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Honoring Redwood Regional Park

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"Humane living is assured only to those who have disciplined themselves to choose and who have the ardor to strive for the excellence with heart and soul and mind," Dr. Aurelia Reinhardt stated in her address at Ohio State University. Reinhardt possessed these characteristics of heart, soul, and mind that allowed her to be the only woman of the original five board members who assisted in the negotiation and purchase of land currently called Redwood Regional Park.

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Martin Luther King Jr. commemoration

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AFRO-AMERICAN CULTURAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was more than just another man. His words and leadership not only helped African Americans make great strides through the Civil Rights Movement, but also inspired generations of Americans with a message of hope.

The Afro-American Cultural Historical Society established the annual celebration honoring Dr. King six years before the federal government declared a national holiday



recognizing his accomplishments because his message and his life are that important to America. The celebration, which fills the room every year with people from all backgrounds, helps to inform youth and members of our community about the importance of passing on King's message.

"Every generation has to make its own stand for freedom, for justice, for peace," said the Rev. Clarence Johnson of Mills Grove Christian Church in Oakland, a speaker at one of our past programs. "We have inherited a wonderful legacy from Dr. King."

This year the guest speaker will be Reverend Mark Gaskins on the theme of "King's 2020 Vision: The Beloved Community – the Fierce Urgency of Now." There will also be special guest performances, and a children's MLK art exhibition. A reception will follow the program.

By attending the event, families get a chance to connect with their neighbors and hear stories of hope from people with similar backgrounds who encourage them not to fall prey to fear or hatred, and not to lose sight of the bigger dream of which King so famously spoke.

43rd Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration
Sunday, Jan 12
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First Presbyterian Church of Newark
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Washington Hospital Service League Offers Academic Scholarships

The Washington Hospital Service League has been in existence for 65 years—longer than the Hospital itself. During that time, countless community members have been introduced to Washington Hospital through the efforts of these volunteers. In addition to hours donated at the Hospital, the Service League contributes to the youth of the area through educational and scholarship opportunities.

The Service League’s scholarship program has awarded nearly \$355,335 in scholarships since its establishment in 1961. The first scholarship of \$150 was awarded to a nursing student training at Highland Hospital in Oakland.

Today, the Service League grants two \$1,000 scholarships annually, which are renewable for three additional years, based on the student’s academic performance and continued focus on health care. Additionally, a one-time scholarship of \$1,000 is awarded.

These scholarships are available to students in the Washington Township Health Care District—which includes Fremont, Newark, Union City,

and parts of South Hayward and unincorporated Sunol—who are pursuing studies in a health-related field. Students who currently volunteer at Washington Hospital are also eligible. The scholarships are awarded each year to graduating high school seniors and/or current college students.

By providing scholarships, the Service League hopes to help students with their education and career goals, and in turn, hope they may someday be able to give back to the community by providing health care. Service League Scholarship Chair Dian Zarzycki notes the pleasure they receive by giving assistance and support to budding doctors, nurses and other health care professionals in the local community.

Applications can be found online at www.whhs.com/About/Community-Connection/Scholarship-Opportunities or picked up at the main desk in the Hospital lobby at 2000 Mowry Ave.

Please see application for detailed requirements. Some

qualifications for the Washington Hospital Service League scholarship include:

- U.S. citizen/permanent resident
- Resident of the Washington Township Health Care District or a current volunteer at Washington Hospital
- Age 22 or younger as of December 31, 2020
- Accepted into an accredited school, college, or university offering a bachelor's or higher degree in a health-related field
- Full-time student, able to provide required transcripts
- Contributor to the community with at least 100 hours of volunteer service or working in a health-related field
- Three letters of recommendation from the Director of Volunteer Services, employer, counselor/advisor, or teacher
- Not have been previously awarded a WHSL health career scholarship

Application deadline is Wednesday, April 1, 2020.



The Service League of Volunteers at Washington Hospital gives to the community in many ways—including scholarships for students planning careers in health care.

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

	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY			
	1/7/20	1/8/20	1/9/20	1/10/20	1/11/20	1/12/20	1/13/20			
12:00 PM 12:00 AM	Diabetes Matters: Asian Fusion	Mental Health Education Series: Understanding Psychotic Disorders	Aortic Valve Disease: Treatment Options Including TAVR	Diabetes Matters: Dining Out Around The World	Early Detection and Prevention of Female Cancers	Gastrointestinal Disorders	Mental Health Education Series: Anxiety Disorders			
12:30 PM 12:30 AM	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes Conversations		Healthy Gut, Healthy You	Colon Cancer						
1:00 PM 1:00 AM	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 11, 2019			Diabetes Matters: Filipino Food Made Healthy	Suffer From Sinus Problems?	Women's Health through the Years: Screening is Key to Aging Well		Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 11, 2019	How to Prevent Financial Elder Abuse/Fraud	
1:30 PM 1:30 AM		Solutions for Weight Management	Mental Health Education Series: Crisis Intervention		Voices InHealth: Antimicrobial Stewardship		Mental Health Education Series: Mental Wellness			
2:00 PM 2:00 AM		Diabetes Matters: Latin Foods		Caregiver Series: Caring for Someone with Dementia or Other Medical-Related Memory Loss		Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 11, 2019		Chronic Kidney Disease: FAQ	Weight Management: Stopping the Madness	Vitamins & Supplements: How Useful Are They?
3:00 PM 3:00 AM	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes & Eyes	Strategies to Reduce the Risk of Cancer Recurrence	Preventive Screenings: When and Why are They Important?	Updated Treatments for Knee Pain & Arthritis	Women's Heart Health		Mental Health Education Series: Family Support			
3:30 PM 3:30 AM	Sports Medicine Program: Why Does My Shoulder Hurt?									
4:00 PM 4:00 AM	Women's Health Conference: Reclaiming Your Confidence	Obesity: Understand the Causes, Consequences & Prevention	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes: Is There an App for That?	Cognitive Assessment As You Age	Skin Health: Skin Cancer & Fountain of Youth					
5:00 PM 5:00 AM	Sports Medicine Program: Youth Sports Injuries	Caregiver Series: Codependency and the Caregiver	Respiratory Health and Diseases	The Patient's Playbook Community Forum: Getting to the No-Mistake Zone	Digestive Health: What You Need to Know	Food Pharmacy: Prescription for Colon Health	Mindful Healing			
6:00 PM 6:00 AM		Palliative Care Series: Palliative Care Demystified						Palliative Care Series: How Can This Help Me?	Nerve Compression Disorders of the Arm	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 11, 2019
7:00 PM 7:00 AM		Good Fats vs. Bad Fats	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 11, 2019	Sports Medicine Program: Exercise & Injury	Stop Diabetes Before It Starts	Latest Treatment Options for Wound Care				
8:00 PM 8:00 AM	Diabetes Matters: Italian Foods	Diabetes Health Fair 2019: Diabetes and Foot Care	Learn About the Signs & Symptoms of Sepsis	Stress Management	Diabetes Matters: Straight Talk About Diabetes Medications	Minimally Invasive Options in Gynecology	Strategies to Help Lower Your Cholesterol and Blood Pressure			
9:00 PM 9:00 AM	Peripheral Vascular Disease: What You Need to Know							Learn the Latest Treatment Options for GERD	Diabetes Matters: Asian Indian Cooking	New Treatment Options for Chronic Sinusitis
9:30 PM 9:30 AM	Balance & Falls Prevention	Family Caregiver Series: Mindfulness Meditation for the Caregiver	How To Stop Disease Before It Starts	Mental Health Education Series: Understanding Mood Disorders	Women's Health: Planning for Pregnancy	Endometriosis: Causes, Symptoms, Diagnosis and Treatment	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 11, 2019			
10:00 PM 10:00 AM	How to Sleep Your Way to Better Health							Advance Care Planning: Five Wishes	Metabolic Disorders	Laugh without Leaking: Understanding Female Urinary Incontinence
11:00 PM 11:00 AM	Diabetes Health Fair 2019: Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes and Kidney Health	Women's Health: Depression: More Than a State of Mind	Diabetes Matters: Basics of Insulin Pump Therapy	Women's Health Conference: Quality of Life Before and After Cosmetic Surgery	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes and Your Heart				

A Little Gratitude Can Lift Your Spirits

Fremont Physician Offers Tips for Finding Your Joy in the New Year

The holidays are coming to a close, and that means leaving the parties and celebrations behind. But even though you probably won't hear "Joy to the World" for another year, there are ways to find more joy in your own world.

"Sometimes people feel a little depressed when the holidays are over," said Dr. Victoria Leiphart, a local physician with Washington Township Medical Foundation and a member of the American College of Lifestyle Medicine, which is focused on using stress reduction, nutrition, and exercise to prevent and treat disease. "The holidays can be a very materialistic time of year, when the focus is often on giving and receiving gifts, but the studies are clear that material things do not bring long-term happiness. Also, a lot of us may have exercised a little less and eaten a little more than we usually do, and that may be part of the reason we might not be feeling so good."

Dr. Leiphart said January is a great time to recommit to ourselves and our health.

"A lot of people focus on losing weight this time of year, and they get obsessed with this or that diet," she added. "But if you focus on eating more fruits and vegetables and less processed foods, you'll be well on your way to eating the way you should."

It's also important to be physically active, according to Dr. Leiphart. Get back into your exercise routine if you have one. If you don't, she suggested finding an activity you like to do so you will stick with it.



Experiencing joy can be as easy as a choice of thankfulness.

"If you like to walk or ride a bicycle, make a plan to do it on a regular basis," she said. "Many of us do better with structure, so you might want to schedule a class or find a way to exercise with others. Some people would rather go it alone. The point is to do what works best for you and make it a routine. Be honest with yourself and think about what will keep you motivated."

One of the most effective ways to live a more joyful life is to focus on gratitude. A number of studies show a correlation

between gratitude and better health and well-being.

Be Grateful

"You can define gratitude as being grateful or thankful," she explained. "Everyone can have a moment of gratitude, but it's important to develop an attitude of gratitude. It's not just about appreciating something, but more about how you approach the world, always coming from a place of gratitude." Some people are naturally more grateful than others, but gratitude is also something you can develop.

be grateful for. It might be something simple like a great cup of tea, or a personal strength you have. It could be something beautiful you saw, or a gesture of kindness you experienced.

Studies show that even keeping a journal for a short time can have a lasting impact on happiness. "Just one week of journaling improved happiness scores six months later," she noted.

Dr. Leiphart said social connectedness also helps bring more joy to your life, and she doesn't mean social media. "Everyone should limit their time spent on social media," she added. "You need to have real friendships. Volunteering can also help with social connectedness, and helping others has a significant effect on health. Studies show that volunteering can reduce your risk of developing cardiovascular disease and dementia as much as exercise can."

Women who want to know more about adding joy to their lives can join Dr. Leiphart at the next Women Empowering Women presentation. The January speaker will be happiness coach Lisa Lopez. It will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 16, in the Washington Women's Center conference room, suite 145, located at 2500 Mowry Ave. (Washington West) in Fremont.

For more information about programs and services at Washington Hospital that can improve your health, visit www.whhs.com/wellness.



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Seminars may be televised on InHealth, a Washington Hospital Channel (Comcast Channel 78) and online at www.whhs.com/inhealthtv.



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- Specific Drug Education
- Medication Therapy management
- Over The Counter product questions
- Travel Medicine

Sanjay was born in India, received his initial Doctor in Pharmacy, and specialized in injectable formulations such as insulin before moving to America in 1993. Sanjay earned his Pharmacy license in 1996 and has worked in community Pharmacy ever since.



Outside of work, Sanjay enjoys spending time with his family, Golf, Travel, Photography, and is very active in Pharmacy Associations, please stop in and speak with Sanjay and see how he can be your partner in better medication outcomes.

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Bear Bitez

Hearty Burgers served with heart!

BY MADHIKA SINGH

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Some things run in the blood, and others in tradition. For Bliss Attaie, the love of food, cooking and serving came from both. She learned the art of cooking for family and large gatherings from her mother, who in turn got it from hers. Bliss felt most at ease when immersed in cooking. "I don't want to just have a job; I want to follow my passion" – this was the thought that propelled her to leave a lucrative career in banking and join the French Culinary Academy to become a trained chef. Determined to follow her passion, Bliss started her culinary career working entry level positions in a restaurant kitchen and worked her way up to managing a café. She also worked at a big-name Silicon Valley company, helping run its on-site cafe.

As they say, "When you do what you love, you'll never work another day in your life." For Bliss, this meant that she never stopped thinking about making food even more enjoyable. She kept innovating when cooking for parties and gatherings at home, which could include over 100 people. People enjoyed her dishes so much that they started asking for them at their own gatherings. Bliss used this opportunity to further develop

her creativity and make something different for each gathering. With encouragement and support from family, Bliss opened her restaurant, Bear Bitez, after working for 15 years in the food service industry – a restaurant that offers uniqueness at the top of its menu.

Her husband, Bizhan Delgoshaei, pitched in with the necessary funding; her brother Saleem Attaie handles Marketing and Operations; and her sister Fay Attaie is sous-chef. Three things were on top of Bliss's mind as she thought about the experience she wanted to create – uniqueness, quality and family. Bliss wanted to create a space where families would feel at home and offer a menu that was fun and unique. Keeping in mind the idea that they would treat every customer as a family member, using the highest quality ingredients was a non-negotiable. "For me, it's really important that if I don't eat it, I'm not going to serve it," says Bliss. To keep the focus on quality, it was decided to keep the menu short and simple.

Narrowing down her myriad culinary creations meant uniting the family's tastes as well – her skill working with French pastry and her husband's love for burgers led to the creation of the Bear Bitez' signature offering, a burger wrapped in puff pastry.



The pastry gives the burger a "flakey, melt-in-your-mouth texture." As Saleem puts it, "It feels like a denser turn-over with a similar kind of texture." This unique offering has found appeal across the Bay Area; Bear Bitez sees people drive from San Francisco for this specialty burger.

Quality is in everything offered. "I would rather have a very small menu and it be good and clean, not just to feed your hunger, but to also nourish and heal your body," says Bliss. The chicken used is organic and free range, and the beef is antibiotic and hormone free to ensure the highest quality. The soda offered at Bear Bitez is from Alameda Point Craft Soda, made locally with natural cane sugar. A must try!

The warm and welcoming greeting from the staff at Bear Bitez instantly makes you feel at home. As Bliss puts it, "When you do what you love and you put your heart into it, people feel it. I appreciate everybody that walks through the door." In the same vein, Saleem says, "You treat them right because that is

what we want to do and what we are supposed to do. If they come back, that's a bonus."

The interior décor is also deliberately designed to create a family and communal vibe. An informal setting and picnic table style seating invite people to grab food, sit down and eat just like you would at home alongside your family. While Bear Bitez has garnered positive reviews, acclaim is not the goal for Bliss. "For me it's more important that when a customer comes in, they feel welcome. I want them to leave with a smile, feeling satisfied," she says.

While catering to creating a communal vibe, Bear Bitez

focuses on giving back to the community as well. They are a premier sponsor of Sunnyvale Youth Wrestling League.

In addition to their retail outlet in Newark, Bear Bitez is now branching into catering for special events and corporate lunches as well. They also offer home delivery through Grubhub and DoorDash. For more information, please visit: <https://www.bearbitez.com>.

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Honoring Redwood Regional Park

"Persistent, well-respected, and an advocate," are three words Edward Willis, a planner for East Bay Regional Park District, uses to describe the prominent Dr. Aurelia Reinhardt, after whom Redwood Regional Park was officially re-named in early December of 2019; official action to rename the park was approved on

While advancing women's rights, Reinhardt joined many nature-loving and protection leagues such as Save the Redwoods and Sierra Club to protect and restore nature and connect people to its peace and beauty. Reinhardt's efforts earned her the honor of having redwood park named after her.



October 15, 2019 by the park's District Board of Directors.

Born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area, Reinhardt had a growing adoration of the open space and redwoods, which in turn prompted her to become an advocate for environmentalism. Her passion for saving the redwoods was accompanied by an equally strong belief in women's rights. Before she was elected as one of the board members for East Bay Regional Park, she graduated from the University of California, Berkeley and earned her Ph.D. in Literature at Yale University, an untraditional feat for women in the early 1900s. To further her advocacy of women's rights, Reinhardt became the president of Mills College, a women's college in Oakland.

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Although she was involved in both women's suffrage and nature conservation, she is most well-known for her environmentalist efforts. These had a spiritual side as well; as a dedicated and involved churchgoer, Reinhardt related nature to God's creation and believed that protecting it is doing God's work.

Reinhardt has a lasting impact on Redwood Regional Park; school groups today learn about the park through her teaching. Approaching the 100th anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment, East Bay Regional Park is setting a date in 2020 for a public celebration of the name change from Redwood Regional Park to Dr. Aurelia Reinhardt Redwood Regional Park. Whether it's to attend the renaming, or simply to hike or enjoy the beautiful redwoods, join the East Bay Park District in celebrating the achievements of Dr. Aurelia Reinhardt.

**Celebration of Dr. Aurelia Reinhardt
Redwood Regional Park
Renaming date TBD 2020
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<https://www.ebparks.org/default.htm>**

Is Optimism the Key to Achieving the Dreams you iMagine?

SUBMITTED BY DARRYL REINA

The annual Newark Optimist Club Essay Contest is now underway. The club is encouraging Tri-City area students to contemplate the phrase: "Is Optimism the Key to Achieving the Dreams you iMagine?" The top-three club essays will receive cash prizes of \$200, \$100, and

\$50. The first-place essay will advance to district competition and have an opportunity to win a \$2,500 college scholarship.

Completed essays and applications must be received by Friday, January 24, and sent to Darryl Reina, Chairman, at darryl14r@aol.com or mailed to the Newark Optimist Club at P.O. Box 402, Newark, CA 94560. For

application and rules, visit <https://optimist.org>.

**Newark Optimist Club Essay Contest
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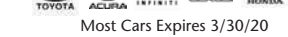
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General Plan Amendment Requests

Fremont's General Plan defines how and where the city will grow in the future. Any developer who proposes to make an amendment to the general plan must first submit a General Plan Amendment (GPA) Screening Request for review. The screening request is sent to the planning commission for its recommendation and to the city council for a decision whether the amendment would be consistent with the city's long-range goals and in the best interests of Fremont. Comments from residents are an important part of this screening process. There are two GPA screening requests that will be considered in the next few weeks.

If the council decides it will not consider making the requested changes, the proposal cannot proceed, and must either be revised or withdrawn. If the council indicates they would consider making the changes, they would authorize the developer to submit a formal request for the general plan amendment and detailed plans of the development to be reviewed by city staff. This review may take six to nine months. If an existing building on the site is eligible for historic designation, or if the site is within an Historic Overlay District, the Historic Architecture Review Board would have to review the proposal. It would then go to the planning commission and city council.

Ellsworth Residential

Robson Homes wants to build 16 two-story, detached multi-family houses on two adjacent vacant parcels at 43401 and 43431 Ellsworth Street in the Mission San Jose Town Center. The site is opposite the post office and extends north along the west side of Ellsworth to Grove Avenue. Two of the houses are proposed to be deed-restricted affordable housing for families in the moderate income range. The rest would be market-rate. There would not be any commercial space in the development.

In the screening request, the developer is asking Fremont to consider changing the general plan designation of the properties from Commercial - Town Center to Residential - Medium Density and changing the zoning from Town Center - Pedestrian to R-3-18 Multi-Family

Residential. Because the proposal is for a multi-family development, all the houses would be on small lots with small side setbacks between them, and no back yards. The housing density would be about twice the density of nearby residential neighborhoods. One point that might be considered is that the site is within the Mission San Jose Historic Overlay District. Another point is that these properties were recently recommended to be part of the Mission San Jose primary commercial area, and city staff is working on a master plan to incorporate some of those recommendations. This was supposed to be a commercial area, not residential.

Robson Homes will host a community meeting to view the proposal from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, January 9, in the Olive Hyde Center meeting room at the corner of Washington and Mission Boulevards. All residents are invited to attend, ask questions, and express their views to the developer.

Rex Homes

In Niles, Hogan Land Services proposes to build five two-story, detached single-family houses on a vacant lot at 36400 Niles Boulevard at the corner of Nursery Avenue. All the houses would be offered at market-rate; although the developer has indicated that below-market-rate affordable housing would be acceptable if the city would also grant concessions and incentive for increases in allowable density.

In the screening request, the developer is asking the city to consider changing the general plan designation from Open Space - Private to Residential - Low Density and changing the zoning from P-71-3 HOD to R-1-6 Single-Family Residential. The site may be within the Niles Historic Overlay District, and that may be a factor in the consideration. Another factor may be that the site is adjacent to a busy intersection and a railroad crossing.

Hearings

These two GPA Screening Requests are scheduled to be heard by the planning commission on Thursday, January 23. The tentative date for the city council hearing is Thursday, February 25. Residents are encouraged to attend these meetings and express their comments. Residents may also send separate written comments about each GPA request to city staff planner Hang Zhou at hzhou@fremont.gov. For more information, view the GPA page at www.ShapeOurFremont.com.

Girl Scouts donate blankets

SUBMITTED BY CARA KUNDRAT

This past month, Girl Scout Troop 33952 (Newark/Fremont) recently completed two community service projects. The girls collected new and gently-used towels, blankets, and baby socks for the Tri-City Animal Shelter and delivered huge bags full of all the goodies to the shelter.

The girls also used cookie sale proceeds to buy enough fleece fabric to make and deliver 10 brand new no-sew blankets to the Fremont Warming

Center. The blankets were distributed Tuesday evening, December 10th — keeping our underserved community a bit warmer and cozier at night. Tuesday was also a warming center client's birthday, and the client received one of our troop's blankets as a gift.

Girl Scout Troop 33952 is a multi-level group with Daisies, Brownies and Juniors in grades K-5. The girls who participated in the projects are:

Daisies: Natalia Craig, Nadia Contreras, Saheli Jayakody, Carina Kundrat, Lauren Miott, Calliope Smith, and Emilia Zuno
Brownies: Mckenzie Dapelo, Ava Marden, and Madeleine Monzon
Juniors: Katie Clinton, Natalia Contreras, Danika Dapelo, Elliot Hawkes, Adiana Kundrat, Laila Mena, Keren Mendoza, Isabella Parra, and Addyson Wolf
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Veterans Memorial Expansion Project

SUBMITTED BY MICHAEL MARTIN

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post of Castro Valley is pleased to announce that ground was broken on the Castro Valley Veterans Memorial Expansion Project this week. The Memorial is located at 3683 Quail Avenue, behind the Community Center on Lake Chabot Boulevard. Originally built so that family members or groups could memorialize local service members close to them, the memorial was completed in 2012. Service Stones from each Branch of Service (including Coast Guard and Merchant Marine) have space on the back to engrave the names of service members to be honored.

What was thought to be enough space to last a few decades quickly filled up, and many residents expressed a desire for more space. The Post began to design plans and raise funds for an expansion and

has finally achieved the goal of raising the needed funds. Thanks to a very generous bid by a local contractor (Bridge Construction), the project is under way and is expected to be complete in two months.

We encourage you to visit the site and see the expansion being constructed. When completed, the new expansion will have laser engraved pictures depicting life in each branch of service. There will be space available for those interested in having a service member memorialized on a Service Stone or Paver Brick. Go to www.cvvm.info or call Post commander Steve West at (510)-432-4346 or Kasey Warner at (530)-391-3330.

A Crab Feed in support of the project will be held on Feb 29th at the Moose Lodge in Castro Valley. Contact the above names or Pat Flanagan at (510)-459-6177. Tickets will not be for sale at the door.

Local poets read their work

SUBMITTED BY ROBIN MICHEL

Florence Miller, James M. LeCuyer, and Robin Michel will be featured readers at “Poetry at the Bette,” in Alameda, on Saturday, January 11.

Florence Miller’s second poetry collection, *After Rain a Little Girl Straightening Worms* (Raven & Wren Press) was released in 2019 when Florence was 96. *Upriver* (Shakespeare’s Sisters Press), her first book, was published in 2012. Her work appears in many publications, including Modern Haiku, the Paterson Literary Review, Blue Unicorn, LYNX,



Brussels Sprout, Passager, Crazy Ladies and Milvia Street. Florence taught Creating Writing and English at McClymonds High School in Oakland, and the 1972 Emmy-winning film *Can You Hear Me? Young Black Poets from the Ghetto* is based on her students and their work.

Florence Miller, who lives in Fremont, was born in Newark, New Jersey, in 1922. Her family moved to West Orange soon after. Many of Florence’s

poems capture the pain and confusion she experienced when her father lost his drugstore and the family home during the Great Depression.

Poet and writer James M. LeCuyer’s most recently published book is a collection of short fiction, *Duck Lessons* (Darkhouse Books, 2018). He has also published two collections of poetry, *Threnody for Sturgeon*, and *A Brick for Offissa Pup* (Floating Island Press, 1979).

Raven & Wren Press publisher Robin Michel is also a writer and poet whose work can be seen in San Pedro River Review, Rappahannock Review, and South 85 Journal. She belongs to the poetry collectives, Fresh Ink (East Bay) and Wild Women Writing (SF). In 2019, she founded the Raven & Wren Press in order to help “feather a nest” for Florence’s exceptionally fine and moving poetry. Michel says, “Working with Florence on *After Rain a Little Girl Straightening Worms* has been an incredible gift and learning experience, and I am profoundly grateful to her.”

Poetry at the Bette is hosted by Wulf Losee on the second Saturday of each month at the Frank Bette Center for the Arts. The event showcases local talent, mostly poets and writers but also singer-songwriters, dancers, storytellers, stand-up comedians, and other creatives. After the featured artists open each session, there is a short break, followed by an open mic. For more information, please visit www.frankbettecenter.org.

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Customers help Waffle House worker left to run diner alone

AP WIRE SERVICE

Waffle House is known to not close for anything - even if there’s only one worker behind the counter.

Ethan Crispo told AL.com that was the case early Sunday morning at a location in Birmingham, Alabama. He says he came in just after midnight to find a single man tending to

“the incoming crowd of hungry, heavily imbibed customers.”

That’s when Crispo says a customer stood up, asked the employee for an apron and got to work. Soon, other customers also jumped in to wash dishes and bus tables.

Waffle House spokesman Pat Warner says a scheduling miscommunication left the lone worker to take care of the

restaurant by himself. Warner says Waffle House appreciates the customers who stepped up but prefer their associates behind the counter.

Information from: The Birmingham News, <http://www.al.com/birmingham-news>



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BUSINESS

Feds will investigate deadly Tesla crash in California

AP WIRE SERVICE

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is investigating the crash of a speeding Tesla that killed two people in a Los Angeles suburb, the agency announced Tuesday.

Agency spokesman Sean Rushton wouldn't say whether the Tesla Model S was on Autopilot when it crashed on Dec. 29 in Gardena. That system is designed to automatically change lanes and keep a safe distance from other vehicles.

The black Tesla had left a freeway and was moving at a high rate of speed when it ran a red light and slammed into a Honda Civic at an intersection, police said.

A man and woman in the Civic died at the scene.

A man and woman in the Tesla were hospitalized with non-life threatening injuries. No arrests were immediately made.

An NHTSA statement said the agency has assigned its special crash investigation team to inspect the car and the crash scene. That team has inspected a total of 13 crashes involving Tesla vehicles that the agency believed were operating on the Autopilot system. Results were published in two of those cases, one of which involved Autopilot. Results are pending in the other 10 cases, the agency said in a statement.

Messages were left Tuesday night seeking comment from Tesla.

Another Tesla crash killed a woman Sunday in Indiana.

State police said the driver, Derrick N. Monet, 25, of Prescott Valley, Arizona, was seriously injured after he rear-ended a fire truck parked along Interstate 70 in Putnam County. His wife, Jenna N. Monet, 23, was pronounced dead at a hospital.

Derrick Monet told investigators he regularly uses his Tesla's Autopilot mode but didn't recall whether he had it activated at the time of the accident, state police Sgt. Matt Ames said.

Earlier this month, a Tesla struck a police cruiser and a disabled vehicle in Connecticut but nobody was seriously hurt. The driver told state police that

he was using the Autopilot system and had looked around to check on his dog in the back seat.

Both Tesla and the NHTSA have advised that advanced driver assist systems such as Autopilot aren't entirely autonomous but require human drivers to pay attention at all times. But several crashes – some fatal – have been blamed on driver inattention linked to overconfidence in such systems. In one crash report, the National Transportation Safety Board referred to it as “automation complacency.”

The National Transportation Safety Board has criticized Tesla's Autopilot. In September, that agency said that in a 2018 crash in Culver City where a Tesla hit a fire truck, the design of the

Autopilot system “permitted the driver to disengage from the driving task.” Nobody was hurt in that accident.

The NTSB determined in September 2017 that design limitations of the Tesla Model S Autopilot played a major role in a May 2016 fatal crash in Florida involving a vehicle operating under Autopilot. But it blamed the crash on an inattentive Tesla driver's over reliance on technology and a truck driver who made a left turn in front of the car.

California newspaper ends print publication after 161 years

AP WIRE SERVICE

One of the longest-running newspapers in California printed its final edition on Sunday, ending 161 years of publishing news about the city of Martinez east of San Francisco.

Rick Jones, the Martinez News-Gazette's editor, said he wasn't certain whether the news outlet covering the city of nearly 40,000 will continue publishing online.

The News-Gazette began publishing in September 1858 and combined in 1906 with another local paper in Contra Costa County, the former owner's grandson, Bill Sharkey III, told The San Francisco Chronicle. At its height in the middle of the 20th century, the paper had about 50 employees, but the staff shrank over the years as advertising revenue dwindled.

Jones said Gibson Publishing, which owns the paper, has not provided details on the future to the staff.

Meanwhile, the state's oldest weekly newspaper covering two rural counties northeast of Sacramento appears to be nearing its final days.

The Mountain Messenger's editor-publisher told The Los Angeles Times he is planning to retire by the middle of January, at which point publication will end. Don Russell said he spent the past year trying to sell the paper, but he hasn't received any offers.

The paper began in 1853 as a twice-per-month publication; its claim to fame is that Mark Twain once wrote there under his real name, Sam Clemens, while hiding out from the law. Known around the area as the “Mountain Mess,” the paper covered school board meetings, federal land use and other issues in rural Sierra and Plumas counties.

Lee Adams, a Sierra County supervisor, told the Times his family has subscribed to the paper since the 1970s.

“It has chronicled our history for 166 years, and to see it disappear now is just quite sad,” Adams said. “This is more than a newspaper; it really is an institution.”

Uber, Postmates sue to challenge California's new labor law

By Don Thompson
Associated Press

Ride-share company Uber and on-demand meal delivery service Postmates sued Monday to block a broad new California law aimed at giving wage and benefit protections to people who work as independent contractors.

The lawsuit filed in U.S. court in Los Angeles argues that the law set to take effect Wednesday violates federal and state constitutional guarantees of equal protection and due process.

Uber said it will try to link the lawsuit to another legal challenge filed in mid-December by associations representing freelance writers and photographers.

The California Trucking Association filed the first challenge to the law in November on behalf of independent truckers.

The law creates the nation's strictest test by which workers must be considered employees and it could set a precedent for other states.

The latest challenge includes two independent workers who wrote about their concerns with the new law.

“This has thrown my life and the lives of more than a hundred thousand drivers into uncertainty,” ride-share driver Lydia Olson's wrote in a Facebook post cited by Uber.

Postmates driver Miguel Perez called on-demand work “a blessing” in a letter distributed by Uber. He said he used to drive a truck for 14 hours at a time, often overnight.

“Sometimes, when I was behind the wheel, with an endless shift stretching out ahead of me like the open road, I daydreamed about a different kind of job -- a job where I could choose when, where and how much I worked and still make enough money to feed my family,” he wrote.

The lawsuit contends that the law exempts some industries but includes ride-share and delivery companies without a rational basis for distinguishing between them. It alleges that the law also infringes on workers' rights to choose how they make a living and could void their existing contracts.

Democratic Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez of San Diego countered that she wrote the law to extend employee rights to more than a million California workers

who lack benefits, including a minimum wage, mileage reimbursements, paid sick leave, medical coverage and disability pay for on-the-job injuries.

She noted that Uber had previously sought an exemption when lawmakers were crafting the law, then said it would defend its existing labor model from legal challenges. It joined Lyft and DoorDash in a vow to each spend \$30 million to overturn the law at the ballot box in 2020 if they don't win concessions from lawmakers next year.

“The one clear thing we know about Uber is they will do anything to try to exempt themselves from state regulations that make us all safer and their driver employees self-sufficient,” Gonzalez said in a statement. ``In the meantime, Uber chief executives will continue to become billionaires while too many of their drivers are forced to sleep in their cars.”

The new law was a response to a legal ruling last year by the California Supreme Court regarding workers at the delivery company Dynamex.

Fire department bids adieu to popular colleagues

Submitted by Fremont Fire Department

Fremont Fire Department (FFD) officials are extending their best wishes to two longtime colleagues who recently retired after serving a combined 50 years with the agency.

Division Chief Michael “Mike” Thomas joined the department as a Firefighter/Paramedic on November 28, 1994. He was subsequently promoted to Fire Engineer in July of 2001, Captain in December of 2004 and Division Chief in 2015. His retirement was announced December 30, 2019.

Over the years Thomas actively participated in numerous department activities including the Recruit Academy, training for suppression personnel, the Medical Supply and U-Cap-It programs, and the State Accreditation of the FFD Tactical Training Center. He also served as an Acting Fire Engineer, Acting Captain, Staff Captain, Division Chief, and Acting Deputy Chief.



Division Chief Michael “Mike” Thomas

FFD officials noted that Thomas also was involved in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Training throughout his career, and consistently sought out opportunities to learn and serve. A respected member of the FFD, he displayed a strong commitment to EMS and Training in to help personnel learn and grow.

Captain Craig Rhoades, who joined the department as a Firefighter/Paramedic on same



Captain Craig Rhoades

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Both Thomas and Rhoades have been respected members of the FFD and will be missed.



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Judge allows California's shift to energy saving light bulbs

**BY DON THOMPSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS**

A federal judge on Tuesday allowed California's updated light bulb efficiency standards to take effect with the new year.

U.S. District Judge Kimberly Mueller of Sacramento rejected a petition from the National Electrical Manufacturers Association and the American Lighting Association to temporarily block new minimum efficiency standards for light bulbs that the California Energy Commission adopted in November.

The judge said the associations are unlikely to succeed in their lawsuit, which argues that the state rules conflict with federal law.

Mueller said state regulators appear to have acted properly under exemptions that gave special privileges to California and Nevada to adopt tougher regulations more quickly than the U.S. Department of Energy.

In granting the exemptions, "Congress recognized, among

other things, California's history of leadership in energy efficiency regulations," Mueller wrote.

President Donald Trump's administration in September scrapped an Energy Department rule that would have phased out less energy efficient incandescent bulbs nationwide. That decision slowed a years long effort by Congress and previous administrations to switch the nation to LED bulbs and other lighting that uses less electricity.

Mueller's ruling "keeps California at the forefront of the movement to resist the Trump Department of Energy's efforts to tie Americans to the technology of the past," Noah Horowitz, director of the Center for Energy Efficiency Standards at the Natural Resources Defense Council, said in a statement. "Given our climate crisis, it's appalling that the greedy lighting manufacturers are still fighting these common-sense regulations that deliver massive carbon savings and put money back in consumers' pockets."

The American Lighting Association's vice president for government engagement, Michael Weems, said the decision sets a dangerous precedent when it comes to federal preemption, "and the consumers of California will suffer as a result."

"Retailers will be burdened with perfectly good product that is now illegal for sale in California. Consumer access to these products is effectively eliminated,"he said in a statement.

The new regulations include incandescent and halogen candle- and flame-shaped bulbs used in chandeliers and sconces, reflector bulbs used in recessed cans and track lighting, round globe bulbs, and bulbs that can operate at three different light levels. Previous regulations affected other types of light bulbs.

Supporters said the change will save Californians as much as \$2.4 billion on their annual utility bills after less efficient bulbs have burned out.

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New president's mission: grow pet adoptions, services

SUBMITTED BY KLAUDIA SIMON

Officials from Humane Society Silicon Valley (HSSV) are welcoming Kurt Krukenberg as the non-profit organization's new president. Krukenberg took the helm on January 6 from Carol Novello, who recently stepped down after 10 years with the organization. She plans to move across the country to spend more time with family but stay connected with HSSV as part of the organization's Board Alumni Ambassadors.

Krukenberg is no stranger to HSSV, having served as former Board Chair of the Milpitas-based organization. "I am thrilled to step into this role at a time when HSSV has both a strong foundation of existing capabilities and an ambitious strategic plan to further expand our mission impact," he said.

He also expressed gratitude for Novello's time as HSSV president: "I am grateful beyond words for Carol's extraordinary leadership over the past decade and her unwavering commitment to HSSV's success. It's inspiring to see everything HSSV has accomplished with the support of our amazing staff, dedicated volunteers, and generous donors." Before stepping down, Novello described her career with HSSV as a positive experience:



"I deeply love this organization and all of the people who collectively come together to accomplish such amazing outcomes for both animals and people in Silicon Valley and beyond."

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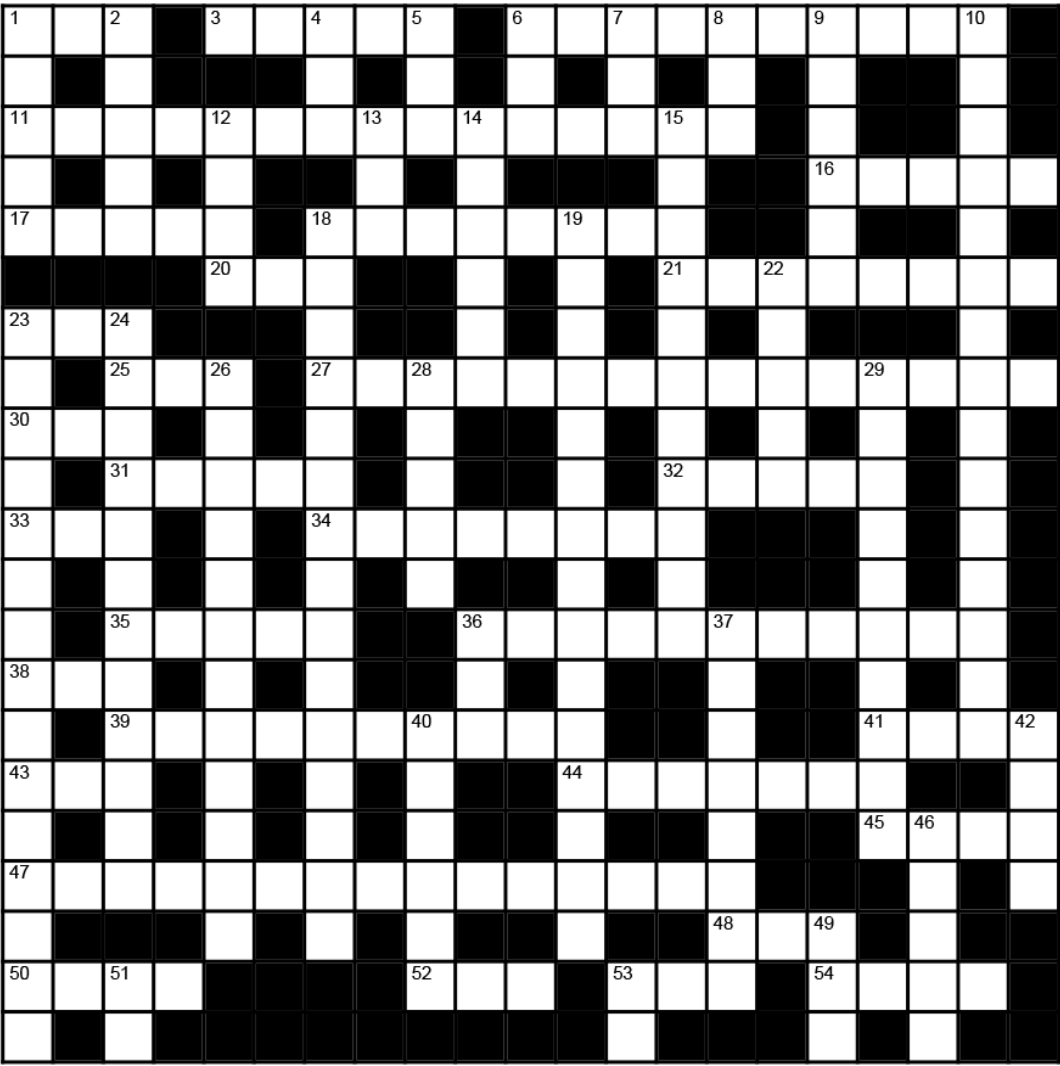
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Crossword Puzzle



- Across
- 1 ____ canto (singing style) (3)

3 Come out (5)

6 Military specialist (5,5)

11 Opera first performed in 1762 (5,2,8)

16 Less cordial (5)

17 "Beyond the Sea" singer, 1960 (5)

18 Villain (8)

20 Polit. label (3)

21 "Eureka!" (3,3,2)

23 Personal ad abbr. (3)

25 "Certainment!" (3)

27 Come into one's own (4,6,5)

30 Paper size: Abbr. (3)

31 Clemson athlete (5)

32 Calculator, at times (5)

33 ____ power (3)

34 Seconds (8)

35 Part of a spur (5)

36 Diagonally (5-6)

38 Morgue, for one (3)

39 Fancied (8,2)

41 They're exchanged at the altar (4)

43 ____ system (3)

44 Symbol of purity (7)

45 The America's Cup trophy, e.g. (4)

47 Bananas (3,2,1,5,4)

48 Schedule abbr. (3)

50 Captain of literature (4)

52 Doze (off) (3)

53 Poet laureate before Southey (3)

54 Kind of store (4)

14 Empathize (6)

15 Festive (11)

18 Newspaper feature (9,6)

19 When things may become clearer (2,6,7)

22 Blew it (5)

23 Passive-aggressive response (6,9)

24 Just so you know (3,3,6)

26 Phrase on the back of a buck (2,3,2,5)

28 Horse of the Year, 1960-64 (5)

29 Thinner (10)

36 Decked (3)

37 Solid, in a sense (8)

40 Football play (3,3)

42 ... (4)

46 One of the Flintstones (5)

49 Dictionary abbr. (3)

51 ... (2)

53 ... (2)
- ### Down
- 1 Bank deposit? (5)

2 Inmate who's never getting out (5)

4 Physique, informally (3)

5 Nashville sch. (3)

6 Moo goo ____ pan (3)

7 1951 play by Literature Nobelist Nelly Sachs (3)

8 "Trust ____" (1937 hit) (3)

9 Astray (6)

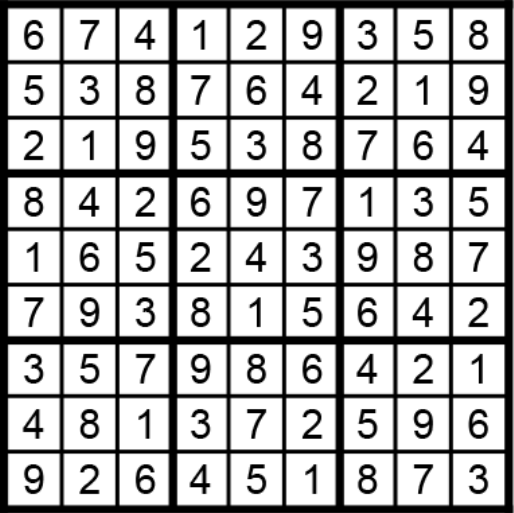
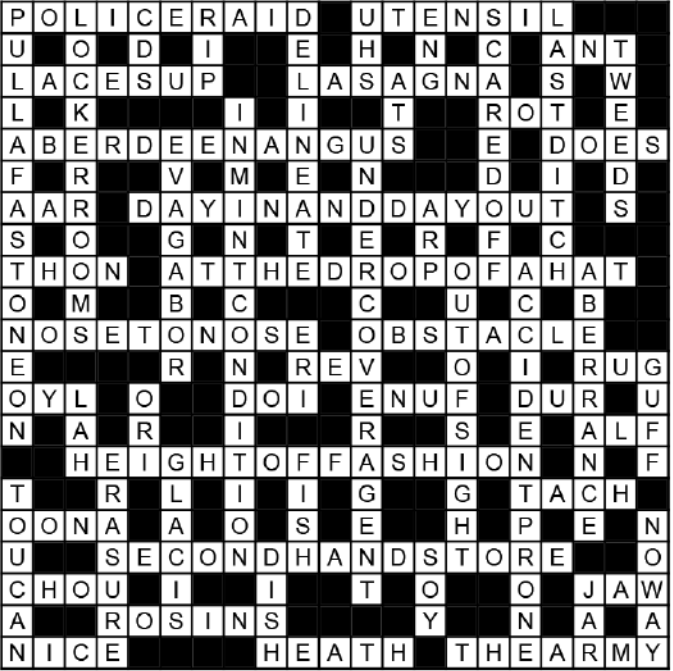
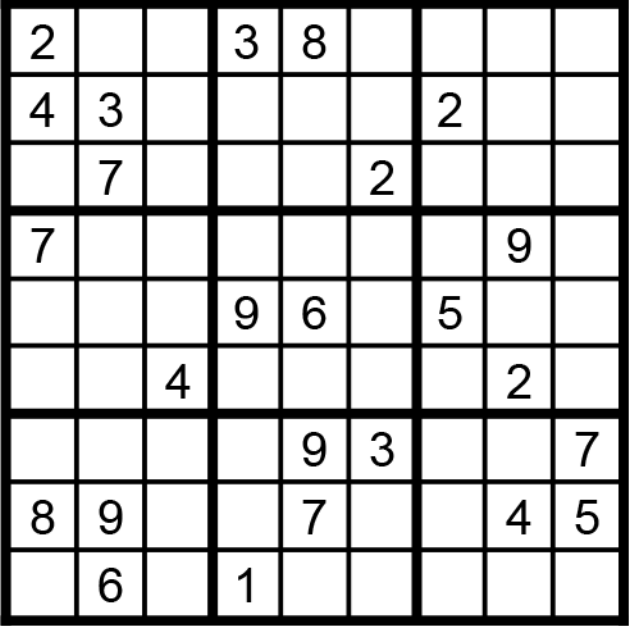
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12 Bygone science magazine (4)

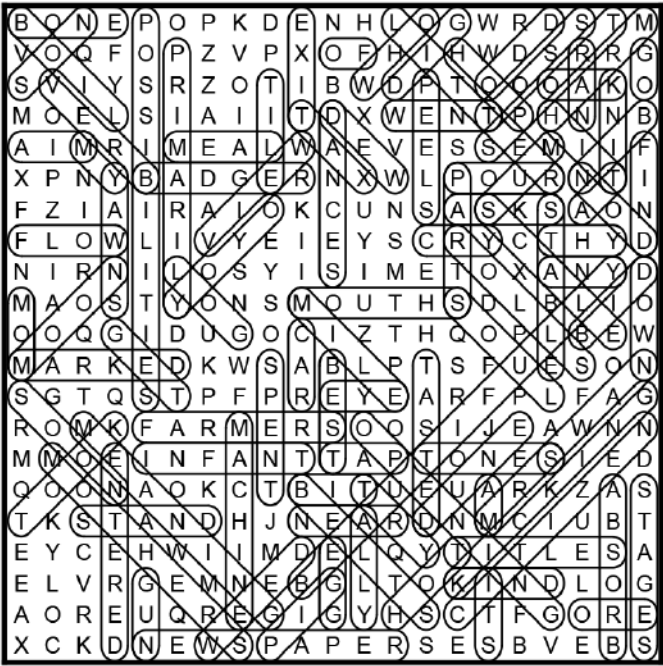
13 Ltr. holder (3)

Sudoku:

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



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Spring ZooKids
Classes

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Does your little one love animals? ZooKids classes are a great way for children ages 4 - 5 to have a fun and educational adventure at the zoo. This is a drop-off program and includes a zoo tour, craft, meeting a small animal up close and a snack. Classes are held on select Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Each ZooKids class is offered twice per month to accommodate more participants. Each month has a different theme and classes are designed so that children can come to multiple classes without repeating the same activities.

Schedule of Classes

January 11 & 25 “Who’s Sleeping Now”

What time do you go to bed at night? Did you know that when you are getting ready to go to bed, other animals are just waking up? There is always someone sleeping. Learn about the special adaptations of nocturnal, diurnal and crepuscular animals.

February 8 & 22 “Let’s Leap!”

It’s Leap Year! A lemur can leap 25 feet. Frogs can leap 20-50 times their body length. Squirrel monkeys leap from tree branch to tree branch. Can you leap? How far? Learn about the special adaptations of leaping animals in celebration of Leap Year!

March 14 & 21 “Wild About Primates”

What makes a monkey a monkey? Or an ape an ape? Primates come in many different shapes and sizes. Learn and explore why these animals are so special and how we all can help protect them.

April 11 & 25 “Bugs & Butterflies”

Would you like to eat a cricket for breakfast? Or maybe snack on a beetle? No? Explore the fascinating world of insects; learn about the many different types of bugs and the very important role they play in ecosystems.

May 9 & 16 “Carnivores,
Herbivores, & Me”

What do you like for dinner? Did you know some animals only eat meat, some eat only plants and some eat everything? Learn how carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores are specially adapted for their unique diets.

Fees are \$25 Oakland Zoo members, \$30 for non-members. Register on the Oakland Zoo website at <https://www.oaklandzoo.org/programs-and-events/zookids>.

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CALIBAN TRIO



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Caliban is an offshoot of the Celtic Rock Band Tempest. Leader Lief Sorbye wanted to keep a platform to play classic Celtic music and folk songs, and Caliban is the result. Until now the band has been a Duo, but recently it evolved into a Trio with new member Mirco Melone.

We at Brask House Concerts are going back to the 1990’s for this show. Sue first saw the whole band, Tempest, at the Fremont Art and Wine Festival in the late 1990’s, and we booked them for our home series and then for BraskHouseConcerts shows at Mission Coffee starting in January of 2006. They have returned every year since.

Caliban has performed at darn near every major Scottish/Celtic “Games” or festival in the USA and a number of notable ones overseas in Great Britain and Scotland. For Sorbye, who was an original member of “Golden Bough,” this has been a labor of love and dedication to the songs of the Celtic Isles. Michael Mullen on fiddle is how we

original saw the duo back in the 90’s. Mullen is quite possibly the best Celtic fiddler we have heard in 24+ years of hosting shows and following live music.

As a duo they were a delight; now they have added a third player (also from Tempest): Mirco Melone. From Bologna Italy, Melone studied at Italy’s Classical Music Conservatory “Bruno Maderna” in Cesena. In addition to performing Celtic music with Tempest, Melone has also performed 30/40’s music of Reinhardt and Duke Ellington.

We expect great things with this trio.

Brask House Concerts: Caliban Trio
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'Wizard Rock' that
disappeared from
Arizona forest
returns

A boulder that mysteriously disappeared two weeks ago from a national forest in Arizona is back, and forest officials aren't asking any questions.

Prescott National Forest officials said a forest employee on patrol Friday noticed that the 1-ton boulder dubbed “Wizard Rock” had been returned to a site along State Route 89 south of Prescott.

The much-admired boulder is black with streaks of white quartz running through it.

District Ranger Sarah Clawson said forest officials were thrilled that the rock was returned and “grateful that whoever took it was conscientious enough to give it back to the public”

According to forest officials, it would have required heavy equipment to move the boulder.

Permits are required to gather and remove most forest products, including rocks, plants and trees.

West Virginia woman
reunited with wallet
lost 15 years ago

AP WIRE SERVICE

A West Virginia woman has been reunited with a wallet she lost in 2004.

Catrina Napier tells WCHS-TV she got the wallet back on Friday after a student found it in a Spring Valley High bathroom.

Student Michael Tyree says he found the wallet in the rubble of a bathroom ceiling that collapsed. Tyree says he reached out to Napier on social media.

Among the items inside the wallet were a driver's license, a Social Security card and high school photos.

Napier says she doesn't know how her wallet ended up in a ceiling but suspects that pranksters were behind it. She says she's glad to get back “a little piece of your childhood that you had forgot about.”

She says she's glad “there's still honest kids around that want to do good things.”

Information from: WCHS-TV, <http://www.wchstv.com>

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raises funds for wildlife conversation

SUBMITTED BY ISABELLA LINARES

From lions in Uganda to toads in Puerto Rico, Oakland Zoo -- Conservation

Twenty percent of the funds raised will go toward Oakland Zoo's onsite conservation programs. Such programs include veterinary care for lead-poisoned



Adrienne Mrsny, Conservation Specialist working at Pinnacles
Credit: Kaminando

Society of California (CSC), raised \$330,182 in the name of saving wildlife during 2019 mostly through its Quarters for Conservation (Q4C) program which designates 50 cents from every ticket and \$2 from every membership to the Zoo's 25 wildlife conservation partners. Additional funds were raised through various efforts including the Zoo's IMPACT Speaker Series events.

Half of the funds will go directly to three 2019 featured out-in-the-field programs -- jaguars (Kaminando, Panama), California condors (Pinnacles National Park), and African lions (Lion Recovery Fund).

Wild jaguar from Camendo
Credit: Oakland Zoo

California condors, the repopulation of Western Pond turtles through a head-start program and breeding of Puerto Rican Crested toads-- a species once thought to be extinct.



Wild lion in Uganda
Credit: Oakland Zoo

The remaining 30% helps support the zoo's conservation field partners around the world, including the Budongo Snare Removal Project, Amboseli Trust for Elephants, California wolf protection through Working Circle, Cotton-top tamarin conservation with Proyecto Titi, and promotion of research, conservation, and community development in Madagascar through Centre Val Bio.

Oakland Zoo's new featured conservation partners for 2020 focus on the conservation of cougars (Bay Area Puma Project), rainforests (ARCAS), and

chimpanzees (The New Nature Foundation).

Through a unique camera trap research program, the Bay Area Puma Project engages and empowers communities to collect critical data, becoming citizen scientists and stewards for cougar survival and human coexistence.

ARCAS's new world-class Biodiversity Education Center provides citizens, tourists, and officials the inspiration, knowledge, and tools to protect the Mayan jungle and all of the wildlife that lives there.

The New Nature Foundation empowers communities to live sustainably through education, tree planting, biomass briquettes, and eco-stove use, ensuring a connected society that celebrates and protects the chimpanzees that live in the Kibale Forest.

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Home & Garden

Complete Guide to Magnolias

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY
LALITHA VISVESWARAN

Every year, from mid-January to March, 100 rare and historic magnolias burst into pinks, magentas, pale yellows, and whites in a pastel riot; some are over 80 feet tall, and many have come from faraway lands to San Francisco Botanical Gardens. Magnolias start out as silvery velvet spikey cones and then unfurl as living art.

Magnolias are ancient. It is thought that they appeared even before bees did, and were originally pollinated by beetles. Fossilized specimens of the genus have been dated as far back as 95 million years. The flower is wide ranging now, from Asia to the Americas, and from the West Indies to Australia.

In America, magnolias can be evergreen or deciduous. Evergreen varieties are summer blooming such as *Magnolia grandiflora*, which have large leathery leaves and large cup-shaped creamy white flowers. The deciduous varieties such as *M. dendata* and *M. liliiflora* have saucer shapes, while *M. stellata* and *M. koubus* are shaped like stars, are early blooming, and vary in color from white to purple. Not all magnolias are fragrant, but tropical varieties like *M. champaca* and *M. champaca alba* can have intensely fragrant blooms.

The hardiness of magnolias ranges from zone 7 to zone 9.

Magnolias are generally planted in late winter or early spring. They can be purchased balled and burlaped as well as in containers, and buying larger plants guarantees a spring bloom. They need to be at least seven years old for their first bloom, although some start flowering after the fifth year. Deciduous magnolias burst into a riot of colors for a short time as they wake up from their dormant state. As flowers fall, leaves appear; it is quite a show and makes a very attractive addition to any garden.

Magnolias thrive in full sun and partial shade. Their soil should be humus rich and preferably well drained. The PH of the soil should be neutral and maybe a touch acidic. They are highly intolerant of salt buildup in soil; when soil becomes dry, they need deep irrigation so their roots can soak up and leach out the salts. They also appreciate a thick layer of mulch to keep the soil moist and cool. Allowing soil to go dry, especially when it is being set, is a sure way to kill the young tree.

Top heavy magnolias do better with staking. A pair of stakes grounded on either side of the main trunk before transplanting from pot/burlap ball to soil will protect the roots. Dig a square hole that is twice as deep as the root ball and fill with good soil mixed with manure. Top with mulch. Water deeply. As the tree gets bigger, a slow release

balanced fertilizer will make growth even and stress free. A 15-gallon plant will need fertilizing for at least three years after it is set down. Time it so the fertilizer pellets are applied in March, May, and July. Just one cup will do in the first year; every year, double the amount of fertilizer. As the canopy grows bigger, sprinkle from the canopy edge to a little beyond. After the fourth year, there is no need for fertilizer. If you are using liquid fertilizer, adjust accordingly. Keep an eye on the leaves. If they start yellowing between the veins of the older leaves, they need some extra nutrients.

Evergreen magnolias can be found all over Alameda County as street trees, and California weather is very suitable for this variety. Evergreen magnolias can grow as tall as 50-60 feet and they have a wide canopy. They do shed their leaves in autumn but on the bright side, during summer, they are shade-givers. The flowers are summer blooming and they appreciate a light pruning in spring. I always find that it is better to leave



Bees love magnolia pollens because they are rich in protein and have high nutritional value. Instead of nectar/honey, they secrete a sugary substance that is sticky and attracts bees. Magnolia fruits are reddish-brown and have cone like structures, two to four inches long, with bright red kidney shaped seeds maturing from October to November.

Magnolias are known to live for over a hundred years under favorable conditions. In Traditional Chinese Medicine, the bark and flower buds of *M. officianlis* have been used to treat anxiety and are supposed to have anti-angiogenic properties. In Japan, the leaves of *M. obovata* have been used for wrapping food and as cooking dishes. In India, *M. champaca* is used in perfumes because of its fragrant properties.

Every year, within a small window of time, magnolias put on a show, feed birds and bees, and give us shade for the rest of the year. Perhaps you already have this beautiful tree or maybe this might encourage you to plant your first magnolia. I hope this beautiful tree that bears flowers that hearten our souls stays in spirit as we welcome 2020.

Lalitha Visveswaran is a full-time farmer at Jellicles Farm in the Sunol AgPark. www.jelliclesfarm.com



fallen leaves to decompose as they become mulch and keep the ground protected. Deciduous varieties bloom earlier, and they can be pruned and trimmed after flowering is over in the spring.

Do remember that magnolias do not produce any nectar, but they produce a lot of pollen. When cities choose magnolias and often only the male magnolias for easy maintenance, they end up creating pollen zones leading to high rates of asthma and pollen allergies during spring. One must be mindful of this before planting magnolias where there are already plenty of them.



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22032 Cameron Street	94546	750000	3	1386	194711/20/19	
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1266 Roosevelt Avenue	94544	650000	3	1200	195511/20/19	
424 Palmer Ave #465	94541	700000	3	1726	201211/21/19	
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75 Sonas Drive	94542	1280000	4	3143	201411/20/19	
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1209 Coyote Creek Way	95035	835000	2	1258	201411/25/19	
390 Riesling Ave #30	95035	849000	2	1418	201811/26/19	
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Highest \$: 755,000		Median \$: 705,000				
Lowest \$: 655,000		Average \$: 705,000				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
17357 Via San Ardo	94580	655000	3	1383	195111/21/19	
789 Videll Street	94580	755000	3	1063	195111/21/19	
UNION CITY TOTAL SALES: 2						
Highest \$: 785,000		Median \$: 767,500				
Lowest \$: 750,000		Average \$: 767,500				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
3238 San Pedro Way	94587	750000	2	1195	196911/21/19	
2622 Central Court	94587	785000	3	1382	197511/20/19	

Home Sales Report

Park It

By NED MACKAY

With the winter rains, renewing grasses spread a welcome green blanket over the hills and fields. The rains also stimulate lots of other growth, including mushrooms. So, it's an appropriate time to give both a warning and an invitation. It's against the rules to harvest and remove any plants or animals from the East Bay Regional Parks, except of course for state regulated fishing at district lakes. The regional parks are essentially preserves, where plants and animals are supposed to be left undisturbed. This is especially important with regards to mushrooms, some of which are extremely poisonous.

The most dangerous mushrooms commonly found in the Bay Area are the Death Cap (*Amanita phalloides*) and Western Destroying Angel (*Amanita ocreata*). Both contain powerful toxins. Symptoms don't usually appear until up to 12 hours after consumption. Severe gastrointestinal distress progresses to liver and kidney

failure if treatment is not sought immediately.

“Both the Death Cap and Western Destroying Angel grow near oak trees,” said naturalist Trent Pearce, who works at Tilden Nature Area near Berkeley. “They can be lethal to both humans and pets if consumed.”

Dog owners should keep a close watch on their pets during the winter months and contact a veterinarian immediately if they believe the pet has eaten a toxic mushroom. The Death Cap is a medium to large mushroom that typically has a greenish-gray cap, white gills, a white ring around the stem, and a large white sac at the base of the stem. The Western Destroying Angel is a medium to large mushroom that usually has a creamy white cap, white gills, a white ring around the stem that disappears with age, and a thin white sac at the base. Other mushrooms in this area that contain deadly toxins include Galerina and Lepiota species.

In sum, if you collect mushrooms in areas where it is permitted, expertise is a must. For most of us, the best place for mushroom gathering is the local

supermarket. If you want to learn more about mushrooms, and see some in the wild, join naturalist Kevin Dixon on a mushroom safari from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Sunday, January 12 at Briones Regional Park near Martinez.

Meet Kevin at the Alhambra Staging Area. It's off Reliez Valley Road about a mile south of the intersection with Alhambra Valley Road. For information, call (888) 327-2757, ext. 2750. The Tilden Nature Area plans a Fungal Fair from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, January 25 and Sunday, January 26, at the Environmental Education Center. The center is at the north end of Central Park Drive.

Another seasonal phenomenon in the regional parks is the annual overwintering of monarch butterflies at Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont.

Unfortunately, for unknown reasons, very few monarchs have appeared this year in Ardenwood's eucalyptus groves. However, programs are still planned that describe the butterflies' life cycle and emphasize how the insects can be protected.

There are programs at the Ardenwood greenhouse from 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday in January, and from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Sundays, January 12 and January 19. A slide presentation on monarchs is scheduled at the Ardenwood granary from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 26.

The historic farm is at 34600 Ardenwood Boulevard, just north of Highway 84. For information, call (510) 544-2797.

Nearby at Coyote Hills Regional Park, there's a rare opportunity to see changing wildlife activity at dusk during a hike from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday, January 11. The hike is for ages 6 and older, and registration is required. To register, call (888) 327-2757, select option 2, and refer to program 27787.

The park's new Dumbarton Quarry Bayside Campground is scheduled to open this year. Naturalist Francis Mendoza will lead a preview hike to the site for ages 12 and older, from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, January 12. It's an easy 2½-mile out-and-back

walk, during which Mendoza will talk about the history of the quarry and campground. Meet him at the visitor center.

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

At Crab Cove Visitor Center in Alameda, naturalist Morgan Guenther will host two adult craft night social gatherings from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sunday, January 12, and Saturday, February 8. The project on January 12 is macramé plant hangers from t-shirt yarn; and on February 8 it's picture frames and wall hangings from magazine paper reeds. The park will provide the project, instruction and supplies.

Registration is required; fee is \$10 (\$12 for non-district residents). To register, call (888) 327-2757; select option 2 and refer to program 27675 for January 12, and 27684 for February 8. Crab Cove is at 1252 McKay Avenue. For details, call (510) 544-3187.

The New Year brings lots of new programs to the regional parks. For information, visit www.ebparks.org.

JFK letter promising Santa safe during Cold War on display

By PHILIP MARCELO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

In the throes of the Cold War, the Soviet Union was planning to test a massive nuclear bomb in the Arctic Circle.

But in a letter to then-President John F. Kennedy, a young Michigan girl was most concerned about the North Pole's most famous resident.

“Please stop the Russians from bombing the North Pole,” 8-year-old Michelle Rochon, of Marine City, pleaded, according to news reports at the time. “Because they will kill Santa Claus.”

Kennedy's brief, but reassuring response to Rochon is part of a trove of holiday-themed archival materials being featured this month at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston.

“You must not worry about Santa Claus,” the president wrote on Oct. 28, 1961. “I talked with him yesterday and he is fine. He will be making his rounds again this Christmas.”

Kennedy also told Rochon that he shared her concern about the Soviet Union's test, “not only for the North Pole but for countries throughout the world; not only for Santa Claus but for people throughout the world.”

Photos of the Kennedys celebrating Christmas in the White House and copies of the family's Christmas cards are among the other holiday keepsakes being highlighted in a seasonal display in the library's lobby.

Rochon, who now goes by the last name Phillips, told The Boston Globe in 2014 that she never thought the letters would resonate the way it did back then, when it turned her into something of a national sensation.

“I was just worried about Santa Claus,” she told the Globe.

The Soviets, meanwhile, made good on their threat to bomb the North Pole. Two days after Kennedy penned his letter, they dropped the “King of Bombs,” as it was dubbed in Russian.

Reportedly 1,570 times more powerful than the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki combined, it shattered windows as far away as Norway and Finland. It's still considered the most powerful man-made explosive ever detonated.

Kennedy and other world leaders were quick to denounce the bomb test, The Washington Post reports. None of the officials statements, however, addressed Santa's fate.



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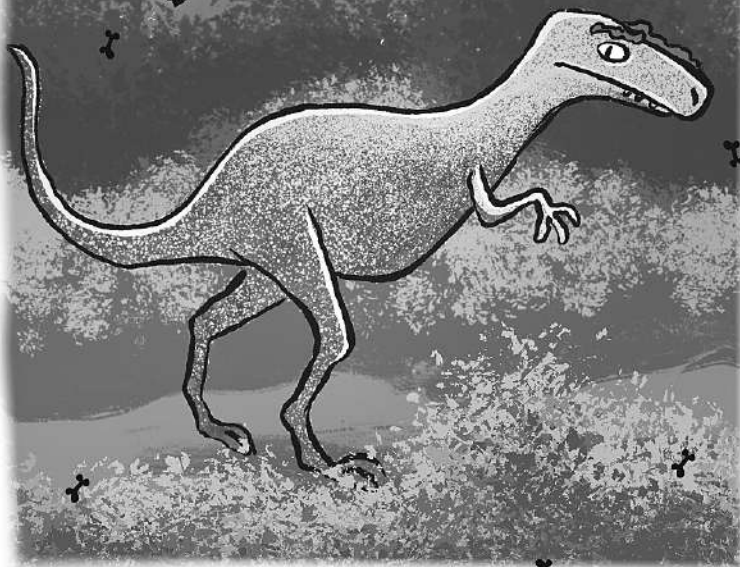
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Tiny T-Rex Cousin



What is the T-Rex called?

This much smaller T-Rex is called Suskityrannus.

Suski comes from the Zuni Native American word for "coyote" and the Latin word "tyrannus" which means **king**. Combined, the name would be "Coyote King." Do you think this is a good name?

Where was this fossil found?

The fossil for the Suskityrannus was found by Sterling Nesbitt when he was just 16 years old! He was on a school dig trip in the Zuni Basin of western New Mexico.

That was 20 years ago. At first, scientists thought the fossil Nesbitt discovered was a velociraptor. New research has determined that is actually a cousin of the T-Rex—which is the news!



Photo: Hazel Wolfe

Are you an eagle-eyed paleontologist?

When paleontologists go on a dig to find fossilized dinosaur bones, they have to be very observant. What looks like a small stick, might actually be a dinosaur bone! As they dig, they don't want to dig too fast or they might break a buried bone. It takes being an eagle-eyed paleontologist to do it right.

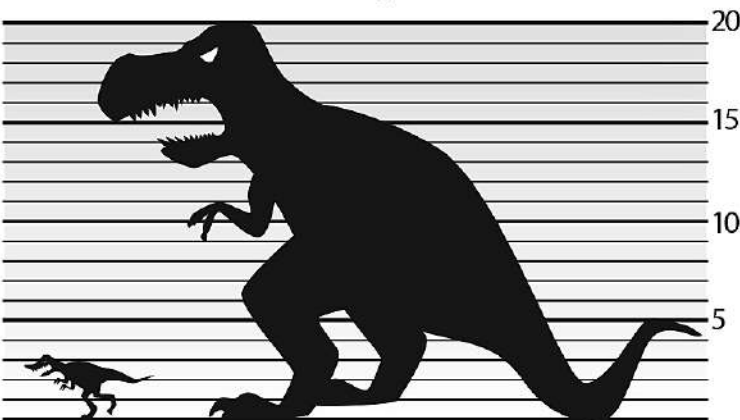
Use your eagle-eyes! Find and circle the fossils below buried in the layers of rock and sediment at right.



How many bones can you find on this page in two minutes? Have a friend try. Who found the most bones?

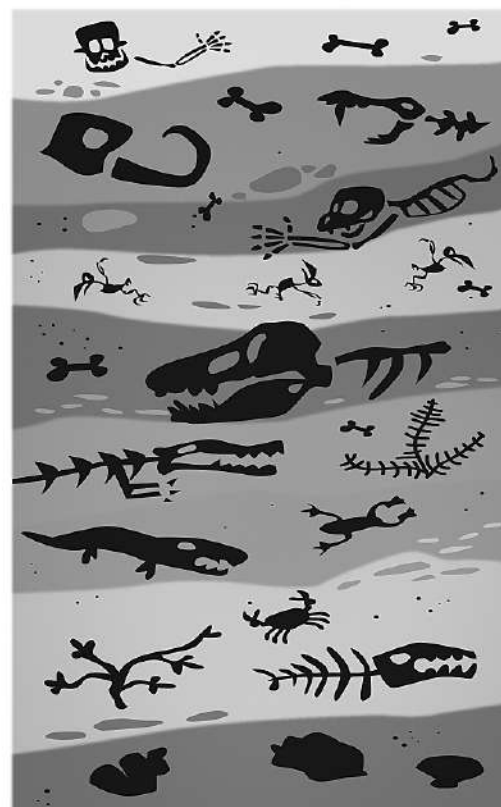
How big was the Suskityrannus?

It was about 3 feet tall and 9 feet long from nose to tail.



I am: ☐ taller ☐ shorter than the Suskityrannus.

The Suskityrannus weighed between 45 to 90 pounds. This is way less than the T-Rex which weighed around 9 tons!



Extra! Extra!

Observation Game

Look at a photograph in today's newspaper for 15 seconds. Observe as many details as you can. Cover the picture and write down the details you remember. How many did you get?

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

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Standards Link: Life Science: Some kinds of animals that once lived on Earth have disappeared and some resemble others that are alive today.

Double Double Word Search

OBSERVANT
CAREFULLY
DINOSAUR
TYRANNUS
DETAIL
FOSSIL
COYOTE
BONES
EAGLE
SUSKI
LATIN
KING
FAST
DIG
BIG

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

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

Kid Scoop Together:

Work with a family member to replace the missing words in this article.

degree
details skeletons
muscles complete



A Dinosaur Named Sue

The first T. rex specimen was found in the year 1900.

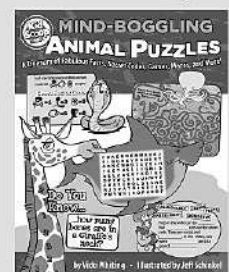
Since then, only a handful of _____ that are more than half complete have been discovered.

In 1990, researchers discovered the bones of a T. rex they named Sue. Sue's skeleton was 90 percent complete. Sue is the largest, most _____ and best preserved T. rex ever found.

Most of Sue's bones are in excellent condition and have a high _____ of surface detail. 67 million years after her death, it is still possible to see fine _____ showing where _____, tendons and other soft tissues rested against, or attached to, the bone.

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This week's word: **OBSERVANT**

The adjective **observant** means quick to take notice.

The bone in the sand was spotted by the **observant** student.

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Front Page Leads

Read the first paragraph of an article on the front page. Label the who, what, when and where of this news. Then write a lead paragraph about the discovery of the Suskityrannus.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write a narrative that develops a plot and setting and an appropriate point of view.



What should you do if you find a blue dinosaur?

ANSWER: Try to cheer him up!

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SUBMITTED BY AVNI BARMAN

In 2019, Generation She came together with Snap, Inc. to beta test an idea under the name She Leads. They gathered 150 high-achieving high school girls in a room for two days of ideation, design-thinking, prototyping, digital design, and marketing. Each student ended the makeathon with a fully built prototype and pitch deck of a viable business idea. They had over 15 successful female founders join them that weekend including Rosie of Sugarfina, Angie of BOOMCHICKAPOP, and Jen of Knock Knock Stuff. Twelve high school girls went home with a mentor (a current successful female founder) who would work with them over the course of the next year to take their business idea to the next level and make it a reality.

The event was an extraordinary success with 93% of attendees reporting back that they had changed their outlook about their career and now wanted to pursue entrepreneurship. Comments from attendees include:



"I always thought about working for someone, but never saw myself as a leader."

"I want to continue following my dreams and inspiring other young female entrepreneurs as I go. This was really a life changing experience I know I want

to create an impact like She Leads has in me."

The organizers took She Leads, built upon it with all that they learned, and give you: Generation She. Generation She's mission is the same—to build the next generation of female leaders by investing

specifically in this generation, Gen Z. Gen Z women are a powerful group of digital natives, driven by what is right, and with the passion to make change happen. Generation She wants to close the gender gap in the current leadership landscape by instilling young women with a sense of ownership and entrepreneurial spirit.

On January 25-26 2020, they will be hosting their second entrepreneurship makeathon at Lyft HQ in San Francisco where attendees will learn from and build with the founders of Urban Decay and Health-Ade Kombucha. At the makeathon, attendees will learn the steps to start and run their own problem-solving businesses, build their resumes, and position themselves for leadership positions in high school, college, and (eventually!) the Fortune 500.

Buy your ticket today at <http://bit.ly/GenShe-SF2020>. (Use code "TRYCITYVOICE" for 30% off your purchase!)

If you know a high schooler who would be interested in being a brand ambassador for Generation She, please have the student apply at: bit.ly/genshe-ambassador. All ambassadors will receive a 50% discount toward an early bird ticket and receive exclusive Gen She materials and merch. Additionally, there are numerous scholarships available to attend for free! Please have the student apply at: bit.ly/genshe-scholarship.

We are also actively looking for new sponsors, partners, speakers, and female founders who would like to get involved. Follow us on IG, LinkedIn, or Facebook to keep up with all things Generation She! Learn more at generationshe.co.

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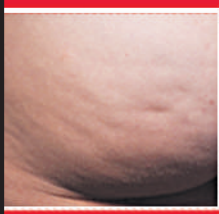
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Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center
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Saturdays - Sundays, Jan 4 - Jan 26

Monarchs: Pollinator Royalty
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Learn how butterflies affect our surroundings

Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
(510) 544-2797
www.ebparks.org

Saturdays - Sundays, Jan 4 - Jan 26

Monarch Spotting

2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.; 1/12, 1/19
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Use a spotting scope to look for butterflies

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Saturdays - Sundays, Jan 4 - Jan 26

Nature Crafts

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www.pcfma.org

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Year-round
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800-949-FARM
www.pcfma.org

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10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Year-round
Niles Town Plaza
37592 Niles Blvd., Fremont
bestfarmersmarkets.org

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Hayward Farmers’ Market Saturdays

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Year-round
Hayward City Plaza
777 B. St., Hayward
415-472-6100
www.agriculturalinstitute.org

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9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Year-round
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Year-round
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San Leandro
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Year-round
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Tuesdays
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
April 9 - November 12
Kaiser Permanente Medical Offices
3553 Whipple Rd., Union City
800-949-FARM
www.pcfma.org

Union City Farmers’ Market Saturdays

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5:50 – 6:40 Booster Park, Gable Dr. & McDuff Ave., FREMONT

Wednesday

12:45 – 2:15 Glenmoor School, 4620 Mattos Dr., FREMONT
6:00 – 6:30 Camellia Dr. & Camellia Ct., FREMONT

Thursday

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

Monday

1:45 – 2:45 Delaine School, 34901 Eastin Dr., UNION CITY
4:15 – 4:45 Contempo Homes, 4190 Gemini Dr., UNION CITY
5:15 – 6:45 Forest Park School, Deep Creek Rd. & Maybird Circle, FREMONT

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

1:00 – 2:00 Del Rey School, Via Mesa & Via Julia., SAN LEANDRO
2:30 – 3:00 Eden House Apartments, 1601 165th Ave., SAN LEANDRO
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Friday - Sunday, Jan 17 - Feb 1

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Friday nights

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Saturday nights

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Audience-inspired improv play
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THIS WEEK

Wednesday, Jan 8

Science is Fun
4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Students in grades 1-4 learn about wind power
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1421
www.aclibrary.org

Thursday, Jan 9

Social Media and Innovation
10 a.m.- 12 noon
Maximize social media to grow your business and customer base
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1421
www.aclibrary.org

Thursday, Jan 9

LeTip Winter Mixer
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Networking and Contact Renewal
Don Jose’s
3430 Village Dr., Castro Valley
(510) 283-3760

Thursday, Jan 9

Libertarian Party of Alameda County
7:15 p.m.
Meeting and election of officers
Englander Restaurant
101 Parrott St., San Leandro
www.lpac.us

Thursday, Jan 9

Startup Grind Meeting R
6 p.m.
Idea to funding- get an investor’s perspective
Peerbuds Innovation Labs
4580 Auto Mall Pkwy #121, Fremont
https://www.startupgrind.com/fremont/

Thursday, Jan 9

Music for Minors II Kids Choir Audition
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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Milpitas Community Center
457 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas
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www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/recreation

Friday, Jan 10 - Saturday, Jan 11

Build a Better Birdhouse Battle
Fri: 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Sat: 12 noon - 2 p.m.
Hayward, Mt. Eden and Tennyson high school students build stylish bird homes
Sun Gallery
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Friday, Jan 10

Family Story Time
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Stories, songs and fingerplays. Ages 2-5
Niles Library
150 “I” Street, Fremont
(510) 795-2626
www.aclibrary.org

Friday, Jan 10

LEGO Club
3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Love to build? Get creative with bricks
Niles Library
150 “I” Street, Fremont
(510) 795-2626
www.aclibrary.org

Saturday, Jan 11

Brask House Concerts: Caliban Trio \$
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Celtic music and fiddle
Mission Coffee Roasting Company
151 Washington Blvd., Fremont
(510) 623-6920
https://www.braskhouseconcerts.com

Saturday, Jan 11

Documentary Film “Circles”
1:30 p.m.
Inspirational portrait of a father who fights racial discrimination
Niles Discovery Church of Fremont
36600 Niles Blvd., Fremont
(510) 797-0895
www.nilesdiscoverychurch.org

Saturday, Jan 11

Monarchs For Kids
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 am.
Educational look at butterflies. Ages 3-6
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
(510) 544-2797
www.ebparks.org

Saturday, Jan 11

Cart of Curiosities
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Find the cart filled with wonders of cultural and natural history
Coyote Hills
8000 Patterson Ranch Rd., Fremont
(510) 544-3220
www.ebparks.org

Saturday, Jan 11

Dusk Discovery
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
See the beauty and diversity of Coyote Hills at dusk
Coyote Hills
8000 Patterson Ranch Rd., Fremont
(510) 544-3220
www.ebparks.org

Saturday, Jan 11

How to Plant and Water Trees
10 a.m. - 12 noon
Learn about the 50-50 Street Tree program with City of Fremont
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Saturday, Jan 11

Bird Photography in the Central Valley \$

1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Birding trip to Cosumnes River Preserve. Ages 12+

Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center

4901 Breakwater Ave., Hayward

(510) 670-7270

www.haywardrec.org/hayshore.html

Saturday, Jan 11

Census 2020 Town Hall R

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Join Assemblymember Kansen Chu and learn about the upcoming Census 2020

Summerdale Elementary School

1100 Summerdale Dr., San Jose

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3801 Nicolet Ave., Fremont

(510) 795-2629

www.aclibrary.org

Saturday, Jan 11

Centerville Drama Club

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

Become more comfortable with speaking in front of a crowd. Kids in grades 1-5

Centerville Library

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Saturday, Jan 11

Storytime with Sara

11 a.m.

"Interrupting Chicken and the Elephant of Surprise"

Books on B

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(510) 538-3943

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Saturday, Jan 11

The Long Sleep \$

7:30 p.m.

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Niles Essanay Theater

37417 Niles Blvd., Fremont

(510) 494-1411

www.nilesfilmmuseum.org

Saturday, Jan 11

Poetry at the Bette

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Local poets Florence Miller, James M. LeCuyer and Robin Michel

Frank Bette Center for the Arts

1601 Paru St., Alameda

www.frankbettecenter.org

Sunday, Jan 12

Puppet Show

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Farmyard puppets perform the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Ardenwood Historic Farm

34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont

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Sunday, Jan 12

Birding the Shoreline

8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

2 mile walk to the shoreline. Ages 15+

Hayward Shoreline at West Winton

3050 West Winton Ave., Hayward

(510) 670-7270

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Sunday, Jan 12

Dumbarton Quarry Bayside Campground Hike

1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

2.5-mile hike. Learn history of the quarry. Meet at Quarry parking lot. Ages 12+

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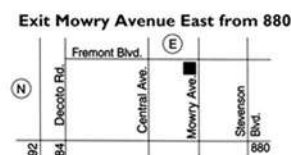
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1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Program

3 p.m.

King's 2020 Vision: The Beloved Community-The Fierce Urgency of Now

First Presbyterian Church of Newark

35450 Newark Blvd., Newark

www.newarkpres.org

(510) 793-8181

Sunday, Jan 12

Poets Emily Dickinson, Mary Oliver and Gerard Manley Hopkins

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Companions on our Spiritual Journey, presented by S. Katherine Jean Cowan

Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose

43326 Mission Blvd., Fremont

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Sunday, Jan 12

Tango: A Lecture & Demonstration

2 p.m.

Multimedia talk on the history of the tango, plus live performance

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3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley

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Sunday, Jan 12

Laurel & Hardy Talkie Matinee \$

4 p.m.

"The Spanking Age", "Habeas Corpus", "Saturday's Lesson", "Wrong Again"

Niles Essanay Theater

37417 Niles Blvd., Fremont

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Sunday, Jan 12

Essence of Indian Art

2 p.m.

Dance presentation unravels the mysteries of Bharatanatyam

Union City Branch Library

34007 Alvarado Niles Rd., Union City

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Monday, Jan 13

Outdoor Discoveries: Water, Water Everywhere! R

10:30 a.m. - 12 noon

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Monday, Jan 13

Lawyer in the Library R

6 p.m.

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Tuesday, Jan 14

Weekday Bird Walk

7:30 a.m. - 930 a.m.

Enjoy bird life on tranquil trail. Bring water, sunscreen and binoculars. Ages 12+

Coyote Hills

8000 Patterson Ranch Rd., Fremont

(510) 544-3220

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Tuesday, Jan 14

Outsmarting Investment Fraud

6:30 p.m.

Learn about the common tactics fraudsters use

Fremont Main Library

2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont

(510) 745-1421

www.aclibrary.org

Tuesday, Jan 14

The Best Animal Minds R

7 p.m.

Fascinating look into unexpected levels of animal intelligence

Castro Valley Library

3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley

(510) 667-7900

<http://bit.ly/animal-talk>

Thursday, Jan 16

East Bay Stompers band

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

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superhero of Early Childhood

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On Wednesday, January 22, Kidango will host a benefit luncheon to celebrate this year's Superhero of Early Childhood, California's First Surgeon General Dr. Nadine Burke Harris.

Kidango is the largest provider of preschool in the Bay Area. They are committed to providing high quality early learning services to the children who need them most. In addition, they help children and their families gain access to health and dental care and housing.

Dr. Nadine Burke Harris is an award-winning physician, researcher and advocate dedicated to

changing the way our society responds to one of the most serious, expensive and widespread public health crises of our time: childhood trauma. She was appointed as California's first-ever Surgeon General by Governor Gavin Newsom in January 2019.

Her career has been dedicated to serving vulnerable communities and combating the root causes of health disparities. She is the Founder of the Center for Youth Wellness, an organization leading the effort to advance pediatric medicine, raise public awareness, and transform the way society responds to children exposed to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and toxic stress.

All proceeds benefit Kidango and ensure a level playing field for all Bay Area Children.

Superhero of Early Childhood Luncheon
Wednesday, Jan 22
12 noon
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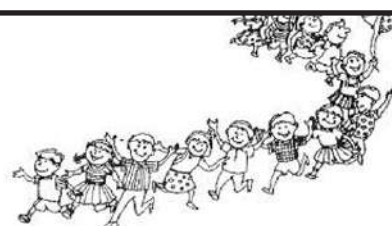
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SPORTS

Senior softball league season begins

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SUBMITTED BY JOE FARIAS

The Hayward Area Recreation District's senior softball program is gearing up for the 2020 season and its 30th year. The initial meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21. Applications to play are now available online at www.hardseniorsoftball.com. The league is open to men and women.

New players need to attend one of the Tuesday practice sessions on February 4, February 11, and February 18. There will be a draft after the last practice session. The leagues will begin league play on Tuesday, March 17 and continue through September, finishing after the playoffs and championship games. The league will consist of the following three age divisions – 50s, 60s and 70s. The 60s division will play on Tuesday mornings,

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Basketball

Cougars Report

Holiday Classic Tournament

SUBMITTED BY
COACH DARRYL REINA

The annual Newark Optimist Club – Newark Memorial Girls Basketball Holiday Classic featured 16-teams from throughout the Bay Area who participated in Varsity and Junior Varsity Divisions December 27, 28, and 30, at the Newark Memorial High School Event Center.

Varsity:

The Varsity Division title was captured by Lick-Wilmerding of San Francisco, with wins over Menlo-Atherton, Newark Memorial, and a 37-36 win in the Championship contest over Sequoia. The Newark Memorial Girls Varsity Team recorded an opening round win over Santa Clara, then lost to Lick-Wilmerding in the semi-finals, and dropped the third place game to Lynbrook of San Jose. Freshman Cougar' Tali Fa'I was

named to the All-Tournament Team.

Junior Varsity:

The Junior Varsity Division was won by Valley Christian High School of San Jose, with wins over Foothill, Meno-Atherton, and San Ramon Valley. The Newark Memorial Lady Cougars JV squad finished the tournament with a 2-1 record, winning the third place game, a hard-fought 44-40 victory over Menlo-Atherton. Cougars' Naite Hautau and Kamalei Iokepa were named to the JV All-Tournament Team.

The 2020 Tournament will be held on December 28, 29, and 30. Be sure to save the dates and attend this very special event. Special thanks to the Newark Optimist Club for their on-going support as the title and award sponsor.

Lady Cougars beat Lady Colts to open MVAL basketball season

SUBMITTED BY
TIMOTHY HESS

The varsity defeated the James Logan Lady Colts (Union City) by the score of 69-63 in a very

competitive game on January 3rd at the Event Center. The Cougars exploded for 46 first-half points and led by 8 points at the half. Newark Memorial took an 11-point lead into the fourth-quarter only to have the Colts rally to tie the game at 60-60 with two-minutes left in the contest. The Cougars held on down the stretch, outscoring Logan 9-3 to come away with the victory. Freshman Jaydin Armas scored 9 of her 12-points in the final period, including making 5 clutch free-throws in the last-minute.

Four Cougars scored in double-figures, including Tali Fa'i (18-points), Samantha Armas (18-points), Rylee Sarasua (14-points), and Jaydin Armas (12-points).

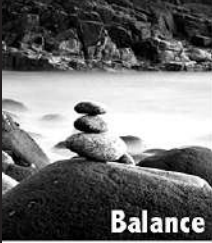
The JV Lady Cougars lost to the Colts JV squad in their MVAL season-opener.

Cougars win St. Francis Tournament

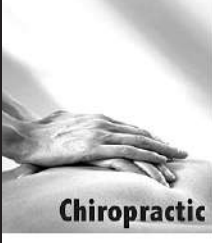
Congratulations to the Cougars boys varsity on their 52-48 victory over host St. Francis Lancers (Mountain View) in the championship game of the tournament on December 30th. Elijah Carlton was named the Tourney MVP, and teammate Nay'veon Reed won the "Mr. Hustle" award.



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Basketball

Colts Junior Varsity prevails

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MIKE HEIGHTCHEW

The James Logan Colts Junior Varsity took control early in their January 3rd meeting with the Newark Memorial Cougars. By halftime, the Colts held a 10-point lead and although the Cougars found their offense in the third quarter, it was too late to catch the Colts. Final score: Colts 67, Cougars 48.

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Boys Basketball

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Every year the Newark Memorial Cougars – James Logan Colts (Union City) varsity basketball matchup has been a ferociously fought game as usually both teams are in the mix for a Mission Valley Athletic League title at season's end. The games are always exciting and suspenseful; the 2020 version on January 3rd was no different. In fact, it came down to the last six seconds of the game to determine which team would walk off the hardwood as the winner.

The Colts jumped off to an 8-point lead in the first quarter with great outside shooting and good defensive play but in the second quarter, the Cougars defense stiffened and fought to within three points. At halftime, the score was close 27-24. The second half featured a back and forth battle for supremacy and neither team was able to shake the other out of contention. With 29 seconds left in the fourth quarter, the Cougars tied the game 58-58 leading to an overtime drama.

In overtime, the Colts pulled away with a four-point lead and it looked like they would prevail. However, true to the nature of the previous four quarters, the Cougars would not relinquish the game without a ferocious battle, tying the score at 64 each. In the play of the night, the Colts would gain control of the ball with 6.1 seconds left on the clock and score the winning basket to pull off a dramatic 67-65 victory.

Congratulations to both teams for a truly exciting and well-played game.



Gladiators Report



Women's Basketball

SUBMITTED AND PHOTO BY CHABOT ATHLETICS

The Lady Gladiators of Chabot College (Hayward) moved up to 7th place in state basketball poll with a championship finish in the San Jose City College Tournament. With a record of 13-4, the Lady Gladiators are tied for the No. 7 spot with Glendale (12-2) in the December 30 CCCWBCA state poll.

Chabot sophomore Zakiya Mahoney was named MVP of San Jose Jaguars Tournament after scoring 22 points in a 60-48 win over College of the Siskiyous' Lady Eagles on December 29 in the championship game. All-tournament pick Nyah Willis of Chabot had 18 points.

Mens Basketball

Renegades falter,
lose to DeAnza

SUBMITTED AND PHOTOS
BY DON JEDLOVEC

In a January 3rd non-conference meeting with the DeAnza Mountain Lions, a promising first half 34-27 lead for the Renegades was reversed by a 10-point deficit in the second half, leading to a 72-69 loss. The Renegades begin

California Community College Athletic Association Coast Conference competition at Las Positas on January 8th.



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Silicon Valley Economy Today and Tomorrow

Interview with Alexander Quinn, Director of Research (NorCal), JLL

As we close out 2019, we thought it fitting to share an overview of where our regional economy stands, according to the data. So, we caught up with JLL’s director of research (NorCal), Alexander Quinn. In his role, Quinn analyzes a diverse set of economic indicators, with an eye on impacts to real estate investment. Read on for his assessment of the Silicon Valley economy and where things might be heading in 2020.

Silicon Valley’s economy is one of the strongest in the world with massive economic productivity and innovation. It is why other cities around the world have coined themselves “the Silicon Valley of ...insert place here (e.g. China, India, Europe, etc).” Relative to the rest of the state and the nation, the area remains a high-income, low-poverty region. In 2019, the Valley generated record levels of private capital and IPO activity. However, the dichotomy of unemployment rates at an 18-year low and housing prices being the highest in the nation creates a wide income gap that makes Silicon Valley a complex place with significant barriers to entry.

This current economic expansion has been led by technology where Silicon Valley has been a stalwart while creating

an economic halo experience across the entire United States. It is now the longest on record. To drive the point further, the economic indicators and yield curves show a moderately growing economy with no recession flash warnings.

Although most of the data continues to reflect economic strength, we should also pay attention to signs of slowing in jobs and population growth. Of importance is the reduced housing construction activity when it is needed most to accommodate our growing workforce.

The Silicon Valley Economy Today

- The per-person output from Silicon Valley outweighs every other economy in the nation of all major MSAs.
- Since the great recession, San Jose Metro Statistical Area (MSA) led the top 25 MSA in Gross Metropolitan Product. In terms of economic activity, the San Francisco/Silicon Valley mega region was the fastest growing economy, which includes Stanford University in Palo Alto, Google’s headquarters in Mountain View, and Apple HQ in Cupertino. San Francisco MSA trails closely behind San Jose MSA, putting both areas among the top three fastest-growing MSAs in the country.
- Office vacancies are at an all-time low, with the technology industry dominating leasing activity in the Valley (Q3 2019 saw leasing activity by the tech sector of approximately 1.8M square feet). San Francisco takes the top spot in this category with the lowest vacancy and highest asking rent, with Silicon Valley trailing close behind. In Fremont, office vacancy has decreased from 30-40 percent in 2010 to 5-14 percent in 2019.
- Although the sustained demand and supply-and-demand imbalance is keeping the West Coast from correction,

employment is slowing down.

Strengths of Our Economy

- The Bay Area remains the tech capital of the nation. Indicators include:
- Most active high-end innovation and software development concentration in the U.S.
- Largest cluster of higher education institutions with the top 15 colleges associated with software developer apps and social media query located in Silicon Valley.
- Claims nearly half of total VC (Venture Capital) investment in the entire United States. VC funding in the Bay Area peaked in 2018 with San Francisco taking over Silicon Valley in percentage share of total funding.
- Silicon Valley’s market share in Google and Facebook’s digital advertisement revenue accounted for more than 50 percent of global market share or \$170 billion of the total \$333 billion revenue which has been growing by double digits over the last decade. Digital ad revenue now accounts for more than half of global advertising spending and will continue to grow in market share.

Looking to Future

- Tech tenants in the market will continue to drive the demand for office space in Silicon Valley — which accounts for 61 percent of all requirements by product type.
- California Department of Finance estimates indicate job growth and unemployment rate curves continuing to plateau. California EDD (Employment Development Department) projects show the highest percentage share of growth in educational services (private), healthcare, and social assistance jobs.
- Migration trends indicate net loss in domestic and gains in

international net migration figures since 2016. Overall, Bay Area population growth is declining; however, the East Bay has shown an uptick in population growth since 2018.

- Housing construction continues to remain well below employment growth, creating challenges.

Closing Thoughts

While no one has a crystal ball, we all know that growth at the present rate cannot be sustained forever. To elaborate, the major challenges that the region is facing — with more than its fair share of recent wildfires, compounded by homelessness and housing problems — act as headwinds for the economy. What makes matters worse is the fact that California has the highest individual income tax rate in the nation, an extremely high cost of living, diminishing industrial supply, rising construction costs, and other market uncertainties, leaving the region vulnerable to talent poaching from more affordable states that are activating to target Bay Area companies.

These liabilities would surely spell doom for any other place; but Silicon Valley is different. It has continued to reinvent itself, with an unmatched ability to shift from one emerging industry to the next. As with many things in Silicon Valley, it seems likely that the next downturn will serve as a natural experiment testing the strengths and vulnerabilities of the region. We must remember the things that are integral to the region’s success — for example, the free movement of people and capital. As to how will we ride, and recover should the current “gold rush” end? Only time will tell. But one thing is certain; it will be in a style typical of Silicon Valley.

Traffic relief may be on the way in 2020

SUBMITTED BY TESS LENGYEL

Now that the holidays are over and the new year has arrived, traffic jams have again clogged many local freeways as morning and evening commuters travel to work or schools.

One of the busiest commuting corridors in the East Bay is Interstate 680. Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) officials say this roadway, which slices through Fremont between Highway 84 at Sunol and State Route 237 in Milpitas is among the Bay Area’s top 10 most congested corridors.

While slogging along, many drivers might be wondering when traffic relief may come. It could be as soon as this autumn, according to ACTC officials. Construction on a northbound express lane along the thoroughfare broke ground in April 2018 and is scheduled for completion late this year. The work is part of the Interstate 680 Sunol Express Lane project which has been in operation since 2010.

The two-phase project has involved converting high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes to high occupancy toll (HOT)/express lanes along southbound I-680 corridor. Conversion required additional roadway widening and installation of tolling equipment

throughout the project corridor.

When the project was approved by ACTC in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the goals of the project included:

- Widening the freeway to accommodate the HOV/express lane together with several auxiliary lanes to facilitate the smooth and safe transition of traffic between local streets and the freeway between interchanges.
- Adding a new 9-mile HOV/express lane and associated improvements between

Auto Mall Parkway and SR-84, providing congestion relief in the corridor.

- Upgrading the I-680 Southbound Express Lane access configuration from controlled access to a near continuous access configuration.
- Modifying bridge crossings.
- Construction of retaining walls to accommodate the widening.
- Repaving the full project limits.

The second phase goals include widening the roadway from State Route 262 (Mission Boulevard in Fremont) to the Santa Clara County line, and:

- Construction of HOV/high occupancy toll lanes in the northbound direction on I-680

from the county line south of SR-262.

- Construction of nearly five miles of HOV/express lane along the I-680 corridor through widening, along with other necessary improvements, including structure widening/modification and retaining walls.

More details about the I-680 Sunol Express Lanes project are posted on the ATCT website at <https://www.alamedactc.org/i-680-sunol-express-lanes-phase-i/>.



Northbound I-680 Express Lane construction in Fremont

OPINION



WILLIAM MARSHAK

In an historical context, the dustbin of history is filled with people and events that have lost their value, either through the passage of time, new information or irrelevance. Along with once important, but now discarded theories and ideologies, the dustbin may also contain concepts and plans that were once bright, shiny objects commanding attention, but now relegated to obscure footnotes, far from public attention or action.

As we enter a new year filled with anticipation, the increasingly rapid transfer of information is not only a boon to society, but a possible perilous deterrent to thoughtful and extensive analysis of current events, their genesis and impact. News cycles are so rapid that in many cases, hot topics of the moment are fleeting; by the next day, or even hour, they are past their prime, eclipsed by another cause célèbre.

At the national level, there have been so many controversies that it is unremarkable to wonder at the pace of change and political shenanigans that have transpired. On the local scene, we have seen our share of hot topics and vigorous debate although not always as

flagrant as some of the national hullabaloo. Looking back over the past year, there are many issues that have changed the political landscape and others with potential for continued consideration if retrieved from our local dustbin.

The prime topics of discussion for the southeast Bay Area revolve around transportation, housing, education and economic considerations (i.e. cost of living). Intertwined within these topics is a question of quality of life. What is being done to preserve and promote the health and happiness of those living and working in our communities? An example of a dustbin issue is the creation and implementation of the California Nursery property of Fremont into a historical park. Lost in the tangles of bureaucratic morass and other hot topics, this grand scheme has been dormant, yet brought passionate response when proposed early in 2019. An “update” in November included a self-guided tour map, but what else has been accomplished? Another grand recreational plan that has landed on a shelf of obscurity is the park envisioned at the terminus of Auto Mall Parkway. These ideas are not always permanently relegated to the dust bin, but need to be revived or at least considered on an annual basis.

To be fair, there are many projects including skate parks, dog parks, recreational facilities and other amenities to promote a good quality of life that have progressed and been completed. New civic facilities are in the works and so are streetscapes and mobility action plans. It may be a good exercise for each city council to take time during a work

session or council meeting to BRIEFLY outline the projects initiated and completed or in progress. Although this is done in extensive and lengthy documents and reports such as a Capital Improvement Program (CIP), for most citizens there is too much detail involved and eyes glaze over when contemplating such a review.

A benefit of a macro review would be to involve a large group of residents in the process of cleaning out any debris remaining in the dustbin and making sure that our cycle of review is meaningful to as many as possible. Assessments of past actions, if balanced, can become a solid foundation for future growth and prosperity.

It is apparent that growth of industry and population in our area not only brings economic advantages, but adverse impacts as well. Exorbitant housing costs increase the woes of urban crowding – traffic, frustration, crime. With the influx of new workplace opportunities come challenges for our elected leaders. A timely outline of proposed projects will provide constituents with a clear and understandable guide to civic progress.

The beginning of a new year is an opportunity to peek into our dustbin and make sure it is clean for 2020.

William Marshak
PUBLISHER

The Dustbin

Alaska group adopts escaped goat tracked on social media

AP WIRE SERVICE

An escaped goat that eluded Alaska authorities for two days has been adopted as the official mascot of an organization supporting people affected by opioids, officials said.

The Bridge group announced the adoption on its Facebook page, The Fairbanks Daily News-Miner reported Monday.

Animal control officials asked the public to contact law enforcement in a social media post that was shared more than 500 times after the goat escaped

from its owner Oct. 14. The goat was delivered to Fairbanks North Star Borough Animal Control the following night after members of the public captured it near a road where it had jumped into traffic.

Facebook users who followed the chase updates named the male goat “Curry.”

The Bridge provides employment and peer support organization for people affected by opioid use disorder. The organization was founded in May with grants from the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services.

“Welcome Curry the goat as the Bridge’s new mascot! We are going to reintegrate him to society,” the organization posted on its Facebook page.

Goat owner Paul Finch said in a TV interview that Curry was destined to be slaughtered for his meat prior to his escape but was given a reprieve due to the interest shown by social media users.

“I work in recovery,” Finch said. “Now he’s (the goat) been arrested, he’s been in jail, and I believe that he would be a great mascot for the re-entry coalition

or the re-entry process for people re-entering after incarceration.”

The Bridge has established an online fundraiser for the goat’s needs with a goal of \$5,000. The organization is also collaborating with Venue, a Fairbanks event space and coffee shop, to sell Curry stickers to raise money for The Bridge.

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Obituary

Donald David King

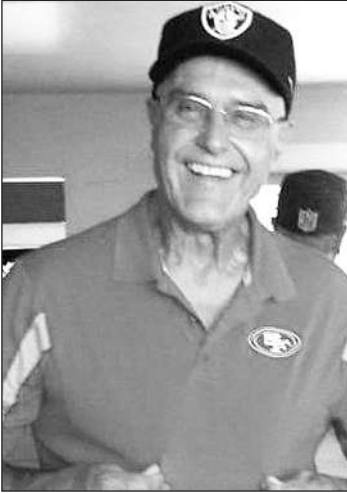
September 10, 1943 – December 29, 2019

Resident of Newark

Don was born on Sept 10th 1943 to Alvin King & Mary (Mamie) Peixote King. He was a graduate in 1961 of Washington High School in Fremont, CA. He is survived by his sister Carol King Fernandes & Brother in Law Lonnie Fernandes of Ripon, CA, Son Michael King & Daughter in Law Marilyn King of Newark, CA, Daughter Michele King Henderson & Son in Law Gary Henderson of Tracy, CA & Amy King of Newark, CA Loving Grandfather to Tyler King, Tanner King, Bailey Henderson, Chase Henderson & devoted Uncle to Steve Fernandes, Heather Fernandes, Bobby Ventura, Ashley Ventura & Noah Ventura.

He worked for the Alameda County Water District for 37 years. He also was a member of The Elks Club, Classics Car Club and coached Fremont Football, CYO & Fremont Baseball.

Don was an avid classic car guy and loved to make the rounds at all the local car shows. He was most known for his zest for life, contagious laughter & his love for his family. He will be deeply missed and loved by all who knew him.



Visitation will be held on Friday, January 10, 2020, from 9 to 11 AM, with a Chapel Service at 11 AM at Fremont Chapel of the Roses, 1940 Peralta Boulevard, Fremont.

Celebration of Life will be held at 2 PM, The Elks Lodge, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont.

We will have Don's prized possessions - his classic cars on site. Please feel free to bring your classic car to join in remembrance.

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Obituary

Barbara Ann Murphy Pesek

Oct. 9, 1942 – Dec. 21, 2019

Fremont



On December 21, 2019, Barbara Ann Murphy Pesek, loving wife, mother, and educator, died at the age of 77. Barbara was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on October 9, 1942 and reared in San Jose by her parents, Barbara and Robert Murphy. She attended Willow Glen High (class of 1960) and San Jose State University (class of 1964). Years later she earned her M.A. in Education from the University of Phoenix.

In 1964 Barbara married John Pesek, and the couple spent three years in Germany where John was stationed in the U.S. Army. Barbara spent her time teaching basic skills to enlisted men.

After returning to the U.S., they settled in Fremont, and raised son Mark and daughter Meredith. Barbara worked as a teacher and later as a speech

pathologist in the Fremont U.S.D. Her career in education lasted 30 years, and she retired in 2006.

Barbara was involved in activities of the American Iris Society and the Clara B. Rees Iris Society, serving in leadership positions. Her other hobbies included sewing, counted cross-stitch, knitting, quilting, reading, traveling, and spending time with family and friends, grandson Jack, and the family cats. Barbara and John spent many happy years at their vacation home in Truckee, sitting on the deck watching the trees grow.

Barbara was a parishioner of Holy Spirit Church in Fremont. She generously volunteered her time to the church and its members.

Barbara leaves behind her husband of 55 years, John Mark Pesek III, son John Mark Pesek IV (Beth), daughter Meredith Carver (Scott), sisters Patricia Cayanni (Jean) and Carolyn Beckwith (Steve), grandson John "Jack" Mark Pesek V, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

In lieu of flowers, it is suggested that a donation be made in her name to Bay Area Cancer Connections in Palo Alto, California or to Catholic Relief Services.

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Obituary

Maxine McGaughey Sauvageau Wysup

June 27, 1922 - December 21, 2019

Resident of Fremont

Maxine McGaughey Sauvageau Wysup was born on June 27, 1922 in Knobel, Arkansas to John and Robbie McGaughey and was one of nine siblings. She was a longtime resident of Klamath Falls, Oregon prior to moving to Fremont, California in 2013. She is survived by son David Michael (Sue) Sauvageau, granddaughters Danielle Day and Michele (Kevin) Scott of Fremont. Great granddaughters Cassidy and Shelby Scott. Numerous nieces,



nephews and friends. She was predeceased by her husband Frank of 46 years in 2013, her parents, and 8 siblings. Maxine had a passion for any card game, worked crossword puzzles, big fan of Jeopardy and bowled for over 40 years. Family will gather for burial in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The recall of Gov. Newsom

AB5, which was approved by Gov. Gavin Newsom on September 18, 2019, has ruined the freelance economy in California. It was voted for by our local state representatives: assembly members Bill Quirk and Kansen Chu, and state Sen. Bob Wieckowski. AB5 is a travesty of poorly crafted legislation that has adversely affected not only those who work for Uber and Lyft, but independent truckers, freelance journalists and cartoonists, yoga instructors and many others. What AB5 has done is made illegal flexible working opportunities, especially for many women who work as freelancers to work around schedules for their families. An addition, California now pays the

highest gas taxes in the nation, yet Newsom decided to subvert some of these tax funds to pay for his pet “green project.” Newsom just heaps on more taxes and regulations, which is causing many businesses to flee the state. California has been regularly rated as one of the least business-friendly states in the U.S. and Newsom only makes it worse with more regulations and more taxes. It is because of Newsom’s terrible stewardship of California that I support the recall of Newsom. If you want to sign this petition, you find your local petition collection location at <https://ranaf.org/petition-locations> or download a petition from the site RANAF.ORG. The deadline is Feb 13, 2020.

Elizabeth Stump
Castro Valley

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Psychological Effect of Vision Zero

Vision Zero, by its definition and title, is an appreciable attempt to minimize the loss of life due to traffic accidents. The goal of eliminating fatalities and significantly reducing severe injuries by 2020 is auspicious and one that every city would love to achieve. It’s now 2020 – have we met the goal? I think not. The next question should be “why not?” That requires a deeper dive into each individual accident and a root cause analysis. This is where the police data would come in. If a pedestrian or bicyclist was crossing a street at night and not in an intersection which resulted in an accident, would Vision Zero have changed the result? If a driver was impaired or on their phone and hits a car, bicyclist or pedestrian, would Vision Zero have changed the result? Making lanes narrower, painting lines and colors all over the street and restricting the flow of traffic by not syncing traffic signals is arguably making are streets less safe. There are now so many lines on the streets, colors on the streets and new signs all over the city, that the visual stimulus can cause confusion.

The result may cause drivers to slow down, but are they also confused and less focused on the driving and looking out for others? Also, the fact that our traffic signals are not synced to allow for a normal flow of traffic on major thoroughfares, like Paseo Padre, creates frustration for many drivers. I have experienced more drivers speeding between traffic signals because they don’t want to get stuck at the next light. I’ve never seen so many people driving down bicycle lanes as I do today; a result of being frustrated. Vision Zero merely looks at traffic flow as a funneling issue, which in theory causes a slowing effect. What I see happening is the funneling effect is causing frustration that involves acceleration and diversion (finding alternative routes). Someone once told me you can’t put 10 gallons in a 5-gallon bucket. So, the overflow effect is now flowing through our neighborhoods as the city makes it more difficult to travel down our main thoroughfares – i.e.: Stevenson, Mowry, Thornton, Fremont Blvd, Paseo Padre. Let’s pause Vision Zero, understand the psychological effect of this program, fix our streets instead of painting them, and look at the “whys” for the accidents that are occurring. Vision Zero is not a one size fits all.

Pat Mapelli
Fremont

Cat found in New Mexico after going missing in Oregon

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A cat who has been missing for five years in Portland, Oregon, has been found in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The Santa Fe Animal Shelter announced this week that Sasha the black cat was recently found wandering the streets of New Mexico's capital. Officials said a scan of the cat's microchip revealed that the kitty had traveled more than 1,200 miles (1,931 kilometers) from Oregon. American Airlines offered to fly the cat to Portland, along with a member of the Santa Fe Animal Shelter. Officials will present the animal to Viktor Usov, the cat's original owner. Usov says the family thought they'd never see the cat again.

Trapper plays with 'gator until it tires, pulls it from pool

AP WIRE SERVICE

A Florida animal trapper says he corralled a large alligator by playing with it until it got tired after it hopped into a residential swimming pool. Celebrity trapper Paul Bedard, who is contracted with the state's nuisance alligator program, said Thursday that he was dispatched to a house in Parkland, Florida. Bedard said he was able to pull the nearly 9-foot (2.7-meter) animal out of the water once it grew tired from playing with him in the pool on Wednesday. He put a snare on its mouth and taped it. He described the reptile as “mellow” and named it Cool Hand Luke after the 1967 film starring Paul Newman. Bedard said the alligator weighed 185 pounds (83.92 kilograms). Bedard starred in Animal Planet’s reality show “Gator Boys.”

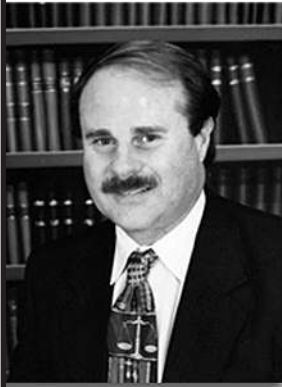
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Obituary

Victoria Louise Carlson-Roberts, nee Kathain, known as Vicki

11/21/1960 – 12/30/2019
Resident of Fremont, California

Vicki was born to Robert and Ortencia Kathain on November 21, 1960 at Eden Hospital in Castro Valley, CA. She passed away suddenly on December 30, 2019 at Washington Hospital in Fremont, CA surrounded by her loved ones. A Fremont resident and graduate of John F. Kennedy High School, Vicki was a generous, giving, thoughtful, and selfless person who worked hard to make sure everyone around her was safe and loved. She was always a good “go to” person whenever there was a crisis. Vicki had a strength like no other. She was the one to teach her brother how to bat and catch a ball as a left hander as well as to play tennis because she needed a partner to play with. After the loss of her first husband at a young age and raising her first-born son on her own, Vicki met her husband of 35 years and had two more children. She worked tirelessly to care for her family and make sure her kids had a full, enjoyable life. Vicki enjoyed many activities including track and field, dance, camping, vacations, and attending Oakland A’s games every chance she got. She enjoyed taking her three children on trips to Disneyland, Lake Tahoe and the family cabin in Dorrington. She loved watching her eldest grandchildren during their sporting activities. She enjoyed every minute she could with her eight grandchildren and was looking forward to the birth of her newest grandchild in April. Vicki worked for McDonalds for over 25 years, as well as a variety of service industry jobs,



and was a lifelong member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Fremont (formerly St. Leonards). Vicki is predeceased by her grandparents, her first husband Matthew Carlson, sister-in-law's Ann Dorgan and Cindy Kathain, brother-in-law Ed Green, aunt Connie Moniz, cousin Connie Pino, and many beloved relatives. She is survived by her husband Carlis Roberts Jr.; her parents; her mother-in-law Faye; her children Matthew Jr., Carlis III, and Sarah; daughter-in-law's Jacqueline and Anastacia; son-in-law Comrade; grandchildren Josie, Carlis IV, Aleena, Bella, Cali, Cherish, Charlie, and Max; siblings Robert, John, Nellie, and Matthew; as well as many loving family members. Visitation and viewing will take place Tuesday, January 7, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with the Rosary starting at 6:30 p.m. followed by words of memoriam at the Fremont Memorial Chapel - 3723 Peralta Blvd, Fremont, CA 94536. All are



welcome to say a few words or to share a memory. Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday, January 8th, 2020, 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe - 41933 Blacow Rd, Fremont, CA 94538. Burial to follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, in the St. Anthony section 26320 Mission Blvd, Hayward, CA 94544. In honor of Vicki, please consider donating to one of the four organizations near and dear to her. The Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance at <https://ocrahope.org/> Donor Network West at <https://www.donornetworkwest.org/contributions/> To the Scleroderma Research Foundation <https://srfcure.org/> To the Walk for Life <https://www.walkforlifewc.com/> If you would like to contribute in support of Vicki's family, please contact the Fremont Memorial Chapel and contribute directly in her name. Fremont Memorial Chapel 510-793-8900

Alaskan city sees heat and snowfall records in single day

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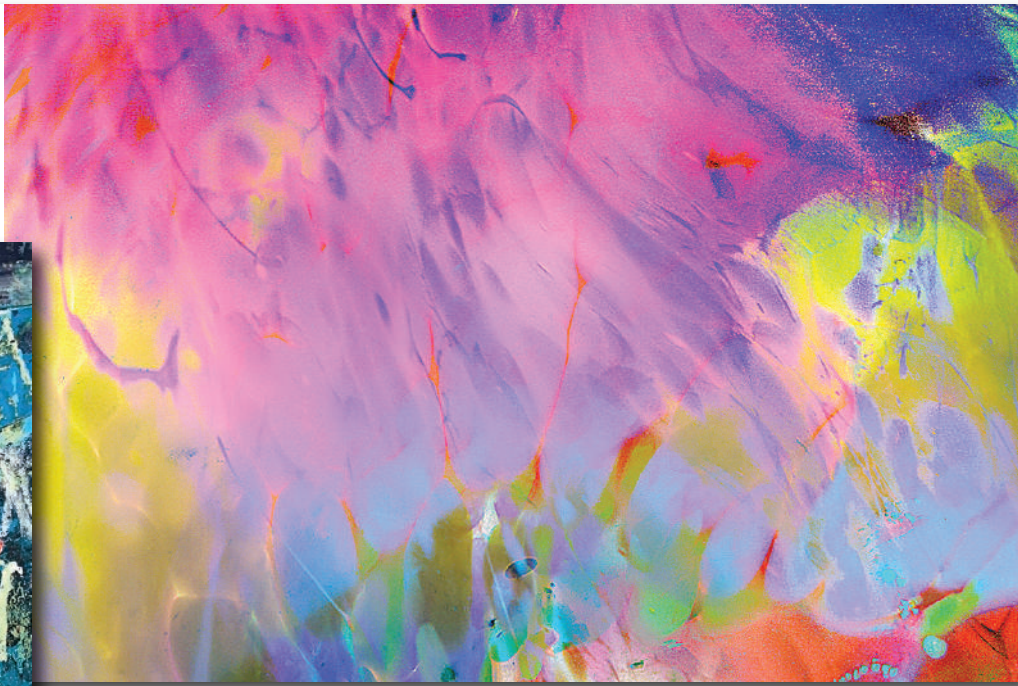
Alaskans have experienced both a record high temperature and a record amount of snowfall in the same day. The Anchorage Daily News reports the Municipality of Anchorage saw snowfall of more than a foot Saturday after tying a temperature record set in 1967. The National Weather Service says the city tied the high-temperature record by reaching 45 degrees Fahrenheit (7.2 Celsius) around 3 a.m. The weather service says southeast winds blew warm air into the city before the winds subsided, temperatures dropped and snow fell. Snow levels at the weather service's office broke the 1958 record of 8.3 inches (21 centimeters) by 1/10th of an inch. Officials say the snow varied from 5 inches (13 centimeters) in the city to more than 12 inches (30 centimeters) in nearby Eagle River. Information from: Anchorage Daily News, <http://www.adn.com>



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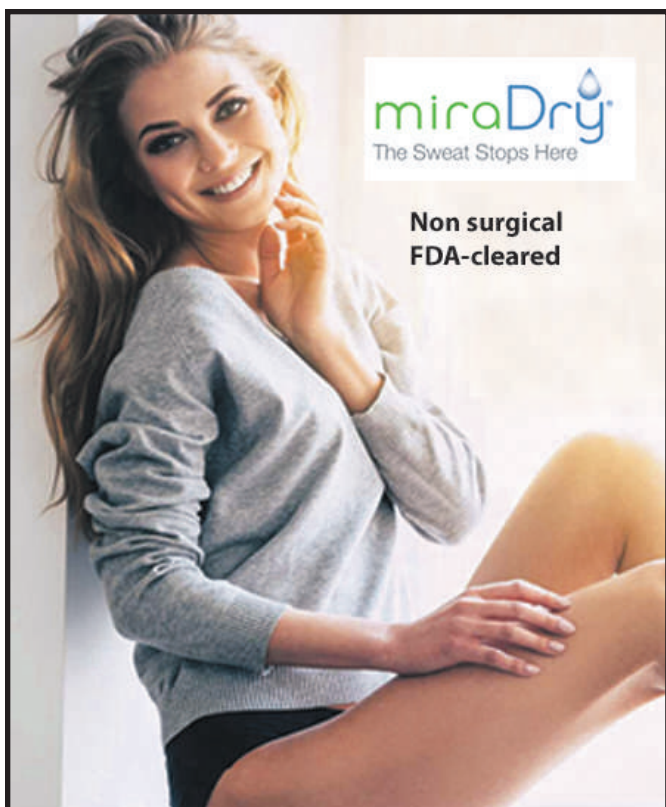
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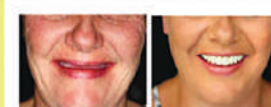
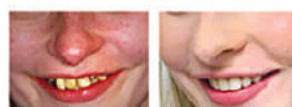


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BART Police Log

SUBMITTED BY LES MENSINGER AND
BART PD

Saturday, December 28

• A man identified by police as Michael Cammarano, 36, of Fremont was arrested at Fremont station on suspicion of possessing a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia, loitering, being under the influence of a controlled substance, providing false identification to a police officer and an outstanding \$5,000 warrant. He was booked into Fremont City Jail.

Monday, December 30

• At 10:14 a.m. a suspect identified by police as Lavanz Crosby, 22, was arrested at Bay Fair station

in San Leandro on suspicion of resisting an officer. Crosby was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Tuesday, December 31

• At 10:07 a.m. a suspect identified as Devereaux Sataezha, 22, of San Leandro was arrested at Bay Fair station in San Leandro on suspicion of assaulting an officer and resisting arrest. Sataezha was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Wednesday, January 1

• At 1:29 a.m. a man identified by police as Kenneth Griffin was arrested at Castro Valley station on suspicion of grand theft and booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Thursday, January 2

• At 8:06 a.m. a man identified by police as Brian Hughes, 29, of Hayward was arrested at Fremont station on suspicion of possessing a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia, theft and probation violation. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Milpitas Police Log

SUBMITTED BY SGT. TYLER JAMISON, MILPITAS PD

• At about 9:45 p.m. security personnel at the Great Mall of the Bay Area found a suspicious unoccupied vehicle in the parking lot with a large amount of merchandise with security sensors still attached inside the car. They also noticed a pair of pliers on the dashboard and called police. Officers watched the vehicle until a woman, later identified by police as Grace Marie Naffa, 29, of San Jose, got inside and started to drive away. Officers made a traffic stop and discovered Naffa was on Santa Clara County probation for a narcotics violation and had an outstanding warrant. Inside the car they found stolen merchandise and credit cards. Naffa was arrested and booked into Santa Clara County Main Jail and faces various felony charges.

Fremont Police Log

SUBMITTED BY GENEVA BOSQUES,
FREMONT PD

Monday, December 30

• At about 6:00 p.m. officers working with San Mateo Police Department arrested two suspects after their vehicle crashed on Thornton Avenue following a high-speed chase eastbound across the Dumbarton Bridge. The suspects, identified by San Mateo police as Jose Longino, 21 and Dania Juarez, 19, both of East Palo Alto, may have been involved in a shooting around 2:30 p.m. in the parking lot at the La Hacienda Market in San Mateo. The shooting victim was taken to a hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. The case is under investigation by the San Mateo Police Department. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Nick Morsilli at (650) 522-7670 or by email at nmorsilli@cityofsanmateo.org. Anonymous tips can be submitted to <http://tinyurl.com/SMPDTips> or by calling (650) 522-7676.

Tuesday, December 31

• At about 7:46 a.m. officers tried to make a traffic stop to serve a warrant to a man identified by police as Marquice McClinton. However, McClinton failed to stop and led officers on a six-minute pursuit through city streets before he crashed into an occupied vehicle on Mowry Avenue and Civic Center Drive. He was safely taken into custody and booked into Santa Rita Jail. There we no major injuries, but a patrol car sustained minor damage.

Felony Vehicular Manslaughter Hit and Run Charges Filed

SUBMITTED BY GENEVA BOSQUES,
FREMONT PD

A 28-year-old man has been charged with felony vehicular manslaughter hit and run in the August fatality that occurred on Boyce Road just before 5 a.m., on August 28, 2019.

28-year-old Fremont resident Kiranjot Deol was riding his bicycle as he often did to a tech company in Menlo Park where he worked. As he rode in the bicycle lane on Boyce Road, between Auto Mall Parkway and Stewart Avenue, in the City of Fremont, he was struck and killed by a motorist who initially fled the scene.

Eventually the motorist, 25-year-old Rosendo Cruz Vargas, a Ceres, California resident returned to the scene where he found Kiranjot Deol deceased in the bicycle lane. Vargas phoned 911 and Fremont police and fire personnel immediately responded, along with an ambulance. Deol was pronounced deceased as he lay in the bicycle lane.

After a lengthy investigation of the evidence, investigating officers determined probable cause existed that Rosendo Vargas had committed vehicular manslaughter and hit and run. Officers presented their case to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office for criminal charges and Vargas was charged with felony vehicular manslaughter along with felony hit and run.

Vargas self-surrendered to Fremont Traffic Investigators on December 12th and was taken into custody. Vargas has since been released pending future court proceedings.

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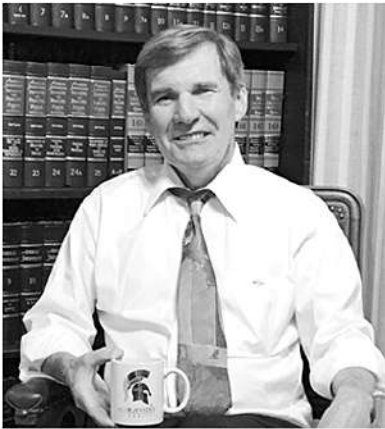
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Fictitious Business Name(s):
510 Autoworks, 37555 Dusterberry Way Ste 5, Fremont, CA 94536, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Erik Carranza, 5586 Truman Place, 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/ Erik Carranza
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 23, 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).
1/17, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28/20

CNS-3328608#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Fictitious Business Name(s):
1) 5 Star Distributors, 2) IOS Industrial, Office Solutions, 1480 Hardy Pl., Fremont, CA 94536, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Andres F. Bermudez, 1480 Hardy Pl., Fremont, CA 94536
Business conducted by: an individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on Mar -15-1994
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/ Andres F. Bermudez, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 13, 2019
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1/23/19, 1/7, 1/14, 1/21/20

CNS-3326992#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Tony Medical Group, 63248 Buena Vista Dr., Newark, CA 94560, County of Alameda
Mailing address 63248 Buena Vista Dr., Newark, CA 94560
Registrant(s):
Tony Medical Group Co., 63248 Buena Vista Dr., Newark, CA 94560; California
Business conducted by: a Corporation
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/28/2019
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/ Zhuz Jian, Director
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 23, 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.
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1/23/19, 1/7, 1/14, 1/21/20

CNS-3326991#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Fictitious Business Name(s):
Freedom Yoga, 3920 Smith Street, Union City, CA 94587, County of Alameda; Mailing Address: 4471 Pompton Street, Union City, CA 94587
Registrant(s):
Freedom Yoga, 3920 Smith Street, Union City, CA 94587; California
Business conducted by: a Limited Liability Company
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 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/ Kimberly Ky, Manager
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 13, 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.
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1/22/4, 12/31/19, 1/7, 1/14/20

CNS-3325861#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Fictitious Business Name(s):
The Book Locker, 4263 Dallas Ct., Fremont, CA 94536, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Cara C. Euneess, 4263 Dallas Ct., Fremont, CA 94536
Business conducted by: an Individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1993.
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/ Cara C. Euneess, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 12, 2019
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1/22/4, 12/31/19, 1/7, 1/14/20

CNS-3325246#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 566455
Fictitious Business Name(s):
Farashaty, 4743 Victoria Ave., Fremont, CA 94538, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Aya Aiy, 4743 Victoria Ave., Fremont, CA 94538
Business conducted by: an Individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on Dec. 6th, 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/ Aya Aiy, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 13, 2019
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1/2/24, 12/31/19, 1/7, 1/14/20

CNS-3324563#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 566781
Fictitious Business Name(s):
Arderood Tax Service, 2140 Peralta Blvd. Ste 111, Fremont, CA 94536, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Dale B. Miller, 33757 Shylock Drive, Fremont, CA 94555
Business conducted by: an Individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/10/2011
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/ Dale B. Miller, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 5, 2019
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1/2/24, 12/31/19, 1/7, 1/14/20

CNS-3324246#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 566536
Fictitious Business Name(s):
Pari's Family Day Care, 2202 Ptarmigan Ct., Union City, CA 94587, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Parvinder Kaur, 2202 Ptarmigan Ct., Union City, CA 94587
Business conducted by: an Individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/11/2019.
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/ Parvinder Kaur, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 11, 2019
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1/2/24, 12/31/19, 1/7, 1/14/20

CNS-3324245#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 566388
Fictitious Business Name(s):
Smoothilicious, 876 Cole Common, Livermore, CA 94551, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
Jordan Rojo, 876 Cole Common, Livermore, CA 94551
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/ Jordan Rojo, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 11, 2019
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1/2/24, 12/31/19, 1/7, 1/14/20

CNS-3324244#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 566312
Fictitious Business Name(s):
Himalayan Chef Kitchen, 6180 Jarvis Avenue 'M', 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 12/10/2019
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
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1/2/17, 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
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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/ Harry Sidhu, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 5, 2019
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12/17, 12/24, 12/31/19, 1/7/20

CNS-3322966#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 565699
Fictitious Business Name(s):
D. L. 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.
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12/17, 12/24, 12/31/19, 1/7/20

CNS-3322965#

GOVERNMENT

CITY OF UNION CITY NOTICE OF CONTINUANCE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The City of Union City, California, will hold a public hearing previously noticed for the regular meeting, is officially continued to **January 16, 2020**.
Project Name and Description:
Public Hearing for a Zoning Text Amendment to create a new Corridor Mixed Use (CMU) zoning district, Chapter 18.36 to clarify applicability, and add an affordable housing parking standard (AT-19-003) and a Zoning Map Amendment to rezone the property from CC (Community Commercial) and PI (Private Institutional) to CMU (Commercial Mixed Use) (A-19-002) for the property located on a block bounded by D Street, E Street, Mission Boulevard and Second Street (486-3-29, 486-3-28, 486-3-30, 486-3-35, 486-3-34-3, 486-334-4).
In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MSND) has been prepared. The 30-day public review period for the IS/MSND ended on November 27, 2019. The IS/MSND is available on-line at <https://www.unioncity.org/3471/Planning-Documents>.
The next meeting of the Union City Planning Commission will be held on January 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall – Council Chambers, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, California.
Carmela Campbell Secretary
1/7/20

CNS-3328892#

CITY OF FREMONT SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE
As Introduced December 17, 2019
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FREMONT AMENDING VARIOUS CHAPTERS OF FREMONT MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 5 BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 5.55 FIREARMS DEALERS, AND TITLE 18 (PLANNING AND ZONING) TO CLARIFY AND ENHANCE DEFINITIONS, PROCEDURES, AND STANDARDS RELATED TO DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY, AND ZONING AMENDMENTS TO CLARIFY THE BOUNDARIES OF VARIOUS ZONING DISTRICTS (PLN220-00074)
On December 17, 2019, the Fremont City Council introduced the above ordinance. It would amend various chapters of Fremont Municipal Code Title 5 (Business Licenses and Regulations), Chapter 5.55 (Firearms Dealers) and Title 18 (Planning and Zoning) to clarify and enhance definitions, procedures, and standards related to development and use of property within the City, and zoning map amendments to clarify the boundaries of various zoning districts (PLN220-00074).
A certified copy of the full text of the ordinance is posted in the office of the City Clerk, 3300 Capitol Avenue, Fremont, and is available for review upon request. The second reading for adoption is currently scheduled for January 14, 2020, at 7:00 pm, at City Hall, 3300 Capitol Avenue, Fremont.
SUSAN GAUTHIER, CITY CLERK
1/7/20

CNS-3325637#

CITY OF FREMONT SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE
As Introduced December 17, 2019
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FREMONT REZONING A 5.2-ACRE SITE LOCATED AT 45388 WARM SPRINGS BOULEVARD FROM WARM SPRINGS INNOVATION AREA

10 (WSI-10) DISTRICT TO WARM SPRINGS INNOVATION AREA 8 (WSI-8), TO ALLOW FOR THE REUSE OF AN EXISTING 88,000 SQUARE-FOOT OFFICE BUILDING FOR AN OUTPATIENT CLINIC IN THE WARM SPRINGS/SOUTH FREMONT COMMUNITY PLAN (PLN220-00039)
On December 17, 2019, the Fremont City Council introduced the above ordinance. It would rezone a 5.2-acre site located at 45388 Warm Springs Boulevard from Warm Springs Innovation Area 10 (WSI-10) District to Warm Springs Innovation Area 8 (WSI-8), to allow for the reuse of an existing 88,000 square-foot office building for an outpatient clinic in the Warm Springs/South Fremont Community Plan (PLN220-00039).
A certified copy of the full text of the ordinance is posted in the office of the City Clerk, 3300 Capitol Avenue, Fremont, and is available for review upon request. The second reading for adoption is currently scheduled for January 9, 2020, at 7:00 pm, at City Hall, 3300 Capitol Avenue, Fremont.
SUSAN GAUTHIER, CITY CLERK
1/7/20

CNS-3325633#

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS NEWARK BOULEVARD BARRIER PLACEMENT PROJECT
The City Council of the City of Newark invites sealed bids for the construction of public improvements for Newark Boulevard Barrier Placement Project, Project 1231, City of Newark, Alameda County, California. Sealed bids must be delivered to the office of the City Cashier of the City of Newark at 37101 Newark Boulevard, First Floor Cashier Counter, Newark, California, before 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2020. At that time, all bids will be publicly opened, examined and declared. The improvements are generally described as follows: directed traffic roadway pavement, concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter, trees/landscaping, and signs; construct new concrete sidewalks, curb and gutter, and valley gutter; install midwest guardrail system, in-line terminal system, signs, and pavement delineation; and relocate street light at the south-east corner of Newark Boulevard and Dairy Avenue, in the City of Newark. Plans and Specifications for the work may be obtained in electronic (PDF) format from the City of Newark Public Works Department, free of charge, via e-mail delivery by calling Ms. Charlotte Allison at (510) 578-4452 or by e-mail to charlotte.allison@newark.org. If electronic delivery is unavailable, Plans and Specifications in PDF format are available, free of charge, on compact disc (CD) at 37101 Newark Boulevard (First Floor), Newark, California. Information regarding obtaining Plans and Specifications or a list of plan holders is available by calling Ms. Charlotte Allison at (510) 578-4452 or by E-mail to charlotte.allison@newark.org. All technical questions should be directed to the Assistant Engineer, Jayson Imai at (510) 578-4671 or by e-mail to jayson.imai@newark.org. A pre-bid meeting will not be scheduled for this project. However, Bidders are strongly urged to visit the job site before submitting bids. Submission of a bid shall be considered as an acknowledgement of site investigation, the Contractor shall possess a valid Class A California Contractors license at the time of the bid opening. The successful Bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond. Items of work in conjunction with this project are included in the proposal. As of July 1, 2014, all Contractors bidding on this project are required to register with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) and to pay the required annual fee. Under California Labor Code section 1771.1, as amended by SB 854, unless registered with the DIR, a Contractor may not bid or be listed as a Subcontractor for any bid proposal submitted for public works projects on or after March 1, 2015. The City of Newark reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive any minor informalities, irregularities and/or bid non-responsiveness that does not influence the competitive nature of the bid. The City Council will award the project, if it is awarded, to the lowest responsible Bidder as determined by the Total Bid. The City of Newark hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business and women owned business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, including a perception that the person has any of those characteristics or that the person is associated with a person who has, or is perceived to have, any of those characteristics in connection with the bid. Pursuant to Section 1773 of the Labor Code, the general prevailing rate of wages in the county in which the work is to be done has been determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations of the State of California. These wages are set forth in the General Prevailing Wage Rates for this project. The Contractor and all subcontractors shall pay all their employees performing labor under this Contract salaries or wages at least equal to the general prevailing wage rates for the particular crafts, classifications or types of workers employed on this project. These wage rates appear in the latest Department of Industrial Relations publication, Future effective wage rates which have been predetermined and are on file with the Department of Industrial Relations are referenced but not printed in said publication, and are available on the internet at www.dir.ca.gov. Dated: SHEILA HARRINGTON, City Clerk City of Newark, Alameda County, California
Publish Dates: Tuesday, December 31, 2019
Tuesday, January 7, 2020
12/31/19, 1/7/20

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CITY OF NEWARK INVITATION TO BID
Mavic 2 Enterprise Dual Package
The City of Newark invites sealed bids for the purchase of three (3) Mavic 2 Enterprise Dual Packages for the City of Newark, Alameda County, California. Sealed bids must be delivered to the City Cashier of the City of Newark at 37101 Newark Boulevard, Newark, California, First Floor Cashier Counter, before **2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2020**. At that time all bids will be publicly opened, examined, and declared.
This Project is more specifically defined in the Contract Documents, which generally includes the following purchase and delivery of:
Three (3) DJI Mavic 2 Enterprise Dual (S) Drones
Eighteen (18) DJI Mavic 2 Enterprise – Batteries
Three (3) DJI Mavic 2 Enterprise – Fly More Kits
Three (3) CrystalSky 7.85" Monitors Nine (9) DJI CrystalSky/Cendence – Intelligent Batteries
Three (3) Polar Pro CrystalSky FlightDeck Monitor
Mounts Three (3) CrystalSky Charging Hub Power Adapters
Specifications may be obtained at the City of Newark Police Department (Lobby/Records Division), 37101 Newark Boulevard, Newark, California, or by contacting Lieutenant David Higbee, UAS Unit Coordinator, at (510) 578-4962. The City of Newark reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any minor informalities, irregularities, and/or bid non-responsiveness that does not influence the competitive nature of the bid. The City will award the project, if it is awarded, to the lowest responsible bidder, as determined by the Total Bid. **The City of Newark** hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business and women owned business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, including a perception that the person has any of those characteristics or that the person is associated with a person who has, or is perceived to have, any of those characteristics in consideration for an award. **Release Date: January 7, 2020** /s/Sheila Harrington, City Clerk, City of Newark, Alameda County, California
1/7/20

CNS-3322564#

PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JEANNETTE OTTOVICH CASE NO. RP500022
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JEANNETTE OTTOVICH.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by KAREN RAYL in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that KAREN RAYL, AS CO-ADMINISTRATOR WITH LEO F. BAUTISTA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act . (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before

taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 01/30/20 at 9:30AM in Dept. 201 located at 2120 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WAY, BERKELEY, CA 94704

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner
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12/31/19, 1/7, 1/14/20

CNS-3327361#

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: SUZANNE MARIE MASTERS AKA SUZANNE M. MASTERS CASE NO. RP19047825

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of SUZANNE MARIE MASTERS AKA SUZANNE M. MASTERS. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by DONALD MASTERS in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DONALD MASTERS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act . (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they

California is the epicenter of self-driving car testing

THE ROBOT REPORT

BY STEVE CROWE

California is already the epicenter of self-driving car testing. But its roads are about to get a bit more crowded thanks to another type of autonomous vehicle. The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) now allows testing of light-duty autonomous delivery vehicles on the state's public roads.

The new rule opens up testing for autonomous vehicles that weigh less than 10,000 pounds. So, this includes only Class 1 and 2 vehicles such as passenger cars, mid-sized pickup trucks and cargo vans. Any vehicle that weighs more than 10,000 pounds (Class 3-8) is still not permitted, ruling out FedEx or UPS trucks and certainly any semi-trucks.



Self-driving startup Nuro is testing autonomous grocery delivery with Walmart in Houston. Credit: Nuro

The California DMV will allow testing of autonomous vehicles both with and without a safety driver. For tests with a safety driver, the drivers need to complete a training program and maintain a clean driving record. There are additional requirements for tests without a

safety driver, including the ability for the vehicles to communicate with and be controlled by a remote operator. The DMV can start approving permits around January 17, 2020.

As of December 5, 2019, 65 companies had autonomous vehicle testing permits (with a

driver) from the California DMV. But the new rule could open up the floodgates for companies to test autonomous vehicle delivery services in 2020 and beyond. For example, Nuro, a self-driving startup in Mountain View, California that raised \$940 million in 2019 from the Softbank Vision Fund, is already trialing its autonomous vehicles in Arizona and Texas. It recently announced a partnership with Walmart to test autonomous grocery delivery in Houston.

Waymo is the only company permitted by the California DMV to test autonomous vehicles without a safety driver. Waymo is the clear frontrunner in the autonomous passenger vehicle space, and it is developing autonomous trucks. When the California DMV released its disengagement reports earlier this year, Waymo had the best-performing self-driving cars in California with one

disengagement every 11,017 miles. That performance marks a 50 percent reduction in the rate and a 96 percent increase in the average miles traveled between disengagements compared to the 2017 numbers.

Waymo recently started to operate its self-driving taxi service near Phoenix, Arizona, called Waymo One, without human safety drivers. And it acquired Latent Logic, a UK start-up that uses imitation learning to simulate models of human behavior on the road. The acquisition marks the launch of Waymo's first European engineering hub, which will be located in Oxford.

Steve Crowe is editor of The Robot Report and co-chair of the Robotics Summit & Expo. He can be reached at scrowe@wtwhmedia.com.

EARTHTALK

The world is literally swimming in plastic

Dear EarthTalk: Which companies are taking the lead in commitments to plastics reduction?

— Jason K., Reno, Nevada

Our modern world is literally swimming in plastic. According to Plastic Oceans International (POI), we produce more than 300 million tons of plastic each year around the world, half of which is for single-use purposes. We then dump eight million tons of it into the oceans annually, where it accumulates up and down the food chain, with some settling into large, mid-ocean whirlpools of plastic waste called gyres.

Since the 1950s, we've produced upwards of 8.3 billion tons of plastic, and

production is seemingly only just starting to ramp up: A recent study predicts we're on course to add another 26 billion tons to the planet's existing plastic burden by 2050 if production remains unchecked.

Weaning ourselves off plastic is going to be one of the great challenges of the 2020s. Consumer demand, along with governmental action, is forcing many companies to re-examine their manufacturing processes, supply chains and distribution networks to reduce the use of plastic in both products and packaging.

One leader is Ikea, which recently committed to transition much of its plastic packaging to a mushroom-based renewable alternative that can grow in a controlled environment, and, like plastic, be easily formed into shapes. If kept dry, this "MycoComposite" can be used over and over. It can also decompose fully in just

30 days. Producing it uses only 12 percent of the energy required to make the same amount of plastic, and with 90 percent lower carbon emissions.

Another step in the right direction is Mattel's recent commitment to use 100% recycled, recyclable or bio-based plastics materials in both its products and packaging by 2030. Early in 2020 the company will debut its first product aligned with this new goal, the Fisher-Price Rock-a-Stack, made from sugarcane-based plastics and packaged in 100 percent recycled or sustainably sourced material.

Walmart announced in February, 2019 that it seeks to achieve 100% recyclable, reusable or compostable packaging for its private brand packaging by 2025 and will encourage other brands it sells to set similar goals. The retailing behemoth is also working with suppliers to eliminate non-recyclable PVC plastic in general

merchandise packaging altogether by 2020.

These efforts are laudable, but some worry that shifting to alternatives doesn't fully address the problem: Due to public concerns about plastic pollution, says Greenpeace's Graham Forbes, "we are witnessing a parade of corporations scrambling to look greener" by advancing false solutions that don't address our addiction to single-use packaging. Instead, Greenpeace argues, we need to get away from throwaways and refill our own containers. We'll only see real change, says Forbes, when we prioritize re-use.

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Local Author Reads Her Mystery Adventure/Thriller

SUBMITTED BY NANCY GUARNERA

It's "Second Saturday" 2020! Fremont Area Writers (FAW) author Marjorie Johnson will read from her book Bird Watcher at Half Price Books in the Fremont Hub on Saturday, January 11 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Who is the bird watcher, and why does he steal airplanes?

When Jerry Christensen's Cessna disappears from its tie-down at Palo Alto Airport, Air Traffic Control can't help, and the FBI isn't interested. Jerry, a teacher, is unsuited to pursue a criminal, but he's determined to catch the thief. Acting on hunches and using his imagination, Jerry chases the thief across California, Nevada, and South

Dakota to their final destination. If you like mysteries, don't miss the first FAW reading of the New Year.

Johnson is a small-plane pilot and has years of flight time and a wealth of knowledge in the area of aviation. She brings her real-world experience to her book, and looks forward to sharing her own personal stories with her audience. The author will have books to purchase and will happily inscribe them.

FAW, the local branch of the California Writers Club (CWC), is partnering with Half Price Books to give the Tri-City community an opportunity to experience local authors and their work. These events are held every second Saturday of the month and will feature a different FAW author at each event. Everyone is welcome! For more information go to www.cwc-fremontareawriters.org.

Marjorie Johnson author reading
Saturday, Jan 11
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Half Price Books
39152 Fremont Hub, Fremont
www.cwc-fremontareawriters.org

Thanks for a job well done!

SUBMITTED BY HAYWARD PD

After four years of service, two Hayward Police Explorers are bidding the department adieu and retiring at the ripe young age of 21.

At a Thursday, December 26 ceremony, Explorer Lieutenant Jonathan Park and Explorer Stephanie Rodriguez were recognized for their service in Explorer Post No. 275 by Explorer advisors Captain Bryan Matthews and Jeannie Quan.

The purpose of the Police Explorer Program is to provide young adults (under age 21), who may be interested in a career in law enforcement, with a comprehensive program of training, competition, service and practical experiences.

Park plans to continue his studies at Chabot College in Hayward and serving in the military as a Reserve Marine. Rodriguez recently graduated a semester early

from Cal State East Bay in Hayward and plans to pursue a job as a police officer.

More information about the Police Explorer program is available on the City of Hayward website at www.hayward-ca.gov/. Type "police explorer program" into the search box and follow the prompts. For details, call the Explorer Program Coordinator at (510) 293-7054.



Jonathan Park, Stephanie Rodriguez
Credit: Hayward Police Department, Facebook

Tiffany & Co. bracelet dropped in Salvation Army kettle

AP WIRE SERVICE

Salvation Army leaders in Maryland say a donor recently dropped thousands of dollars worth of jewelry in a red kettle.

Capt. Ryan Vincent is commander of the Salvation Army in Annapolis. He tells the Capital Gazette everyone was shocked to find out the ring and two bracelets were real.

One of the bracelets, a yellow-gold piece by Tiffany & Co., has been sold for \$1,500. A gemologist will soon examine the ring and second bracelet that features diamonds and rubies to determine their value.

Pearl Eldridge is the ringer who collected the donation. She called the donor a "quiet spirit," and said

the woman told her the pieces were sentimental but had been laying around.

Other unusual donations have been reported in Salvation Army kettles around the country, including a gold bar in Kentucky and a more than century-old gold coin in North Carolina.

Vincent says the Salvation Army has a policy for dealing with jewelry donations. Pieces found in a kettle are kept for 30 days, but if someone acknowledges leaving a piece with the bell ringer, it's immediately considered donated.

If big donations are found to be stolen, the charitable organization arranges them to be returned.

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		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
LOVE to WRITE? WANT to WRITE? WRITER’S BLOCK? Fremont Area Writers (FAW) is here to HELP! Meets 4th Saturdays (except July & Dec) 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. 42 Silicon Valley, 6600 Dumbarton Cir, FRMT. Great speakers! “Second Saturday” Monthly Readings w/ a published author from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. Half Price Books in the Fremont Hub. Open Mic 4th Mondays 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. at Suju’s on Thornton Ave next to Dale’s Hardware in FRMT. Critique Groups to help you from first draft to publication Everyone is welcome! www.cwc-fremontareawriters.org			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	
	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@NAMIacs.org http://www.NAMIacs.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
F.U.N. (Fremont, Union City, Newark) PROGRESSIVES Join us for pizza and politics Bronco Billy’s Pizza 41200 Blacow Road Fremont Most meetings 6pm - third Sun of the month. For Info Visit our website: www.funprogressives.com Contact us at: funprogressives@gmail.com	Newark Cub Scout Pack 441 Looking for adventurous kindergarteners to fifth graders to join our Pack! Meetings are every third Wednesday at 6:30pm at Holy Redeemer Church, 35660 Cedar Blvd, Newark. For more information: pack441cubmaster@yahoo.com	The Tri-Cities Democratic Forum meets every 3rd Wednesday Chadni Restaurant- 5748 Mowry School Rd- in Newark. Resident of Fremont, Union City or Newark. Get involved in the political process, stay informed On local & national issues. Meet like-minded people. Contact President Sean Manalo sean.t.manalo@gmail.com		AMERICAN LEGION POST 649 Veterans and Active Duty Military are Invited Meetings 1st Monday each month. Meeting Starts at 6:00PM with Dinner Formal meeting starts at 7:00 pm Meet at the Moose Lodge 20835 Rutledge Rd Castro Valley www.amlegionpost649.org
	Zumba Kids with Jazzy Jenny Kids ages 4-12 Saturdays 2:30pm-3:30pm At Hope Community Church One hour of games,fun, and dancing. The last Saturday of every month is Zumba Family! For more info email: zumba.jazzyjenny@yahoo.com	Do you like learning about history? Are you interested in antiques & collectibles? Meet 2nd Tuesday each month to share lunch and learn something new. Contact Fran at 510-792-0388 or June Swift (510) 797-5315 or email dieseln@comcast.net	Buon Tempo Italian American Club Family Dinners 1st Tuesday of Month at 7 P.M. at Transfiguration Church in Castro Valley Everyone is welcome: Members \$15/Guests \$20 5-Course dinner Reservations by prior Friday at 510-483-6929 www.buontempoclub.org	VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 9601 Veterans and Active Duty Military are Invited Meetings 2nd Tuesday each month. Meeting Starts at 6:30PM Veterans Memorial Building 22737 Main St Hayward, CA 94541 www.vfw9601.org

Mermaid magic

SUBMITTED BY CHERYL OLDHAM

Young performers will soon take to the stage in Milpitas in a lively stage musical adaption of Disney’s “The Little Mermaid.” Sponsored by Center Stage Performing Arts, the show is based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and Disney Film produced by Howard Ashman & John Musker.

Showtimes are 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, January 9-10; 2:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Saturday,

January 11; 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Sunday, January 12 at the Milpitas Community Center. Tickets at the door are \$15 general seating; \$18 reserved seating. Advanced reserved seating tickets are \$12 if purchased before January 9.

Advance tickets are available at www.eventbrite.com. Type “The Little Mermaid” into the search box and follow the prompts to the Milpitas production. For details, call (408) 586-3210.

“The Little Mermaid”

Thursday - Friday, Jan 9-10: 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan 11: 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Sunday, Jan 12: 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Milpitas Community Center
457 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas
(408) 586-3210

www.centerstagepa.org

Tickets: \$12 advance; \$15 - \$18 at the door



Roadside Bigfoot: Georgia museum devoted to legendary beast

AP WIRE SERVICE
By PAUL NEWBERRY
AP NATIONAL WRITER

Along a bustling four-lane highway that winds through the north Georgia mountains, an unassuming wooden structure breaks the monotony of churches, billboards and stores selling kitschy knickknacks.

Once a BYOB supper club, it's now ground zero in the search for a legendary beast.

Welcome to Expedition: Bigfoot! The Sasquatch Museum.

"I can remember my great-grandmother talking about having a cabin in the woods, and she saw Sasquatch," says Sherry Gaskinn of Villa Rica, Georgia, who was driving by one afternoon and had to stop in. "I've always been curious."

Her husband, Phillip Blevins, lets out a skeptical chuckle.

"If it was up to me," he says, "I'd already be on down the road."

The owner of this intriguing piece of Americana at the southern edge of the Appalachians is David Bakara, a longtime member of the Bigfoot Field Researchers Organization who served in the Navy, drove long-haul trucks and tended bar before opening the museum in early 2016 with his wife, Malinda.

He's looking to provide both entertainment and enlightenment in an area known for apple orchards and blazing fall colors.

"I wanted to take what I know about Bigfoot as an active researcher and

investigator, but I'm also a huge Disney World fan," the 57-year-old Bakara says. "I was thinking, 'Maybe I can make this thing like a family attraction.'"

Instead of Space Mountain, the attraction not far from the Tennessee state line has an elaborate display of Bigfoot laying siege to a remote cabin, with a hatchet-wielding mannequin desperately trying to bar the door as two hairy paws burst over the top. Color-coded maps document hundreds of alleged sightings, a towering reproduction depicts a hairy 8-foot-tall beast, and the famed 1967 video of an alleged Sasquatch sighting plays on a loop, along with harrowing recollections from those who claim to have encountered a Bigfoot.

"The reason I didn't shoot it is, it was just too human," a hunter says in one account. "I couldn't pull the trigger because something told me this ain't right."

There's even a glass case claiming to hold feces collected from a Sasquatch in Oregon.

Believers continually add to the already ample collection. On a recent day, the mail carrier delivered two casts of footprints supposedly made by foreign Bigfoots.

"You want to see an Australian cast?" Bakara asks, tearing into the package.

He has filled up the former supper club and is planning to expand his museum, which welcomes about 50,000 visitors a year.

For those who think Bigfoot is a phenomenon confined to the Pacific Northwest, where that grainy video from

more than five decades ago gave Sasquatch its greatest brush with fame, Bakara is quick to point out countless sightings the world over.

In Australia, the mythical creature is known as Yowie. In the Himalayas, they call it Yeti. In Russia, it goes by Alma.

Closer to home, there's the Florida Skunk Ape, the Georgia Booger, the Missouri Momo.

"There are several subspecies of these things," Bakara claims, displaying nothing but sincerity. "Some have short hair. Others have long, red flowing hair. Some are multicolored, almost like a squirrel where's there's gray and red and brown mixed together. Some of them have a very human-like face. They just run the gamut."

He'll gladly tell you about the time he saw a pair of the elusive beasts.

In 2010, Bakara says, he was summoned by a Florida man who had spotted strange creatures on his property. Using a thermal imager, he and his team were able to make out a pair of creatures emerging from a nearby swamp.

"We took turns looking at them," he says. "They finally figured out we could see them, so they left."

Bakara could talk all day about what's become his life's work but clams up on the most obvious questions:

What is Bigfoot?

Where did it come from?

"That's a secret we're not supposed to know about," he replies ominously.

Bakara implies that the creatures are the unintended consequence of a government

experiment gone haywire, hinting that his life would be disrupted if he ever went public with his entire body of work.

Bakara has been interested in Bigfoot since a young age, spurred on by early news reports and the 1972 cult classic "The Legend of Boggy Creek," a sort of docudrama about a Sasquatch-like creature supposedly hunkered down in Arkansas.

He knows he'll never persuade all the people — even most of the people — of Bigfoot's existence, and he's fine with that.

"Does everybody need to know everything you know?" Bakara asks.

"No. It's best they don't know."

There are doubters, of course.

One person signed the guestbook as "Bigfoot," listing his home as the "Woods." In the section that asks "How did you hear about us," the visitor writes: "People were taking my picture."

But Bakara says most visitors treat the museum with respect, at least while they're on the grounds.

"I'm just curious," says Angie Langellier, who stopped in with her family recently while passing through on a trip from Illinois. "So far, I've had nothing that's convinced me."

"But obviously, a lot of people have seen a lot of things that have convinced them."

On the web: Expedition: Bigfoot! The Sasquatch Museum at <https://www.expeditionbigfoot.com/>

Teen's school project gets \$40K from ‘Shark Tank’ investors

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Investors on ABC's "Shark Tank" are funding a product pitched by a 13-year-old Tennessee boy who

initially developed the idea for a fourth-grade project.

The Tennessean reported Thursday that Maddox Prichard, now an eighth grader, pitched his product called the Measuring Shovel at several invention conventions and got to go before "Shark Tank" this year. The now-patented utility shovel has measurements marking it from tip to handle, allowing the user to measure variables such as the distance between seedlings.

The Gallatin teen says he came up with the idea after helping his mother and grandmother in their garden. The episode aired Sunday, and Sharks Kevin O'Leary and Lori Grenier agreed to provide \$40,000 in exchange for a total 30% stake in the company.

Information from: The Tennessean, <http://www.tennessean.com>

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Spot the Young Stars of the Hyades and Pleiades

By DAVID PROSPER

Orion is the last of a trio of striking star patterns to rise during the late fall and early

the Pleiades from Earth is an interesting problem in astrometry, the study of the exact positions of stars in space. Knowing their exact distance



Locate Orion rising in the east after sunset to find the Orion Nebula in the "Sword," below the famous "Belt" of three bright stars. Then, look above Orion to find both the Hyades and the Pleiades. Binoculars will bring out lots of extra stars and details in all three objects, but you can even spot them with your unaided eye.

Close-up of the Pleiades, with the field of view of Hubble's Fine Guidance Sensors overlaid in the top left, which helped refine the distance to the cluster. The circumference of the field of view of these sensors is roughly the size of the full Moon. (Credit: NASA, ESA and AURA/Caltech)



winter months, preceded by the diminutive Pleiades and larger Hyades in Taurus. All three are easily spotted rising in the east in early January evenings, and are textbook examples of stars in different stages of development.

The famous Orion Nebula (M42), found in Orion's "Sword," is a celestial nursery full of newly-born "baby stars" and still-incubating "protostars," surrounded by the gas from which they were born. Next to Orion we find the Hyades, in Taurus, with their distinctive "V" shape. The Hyades are young but mature stars, hundreds of millions of years old and widely dispersed. Imagine them as "young adult" stars venturing out from their hometown into their new galactic apartments. Bright orange Aldebaran stands out in this group but is not actually a member; it just happens to be in between us and the Hyades.

Traveling from Orion to the Hyades we then find the small, almost dipper-shaped Pleiades star cluster (M45). These are "teenage stars," younger than the Hyades, but older than the newborn stars of the Orion Nebula. These bright young stars are still relatively close together, but have dispersed their birth cocoon of stellar gas, like teenagers venturing around the neighborhood with friends and wearing their own clothes but remaining close to home - for now. Astronomers have studied this trio in detail in order to learn more about stellar evolution.

Figuring the exact distance of

away is a necessary step in determining many other facts about the Pleiades. The European Space Agency's Hipparcos satellite determined their distance to about 392 light years away, around 43 light years closer than previous estimates. However, subsequent measurements by NASA's Hubble Space Telescope indicated a distance of 440 light years, much closer to pre-Hipparcos estimates. Then, using a powerful technique called Very Long Baseline Interferometry (VLBI), which combines the power of radio telescopes from around the world, the distance of the Pleiades was calculated to 443 light years. The ESA's Gaia satellite, a successor to Hipparcos, recently released its first two sets of data, which among other findings show the distance close to the values found by Hubble and VLBI, possibly settling the long-running "Pleiades Controversy" and helping firm up the foundation for follow-up studies about the nature of the stars of the Pleiades.

You can learn more about the Pleiades in the Universe Discovery Guide at bit.ly/UDGMarch, and find out about missions helping to measure our universe at nasa.gov.

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