts to engage students

in civic learning.

In honoring Hayward

Community School with the

Award of Merit, the selection

committee said they were "very

impressed with (Hayward

Community School's) commit-

ment to providing students with a

high quality civic education."

The award is based on the work

of the Fresh Lifelines for Youth

(FLY) Law Program, which teaches

law-related education and life skills

to high school students at

Hayward Community School.

The school is an alternative school

designed to provide educational

opportunities for middle and high

school students, ages 12-17,

who have not been successful at

traditional schools.

"FLY is a very powerful and

valuable program, providing

students who have experience with

the juvenile justice system the

opportunity to learn to advocate for

themselves and others," said ACOE

Superintendent of Schools L. Karen

Monroe. "FLY helps our students

to both understand and apply what

they learn in a way that has

immediate impact for their

situation."

In the FLY Law Program, an

elective program for students in

grades 9-12, students have

opportunities to discuss laws

relevant to their lives. Students act

as California State Senators and

debate the merits and detriments

of laws and are forced to examine

all sides of reasoning and history

behind the law. Students also learn

to de-escalate high-stress situations

in encounters with law enforce-

ment and have an opportunity to

debate and discuss police tactics.

"I am so proud of the Hayward

Community students, particularly

at a time when young people are

being recognized for their civic

engagement," said Monica

Vaughan, ACOE's Chief of

Schools. "As we look across the

country to students demanding

justice and change for inspiration,

I am heartened that we see

activism taking hold here among

our own students. Congratulations

as well to our school leadership

and staff, who create the

atmosphere for these students

to learn and thrive."

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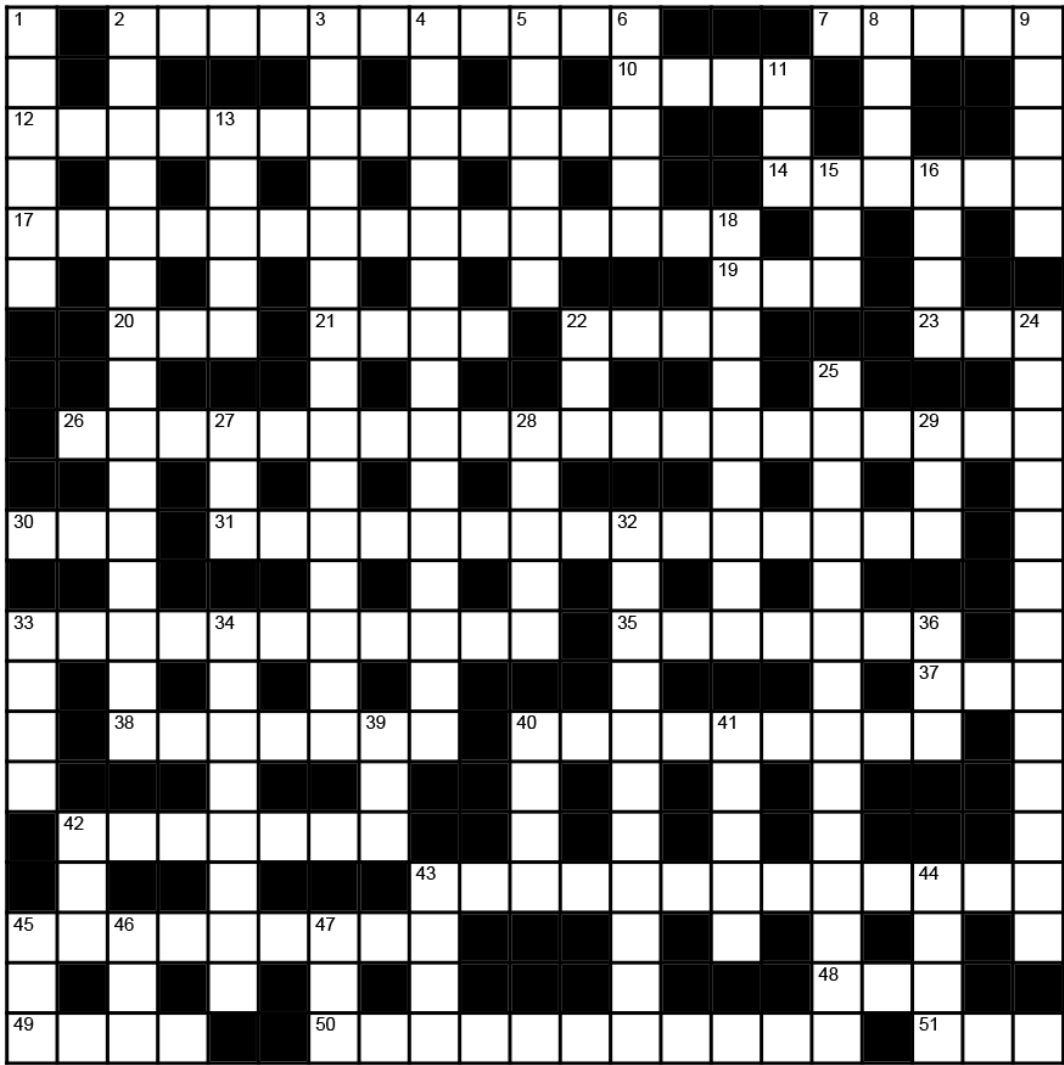
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Across

- 2 Agree (3 wds.) (4,2,5)
- 7 Exposed (5)
- 10 Gold Country City (4)
- 12 Not much (2 wds.) (5,8)
- 14 Light-footed (6)
- 17 Shock (4 wds.) (4,4,3,4)
- 19 Elemental ending (0-3)
- 20 Six-pointers, for short (3)
- 21 Jerk (4)
- 22 Singer k. d. ____ (4)
- 23 Churchill’s “so few”: Abbr. (3)
- 26 Batting order? (6 wds.) (4,4,3,2,3,4)
- 30 ____ Darya (Asian river) (3)
- 31 High school subject (2 wds.) (8,7)
- 33 Reporter’s asset (3 wds.) (4,3,4)
- 35 Gender-neutral (7)
- 37 G.I. chow in Desert Storm (3)
- 38 Reserve (7)
- 40 Big stinger (9)
- 42 Voice (7)
- 43 Eventually (3 wds.) (6,2,5)

- 45 Don Juan (2 wds.) (6,3)
- 48 Dungeons & Dragons game co. (3)
- 49 When doubled, a Pacific capital (4)
- 50 Again (3 wds.) (3,4,4)
- 51 “____ the fields we go”

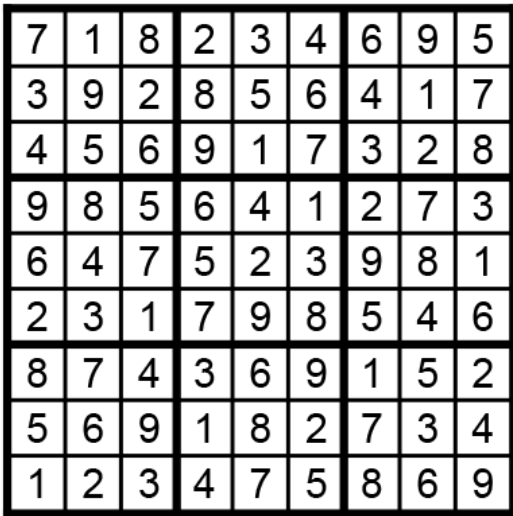
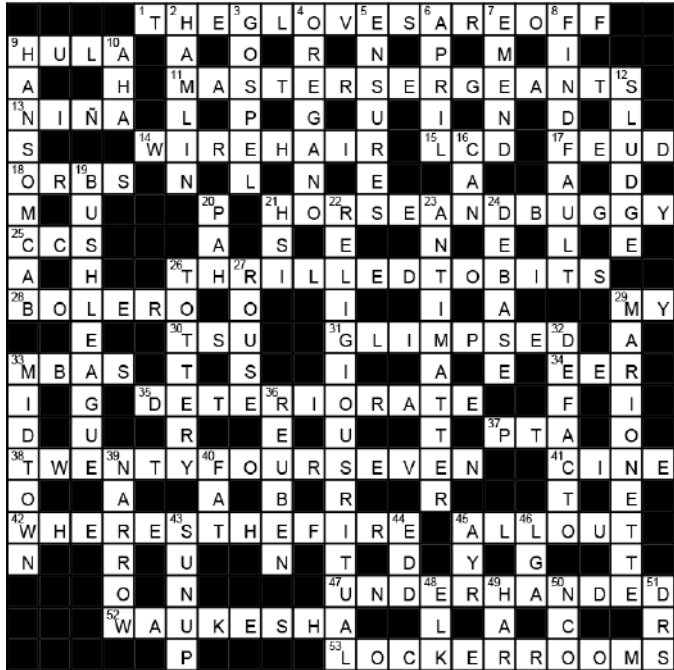
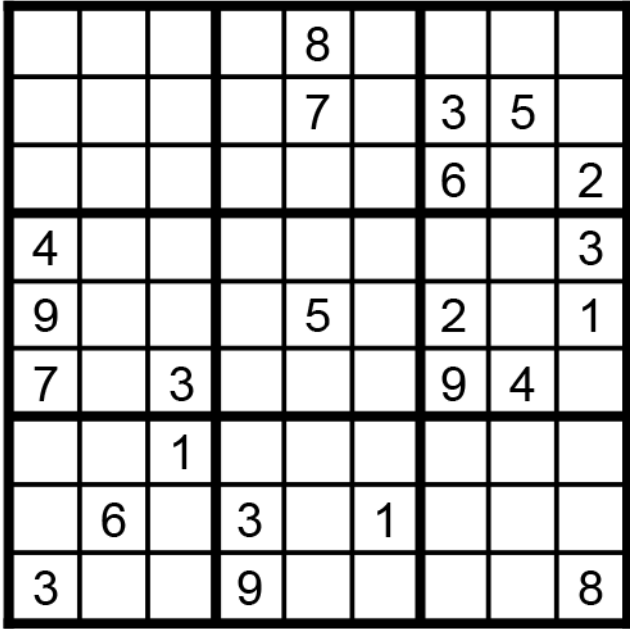
Down

- 1 Sushi condiment (6)
- 2 Creamy desserts with ladyfingers (2 wds.) (9,6)
- 3 Fantastic (5 wds.) (3,4,2,2,4)
- 4 Big rigs (2 wds.) (15)
- 5 Swindler (6)
- 6 Kind of rug (5)
- 8 Molecule part (4)
- 9 Was sweet (on) (5)
- 11 North or south ending (3)
- 13 Attics (5)
- 15 “How Dry ____” (2 wds.) (3)
- 16 Vice president under Jefferson (4)
- 18 Ditch (hyph.) (6-3)

- 22 Linda ____, Supergirl’s alias (3)
- 24 Paris attraction (2 wds.) (6,7)
- 25 Go out of date (2 wds.) (6,8)
- 27 “Lo’s Diary” author ____ Pera (3)
- 28 A long time (5)
- 29 “Once in Love With ____” (3)
- 32 1901 Kentucky Derby winner (2 wds.) (3,8)
- 33 Necessity (4)
- 34 Sticky sheet (8)
- 36 “Enough already!” (3)
- 39 Haggard title (3)
- 40 ____-Honey (candy bar) (4)
- 41 Disinfectant brand (5)
- 42 Marienbad, for one (3)
- 43 Bygone blade (4)
- 44 Apprentice (4)
- 45 Back talk (3)
- 46 Grooved on (3)
- 47 “O Sole ____”

Sudoku:

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



Tri-City Stargazer FOR WEEK: MARCH 14 – MARCH 20, 2018

For All Signs: Mars, known to the ancients as the god of war, enters the sign of Capricorn on March 17. It will join Saturn and Pluto and could potentially create tension and general havoc around the planet. The picture becomes more challenging after the Vernal Equinox on March 20. Then the trio will be challenging the fresh spring energy that carries us into a ‘new year’ as defined by

the Pagans who identified the passage of time by the growing seasons. The youthful sign of Aries, ruled by Mars, represents the young man who sets out to challenge the elders of Capricorn. This suggests he is playing the role of a Trojan horse. It will be interesting to watch it play out.

Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20): In the time between now and mid-May your attention will be drawn to career and life direction. Activity in the outer world picks up speed. Authorities and others may be challenging, so have your ducks in a row if you take initiatives. Use this time to improve your ‘product’ or your presentation.

Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20): You may be surprised by a visit from the past. It could be a person or information that becomes apparent. Although you might be pleased to see this person, it is not the best idea to take up where you left the relationship. Just smile, go to dinner, and be pleasant together, but bypass the invitation to make it bigger.

Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20): This is an especially social week for the Twins. There are likely to be errands, multiple messages, and visitors, coming and going. Your children may be part of the festivities. Your travels will take you back to someplace you have previously been.

Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21): You have likely been dealing with a decision concerning joint property or family issues. You have spent a few weeks in this process.

Although you want to come to a final solution, that may elude you right now. Be patient and know that the right answer will come soon. Set it aside to percolate before you act.

Leo the Lion (July 22-August 22): The news for you this week is a mixed bag. You have aspects favoring the law, travel, publishing, education and the internet. Meanwhile you may have concerns about debt, taxes, and an inexplicable loss. Just remember that Mercury is close to retrograde. What is lost will be found and errors will be corrected eventually.

Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22): There is a ‘guardian angel’ working on your behalf. You may never know who this person is, but just be aware that you are favored. You are likely to have mild good fortune coming into your life through investments, partner’s resources, inheritance, or payments from taxes, insurance, or debts owed to you.

Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22): A talkative individual may land upon you to act as a mirror for his/her need to communicate. Stay in touch with yourself and don’t allow your time to be

usurped without your interior permission. Sometimes Libra can fall into the role of ‘captive audience’ which wastes your time and energy.

Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21): Remain conservative in financial decisions. Do not take on debt lest you regret it. Mars, your ruling planet, shifts your attention on the 13th to fresh territory. During the next seven weeks, your activities and feelings will be intensified in the life sector related to vehicles, short distance travels, politics, communications, education, your neighborhood, and siblings. Use caution while driving because your accelerator foot may be a bit itchy.

Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21): The new business/career direction of the past several months is straining to be expanded. Normally the Archers are always in favor of advancing, but just right now that instinct is holding you back. You are right to wait for more definitive signs before you take a big risk. It may be several months before you can be certain.

Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19): What you do in your business and financial life now will have greater than usual impact in the future. The problem is that you do not yet feel clear about where you should expand and where you need to contract. Conservative choices are best for a while. Don’t force the decision.

Aquarius the Water Bearer (January 20-February 18): Remain conservative in your decisions. This is not the time for an expansive new move. It is better to save your resources for better opportunities in the future. Don’t consider this a statement of gloom. Settle yourself and your desires until you are really prepared to expand.

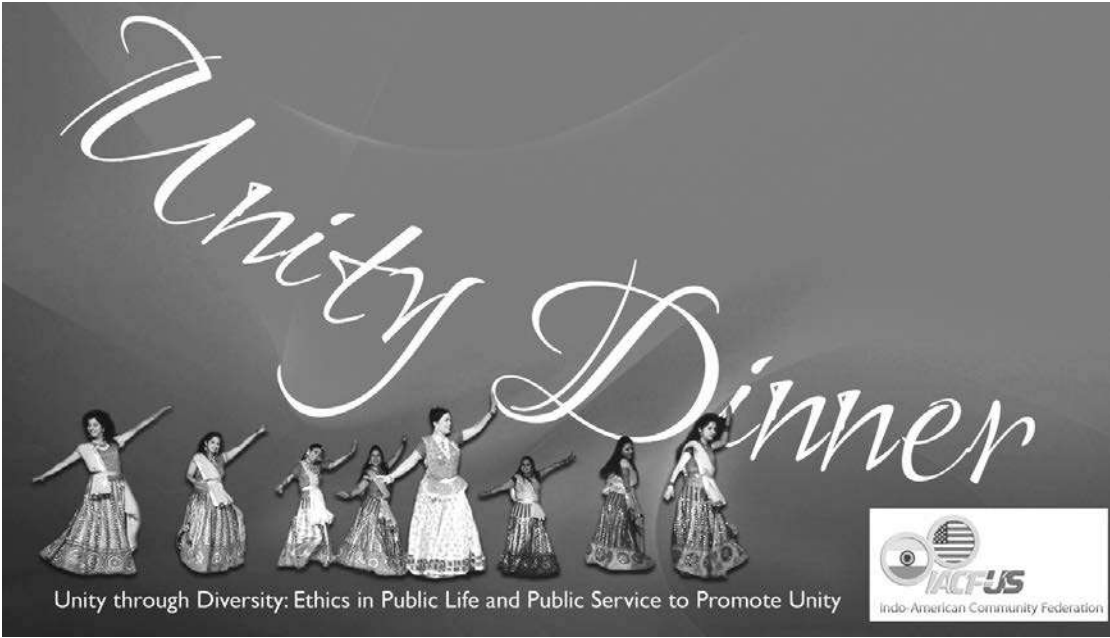
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SUBMITTED BY INDO-AMERICAN COMMUNITY FEDERATION

Each year, the Indo-American Community Federation (IACF) hosts a “Unity Dinner” to honor those in the community and celebrate and promote unity in diversity.

Founded in 1993 by Jeevan Zutshi, IACF was created as the first Indo-American organization to build bridges with mainstream organizations, diverse leadership, think tanks, and public officials. The non-profit aims to bring diverse

people together to “address serious issues facing the community at large, promote understanding and positive relations through seminars and conventions, and provide financial assistance to needy and deserving individuals.”

The first Unity Dinner was initiated in 2002, in the wake of September 11. The event has been promoted by Congressmen Pete Stark and Mike Honda, both of whom have attended every year without fail, including former Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi. It has been

recognized by the State of California since 2012 by having a Unity Day celebration on the Assembly and Senate floor.

The 17th annual event takes place Friday, March 23 at the India Community Center in Milpitas under the theme “Unity through Diversity: Ethics in Public Life and Public Service to Promote Unity.” Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs (APAPA) joins in the celebration this year as co-host.

“APAPA is a very dedicated national organization of Asians with the same goals as IACF, and

we are very honored to get their attention,” said Zutshi. “The coming together of these two organizations is historic.”

A social hour kicks off the evening, followed by a sumptuous Indian dinner, entertainment, various speakers and awards presentations, with music and dance performances and live DJ from NKD Arts to take you into the late hours. Basil R. Besh, M.D. and Sabina Chaudhuri, Miss Silicon Valley 2017, will serve as masters of ceremonies.

Attendees will hear from guest speakers California State Controller Betty Yee, and Dr. Archana Venkatesan, Department of Religious Studies Chair at UC Davis; San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo will deliver opening remarks. Attorney General Xavier Becerra has also been invited to speak; Becerra is the first Latino in the history of California to hold the office.

This year’s IACF Awards will be presented to Niles Rotary, 2017 Non-Profit Organization of the Year; Dutra Enterprises, Entrepreneur of the Year; Tri-City Voice, Media of the Year; and Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs,

Trail Blazer Organization of 2017.

“This year we feel very excited to honor the Tri-City Voice, which is a very fair voice of the people,” said Zutshi.

Special guests at the Unity Dinner this year will be former Congressman Mike Honda and State Senator Bob Wieckowski. Honda will receive a lifetime achievement award from Indo-American Community Federation.

The Unity Dinner is supported by Platinum Sponsor San Jose Behavioral Health; Silver Sponsor Deepak Ganju, Managing Director, Merrill Lynch Global Wealth Management; Media Sponsors India West, Tri-City Voice, and Diya TV; as well as many individuals and organizations.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.indocommunity.us or call Jeevan Zutshi at (510) 589-3702.

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Kia Niro: Small but mighty green warrior

BY STEVE SCHAEFER

The Kia Niro Plug-in Hybrid (PHEV) is a stylish and useful compact crossover. You can drive it much of the time on battery power, and when necessary, take a long trip using the gasoline engine.

The Niro is Kia’s green warrior. A hybrid Niro preceded the plug-in, and an all-electric version just debuted at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit in January (it’s about a year away). There is no gasoline-only Niro.

The Niro is blessed with appealing, nicely balanced lines and proportions, without any extreme styling excesses. It wears Kia’s now familiar tiger mouth grille with the pinch in the middle and it looks good from every angle.

Inside, cleanly rendered panels blend smoothly, and the textures are rich-looking. The door and dash panels are slightly padded, giving the car a more upscale feel. The switchgear feels durable and

moves with precision. An asymmetrical center console sweeps down from the dash, implying some sportiness.

Both the inside and outside classiness owe their dignity to former Audi designer Peter Schreyer, who has led Kia and Hyundai design for a decade, transforming both brands’ design language and image.

As a hybrid, the Niro combines a 1.6 liter four-cylinder gasoline engine with a 60-horsepower electric motor, which in PHEV form is fed by an 8.9 kWh battery. This battery weighs 258 pounds versus the much smaller and lighter one in the standard Niro Hybrid, which only uses regenerative braking. The engine’s 104 horsepower and 109 lb.-ft. of torque mixes with the motor, with its robust 125 lb.-ft. of torque, giving a total of 139 horsepower and 195 lb.-ft. of torque combined.

An idle stop and go system turns the engine off when the car is stationary, further saving



gasoline. The drivetrain flows through a six-speed, dual-clutch automatic transmission.

The car is no rocket, with an 8.8-second zero-to-sixty time. When you press the pedal down hard you’ll hear the sound of downshifting and an engine working hard to contribute its part to moving the 3,450-pound crossover forward.

The Niro Plug-In Hybrid earns 110 City, 99 Highway, and 105 MPGe Combined on the EPA’s tests, and a still decent 48 City, 44 Highway, and 46 Combined mpg on gasoline only. The official battery range is 26 miles, although my test car’s display always read 24 when full. That was enough for me to commute all week on electricity alone, leading to an exemplary 81.3 mpg for the week. If you rarely go more than 24 miles on a trip, you may find your gas lasts for months. Kia claims an impressive gas plus electric range of 560 miles. EPA Green Scores are 7 for Smog and a perfect 10 for Greenhouse Gas.

The NIRO PHEV comes in three trims: LX, EX, and EX Premium. My Platinum Graphite tester was an EX Premium, with a soothing light gray interior. The price-leader FE model hybrid isn’t sold as a plug-in.

The LX offers a decent sound system, Android Auto/Apple CarPlay, a smart key with pushbutton start, and more. The EX adds safety features, including Blind Spot Detection, Lane Change Assist, and Rear Cross Traffic Alert. You also get ‘hybrid’ cloth and leather seats, heated front seats and outside mirrors, 10-way driver seat adjustment with lumbar support, and more. The EX Premium adds leather seat trim, 3-level heated and ventilated seats, a larger 8-inch touch screen on the dash, and a voice-command navigation system.

With an 8.9 kW battery, you can easily fill the battery at a Level 2 charger in a couple of hours from empty, or, fill it overnight at home on 120 household current. The charge door includes a small light—a thoughtful touch.

You can set the car to EV or HEV mode. In the default EV mode, the Niro uses pure electricity until its big battery is depleted and then runs as a hybrid. In HEV mode, you can select hybrid driving right away and retain the power for later.

At just 171.5 inches long on a 106.3-inch wheelbase, the car is tidy for nipping around town, but can carry 54.5 cubic feet of gear when you flip down the rear seats.

Auto Review



Over the past 25 years, Steve Schaefer has tested more than 1,200 cars and published a weekly story on every one. As a teenager, he visited car dealers’ back lots to catch a glimpse of the new models as they first rolled off the transporter. He is a founding member of the Western Automotive Journalists.

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My blog for alternative vehicles: stevegoesgreen.com

Pricing starts at \$28,840 for the LX, moving up to \$32,440 for the EX and \$35,440 for the EX Premium. All prices include shipping. My car’s only option was \$135 worth of carpeted floor mats.

As a crossover, the Niro PHEV is sitting pretty, right in the middle of today’s most rapidly growing vehicle segment. I found it just right for family and musical instrument hauling. The Niro PHEV just won Green Car Journal’s Green SUV of the Year Award, so I expect to see lots of them on the road soon.



Christie’s Creative Cupboard presents Art for Adults

SUBMITTED BY POLINA RUBINOVA

Celebrate Art IS Education month! Come learn the technique of ‘painting with scissors,’ and create collages in the style of Henri Matisse. No experience necessary and all supplies are provided; just bring your imagination! For ages 18 and up. Space is limited and registration is required.

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Coder fair shows how apps are created

SUBMITTED BY LUIS LOPEZ-ECHETO

Are you curious to know how coding languages make popular devices like smartphones, tablets and videogames work? Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 18. That’s the date the Coder School is hosting its Seasonal Coder Fair on its Fremont campus at 39370 Paseo Padre Parkway, Suite G. During the 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. event, free and open to the public, students and teachers at the school will share and explain how they create original and clever coding creations for apps.

Visitors are invited to stay and learn about the school’s year-round programs aimed at youngsters between the ages of 8 and 18. The school offers various Code Coaching programs for various skill

levels and focusing on topics from building project portfolios, task, management and presentation skills and game development.

In addition to teaching popular coding languages such as Python, Java and Scratch, instructors ensure that students feel empowered and learn other real-life skills such as teamwork and collaboration skills. For more information, visit fremont.thecoderschool.com.

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Virtual windows
bring us
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anxious, with having a view of nature, as opposed to a view of the next building.”

Prices for virtual windows and skylights vary, but a basic system can run in the thousands of dollars. Most applications thus far have been in the commercial sector, primarily in medical facilities. If you want one for your home or apartment, however, there are some simpler, more affordable options.

One such product is the Atmoph Window, by the Japanese company Atmoph. It comes in one size, approximately 22” X 15”, with five colored frames and over 500 videos to choose from, all for about \$700. Place it on your desk or hang it on your wall. You can also download the Atmoph app, which turns your smart phone into a remote control, and allows you to display other useful information as well. Says team member Chikako Kato, “Our calendar feature allows you to check your Google Calendar events on Atmoph Window. You only have to connect your Google account to your Atmoph Window through your Atmoph app, and then you can see your schedule on full screen.”

We spend a lot of our time indoors in a static environment.



stop, pause, and switch between scenes. Some models also include speakers to provide audio. Customers can choose from an extensive library of lake, mountain, sky, ocean, river and other natural landscapes. Their eSea product acts as a virtual aquarium, displaying a range of underwater scenes.

Hospital rooms with expensive equipment, like MRI’s, are especially popular places for virtual skylights. Time on these machines is at a premium, so the more relaxed the patient, the easier the process, and the fewer re-dos needed. Says Navarrete, “Hospitals were the first ones to find a direct correlation between patients healing faster, or needing less medication, or being less



BY DAVID R. NEWMAN
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SKY FACTORY

For centuries, architects have been attempting to create buildings with interior spaces that speak to our inner soul, that inspire us to become better human beings. Using tricks of the trade like forced perspective, vaulted ceilings, and intricate murals, we have striven to become closer to the gods, the epitome of enlightenment, while still addressing our basic needs for food and shelter.

As architecture has evolved, the fields of biology and neuroscience have played bigger and bigger roles, leading to a better understanding of how we process information, which in turn has led to a better way of creating environments that we want to live in. This has become especially relevant in our urban centers, where massive concrete and steel skyscrapers compete for space, blocking out the sun for miles around.

Recent innovations in interior dynamic lighting systems have begun to address our need for connection with the outside

world, changing the color and temperature of the light to mimic the rising and setting of the sun. Virtual windows and skylights have taken that idea a step further by creating artificial scenes of clouds, trees, and other exterior landscapes.

David Navarrete is head of Research Initiatives & Content Development at Sky Factory, an Iowa company that specializes in this new technology. “Looking up at the sky is the most universal experience that we all share, and we wanted to reproduce that feeling and study how this could influence people’s perceptions of interior space.”

Sky Factory creates a range of skylights and windows that depict scenes from nature using high-resolution transparent images and custom-built window and skylight frames lit by either T5 fluorescent backlighting or LED edge lighting for even illumination. They also make some with high-definition LED edge-lit LCD monitors that can display video footage, all of which is custom shot using high end RED One 4K or RED Epic 5K cameras (used to shoot theatrically released films).

Says Navarrete, “Our products can give a sense of depth. It’s not

only about the image and the way we put it on the wall or ceiling, but also how it’s framed, and the scale at which they’re photographed, and the light temperature. There are about 20 little tricks we use to give someone that feeling of connection with open space.”

Most models come with a wall mounted control panel to play,



Virtual windows and skylights are a way to help us connect to the natural motion of the world around us, which can engage our brains while relaxing our senses. As technology advances, perhaps more and more architects will incorporate these ideas into their designs, improving our well-being and productivity, and helping us to evolve as a civilization. It’s an idea worth dreaming about. Until then, why not count the virtual sheep jumping by outside your window?

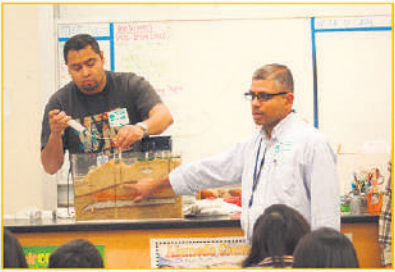
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THE ACWD CONNECTION

National Groundwater Awareness Week - March 11-17

As ACWD celebrates National Groundwater Awareness Week, we want to share with our customers the importance of groundwater and how this vital resource impacts lives. National Groundwater Awareness Week was established in 1999 to provide an annual opportunity to highlight the responsible management and use of groundwater. In celebration, ACWD visits local high schools each year to teach students about groundwater and its role in our local water supply.

If you live in Fremont, Newark, Union City, or south Hayward, this local water supply is beneath your feet within the Niles Cone Groundwater Basin. Approximately 6.4 billion gallons of water was pumped from the Niles Cone Groundwater Basin last year. That’s enough water to fill 9,775 Olympic-size swimming pools! As a critically important local water supply, ACWD replenishes the groundwater basin each winter in order to meet the water supply needs of our customers, including owners and operators of private wells. For more information on groundwater, visit www.acwd.org/groundwater.



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Theatre Festival

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For two days each year as the calendar turns to March, Ohlone College's campus is overrun with theatrical performers from high schools across the state. Rehearsal areas pop up in every open space on campus as the sounds of Shakespeare and Broadway show tunes mix with the application of stage makeup while students prepare for their upcoming shot on stage.

Entering its 24th year, the "Ohlone College High School Theatre Festival" will take place on Friday and Saturday, March 16 and 17 and is hosted by the Ohlone Theatre & Dance Department and co-sponsored by the Associated Students of Ohlone College.

With over 1,000 students participating from more than 34 different high schools from all around the Bay Area – and as far away as Grass Valley, Hollister, and Los Angeles – the festival is one of the largest of its kind in California. "These are the next generation of artists in theatre, dance, and film, and Ohlone is proud to be able to celebrate and enrich their development," said Ohlone professor and Festival Organizer Michael Navarra. "I've never seen so many young people excited about theatre in one place."

A huge effort is made by many individuals to plan and run the festival. Support for the High School Theatre Festival requires 40 high school teachers, 100 judges, and 100 Ohlone student and staff coordinators. "It is

incredibly exciting to see the dedication and enthusiasm these young theatre artists bring to their craft," said Festival Coordinator Tamara Cooper.

Students compete for 100 awards in 35 categories in performance, improvisation, dance, and technical theatre. The designs in dramatic, musical, contemporary, or classical theatre productions are put on by the students. Professional theatre artists from all over the Bay Area serve as judges to provide feedback and support for the students' work.

Three top awards are given to high schools with the most points scored: the Festival Sweepstakes for the highest cumulative score, Judges Sweepstakes for the school that receives the highest average points per entry, and the Tech Sweepstakes for the highest total score for tech and design.

The festival is designed to assist young theatre artists in furthering the development of their craft in front of a live audience and in front of judges from the industry. Additionally, it provides a venue for students to showcase their talents and

compete against their fellow peers. Students benefit from being introduced to exciting new material, interacting with other students from across the state, and observing incredible performances.

For more information about Ohlone College's High School Theatre Festival, please contact Festival Coordinator Tamara Cooper by email at TheatreFestival@ohlone.edu.



THEATRE REVIEW

Impressive vocals carry vibrant "Heights"

BY JULIE GRABOWSKI
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DEBBIE OTTERSTETTER

Before the incredible boom of "Hamilton," Lin-Manuel Miranda envisioned "In the Heights," a story of family and community set in the Washington Heights neighborhood of New York.

Bodega owner Usnavi is part of a tight-knit community where "everybody's got a job, everybody's got a dream." The Rosarios are immensely proud of their daughter Nina who is a student at Stanford. They have run a car service for 20 years to support her. But under the pressures of work and school, Nina has dropped out and is unsure of her way. Daniela is moving her salon to the Bronx because of ever-increasing rent, while Vanessa is desperate to get a down payment on a new apartment. Benny hopes to one day open his own car service through his experience with the Rosarios, and Usnavi, though bound by history and love for them all, dreams of moving to the Dominica Republic to get back to his roots.

The sale of a \$96,000 lottery ticket shifts dreams into high gear as everyone considers what possibilities it could bring. With the neighborhood facing unavoidable change and each of their lives at a turning point, its residents must find the best way of moving forward and

keeping their hearts together.

With music and lyrics by Miranda and a book by Quiara Alegria Hudes, the musical opened on Broadway in 2008 and was nominated for 13 Tony Awards and won four, including Best Musical and Best Original Score. "In the Heights" also won a Grammy Award for Best Musical Show Album and was nominated for the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

It's an exciting show to bring to the Tri-Cities, and Stage 1 Theatre carries it off with great spirit and aplomb. Director Scott Maraj has assembled a wonderful collection of actors with outstanding voices that powerfully carry the heart and humanity of the show.

Rajiv Vijayakumar is a likable Usnavi who handles the rhythm and flow of the hip-hop lyrics



with a comfortable ease. His dance moves are also pretty entertaining when he lets loose in "The Club."

The vocal wows start once Alycia Adame (Nina) opens her mouth and continue the rest of the evening. Adame's talent and confidence make a strong, endearing Nina, with "Alabanza" and the moving "Everything I Know" among the show's best. Her romantic pairing with Trent Torain is a natural fit and the two are delightful right out of the gate. Torain charms as nice guy Benny and delivers plenty of heart and soul, launching with a strong opener in "Benny's Dispatch."

Kriselle Kelsey is the picture of attitude and assurance as Vanessa and is another vocal stunner. Patricia Pitpitan brings the sass as gossip salon owner Daniela and injects color and zest to all her scenes, notably in "Carnaval del Barrio" and with Jacquelyn Bolivar (Carla), Kelsey, and Adame as the girls dish in the fun and vibrant "No Me Diga."

Mary Gimeno is a warm and sweet Abuela Claudia and makes an impression with "Paciencia y Fe," proving her vocals can clearly keep pace with her younger counterparts.

Fiercely fun and charismatic, George Folau (Graffiti Pete) is an excellent treat; Mike Tran (Sonny) has plenty of humorous appeal and is dexterous with the rhymes; Mark Flores (Kevin) and Tamarin Ythier (Camila) are a solid and natural parental unit, and Ythier is wonderful getting her say in "Enough."

"Piragua" is a highlight of the night due to the glorious vocals of Rocky James Concepcion (Piragua Guy). He gets a bit more shine time in "Carnaval del Barrio" and a reprise of "Piragua" in Act 2, but after hearing that voice one can't help but wish for more.

Maraj has created an engaging and dynamic production from every angle. While the oundboard crash in Act 1 made hearing some of the actors difficult, it didn't diminish the vibrancy and heart of the show and the cast never missed a step.

The lively music soars thanks to musical director Matthew Bourne and vocal director Janet Holmes. Set design by Mike Sickels, with an incredible background bridge by Fred Alim, costumes by Tamara Cooper, lighting by Christopher Booras (who delivers nice fireworks effects in "Blackout"), and choreography by Gary Ferguson weave together to create a colorful, harmonious world that is absolutely one to visit.

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Public art project to beautify downtown streets

SUBMITTED BY COURTNEY ROSE
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IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

The San Leandro Improvement Association (SLIA), a non-profit community benefit corporation that works to enhance Downtown San Leandro, has commissioned Stepping Stones Growth Center/Davis Street's Artful Steps to design and create mosaics to beautify concrete planters in Downtown that tell the history of San Leandro. Artful Steps is one of the many programs Stepping Stones Growth Center, a non-profit agency that provides a variety of programs and services to over 400 adults and children with developmental disabilities, has in place to teach individuals of every level of ability methods for self-expression through the visual arts. Through community art projects, Artful Steps' goal is to enhance not only the artistic abilities of the participants but their self-esteem and independence.

"One of the many goals of the San Leandro Improvement Association is to beautify our Downtown and we're constantly looking for new ways to partner with local groups to accomplish this. Teaming up with Artful Steps is the perfect way for us to support another local non-profit organization and support local, inspiring artists," said SLIA President Gordon Galvan. "We are looking forward to starting this new initiative to create these mosaic planters along East 14th Street to add some color and beauty to our sidewalks for all to enjoy."

The San Leandro Improvement Association has commissioned the first three mosaic planters as a pilot project to inspire the San Leandro Arts Commission, local business owners, and community members to sponsor the remaining nine concrete planters in Downtown San Leandro.

The Downtown San Leandro mosaic planter project is being led by Artful Steps' media specialist, Meadow Presley. Presley has worked with her team to create the theme for these mosaics, which will be primarily based on the history of San Leandro. The mosaics will be created from a combination of handmade ceramic tiles, broken ceramic tiles, glass tiles, mirror and found objects. The first three designs that SLIA are sponsoring will include a design based on the Ohlone tribe of San Leandro, the agricultural history of San Leandro, and the historic Casa Peralta and its gardens. Ideas for the remaining planters will include the San Leandro Bay shore, San Leandro's industrial industry, the Cherry Festival, the cultural diversity of San Leandro, the Gold Rush, and the railway system.

To sponsor a mosaic planter in Downtown San Leandro, email mail@downtownsanleandro.com. More information about the installment of the mosaic planter project or the San Leandro Improvement Association, can be found at www.downtownsanleandro.com. To connect with Downtown San Leandro and follow things happening in the area, check out Facebook/DWTNSanLeandro, Instagram @dwtnsanleandro, or Twitter @dwtnsanleandro.



Web expert to address writers club

SUBMITTED BY KNUTI VANHOVEN

Whether you are a novice or veteran internet user, you'll likely find good nuggets of information about building, enhancing or monetizing a website when online expert Linda Lee speaks to the Fremont Area Writers group. Lee will be guest speaker at the group's March 24 meeting. Admission is free and open to the public.



As an experienced writer, speaker, educator, and website designer, Lee takes pride in her ability to demystify the online experience for internet users who are curious about the inner workings of the web. After starting her own online business in 1998, Lee has proven herself to be an excellent teacher with a good ability to disarm a client's computer anxieties, while teaching technophobes of all ages and troubleshooting tough problems. Over the years, Lee has supervised the construction of more than 300 websites for clients using the WordPress platform. Among her clients are best-selling authors, nonprofit agencies, writer organizations and local and national companies.

Fremont Area Writers is a branch of the California Writers Club. For details, call (510) 489-4779 or visit their website at cwc-fremontareawriters.org.

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Protecting PUMAS in the bay

BY ROBBIE FINLEY
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ZARA McDONALD

With all the asphalt, concrete, and glass that blankets the Silicon Valley, it is easy to not notice the natural land that still stretches throughout the Bay Area. In that landscape dwell a multitude of beautiful animals, threatened by the bay's ever-expanding footprint. Mountain lions and other members of the puma genus in the bay have a guardian angel in the nonprofit Bay Area Puma Project (BAPP).

Formed in 2007, BAPP seeks to educate the local population, promote a better co-existence, and conduct ongoing research of the local pumas. "BAPP was formed to protect healthy populations of mountain lions in the Bay Area with an innovative model employing research,



education and outreach to engage local communities and regional stakeholders," said Zara McDonald, the executive director of Mill Valley-based Felidae Conservation Fund, a parent organization to BAPP. BAPP is a collaboration between the fund and its scientific advisors.

We've all seen the reports on the news of mountain lions caught on security cameras, prowling in the night through suburbs, or read about hikers that had a too-close encounter in one of the bay's many parks and trails. But little is ever said in these reports about how vital pumas are to our ecosystem. Pumas span the Americas and are known by many names. According to mountainlion.org, a whopping 46 percent of California is a

suitable habitat for a puma population. Yet, with so much land available, population estimates are grim, with only 4,000-6,000 pumas estimated in the entire state, according to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. These awe-inspiring animals need every bit of help we can give them to survive and thrive in the future. One look at BAPP's puma sighting map demonstrates that there is no corner of the bay that isn't home to pumas. With such a pronounced presence, pumas need every bit of protection possible to avoid extinction; they are constantly at risk from habitat loss and poaching.

That's where BAPP steps in. With more than 300 volunteers, and more than 100 of them actively involved in BAPP's activities, our puma population

has a fighting chance. Volunteers are the life force of the organization, with expertise in a variety of fields that all help BAPP's mission. "We welcome volunteers of relatable skill sets to assist our core group of five team members," McDonald said. BAPP's website demonstrates the skills that volunteers bring to the project, as operations such as the trail cameras are volunteer-driven. "We have built a data bank of over one million images and video of pumas and other wildlife from remote sensing cameras placed strategically throughout the Bay Area. Using this data, we have contributed to the growing body of research on pumas that supports the benefits of co-existence with pumas," McDonald explained.

With the scientific research and its resulting data gathered by BAPP's team, they are able to share their data with the scientific community and enhance a growing understanding of pumas and their natural habitats. BAPP's educational outreach is a significant part of its mission, with big results. "We have taught our biodiversity class to more than 30,000 students, and we have presented on pumas to more than 30,000 community members during more than 300 community presentations and scientific conferences and environmental meetings,"



McDonald said, adding, "Our greatest success has been to apply what we are learning with our research in Bay Area communities and school education programs, which have helped local residents understand the importance of a balanced ecosystem, and the wild felids' role in a robust natural system."

BAPP even has a game! On the Apple and Android app stores, search for Puma Wild, the exciting educational game that lets players experience life first-hand as a puma trying to survive in a virtual world threatened by humans and social development.

Though BAPP's volunteers are passionate and motivated, a project such as this cannot continue its vital mission without financial donations. There are many ways to support the Bay Area Puma Project and local pumas, and to participate in their conservation, McDonald said. Donations help BAPP continue their work in research, conservation, and with the public. They have received funding from a variety of sources, including private and public foundations, universities, corporations, National Geographic Society, Disney Conservation Fund, Big Cat Rescue, and local zoos.

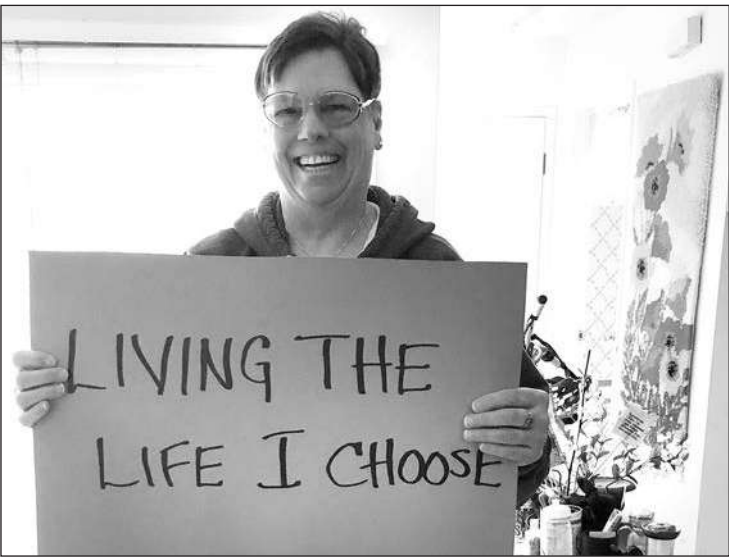
BAPP has established relationships and collaborated with a who's who of conservation groups in the bay, such as cities, regional parks, other nonprofits. "In all conservation efforts, transparency and collaboration ultimately impact ecosystem management and biodiversity. We attempt to collaborate broadly to achieve positive conservation impact. Conservation cannot take place in isolation, so the importance of community participation in stewardship of the San Francisco Bay Area's wildland-urban edge cannot be overstated," McDonald said.

"We have brought the puma to the forefront of the discussion with communities and have provided a different picture such that people can understand a data driven, science-based reality of puma presence and behavior in the SF Bay Area," McDonald said. She continued, "We are changing the narrative on pumas through BAPP. Acceptance and awareness is growing."

For more information on BAPP, please visit www.bapp.org, and for more about the Felidae Conservation Fund, visit www.felidaefund.org.



March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month



SUBMITTED BY
LESLIE MCGARRY

Our goal at the Serra Center is to create awareness about developmental disabilities, teach the importance of inclusion within every aspect of life, and to share the stories of individuals with a disability to show that a

successful and productive life is possible. Serra Center has served persons with developmental disabilities since 1975, starting in Fremont and now serving clients throughout Alameda County.

Our programs provide consistency and stability to meet our clients' needs and wants and

empower them to live their lives with dignity, respect, and choice. Cathy, for instance, has been a beloved Serra Center client for over 40 years. One can't help but admire her. At the age of 60 (plus!), she is one busy lady, inspiring us all with her beaming smile. She simply glows!

Her busy schedule includes: working at Kidango five days a week, where she has longtime friends and supervisors who value her can-do attitude and strong work ethic; exercising at 24-Hour Fitness three days a week with Troy, her trainer; pedaling around Fremont to various destinations on the bicycle that her brother bought for her; maintaining her own house with the help of her close siblings. A warm home that is filled with family photos; cooking nutritious, healthful meals with her Serra Center instructor's meal-planning and prep help.



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Bring your most recent Union City customer newsletter to receive 2 FREE bags of compost. While supplies last!



THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE

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Pygmy Marmoset: The World's Smallest Monkey

It lives high in the branches of trees in the rainforests of South America. The pygmy marmoset is very hard to see, both because of its size and because of its coloring. Its fur is **darker** on the top and **lighter** on the lower parts of its body. If a bird of prey is looking from above, its dark fur blends with the shadows. A predator hunting from below would look up and see a golden glow of sunlight, that is really pygmy marmoset fur!

How small is the Pygmy marmoset?

If you search for pictures of a pygmy marmoset, you will see a lot of pictures of this tiny fellow hanging on to a person's finger! This has led it to be nicknamed the **finger monkey**.

Its body is about 6 inches (15cm) long and its tail adds another 7 to 8 inches (20cm) to its length. It weighs about 3.5 ounces (100cm).

Monkey Math

Add up the numbers under each item. If the sum is an even number, that's true. If it's an odd number, that's false.

1. Pygmy marmosets weigh about the same as:

two chicken eggs.

18 + 4 =

2. Pygmy marmosets are about the same length as:

a dollar bill.

14 + 10 =

A Troop of Marmosets

Pygmy marmosets live in family groups, called troops. These usually have about five members, but some have as many as nine. Living in a troop means there are more eyes to spot predators, and everyone helps take care of the little ones. For added safety, the troop spends the night among thick vines or in a tree hole.

I can turn my head 180° to watch for predators behind me!

Replace the missing words.

OOZES CHEW TREE BUMP LAP

Pygmy marmosets will _____ a little hole in the bark of a _____ with their sharp lower teeth. They _____ up the sap that _____ up. One marmoset can make up to 1,300 holes in a tree! Bark grows over the hole and a small _____ develops on the tree.

Help this little marmoset find its mommy.

Kid Scoop Together: Marmoset Map

This map shows where pygmy marmosets can be found.

Work with a family member to unscramble the names of the South American countries marmosets call home.

pygmy marmoset habitat

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Cut out these phrases and paste in the correct order to reveal a surprising marmoset fact.

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THE TAIL OF THE

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Observant is ...

... taking time to appreciate the world's natural beauty.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

A little bug with that sap?

Sometimes the tiny marmosets lie in wait for insects, especially butterflies, which feed at the sap holes in trees. Then they capture a side order of bug!

Find the two identical butterflies.

Standards Link: Observation. Find the differences between common objects.

Kid Scoop Word Search

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

RAINFOREST
MARMOSET
PREDATORS
MONKEY
ROTATE
SAFETY
PYGMY
BLENDS
FINGER
OOZES
LUMPY
VINES
SPOT
TREE
SAP

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

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Marmoset Meals

Look at the advertisements for restaurants in the newspaper. Then make an advertisement for a rainforest tree to attract a troop of marmosets to come and eat.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

What do you call an angry monkey?

ANSWER: Furious George!

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **PREDATOR**

The noun **predator** means an animal that lives mostly by hunting other animals.

The shark is a **predator** who eats seals and other sea life to survive.

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

Write On!

All that glitters...

Finish this sentence. Then write a story with **All that glitters** as the first sentence.



Think Fremont



Fremont Receives Two American Public Works Association (APWA) Awards

At this year's Project Awards Luncheon for the Northern California Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA), the City of Fremont was presented with two awards: the 2018 Exceptional Performance Award in Sustainability Practices for Climate Action Plan Implementation and the 2018 Public Works Project Award in Transportation for the Niles Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project (in the project cost category of \$5 million to less than \$25 million).

The Sustainability Practices Award recognizes the City's efforts in implementing Fremont's Climate Action Plan. Significant accomplishments include the widespread conversion of public street, park, and facility lighting to LEDs;

installation of water-efficient plumbing and irrigation systems at City facilities; deployment of publicly accessible car sharing services and EV charging stations; construction of solar carports at City facilities; and demonstration of a solar plus energy storage microgrid project on City fire stations.

The Transportation Award recognizes the Niles Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project and the City's efforts in successfully navigating the challenges of replacing a seismically deficient bridge over operating Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) and Union Pacific Railroad tracks, while safely maintaining train operations and managing continuous local traffic. The Niles Boulevard Bridge connects Fremont to Union City and opened to the public on August 24, 2017. The



replacement project was funded with state and federal grants and cost approximately \$10 million.

The City is honored to receive these two prestigious awards and looks forward to integrating the lessons learned from the Niles Bridge Project into future

transportation projects. The City also plans to continue efforts in promoting clean energy and creating a healthy and sustainable future for the Fremont community.

For more information on the Niles Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project, please

contact the City's Engineering Division at 510-494-4700 or engineering@fremont.gov.

For more information on the City's sustainability initiatives, please contact Sustainability Manager Rachel DiFranco at 510-494-4451 or rdifranco@fremont.gov.

Youth Scholarship Program



The City of Fremont's Parks and Recreation Scholarship Fund is seeking donations for their scholarship program administered by the Community Services Department. The program is designed for children who, without financial

assistance, would not have the opportunity to participate in the Department's youth activities. The scholarship program makes enriching activities such as swim lessons, participation in the Tiny Tots preschool program, camps, reading development, art classes, etc., more accessible to low-income families by partially covering up to \$75 of the cost of current registration fees for youth who qualify. Each year, requests for assistance increase as does the need for funding. More than 400 scholarships were given out last summer and a 10 percent increase in need is anticipated for this summer. A contribution would have a direct, positive, and life-enhancing impact for families and youth in Fremont.

Children who qualify for the "School Lunch" program are eligible to apply. One hundred percent of donations are directed toward subsidizing these classes and activities for low-income youth that need the support.

For more information please contact Lance Scheetz at 510-494-4331 or lscheetz@fremont.gov.

Coming Soon: Fremont's 2018 State of the City Address

If you want to learn more about the issues and opportunities facing the City of Fremont, stay tuned! Fremont Mayor Lily Mei will be presenting the annual State of the City Address at a luncheon hosted by the Fremont Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, March 28, noon to 2 p.m. at the Fremont Marriott Silicon Valley.

To buy tickets, please call the Fremont Chamber of Commerce at 510-795-2244 or visit www.Fremontbusiness.com.

And in case you can't make it, the State of the City Address will be rebroadcasted on Fremont Cable TV Channel 27, as well as posted to the City website by the end of the following week.

Fremont Cultural Arts Council 2018 Juried Photography Exhibit March 24 – April 21

The 24th Annual Juried Photography Exhibit will be held from March 24 to April 21, 2018. The exhibit opening is planned for Saturday, March 24 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Photographs selected by the panel of judges will be on display on the second floor of the Fremont Main Library, located at 2400 Stevenson Blvd., following the opening reception. Monetary awards will be given to winners.

The event is a joint venture with Fremont Cultural Arts Council (FCAC) and the City of Fremont. More information is available at www.fremontculturalartscouncil.org/events/annual-juried-photo-show.



City of Fremont Partner Offering Paid Summer Jobs for Youth

Apply to become an Energy Specialist and help Fremont residents go green



Rising Sun Energy Center, a local sustainability non-profit and City of Fremont partner, is hiring young people ages 15 to 22 to perform energy efficiency work in the Fremont community as energy specialists. Rising Sun will provide the training, so no experience is necessary. Youth will learn how to perform Green House Calls for Fremont residents, which include no-cost energy and water efficiency assessments and the installation of efficiency devices such as LED bulbs and low-flow showerheads.

Alyza was an energy specialist in Fremont in 2017 and says, "Through Rising Sun, I gained the abilities to multi-task, be hands on, and be a well-rounded person. This program is great for preparing youth for work and provides professional experiences that will be influential in their success in whatever field they want to be in."

If you or someone you know is interested in applying for the energy specialist position, please visit www.risingsunenergy.org/jobs.

Retrospective

Showcases work of
95-year-old artist



Sun Gallery Director Dorsi Diaz and artist Betty Loeffler with two of her daughters.

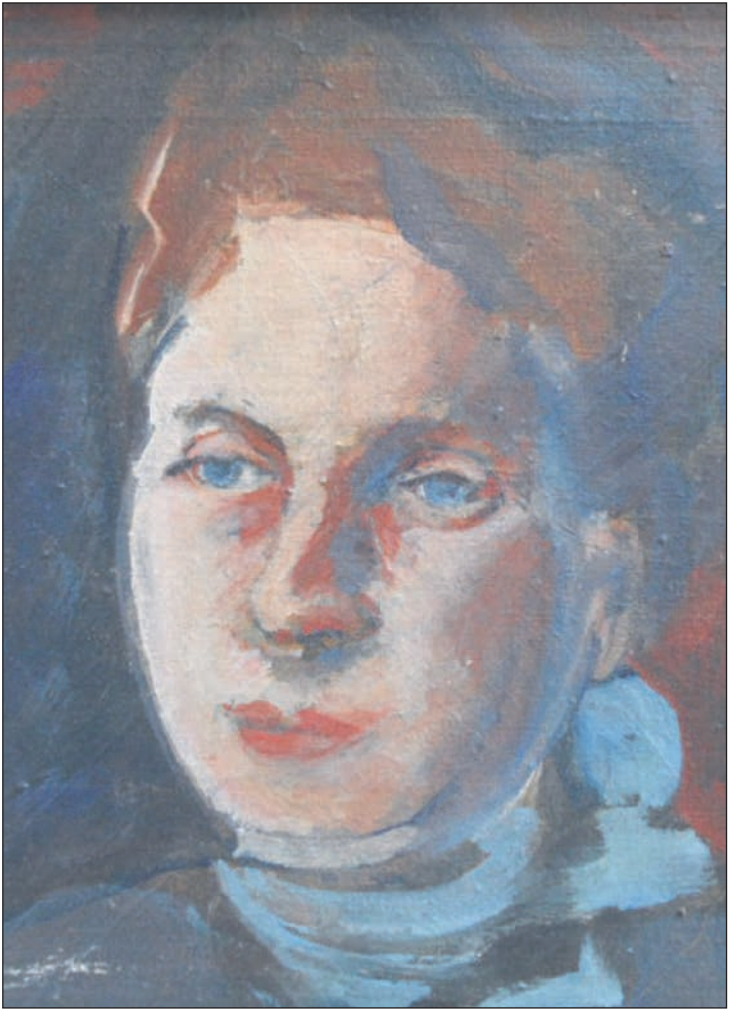
SUBMITTED BY DORSI DIAZ

Now in the Ken Cook Room through the end of March, the Sun Gallery is proud to announce an exhibit by Betty Loeffler – “A Retrospective.” Believed to be the gallery’s most seasoned solo exhibiting artist at 95 years young, Loeffler’s unique and incredible art spans six decades.

“Although my training was in medical stenography, I’ve always been interested in art in its many

“In the past few years, printmaking has held my interest. Especially monotypes. For this medium, I can use oils and chine-collé elements of handmade paper, gold or silver leaf. This process is painting on a plate and transferring the image on to archival paper by running the plate through a press,” explains Loeffler. “Monotypes allow me a lot of freedom to create a one-of-a-kind piece.”

Loeffler’s solo exhibition is on display now at the Sun Gallery



forms,” says Loeffler. “Beginning in pastels in 1958, I soon branched into oil and acrylic painting. I worked in mixed media with Lundy Siegrist in Walnut Creek.

“At the University of California, Hayward under Mich Koehn, I explored handmade paper and printmaking. Gallery and museum design became my interest for several years plus wood and stone sculpture.

through March 31. Entrance to the gallery is free. For more information, call (510) 581-4050 or visit www.SunGallery.org.

A Retrospective
Through Saturday, Mar 31
Friday – Sunday,
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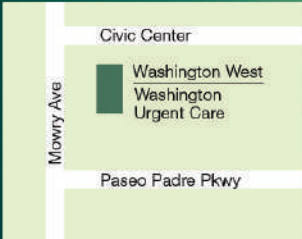
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9 a.m. - 12 noon

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Application deadline Friday,

Dec. 15

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www.fremont.k12.ca.us/page/30129

Friday, Jan 19 - Sunday, Mar 17

Children's Book Illustrator Show

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Artwork from children's books

Artist reception Saturday,

Jan 27 at 1 p.m.

Sun Gallery

1015 E St., Hayward

(510) 581-4050

www.sungallery.org

Tuesdays & Thursdays, Jan 23 thru Mar 15

Citizenship Class \$R

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Wednesday, Jan 24 - Friday, Apr 13

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Fri: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tax help for low income households

Fremont Family Resource Center

39155 Liberty St. (at Capitol),

Fremont

(510) 574-2020

www.fremontvita.org

Saturdays, Feb 3 thru Apr 14

Free Tax Preparation

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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(510) 745-1421

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Tuesdays, Feb 13 - Apr 17

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By Appointment

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Ohlone College Newark Campus

39399 Cherry St., Newark

(510) 574-2026

www.fremontvita.org

Friday, Feb 16 - Sunday, May 27

Hayward Arts Council Members Show

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Artist reception Saturday, Feb. 24 at 3 p.m.

Hayward Area Historical Society Museum

22380 Foothill Blvd., Hayward

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Friday, Feb 23 - Saturday, Mar 17

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Tuesday, Mar 13 4:45 – 5:30 Baywood Apartments, 4275 Bay St., FREMONT 5:50 – 6:30 Jerome Ave. & Oholones St., FREMONT	
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Thursday, Mar 15 12:30 – 1:00 Stel- lar Academy, 38325 Cedar Blvd., NEWARK 1:10 – 2:40 Gra- ham School, 36270 Cherry St., NEWARK	
Monday, Mar 19 1:20 – 2:45 Pioneer School, Blythe St. & Jean Dr., UNION CITY	

Thursday, Mar 15
Hayward Nonprofit Alliance Meeting
10 a.m.
Guest speakers from Spectrum Services
Hayward Area Historical Society
Museum
22380 Foothill Blvd., Hayward
(510) 581-0223

Thursday, Mar 15
Coffee with the Commission
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
free
Senior Community Center
13909 E. 14th St., San Leandro
(510) 577-6079

Thursday, Mar 15
Travel Program: South Africa
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Slide show presentation
Hayward Chamber of Commerce
22561 Main St., Hayward
(510) 537-2424
(510) 247-2042
tina@hayward.org

Thursday, Mar 15
Taste of Castro Valley and Business Expo \$
4:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Local cuisine, culture and commerce
Hayward-Castro Valley Moose Lodge
20835 Rutledge Rd., Castro Valley
(510) 723-6936
(510) 537-5300

Friday, Mar 16
Tri-City Voice / Oakland Zoomobile
3:30 p.m.
Amazing adaptations of animals and habitats
Hayward Weekes Branch Library
27300 Patrick Ave., Hayward
(510) 782-2155
https://www.hayward-ca.gov/public-library

Friday, Mar 16
Jangala R
7:00 p.m.
Ballet based on “The Jungle Book”
San Leandro High School
Performing Arts Center
2250 Bancroft Ave, San Leandro
(510) 893-3132
http://oaklandballet.org/wp/jangala/

Saturday, Mar 17 \$
RANA Holi 2018
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Food, dance, music
Mission San Jose Park
41403 Mission Blvd, Fremont
(408) 359-RANA
info@rana.org
http://rana.org/

Saturday, Mar 17
Smalltown Open Studio
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Connect with artists, bring your art and work
The Space
22222 Redwood Rd, Castro Valley
(510) 325-3164
www.smalltownsociety.com

Saturday, Mar 17
And Now for Something Completely Different \$
7 p.m.
Side-splitting evening of songs
Niles Discovery Church
36600 Niles Blvd, Fremont
(510) 356-6727
www.chambersingers.org

Saturday, Mar 17
Youthsava \$
9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Indian cultural dance competition
India Community Center
525 Los Coches St, Milpitas
(408) 934-1130 Ext. 262
www.indiacc.org/youthsava2018

Friday, Saturday, Mar 16 - Sunday, Mar 17
2018 Hayward Paranormal Conference
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Hayward Area Historical Society
Museum
22380 Foothill Blvd., Hayward
(510) 581-0223
www.haywardareahistory.org/2018-hayward-paranormal-conference

Saturday, Mar 17
Ohlone Village Site Tour
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Ardenwood Historic Farm
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www.ebparks.org

Saturday, Mar 17
Family Bird Walk - R
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Explore marsh trails for birds. Ages 5 - 10 with supervision
SF Bay Wildlife Refuge - Don Edwards
1 Marshlands Rd., Fremont
(510) 792-0222 x363
https://donedwardsfamilybird.eventbrite.com

Saturday, Mar 17
Eden Area Village Meeting
9 a.m.
Discuss strategies to keep senior engaged in community
Hayward Area Historical Society
Museum
22380 Foothill Blvd., Hayward
(510) 581-0223
info@edenareavillage.org

Saturday, Mar 17
Wonders of Wetlands
10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Naturalist led one mile walk. Ages 6+
Sunol Regional Park
8000 Patterson Ranch Rd., Fremont
(510) 544-3220
www.ebparks.org

Saturday, Mar 17
Movie Night \$
8:30 p.m.
Happy Birthday Bronco Billy! The Son of a Gun
Niles Essanay Theater
37417 Niles Blvd, Fremont
(510) 494-1411
www.nilesfilmmuseum.org

Saturday, Mar 17
Nature Journaling
1 - 4 p.m.
Insects All Around!
Sunol Regional Park
8000 Patterson Ranch Rd., Fremont
(510) 544-3220

Saturday, Mar 17
St. Pitties Day Dog Adoptions
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Adoption event for pitbulls and pitbull mixes
Hayward Animal Shelter
16 Barnes Ct., Hayward
(510) 293-7200
www.haywardanimals.org

Saturday, Mar 17
Human Trafficking Panel Discussion
2 - 4 p.m.
Panel discussion on human trafficking
Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley
(510) 667-7900
(510) 745-1400

Saturday, Mar 17
Jim Gill in concert
3 p.m.
Musician, author
Milpitas Library
160 North Main St., Milpitas
(408) 262-1171
https://www.scll.org/milpitas

Sunday, Mar 18
Wake Up the Farm \$
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Prepare morning snack for farm animals
Ardenwood Historic Farm
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Sunday, Mar 18
Stilt Walkers \$
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Improve your balance
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Sunday, Mar 18
Ranch Life Round-Up!
10 a.m. - Noon
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Sunday, Mar 18

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1 - 3 p.m.
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Sunol Regional Park
8000 Patterson Ranch Rd., Fremont
(510) 544-3220

Sunday, Mar 18

ABC’s of Vegetable Gardening - R

9:30 a.m.
Getting started, selecting varieties, and best practices
Dale Hardware
3700 Thornton Ave, Fremont
(510) 797-3700
www.dale-hardware.com

Tuesday, Mar 20

Art for Adults

6:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Create oil pastel paintings
Union City Branch Library
34007 Alvarado Niles Rd., Union City
(510) 745-1464
www.aclibrary.org

Tuesday, Mar 20

Weekday Bird Walk

7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Explore tranquil parklands for birds. All levels welcome
Sunol Regional Park
8000 Patterson Ranch Rd., Fremont
(510) 544-3220
www.ebparks.org

Tuesday, Mar 20

Spring Pool Tournament - \$R

9:30 a.m.
Prizes to top players. Coffee and pastries provided
Kenneth C. Aitken Center
17800 Redwood Rd., Castro Valley
(510) 881-6738
www.haywardrec.org

Tuesday, Mar 20

Getting Certified and Doing Business with the Government

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Free lecture by Hayward Chamber of Commerce
Hayward City Hall
777 B St., Hayward
(510) 208-0410

Wednesday, Mar 21

Young Adult Job Fair

3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Free job fair for youth and young adults
Hayward City Hall
777 B St, Hayward
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Lions celebrates the differently abled

SUBMITTED BY MILPITAS LIONS CLUB

Join our Fourth Annual ‘Celebrating Differences’ Event for youth and adults with differing abilities sponsored by District 4-C6 Lions and Milpitas Executive Lions Club in partnership with the City of Milpitas Recreation Department on Saturday, March 17. Our mission is to provide challenged children, adults, and their families a special day to enrich, entertain, and honor these special individuals for their courage, determination, and positive attitude about life.

This will be a fun-filled day of indoor and outdoor activities, games, and entertainment for families in an inclusive environment. We will be honored to present a special performance by the Dream Achievers Band, a group composed of musicians with autism.

A free health screening will be available. The Lions’ Mobile Health Van is outfitted for providing health screenings that look for risks for blindness or vision and hearing problems.

Height, weight, blood pressure, resting respiratory rate, and blood sugar will be measured. No diagnostic procedures are performed, but participants leave with a record of the findings, which they can bring to their doctors or health professionals for follow-up. The van will be parked on the Milpitas Community Center lot from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm.

Another project, Lions In Sight, is dedicated to bringing basic eye care and eyeglasses to a world of people in need. A collection box for used eyeglasses will be on site.

Sponsors and donors are most welcome to help make this event a success. Thank you for your support!

**Celebrating Differences
Saturday, Mar 17
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Milpitas Community Center
457 E Calaveras Blvd, Milpitas
For more information call
or e-mail MariCris Benitez at
(408) 430-7830 or
milpitaslions@gmail.com
Free**

Human trafficking panel discussion

SUBMITTED BY LYN LEONE

Human trafficking is an estimated \$32 billion-a-year global industry. The United States is one of the top destination countries and California is one of the nation’s top four destination states. San Francisco is one of the major hubs for human trafficking due to its geographic location, population and commerce.

Learn more about local human trafficking at this thoughtful panel discussion scheduled for Saturday, March 17 at the Castro Valley Library. Our panel will include speakers from Generations United, MISSEY, the Alameda County DA’s Office, the Hayward Police Department, and the Department of Children and Family Services.

Sponsored by the American Association of University Women/Hayward-Castro Valley and the Castro Valley Library. No reservations are required. The library is wheelchair accessible.

**Human Trafficking Panel
Saturday, Mar 17
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Castro Valley Library, Chabot Room
3600 Norbridge Ave, Castro Valley
For more information,
call the Library at
(510) 667-7900, or visit
www.aclibrary.org/branches/CSV
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More Info: 510 676-3314
21406 Foothill Blvd., Hayward

ZooMobile

With successful visits to Castro Valley, San Lorenzo, and Newark libraries in January, the ZooMobile continues to bring the zoo to you with additional programs through March. The Oakland Zoo’s popular ZooMobile will share “Amazing Adaptations of Animals and Habitats” with a wonderful array of animals including snakes, parrots and more. Education specialists from the zoo will guide the audience through a safari with furry, and not so furry, friends.

ATTENDANCE IS LIMITED. CONTACT LIBRARIES DIRECTLY FOR MORE INFORMATION AND RESERVATION REQUIREMENTS. To learn more about the Oakland Zoo, visit www.oaklandzoo.org.



**Friday, Mar 16
3:30 p.m.
Hayward Library, Weekes Branch
27300 Patrick Ave, Hayward
(510) 782-2155
<https://www.hayward-ca.gov/public-library>**

**Friday, March 30
1:00 p.m.
San Leandro Library
300 Estudillo Ave, San Leandro
(510) 577-3971
<https://www.sanleandro.org/depts/library>**

San Leandro flea market seeks vendors

SUBMITTED BY TERESA MEYER

The City of San Leandro announced that table reservations are now available for the first Indoor Flea Market, which will be held at the San Leandro Senior Community Center on Friday, May 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will have space for over 40 vendors to sell their wares.

Table reservations may be made in person at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th Street from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The cost for a reservation is \$25 for residents (\$30 for non-residents) and includes one six-foot table and two chairs. Reservation charges are not refundable. Each registrant is allowed up to two tables. Table location is selected on a first come, first served basis at the time that you register.

STEAM showcase

BY RHODA J. SHAPIRO

On Saturday, March 3, Milpitas Community Educational Endowment (MCEE) partnered with Milpitas Unified School District (MUSD) to host an annual STEAM showcase. Featuring over 60 Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math projects, the showcase featured the work of 160 students from nearly every school in the Milpitas School District - from kindergarten through twelfth grade.

Robert Jung, founder of MCEE, was thrilled by all the enthusiasm. “We were very happy this year. Our goal all along when we started this five years ago was to have every school and grade level represented,” said Jung. “This year, we were just about able to accomplish that. We had so many projects. Some even came in at the last minute, and we had to turn them away because we ran out of space.”

Held at Milpitas High School’s Learning and Resource Center, the atmosphere in the room was marked by camaraderie and spontaneity. A noncompetitive event, the showcase gave students an opportunity to freely share their creations without pressure.

Jung, who also has a seat on MUSD’s school board, founded MCEE back in 2009. Its formation was motivated by 2008’s recession, which set the stage for a wave of budget cuts throughout the school district. Jung, a passionate proponent of education, formed MCEE as a way of creating an endowment for students in Milpitas’ school district; he believes that the equalizing effects of a quality education create the foundation upon which children can thrive, no matter what their life circumstances may be.

On May 12, MCEE will host a High School Summer Job and Internship Fair at the San Jose City College Milpitas Extension, connecting youth to summer job, volunteer, and internship opportunities. Last year, at the first Job Fair, 10 employers came out, leading to about 24 hires. This year, Jung hopes to build on those numbers.

This summer, MCEE will also host a Preschool Resource Fair. To learn more about MCEE and the amazing things they’re doing for students in Milpitas, go to: <http://mceefoundation.weebly.com>



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Sheep Shearing Day



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Historic Farm to conduct the
annual 'Sheep Shearing Day' on
Saturday, March 17. Watch as the
farm's sheep get sheared, try your
hand at wool carding, and see the
transformation from fiber to yarn
at the spinning wheel. You can
make your own wooly lamb to
take home. Other activities

include felting, sheep crafts, and
demonstrations of cooking in
the outdoor wood-burning stove.
The sheep's annual haircut is
happening between 11 a.m.
and 3 p.m.

Approximately 1,200 visitors
took part in last years' event.
Sheep shearing is done annually
to remove an adult sheep's wool.
The process must be done by
skilled hands to avoid hurting the
animal. A sheep's wool has many
uses, such as clothing, upholstery,

rugs, tennis balls, bedding
products and more.

Participants are advised to
wear outdoor gear or bring hats,
sunscreens, and water bottle.
Visitors are not allowed to bring
in modern recreation equipment,
including but not limited to
amplified music, Frisbees,
balloons, bikes, etc. Dogs are
not allowed.

This is a drop-in program;
no registration is required.
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Sheep Shearing Day are
\$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors ages
62 and older, and \$4 for children
ages 4 through 17 years. Children
ages 3 and under may attend
for free. For more information,
call (510) 544-2797.

Sheep Shearing Day
Saturday, Mar 17
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd,
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(510) 544-2797

www.ebparks.org/parks/arden-
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Admission: \$6 adults,
\$5 seniors (62+),
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Safe heating
tips from
PG&E

**SUBMITTED BY
TAMAR SARKISSIAN**

With more cold nights in the
forecast this week in cities across
the Bay Area as a cold weather
system moves in Tuesday evening,
Pacific Gas and Electric
Company (PG&E) urges cus-
tomers to be cautious when heat-
ing their homes.

Electric heating devices, such
as space heaters, are a home fire
hazard when not properly used or

monitored. Fuel-burning
appliances, such as gas furnaces,
stoves and water heaters, can
increase the risk of carbon
monoxide, a toxic gas, when they
are not working properly.

PG&E encourages customers
to schedule free gas appliance
safety checks through the com-
pany's customer service helpline
at 1 (800) 743-5000. Our Gas
Service Representatives (GSRs)
will test carbon monoxide
detector batteries and expiration
dates, relight furnace pilots, and
check gas stoves, fireplaces and
water heaters at no cost to the
customer.

According to the National Fire
Protection Association, heating
equipment is the second leading

cause of home fires in the United
States. Nearly half of these fires
occur from December through
February. The leading contribut-
ing factors to space heater fires
are heating equipment too close
to objects that can burn, such as
furniture, clothing, mattresses or
bedding, and leaving heating
equipment unattended.

PG&E urges customers to
focus on safely heating their
homes as temperatures dip and
offers the following tips:

- Place space heaters on level,
hard, nonflammable surfaces, not
on rugs or carpets.
- Don't put objects on space
heaters or use them to dry
clothes or shoes.

- Turn off space heaters when
leaving the room or going to
sleep.
- Keep all flammable materials
at least three feet away from
heating sources and supervise
children when a space heater or
fireplace is being used.
- Never use cooking devices
such as ovens or stoves for home
heating purposes.
- Install carbon monoxide
detectors to warn you if concen-
tration levels are high. As of
2011, all California single-family
homes are required to have
carbon monoxide detectors.
Make sure they are installed
near sleeping areas and replace
the batteries at least twice a year.

- When using the fireplace to stay
warm, make sure the flue is open
so that the byproducts of com-
bustion can vent safely through
the chimney.
- Never use products inside
the home that generate dangerous
levels of carbon monoxide, such
as generators, barbecues, propane
heaters and charcoal.

If customers suspect there is a
problem with a natural gas appli-
ance inside their home, they
should call PG&E at 1 (800)
743-5000. A gas service represen-
tative will be dispatched to do a
thorough inspection. If you de-
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SUBMITTED BY SONIA ANAND RODRIGUES

In honor of the athletic accomplishments of Olympic Medalist Elana Meyers Taylor (Bobsled) and her husband Nic (Team USA Bobsled), dignitaries and a marching band welcomed the couple on March 8th at their local training facility, 24-Hour Fitness in Newark. Elana returned home to the United States after a silver medal win at the PyeongChang Olympic Winter Games 2018. Nic is an Alternate for Team USA Four-Man Bobsled team.

Elana Meyers Taylor is a three-time U.S. Olympic medalist and current world champion in bobsled. She is the first person to win two Olympic medals in both bobsled positions (driver and brakeman); her 2015 gold medal was the first world championship title in women's bobsled for the U.S. Competing since 2007, Elana was named to the national team in her first season. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science, master's degree in Sports Management and an MBA in Finance, putting her knowledge to good use when she interned in the finance department for the

International Olympic Committee in Switzerland.

Nic Taylor is part of the 2016 Four-Man Bobsled in the World Championships. He has been a competitive athlete since 2011 and chosen as an alternate for the Men's Bobsled team at the PyeongChang Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games 2018. He is a two-time North American Cup silver medalist in the Four-Man Bobsled, most recently capturing both a gold medal in the Norther American Cup event in Calgary and a bronze medal in the North American Cup in Park City. Nic holds a Bachelor of Engineering with a focus on Engineering Management and Mechanical Engineering from Arizona State University; a Master's degree from Concordia University at Irvine in Exercise Science, Coaching and Athletic Administration; and a Bachelor's degree in Sports Psychology from California State University Northridge.

Along with local dignitaries including Newark Mayor Alan Nagy, the Newark Memorial Marching Band generated excitement in Newpark Mall with a rousing celebratory parade.

For more information about 24-Hour Fitness, visit: 24hourfitness.com

Girls Softball

Jets outmaneuver Vikings

SUBMITTED AND PHOTOS BY MIKE HEIGHTCHEW

The Irvington High School (Fremont) varsity Lady Vikings lost a close game to the Lady Jets of Encinal (Alameda) 4-3 on March 7th. In a see-saw battle, it appeared that the Vikings had the momentum to prevail, but the Jets came up with two big plays at third base to slow the Viking assault and hold on for the win.



Boys Soccer

Cougars forward
named Player of the Year

SUBMITTED BY TIMOTHY HESS

The 49ers Cal-Hi Sports Report has named Newark Memorial High School junior forward Samuel Kanghere the North Coast Section Boys Soccer Player of the Year.

Girls Lacrosse

Lady Cougars
move to winning record

SUBMITTED BY TIMOTHY HESS

The Newark Memorial High School Girls varsity lacrosse team defeated visiting Washington (San Francisco) by the score of 17-8 on March 9th to improve their early-season record to 3-2. Simryn Gosal scored 4-goals for the Cougars. Next, the Cougars host Carlmont (Belmont) on Wednesday, March 14, beginning at 6:00 pm.

GO COUGARS!

Baseball

Titans pull out a
dramatic victory

SUBMITTED AND PHOTOS BY MIKE HEIGHTCHEW

The John F. Kennedy (Fremont) Titans varsity left the diamond on March 8 with a dramatic eighth inning 3-2 victory. The game began with an early lead by the Alhambra (Martinez) Bulldogs who opened with three good hits and a score. In the bottom of the second inning, the Titans answered to even the scoreboard. This was an omen of things to come as good defensive plays by both teams kept the tally close and the outcome in doubt. It wasn't until the bottom of the eighth inning when Titan hitters were able to send the ball deep into the outfield that the winning Titan run came over the plate to seal he victory.



Park It

SUBMITTED BY
NED MACKAY

St. Patrick's Day

It's said that if you can trap a leprechaun, he will grant you three wishes. Naturalist Cat Taylor will put this legend to the test with a "St. Patrick's Day Rainbow's End Treasure Hunt" on Saturday, March 17, at Big Break Regional Shoreline in Oakley. Anytime between 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. you can drop by the park's visitor center, build your own leprechaun trap, then follow the leprechaun's clues through the park to the hidden treasure.

Leprechauns are imaginary (I think), but ladybugs are real. Naturalist Nichole Gange will highlight these beneficial beetles in a program at Big Break from 10 to 11 a.m. Sunday, March 18. The program repeats at the same time on March 25. And from 2 to 3 p.m. on March 18, the park's interpretive staff will lead a walk through the wetlands to view signs of spring.

Big Break is at 69 Big Break Road off Oakley's Main Street. For information, call 888-327-2757, ext. 3050.

St. Patrick's Day will also be observed with an "End of the Rainbow Geocache Hike" at Anthony Chabot Regional Park, led by Morgan Dill and the East Bay Regional Park District recreation department staff. The group will go on a treasure hunt from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 17, using GPS-enabled devices provided by the leaders. It's a three-mile walk, designed for ages seven and older. Bring small trinkets to trade. Meet at the Bort Meadows staging area on Redwood Road

about four miles south of the intersection with Skyline Boulevard in Oakland. The program is free, but registration is required. For more information and registration, call 888-327-2757. Select option 2 and refer to program number 20136.

Perhaps in anticipation of St. Patrick's Day, the hills have turned a beautiful green, and wildflowers are starting to appear. Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve in Antioch is a premier park for wildflower viewing. So, naturalists Eddie Willis and Kevin Dixon plan a series of one- to three-mile wildflower hikes over sometimes-steep terrain to view wildflowers in various habitats. All are from 10 a.m. to noon and all start at the parking lot at the end of Somersville Road, 3½ miles south of Highway 4.

The first is a two-miler on Sunday, March 18 to check out early spring flowers in the chaparral. Subsequent hikes will be on April 21, 22 and 29. For information, call 888-327-2757, ext. 2750.

The naturalists at Tilden Nature Area near Berkeley plan several great programs in coming days. There's "Meet the Newts" from 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 17 with Trail Gail Broesder. Rain or shine, the group will search in the Nature Area for newts and other salamanders. The Nature Area's Jewel Lake is home to one of the few remaining populations of Sacramento perch. Interpretive student aide Kate Holum will show off the perch in the aquarium, then help with some fish-related crafts in a program from 1 to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 18. Gail will be back on the trail from 6:15 to 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 21 on a 3.5-mile hike up to Tilden's Wildcat Peak in hopes of greeting

the equinox sun. It's for ages seven and older; bring your own coffee.

All three programs meet at Tilden's Environmental Education Center, which is at the north end of Central Park Drive. Call 510-544-2233.

Even if you can't spot a bird, you can identify it by its song. With that in mind, naturalist Michael Charnofsky will lead a "birding by ear" hike from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 18 at Leona Canyon in Oakland. The program is for ages eight and older. To reach Leona Canyon, take the Keller Avenue exit from I-580 and drive up the hill for about a mile. Turn left on Campus Drive, take the first right onto Canyon Oaks, drive toward the condominiums, then turn left to the end of the driveway into the trailhead parking area. For information, call 510-544-3187.

The marshes of Coyote Hills Regional Park in Fremont are teeming with life. Naturalist Kristina Parkison will lead a safari there, using dip nets and binoculars, in a program from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 17. It's for ages six and older. The park also has an Ohlone village site that was occupied for more than 2,000 years. The interpretive staff will lead a half-mile walk to the site from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 17 to view a reconstructed shade structure, pit house and sweat house.

Both programs meet at the visitor center. Coyote Hills is at the end of Patterson Ranch Road off Paseo Padre Parkway. Call 510-544-3220.

There's lots more to see and do in the regional parks. Visit the web site, www.ebparks.org, for information.

Cougars Report

SUBMITTED BY
TIMOTHY HESS

• Basketball

Playing in an exciting post-season atmosphere on March 7th, the Newark Memorial High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team lost a close CIF D2 NorCal opening round game to Silver Creek (San Jose) Lady Raiders by the score of 47-45. Lady Cougars highlights: Alayha Bell (16-points), Haylee Nelson (15-points), Rylee Sarasua (10-points). Congratulations to all of the players and coaches on an outstanding 24-6 season, Mission Valley Athletic League runner-up, advancing to the North Coast Section semifinals for the second year in a row, and earning a third-straight trip to NorCals. WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!

• Baseball

The Newark Memorial Cougars varsity baseball team lost to Terra Linda by the score of 4-2

on March 10th.

• JV Softball

The Cougars JV team beat the Terra Linda JV's, 6-2. Congratulations to the JV Softball team for their second-place finish at the James Logan JV Tournament over the March 9-11 weekend. Well done ladies!

• Wrestling

Emily Patneaud, a sophomore, won the frosh/soph and the junior/senior divisions of the California USA Wrestling State Folkstyle Championships in Fresno, CA over the March 9-11 weekend. She won the 144lb Frosh/Soph title with four straight falls. In the Junior/Senior Division (144), Emily had three falls leading to the finals where she defeated Madison Camp by a score of 9-4.

Sierra Van Rossem, a junior, placed second in the 154lb Junior/Senior Division of the CA



Emily Patneaud and Sierra Van Rossem claim championship and runner-up in state tournament

USA Folkstyle Wrestling State Championships in Fresno. Sierra (representing the Newark Wrestling Club) had two falls and a 7-0 decision before coming up short in the finals 0-4 against Lilian Vergara of Crusader Wrestling Club.



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Newark City Council

March 8, 2018

- Consent Calendar:**
- Re-designate classifications of Finance Technician I and Finance Technician II.
 - Approve Police Recruiting Program with hiring incentives including: reimbursement for moving expenses, reimbursement for police academy costs, referral fee. Estimated cost of ~\$10,000 per year.



Alameda County Fire Division Chief Eric Moore, has been promoted to Deputy Chief.

- Non-Consent:**
- Presentation of long-range Recycling Plan for Measure D funds to understand state and local requirements for waste diversion. Discussion of short, medium and long-term policies and programs. A final plan will be presented to Council at a future meeting.
 - Presentation on Police and Fire Department service levels. Readiness, staff levels and response times were discussed. It was announced by Fire Chief David Rocha that fire department presenter, Alameda

County Fire Division Chief Eric Moore, has been promoted to Deputy Chief.

- City Council Matters:**
- Recognize International Women’s Day

- Oral Communications:**
- None

Mayor Alan Nagy	Aye
Vice Mayor Michael Hannon	Aye
Luis Freitas	Aye
Sucy Collazo	Absent
Mike Bucci	Aye

San Leandro City Council

March 5, 2018

- Recognitions:**
- Declare March 2018 as American Red Cross Month
 - Declare March as Women’s History Month and March 8 as International Women’s Day
 - Appoint Frederick Simon as District 4 Representative to the Senior Commission
- Public Comments:**
- Ms. Dana Taylor spoke in support of cameras as an aid to law enforcement.
 - Mr. Marshall Mitzman thanked the

- Action Items:**
- Adopt the City of San Leandro 2017 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan lists preventative and emergency measures in case of disaster, including shoreline flood protection and wi-fi access. Councilmember Lee was concerned about the vulnerability of cell phone towers. Councilmember Hernandez was concerned with aging infrastructure of power lines, suggesting more underground investment.
- City Manager Report:**
- A recent complaint on Facebook about the SLPD engaging in racial profiling was mentioned. After investigation, it was determined that another agency was to blame.
- City Council Reports:**
- Vice Mayor Cox attended StopWaste



Recipients of Women’s Day Awards (Left to Right): Aisha Knowles – Alameda County School Board Trustee, community activist; Maria Dominguez – Commissioner on the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women; Shelly Branco – Owner of Wheely’s Café; Sara Ubelhart and daughter, Iris Grace – Owner and Operator of Zocola’s Coffeehouse; Vice Mayor Deborah Cox is in the middle; Xouhoa Bowen – Founder of Community Impact Lab; Julie Chang – Owner of Estudillo Produce; Teresa Lawrie – Owner of Sons of Liberty Alehouse; Iliana Imberman Berkowitz – Owner of As Kneaded Bakery

council for their support of the San Leandro Boys and Girls Club.

- Consent Calendar:**
- Minutes for February 20, 2018 meeting.
 - Amend San Leandro Municipal Code uniform wastewater discharge regulations.
 - Award construction contract to Sposeto Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$569,311 for Annual Sidewalk Repair Program 2017-18.
- Presentations:**
- Boys & Girls Clubs of San Leandro Capital Campaign to renovate and modernize the existing property. Request \$2.1 million from the city. Public comments showed overwhelming support, many alumni positively affected by the organization. Council supported their cause but were concerned with city finances.
 - The San Leandro Innovation Ecosystem. Staff presented a technology state-of-the-city address, Accomplishments and innovative initiatives include Lit SL, Climatec Smart Lights, a fiber optic master plan, Zero Net Energy Center, The Gate, GoGreen website, Truth is Beauty, and more. Future direction was discussed and the idea of a Women’s Entrepreneurship Lab.

- meeting on February 28. The reusable bag law now applies to eating establishments.
- Vice Mayor Cox attended ACTC Commission on February 22. A 3-year pilot program where students receive BART/Bus passes was approved to continue. Two San Leandro schools are included.
- City Council Calendar:**
- Councilmember Lopez recently completed a year-long fellowship in water policy. She invited her fellow councilmembers to a Water Conference in Sacramento, March 22-23, where water and emergency preparedness will be discussed.
 - Councilmember Hernandez will be attending the League of Cities Conference in Washington D.C. from March 9-11.

Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter	Absent
Vice Mayor Deborah Cox	Aye
Lee Thomas	Aye
Ed Hernandez	Aye
Benny Lee (via phone)	Aye
Corina N. Lopez	Aye
Pete Ballew	Aye



Proclamation declaring March 2018 as American Red Cross Month. Left to Right: Kane Wong, Vice Mayor Deborah Cox, Jay Pimental

Fremont City Council

March 6, 2018

- Consent:**
- Second reading of an ordinance amending Human Rights Commission. Update Fremont Municipal Code to conform to State and Federal antidiscrimination laws.
 - Extend agreement with Alameda County Fire Department through January 31, 2023 for regional emergency communications center and fire dispatch services. Proposed FY 2018/19 Dispatch Center cost to Fremont is \$708,221 - \$82,428 higher than the FY 2017/18 - based on the previous year’s call volume of 15,611. Increase due to call volume, proposed addition of four dispatchers, preparation for text to 911, preparation for population growth, and to maintain and improve CA State 911 calling process standards. Supportive comment by Mayor Mei.
 - Transmittal of Fiscal Year 2016/17 Audit Reports for period ending June 30, 2017. All resulted in unmodified (“clean”) opinions from the City’s independent auditors.
 - Amend 2017A Lease Revenue Bonds to facilitate subleasing at Fremont Family Resource Center.
 - Approve purchase of mobile data computers, in-car video systems, body-worn cameras and digital evidence software. The Police Department recommends a capital appropriation in the IT Capital Replacement Fund by \$380,000 and appropriate \$29,000 in the City’s Narcotics Asset Seizure Fund.
 - Approve naming the 4-acre joint-use park, linear urban plaza and BART Plaza in the Warm Springs Innovation District. Recommended names: Lila Bringhurst Community Park, Warm Springs Plaza. The linear plaza name, “Innovation Plaza” was approved by a majority of Recreation Commissioners but four options are put forth, including: “Chochenyo Plaza”, “Raceway Plaza”, “Innovation Plaza”, and “Synergy Plaza”. Comment by Vice Mayor Bacon not supportive of name, Innovation Plaza, but will vote aye.
 - Approve agreements for on-call architectural design consulting services with ATI Architects & Engineers, Crosby Group, FOG Studio, Hibser Yamauchi Architects, and Shultz & Associates. Each agreement would be for up to \$250,000 annually per consultant for an initial term of three years.
- Public Communications:**
- None
- Public Financing Authority**
- Amend 2017A Lease Revenue Bonds project to facilitate subleasing at Fremont Resource Center.
- Scheduled Items:**
- Approve rezoning of 2.67-acres at 48495 Ursa Drive from single-family residential to allow renovation of an existing historic single-family house and tankhouse; demolition of all other existing structures and a remnant orchard. Development of 17 single-family houses planned. PASSED 3-2 (Nay - Mei, Bacon); amendments to include consideration of inclusion on Fremont Historic Registry, HOA rules for garage use and 3D photography for historical preservation.
 - Add clarifying language and new objective standards for development of multifamily housing for conformance with new State legislation.

Mayor Lily Mei	Aye, 1 Nay
Vice Mayor Vinnie Bacon	Aye, 1 Nay
Rick Jones	Aye
Raj Salwan	Aye
David Bonaccorsi	Aye

OPINION



WILLIAM MARSHAK

If it fits...

As the value of land increases, is the inverse true for property owners? That is the basic question at the heart of current debates at council meetings and other public forums. State and regional bodies have weighed into the discussion, often mandating bias toward affordable housing. While affordable housing is an essential element for our communities, just where does the proper balance lie? New State of California laws are increasingly restricting local discretion over zoning regulations and control of growth, opting for density over aesthetics. Mounting pressure of massive megacompany campus facilities has exacerbated an existing Bay Area land rush. Where do the public interest, historical preservation and landowner rights intersect?

In Fremont, recent applications for preliminary zoning changes to allow residential development have become entangled with new State regulations and concerns about transit-oriented development and historical preservation. The undeveloped hills above Fremont are an example of the people's prerogative when a common resource that improves the quality of life for all is at stake. Several propositions

have gained voter approval when the question of property rights versus a common resource was put to the test. The East Bay Regional Park District and other local, regional, state and federal parklands are examples of preservation of land, historic structures and monuments.

Historic registries of such resources have been established to protect these artifacts. Fremont's Historical Architectural Review Board [HARB] is designed to be a watchdog over modifications or removal of important these treasures. As an example, a proposed development at Ursa Drive included some preservation of historical structures although in a different configuration. Although for some the ideal resolution would be to preserve the land and structures in situ, that would only be possible in the long term with creation of a historical park. This is impractical given acquisition and maintenance costs. The best alternative is development by a well-known and respected developer with partial preservation of the site. This was the final decision, although debated and certainly not unanimous.

It is difficult to decide when state mandates threaten the status quo and/or preservation of civic character. The best compromise may be recognition that as pressure mounts to build large, dense structures with less and less local discretion, developers with a proven track record to act responsibly give some hope for a rational solution. Protectionist attitudes will end with grief since local control is eroding at a rapid pace. If sentiment is to control our

own destiny, local measures are necessary to protect valuable historic resources through purchase and preservation of historical parks, purchase of open spaces and allowing reasonable development before we are completely stripped of any decision-making authority. It appears that local planning, as flawed as it may be, is moving toward computerization, artificial intelligence and the outside authority of severe rules. As Defense Attorney Johnnie Cochran said in the 1995 O.J. Simpson trial, "If it doesn't fit, you must acquit." Just as the prosecution was destroyed by this argument, so can any reasonable objection to development in the face of state laws.

Residential projects that have recently met with opposition should be reviewed carefully since as new state laws take effect, it will not be a matter of reason or community character. Rather, if the proposed development fits guidelines that may, if fact, be diametrically opposed to neighborhood character, there will be no recourse. Will our local elected leaders be able to stem the tide and power of Sacramento? From recent legislation, it appears residents may need to rethink an effective strategy to maintain neighborhood character even if the glove is not a perfect fit.

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Flea markets fundraise for young campers

SUBMITTED BY CAPT. KYNA KELLEY

Come join us for a day of fun at The Salvation Army Hayward's indoor Community Flea Markets at the Veterans' Memorial Building, Hayward. This event is now in its third year, following their initial success as a fundraiser for Summer and Day Camp programs for local, low-income families. Last year, The Salvation Army USA provided the opportunity to camp for around 233,000 children, adults and seniors.

The event features vendors with an array of the most unusual items! From antiques and collectibles, arts and crafts, to new and used merchandise, this market is sure to offer a complete shopping experience. The Veterans' Memorial Building is close to Hayward BART and Hayward City Hall. Combine your visit to the Community Flea Market with a trip to the Hayward Farmer's Market and Downtown Hayward.

Arrive in time for admission at 10 a.m. and find your treasure before anyone else. You won't want to miss it! Admission is free to the public.

Vendors need to provide their own booth preparations (tables, chairs, tents, etc.). Spaces are approximately 30"x60" for merchandise. Rent for each space is \$25. Vendors retain 100 percent of their earnings. Please respond as soon as possible to secure a spot. Spaces will be assigned in the order in which applications are received.

Contact Captain Kyna at Kyna.Kelley@usw.salvationarmy.org or (510) 581-6444 for a vendor-application form, which should be completed and returned to The Salvation Army Hayward, 430 A St., Hayward, by May 18.

Community Flea Market

Saturday, May 26

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Obituary

Cynthia Yagi

Cynthia Yagi passed away at the age of 49. She was born in Hayward to Keith and Phyllis Yagi. She graduated from Mission San Jose HS in Fremont in 1987, then earned her degree in Exercise Physiology at UC Davis. Cynthia loved the Lord and served Him well, ministering to many people with her gifts. She enjoyed dancing, composing music, singing, painting and writing, including poetry and a book about her life's journey.

She is survived by her mother Phyllis Yagi Rendell; step-father Ned Rendell; brother Curt Yagi (Meg); step-brother Carl Rendell (Joanne); step-sister Renee Werner (Jim); aunt Carole Hirakawa; uncles Russ Hirakawa (Celeste) and Jan Yagi (Vi); cousins Mike Yagi (Tracy), Stephanie Doi-Olson (Ken) and Maia Starling; great uncle Harry Hirakawa; great aunts Janet



Kurashita and Chiyo Kawamoto.

A Celebration of life service will be held Friday, March 23, 2018 at 11:00 AM at Centerville Presbyterian Church, 4360 Central Ave, Fremont, CA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made, in Cynthia's memory, to Scleroderma Research Foundation, 220 Montgomery St, Suite 484, San Francisco, CA 94104

To get a ride, Uber says take a walk

By TOM KRISHER
ASSOCIATED PRESS AUTO WRITER

The latest variation of an Uber ride will require a short walk.

In eight U.S. cities, the ride-hailing company is rolling out a service called “Express Pool,” which links riders in the same area who want to travel to similar destinations. Once linked, riders would need to walk a couple of blocks to be picked up at a common location. They also would be dropped off at a site that would be a short walk from their final destinations.

Depending on time of day and metro area, Express Pool could cost up to 75 percent less than a regular Uber ride and up to half the cost of Uber’s current shared-ride service called Pool, said Ethan Stock, the company’s product director for shared rides. Pool, which will remain in use, doesn’t require any walking. Instead it takes an often-circuitous route to pick up riders at their location and drops them at their destination. But that can take longer than Express, which travels a more direct route.

Uber has been testing the

service since November in San Francisco and Boston and has found enough ridership to support running it 24 hours per day. Within the next two days, the around-the-clock service will start running in Los Angeles; Philadelphia; Washington, D.C.; Miami, San Diego and Denver. More cities will follow, Uber said.

The new service could spell competition for mass transit, but just how much depends on how well it works and how good the mass transit is, said Mark Hallenbeck, director of the Washington State Transportation Center at the University of Washington. If buses or subways are overcrowded and Uber can provide service for a similar price, that will help with mobility.

“If, however, you are cannibalizing transit that’s not over-subscribed, then that becomes a bad thing,” Hallenbeck said. Also, if the ride-sharing service pulls people off mass transit and creates more automobile traffic, that will add to congestion, he said.

The service could complement Uber X, the company’s door-to-

door taxi service — or draw passengers away from it.

Stock said the system should work well with public transit, providing first-mile and last-mile service for transit riders and by providing service to low passenger volume areas where it’s not cost effective for public transit to serve. He also says it will reduce congestion by cutting the number of personal vehicle trips.

Express already has ride-sharing competitors such as Via, which operates in New York, Chicago and Washington, D.C.

Express Pool will have normal-sized cars, at least initially, and optimally will carry a maximum of three passengers so riders aren’t crammed into the vehicles. It could be expanded to six-passenger vehicles, Stock said, adding that it will take one to two minutes for Uber’s computers to match a rider to a driver and other riders and select a pick-up point.

The lower cost of the service should help Uber grow, Stock said. “More riders can afford to take more trips for more reasons,” he said. Already Uber Pool accounts for 20 percent of Uber trips in the cities where it’s available.

Teen pulled motorists over while impersonating deputy

ASSOCIATED PRESS

A 14-year-old boy arrested for pretending to be a sheriff’s deputy launched phony investigations and pulled people over while driving around his Southern California neighborhood in an SUV equipped with flashing blue and red lights, authorities said.

The unidentified teen was taken into custody March 6 after deputies found counterfeit money, fake guns, ballistic vests and other law enforcement-related items in his home, San Bernardino County sheriff’s officials said.

The probe was launched a day earlier when a Victorville homeowner reported someone driving an unmarked Ford Explorer with flashing lights and wearing a sheriff’s uniform with a gun holster came to the house and said he was investigating a domestic disturbance. The homeowner told him there was no problem, and nobody had called police.

Detectives determined that the youth interacted with at least two other people while impersonating a deputy. On the same day, the teen pulled a woman over and gave her a warning before letting her go, officials said.

Deputies later stopped the SUV and found the uniformed teen inside. The SUV belonged to the teen’s great-grandfather, according to the San Bernardino Sun newspaper. It wasn’t clear if the boy lived with his great-grandfather or how he was able to access the vehicle.

The teen, who was on probation at the time of his arrest, was held at a juvenile detention center east of Los Angeles

Obituary

Zana Marie Avery

Zana Marie Avery was born ten minutes before her twin sister on April 21, 1968 in Detroit Michigan. At the age of seven her family relocated to Farmerville Louisiana where she and her siblings enjoyed the country life. After leaving the south Zana set residence in the Texas, Southern California, Miami Florida, New Jersey, Chicago, West Palm Beach Florida and finally back to Northern California where she spent her final years.

Zana studied at the Capri Institute of Cosmetology in New Jersey before creating her own method of artificial hair replacement. This method was her proudest creative achievement throughout her adult life. Zana was a relocation specialist for some time and worked a number of retail positions throughout the country.

The one thing she did more than anything in her life was laugh. Zana was bold, shameless and so much fun. Her charm and excessive personality will be remembered with laughter by those who knew her.

She is survived by her only child Christopher Sinclair Avery. Zana repeatedly said her son was the best thing to ever happen in her life, she was so proud to be his mother. Her twin sister Kimberly Avery, Her brother Delmar Avery and her youngest sister Anna Tavorn. She was preceded in death by her youngest brother Kenneth



Tavorn. Also survived by Mother Gladys Tavorn, Uncle George Brown, Aunt Sheila Woodson and Great Aunt Margaret Edwards. Six nieces and nephews and more than a dozen cousins.

She leaves her beloved babychild Ladybug to the love and care of her twin sister. Ladybug brought her so much happiness before and in the final stages of being diagnosed with congestive heart failure.

Zana left us in the early hour of February 20, 2018 after collapsing beside her twin in the home they shared with their three small dogs. Private services were held on February 24, 2018 at the Berge-Pappas-Smith Chapel of the Angels. In attendance were her Son, Mother and Aunt from Michigan, her brother from Florida and her twin from Fremont California.

We thank Marybeth Harrington our cousin in Lafayette Louisiana for attending to the arrangements in such a loving way.

“I just don’t have it in me to do the old lady thing” Zana

California spent nearly \$1.8 billion fighting major 2017 wildfires

By JONATHAN J. COOPER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

California state agencies spent nearly \$1.8 billion fighting fierce wildfires that killed dozens of people and destroyed thousands of homes and businesses last year.

Legislative Analyst’s Office officials told lawmakers on March 1 that the federal government will reimburse most of the costs, but the state will still need to come up with about \$371 million. State revenue has far exceeded expectations so far this

fiscal year so the general fund is flush with cash.

Nearly \$1.5 billion was spent fighting fires and recovery in the North Bay in October, including debris removal and infrastructure repair. The state spent about \$300 million on December fires in Southern California.

Gov. Jerry Brown has proposed spending \$35 million in next year’s budget to backfill lost tax revenue for local governments and repair infrastructure.

NASA solar probe is hottest ticket in town

By MARCIA DUNN
ASSOCIATED PRESS AEROSPACE WRITER

NASA will fly you to the sun — or at least your name. Now until April 27, NASA is accepting online submissions for this hottest ticket in town. The names will be sent on the Parker Solar Probe all the way to the sun.

Once launched this summer from Cape Canaveral, Florida, the probe will eventually come within 4 million miles of our star, closer than any other spacecraft. Temperatures will reach 2,500 degrees Fahrenheit, as the spacecraft zips in and out of this atmospheric hot zone. Until now, the materials for such a grueling journey were unavailable.

Actor William Shatner, who portrayed Capt. James T. Kirk in the 1960s “Star Trek” TV series, is NASA’s pitchman for the send-your-name-to-the-sun campaign.

Student transit pass pilot program expansion approved

SUBMITTED BY
TESS LENGYEL

A popular student transit pass program will soon be expanding, thanks to a recent vote by the Alameda County Transportation Commission.

Commission members voted to OK a third year of the successful Student Transit Pass Pilot (STPP) program, a key component of Measure BB.

The program provides free public transit passes to students in selected schools throughout Alameda County. An evaluation of year one of the program found that the program increased school attendance, had a high financial impact for students and their families, and increased after-school involvement.

“The Student Transit Pass Program has delivered on its promises to reduce barriers to

California elections chief says state security is strong

By KATHLEEN RONAYNE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

California’s top elections official reported on March 7 that the state’s election system is secure but acknowledged public skepticism that he blamed on Russian attempts to interfere in 2016 and confusing media reports about those efforts.

“Just the sheer fact that we’re having this hearing is a fact that the Russians are succeeding in part,” Secretary of State Alex Padilla told a legislative committee on election security. Later, he added, “public perception is just as important as the reality of what did or did not happen in 2016.”

Padilla again told lawmakers there’s no evidence that Russians or others breached California election systems or voter databases in the last election. But, he said, the state has stepped up security efforts to fight against fresh attempts, including new security audits, beefing up protection against malware and hosting cybersecurity training for county officials who administer elections in the state.

“This is the new normal,” Padilla said. “We do have strong security measures in place, but we must constantly improve and strengthen our resources.” He urged lawmakers to support Gov.

Jerry Brown’s budget request to spend \$134 million to update county voting systems, many of which haven’t been updated since the early 2000s.

California was one of 21 states that Russian agents targeted in 2016, but it only scanned the state’s Department of Technology network and was not successful at breaking in, according to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Padilla said such scanning by outside actors, Russian or otherwise, happens on a regular basis and the state is well set up to fight against it.

Some lawmakers lamented that even though the attempts weren’t successful, Russian agents have effectively altered the U.S. conversation around election security. “I’m frustrated (the Russians) have set the frame, and I think we can take it back here today through evidence of our diligence in house,” said Democratic Sen. Henry Stern of Agoura Hills, chair of the Senate elections committee.

Fears of interference in U.S. elections rose anew in February when federal intelligence officials said Russian agents appear to be gearing up for 2018, both by targeting voter registration systems and fomenting distrust on social media. Experts say the federal and state governments haven’t done enough to prepare.

Padilla said California’s relationship with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is improving. He criticized the agency for being slow to tell California and other states about previous Russian scanning attempts. “The relationship with federal agencies in particular has improved over the course of the last year,” he said.

In a separate questionnaire from The Associated Press, Padilla’s office wouldn’t say if California has asked Homeland Security for an onsite risk and vulnerability assessment. As of mid-February, 14 states had asked for one.

A trio of local elections officials also urged lawmakers to approve Brown’s spending request to update outdated equipment.

Gail Pellerin, county clerk and registrar of voters in Santa Cruz County, shared concerns that Russia has effectively altered the public perception about voting safety. Even though the county systems need upgrades, they are still highly secure, she said.

“Our firewalls have prevailed,” she said. “I think their goal though is to bring doubt into people’s minds about the integrity and the accuracy of our vote in the hopes that we stay home and don’t vote.”

Hayward moves to meet climate protection goals

SUBMITTED BY THE
CITY OF HAYWARD

To meet some of the nation’s most ambitious municipal climate protection goals, the city of Hayward has decided to go carbon-free.

A vote by the Hayward City Council on Tuesday, March 6 moved the city one step closer to becoming one of the first and largest Bay Area city thus far to vote to move customers off Pacific Gas and Electric Company-supplied electricity onto entirely carbon-free sources of energy generation.

The council vote to select a default electricity product for Hayward customers being moved off PG&E electricity and onto power supplied East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) puts Hayward on the path to cutting greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by more than 20 percent over 2005 levels by the year 2020 and by more than 60 percent by 2040.

“Most of us will never have the opportunity to reduce greenhouse gases as much as we will tonight,” said Hayward Councilmember Al Mendall, chair of the Council Sustainability Committee and

member of the East Bay Community Energy board of directors, as he and his fellow Council members prepared to vote.

East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) is the latest of a handful of nonprofit agencies formed by local governments in the Bay Area and across California to take over electricity procurement from PG&E and other utility monopolies. The goal is to provide a cleaner, greener, more affordable choice of electricity than offered by the incumbent utilities, which tend to be more reliant on natural gas, other carbon-based fuels and nuclear power plants. Under state law providing for creation of local energy aggregation networks such as EBCE, PG&E or the incumbent utility remains responsible for transmitting electricity, maintaining distribution infrastructure, and billing services.

Initially, EBCE will offer two electricity options or products in Alameda County. The first, Bright Choice, will be at a minimum 85 percent carbon-free. The second, Brilliant 100, will be entirely carbon free.

Bright Choice will be priced 1.5 percent below PG&E electricity. Brilliant 100 will be priced equal to PG&E rates. Commercial customers will begin being enrolled in June. Residential customers will start being enrolled in January 2019.

The March 6 decision before the Hayward City Council was whether to make slightly less expensive Bright Choice with some greenhouse gas emissions or entirely carbon-free Brilliant 100 the default electricity product for new EBCE customers in Hayward. The Council chose carbon-free Brilliant 100, starting with commercial electricity customers being enrolled in June. The council also authorized the purchase of Brilliant 100 electricity for all city-owned buildings and facilities.

For the Hayward City Council, its selection of entirely carbon free electricity wasn’t its last act during the meeting. The council also authorized a contract for design and construction of a two- megawatt solar array at Hayward’s wastewater treatment plant. It already has a customer for the electricity to be produced by the solar facility — East Bay Community Energy.

transportation access to and from schools, improve transportation options for middle and high school students for afterschool activities and jobs, and build support for transit,” said Alameda CTC Chair Richard Valle, Alameda County District 2 Supervisor. “I’m proud that we have expanded the program to six additional schools for the 2018-19 school year. As a Transportation Commission, this — improving transportation access — is among the most important work we do.”

More than 6,000 students from fifteen middle and high schools throughout Alameda County are participating in the second year of the pilot. Program participation has doubled since the first year. In year three, 19,000 students will have access to free transit passes, with new students from middle and high schools in Oakland, Fremont,

and Newark. The schools were selected from an approved list of 36 schools pre-approved for participation in the three-year pilot based on student need, transit access, and school readiness. Year three implementation will begin in August 2018.

Based on lessons learned from the first year, the Alameda CTC is testing two program models during the second and third year of the pilot: a free and universal model that provides free passes to all students, and a free and means-based model which provides free passes to low-income students. With the expansion in year three, the pilot will include 21 schools in seven school districts; with implementation of a free and universal model at 13 schools and a free and means-based model at seven schools.

The pilot includes training for participating middle schoolers on how to ride the bus including trip planning, navigating to and from

the bus stop, and safe and courteous behaviors while on the bus. During the third year, the program will begin to integrate this transit/travel training element of the program with the Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools Program.

The bus passes are provided on an easy-to-use Clipper card that is valid for all year and not limited by day or time. Participating high school students can also opt to receive a youth BART ticket to enhance their travel options.

Measure BB provided \$15 million for this three-year pilot program,” said Alameda CTC Executive Director Arthur L. Dao. “We will be working to secure grants and build partnerships with the goal of implementing a student transit pass program beyond this scope, using the lessons learned through the implementation and evaluation of the pilot program.”

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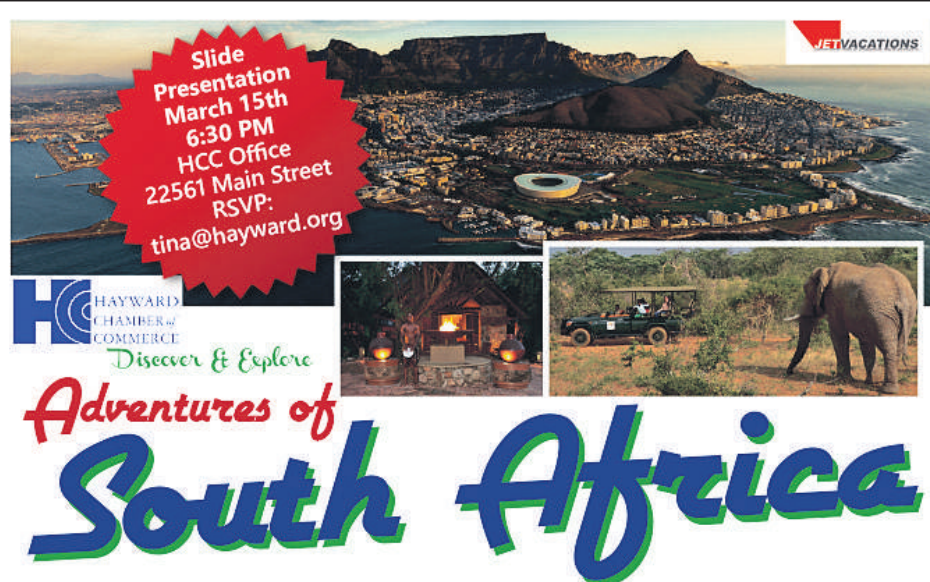
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Charges filed in 1980s cold case killings

SUBMITTED BY
GENEVA BOSQUES,
FREMONT PD

A combination of diligent work by Fremont Police Department detectives and new DNA evidence has resulted in charges being filed in a 1986 double homicide in Fremont. On Friday, March 2, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office filed criminal charges against David Emery Misch, 57, for the 1986 Fremont homicide of Michelle Xavier and Jennifer Duey.



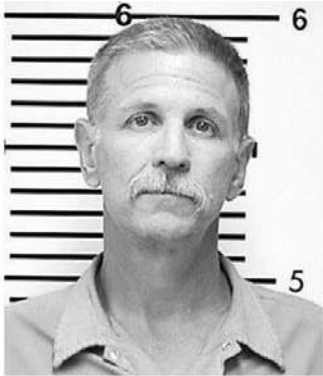
Michelle Xavier

The two best friends were found dead shortly after midnight along the side of Mill Creek Road, a little more than a mile east of Mission Boulevard. A motorcyclist driving on Mill Creek Road



Jennifer Duey

discovered the bodies and called police. The women had been shot and stabbed. Xavier was 18-years-old, and Jennifer Duey was 20-years-old. Over 32 years several Fremont



David Emery Misch
(Recent photo taken at Folsom State Prison)

Police Detectives invested many hours looking into the case and investigating leads that didn't pan out. In August 2017 Fremont Police Department Cold Case Detective Jacob Blass presented the case and new DNA evidence

to the District Attorney's Office. Over the course of the next several months, detectives continued working on the case and re-interviewed witnesses, family members and, combined with DNA evidence, were led to suspect David Emery Misch who is currently incarcerated and serving 18 years to life for a 1989 homicide that occurred in Alameda County.

Misch will face charges in the Fremont case in Alameda County. Meanwhile, anyone who has information that may be helpful in the case is asked to contact the Fremont Police Department Investigative Unit at (510) 790-6900 or send an email to coldcasedetective@fremont.gov.

Police warn of 'Brushing Scam'

SUBMITTED BY
CAPTAIN CHOMNAN LOTH,
NEWARK PD

Beware of random packages left at your door. That the word from Newark Police Department officials.

In what is being called as "Brushing," third-party retailers are buying their own products — using victims' names and addresses to appear as independent customers — to leave a glowing five-star review of their product online.

While it may seem harmless to receive random packages, some online retailers are using your personal information to review their products. What's more concerning is that it might not be brushing; you could potentially be a victim of account takeover. This is where

hackers use information exposed in a data breach to hack your account

What can be done? Police advise citizens that any time they receive something that is not theirs, contact the entity directly to identify where the order originated. That could help catch fraud in the act. They also advise citizens to always be sure to visit only trusted websites when shopping online.



Union City Police Log

SUBMITTED BY LT. MATIAS PARDO,
UNION CITY PD

Thursday, March 1

- At around 4:40 p.m. Officer Blanchard made a traffic stop near Industrial Parkway and Whipple road. A computer check showed the vehicle was stolen out of Hayward. A search of the vehicle turned up methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, items indicative of sales, a shaved key, and numerous credit cards and checks that did not belong to either occupant. The first suspect, identified by police as Luis Romero, 52, of Hayward, was arrested on suspicion of vehicle theft, possession of burglary tools, and various drug-related offenses. The second suspect, identified by police as Vanessa Santoyo, 34, of Hayward, was arrested on suspicion of vehicle theft, the misappropriation of found property, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Saturday, March 3

- Around midnight Officer Olson made a vehicle stop near Amaral Street and Pratt Avenue. A search of the vehicle turned up a large amount of methamphetamine and evidence indicative of sales. The suspect, identified by police as Ronald Ledesma, 39, of Union City, was arrested.

- Around 2:20 a.m. officers were dispatched to Union Landing shopping center on the report of a suspicious vehicle. A female suspect ran from officers when they attempted to contact her. After apprehension, she lied about her identity, and was found to be in possession of numerous checks, ID cards, and documents that did not belong to her. The suspect, identified by police as Daniela Rodriguez, 23, of Union City, was arrested on suspicion of forgery, possessing stolen property, resisting police, giving false ID to an officer, and three active warrants.

Sunday, March 4

- Around 2 p.m. Officer Bellotti located a stolen vehicle near Alvarado Niles Road and Decoto Road. The suspect, identified by police as Roman Navarro, 24, of Newark, was arrested on suspicion of vehicle theft and possessing burglary tools.
- Around 6:15 p.m. Officer Parodi was dispatched to the 1700 block of Decoto Road on the report of a robbery. Several suspects entered a business and forcefully stole a victim's laptop, then fled on foot. A witness followed them to the BART station and detained them until police arrived. The laptop was recovered and returned to the victim. A 13-year-old male from Hayward, 15-year-old male from Oakland, and 14-year-old male from San Pablo were all arrested on suspicion of robbery and conspiracy and released to adults with a Notice to Appear.

Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving

SUBMITTED BY SGT. BRYAN
HINKLEY, MILPITAS PD

St. Patrick's Day is one of the most popular holidays in the United States. With a plethora of Irish immigrants — and many, many more St. Patrick's Day well-wishers, the holiday is heavily celebrated by most Americans with friendly pinches, bangers n' mash, and green beer galore. Sadly, all this merry-making can lead to dangerous driving conditions as party-goers head home.

In 2016 alone, 60 people were killed in drunken-driving crashes over the St. Patrick's Day holiday period nationwide. For this reason, the Milpitas Police Department is working to spread the message about the dangers of drunken driving and reminding citizens who are going out to celebrate to plan and drive safely.

This weekend, the Milpitas Police Department will deploy additional officers on special DUI Saturation Patrols specifically to stop and arrest drivers showing signs of alcohol or drug impairment during the hours of 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. each day.

Police, Sheriff and the CHP will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment. When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving, which now accounts for a growing number of impaired driving crashes.

In recent years, California has seen an increase in drug-impaired driving crashes. The Milpitas Police Department supports the new effort from the Office of Traffic Safety that aims to educate all drivers that "DUI Doesn't Just Mean Booze." If you take prescription drugs, particularly those with a driving or operating machinery warning on the label, you

might be impaired enough to get a DUI. Marijuana use can also be impairing, especially in combination with alcohol or other drugs, and can result in a DUI.

Remember: It's not just about you. There are other people on the roads who want to get where they are going safely. Don't let alcohol and or drug impairment cause you to be a risk to yourself and others on the road. Impaired driving is an act of selfishness. Before you put your keys in the ignition, remind yourself: Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving. If you feel a buzz, you are in no shape to drive.

Here are suggestions for safe alternatives to drinking and driving:

- Always remember to plan. If you plan to drink, plan for a sober driver to take you home. Is it your turn to be the designated driver? Take that role seriously — your friends are relying on you.

- There are many other ways to ensure a safe ride home besides relying on a friend. The OTS DDVIP app is now available for free download on iOS and Android devices. The app offers enhanced features, allowing users to search all participating bars and restaurants throughout California. Additionally, the app users can easily order a sober ride from Uber, Lyft or Curb.

- Use your community's sober ride program.

- Have a friend who is about to drink and drive? Take the keys away and make arrangements to get them home safely.

- Always remember to report drunk drivers — call 911.

This enforcement effort is funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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- No animal sales (non-profit humane organization adoptions accepted)
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38991 Farwell Dr., Fremont
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www.fremontcoinclub.org
510-792-1511

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Fremont-Newark-Union City
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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

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Drive seniors to appts/errands
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vdraeseke@fremont.gov
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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

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

Supporting the Fremont Symphony Orchestra for 50 years! FREMONT SYMPHONY GUILD

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Basic Repairs - Brakes, Gears & Tune Ups! Learn how to build a Bicycle. Volunteer as a workshop repair person. We appreciate Donations!
Larry Ordzco
Teen Workshop
33623 Mission Blvd., Union City
510-675-5482

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SINCE 1978
Meets 2nd Thurs. each month 7pm
Cultural Arts Center
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Everyone is welcome. Beginners to Advanced. For questions or more information: www.fremontstampclub.org/ or call Dave: 510-487-5288

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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
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Contact us at: funprogressives@gmail.com

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Learn the process of homeownership
Down Payment Assistance
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22693 Hesperian Blvd. #150
Hayward, CA 94541
Register: www.a1chs.org
Call: 510-674-9227

Celebrate Re-naming UC Teen Workshop to Larry Orozco Teen Workshop

Family Friends, Pot Luck, Music & Stories DJ Jose & DJ Extremo - Ollin Anahvac
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510-675-5495

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Docents & Volunteers needed for Various Activities throughout the year. Free professional Docent Training.
Please contact: Joan Serafino 510-795-0891

FREMONT PARKINSON’S SUPPORT GROUP

Fremont Senior Center
40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy.,Fremont
Meets 7pm Fourth Monday except in May, Aug & Dec
Join us for speakers and discussions with members
Call Bob Dickerson 510-552-1232
Barbara Degregorio 510-693-2884
d.degregorio@comcast.net

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

Flea Market Sat, April 14 9am-3pm

Hayward Veterans Bldg. 22737 Main St. Hayward
Hosted by AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
For more info contact Elizabeth Parshall 510-749-9733
Email: qnlizbeth@juno.com

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

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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.aachstricity.org
We welcome all new members

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

Pac Christi

A non-violent peace movement with study and action
Free meetings the 1st & 3rd Thursday each month
4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
(510) 862-2953
marykatesherbs@gmail.com

Scholarships for Women

Our Fremont PEO chapter sponsors scholarships for women entering college, earning another degree, or returning to school after 2+ years.
Low interest education loans. Apply online for these: www.peocalifornia.org
wordsmitt65@gmail.com for more 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

Are you or a loved one struggling with mental health challenges?

You are not alone. NAMI – The National Alliance on Mental Illness offers **Free, confidential classes and support groups**
We can help. Call Kathryn at (408) 422-3831
Leave message

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

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

Men’s Prostate Group

Join us for monthly support group
We discuss treatment options, medical break-throughs, and have informed speakers.
Meet at 6:30pm 2nd Tuesday of the month
St. Rose Hospital, Room B2, 27190 Calaroga Ave. Hayward.
Call Lonnie Silva for info 510-783-5121

FREE QUALITY INCOME TAX PREPARATION

By IRS-Certified Tax Preparers
\$54,000 or less annual household income. Other restrictions may apply.
Tri-City Volunteers
Use Thrift Store entrance
37350 Joseph St, Fremont
Mondays - thru April 16.
10am – 2pm
Drop-off service (basic returns only)
510.574.2020

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New Haven Adult School
600 G St, Union City
Saturdays - thru April 14.
10am – 1:30pm (Closed Mar 10)
Walk-in and self-prep services available
510.574.2020

2018 Walk to Cure Arthritis - Tri-Valley

Saturday, May 19th at LifeStyleRx
1119 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore
Registration 9:00 a.m.
Walk begins at 10:00 a.m.
1 or 3 mile options,
Post-Walk BBQ, Expo,
Raffle Prizes, Kids Zone,
Canine Corner
www.walktocurearthritis.org/Tri Valley or Call (415) 356-5484

SparkPoint Financial Services for Low-Income Residents FREE financial coaching & services

SparkPoint Info Session
3rd Thursday, 6-7pm
City of Fremont
Family Resource Center
39155 Liberty St, Rm #A120, Fremont
To register, call 574-2020
Fremont.gov/SparkPointFRC

Fremont Family Resource Center

24 agencies help Tri-City residents with employment, counseling, childcare subsidies, housing, legal, public benefits, health insurance, a drop-in childcare center & more.
M-F 8-5.
39155 Liberty St, Fremont
510.574.2000 or
Fremont.gov/FRC

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39155 Liberty St, Rm #H830 Fremont
Open now thru April 13.
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Fri: 10am - 1pm
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Newark Police Log

SUBMITTED BY
CAPTAIN CHOMNAN LOTH,
NEWARK PD

Sunday, March 4

• At 2:39 p.m. officers responded to a disturbance on the 6200 block of Mayhews Landing Road. A 46-year-old Newark man was arrested on suspicion of violating a restraining order and probation violation. The suspect was booked into the Santa Rita Jail.

Monday, March 5

• At 9:52 a.m. Officer R.

Johnson recovered a 1998 Honda reported stolen out of Fremont on Thornton Avenue at Locust Street.

• At 9:52 a.m. Community Service Officer Verandes recovered a 2015 Hyundai reported stolen out of Phoenix, Arizona, on the 36900 block of Locust Street.

• At 12:52 p.m. Officer Jackman investigated a theft where the victim was scammed out of \$1,550 when he tried to purchase a puppy online

Tuesday, March 6

• At 2:16 p.m. Officer Johnson contacted and arrested a 30-year-old Newark man on suspicion of driving on a suspended license, possession of

a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of false identification and possession of brass knuckles. A 28-year-old Newark woman was also arrested on suspicion of possessing burglary tools and permitting an unlicensed driver to operate her vehicle. Both suspects were booked into the Fremont Jail. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

Wednesday, March 7

• At 3:38 p.m.

Officer R. Johnson recovered a Honda Civic that was reported stolen out of Fremont on Locust Street at Thornton Avenue. The vehicle was released to the registered owner at the scene.

Fremont Police Log

SUBMITTED BY GENEVA
BOSQUES, FREMONT PD

Saturday, March 3

• Officers were dispatched to an address on Foxtail Terrace regarding a report of a female trying to stab someone inside a residence. The caller told dispatchers that the knife had been taken away from the suspect and the suspect was being held down. Arriving officers found that the suspect only brandished the knife toward some family members. The female was arrested and taken to Santa Rita Jail for booking.

• At 1:30 a.m. workers at the Safeway store in The Hub shopping center, called to report a male made his way into the crawl space in the ceiling of the business and had fallen partially through the ceiling. Arriving officers saw about 50 ceiling tiles on the floor that were damaged and/or smashed. Officers set up containment on the building and requested ladder and drone support from the Fremont Fire Department. Numerous public-address announcements were made inside the store, but the suspect continued to hide. After 45 minutes of searching, the suspect a 29-year-old man, was found lying in wait for police in a crawlspace. The man did not respond to police orders to come out, so officers used pepper balls to force him to crawl out. The

suspect caused an estimated \$20,000 to \$50,000 in damage to the ceiling and was charged with felony vandalism and commercial burglary. He was booked into Santa Rita jail.

Sunday, March 4

• Officer Godrich and Officer Latimer were dispatched to Denny's restaurant on Mission Boulevard in the Warm Springs area on a report of a nude man in the restaurant who was refusing to leave. The officers detained and later arrested the 57-year-old suspect on trespassing charges.

Monday, March 5

• An employee of a jewelry store activated the robbery panic alarm after a suspect, later identified as a 25-year-old man, entered the store and demanded a piece of jewelry. The man left the store after the employee told him they were calling the police. Officers arrived on scene and detained the man and another subject, based on the matching description. After investigating further, it was determined no robbery took place. The man was arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

• At 11:01 a.m., Officer Trezwieczynski was dispatched to a report of vandalism at a business in the 39400 block of Fremont Boulevard. A person was seen throwing a vehicle wheel through a store front window. The suspect, identified by police as a 38-year-old man, was located, arrested and booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Auto theft suspects arrested

SUBMITTED BY
LT. JARED HERNANDEZ,
MILPITAS PD

During a routine mid-morning patrol through a residential neighborhood on Tuesday, Feb. 20, a sharp-eyed Milpitas Police officer spotted a suspicious vehicle driving along the 1800 Block of Vegas Avenue.

A computer check of the car's license plate showed that the 1997 Honda Accord had been reported stolen in San Jose. When the officer attempted to stop the car around 10 a.m., the driver sped away.

Soon, the driver, later identified by police as Michelle Lynn Rodriguez, 23, of San Jose, drove through a stop sign at Arizona Avenue and Dixon Road and lost control of the car which became disabled when it struck a street sign and tree before stopping.

Rodriguez and a passenger, later identified by police as Rudy Michael Cordero, 29, of San Jose exited the car and fled on foot with the officer right behind. Other officers responding to the area located and arrested Cordero in a nearby parking lot. Initially,



Rodriguez provided a false name to the officers, but she was ultimately identified.

A check showed that Rodriguez was on probation in Santa Clara County for narcotic offenses and theft. She also had two outstanding warrants for her arrest for narcotic offenses and two counts of auto theft. She was booked into the Santa Clara County main jail

on suspicion of possessing a stolen vehicle, possession of stolen property, auto theft with priors, providing a false name to officers, resisting arrest, and her outstanding warrants.

Meanwhile, Cordero was booked into the Santa Clara County main jail on suspicion of possessing stolen property and resisting arrest.

St. 'Pitties' Day

SUBMITTED BY CHRIS GIN

Pitbulls and pitbill mixes can be some of the most loyal and friendly companions, but their too often undeserved reputations mean that they have a harder time finding a home. The result for the Hayward Animal Shelter is an overabundance of these wonderful animals.

So, this St. 'Pitties' Day; come out to the Shelter and find a new friend! Qualified homes may adopt for only \$20 per dog, which includes spay/neuter, vaccinations, and microchip. (Hayward residents have to pay an additional \$17 licensing fee.) Sponsored by Hayward Animal Shelter Volunteers and SantaCon.

St. Pitties Adoption Day
Saturday, Mar 17
1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Hayward Animal Shelter
16 Barnes Ct, Hayward

For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/haywardanimalshelter>

Garments, backpack donations benefit human trafficking victims

SUBMITTED BY STEVE KAY

In recognition of Human Trafficking month in January, volunteers from Fremont Elks Lodge No 2121 drew attention to the problem of sexual violence and human trafficking in the San Francisco Bay Area by sharing informational brochures and collecting clothing, backpacks and other items to help victims of sexual violence.

The California Bay Area freeways throughout San Francisco, Alameda and Sacramento counties are one of the most active transportation corridors for human trafficking. When a raid is conducted by the Alameda County Sheriff's Department to rescue victims of human trafficking, the victims' only possessions are often just the clothes on their back. Or, when a victim of sexual assault enters a Sexual Assault Response Team

(SART) facility for an examination, they often surrender their clothing for forensic evidence. The victims often only have paper examination gowns to wear home.

As part of their effort, Elks Lodge Activities Committee members placed a donation bin in the lobby of their building so that members could donate new

clothing to a "Pack-it-Forward" project spearheaded by the Grateful Garment Project, an organization that strives to help sexually exploited children and other sex trafficking victims. The Activities Committee received an Elks 150th Anniversary Grant to fund this project.

The goal was to fill 25 backpacks by the end of January. Among the items needed

to fill the backpacks were sweat pants or pajama bottoms, sweatshirts, sports bras, underwear, T-shirts, socks/booties, flip flops or slip-on sandals, small blankets, and various gift cards.

The Elks Lodge members and community paid it forward by donating seven large boxes filled with new backpacks, clothing and toiletries. This was enough to fill 25 backpacks. The Fremont Elks made a difference by providing these items to help make sexual exploitation victims be as comfortable as possible, and to help restore some of their well-deserved dignity after their traumatic experience.

More information about the Grateful Garments Project is available by visiting their website at <http://gratefulgarment.org>.



The Future of Autonomous Cars



THE ROBOT REPORT

By Oliver Mitchell

I recently chaired a UJA Federation of New York Tech Talk on “The Future of Autonomous Cars” with former General Motors Vice-Chairman Steve Girsky. The auto executive enthusiastically shared his vision for the next 15-to-25 years of driving – a congestion-free world of automated wheeled capsules zipping commuters to and from work.

Girsky stated that connected cars with safety assist (autonomy-lite) features are moving much faster toward mass adoption than fully autonomous vehicles (sans steering wheels and pedals). In his opinion, the largest roadblocks toward a consumer-ready robocar are the current technical inefficiencies of prototypes on the road today, which burn huge amounts of energy supporting enhanced computing and arrays of sensors. This makes the sticker price closer to a 1972 Ferrari than a 2018 Prius.

As main street adoption relies heavily on converting combustion engines to electric at accessible pricing, Girsky’s sentiment was shared by many CES 2018 participants. NVIDIA, the leading chip manufacturer for autonomous vehicles, unveiled its latest technology, Xavier, with auto industry partner Volkswagen in Las Vegas. Xavier promises to be 15 times more energy-efficient than previous chip generations delivering 30 trillion operations per second by wielding only 30 watts of power.

After the Xavier CES demonstration, Volkswagen CEO Herbert Diess exclaimed, “Autonomous driving, zero-emission mobility, and digital networking are virtually impossible without advances in AI and deep learning. Working with NVIDIA, the leader in AI technology, enables us to take a big step into the future.”

NVIDIA is becoming the industry standard as Volkswagen joins more than 320 companies and organizations working with the chip manufacturer on autonomous vehicles. While NVIDIA is leading the pack, Intel and Qualcomm are not far behind with their low-power solutions. Electric vehicle powerhouse Tesla is developing its own internal chip for the next generation of Autopilot. While these new chips represent a positive evolution in processors, there is still much work to be done as current self-driving prototypes require close to 2,500 watts per second.

The power-consumption problem was highlighted recently with a report published by the University of Michigan Center for Sustainable Systems. Its lead author, Greg Keoleian, questions whether the current autonomous car models will slow the overall adoption toward electric vehicles. Keoleian’s team simulated numerous self-driving Ford Fusion models with different-sized computer configurations and engine designs. In sharing his findings, Keoleian said, “We knew there was going to be a tradeoff in terms of the energy and greenhouse gas emissions associated with the equipment and the benefits gained from operational efficiency. I was surprised that it was so significant.”

Keoleian’s conclusions challenged the premise of self-driving cars accelerating the adoption of renewal energy. For years, the advocates of autonomous vehicles have claimed that smart driving will lead to a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions through the platooning of vehicles on highways and intersections; the decrease of aerodynamic drag on freeways, and the overall reduction in urban congestion.

However, the University of Michigan tests only showed a “six to nine percent net energy reduction” over the vehicle’s lifecycle when running on autonomy mode. This went down by five percent when using a large Waymo rooftop sensor package as it increased the aerodynamic drag. The report also stated that the greatest net efficiencies were in cars with gas drivetrains that benefit the most from smart driving. Waymo currently uses a hybrid Chrysler Pacifica to run its complex fusion of sensors and processing units.

Keoleian told IEEE Spectrum magazine that his modeling actually “overstates real impacts from future autonomous vehicles.” While he anticipates the reduction of computing and sensor drag, he is concerned that the impact of 5G communications has not been fully explored. The increased bandwidth will lead to greater data streams and boost power consumption for inboard systems and processors. In addition, he thinks that self-driving systems will lead to greater distances traveled as commuters move further away from city centers with the advent of easier commutes. Keoleian explains, “There could be a rebound effect. They could induce travel, adding to congestion and fuel use.” Koeleian points to a confusing conclusion by the U.S. National Renewable Energy Laboratory that presents two possible outcomes of full autonomy:

- A reduction in greenhouse emissions by sixty percent with greater ride sharing options
- An increase of two hundred percent with increased driving distances

According to Wilko Stark, Mercedes-Benz’s Vice President of Strategy, it only makes sense for autonomous vehicles to be electric as the increased power requirements will go to the computers instead of the motors. “To put such a system into a combustion-engined car doesn’t make any sense, because the fuel consumption will go up tremendously,” explains Stark.

Girsky shares Stark’s view, as he predicted that the first large scale use cases for autonomy will be fleets of souped-up golf carts running low speed pre-planned shuttle routes. Also, on view at CES were complimentary autonomous shared taxi rides around Las Vegas, courtesy of French startup Navya. Today, Navya boasts of 60 operating shuttles in more than 10 cities, including around the University of Michigan.

Fully autonomous cars might not be far behind, as Waymo has seen a 90 percent drop in component costs by bringing its sensor development in-house. The autonomous powerhouse recently passed the 4-million-mile marker on public roads and is planning on ditching its safety driver later this year in its Phoenix, Arizona test program.

According Dmitri Dolgov, Vice President of Waymo’s Engineering, “Sensors on our new generation of vehicles can see farther, sharper, and more accurately than anything available on the market. Instead of taking components that might have been designed for another application, we engineered everything from the ground up, specifically for the task of Level 4 autonomy.”

With increased roadside fatalities and rising CO2 emissions, the world can’t wait too much longer for affordable, energy-efficient autonomous transportation. Girsky and others remind us there is still a long road ahead, while the industry experts estimate that the current gas-burning Waymo Chrysler Pacifica cruising around Arizona costs more than one hundred times the sticker price of the minivan. I guess until then there is always Citibike.

Courtesy of The Robot Report. For more information, visit www.therobotreport.com.

Milpitas City Council

March 6, 2018

Presentations:

- Proclaim March 2018 as Youth Arts Month. Eileen Beckley of the Santa Clara County Office of Education received proclamation.
- Proclaim the week of March 12 as Science Fair Week. Forrest Williams of Santa Clara Valley Science & Engineering Fair Association received proclamation.
- Swear in new City Manager Julie Edmonds-Mares.

Public Forum:

- Rob Means said that the Council is giving him hope for the future; he’s pleased with their work rolling out a new recycling system, working with Silicon Valley Clean Energy, and helping to reduce co2 emissions.
- Voltaire Montemayor welcomed as new City Manager.
- Tom Valore pleaded for the Council to start taking the lead on the issue of gun control.
- Joseph Weinstein demanded an apology from Councilmember Anthony Phan for his outburst at a City Council meeting last February.

Public Hearing:

- Deny appeal of Planning Commission decision to approve Conditional Use Permit to allow a 2,904 square foot grocery store within an existing commercial building at 380 S. Main Street. Motion Passed 3 - 0. (Recusal, Grilli and Barbadillo)

Ordinance:

- Amend Milpitas Municipal Code relating to denial, suspension, or revocation of city business licenses.

Unfinished Business:

- Per request of Councilmember Barbadillo, approve staff time to study retail and commercial spaces in the midtown and transit specific plan areas.

- Per request of Councilmember Barbadillo, hear proposal to zone Main Street commercial-only.

Reports of Officers:

- Per request of Councilmember Barbadillo, authorize staff time to analyze potential affordable housing options on existing developed land. Council voted to gather information.
- Per request of Councilmember Nuñez, authorize staff time to analyze request for a letter of support for San Jose City Council’s opposition to a proposed land use ballot measure regarding Evergreen Senior Housing.

New Business:

- Authorize a budget appropriation of \$18,392 for Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) training.
- Consider directing staff to submit a letter requesting the Bay Area Air Quality Management District not approve the Landfill Vertical Expansion Permit application permit for Newby Island Landfill.

Consent Calendar:

- Approve estimated \$62,958 grant funds for Alviso Adobe, Interior Restoration, Project.
- Adopt annual levy and collection of assessments for landscaping and lighting maintenance assessment District No. 98-1, Sinclair Horizon.
- Adopt annual levy and collection of assessments for landscaping and lighting and maintenance assessment district no. 95-1, McCarthy Ranch.
- Direct staff to fly the Vietnamese heritage and freedom flag at Cesar Chavez Plaza and host a flag raising ceremony.

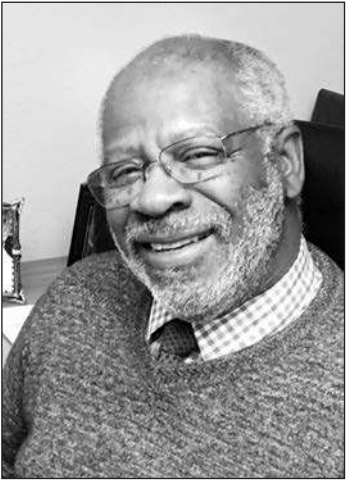
Mayor Rich Tran	Aye
Vice Mayor Marsha Grilli	
Aye, 1 Recusal	
Anthony Phan	Aye
Garry Barbadillo	Aye,
1 Recusal	
Bob Nuñez	Aye

New Haven Superintendent Smith honored

SUBMITTED BY
ALAMEDA COUNTY OFFICE
OF EDUCATION

At the start of Black History Month, on February 8th in Union City, New Haven Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Arlando Smith was honored by State Senator Bob Wieckowski with an African American Heritage Leadership Award for his positive contributions to the Union City community. In recognition, Alameda County Superintendent of Schools L. Karen Monroe offered the following statement:

“Dr. Smith is a cherished educational leader in Alameda County and throughout our region and state. He is an invaluable voice for students, staff, and community members, consistently focusing his efforts and that of his colleagues on



embracing the well-being of all students. Dr. Smith is committed to equipping students, including the most vulnerable, and those who serve them, with the tools to thrive. Senator Wieckowski’s African American Heritage Leadership Awards are a testament to servant leadership, something that Dr. Smith embodies every day.”

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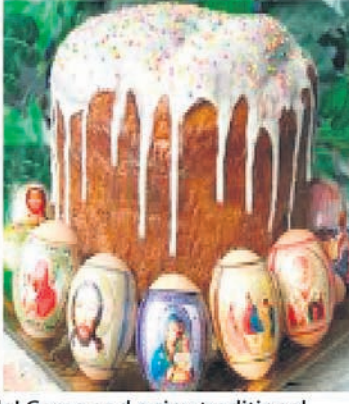
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