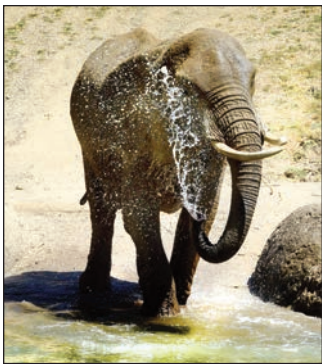




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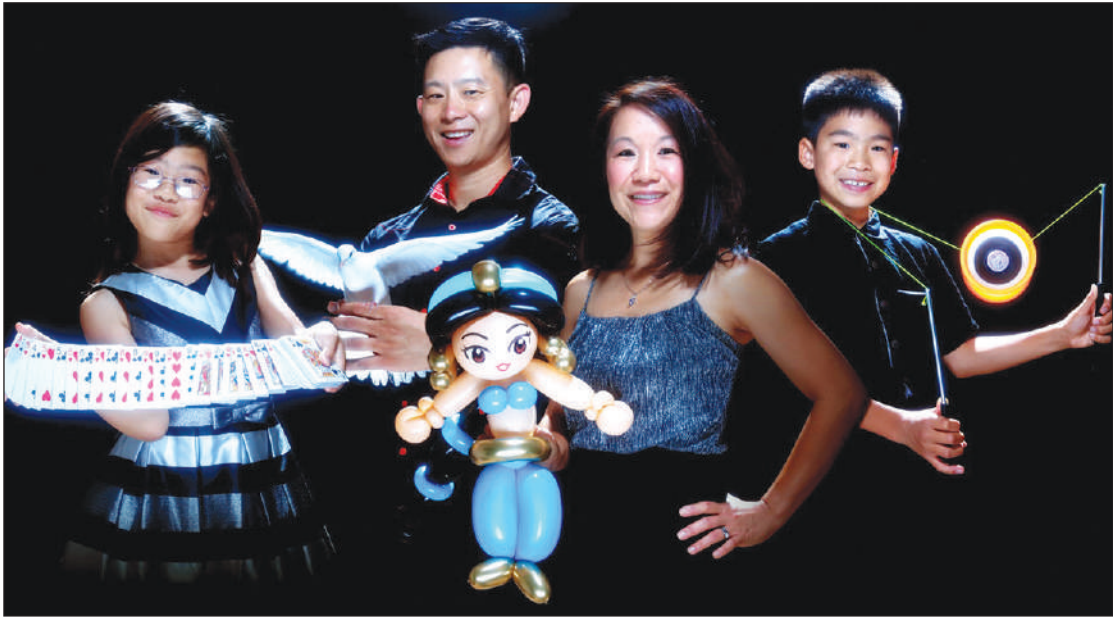
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For the seventh time, Chabad of Fremont will celebrate the first night of the eight-day Chanukah holiday on Sunday, December 22 by lighting a giant Hanukkah Menorah at Fremont's City Hall, followed

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Local family magician troupe members have tricks up their sleeves



BY ALFRED HU

The skilled Chan family magicians are keen on entertaining the public with various tricks guaranteed to leave the audience in wonder. So what tricks does this Fremont family have up their sleeves, and what is the story behind them?

Dan Chan became interested in magic while watching David Copperfield as a child and learned to juggle at a UC Riverside juggling club. “I learned one rubber-band trick that was done by Copperfield on television,” he recalled. “And when I knew I could do the same tricks, I was, like, ‘Hey, I’m getting super good at this.’” He later picked up new tricks and skills as he worked odd jobs such as sailing instructor, lifeguard and ski instructor. During this period, he attended magic conventions and lectures at Misdirections Magic Shop in San Francisco to learn how to grow his repertoire of tricks.

As his interest in being a professional magician developed, Chan slowly transitioned to performing

full time. He began as a street magician and got his first paid gig of ten dollars back in 1999 by twisting balloons at a party. Determined to push his magician career further, he performed at dinner shows and venues around the world as well as at corporate events at Google and Yahoo. He perfected tricks such as pick-pocketing by making his “victims” as relaxed as possible, swiping their valuables without their knowledge, and later freaking them out by producing the stolen object. He can also do tricks using an iPhone, getting the participant to choose a card at random and then pulling a physical version of that card from the screen.

Chan also has a few favorite acts. “One of the specific effects that I enjoy performing is my signature card effect where a spectator signs their card, and it magically appears again and again in various impossible places. It apparently rematerializes in my pocket, in my wallet, across the

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Diabetes Health Fair Provides Education and Tips

Washington Hospital's 11th annual Diabetes Health Fair was a rousing success with 93 individuals taking advantage of the free cholesterol and glucose screenings, according to Washington Hospital Community Outreach Manager, Lucy Hernandez.

More than 100 people attended the free Nov. 9 event which featured presentations by Hospital personnel who specialize in diabetes treatment. In addition to the screenings, more than 50 people received a free diabetic foot exam. Regarding the foot exam, one participant said: "As a diabetic, I learned it is important to seek medical attention when there are wounds on my feet."

The purpose of the health fair, in addition to providing free screenings, is to educate the public about diabetes, Hernandez said. Every three years, Washington Hospital participates in a countywide community health needs assessment with other health care agencies. Diabetes always ranks very high in the community's health assessment. Hernandez notes that Alameda County lists 6.6 percent of the adults in the county as having diabetes.

Dr. Prasad V. Katta, an endocrinologist and medical director of the Hospital's Diabetes Program, urged attendees to become active participants in managing their disease. His key points included: Know what the healthy blood pressure range is for you and check it regularly at home. If your blood pressure is higher than it should be, schedule an appointment right away. Don't wait for your next scheduled exam. Do the same for your cholesterol levels. If you are having difficulty controlling your cholesterol, ask for more frequent checks so you can stay on top of it.

Dr. Jack Rose, a Washington Hospital neurologist and cerebrovascular disease specialist, and Luanne Sadueste, RN, inpatient diabetes educator, discussed the significant connection between diabetes and strokes. They emphasized the need to control glucose and blood pressure.

They also shared a simple way to recognize a potential stroke is BEFAST: Balance, Eyes (vision loss in one or both eyes), Face (uneven smile), Arms (weakness or inability to hold one out in front of you), Speech (slurred), Time (don't waste time getting care—call 9-1-1).



Dr. Prasad Katta, medical director of the Diabetes Program at Washington Hospital, offered excellent advice at recent Diabetes Health Fair.

Dr. Amir Dastgah, a podiatrist, discussed the importance of foot care with diabetes, explaining that improper foot care can be as dangerous as issues with glucose or blood pressure. Diabetes can cause nerve damage and interfere with blood circulation to the feet. Dr. Dastgah emphasized the need to check feet daily to recognize changes. Even an ingrown toenail or a cut on the foot can lead to serious problems. He told the audience to see a podiatrist as soon as any foot concerns are recognized.

Also participating in the health fair were experts offering information about community resources and the most updated diabetes equipment. A Washington Hospital nutritionist shared the latest information on plant-based foods and low-carb products as well as some recipes.

Comments from participants were very positive, Hernandez said. Some examples of goals set were:

- "To improve my health I will eat wisely, exercise more and check with my doctor regularly."
- "I commit to taking care of myself with the guidelines presented in the lectures."
- "I will pay more attention to my lab results and my feet."

The presentations by the medical staff will soon be available on InHealth, a Washington Hospital channel (Comcast Channel 78), online at www.whhs.com/inhealthtv and on www.youtube.com/whhsInHealth.

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	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
	12/17/19	12/18/19	12/19/19	12/20/19	12/21/19	12/22/19	12/23/19
12:00 PM 12:00 AM	Diabetes Matters: Asian Fusion	Mental Health Education Series: Anxiety Disorders	Voices InHealth: Antimicrobial Stewardship	Diabetes Matters: Latin Foods	Healthy Gut, Healthy You	Gastrointestinal Disorders	Hepatitis B and Liver Cancer: Prevention and Treatment
12:30 PM 12:30 AM	Early Detection and Prevention of Female Cancers		Women's Health through the Years: Screening is Key to Aging Well	Aortic Valve Disease: Treatment Options Including TAVR			
1:00 PM 1:00 AM		Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting November 13, 2019		Mental Health Education Series: Family Support	Suffer From Sinus Problems?	How to Prevent Financial Elder Abuse/Fraud	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 11, 2019
1:30 PM 1:30 AM	Mental Health Education Series: Understanding Psychotic Disorders		Diabetes Matters: Filipino Food Made Healthy				
2:00 PM 2:00 AM		Colon Cancer		Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting November 13, 2019	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes & Eyes	Vitamins & Supplements: How Useful Are They?	Mental Health Education Series: Crisis Intervention
2:30 PM 2:30 AM	Updated Treatments for Knee Pain & Arthritis		Palliative Care Series: Interfaith Discussions on End of Life Topics				
3:00 PM 3:00 AM		Food Pharmacy: Prescription for Colon Health		Obesity: Understand the Causes, Consequences & Prevention	Women's Health Conference: Women & Stroke: Are You at Risk?	Caregiver Series: Codependency and the Caregiver	Chronic Kidney Disease: FAQ
3:30 PM 3:30 AM	Solutions for Weight Management		Respiratory Health and Diseases				
4:00 PM 4:00 AM		Strategies to Reduce the Risk of Cancer Recurrence		Symptoms of Thyroid Problems	Stop Diabetes Before It Starts	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 11, 2019	Stress Management
4:30 PM 4:30 AM	11th Annual Women's Health Conference: Patient's Playbook		Family Caregiver Series: Mindfulness Meditation for the Caregiver				
5:00 PM 5:00 AM		Skin Health: Skin Cancer & Fountain of Youth		Keeping Your Brain Healthy	Diabetes Matters: Asian Indian Cooking	Learn the Latest Treatment Options for GERD	How to Sleep Your Way to Better Health
5:30 PM 5:30 AM	Sports Medicine Program: Nutrition & Athletic Performance		Mental Health Education Series: Understanding Mood Disorders				
6:00 PM 6:00 AM		Diabetes Matters: Diabetes: Is There an App for That?		Metabolic Disorders	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes and Kidney Health	Women's Health Conference: Quality of Life Before and After Cosmetic Surgery	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes and Your Heart
6:30 PM 6:30 AM	How To Stop Disease Before It Starts		Latest Treatment Options for Wound Care				
7:00 PM 7:00 AM		Sick Feet?		Crohn's & Colitis	Diabetes Matters: Type 1.5 Diabetes	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes and Kidney Health	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes and Your Heart
7:30 PM 7:30 AM	Advance Care Planning: Five Wishes		Diabetes Matters: Exercise IS Medicine				
8:00 PM 8:00 AM		Women's Health: Depression: More Than a State of Mind		Balance & Falls Prevention	Diabetes Matters: Type 1.5 Diabetes	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes and Kidney Health	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes and Your Heart
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Pros and Cons of Technology Toys and Screen Time for Children

In previous decades, children’s holiday wish lists were filled with things like building blocks, dolls, books and bikes. But these days, many of the most popular requests are technology based – such as internet-connected smart toys, electronic learning devices, video games, tablets and cell phones. While some technology toys and devices can be useful teaching tools, there are dangers of which parents should be aware.

“Technology and internet-related toys are a vital part of today’s society because we live in a time of rapid technological evolution,” said Dr. Harpreet Singh, a board-certified family medicine physician with Washington Township Medical Foundation. “However, while there are some advantages to children having all this information readily available at their fingertips, it can also have a detrimental impact on their physical and emotional health.”

Problems begin when media use takes the place of physical activity, hands-on play and face-to-face social interaction in the real world—which is critical to learning. “Excessive media can stunt a young child’s growth,” noted Dr. Singh. “Children are supposed to get stimulation from their physical environment and through interaction with family and peers. When they spend too much time looking at a screen, they miss out on learning social skills such as communicating through facial expressions, tone of voice and other nonverbal cues.”

In one study, brain scans showed reduced development in the areas dedicated to cognition and language in children who took part in large amounts of screen time versus those who read books. Dr. Singh is an advocate for literacy and has participated in community



While many technology-based activities can be educational, parents need to be aware of the negative impact of too much screen time.

programs that bring books to children. He also spends time with his pediatric patients and their parents discussing the importance of time spent reading to children when they’re young and having them read aloud to family members when they are older.

Dr. Singh also pointed out that older children who spend too much time on their devices accessing social media, experience higher levels of anxiety and a need for instant gratification. “Being able to connect to their peers instantly, anytime during the day and night, creates a constant sense of urgency to read and respond to messages, and a lack of patience when they do not get a reply.” Studies also show there is a release of dopamine in the brain when someone gets an online response that makes them happy, and that

this can lead to an addiction to checking their device.

Another problem with too much technology exposure is that it often results in lack of physical activity which can lead to poor health. “Research has shown that up to 80 percent of adolescents may be suffering as a result of decreased physical activity,” said Dr. Singh. “We are seeing more incidence of early-onset diabetes, high cholesterol and obesity in children due to physical inactivity.”

While it’s clear too much screen time can be a detriment, there are also benefits to technology toys that can help educate a child and spur their creativity. Numerous interactive toys for children ages 18 months to 5 years use lights and sounds to teach colors, letters and numbers. As children age, online games

and internet-connected toys get more sophisticated and keep them engaged as they learn about math, science, language and geography. These resources and devices can be effective when used in moderation and in conjunction with personal adult interaction.

For parents wondering how much screen time is appropriate, Dr. Singh recommended the American Academy of Pediatrics’ (AAP) guidelines for media use in children. These guidelines include:

- For children younger than 18 months, avoid use of screen media other than video chatting
- Parents of children 18 to 24 months who want to introduce digital media should choose high-quality programming and watch it with their children
- Limit screen use for children ages 2 to 5 years to one hour per day with parents co-viewing to help explain what is showing and apply it to the world around them
- For children ages 6 and older, place limits on time spent using media and make sure it does not take the place of sleep, physical activity and other behaviors essential to health. Designate media-free times like dinner, and media-free locations like bedrooms.
- Maintain ongoing communication regarding family rules for screen time

Dr. Singh is a Fremont native and Washington High School graduate who returned to serve his home community after completing medical school and residency. For more information about Dr. Singh, visit www.mywtmf.com or call to schedule an appointment: 510.248.1065.



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room, behind a window, or even on the spectator's phone. This classic effect is performed by many magicians, but I have put a lot of my style on it," said Chan. He added, "I immensely enjoy the opportunity of performing magic for intimate groups of people - up close, in their hands, and right under their noses. It's especially satisfying when I fool the highly analytical tech professionals who love to reverse engineer things."

Chan says being a magician is a full-time job requiring long days and late nights, and he is often busy scheduling shows and working on new tricks when he's not performing. In addition to the heavy time commitment, "Every show has its challenges ranging from timing issues to allow for company speeches, challenging room layouts, dealing with not necessarily unruly, but instead inquisitive spectators." Chan adds, "Occasionally we're requested to perform in between speeches or award ceremonies, which is challenging as it breaks up the flow of our show, and we need to adjust accordingly."

Now a seasoned magician, Chan is even turning down some gigs in favor of helping other magicians interested in learning new tricks of the trade. However, he doesn't pass up the big ticket events such as performing for corporate executives.

Magic in the Chan family doesn't stop with Dan. Dan's wife, Katherine, is a talented balloon artist and can skillfully craft various objects on the spot from a photograph! Her creations

have included motorcycles, airplanes, floats, superheroes and many more. At one time, Pinterest commissioned her to



make a version of their company logo over 6ft (2 meters) high to welcome company employees.

Other magicians of the Chan family are children James and Grace. James, who learned from his father, can juggle flaming torches or five balls effortlessly. Also like his father, he is skilled at pick pocketing and adept at memorizing a deck of playing cards after they are shuffled. He once performed a sleight-of-hand trick for adults while dad did a set for children. After many challenges James finally became a paid magician of the family's magic troupe. Besides receiving training from dad, James also trained at the San Francisco Circus Center and was coached by many world class magicians and jugglers. As for what James enjoys most, Chan said, "He especially loves getting the opportunity to really fool

[people] hard because truthfully, who would think a kid would be able to fool an engineer when an effect is being performed up that close? I may be biased, but James is phenomenal!" James will perform some of his gigs on an upcoming show on ABC at 8 p.m. on December 22, 2019.

Daughter Grace is skilled in math and memory tricks and has been known to transform five

While hard work and dedication are required for the magic trade, Chan says that the rewards of being a successful magician are numerous. Among them are bringing a sense of wonder to those who feel they can't be fooled anymore and catching them off guard, making the audience smile and forget their daily cares. Being able to perform at events and galas

that one would not be able to attend otherwise is another potential perk that magicians look forward to.

If you're interested in launching a career as a magician, Chan's advice is to not only perform in front of a mirror and watch videos but also attend live shows and perform as much as possible in front of a live audience. That way you can get immediate feedback by seeing the audience reaction. You should also find a great mentor and surround yourself with people who are passionate about the trade, bouncing your ideas off other magicians as well as learning how to budget, market, finance, build a website, communicate effectively, and successfully run a business, which is a challenge of its own.

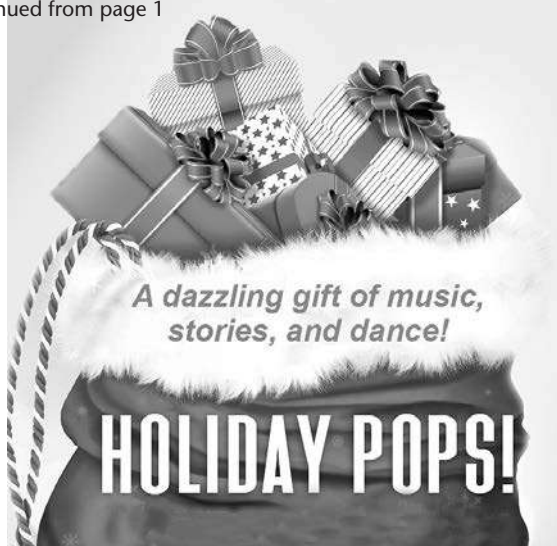
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\$1 bills into five \$100 bills. So if you're short on cash perhaps Grace can come to the rescue. Also, like her brother James, she can skillfully juggle multiple balls. As to Grace's favorite tricks, Chan said, "She loves working in tandem with both me and James. Her favorite trick is one of our signature effects that involves a spectator's signed card that travels across a room and ends up in her mouth."

Chan loves performing with his family and said, "I want to have a ticketed dinner show where people come to see me and getting to a point where they always sell out." The Chan family troupe has upcoming performances in Jackson Hole (December 29, 2019), Pebble Beach (December 31, 2019), Columbus (January 17, 2020) and Las Vegas (March 11, 2020).



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Lights are sparkling, nights are growing longer, and the holidays are practically here. It's time to celebrate! The Fremont Symphony is inviting you to "Holiday POPS!"—a gift you can open the weekend before Christmas—on Saturday, December 21st at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 22nd

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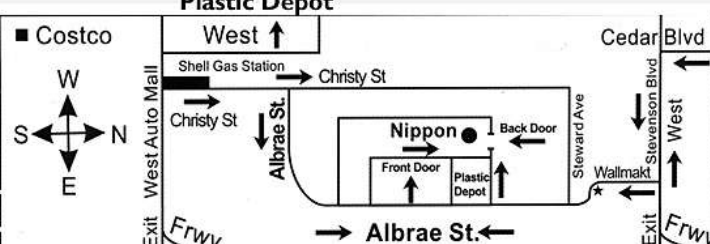
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Menorah of warmth to light up Fremont City Hall



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Starting at 4:00 p.m. the ceremony, organized by Chabad of Fremont, will be attended by Fremont city officials and will feature authentic snow, a craft corner, music, and a free raffle. Following the menorah lighting, attendees will be able to enjoy traditional jelly donuts, hot chocolate, coffee and treats.

The two-hour event is free and open to the public. Those

attending are invited to bring coats, scarves, gloves and hats that will be donated to people in need.

"The menorah serves as a symbol of Fremont's dedication to preserve and encourage the right and liberty of all its citizens to worship G d freely, openly, and with pride. This is true especially in America, a nation that was founded upon and vigorously protects the right of every person to practice his or her religion

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Chabad of Fremont offers Jewish education, outreach and social service programming for families and individuals of all ages, backgrounds and affiliations. For more information, contact Rabbi Fuss at rabbi@chabadfremont.com or visit the Chabad of Fremont website at www.chabadfremont.com.

Menorah Lighting

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Plant 13 trees

SUBMITTED BY TEJINDER DHAMI

On November 22, members of the bay area Sikh Community, Vice Mayor Raj Salwan, Councilmember Rick Jones, Human Relations Commissioner Tejinder Dhama, and Parks Director Suzanne Wolfe gathered to plant thirteen trees in Old Mission San Jose Park. Fremont city staff were able to find a location that needed more trees. Old Mission San Jose Park is a place where many young folks and seniors gather, but there is a lack of trees and some needed replacement. The trees were paid for by the Fremont Gurdwara, and Bay Area Sikh community.

Human Relations Commissioner Tejinder Dhama said, "The trees were planted in memory

of the 550th Birth Anniversary of the founder of Sikhism Guru Nanak Dev Ji. Thirteen is an auspicious number in the Sikh religion, and as such, thirteen trees were selected for the site." Suzanne Wolfe said that once fully grown, the trees will reach approximately 40 feet tall and provide shade to an area that sorely needs it.

Vice Mayor Raj Salwan said, "I am excited to support this community lead effort by the Sikh community, and would encourage everyone to support the effort of planting more trees in our beloved city. Not only is it great for our planet, but it provides valuable shade during hot weather."

Old Mission San Jose Park is located at 1000 Pine Street in the Mission San Jose District; everyone is welcome to visit and see the thirteen beautiful trees recently planted.

Toys needed for holiday season

SUBMITTED BY ROSE PADILLA JOHNSON

Davis Street is facing a severe toy shortage for the Holiday Basket program. Toys needed by age group include 389 for children ages 0-4, 429 for children ages 5-8, and 777 for children ages 9 and up. Age appropriate toys or gift cards are needed. You may drop off new, unwrapped toys, or gift cards by Friday, December 20, or donate online at <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/holidaybasket>.

Holiday Toy donation
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SUBMITTED BY LYN LEONE

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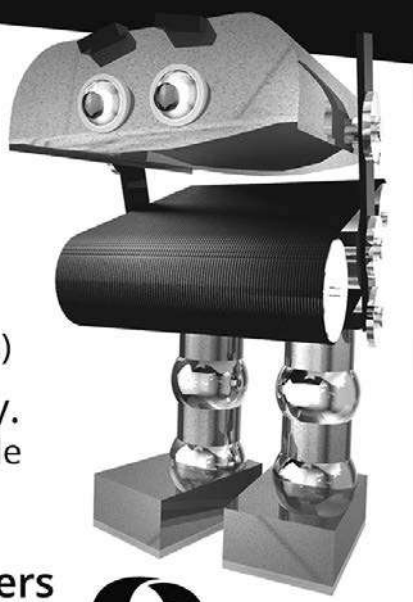
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City of Fremont
Holiday Closure

SUBMITTED BY CHERYL GOLDEN

The City of Fremont is implementing a holiday closure for many non-public safety city services from Monday, December 23, 2019 through Wednesday, January 1, 2020. The holiday closure is scheduled for December 23, December 26, December 27, and December 30, while city holidays are observed on December 24, December 25, and December 31 and January 1, 2020. City offices participating in the holiday closure will re-open for business Thursday, January 2, 2020. This closure will not affect police and fire services.

During the Holiday Closure:

• Parks and Recreation Registration Desk, 3300 Capitol Avenue, Building B will be open for walk-in registration of recreation programs from 8:30 a.m. to

- 5:00 p.m. on December 23, December 26, December 27, and December 30.
- All Community centers and recreation buildings will be closed December 24, December 25, and December 31 and January 1, 2020.
 - Human Services will provide limited services for Youth & Family Services, Family Resource Center, and Healthy Start Program.
 - Life Eldercare will provide limited services. Clients should contact (510) 574-2090 for additional information.
 - Afghan Elderly Association will provide limited services. Clients should contact their caseworker for additional information.
 - Covia/Home Match will be providing services as usual. For more information, call (510-574) 2173.
 - Regularly-scheduled street sweeping will occur on December 23, December 26, December 27, and December 30, weather permitting. No street sweeping on city-observed holidays. (We will make every effort to provide service on a different day. Contact the city’s

- maintenance division at (510) 979-5700 before the closure for your street’s make-up street sweeping date.)
- The Tri-City Animal Shelter will be closed on city-observed holidays and Animal Field Services will be limited.
 - Youth & Family Services will have on-call crisis counselors to respond to youth referred from the Alameda County Crisis Receiving Home.
 - Garbage, recycling, and yard waste collection by Republic Services for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday customers will be delayed one day due to holidays on December 25, 2019 and January 1, 2020. Monday and Tuesday collection will occur as scheduled during both weeks. Call (510) 657-3500 for more information.
 - The Fremont Tennis Center will be open for public play, weather permitting. There will be some limited holiday public hours; call (510) 790-5510 for more information.
- For more information, visit www.Fremont.gov/HolidayClosure or call (510) 284-4093.

ZiBo delegates meet with Fremont City Council



By STEPHANIE GERTSCH

On Friday, December 13, delegates from the city of ZiBo in the Shandong province of China met with Fremont Mayor Lily Mei and members of City Council in order to share details about the two cities’ cultures and economies with the goal of improving future international relations. Councilmember Yang Shao contributed translations during the meeting; Fremont Mayor Lily Mei and Henry Yin provided some of their own translations.

Henry Yin recalled when he visited ZiBo for the first time about two months ago, he was impressed with both the city’s 1,000-year-plus history and

their investment in emerging technologies. Yin said, “I found it to be a perfect match to the city of Fremont.” So, Yin was happy that Fremont was included as a stop on the delegation’s U.S. visit: “They only visited two or three stops actually in the U.S., and they chose Fremont as the only city in the Bay Area.” Their major objective is to build a relationship between Fremont and ZiBo, with hopes to become friendship cities in the future. Later in the meeting, Yin spoke about Fremont’s economic exchange with China.

Mayor Mei expressed how this meeting of culture’s is important given Fremont’s diversity, saying, “This is very important to the City of Fremont because our city

has 55 percent overall, and about 62 percent in the schools are Asian. I’m also privileged to let you know that I am the first woman mayor and the first Asian mayor for our city’s 63-year history. We are very fortunate to have such a diversity of cultures and heritages.” While Fremont is home to major companies such as Tesla and Facebook, in Mei’s words, the number one product that we produce is the people.”

Economic Development Director Christina Briggs gave an overview of Fremont’s economy. Fremont has a high median household income, high education level, and a low unemployment rate. As some of the major industries are biomedical, medical equipment,

and electronics manufacturing, Fremont often cooperates with Asian countries. Briggs also highlighted the three major zones for development: Warm Springs Innovation District, Ardenwood Technology Park, and Fremont Downtown.

In turn, Mr. Lu of the ZiBo delegation shared some of his city’s history and economics. In the past, China was divided into seven kingdoms, and the capitol of the Qi kingdom is actually located in modern-day ZiBo. Qi culture can be seen in both ZiBo and all of modern-day China. ZiBo’s history is so long that there is a joke that whenever there is heavy rains and flooding, people gather outside in the district that used to be the Qi

capitol to see if any artifacts have washed up. Historically, ZiBo’s major industries were ceramics, glass, and textiles. In modern times, new industries are evolving in ZiBo such as petrochemical, pharmaceutical, and equipment manufacturing. Economically, ZiBo is ranked around #30 among cities in China.

The meeting concluded with gift-giving, including a picture and coasters presented by the Fremont and a ceramic tea set by the ZiBo.

With the ongoing trade war between the U.S. and China, individual cities are still working to further communication and positive interactions.

Kids get a peek into the lives of firefighters



Credit: Alameda County Fire Department

SUBMITTED BY
ALAMEDA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

More than two dozen lucky students from Guy Emanuele Elementary School in Union City recently had a chance to visit Alameda County Fire Station 33 and meet with firefighters during

a school field trip. During the Wednesday, December 11 visit students toured the station, located on Seventh Street in Union City, and learned what firefighters do each day to prepare for emergencies and how they train to use and maintain firefighting equipment.

Drive sober or get pulled over

SUBMITTED BY
SGT. JOSEPH HEYLEN,
MILPITAS PD

This holiday season, the Milpitas Police Department is working around the clock to keep drivers and passengers safe from impaired drivers. Every day through January 1, 2020 Milpitas Police are partnering with the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for a special year-end Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement campaign. The campaign is meant to get impaired drivers off the streets and to spread the word about this dangerous crime.

Driving under the influence of alcohol can have deadly and devastating consequences. Statistics from 2017 showed that 37,437 people were killed in motor vehicle traffic accidents and 10,908 died in accidents where a driver was driving

impaired (NHTSA). In 2018 another 36,560 were killed in motor vehicle accidents and 10,511 died in accidents where a driver was driving impaired. This was a 3.6% decrease. However, many more lives can be saved through education and enforcement.

The Milpitas Police would like to remind the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Prescription medications, over-the-counter drugs, and marijuana can also impair; especially in combination with alcohol and other drugs. Drivers are encouraged to use ride share services, taxis, and/or designated sober drivers.

Funding for this DUI operation is provided to the Milpitas Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to Report Drunk Drivers by calling 911.



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December: great month to apply for jobs

BY ANNE CHAN, PhD, MFT

"I won't even bother applying for jobs during November and December since everyone is away on vacation and nobody is hiring" is a statement I hear frequently during this time of the year. Sometimes, the statement includes January as well, which means that some job seekers are not applying to jobs for a full quarter of the year.

Granted, this can be a slower time of the year, with more holidays on the calendar, and more people taking vacations. However, this does not mean that the workplace comes to a complete standstill and that there is zero chance of getting hired. Yes, some employers hold off hiring till the beginning of the year, but some employers are desperate to fill vacant positions before year's end. Some companies might even find out during this time that they have extra money in their budget for hiring and will be eager to fill their newly created positions before the end of the fiscal year.

Here is an interesting factoid: there were more job gains in December than in January last year. The numbers tell us that it makes sense to apply for jobs in December. So, please do not to put the brakes on sending job applications in December.

One big advantage in submitting your resume during this time of the year is that there is likely to be less competition – other job seekers will hold off from applying because they think no one is hiring or they are busy with their holiday plans. As a result, fewer resumes are flooding

the employer's desk. The resumes that come in during this time will thus receive more attention and interest. It will be much easier to stand out from the crowd during December than during any other month of the year.

Besides submitting resumes, there are lots of things you can do to be productive at this time of the year. Use the holiday season to re-connect with colleagues, friends, or acquaintances whom you have lost touch with. You could send a holiday card to employers you've interviewed with, to recruiters, and to professional contacts. You never know who might have an important job lead or tip.

While you are sending your holiday greetings, remember that this is a great time of the year to ask for informational interviews. Some workers have more time to spare and would be more willing to do informational interviews. So, take advantage of the December downtime to ask for an informational interview and learn more about different jobs, companies, and industries. Likewise, take advantage of the fact that many might have some free time off work. Ask for their feedback on your resume and cover letter. People tend to be in a more relaxed, generous mood during this time of the year, so this is the perfect time to ask for help.

It might be depressing to think about going to parties and other social events if you are looking for a job, but please do not hole yourself up and hide at home. Instead, I strongly encourage you to go out and enjoy yourself. You don't have to go with a networking mindset, but do participate with

Counseling Corner

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an open, curious, and eager mind. These social gatherings can be useful for job searches because you never know who might show up. The person next to you might have a job lead or might be working at an interesting company.

If you are not completely hung over from partying, always use the extra time available in December to revise your resume and update your LinkedIn profile. Again, seek help from trusted colleagues and managers. They are excellent sources of helpful information for industry standards and trends.

So, don't hold off your job searches and career action plans during December. Make good use of this special time. I wish all of you a wonderful holiday season. Peace and health to all of you during this holiday season.

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Nominations sought for community awards

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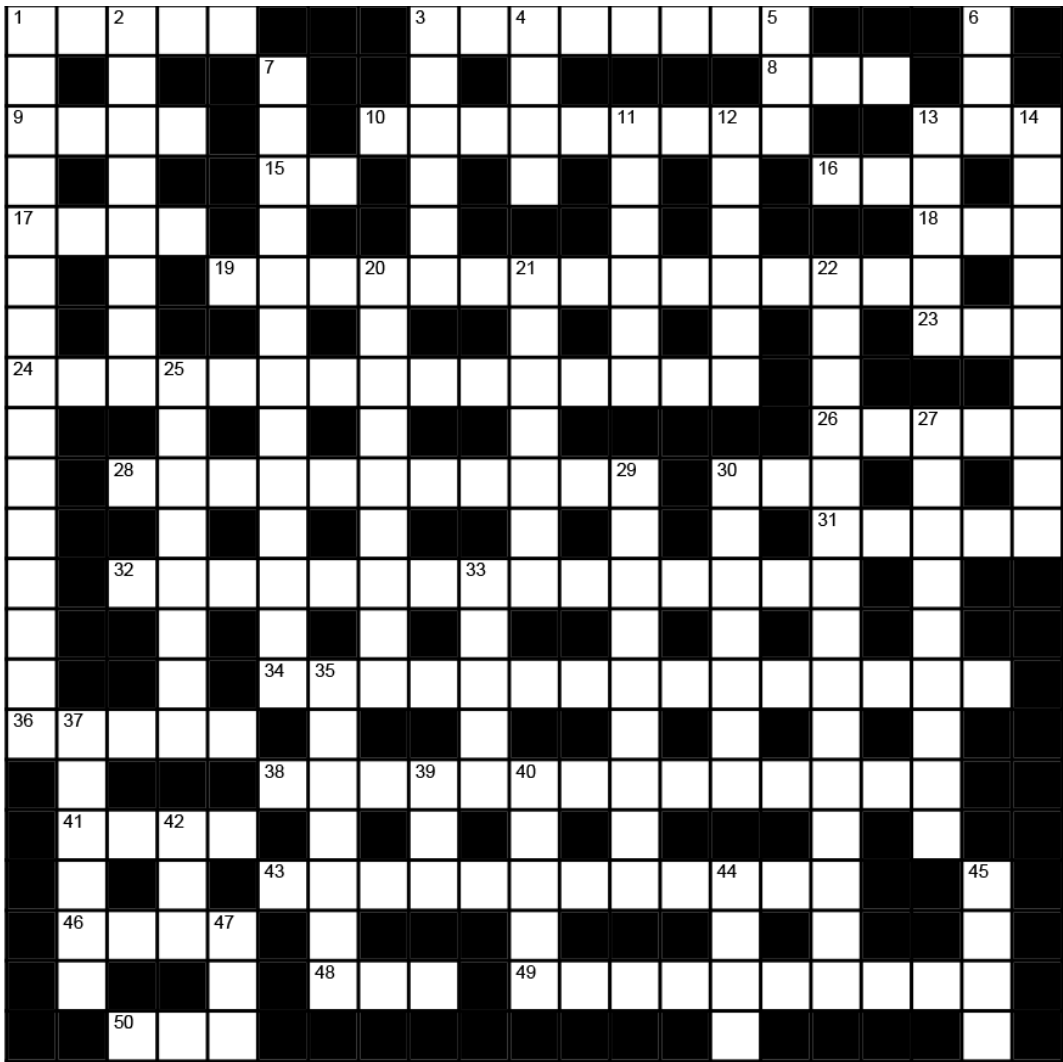
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- Across

1 Molière comedy, with "The" (5)

3 Uncover (6,2)

8 Away from the bow (3)

9 "Dear" ones (4)

10 Traditional (9)

13 Suffix with Euclid (3)

15 ... (2)

16 Dr. for women (3)

17 Bullets, e.g. (4)

18 Amscrayed (3)

19 Disregard (5,4,4,2)

23 Depression-era prog. (3)

24 Sick (5,3,7)

26 Chasers (5)

28 Go downhill (11)

30 Chucklehead (3)

31 Lucy's best friend (5)

32 Fume (3,3,2,1,6)

34 Quit (3,4,4,4)
- Down

1 Errors (15)

2 Vamoosed (8)

3 Enlarge (6)

4 She, in Italy (4)

5 Bud (3)

6 Narc's org. (3)

7 Make a mistake (6,3,4)

11 Judd of "Taxi" (6)

12 Compliant one (6)

13 Ken Lay's former company (5)
- 36 Trades (5)

38 [See instructions] (4,2,8)

41 Fortune (4)

43 Is in charge (5,3,4)

46 Rules on plays (4)

48 Deviation (3)

49 Second part (10)

50 "Turandot" slave girl (3)
- 14 One of a kind (9)

20 Area (9)

21 Western New York county (7)

22 Hard to grasp (8,2,2,3)

25 Balanced (6,2)

27 Chump (9)

29 Involved (9)

30 Bribe (7)

33 Biblical woman from Bethlehem (5)

35 Blip (7)

37 Sponge (4,2)

39 Devils' org. (3)

40 Saltpetre (5)

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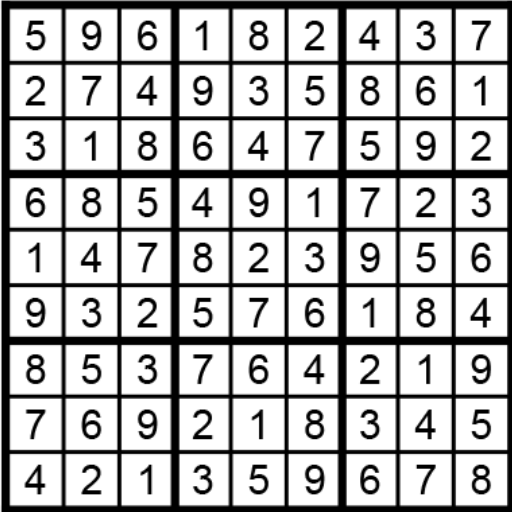
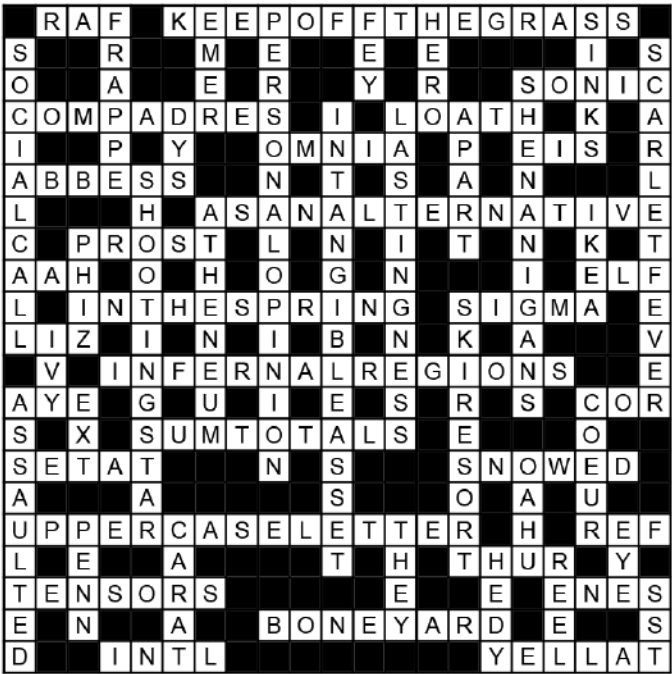
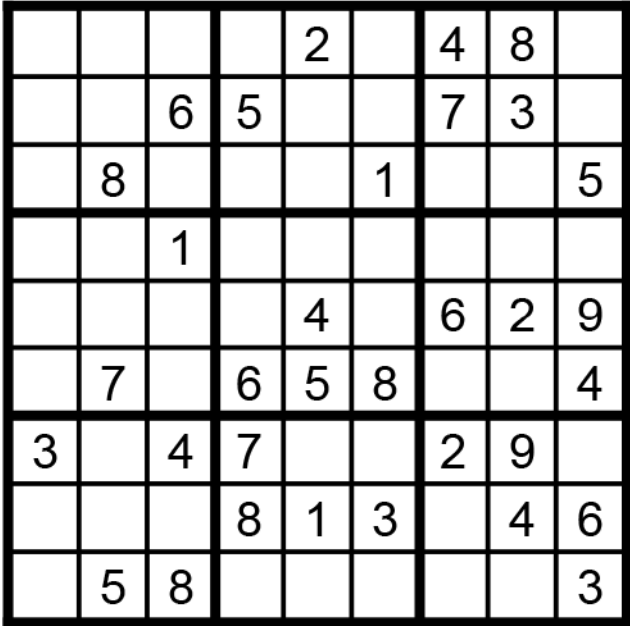
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Tri-City Stargazer FOR WEEK: DECEMBER 18 – DECEMBER 25, 2019

For All Signs: The winter solstice this year is timed at 11:20 p.m. EST on December 21. This is the theoretical point of deepest darkness in the northern hemisphere. Ancients celebrated the "return" of the Sun within a few days following the solstice, when it became apparent that it would, indeed, return. On Hanukkah

and Christmas, we celebrate the light that never quite goes out inside, no matter how dark it may seem in the world. We rejoice in the ongoing rebirth of hope for new life within our psyche's and on the planet. May each of you experience fresh inspiration and expectation of joy in the year to come.

Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20): This is a really good time to advance your political aspirations from behind the scenes. If you support the Powers that Be in your world, they will return the favor now. You are making progress toward reducing debt. Your physical body is in better condition and you are probably feeling very well.

Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20): A relationship or friendship that began suddenly in late spring has gone through one or two transformations already. If you are still together, this time brings yet one more change in how you relate to each other. If this is not a person, it may be a creative project that you began at that time. It could be described as "out of the box".

Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20): You are probably more sensitive to what others think right now. Don't ask anyone else to evaluate you or critique your work. Wait until you are finished with your creative efforts. On this same theme, avoid critiquing others.

You do not have all the facts and your rationale is likely flawed.

Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21): There is a lot of chatter all around you. Some of it may be disturbing to your sense of comfort. Don't buy into it or worry overmuch. The dust will settle soon and whatever the event, it will be over in a few days' time.

Leo the Lion (July 22-August 22): Your general attention is shifting for the next month into the arena of your career and overall life direction. Whatever you have created thus far will be noticed and perhaps applauded. As a talented leader, you may attract an invitation to manage an upcoming project.

Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22): The "rules" and the world's expectations have you tied up like a pretzel right now. The harder you struggle, the tighter those binds seem to become. It's like a Chinese puzzle. Sometimes if you relax on the control issues,

the solution comes through. Back off. Give it some space.

Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22): A relationship or friendship that began with gusto in May arrives at a point of evaluation. The question of commitment may always be an issue in this situation. Do you want it or not? Does "the Other want it or not?" Some relationships only move forward in fits and starts. You can see both bad and good points about this one.

Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21): You have an opportunity to create a steadily growing investment of time, energy, or money. The requirement is that you study the necessary details in order to develop a smooth working operation. Physical activity and competition are favored.

Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21): For much of this week you are in a gregarious and talkative mood. You want to reach out

to friends and share ideas. Love, relationships, and social life are given a go signal. The temptation to overspend is strong. If money is an issue, consider what would be fun and interesting that doesn't require a big expenditure.

Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19): Work and self-discipline from the past brings you a work opportunity that will bode favorably in the future. The source is probably a friend or an acquaintance in your general network.

Aquarius the Water Bearer (January 20-February 18): Venus enters your sign this week and will be traveling "with you"

through mid-January 2020. Her presence gives you an air of poise and people will simply like how you look. Often when Venus is featured, we become more interested in anything which adds beauty or luxury to our lives.

Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20): Be careful if you feel compelled to buy. You are likely to splurge on an item that ultimately doesn't fully offer what you think. The promise is big, but the result may fall short of your expectations.

Are you interested in a personal horoscope?
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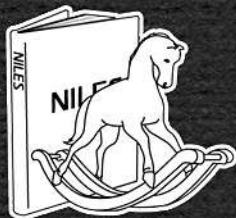
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Bring on the Drums

SUBMITTED BY CHABOT SPACE
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Design it, build it, learn rhythms, build community, and most importantly take your drum home! "Bring on the Drums" on Saturday, December 21, is an intergenerational experience where participants get to make their own table drum, a creation of Microphone Mechanics. Learn some history about drumming, design it based on words that represent you, and learn rhythms and new ways to collaborate with others in music. All

participants get to take their drum home as a legacy instrument. Recommended for ages 7 -107.

Event host Jahi of Microphone Mechanics is an accomplished international artist, lecturer, and educational consultant based in Oakland, California. Jahi has been making drums since 1989 as an educational tool and legacy instrument.

Bring on the Drums
Saturday, Dec 21
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Chabot Space & Science Center
10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland
(510) 336-7373
www.chabotspace.org

Toys, toys
and toys!

SUBMITTED BY
TAYLOR JOHNSON

Tri-City Volunteers is boosting its annual holiday Toy Party up a notch this year by

adding a Holiday Boutique where parents can shop and wrap gifts for their children. Meanwhile, the kids will enjoy their very own party next door. Activities will include a visit by Santa along with plenty photo opportunities. The Fremont Fire Department will also show off two of its fire trucks. Admission is free, but

RSVPs are required and can be made by emailing: taylor@tcvfoodbank.org.

Toy Party
Saturday, Dec 21
10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Niles Discovery Church
36600 Niles Blvd., Fremont
RSVP: taylor@tcvfoodbank.org

California Earthquake Authority
receives \$1.2M

SUBMITTED BY ROBERT BARKER

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has granted \$1.2 million to the California Earthquake Authority (CEA) for its Earthquake Brace + Bolt (EBB) program. The grant will subsidize CEA earthquake retrofits for 391 at-risk structures likely to shake from their foundations in the event of an earthquake.

EBB addresses two seismic vulnerabilities found in many older homes that may have short, wood-framed cripple walls under the first floor. The retrofit bolts the house to the foundation, and if short, wood-framed walls are present under the first floor, the retrofit braces those walls with plywood to stiffen and help prevent the house from collapsing or sliding off its foundation during a quake.

EBB is a code-compliant retrofit that helps reduce damage and should allow families to remain in their homes after earthquakes. Each EBB recipient receives a subsidy of up to \$3,000 to bring their home up to seismic code compliance.

The \$2.1 million project will be funded by a \$1.2 million hazard mitigation grant from FEMA, with CEA and homeowners contributing the \$940,000 balance.

FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program helps states, territories, federally-recognized tribes, local communities and certain private, non-profit organizations become more resilient to potential infrastructure damage and reduce future disaster costs. In the past 30 years, FEMA has invested nearly \$1.3 billion to reduce disaster risks in California.

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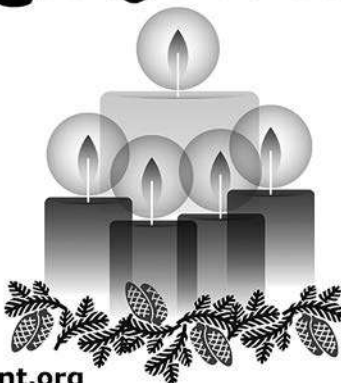
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Home & Garden

What's bugging your garden?

BY DANIEL O'DONNELL

There have been many experiments to see if the proverb "one bad apple can spoil the whole barrel" is literally true. It turns out that one bad apple can spoil an entire bowl of apples, a batch of cider, or a pie. It is not so true when the saying is used metaphorically. A sports team, a company, or any other group should not be judged on the actions of one "bad apple." If there is an infestation of one destructive insect all the other bugs should not be deemed pests.

Often when someone sees an infestation of bugs or some plant devastation, their first instinct is to spray a broad-spectrum pesticide. Spraying harmful chemicals is one of the worst ways to combat harmful bugs. They can be effective in killing the intended pest but will also wipe out beneficial bugs and can possibly harm other wildlife and even humans. If a pesticide must be used, it should be an organic one that targets the specific pest and will not harm the beneficial bugs in the garden.

About 97 percent of all insects in a garden do not harm plants. Many of them benefit the garden by consuming pests, pollinating plants, improving the soil, and releasing nutrients into the soil by breaking down plant debris. A better defense for warding off invasive bugs is by creating a healthy ecosystem that attracts and supports beneficial bugs.

Growing native plants is one way to create a healthy environment for beneficial bugs. Many native plants have developed natural defenses to resist harmful insects or have mechanisms to attract beneficial predatory bugs. Planting a diverse spectrum of plants that bloom at different times will provide nectar and pollen that many beneficial bugs need to supplement their diets and will encourage them to stay in the garden. Spreading mulch over 90 percent of the soil will provide protection throughout the year. The 10 percent of soil left bare will provide places for beneficial ground nesting bees.

Identifying a good bug from a bad one is the single most important thing a person can do to rid the garden of unwanted pests and attract beneficial bugs.

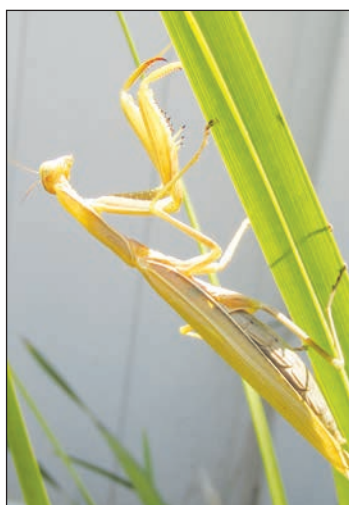


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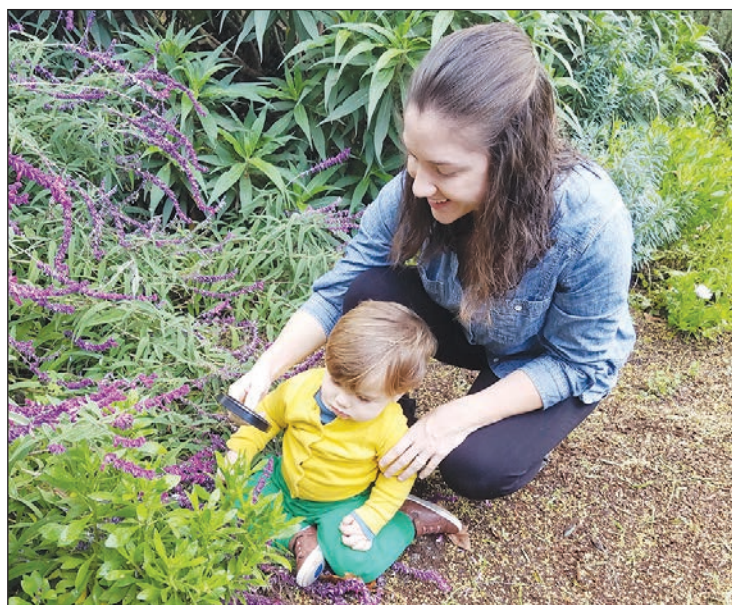


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A person can determine if any action is needed by identifying the insect. A Cabbage Moth might look like it is good for pollinating vegetables; however, it lays eggs that hatch into caterpillars that can devour produce. On the other hand, a Syrphid Fly larva looks like an herbivorous caterpillar but it is a relentless aphid hunter.

Mac's Field Guides publish a single page guide that has good garden bugs of California on one side and bad bugs on the other. Taking a magnifying glass into the garden with children is an enjoyable way to identify bugs in the yard and inspire the next generation of gardeners.

Most insects go through different changes during their life cycle so the young frequently do not look like the adult. Usually it is the young that are

the most voracious predators. Here are some of the beneficial bugs worth keeping an eye out for:

- Adult Ladybeetles are one of the most recognized bugs; their six-legged black and orange spotted larva not so much. They devour aphids, scale, thrips, mealybugs, and spider mites.
- There is debate about how beneficial Praying Mantises, including the native California Mantis, are. They are efficient hunters who do not discriminate between eating bad bugs or beneficials. The argument is that they help keep all bug populations in balance including their own because other Praying Mantises are not off the dinner menu.
- Dragonflies are usually admired for their vibrant torso colors and elegant wings.



Photo Courtesy of Mathias Krumbholz

However, they should also be appreciated for their ability to rid the garden of less esteemed flying insects such as mosquitoes, flies, and midges.

- Green Lacewings are attractive insects that sometimes grace the sky above Bay Area gardens in their hunt for aphids, thrips, mealybugs, scale, spider mites, leafhoppers, and insect eggs. Juveniles can eat up to 30 aphids per day. The adults are also one of the most prolific pollinators in the garden.

- Soldier Beetle larva clear mulch and leaf litter of soil-dwelling pests. The adults patrol the plants looking for unsuspecting insects. The bright red heads of the larva and adults make them easy to identify.

- Almost anyone who has spent time in the garden has seen black Ground Beetles that scamper away from a stone when it has been moved. It is hard to imagine how they can move so fast when they are able to consume their body weight in food each day. The species are responsible for reduction in slugs, snails, cutworms, and root maggots over a short period of time.

- While houseflies are busy annoying people, Syrphid Flies hunt for aphids, mealy bugs, caterpillars, and other pests. Also called Flower Flies, they are not surprisingly productive pollinators as well.

There are many other beneficial bugs that should be encouraged to live in the garden. Knowing that most insects benefit the garden and encouraging them to stay can make controlling the "bad apples" as easy as pie.

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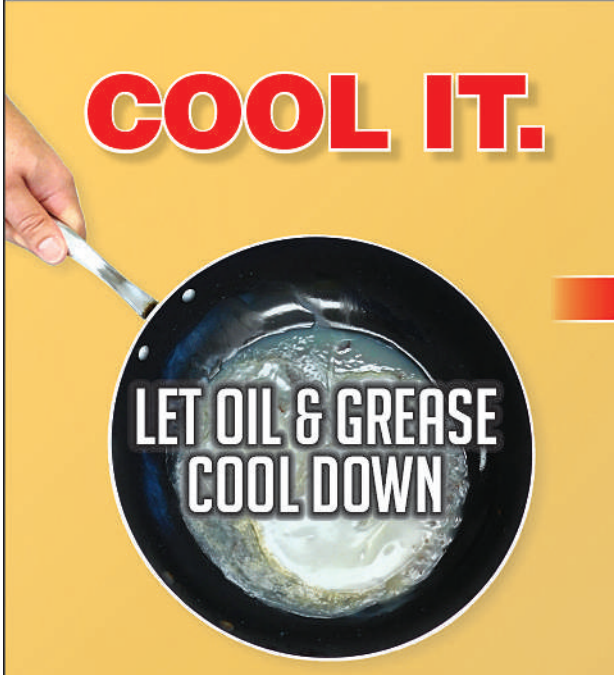


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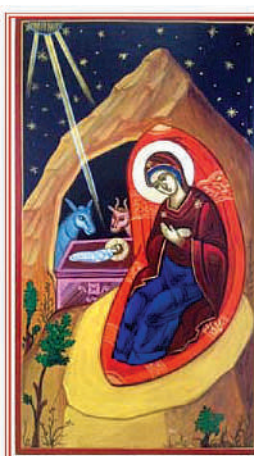
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2260 Belvedere Avenue	94577	510000	3	1176	1972	11/5/19				
1942 Dayton Avenue	94579	600000	3	1134	1960	11/5/19				
14772 Midland Road	94578	615000	5	1768	1956	11/5/19				
1711 136th Avenue	94578	650000	3	1169	1948	11/5/19				
15033 Kesterson Street	94579	670000	3	1513	1948	11/6/19				
13170 Neptune Dr #2	94577	680000	3	1714	1997	11/6/19				
1624 136th Avenue	94578	735000	3	1506	1947	11/4/19				
1098 Tulane Avenue	94579	749000	3	1651	1951	11/6/19				
727 Arbor Drive	94577	929000	3	1953	1930	11/5/19				
2018 West Ave 135th	94577	1000000	6	2530	1958	11/6/19				
1645 Daily Court	94577	1048000	3	3876	1968	11/5/19				
SAN LORENZO TOTAL SALES: 2										
Highest \$: 685,000		Median \$: 645,000								
Lowest \$: 605,000		Average \$: 645,000								
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED				
15878 Via Del Sol	94580	605000	3	986	1944	11/5/19				
69 Via Diego	94580	685000	3	1393	1950	11/5/19				
UNION CITY TOTAL SALES: 3										
Highest \$: 960,000		Median \$: 841,500								
Lowest \$: 650,000		Average \$: 817,167								
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED				
32463 Lois Way	94587	650000	3	1320	1972	11/4/19				
33113 Pinto Court	94587	841500	5	1841	1957	11/6/19				
32155 Trefry Court	94587	960000	3	1593	1973	11/4/19				

Home Sales Report



Jingle Bells rock at Noll Center

With Christmas just two weeks away, anticipation of the holiday was evident at an open house celebration hosted by Fremont Adult Center's Noll Center on December 11th. Students, staff and

family members gathered in a festive atmosphere to sample appetizers and desserts, sing jingle bells, admire crafts and mingle.



Three Union City Police Department officers received Distinguished Service Medals. Credit: UCPD, Facebook

A proud moment

SUBMITTED BY UNION CITY PD

In recognition for bravery in the performance of their duties during a recent house fire, three Union City Police Department officers were awarded Distinguished Service Medals. At the Tuesday, December 10 City Council meeting, Union City Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci and Police Chief Jared Rinetti commended Officers Mike Silva, Daniel Rivas-Villegas and Travis Solverson for their actions while assisting

Alameda County Fire Department responders at a house fire on November 12. Officers were first on the scene at a residence on Maraschino Place in Union City where a kitchen fire was burning and filling the home with smoke. Officers were told that an elderly woman, who was unable to walk, was still inside a back bedroom of the home. Officer Silva ran to the bedroom and carried the woman out while Officers Rivas-Villegas and Officer Solverson checked the rest of the smoke-filled home to ensure no other people or pets were inside.

Food bag giveaway planned

SUBMITTED BY TAYLOR JOHNSON

The Tri-City Volunteers (TCV) Food Bank is holding a Holiday Food Bag Giveaway program December 23-24 in Fremont. With generous support from the Fremont Bank Foundation and Cargill, volunteers will be handing out 750 festive bags of holiday food to clients. It is hoped that this year's food bag giveaway will become an annual tradition. Anyone who would like to help distribute the bags should email: taylor@foodbank.org.

Holiday Food Bag Giveaway
Monday, Dec 23: 10 a.m. – 12 noon; 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec 24: 10 a.m. – 12 noon
Tri-City Volunteers Food Bank
37350 Joseph St., Fremont
(510) 793-4583

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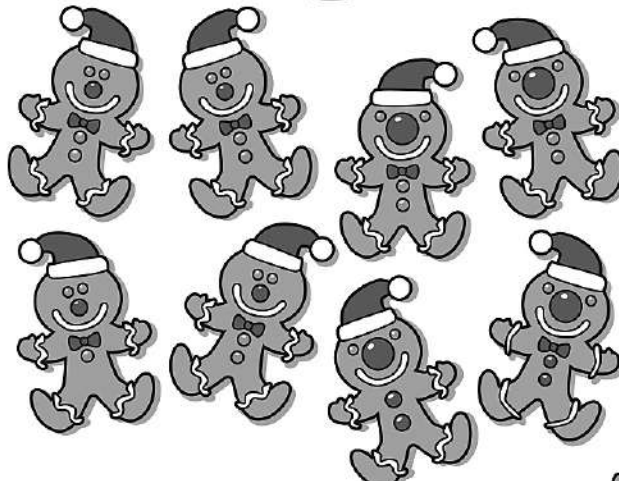


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HOLIDAY PUZZLES

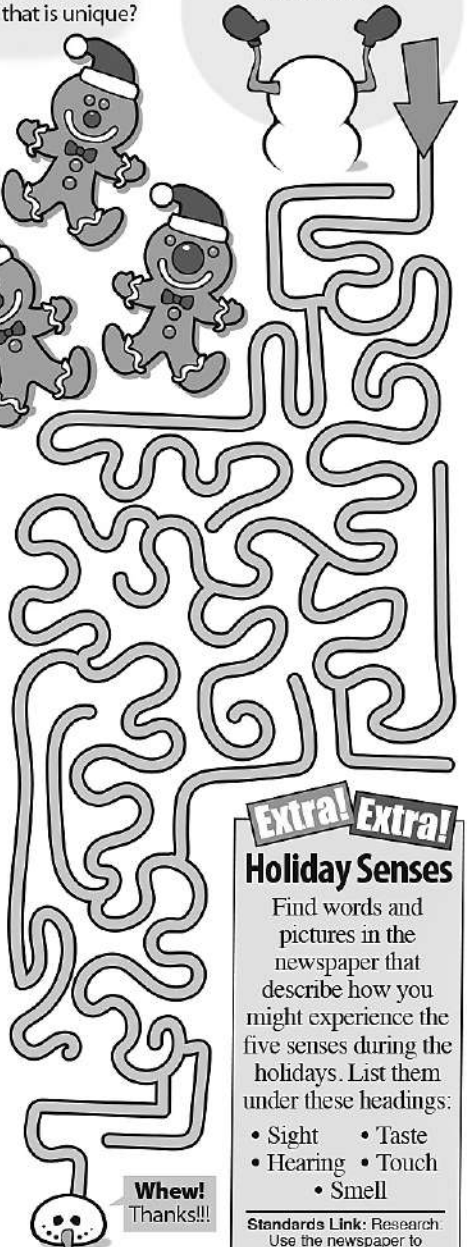
The scrumptious smell of gingerbread is in the air during the holidays! How many differences can you find between these two gingerbread houses?



Cookie Confusion

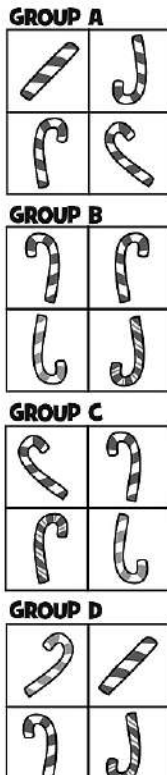
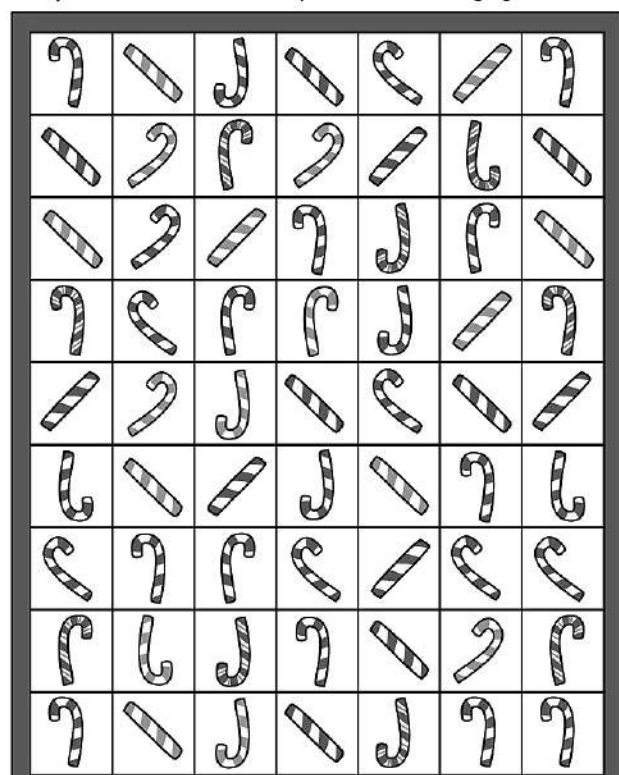
Find each gingerbread man's twin. Can you find the one that is unique?

Yikes! This snowman has lost his head! Help him find it, fast!



Candy Cane Combos

Match each group of candy canes on the right with the same four candy canes, in the exact same position, on the large grid below.



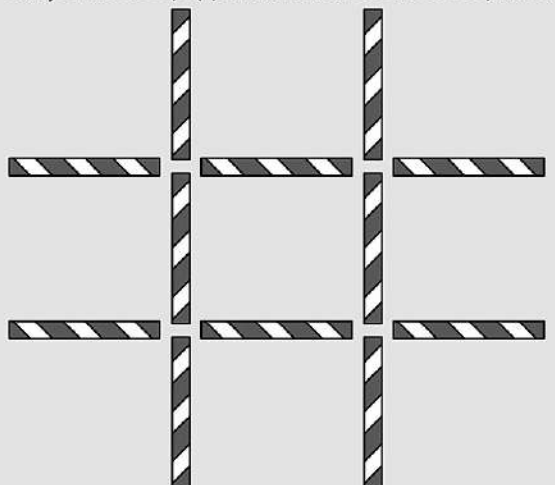
Extra! Extra! Holiday Senses

Find words and pictures in the newspaper that describe how you might experience the five senses during the holidays. List them under these headings:
• Sight • Taste
• Hearing • Touch
• Smell

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

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Can you move 3 peppermint sticks to create 3 squares?



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension. Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

HOLIDAY
PUZZLES
SNOWMAN
SQUARES
HOUSES
COOKIE
UNIQUE
COMBOS
STICKS
SMELL
CANDY
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TWIN
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BOOK

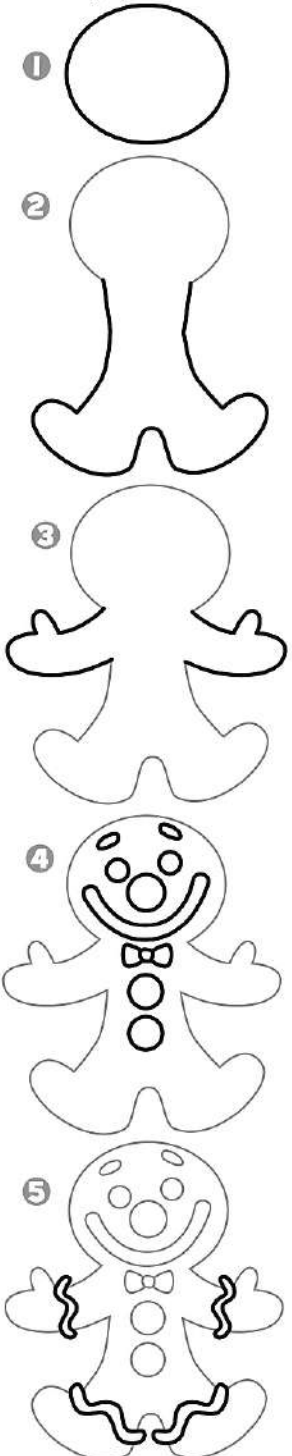
Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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Q S E I N D Y L C E
U U L L E M S E I S
E O C O M B O S T U
H H N A M W O N S M

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

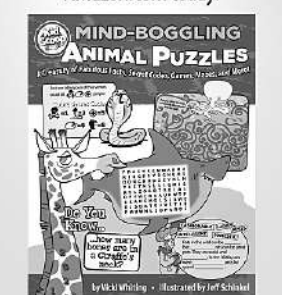
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This week's word: **YULETIDE**

The noun **yuletide** means the Christmas season.

Let's celebrate the **yuletide** by getting together with friends and family.

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Holidays Around the World

Look through the newspaper for examples of food, products and celebrations from different parts of the world. Create a book with these items using a separate page for each country.

Standards Link: Social Science. Compare customs, traditions and rituals from various cultures.



Why couldn't the gingerbread man get into his house?

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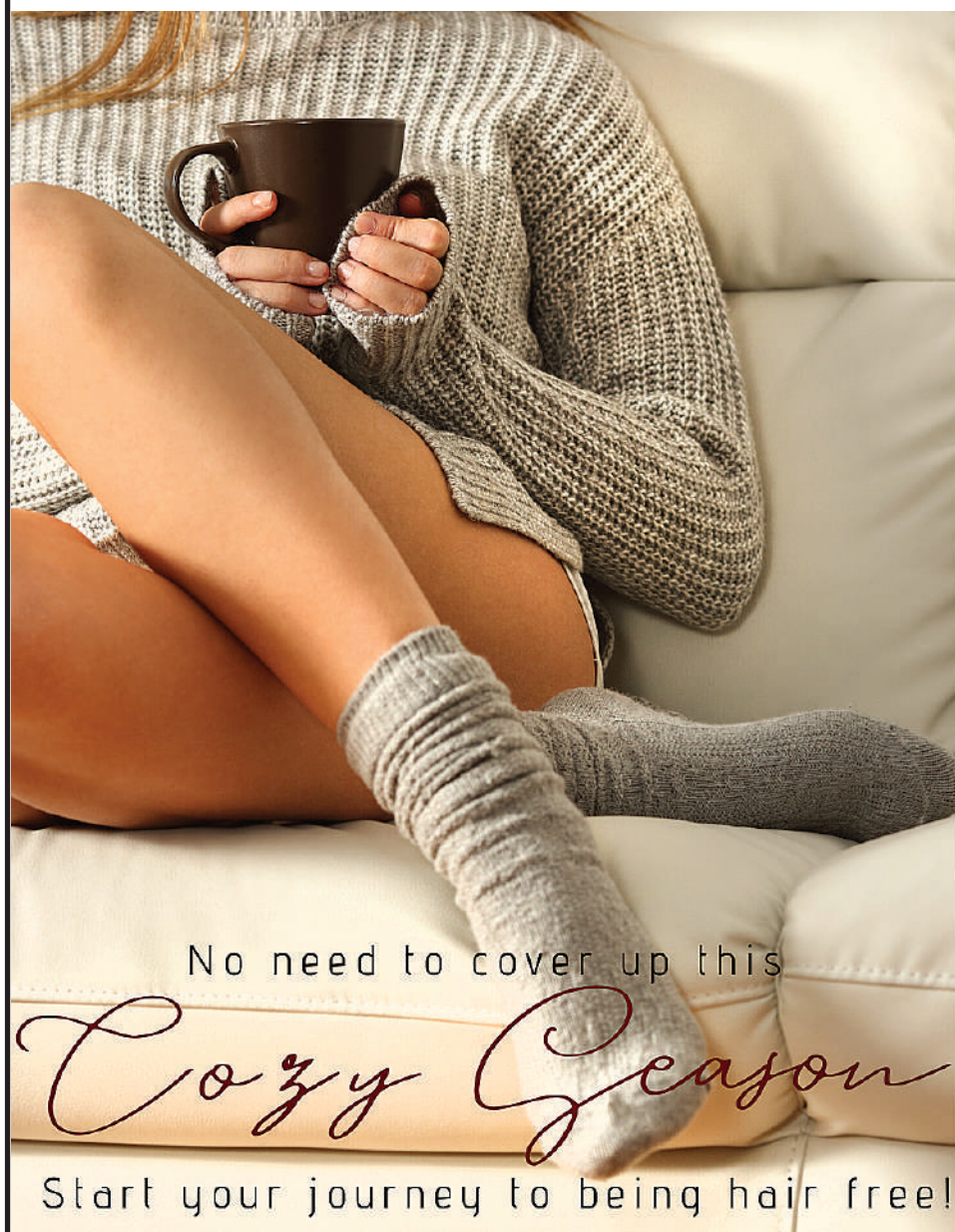
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LIGHTENING THE MOOD AT THE MASONIC HOMES

Annual holiday tree lighting ceremony brings together residents, community groups

The hilltop campus of the Masonic Homes in Union City was set ablaze with light Dec. 5 for the 19th annual holiday tree-lighting ceremony. The spectacular event, which drew close to 1,000 revelers from around the community, even provided a brief respite from the weather, as rains held off until well after the big reveal.

Beginning in 2001, the Masonic Homes have invited neighbors to celebrate the holiday season with musical performances, a visit from Santa Claus, and other holiday festivities—culminating in the ceremonial lighting of the 100-foot-tall New Zealand fern tree, adorned with approximately 8,000 lights. As part of the celebration, 80 gifts were donated through Toys for Tots to help children in need. “This is one of my favorite days of the year,” Masonic Homes president Gary Charland said. “Bringing together our residents with youth groups and the Union City community is a fitting and festive reminder that we’re all friends and neighbors.”

That spirit was most evident as



Above, kids from the Delaine Eastin Elementary School Children's Choir perform at the tree-lighting ceremony. Below right, MHC President Gary Charland (at right) and team members inside the Masonic Home.

Masonic Homes residents joined with children's actors from **Stage 1 Theatre**, the Newark-based community theater nonprofit, to perform excerpts from *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. Several other community children's groups also provided entertainment, including:

- The nine-part **Fremont Christian School Dixie Dominus Jazz Band**, which played a selection of jazzy numbers.

- Members of the **Delaine Eastin Elementary School Children's Choir**, who sang several holiday favorites.

- The bedazzled **James Logan Show Choir**, which sang and danced to a range of Christmas-inspired pieces.

Several leaders of the Union City community also joined the party, including **Bernard Stewart** and **Patricia Danielson**, the president and board chair emeritus of Washington Hospital; **Assemblyman Bill Quirk**; representatives from the office of **State Sen. Bob Wieckowski**; Union City Police Chief **Jared Rinetti** and Captain **Victor Derting**; Union City Councilman **Jaime Patiño**; Union City Chamber of Commerce Board Co-Chair **Kelly Klug**; and Senior Grand Warden of the Masons of Califor-



nia **Jeff Wilkins** and his family.

Reflecting on the showstopping tree—which he joked can be seen from anywhere in Union City—Wilkins praised the Masonic Homes as a beacon for the community. “We have two opportunities this evening,” he said. “The first is to be together with family, whether it’s our family of choice or family of birth. And the second is to be that light in our community.”



Kim Hegg of the Masonic Homes poses with Union City police officers.

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Wednesday

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Saturday, Dec 21

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THEATRE REVIEW

Christmas in Oz

BY DAVID R. NEWMAN
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Dorothy is back and better than ever in Christmas in Oz, now playing at the Douglas Morrison Theatre in Hayward. This delightful show first debuted in 2017 at the Chanticleers Theatre in Castro Valley. It’s produced by the East Bay Children’s Theatre (EBCT), which has been bringing musical theatre to disadvantaged elementary schools in the East Bay since 1933.

Christmas in Oz is the creation of Ron Lytle, a singer/dancer turned playwright/composer/lyricist who has written several songs, books, and musicals, primarily geared for children. He has been with EBCT since 2005. He is credited with the book, music, and lyrics for the show. Oh yeah, and he also directs it.

It’s a wacky, campy, touching return to the land of Oz. Christmastime in Kansas has our plucky protagonist Dorothy Gale feeling down. She misses her friends - Scarecrow, Tin Man, and Lion. With help from local general store manager Mr. Tinker, she makes a wishing machine (lovingly dubbed ‘Gidgety’) and is magically whisked away to the Emerald City.

What happens in Oz stays in Oz, but suffice it to say Dorothy and her friends must save the day once again, this time from

the evil and very purply witch Nefariosa, who has just recently taken up the witching profession. In fact, Christmas itself is on the line as Santa Claus is captured by the violet villain, who plans to use Gidgety to help her eliminate the holidays altogether.

Christmas in Oz stays true to the original feel of the 1939 classic film while adding fun new characters and situations. Actress Shawna Darling channels all of her cackling charm to the role of Nefariosa, whose transformation at the end is hilarious. And Scott Phillips does a fine job as Mr. Tinker. It’s an important character, as he sets the stage for the entire show, and Phillips gets it right. His take on Santa is also solid and very familiar. He does the big man proud.

The biggest and, for me, most wonderful surprise of Christmas in Oz may be Brigadier Bloop. Played by Gregory Lynch, he perfectly captures the eccentric spirit of the original Gatekeeper from the movie. And Lytle has given him a great deal of stage time, including the lead in an extended tap dance number (“The Bloop Brigade”) where he steps deftly along with his Bloopettes.

Of course, at the heart of the story is Dorothy, played by Jordan Foley, and her friendship with Scarecrow, Tin Man, and Lion. First of all, Foley is wonderful, with a first class voice, and good acting skills. Zachary Marshall (Scarecrow), Danny Martin (Tin Man), and



Michael P. Mendelsohn (Lion) are a joy to watch. It’s fun to see these characters again. They especially shine in numbers like “Be Careful What You Wish For” and “Together We Are Better”, playing off each other with humor and a gentle dynamic reminiscent of the originals.

In “Glinda’s Assessment”, we see a sober Glinda, played with regal bearing by Pamela Ballin, remind Dorothy that it’s all her fault. It’s a funny and smart song that I wish there was more of. And there are munchkins a plenty, all played by cute kids. Their moment comes in the second act during the song “The Munchkins Return”, where they express their distaste for their new leader, Nefariosa. Did I say they’re cute?!

While Act I of Christmas in Oz is pleasant enough, setting the stage for our adventure, it’s in Act II where this show really comes alive, where we get to see familiar

characters that we know and love take on new challenges, and where new characters make their strongest impression. In my opinion, it’s where all of the catchy songs are too. The music arrangements are delightful, with some clever choreography.

In the end, Dorothy wakes up next to Gidgety, back in the general store. As she leaves, she says goodbye to Gidgety, who is silent. Was it all a dream? For just a moment we wonder. Lytle has done well to capture that fine line between dream world and reality, just like the film.

Christmas in Oz is the perfect show for the holidays, light-hearted and fun. Scenery, costumes, lighting, sound - all well done (though there were some mic issues on opening night that I hope they work out). It’s a holiday treat that you should bring the whole family to enjoy. But don’t take my word for it. I brought along my 10-year-old

daughter, Juliet. Here is her review:

“Dorothy was really good. My three favorite characters I thought were good are Dorothy, Gidgety, and Nefariosa. Dorothy, who was played by Jordan Foley, was a really good actor, singer, and dancer. Gidgety was a smart wish machine. And Nefariosa, the witch who was played by Shawna Darling, was really good. I love the part where she turns good. Overall, this show was great. The costumes, the lighting, the sets, were all really good.”

Christmas in Oz
Thursday, Dec 19 at 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec 20 at 8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec 21 at 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
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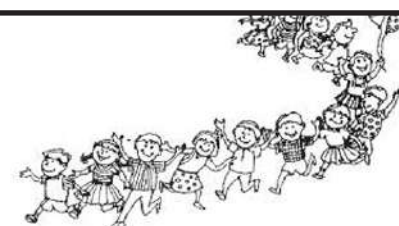
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Rich Swift Memorial Ironman Wrestling Duals



Wrestling

SUBMITTED BY
TIMOTHY HESS

The 31st Annual Rich Swift Memorial Ironman Wrestling Duals took place at Newark Memorial High School on Saturday, December 7th. Ten boys teams and six girls teams from all over the State competed. The Newark Memorial Lady Cougars claimed first place with a 5-0 record, defeating Mission San Jose 60-18, Firebaugh 78-0, San Leandro 54-24, Eureka

48-18, and Albany 38-24. Defending North Coast Section Champions Albany HS placed second and San Leandro was third. Rounding out the girls field was Mission San Jose 4th, Eureka 5th, Firebaugh 6th. The Lady Cougars were led by: 106 Jayce Moriguchi, 116 Nina Caron, 126 Mikaela Troche, 143 Ezra Vavao, 160 Miku Barberi, and 170 Ariana Pereira who all, individually, placed first. Vavao was also named the Rich Swift Outstanding Wrestler for the girls tournament.

On the boys side, Firebaugh won the team title with a 5-0 record, Merced was second. Newark Memorial battled back after a first round loss to Firebaugh and placed 3rd while Mission San Jose was 4th, Dougherty Valley was 5th, American 6th, Antioch 7th, Washington 8th, San Leandro 9th and Albany 10th.

120 Dominic Vargas, 126 Taka Barberi, 152 Owen Gallegos, individually placed first for the Cougars.

Thank you to our outstanding crew of volunteers. Such an outstanding event could not happen without the many dedicated, talented and hard-working volunteers from Cougar Country. We truly appreciate the generous support from the Newark Rotary Club and WrestlingMart. Thank you for supporting our GREAT Sport and Building Champions For Life!



Little League registration is OPEN!

SUBMITTED BY
FRANK BONTEMPO

Little League is the world's largest and most respected youth sports program, with more than two million children and one million volunteers in dozens of countries around the world. Little League includes Baseball and Softball programs for children ages 4 to 16. There is also the Challenger Division Program for physically and developmentally challenged Little Leaguers. Sign-ups for the 2020 Spring Season of Little League Softball and Baseball in Fremont and Newark are now open. There will be plenty of fun and excitement for boys and girls ages 4 through 16 this coming Spring!

Opening Day for the 2020 season for all the leagues in Fremont and Newark is Saturday March 7, 2020, but you must register your child by early January for most age groups.

The softball and baseball leagues in Fremont and Newark are supported through Little League's California District 14 (cad14.org). "Little League is all about community", according to volunteer District Administrator Bruce Marcellus. "And in Little League, every child plays in every game."

Little League Softball is available for girls ages 6 through 16 with Fremont Newark Little League Girls

Softball ("FNLLGS") covering both Fremont and Newark. Girls are placed on teams based on league age (player age by December 31, 2020) and skill level. Player evaluations will take place on Saturday January 25 and February 1, 2020. Registration is now open at fnllgs.org. For baseball, players are placed in divisions of play, based on League Age (player age by August 30, 2020) and skill level. Players age 7-16 must participate in the player evaluation/try-outs for their league.

If you reside in North and Central Fremont, Fremont Centerville Little League is registering players on-line now at fcllbaseball.com. Player evaluation/try-out dates are set for Saturday, January 11, 2020 and Saturday, January 18, 2020. For more information contact League President Debbie Keesis at president@fcllbaseball.com

Niles-Centerville Little League is registering players from the Niles and Brookvale areas, players can register now at nccl.us. Player evaluation/try-out dates are Sunday, January 5 and Saturday, January 11, 2020. Niles-Centerville Little League, is offering a \$50 discount for additional siblings that sign up and a snack shack credit for current players who refer a new player that registers. Earlybird discounts may still be available. League President, Steve Chappell, can be contacted at president@nccl.us

In the Mission San Jose area, Mission San Jose Little League is registering players at msjll.com. Player evaluations/tryouts are scheduled for Saturday, January 18 and 25, 2020. Jim Campbell,

MSJLL President, can be contacted at president@msjll.com

Warm Springs Little League is registering players from Warm Springs and South Fremont neighborhoods at wsll.org. Skill assessments will be held on Saturday January 18 and 25, 2020. League President, Chris Hughes can be contacted at president@wsll.org.

In Newark, families can sign their children up with Newark Little League at newarkcalittleleague.com. Tryouts/player evaluations will be held on Saturday, January 4th and 11th, 2020. Contact newarkcalittleleague@gmail.com for more information.

Leagues in Fremont and Newark also offer the Challenger Division, serving girls and boys ages 5 through 18. Challenger is a unique baseball program designed for physically and developmentally challenged players. This program offers all the fun opportunities for players to enjoy the game of baseball in a safe environment. Challenger players, hit, field and run the bases, utilizing "buddies", who are players on league teams, to assist them. Contact Steve Sawamura at steve.sawamura@earthlink.net

Still not sure where your child can play? Go to Little League's "League Finder" website at: littleleague.org/play-little-league/league-finder/ to find your neighborhood Little League program based on your child's residence or school address.

Don't miss the family fun of Little League Softball and Baseball! Register you daughter or son now!

Park It

BY NED MACKAY

It may seem like winter right now, but at least astronomically speaking, the season starts with winter solstice, the shortest day of the year. Cultures ancient and modern throughout the world have marked it with ceremonies and rituals. This year, winter solstice falls on Saturday, December 21, and East Bay Park District naturalists plan to celebrate it with hikes at several regional parklands.

Naturalist "Trail Gail" Broesder will lead a hike at Tilden Nature Area near Berkeley. Meet Broesder at 8 a.m. at Tilden's Environmental Education Center for an ascent to the top of Wildcat Creek, there to greet the rising sun. Bring your own coffee. If you don't want to get up that early, Broesder will also lead a "fun with felt" session at the center from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. the same day. She'll show how to use wool, soap, and personal effort to create a unique craft to take home.

The center is at the north end of Tilden's Central Park Drive. For information, call (510) 544-2233.

There's another solstice hike from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, December 21 at Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve in Oakland. It's a moderate, 3¼-mile stroll through forest and grassland, past rocky volcanic cliffs. Dogs welcome.

Meet the naturalist at Sibley Staging Area, which is on Skyline Boulevard a short distance south of the intersection with Grizzly Peak Boulevard. For details, call (510) 544-3187.

Down at Coyote Hills Regional Park in Fremont, there's a day-after-solstice hike from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 22. Meet the naturalist at the visitor center for a moderate, three-mile walk in search of seasonal signs of life. The hike is for ages 15 and older. Wear layers and bring water. The event will be canceled if it rains heavily.

Coyote Hills is at the end of Patterson Ranch Road, off Paseo Padre Parkway. For information, call (510) 544-3220.

"Winter Wonderland Walk" is the theme of a hike from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday,

December 21 at Sunol Regional Wilderness in southern Alameda County, led by naturalist Ashley Adams. Adams will describe how animals and plants winterize, and the group will warm up with apple cider.

Sunol Wilderness is at the end of Geary Road off Calaveras Road, 5 miles south of I-680 and the town of Sunol. For information, call (510) 544-3249.

Elsewhere in the park district, a holiday-themed program will take place from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, December 22 at Crab Cove Visitor Center in Alameda. Naturalist Susan Ramos will help folks to make beautiful, creative gift wrappings using rubber stamps, old calendars, newspapers or items from nature. Bring a gift or two to wrap.

Crab Cove is at 1252 McKay Avenue, off Alameda's Central Avenue. For information, call (510) 544-3187.

Holiday traditions of miners from many different homelands who worked in the coalfields of East Contra Costa in the mid-1800s will be on display during a program from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, December 21 in the West Island Room at the Antioch Community Center, 4703 Lone Tree Way.

Naturalist Virginia Delgado-Martinez from Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve will lead in craft making, riddle-solving and story-telling. The event is for ages 3 and older. For information, call (888) 327-2757, ext. 2750.

If you want to explore the regional parks and other public open space on your own, the trails can be muddy this time of year. Some good bets for easier walking and cycling include George Miller Jr. Regional Trail on Carquinez Scenic Drive between Martinez and Crockett; Delta-DeAnza, Contra Costa Canal and Iron Horse Regional Trails in central and east Contra Costa; Point Pinole in Richmond; Nimitz Way at Tilden Regional Park near Berkeley; Alameda Creek Trail in Fremont; and Camp Ohlone Road at Sunol.

Information on all these trails and many others is available at www.ebparks.org. The park district wishes you a happy time with family and friends.

Alameda Civic Ballet's The Nutcracker Ballet

SUBMITTED BY
ALAMEDA CIVIC BALLET

This holiday season prepare to be transported on a magical journey with Clara and the Nutcracker Prince. After the heroic battle against the Mouse King, travel through the Land of the Snowflakes and on to the Kingdom of Sweets. There you will meet the Sugar Plum Fairy and be entertained by the wonders of the Land of Enchantment. Choreographed by Artistic Director Abra Rudisill with gorgeous costumes and beautiful sets – all to the classic Tchaikovsky score – this is a production sure to bring out the child in all of us. Whether this is your first time seeing a Nutcracker production or it is a time-honored holiday tradition, make ACB's 14th Annual Nutcracker part of your holiday festivities.

Alameda Civic Ballet's production of this classic

Christmas story will be performed on Saturday, December 21 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and on Sunday December 22 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$24 - 38 and can be purchased at Brownpapertickets.com.

Families are welcome to these performances, but everyone will need a ticket. Babies on laps are not permitted. Please use your best judgement as to whether your child can sit quietly through a two-hour performance.

Alameda Civic Ballet's The Nutcracker Ballet
Saturday, Dec 21
– Sunday, Dec 22
Sat: 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Sun: 2 p.m.
Castro Valley Center for the Arts
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Tickets: \$24-\$38
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Fremont City Council
1st/2nd/3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.
City Hall, Bldg A
3300 Capitol Ave., Fremont
(510) 284-4000
www.fremont.gov

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

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

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

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

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

WATER/SEWER

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hayward Unified School Board
2nd/4th Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.
24411 Amador Street, Hayward
(510) 784-2600
www.husd.k12.ca.us

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

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

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

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

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

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

Government Briefs

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

Newark City Council

December 12, 2019

Presentations and Proclamations:

- Introduce General Laborers Josue Lopez-Duenas, Miguel Sanchez-Casillas.
- Introduce Public Safety Clerk Laura Da Silva.

Public Hearings:

- Approve modifications to State codes.

Consent Calendar:

- Approve Subdivision Improvement Agreement for Bridgeway Phase II, a 243-unit residential development.
- Approve 2020 local appointments list.
- Authorize reinstatement of Assistant Planner classification.
- Authorize change orders with Tyler Technologies New World for financial software.
- Approve cost-based adjustment increase of 6.51% to solid waste collection, recycling and organics services maximum rates for calendar year 2020.
- Approve exception to 180-day waiting period for post-retirement employment for



Introduction of General Laborers Josue Lopez-Duenas (far left) and Miguel Sanchez-Casillas.

Michael Carroll to serve as Interim Police Chief.

City Council Matters:

- Reappoint Eric Hentschke to Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District.
- Appoint Luis Freitas as Vice Mayor
- Appoint council members to agencies, boards, commissions and committees. Councilmember Hannon appointed as delegate to East Bay Community Energy Board of Directors, Mayor Nagy will be the alternate.
- Arthur Dao will retire as Executive Director of Alameda County Transportation



Introduce Public Safety Clerk Laura Da Silva

Commission at the end of the year; Tess Lengyel was named as the new Executive Director.

- Meeting adjourned in memory of James Gordon who passed away on November 17th. Jim previously served on the Newark Planning Commission (1974-1978) and Newark City Council (1978-1980). Mayor Nagy noted that Jim was a “champion for working people.”

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

Union City City Council

December 10, 2019

Presentations:

- Emily Duncan chosen as Vice Mayor.

Consent Agenda:

- Appointed Subru Bhat to Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees for a four-year term, until 2024. Bhat was appointed to the board for a two-year term in December 2017.
- Appropriated an additional \$77,000 to Mark Thomas and Company for the Multimodal Corridor Study part of the Quarry Lakes Parkway Project. Their services include reviewing the project’s cost estimates and meeting with multiple transit agencies to confirm permit requirements.

Public Comment:

- Re-appointed Subru Bhat thanked staff and provided Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District updates
- On water quality.
- On climate change.

Public Hearings:

- On approving General Plan 2040 draft and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that will be used for future housing and business developments. The EIR measures the environmental risks of a project. City staff spent five years updating the 2002 general plan. California state law requires every city and county to have a general plan, a future roadmap. Themes in the plan include solving economic issues; opportunities to live, work, and play; and creation of more jobs. One element is the Mobility Element where the goal is to be a “multi-modal” city—getting residents away from their cars and on public transportation,

bikes, and pedestrian paths. There are plans to think up of entertainment uses in Union Landing due to the decline of brick and mortar stores. Public comment included focusing more on specific environmental risks like fire, and preserving clean water and air. Others agreed with the plan to increase fiscal solvency, thrive in retail, and advance in transportation.

City Reports:

- Presented a schedule about rate adjustments for recycling, organic, and solid waste services. Service rates are updated annually. Proposed rates would be presented during the March 24, 2020 city council meeting. Residents would receive notices in the mail starting April 15, 2020. A public hearing on the updated rates would be on the June 9, 2020 council meeting. New rates will be effective July 1, 2020.

- Approved the Memorandum of Understanding for the Police Officers Association. The contract is from July 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021. The agreement includes a 5% specialty pay for officers assigned to the traffic unit and a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment for July 1, 2019, January 1, 2020, and January 1, 2021.

- Authorized a Joint Powers Agreement with Fremont Human Services and family related resources. The City of Fremont will offer diversion programs, mentoring, life skills and support including basic life skills and searching for jobs with livable wages, and juvenile re-entry services.

Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci	Aye
Vice Mayor Emily Duncan	Aye
Gary Singh	Aye
Pat Gacoscos	Aye
Jaime Patiño	Aye

Fremont City Council

December 10, 2019

Consent Calendar:

- Set Integrated Waste Disposal Fees for 2020 and 2021
- Approve Service Agreement with Willdan Financial Services for Comprehensive Development Impact Fee update in the amount of \$226,840.
- Authorize a Joint Powers Agreement with City of Union City for Human Services and Family Related Resources.
- Accept FY 2019/20 and FY 2020/21 Paratransit Discretionary Grant Program funding and associated contract for Ride-On Tri-City Mobility Management and Travel Training Program.
- Public Hearing to consider the Development Impact Fee Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2018/19; increase fees by 2.52%.

- Consider amending the Warm Springs/ South Fremont Community Plan to change Plan area Designation from Planning Area 10 to Planning Area 8 and rezone Warm Springs Innovation Area from Area 10 to Area 8 for a 5.2-acre property to allow reuse of an existing 88,000 square-foot office building for an outpatient clinic.

Public Communications:

- Comments about littering on Morrison Canyon Road.
- Critique of Vision Zero
- Comments about progress on creation of a 600-room homeless shelter at the end of Auto Mall Parkway.

Scheduled Items:

- Public Hearing to consider Hundal subdivision appeal to increase the total number of single-family residential lots in the Planned District from 214 to 217 at 45089 Cougar Circle. Many nearby residents spoke against approving the appeal and effect

of Measure A limitations of hillside development. Appeal Denied 7-0

Council Referrals:

- Mayor Mei referral to adopt a resolution in support of the National League of Cities Leading Together agenda for 2020 U.S. Presidential Election.
- Mayor Mei referral appointments to Mobility Commission: Erin Vaca, Flavio Poehlmann, Ken Wu, Melissa Avery, Nisar Amed, Julie Huang, Mark Spencer, One Vacancy (Mobility Impairments Representative)

Mayor Lily Mei	Aye
Vice Mayor Rick Jones	Aye
Vinnie Bacon	Aye
Raj Salwan	Aye
Teresa Keng (District 1)	Aye
Jenny Kassan (District 3)	Aye
Yang Shao (District 4)	Aye

City Hall basement parking garage to close

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF HAYWARD

As part of a set of building security enhancements, public access to the Hayward City Hall basement parking garage will end on January 1, 2020.

Currently, the 48-space basement garage at 777 B Street is primarily occupied by city employees during weekdays but has also been publicly accessible mornings, afternoons, and when evening government meetings and events are scheduled.

Under the new rules, the City Hall basement garage will be closed with a security gate 24 hours a day, seven days a week -- and users will be required to have a city-issued employee badge or security code to enter. To help fill the lack of parking spots, short-term public parking spaces will be added adjacent to City Hall along the south curb of B Street.

Also, the Watkins Street garage across from City Hall is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and contains 287 public parking spaces on the first and second floors. For details, call (510) 583-4000 or email info@hayward-ca.gov.

Fremont School District Board adopts trustee area elections

SUBMITTED BY BRIAN KILLGORE

At its December 10 meeting, the Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) Governing Board formally adopted a resolution to transition to a By-Trustee Area election system and adopted Map Plan 1 as the district’s trustee area plan.

Before making its decision, the governing board held five public hearings to review proposed maps and took comments from the community. Next, the governing board will submit a petition to the Alameda County Committee on School District Organization for review and approval. Once approved, the new system will go into effect for the November 2020 elections.

The By-Trustee Area voting districts are separate from school attendance areas and will have no impact on where FUSD students currently attend school or will attend school. For more information about Map 1 and the new By-Trustee Area election system, visit https://www.fremont.k12.ca.us/by-trustee.

OPINION



WILLIAM MARSHAK

With almost every good intention, there are a bevy of unintended, but associated consequences. Plans for the future are riddled with contradictions and unknown factors that are often clear in hindsight, but unremarkable at the moment. A crisis of the present has a tendency to overwhelm systematic considerations pointing to impending complications. Future plans for our cities are often embroiled in paradoxical conundrums.

The popular “mixed use development” terminology of city planners has been a vague and, at times, misleading nomenclature that can translate to almost any level of retail activity associated with a housing project - including minimal square footage that accommodates moderate or little, if any, viable retail space. Developers, even nonprofit organizations using tax credits and public monies, are in business to at least cover costs including materials, salaries, overhead and contingencies, if not realize a tidy profit. In a market and political atmosphere that strongly supports housing, retail space is not a top priority. State and regional directives have emphasized the importance of additional housing; therefore, a nod to a favorite of planners - mixed use that combines both elements - will heavily

favor and tilt toward residential development.

When existing retail infrastructure is faced with the encroachment of housing projects, a central question is whether one element will diminish or erase the other. Will it result in the detriment of lifestyles and economics of the present, sacrificed for an ultimate vision for the future? If a proposed housing development will replace or endanger existing retail establishments, is there a remedy to resulting damage of infrastructure? After all, infrastructure includes not only pipelines, utilities and roadways, but also physical structures (and the businesses within) that propel an economy. What happens if physical infrastructure collapses due to an imbalance propagated by a lopsided political climate? Should current circumstances be ignored in our haste to profit from and promulgate a preferred vision of the future?

An example of this rush toward infrastructure reorganization is the proposed Bayrock Apartments development in Fremont. According to businesses at adjacent Gaslight Square, it will have an adverse effect on their customers who have enjoyed shared parking with Fremont Bank property that will be replaced by a five-story “mixed use” building of 248 market-rate apartments and 4,625 square-feet of commercial space wrapped around a six-story parking garage. Although shared parking is a city tenet of the downtown area and has been in place between these properties for decades, Bayrock wants nothing to do with this previous arrangement. To add to the difficulty to resolve this conflict, California’s Housing

Accountability Act restricts the City’s ability to impose conditions that reduce density of the project.

Tenants at Gaslight Square are worried that elimination of overflow parking will discourage patrons of their restaurants who, finding no available parking, will look elsewhere to spend their time and money. These are small businesses - Bill’s Café, Munchner Haus, Falafal, Etc., Cherry Garden - that depend on their unique offerings and current customers in addition to attracting new customers. The question that hangs over this development is not whether it can be successful by providing additional housing, but rather if the price of approval spells doom for small, established retail businesses that my eventually disappear... to reappear as additional housing.

Imagining a world of bicyclists and pedestrians with all services in close proximity to housing and without the need for privately owned automobiles is a utopian vision. We aren’t there yet... and may reach a different reality before coming close. Without a practical look at the goal of mixed-use development, we may be causing irreparable harm to the viability of our small businesses... its a mixed message.

William Marshak
PUBLISHER

Mixed Use... a mixed message

Festive art sales raise money for Kids Against Hunger

SUBMITTED BY DAKSH KOHAR

Talent2Give, a local non-profit organization that aims to use God’s gifted talents to give back to the community, launched its operations on August 16, 2019. Founder Daksh Kohar, a sophomore at American High School, continues his commitment towards his mission as he reflects back on the year: “Giving joy to others is simple. What better way than using your talent? You nourish talent by using it to provide nourishment to hungry kids. This is the most noble way to express gratitude this holiday season. No child should go hungry, especially during the festivals. Kids are the foundation to future mankind. We need ensure happy and healthy childhood, free from starvation.”

To raise awareness of child hunger, he hosted two successful festival art sales in collaboration with Hiya Ghosh, a junior at Cupertino High School. The Thanksgiving sale was held in Fremont at Slap Face Coffee & Tea on November 15, followed by Holiday Sale at 1 Oz Coffee located in Santa Clara on December 7. Coffee lovers supported the noble idea by buying amazing art and shimmery recycled swags crafted by budding local artists.

Talent2Give invites all young artists who can collaborate to grow this organization. For more information, email talent2give@gmail.com. Visit the website <https://talent2give.org/> to make donations and purchase art.

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Obituary

Lawrence Kevin Hulse

September 22, 1946 - November 29, 2019

Resident of Fremont

Lawrence (Larry) Kevin Hulse, age 73, of Fremont, California passed away, November 29th, 2019.

He was born in San Francisco, California on September 22nd, 1946 at St. Luke’s Hospital to the late Rosanna and Gerald Hulse. Larry graduated from Mission High School of San Francisco in 1965. He worked for the City of Hayward for over 32 years, eventually retiring as a Supervising Building Inspector. Larry was married to Karen Hulse on March 27th, 1976.

Larry enjoyed restoring vintage cars and motorcycles. He would attend various car events with friends and family. He was an accomplished craftsman who used his skills to help and teach others. In his retirement, Larry began his own Drafting Services and spent time with his family, playing cards and watching his grandchildren grow throughout the years.

He was survived by his loving wife Karen of 43 years and their three children, Kelly (Orlando), Gerald (Shannon) and Daniel. Larry was adored by his six grandchildren, Anthony, Ciara, Briana, Vanessa, Benjamin and Conor. He was loved and supported over the years by his sisters, Geraldine Ryden, Kathy Calabrese and his late sister Noel Hulse. Larry had many nieces and nephews who he enjoyed spending time with.

Memorial Mass will be held at 10:00 AM, Friday, December 20th 2019 at Holy Spirit Church, 37588 Fremont Blvd, Fremont. In lieu of flowers, the family requests you do something special with your family this holiday season and raise a toast in his memory.

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Obituary

Kimberly Louise Richards

December 8, 1960 – December 9, 2019



Kimberly Louise Richards, 58, died at her home in Fremont, CA on December 8th, 2019, a day before her birthday with her family and friends at her side. Kimberly was born December 9th, 1960 in Castro Valley, CA to Rosalinda & Lawrence Nord. Kimberly was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and sister

to Ray Thomas. She met her soulmate, Darryl Richards, in 1978 and the two of them married in 1982. She became a mother in 1989 when Melissa was born and then had a second daughter, Amanda in 1990. She was an incredible friend to many and enjoyed spending fun times with them. Kimberly had the fulfilment of helping people find homes as a real estate agent for the last 20 years. In 2014, she became a grandmother, to twin boys, Wesley and Brandon. For the past four years, she battled cancer with all of her strength until it finally took her from us. She has touched so many lives and her heart is with us always. The service will be on Sunday, Dec 15th, 2019 at 1:00 pm at Berge Pappas Smith Chapel of the Angels, 40842 Fremont Blvd, Fremont, CA 94538.

Obituary

Geraldine Frances Dutra

Resident of Fremont

November 21, 1927 – December 6, 2019



Geraldine Dutra passed away on Friday, December 6 with her loving husband at her side. Geri was born to Thomas W. Casey and Margaret Veronica McNulty in Alameda, CA on November 21, 1927. The family moved to San Francisco where Geri attended Star of the Sea High School. She graduated with Bachelor’s Science Degree in nursing from Mount Saint Vincent New York. From the same college, she received State

Nursing License to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse Practitioner.

Geri volunteered many years at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Also in her spare time making baby books, she adored children. Survived by her beloved husband of 46 years Joseph Dutra, Jr. and her sisters-in-law. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and many great friends.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 – 8:30 PM on Monday, December 16, 2019 with a Vigil at 6:30 PM at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 37588 Fremont Blvd., Fremont. Funeral Mass will be held Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 10:30 AM, Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 37588 Fremont Blvd., Fremont. Burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 26320 Mission Blvd., Hayward.

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Hayward hillside landmark will soon be gone

SUBMITTED BY
CITY OF HAYWARD

City Center Tower, the former home of Hayward City Hall on Foothill Boulevard, is set to come down piece by piece starting in March 2020, eliminating a source of downtown blight and making way for future redevelopment and other publicly beneficial uses of the property.

At its Tuesday, December 3 meeting, the Hayward City Council voted unanimously to authorize a \$3.9 million demolition contract for the deconstruction of the City Center building -- a nine-month

process that begins with project mobilization and hazardous material removal in January and February, followed by five months of pulling down the structure, plus about a month of final site preparation and cleanup.

The 11-story building, located at 22300 Foothill Boulevard, was structurally damaged in the October 17, 1989, Loma Prieta Earthquake and subsequently sold into private hands. It has sat vacant ever since and was re-acquired by the city in June for \$5.2 million.

The tower property is adjacent to other land owned by the city. Together, the combined 5.8 acres

present a unique opportunity to control and plan a site strategically positioned to help drive downtown Hayward revitalization and serve other community objectives. Eventual resale to a developer will allow the city to recoup its tower acquisition and demolition costs.

The council approved the building’s demolition after an engineering assessment determined the cost of a seismic retrofit and restoration of mechanical, plumbing, electrical, and fire alarm and suppression systems would be economically prohibitive.

Obituary

Rose M. Champion

Resident of Fremont

August 30, 1923 – November 26, 2019

Rose Champion passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by her loving family on November 26th at the age of 96, after recently suffering a heart attack. Pre-deceased by her husband, Robert Champion, she is survived by her children Elizabeth Champion, Richard Champion, Nathan Champion, Leonard Champion, Allan Champion, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Rose was the last surviving and youngest of eight children born to Stanik and Elizabeth Dugi in Kosciusko Texas on August 30, 1923. Raised on a farm and deeply religious; she lived life by the lessons taught by her parents and church. Rose was very hard-working, caring for her invalid mother and running the family farm on her own for nine years. Upon her mother's death, she followed some of her siblings and moved away from the farm and began life on her own; working in several bakeries making pies and pastries in Corpus Christi Texas. There she met her husband Robert and they were married on August 30, 1952. Rose was a devoted wife



and mother who ignored her own needs and placed her family at top of her list. In 1958, following a job transfer, Robert, Rose and their three oldest children moved to California; eventually settling in Fremont. They had two more children and raised them all in same house that she continued to reside in until her passing. Rose was an accomplished homemaker; forever baking, cooking and sewing to keep her family very well cared for. Throughout her life she frequently volunteered at church and enjoyed the company of neighborhood friends.

Services were already held.

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Obituary

Sheila N Wong

November 19, 1942 - November 26, 2019

Sheila passed away on November 26, 2019, at the age of 77. The world will miss her ever present smile and aloha spirit. Beloved wife of Jackie Wong. Survived by her children Michelle (Erik)and Randy (Mindy), grandchildren Mia, Zoe and Ryan, great grandchild Barrett and sister Louella. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donation be made to Kindred Spirits Fawn Rescue at P.O Box 1699 Loomis, CA 95650. Private family services will be held.



Obituary

Cindy Baglietto

Cindy Baglietto passed away on Sunday, December 8th unexpectedly. Born in Oakland, California, Cindy, along with husband, David, children Lauren and Ryan, settled in Fremont, California.

Cindy was a graduate of Bishop O'Dowd High School in Oakland. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Science from California State University Hayward. She held the recent position of Patent Administrator with the law firm Finnegan in Palo Alto where she was employed for the past 16 years.

Cindy was very special to many who knew her, will be remembered and missed for her sweet personality, her unique sense of humor, engaging laugh, her patience and smile. She was a hardworking provider for her family always attending to their needs, a daily role she embraced.

Cindy, daughter of Manuel and Flora Noriega is survived by her husband David, children, Lauren and Ryan, her mother Flora, the Burastero family, the Boomer family, extended family members, Patrick Briggs, Sean,



and Robin Briggs, John and Julie Centurioni, and many cousins.

The family is requesting donations to the American Heart Association in-lieu-of flowers.

Services will be held on Wednesday, December 18, at Holy Spirit Church, 37588 Fremont Boulevard, Fremont, CA. The service will begin at 12:30 p.m., followed by a reception to be held at the Elks Lodge, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, CA. at 3:00pm.

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Byron Lani Benton

April 20, 1956 – December 7, 2019

Resident of Fremont

Byron Lani Benton passed from this life on December 7, 2019. Born April 20, 1956 in Oakland, CA. He leaves behind his wife Deena, daughters, Alana, Carissa and Erica, and grandson Gabriel. Byron was a gift to this world, a devoted father, husband, and grandfather. His greatest accomplishments were his family and legacy as the Training Director of the Alameda County JATC Electrical Apprenticeship, IBEW Local 595. His efforts towards the creation of the nation's first retrofitted zero net energy commercial building fulfills his endeavor to leave the world a more sustainable place. Byron was a man of utmost character and significant talents. Everything he did was from the heart. He was a beautiful singer



and talented dancer. He was an amazing teacher and coach, and a marvelous public speaker. His genius was in his kindness, and ability to connect with others

from a genuine place of love. He will be dearly missed by all those whose lives he touched. Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 10 AM, Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 37588 Fremont Boulevard, Fremont. Burial to follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Hayward. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the family to help with funeral expenses. Donations can be made at the services, or money can be sent electronically via Paypal to deenasthankful@gmail.com. Please use the "Friends and Family" option if doing so. We thank you for your love and support during this time.

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Obituary

Patricia Irene Perry

Our mother, Patricia Irene Perry, passed away peacefully on December 6th with family at her side.

Patricia was the daughter of Frank and Lorenza Guerra, immigrants from Spain who settled in Decoto. She was the second child of three and was a first generation American. Mom graduated from Washington High School in 1951, where she met our Dad, Joseph Perry. They resided many years in the Niles and Centerville areas. Mom and Dad were married 66 years until his passing in 2018.

Mom was the bookkeeping half of J.E. Perry Farms, the family business and played a large part in the farm's success, all while managing the task of raising us four kids. She simultaneously held other jobs over the ears as a payroll clerk for the California Nursery in Niles, bookkeeper for Marine Carpenters Union in Oakland, and receptionist at Century 21 Real Estate on Mission Blvd in Fremont.

Mom was all about family. She loved to shop and kept Dad



and herself well attired. She had a knack for unique and innovative gifts for the family. Mom was a fantastic cook and an accomplished piano player. Mom enjoyed gambling in Reno. She and Dad loved to dance and were regulars at the Fremont Senior Center. Mom was a major influence on our Dad to travel in the offseason and together they saw many parts of the world including their relatives in Spain and Portugal.

Patricia was predeceased by her parents, Frank and Lorenza

Guerra, sister Gertrude Bragg and brother Richard Guerra.

Mom is survived by her sister-in-law Norma Guerra, brother-in-law John Perry (Carol), Children Diane Guerra (Hal), Doug Perry (Janice), Jim Perry (Jennifer), and Petrina Perry.

She was affectionately known as "Grandma Tweety" by her 13 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

We would like to give our warmest thanks to Mom's caregivers Lena Jarvis, Aegis of Fremont, Home Instead, and Vitas Hospice for all their support.

A vigil will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday December 18, 2019 at Berge Pappas Smith Chapel of the Angels, 40842 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, CA 94538. A Mass will be at 10:00 AM on Thursday December 19, 2019 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 37588 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536. A burial at Holy Sepulchre will follow.

Obituary

Eric Lenz



Eric Lenz, 61, passed away in Fremont Sunday, December 8,

2019. The son of Wilbur and Nancy Lenz he graduated from University of California at Berkeley and was a Senior Technical Director at Lam Research.

He is survived by his loving family: Michelle, wife of 32 years; Haley, daughter, and Michael, son; Nancy, mother; Stewart and Patrick, brothers; and many extended family members. All of us in his family wish to thank the medical care professionals and many friends who helped during

his six years with pancreatic cancer.

A Celebration of Life Memorial for family, friends and colleagues will be held Saturday, January 11, 2020. If you would like to join us, please email: pat@skipage.com

In lieu of flowers, please donate to a charity of your choice or Eric's favorite; Friends of Cal Crew www.calcrew.com, 2999 Glascok Street Oakland, CA 94601.

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Popular elephant dies unexpectedly at Oakland Zoo

SUBMITTED BY ERIN HARRISON

Officials at the Oakland Zoo are mourning the loss of its eldest African Elephant, M'Dunda who died on Tuesday, December 3.

At about 2:45 p.m. zookeepers found M'Dunda collapsed inside the zoo's 6.5-acre elephant habitat and immediately cleared other elephants away so they could safely enter and provide aid. Two veterinarians and supporting technicians, along with Oakland Zoo President and CEO Dr. Joel Parrott (who is also a wildlife veterinarian), rushed to the scene, but they quickly determined that M'Dunda was already dead. She was 50 years old.

"M'Dunda has been part of our Oakland Zoo family for 26 years. She was such a gentle being, and closely bonded with her keepers. We'll miss her greatly," said Parrott.

Arriving at Oakland Zoo in 1993 from San Diego Zoo, M'Dunda quickly built a reputation of having a very gentle and kind demeanor. She rumbled to communicate with her herd mates and keepers, and was often observed trunk twirling with Osh, the male of the herd.

Oakland Zoo's elephants are given daily examinations and treatments by animal keepers, including elephant "pedicures," along with bi-weekly thorough exams by Zoo veterinarians that include foot sole inspections, bloodwork, and a check of all vitals. M'Dunda showed no signs of existing medical issues, despite her advanced age. Her remains were taken to the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine for a necropsy and testing to determine the specific cause of death.

M'Dunda was the third oldest African elephant in an AZA (Association of Zoos and Aquariums) zoo. (The average median lifespan of African elephants in captivity is 17 years).

Mountain lion cub rehabilitating in Zoo hospital

SUBMITTED BY ISABELLA LINARES

On November 24, a homeowner near Somerset in El Dorado County heard crying and discovered a den with three mountain lions, only two of which were still alive. The cubs were reported to Sierra Wildlife Rescue, and were then retrieved by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). After initial treatments were provided by CDFW, the cubs (a male and female) were brought to Oakland Zoo Veterinary Hospital (OZVH) for more intensive care on November 26.

Upon arrival at Oakland Zoo, the cubs were suffering from severe malnutrition and dehydration; despite treatments and efforts by OZVH staff and CDFW, the female passed away hours later on November 27 due to the severity of her condition.

The cubs are estimated to be four to six weeks old and weighed less than four pounds when discovered. They were heavily infested with fleas and ticks, suffering from multiple parasites, severely anemic, dehydrated, and malnourished.

Dr. Alex Herman, Director of OZVH, reports the surviving male cub is growing stronger every day. He has responded well to treatment, is eating well, and has gained three pounds since his arrival 12 days ago. When he can eat solid foods and has fully recuperated, he will be transferred to his forever home at El Paso Zoo, a fellow AZA-accredited Zoo (Association of Zoos and Aquariums).

"The little male is thriving. His low red blood cell count is resolving, his appetite is great, he's gaining weight, and getting feistier every day. We've

already found him a forever home at El Paso Zoo; they're rooting for his recovery and checking up on him regularly," said Dr. Alex Herman, Director of Oakland Zoo's Veterinary Hospital.

This rescue marks the 10th mountain lion rescue for Oakland Zoo through the partnership with CDFW. "The Oakland Zoo is a valued partner in our efforts to care for orphaned and displaced California wildlife. We thank the Zoo, its veterinarians and staff for providing the intensive treatment these orphaned cubs needed," said Dr. Deana Clifford, a Senior Wildlife Veterinarian at CDFW.

Mountain lions are facing numerous threats in California—often struck by cars, killed with depredation permits, and illegal poaching. These factors culminate in the human-wildlife conflict, putting them at odds with humans in encroaching urban areas and developments. Oakland Zoo partners with conservation organizations like the Mountain Lion Foundation and the Bay Area Puma Project to educate the public on the issue and help conserve the species in the wild.

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BART Police Log

SUBMITTED BY LES MENSINGER
AND BART PD

Friday, December 6

• At 9:11 a.m. a man identified by police as Ty Ervin, 29, of San Francisco was arrested at Union City station on suspicion of providing false information to a peace officer and resisting arrest. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Sunday, December 8

• At 5:21 p.m. a male juvenile who was reported as a runaway from a group room was arrested at Bay Fair station in San Leandro on an active no-bail warrant and booked into Alameda County Juvenile Hall.

Monday, December 9

• A man identified by police as Nadeem Deisieh, 23, of San Francisco was arrested at Fremont station on an outstanding \$15,000 warrant for possessing

an illegal substance. He was booked into Fremont City Jail.

Tuesday, December 10

• At 5:38 p.m. a man identified by police as Robert Johnson, 35, of San Francisco was arrested at Castro Valley station on suspicion of fare evasion, obstructing an officer and providing false identification to an officer. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Thursday, December 12

• At 11:00 a.m. a man identified by police as Raul Moreno, 31, of Hayward was arrested at Union City station on a no-bail warrant for burglary issued in Kings County. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

• At 1:46 p.m. a man identified by police as Timothy Knockum, 53, of Oakland was arrested at Union City station on suspicion of fare evasion and probation violation. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Milpitas Police Log

SUBMITTED BY
LT. JOHN TORREZ,
MILPITAS PD

Monday, December 9

• Following a multi-jurisdictional investigation, Milpitas police announced that three suspects have been arrested in connection with an armed robbery on November 20 at Jerry's Deli, 1491 S. Main St., Milpitas. On November 21

Milpitas Police detectives received information from the San Jose Police Department identifying Benjamin Mendez Jr., 18, of San Jose as one of the three suspects pictured in an informational bulletin sent to area law enforcement agencies. On November 22 Milpitas detectives arrested Mendez in Los Gatos for the robbery and an unrelated hit and run warrant. After more investigation, Milpitas detectives identified Jose Rosales-Salas, 18, and Christian Alexander Muniz, 19,

both of San Jose, as the other two suspects and obtained arrest warrants. They were arrested separately on November 26 by San Jose Police. Anyone who has information about the incident, or the suspects, is asked to call the Milpitas Police Department at (408) 586-2400. Information can be given anonymously by calling the Crime Tip Hotline at (408) 586-2500 or via the Milpitas Police Department Website at: <http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/crimetip>.

Fremont Police Log

SUBMITTED BY GENEVA BOSQUES,
FREMONT PD

Friday, December 13, 2019

• At 10:20 a.m. officers responded to a report about a home invasion robbery in South Fremont where a female was assaulted but did not require medical treatment. At 11:30 a.m. police spotted the male suspect at a construction site on Warm Springs Boulevard at Brown Road. He eventually climbed to the top of the unfinished five story building and

barricaded himself and began to toss construction materials at police below. Police deployed two drones to track the suspect's movements while trying to negotiate with him. The suspect began speaking with negotiators at 2:53 p.m., but at 3:40 p.m. lit a rag on fire, prompting the Fremont Fire Department to use water to prevent the fire from spreading. Warm Springs Boulevard was closed between Mission Boulevard and Corporate in both directions because of the standoff. At 7:30 p.m., after 8 hours of negotiating, the suspect told officers he wanted to comply and peacefully surrendered.

Alameda County Fire Department Log

SUBMITTED BY ACFD

Tuesday, December 10

• At 3:53 a.m. firefighters responded to Standish and Hampton Road in Cherryland on a report of a fully-involved travel trailer fire. The fire was extinguished, but there was heat damage to the nearby home and garage. There were no injuries; the cause of the fire was unknown.

Hayward Police Log

SUBMITTED BY
HAYWARD PD

Saturday, December 7

• At about 4:45 p.m. officers responded to a report of shots fired in the area of Santa Clara Way and Yolo Street. On arrival, officers found a man suffering from gunshot wounds; paramedics also responded to the scene, but the man died. He was later identified by Hayward Police and the Alameda County Coroner's Office as John Creech, Jr., age 20. He was shot by an unknown suspect who fled the scene. Anyone with information

about the incident is asked to call Homicide Detective Mulhern at (510) 293-7176.

Sunday, December 8

• At about 12:39 a.m. officers responded to a report of shots fired on the 27000 block of Belvedere Court. On arrival, officers found a man suffering from gunshot wounds; paramedics also responded to the scene, but the man died. He was later identified by Hayward Police and the Alameda County Coroner's Office as Anthony Hunter, age 31. He was shot by an unknown suspect who fled the scene. Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call Detective Sprague at (510) 293-7176.

Thursday, December 12

• At about 2:12 p.m. officers responded to a report of a shooting in the area of Cavanagh Court and Foley Street. On arrival, officers found a man suffering from gunshot wounds. Paramedics responded and took the man to a hospital where he was later reported in stable condition. The shooting suspect fled the scene in a vehicle but was stopped by Hayward Police officers on Highway 92. He was identified by witnesses and taken into custody; an investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call Detective Purnell at (510) 293-7176.

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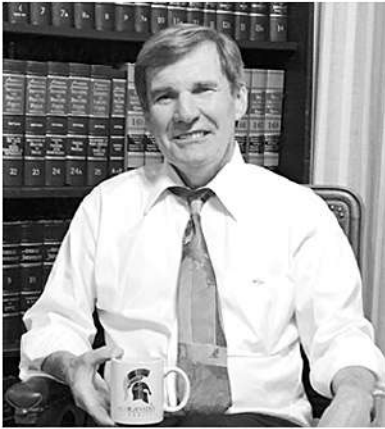
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PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
Pursuant to Elections Code section 12112

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Presidential Primary Election will be held on **Tuesday, March 3, 2020**, in the following districts and that candidates to be voted upon at said election may be nominated for the following offices:

COUNTY OFFICES

District	Number to be elected	Term	Qualifications
Superior Court Judge	Twenty-seven (Seats 1-31)	6 years	Member of State Bar for 10 years or served as a judge of the court of record in the State 10 years prior to selection to Superior Court. Alameda County residency not required.
County Board of Supervisors	Three (Districts 1, 4, 5)	4 years	Candidates must be a registered voter of the district.
County Board of Education	Four (Districts 2, 3, 5, 6)	4 years	Candidates must be a registered voter of the district.
SPECIAL DISTRICT DIRECTOR (S)			
Union Sanitary District	Three (Districts 1, 2, 3)	4 years	Candidates must be a registered voter of the district.
Zone 7 Flood Control District	1 Full Term 1 Short Term	4 years 2 years	Candidates must be a registered voter of the district.

Declarations of candidacy to file for the above office may be obtained from the Alameda County Registrar of Voters Office, 1225 Fallon St., Room G-1, Oakland, CA 94612 on or after November 11, 2019 and no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 6, 2019.

If an incumbent elective officer of the district has not filed by 5:00 p.m. on December 6, 2019, the nomination period shall be extended until Wednesday, December 11, 2019 for any eligible candidate except for the incumbent.

In the event there are no nominees or an insufficient number of nominees for such office and a petition for an election is not filed within the time period prescribed by the Elections Code, section 10515 and Education Code sections 5326 and 5328 (5:00 p.m. December 11, 2019), the supervising authority will make appointments to each elective office.

The polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

Dated: December 6, 2019

TIM DUPUIS
Alameda County Registrar of Voters
CNS-332064#

BULK SALES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

(U.C.C. §6104, 6105)
ESCRROW # 0126014024
Exempt from fee per GC 27388.1 (a) (1).
Recording is not related to real property.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to creditors of the within named seller that a bulk sale is about to be made of the assets described below.
The names and business address of the Seller(s) is/are: Keensly LLC
34563 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, CA 94587
The location in California of the Chief Executive Office of the seller is: same as above
As listed by the seller, all other business names and addresses used by the seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the buyer are: none
The names and business address of the Buyer(s) is/are: Amausaan 103 LLC
34563 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, CA 94587
The assets to be sold are described in general as All stock in trade, furniture, fixtures, equipment and other property
And are located at: 34563 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, CA 94587
The business name used by the Seller(s) at those locations is: Sweet'sD
The anticipated date of the bulk sale is 01/06/20
At the office of Old Republic Title Company @ 1000 Burnett Avenue, Suite 400, Concord, CA 94520.
The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.
If so subject, the name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is as follows:
Old Republic Title Company @ 1000 Burnett Avenue, Suite 400, Concord, CA 94520, Escrow Holder.
The last day for filing claims shall be 01/03/20 which is the business day before the sale date specified herein.
Dated: 12/11/19
Amausaan 103 LLC
/s/ By: Yifu Tang, President
12/11/19

CNS-3323345#

CIVIL

SUMMONS (Parentage—Custody and Support)

CITACION (Paternidad—Custodia y Manutención)

CASE NUMBER: (Número de caso) HF19038949
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT (Name): AVISO AL DEMANDADO (Nombre): Bernabe Ramirez
You have been sued. Read the information below and on the next page. *Lo han demandado. Lea la información a continuación y en la página siguiente.*
Petitioner's name: El nombre del demandante: Crista Ortega-Flores
You have **30 calendar days** after this *Summons and Petition* are served on you to file a *Response* (form FL-220 or FL-270) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call, or court appearance will not protect you.
If you do not file your *Response* on time, the court may make orders affecting your right to custody of your children. You may also be ordered to pay child support and attorney fees and costs.
For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org), or by contacting your local bar association.

Tiene 30 días de calendario después de haber recibido la entrega legal de esta Citación y Petición para presentar una Respuesta (formulario FL-220 o FL-270) ante la corte y efectuar la entrega legal de una copia al demandante. Una carta o llamada telefónica o una audiencia de la corte no basta para protegerlo.
Si no presenta su Respuesta a tiempo, la corte puede dar órdenes que afecten la custodia de sus hijos. La corte también le puede ordenar que pague manutención de los hijos, y honorarios y costos legales.
Para asesoramiento legal, póngase en contacto de inmediato con un abogado. Puede obtener información para encontrar un abogado en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en el sitio web de los Servicios Legales de California (www.lawhelpca.org), o póngase en contacto con el colegio de abogados de su condado.

NOTICE: The restraining order on page 2 remains in effect against each parent until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered, or the court makes further orders. This order is enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of it.
AVISO: La orden de protección que aparecen en la página 2 continuará en vigencia en cuanto a cada parte hasta que se emita un fallo final, se desista la petición o la corte dé otras órdenes. Cualquier orden de restricción que haya recibido o visto una copia de estas orden puede hacerla acatar en cualquier lugar de California.
FEE WAIVER: If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party.

EXENCIÓN DE CUOTAS: Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario un formulario de exención de cuotas. La corte puede ordenar que usted pague, ya sea en parte o por completo, las cuotas y costos de la corte previamente exentos a petición de usted o de la otra parte.
1. The name and address of the court are: (El nombre y dirección de la corte son:) Hayward Hall of Justice, 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544
2. The name, address, and telephone number of petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, are: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante si no tiene abogado, son:) Philip B. Sarmiento (SBN 235450) Law Offices of Philip B. Sarmiento, 2140 Peralta Blvd., Suite 109, Fremont, CA 94536
Date (Fecha): October 15 2019
CHAD FINKE, Clerk, by (Secretario, por) J. WATTS, Deputy (Asistente)
[SEAL]

12/10, 12/17, 12/24, 12/31/19

CNS-3320762#

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. HG19045332
Superior Court of California, County of Alameda
Petition of: Yueqiu Zhang for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner Yueqiu Zhang filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Yueqiu Zhang to Jessica Yue Zhang
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be

heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: Feb. 7, 2020, Time: 11:00 AM, Dept.: 17
The address of the court is 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: What's Happening Tri-City Voice
Date: DEC. 2, 2019
Judge Desutels
Judge of the Superior Court
12/10, 12/17, 12/24, 12/31/19

CNS-3320760#

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. HG19042872
Superior Court of California, County of Alameda
Petition of: Canhong Feng for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner Canhong Feng filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Canhong Feng to Diamond Fung
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 01-07-2020, Time: 11:00 AM, Dept.: 17
The address of the court is 1221 Oak St., Oakland, CA
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Inter City Express Journal
Date: Nov. 12, 2019
Wynne S. Carvill
Judge of the Superior Court
12/10, 12/17, 12/24, 12/31/19

CNS-3320004#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAMESFICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 566312
Fictitious Business Name(s):
Himalayan Chef Kitchen, 6180 Jarvis Avenue #1, Newark, CA 94560, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Himalayan Chef Event & Catering LLC, 3108 Puttenham Way, Fremont, CA 94536; CA
Business conducted by: a Limited Liability Company
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/10/2019.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Deepak Adhikari, Manager
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 10, 2019.
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/17, 12/24, 12/31/19, 1/7/20

CNS-3323368#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 566340
Fictitious Business Name(s):
Go Overboard Construction, 35511 Garrone Place, Newark, CA 94560, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Robert Daniel Sheppard III, 35511 Garrone Place, Newark, CA 94560
Business conducted by: an Individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1/13/16.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Robert Daniel Sheppard III, an Individual
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 10, 2019.
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/17, 12/24, 12/31/19, 1/7/20

CNS-3323366#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 566132-154
Fictitious Business Name(s):
1. **Mission Peak Brokers, 2. Mission Peak, 3. Mission Peak Financial Services, 4. Mission Peak Business Brokers, 5. Mission Peak Commercial Brokers, 6. Mission Peak Commercial, 7. Mission Peak Home Loans, 8. Mission Peak Commercial Real Estate, 9. Mission Peak Commercial Loans, 10. Mission Peak Loans, 11. Mission Peak Business Loans, 12. Mission Peak Commercial Group, 13. Mission Peak Residential, 14. Mission Peak Residential Brokerage, 15. Mission Peak Capital, 16. Mission Peak Properties, 17. Mission Peak Real Estate Advisors, 18. Mission Peak Investment Advisors, 19. Mission Peak Business Advisors, 20. Mission Peak Funding Group, 21. Mission Peak Real**
Estate Services, 22. Mission Peak Realty, 23. Harry Sidhu, 46560 Fremont Blvd., Ste. 111, Fremont, CA 94538, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Mission Peak Brokers, Inc., 46560 Fremont Blvd., Ste. 111, Fremont, CA 94538; California Business conducted by: a Corporation
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/12/2010.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Harpreet Sidhu, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 5, 2019.
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/17, 12/24, 12/31/19, 1/7/20

CNS-3322966#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 565599
Fictitious Business Name(s):
D & D Welding Equipment & Tool Repair, 735 Shard Ct., Fremont, CA 94539, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
David McCallum, 735 Shard Ct., Fremont, CA 94539
Business conducted by: an Individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on June 2016 in another location.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ David McCallum, Owner/President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 21, 2019.
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/17, 12/24, 12/31/19, 1/7/20

CNS-3322965#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 565755
Fictitious Business Name(s):
PARMCO, 38665 Overacker Avenue, Fremont, CA 94538, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Paul Kalff, 38665 Overacker Avenue, Fremont, CA 94536
Business conducted by: an Individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on May 6, 2019.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Paul Kalff, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 25, 2019.
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/10, 12/17, 12/24, 12/31/19

CNS-3321233#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 565585
Fictitious Business Name(s):
Expressio8 Art Gallery, 39190 Paseo Padre Pkwy, Fremont, CA 94538, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Expressio8 Art Inc., 39190 Paseo Padre Pkwy, Fremont, CA 94538
Business conducted by: a Corporation
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Pritika Nekkanti, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 21, 2019.
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/10, 12/17, 12/24, 12/31/19

CNS-3320761#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 565864
Fictitious Business Name(s):
Mohem Trucking, 2482 Regal Drive, Union City, CA 94587, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Bhagar Singh, 2482 Regal Drive, Union City, CA 94587
Business conducted by: an Individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/26/19.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Balihar Singh, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 26, 2019.
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 12/24/19

CNS-3319367#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 565309
Fictitious Business Name(s):
Luna Blü, 37635 Niles Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Beatriz Navarrete Ramirez, 401 Orchard Dr., Fremont, CA 94536
Business conducted by: an Individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Beatriz Navarrete Ramirez
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 8, 2019.

NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 12/24/19

CNS-3319352#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 565451
Fictitious Business Name(s):
Jeet's Beauty Lounge, 43625 Mission Blvd Suite #106, Fremont, CA 94539, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Amarjeet Kaur, 38275 Ballard Dr, Fremont, CA 94536
Business conducted by: Married Couple
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Amarjeet Kaur, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 14, 2019.
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17/19

CNS-3317476#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 565552
Fictitious Business Name(s):
Wild Dog Grooming, 2090 Warm Springs Ct. Suite #164, Fremont, CA 94539, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Mailing address: 2356 Vegas Ave., Castro Valley, CA 94546
Business conducted by: an Individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on Nov 16, 2019.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Elisabeth Topete, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 19, 2019.
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17/19

CNS-3317475#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 565528
Fictitious Business Name(s):
Stephlnn Motors, 33015 Carrara Terr, Union City, CA 94587, County of USA Alameda
Registrant(s):
Farhan Akhtar Rasool, 33015 Carrara Terr, Union City, CA 94587
Business conducted by: a General Partnership
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on Nov 16, 2019.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Farhan Akhtar Rasol, General Partners
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 18, 2019.
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17/19

CNS-3317473#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 565266
Fictitious Business Name(s):
Thind Logistics, 5177 Roycroft Way, Fremont, CA 94538, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Amandeep Singh, 5177 Roycroft Way, Fremont, CA 94538
Business conducted by: an Individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Amandeep Singh
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 7, 2019.
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17/19

CNS-3317471#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 565460
Fictitious Business Name(s):
Red Curbs Skate Shop, 40923 Grimmer Blvd, Fremont, CA 94538, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Red Curbs Skateboarding LLC, 40923 Grimmer Blvd, Fremont, CA 94538; California Business conducted by: A Limited Company
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/2015
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code

that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ Lilli Filichia, General Partner/Managing Member

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 15, 2019

NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17/19

CNS-3317463#

GOVERNMENT

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

PUBLIC NOTICES

documents comprising the Contract Documents. Each bid shall be presented under sealed cover and shall be accompanied by a certified check or bidder's bond, made payable to the District, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid. The said check or bidder's bond shall be given as a guarantee that the successful bidder will execute the contract in conformity with the form of agreement contained within the contract documents, and will furnish bonds and insurance policies as specified within ten (10) days after notification of the award of the Contract to the successful bidder.

Cost for work described in each addenda issued during the time of bidding shall be included in the Bid and the addenda shall become a part of the Contract documents.

Bidders shall develop and submit bids at their own expense. The District will not reimburse any costs associated with the development and submittal of any and all Bids.

The District reserves the sole right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in a bid. No bidder may withdraw its bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof.

At the successful Contractor's option, securities may be substituted for the required retention, in accordance with the provisions of Section 22300 of the State of California Public Contract Code. In accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code Section 3300, the District has determined that the Contractor shall possess, as a minimum, a valid Class A License. In accordance with the provisions of California Business and Professions Code Section 7028.15, a bid submitted to the District by a Contractor who is not licensed in accordance with Chapter 9 of the California Business and Professions Code shall be considered non-responsive and shall be rejected by the District.

BID PROTEST: Any Bid protest must be submitted in writing to the Project Manager at the District Office located at 5072 Benson Road, Union City, California 94587 before 4:30 p.m. of the fifth Business Day following transmission and posting of the District's Notice of Intent to Award. The notice will be posted at the District Offices. The District will use reasonable efforts to deliver by facsimile and/or e-mail a copy of the Notice of Intent to Award to all Bidders who submitted Bids no later than the Business Day after issuance, although any delay or failure to do so will not extend the Bid protest deadline described above. Questions concerning this project should be directed to:

Union Sanitary District
Attn: Kevin Chun, Project Manager
5072 Benson Road
Union City, CA 94587
Phone: 510-477-7608
By: Pat Kile

Secretary of the Board
Union Sanitary District
Date: December 17, 2019

12/17, 12/24/19

CNS-3323219#

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to California Elections Code section 9502, the Registrar of Voters of Alameda County, HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the following measures will appear on the ballot throughout the County of Alameda on Tuesday, March 3, 2020: **Alameda County Fire Department Fire Safety Bond.** Shall the measure authorizing the Alameda County Fire Department to issue \$90,000,000 in general obligation bonds to repair / replace outdated stations, thereby maintaining services in unincorporated communities (including medical emergency lifesaving services, fast 911 response, wildfire protection and disaster response) in an estimated levy of 1.6 cents per \$100 assessed value, raising on average \$5,200,000 annually for approximately 31 years, with oversight and audits, and no funds for salaries, benefits or pensions be adopted?

YES NO
Alameda County Care for Kids. To improve critical early health and education for Alameda County children by: protecting local children's healthcare safety net and Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Center; and increasing access to high quality, affordable childcare and preschool to improve kindergarten readiness, school success and high school graduation rates; shall a County of Alameda ordinance enacting a 20-year half-percent sales tax providing approximately \$150,000,000 annually with citizens' oversight and mandatory annual audits be adopted?

YES NO
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that **Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 5:00 P.M.** is hereby fixed as the final date and time on which arguments for and against the measure may be submitted to the Registrar of Voters for printing and distribution to the voters as provided by law. No argument may exceed 300 words in length. No more than five signers' names shall appear with any argument. All authors must be registered voters eligible to vote on the measure or a representative of a bona fide association of citizens. If more than one argument for or one argument against the measure is submitted, the Registrar of Voters shall select one argument in favor and one argument against the measure as provided by law. When arguments in favor and against the measure are selected, they shall be exchanged and the authors may submit a rebuttal argument not to exceed 250 words. Rebuttal arguments must be filed with the Registrar of Voters no later than **Monday, December 16, 2019 at 5:00 P.M.**

Dated this 6th day of December, 2019 at Oakland, CA
TIM DUPUIS
Registrar of Voters
County of Alameda, 1225 Fallon St. Oakland, CA 94612
12/17/19

CNS-3322050#

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to California Elections Code section 9502, the Registrar of Voters of Alameda County, HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the following measure will appear on the ballot throughout the Fremont Unified School District on Tuesday, March 3, 2020: "To ensure quality education and maintain stable funding that cannot be taken by the State, shall Fremont Unified School District's measure attracting and retaining highly qualified educators; enhancing science, technology, engineering, arts and math opportunities for students; maintaining math, science, reading and writing programs; restore smaller class size; annually levying \$236 per parcel for 9 years, raising \$18.3 million each year, with senior exemptions, independent citizens' oversight, and all funds for Fremont students, be adopted?"

YES NO
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that **Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 5:00 P.M.** is hereby fixed as the final date and time on which arguments for and against the measure may be submitted to the Registrar of Voters for printing and distribution to the voters as provided by law. No argument may exceed 300 words in length. No more than five signers' names shall appear with any argument. All authors must be registered voters eligible to vote on the measure or a representative of a bona fide association of citizens. If more than one argument for or one argument against the measure is submitted, the Registrar of Voters shall select one argument in favor and one argument against the measure as provided by law. When arguments in favor and against the measure are selected, they shall be exchanged and the authors may submit a rebuttal argument not to exceed 250 words. Rebuttal arguments must be filed with the Registrar of Voters no later than **Monday, December 16, 2019 at 5:00 P.M.**

Dated this 6th day of December, 2019 at Oakland, CA
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Registrar of Voters
County of Alameda, 1225 Fallon St. Oakland, CA 94612
12/17/19

CNS-3322031#

TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-16-741737-RY Order No.: 160228575-CA-VOI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 6/15/2005, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO SUE LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): JIM L. LOPEZ AND THERESE G. LOPEZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded: 7/14/2005 as Instrument No. 2005298591 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of ALAMEDA County, California; Date of Sale: 1/17/2020 at 12:00PM Place of Sale: At the Fallon Street emergency exit to the Alameda County Courthouse, located at 1225 Fallon St., Oakland, CA 94612 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$783,733.56 The purported property address is: 3312 TRAFALGAR RD., FREMONT, CA 94555 Assessor's Parcel No.: 543-0401-068. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being

auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-16-741737-RY. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designations shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio South San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 916-939-0772 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: CA-16-741737-RY IDSPub #0158628 12/3/2019 12/10/2019 12/17/2019 12/3, 12/10, 12/17/19

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Fremont News Briefs

SUBMITTED BY
CHERYL GOLDEN

Small Cell Technology Deployment

As wireless service providers expand 4G and 5G networks across the country by deploying small cell technology (a small antenna, radio, and other accessory equipment), the City of Fremont is working on a Master License Agreement (MLA) agreement with wireless providers to allow the placement of small cells facilities on city-owned and -operated street lights, excluding historic district and decorative light poles. The deployment of small cell facilities will improve the speed and reduce gaps in data coverage for the community, as well as contribute to reducing blight in public spaces by ensuring no additional poles are constructed in the public right-of-way.

At the Fremont City Council Meeting on January 14, 2020, the council will discuss the MLA template for telecommunications facilities. The meeting will be held at Fremont City Hall, 3300 Capitol Avenue, Building A, in the Council Chambers starting at 7 p.m. For more

information, visit www.fremont.gov/SmallCell or

contact Kei Louie in the city's Engineering Division by email at ylovie@fremont.gov or by phone at (510) 494-4727.

New Pet Licensing Hours

The Tri-City Animal Shelter, at 1950 Stevenson Boulevard, will soon begin implementing more consistent hours for residents to license their pets in person. Effective January 7, 2020, the new licensing hours will align with the shelter's hours, making licensing available in person at the shelter's front counter, from 12 noon – 5 p.m. Tuesdays to Fridays, and 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturdays. The shelter will be closed on Sundays, Mondays, and holidays. You can also license a new pet, renew an existing pet's license, and update information for you and your pet online at www.licensepet.com/fremont.

If you are a Fremont resident, your dog or cat is required to be licensed at 4 months of age or within 30 days of ownership or bringing the animal into the city. California state law requires the rabies vaccination to be effective during the entire licensing period.

The Tri-City Animal Shelter is Fremont's only open admissions shelter. The shelter accepts all stray, abandoned, or homeless

pets residing in Fremont, Union City, Newark, and San Leandro regardless of age, breed, temperament, or medical condition. Fremont Animal Services provides public safety, licensing, and animal welfare in the community, while the shelter reunites pets with their owners, facilitates adoptions, networks animals to adoption partners, and provides owner education.

To learn more about services provided by the Tri-City Animal Shelter, visit www.TriCityAnimalShelter.org.

Census 2020 Kickoff Summit

The City of Fremont and Mayor Lily Mei hosted the Census 2020 Kickoff Summit on December 10 at Fremont City Hall. As Census 2020 approaches, this meeting served as a springboard to present an overview of the importance of Census 2020 for the community and to provide for a strategy-building session between leaders from community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, business community, and elected officials to ensure that each resident is counted.

Essential services such as healthcare, school programs, housing, transportation, social services, and more could be greatly impacted if the census

count is inaccurate. Census 2020 presents new challenges as the first digital census. The city will use the information gathered at the kickoff summit to inform census outreach activities and will continue reaching out to community organizations to serve as a resource and partner when the census count begins in March 2020.

For more information about the city's Census 2020 efforts, contact management analyst Amanda Gallo at agallo@fremont.gov or (510) 284-4016. For more information about Alameda County's Census efforts, visit www.acgov.org/census2020.

Tobacco Retail License Program in Effect

In October, the Fremont City Council voted unanimously to establish a Tobacco Retail License program, joining over 150 California municipalities with similar programs. This program was implemented to ensure that retailers comply with tobacco control laws to protect health, safety, and welfare of the community and to limit youth access to tobacco products.

As part of the program, a new city ordinance became effective November 8. All state-licensed tobacco retailers in the city were notified of the new program by mail, and the city also conducted

in-person workshops to help answer any questions. In addition, a comprehensive FAQs document has been created to provide additional details about the new program. To view the FAQs document and learn more about the program, visit www.fremont.gov/TobaccoRetailLicense.

East Bay Innovation Awards Finalists

On December 12, the East Bay Economic Development Alliance (East Bay EDA) announced the finalists for their 8th Annual East Bay Innovation Awards. Among the finalists are two Fremont-based organizations: battery technology company Enovix in the category of Engineering, and Ohlone College in the category of Education for its new Smart Manufacturing curriculum.

Awardees will be announced at the awards ceremony on March 26, 2020 at the historic Fox Theater in Oakland. More than 200 East Bay companies and organizations were nominated, showcasing the best examples of innovation in product development, services, and processes. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/2PeizkX>.

27th Annual Women's Hall of Fame nominations

SUBMITTED BY
SUSAN S. MURANISHI

Nominations are being accepted for the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame, honoring extraordinary women making a difference in the community. Honorees will be celebrated at the "27th Annual Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame Luncheon and Awards Ceremony" in early spring 2020, co-hosted by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women.

The Women's Hall of Fame is now accepting nominations in 13 categories: Business & Professions; Community Service; Culture & Art; Education; Emerging Leader; Environment; Health; Justice; NonTraditional Careers; Philanthropy; Science, Technology, Engineering and

Mathematics; Sports & Athletics; and Youth. We strongly encourage you to submit your nominations in any of these categories NOW. Submit today at <http://www.acgov.org/whof>.

More than 240 women have been inducted into the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame since its inception in 1993. In addition to honoring extraordinary women leaders from Alameda County, the annual event raises funds for youth scholarships and supports local nonprofit community partners serving women, youth and families.

Susan S. Muranishi, Alameda County Administrator and Co-Chair of the Women's Hall of Fame said, "Now in our 27th year, we are privileged to honor so many exemplary women, making significant contributions to their communities. The legacy and

public support for the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame continues to grow, expanding our investment in our future leaders through the Mary V. King Youth Scholarship program and supporting our Community Partners significantly impacting the lives of women, youth and families across Alameda County."

The date for the 2020 luncheon will be determined soon! We anticipate a sold-out event, with more than 500 people present to recognize the achievements of our inductees and to contribute support to our youth and community partners. The next group of inductees will be announced in early 2020. Please visit our website <http://www.acgov.org/whof/events.htm> or call (510) 272-6984 for more information.

Local bridge players win top prize

SUBMITTED BY INDIA COMMUNITY CENTER

Senior Bridge Club members of India Community Center (Milpitas) Jaya Mehta and Arun Kumar participated and won first prize in the "North American Bridge Championships" in San Francisco.

Get your crab feed tickets now!

SUBMITTED BY
DAVID GARGES

Union City Lions club members are back at it with another fantastic all-you-can eat Crab Feed. Although the dinner isn't until February 29, tickets are available now for people who want to give them to friends and family during the holiday season. \$50 covers a dinner of salad, pasta, bread and crab as the main course. Tickets are good toward the purchase of a non-alcoholic beverage and an opportunity to win one of the three door prizes. Entertainment will be provided by a disc jockey.

Rounding out the event will be a live auction, silent auction, raffle and a no-host bar. Proceeds

from the event will benefit youth groups and other Lions Club community service projects. The dinner will be at the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church on Alvarado-Niles Road in Union City. Doors open at 5 p.m. for happy hour; dinner is served from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Tickets are available at Lions Club website at www.UCLions.com. Follow the crab feed link in the upcoming events box.

Union City Lions Crab Feed
Saturday, Feb 29
Doors open 5 p.m.;
dinner at 6 p.m.
Southern Alameda County
Buddhist Church
32975 Alvarado-Niles Rd.,
Union City
www.UCLions.com
Tickets: \$50

FREE Adult Reading and Writing Classes are offered at the Alameda County Library

Tell A Friend Call Rachel Parra 510 745-1480

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

	Fremont FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER 24 agencies help Tri-City residents with employment, counseling, childcare subsidies, housing, legal, public benefits, health insurance, workshops & more. Mon-Fri 8-5. 39155 Liberty St, Fremont 510.574.2000 or Fremont.gov/FRC	Adult Day Program Direct care staff wanted to work with people with developmental disabilities in community-based settings or environment. Must be dependable and own a vehicle. Background check. Training available Call (510) 690 -9570	10 lines/\$10/ 10 Weeks \$50/Year 510-494-1999 tricityvoice@aol.com	
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 To register, call 574-2020 Fremont.gov/SparkPointFRC		DISCOVERY COVE Drop-in Childcare Center Fremont Family Resource Center Open to the public M-F 8:30-5. Staffed by City of Fremont Rec Dept. Open to well children aged 2-10. \$8/hour per child. 39155 Liberty St, #H850, Fremont. Fremont.gov/FRC Reservations: 510.574.2010	Shout out to your community Our readers can post information including: Activities Announcements For sale Garage sales Group meetings Lost and found For the extremely low cost of \$10 for up to 10 weeks, your message will reach thousands of friends and neighbors every TUESDAY in the TCV printed version and continuously online. TCV has the right to reject any posting to the Community Bulletin Board. Payment must be received in advance.	
League of Women Voters Fremont-Newark-Union City www.lwvfnuc.org Free meetings to inform the public about local, regional and statewide policy issues. Participate in non-partisan in-depth, discussions with guest speakers at our meetings. All sites are wheelchair accessible	Al-Anon & Alateen Family Groups are here to help you Are you troubled by someone else's drinking? Al-Anon has but one purpose, to help families and friends of alcoholics. We share our experience, strength and hope Website: alanond17.weebly.com For a meeting list or Email: Easyduz@gmail.com or call: 510-276-2270		The “NO” List: • No commercial announcements, services or sales • No personal services (escort services, dating services, etc.) • No sale items over \$100 value • No automobile or real estate sales • No animal sales (non-profit humane organization adoptions accepted) • No P.O. boxes unless physical address is verified by TCV	
Is Food a Problem For You? Try OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS Do you eat when you’re not hungry? Do you binge, purge or restrict? Is your weight affecting your life? No dues, no fees, no weigh-ins, no diets. All are Welcome www.oasaco.org or www.oa.org 510-449-7610	Is Your Life Unmanageable Because of Debt? Are you sick of bouncing checks, paying late fees, & having creditors knocking at your door? You are not alone DEBTORS ANONYMOUS www.debtorsanonymous.org Fri. 7pm St. James Episcopal Church 37051 Cabrillo Terrace Fremont 510-449-7610	A-1 Comm. Housing SVCS 1st Time Home Buyers Certification Workshop Learn the process of homeownership & What Down Payment Assistance Programs are available for dates & location, go to www.a1chs.org or call 510-674-9227	FREE PRESCHOOL Fremont Unified School District offers FREE preschool for income-eligible families. The income limits have been raised recently and more families are qualifying. Children must be 3-5 years old and toilet trained. It's a 3-hour class, 5 days per week. Openings now and throughout the school year. For information: 510-659-2579 or preschool@fremont.k12.ca.us	
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	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	Do you get nervous when you have to speak in public? Newark Toastmasters can help Learn this skill and more in a supportive atmosphere It’s FREE to attend Tues 7am-8:10am Newark Library 6300 Civic Terrace Ave., Newark 510-796-3562 or 510-402-8318 www.1118.toastmastersclub.org	A-1 Comm. Housing SVCS Credit & Money Management Workshop Resolve your credit issues & be better money managers Every 2nd Saturdays 10am-2:30pm 22693 Hesperian Blvd. #150 Hayward, CA 94541 Please register www.a1chs.org or call 510-674-9227	FREMONT COIN CLUB Established 1971 Meets 2nd & 4th Tues 7pm At the Fremont Elks Lodge 38991 Farwell Dr., Fremont Guests Always Welcome, Enjoy Show N Tells, Drawings Auction, Refreshments www.fremontcoinclub.org 510-366-1365
FREMONT AREA WRITERS SPONSORS NEW LITERARY OPEN MIC Third Sunday of every month Sign-up at 3:00 Reading 3:30-5:30 Begins October 20th at Starbucks 39201 Cedar Blvd in Newark A family friendly venue for family appropriate material Free event! Everyone is welcome!			Need more steps? Try Square Dancing! The Swinging 21er Square Dance Club Class for new dancers begins January 14 2020. Make new friends! Fun & Snacks Meet Tues., 6:30-8:30pm Fremont Elks Lodge 38991 Farwell Dr. Fremont 510-887-5605	Fremont Cribbage Club Meets to play weekly, every Weds. We play a Cribbage Tournament starting at 6PM. at ROUND TABLE PIZZA at 5544 Thornton Ave., Newark We welcome experienced players and will work with new players hoping to learn the game. Email:Accgr43@gmail.com For more information.
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2950 WASHINGTON BLVD, FREMONT, CA We welcome you and your family into the life of Fremont First, regardless of your skin color, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental capacity, religious background, family configuration, economic means or immigrations status. Check out our website: www.firstchurchfremont.org		Afro-American Cultural & Historical Society Sharing our culture and history in the Tri-Cities and surrounding area Meetings: Third Saturday Except Dec, Feb, June, July 5:30pm Newark Library 510-793-8181 aachstricity.org Welcome!	Union City Toastmasters All are Welcome! Every1st & 3rd Monday from 7-9pm 904 H Street, Union City Practice your Speaking Skills & Lead with Confidence! For more information 5269.toastmastersclubs.org/ 510-386-7722	Learn English Vocabulary for everyday life issues Free Weekly English Class for Adults Tuesdays 11:40am-12:10pm South Bay Community Church 47385 Warm Springs Blvd. Fremont Contact: Harry for info 510-410-9160
	Serious Mental Illness Free 12 week course for caregivers of someone with a serious mental illness starting Jan 4, 2020 from 9:00-11:30 in Fremont. Registration required. Contact: Joe Rose at 510-378-1578 or Email F2F@NAMIlacs.org http://www.NAMIlacs.org http://www.NAMI.org	Free Health Coaching Session Weight loss, Blood Sugar Balance, Cognitive Health and Better Sleep. Work with a Coach for Better & Longer Lasting Results. www.missionvalleyhealthcoach.com jackie@missionvalleyhealthcoach.com 510-320-3956	Zumba with Jazzy Jenny! Monday nights 7:30pm-8:30pm at Hope Community Church 2190 Peralta Blvd., Fremont Cost is FREE but donations are appreciated. Men and Women 12 + Zumba is a fun filled dance workout with many rhythms from around the world	AMERICAN LEGION POST 837 Veterans and Active Duty Military are invited Meetings 3rd Tuesday each month - Except July and Dec. Social Time 6:30pm General Meeting 7:15pm VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING (NILES) 37154 2nd & E Strets Fremont www.POST837.org
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Reflections on Water

Water agencies explain how they kept pumps running during power shutoffs

SUBMITTED BY
SHARENE GONZALES

Recently, the Bay Area experienced the first significant rain of this winter, signaling an end to the 2019 wildfire season -- and likely for accompanying public safety power shutoffs (PSPS). Under Pacific Gas & Electric’s pre-emptive power shutoffs, many people and businesses in the Bay Area experienced several days without energy for their day-to-day needs. The Alameda County Water District and other service providers also grappled with sustained power outages. Thankfully, our collective hard work -- and critical support from our wonderful customers -- ensured that water kept flowing. A number of water utilities acquired emergency backup equipment to help keep the pumps and treatment plants running. But as a failsafe measure, many water agencies asked their customers to minimize water use to preserve water in local water storage tanks. We want to thank our customers for responding so quickly; numbers showed dramatic drops in water use during the PSPS events. These actions helped whole communities stay safer.

Water agencies are heavily dependent on power to pump, treat and distribute the water that customers need for drinking, bathing, cooking and irrigating, and for water at hydrants that firefighters count on. Knowing the impacts of losing power, water agencies began preparing for power shutdowns a year ago. While much work was done to address the short-term impacts, we found benefits from continued, long-term infrastructure maintenance and investment.

Standby Power
Although we have made previous investments of onsite generators for our major facilities, we also rented and purchased many generators and pre-deployed them throughout our service areas. Early deployment meant less scrambling to move heavy equipment to locations far and wide. When the time for shutoffs neared, we were able to dispatch technicians to switch facilities to generator power. We also secured fuel services needed to keep those generators running.

Full Reservoirs
The above and below ground water tanks in your neighborhoods store water

that flows by gravity to the community. Under normal operations, we allow the water level in the reservoirs to go down during the day and then in the late evening, when energy is less expensive, we refill the reservoirs. Ahead of the power shutoff events, we filled each reservoir to the top to maximize water available for consumers.

Communication
We notified affected customers using a variety of methods -- emails, news media, social media, websites and direct and early notification for elected officials. Maps showed precisely which pressure zones were affected -- and those same customers were asked to conserve water.

We were also reminded of the importance of regional coordination among water and wastewater agencies to prepare and respond to immediate emergencies and longer-term challenges like climate change. The bottom line is that the water kept flowing in the midst of challenging times, thanks to our preparedness -- and important thanks to the response and cooperation we received from our customers in the face of this emergency.

Council recognizes leadership and service volunteers

SUBMITTED BY ALICE KIM

As part of a district leadership and award of excellence program, the San Leandro City Council recently honored numerous local residents who have made meaningful contributions to the community over the past years. In a ceremony on Monday, December 2, the council recognized seven individuals, representing each of the six council districts, along with four Mayor’s business award recipients who have made a significant difference in San Leandro.

- District Leadership Awards:**
- District 1: Brian Copeland
 - District 2: Leo Sheridan
 - District 3: Bud and Shirley Beal
 - District 4: Ann Sekhon
 - District 5: Tom Breckenridge
 - District 6: Diana Prola
- Mayor’s Award of Excellence:**
- Top Hatters Kitchen and Bar, Award of Excellence
 - Victoria’s Nail Salon, small business
 - Blum, medium business
 - PCC Structural, Inc., large business
 - Creekside Community Church, A City Where Kindness Matters

Eleven people were also honored during the ceremony for five or more years of dedicated services on various city boards and commissions:

- Jane Ann Abelee, Hermy Almonte, Nancy Gonchar, Bose Onyemem, Suzanne Pershing, Martin Wong; five years.
- Bella Comelo, Dina Herrera, Catherine Vierra Houston, Thomas Wagner; 10 years.
- ArleneLum; 15 years.

Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter expressed a sincere gratitude to all the nominees and their families for making San Leandro a better place for all. “One of the best parts of my job and for city councilmembers, is recognizing individuals, organizations, and businesses that contribute to making San Leandro a place of community. We know that San Leandro is a city where kindness matters because the people who live or do business here make it such a special place.”

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Cost of Vision Zero

On the agenda of the December 3rd city council meeting was the issue of the Rancho Arroyo Parkway and Niles Blvd street design. For this particular meeting, the focus was on these two streets, but this is actually part of a larger issue fundamentally changing Fremont as we know it. The issue I am referring to is the Vision Zero project, which is tied in with the Fremont General Plan. The Vision Zero initiative is the reason why we have all seen fundamental changes to the streets of Fremont. These changes, which include bulb outs at corners, wider and more prominent bike lanes, narrower driving lanes, plastic road dividers, and all the other changes that have taken place to our roads, are reshaping how people commute. The basic idea is that through

road engineering, enhanced enforcement, and driver education, serious accidents and fatalities can be completely eliminated. Eliminating traffic accidents is a laudable goal. Every life senselessly lost in a traffic accident is a tragedy. Even in accidents without fatalities, every injury a person sustains is catastrophic to both that person, as well as their family. As a society, we must do everything we can to prevent needless accidents. Fremont is not alone in adopting Vision Zero. Many cities have adopted it. Nationally, hundreds of millions of tax dollars have been spent on this program. The basic tenet of Vision Zero is to calm the flow traffic; our roads are being rebuilt to do just that. Traffic calming is the euphemism commonly used with Vision Zero initiatives to mean, slowing. At its core, Vision Zero is about slowing traffic. So, as we continue to see our city transformed and our tax dollars spent, it seems prudent to look at what we are getting for our efforts. Is Vision Zero having the desired effect?

A recent Citylab report on November 21 analyzed five cities, based on size and geographic diversity, that were among the first to adopt Vision Zero. Those cities are Chicago, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., San Francisco, and New York. The report states that of these cities, since adopting Vision Zero, the first three have seen fatality rates either stay flat or rise. The last two, have seen a decline, but the report also notes that they have seen fatalities start to creep up again. The report also mentions Vision Zero cities Austin and San Jose have seen an increase in fatalities since adoption, and in Seattle, fatality rates have remained flat. Further, another report highlights that in Los Angeles, the spike in pedestrian fatalities since enacting Vision Zero has been significant. In the 13 years before Vision Zero, Los Angeles averaged 84 pedestrian fatalities per year. Since enacting Vision Zero, Los Angeles had 135 pedestrian fatalities in 2017 and 128 in 2018. To reiterate, seven of the nine cities studied had fatality rates either remain

flat or go up since Vision Zero was enacted. At least one had fatality rates go up considerably. Given the hundreds of millions of dollars spent nationally on Vision Zero, that seems a poor return on our investment. But what of Fremont? All of those in the report are major urban cities, completely unlike our quiet, suburban community. How has Fremont fared? The results are mixed. At the city council meeting, city staff presented results and focused on the decline in severe injury accidents in Fremont. However, while the number of reported accidents is down, the number of fatalities has remained flat. In fact, while admittedly not a statistically significant delta, it is notable that the year with the highest single number of fatalities shown came after Vision Zero was enacted. Given the amount of money being spent on Vision Zero, that hardly seems like the desired result.

**Keith Parker
Fremont**

Flu activity widespread in California

SUBMITTED BY CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

With flu reaching levels typically seen later in the season, including widespread influenza activity throughout California, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is reminding people that now is the time to get a flu shot. Since September 29, when the flu season started, there have been 16 influenza-coded deaths identified on death certificates. In addition, two influenza-associated deaths in children under the age of 18 have been reported

to CDPH. Measures of influenza activity monitored by CDPH are showing flu season has started earlier in California than in recent years. Getting vaccinated is the best defense against the flu. It takes a couple of weeks after vaccination for the body to build immunity, so don’t delay getting a shot. CDPH recommends the annual flu vaccination for everyone six months of age and older. “Flu activity is starting earlier than usual in California this season,” said Dr. Sonia Angell, state public health officer and CDPH director. “The flu shot protects you and those around you by making it less likely you’ll get sick if you’re exposed to the virus, and if you do get ill, you’ll tend to have fewer days of symptoms and they’ll be less severe.” Besides getting immunized, you can also take some other simple steps:

- Stay away from people who are sick and stay home when you or your child are sick.

- Cover coughs or sneezes with your sleeve or disposable tissue.
 - Wash hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and warm water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Across the U.S. and in California, we currently have an outbreak of acute lung disease associated with vaping. The early symptoms can be like those associated with influenza or other respiratory conditions. If you vape or use e-cigarettes, it’s particularly important that you get your flu shot this year. If you visit your health care provider for symptoms you think might be influenza, be sure to tell your provider about your use of e-cigarettes or vaping. For more information about the flu, visit <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/Influenza.aspx>. For the flu vaccine location nearest you, visit www.flu.gov.

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