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Milpitas Cares and Milpitas Food Pantry join forces

By Miranda Jetter

The first two weeks of March in Milpitas usually welcome non-profit organization Milpitas Cares to elementary schools and food pantry parking lots. Trees are planted, grounds are swept, and classrooms are rewired. Parishioners from churches that

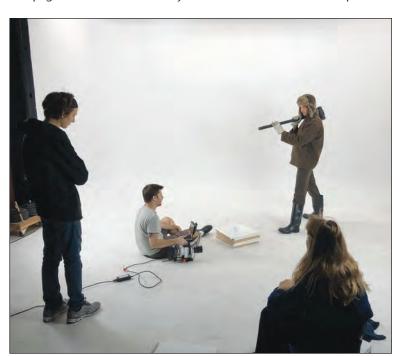
comprise Milpitas Cares devote their efforts to sites all around the city in an attempt to give back to their community.

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But this year, as with most other constants of modern life, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has thrown service work into uncertainty. "We walked right into the whole coronavirus," said Mark Simmons, business manager of Christ Community Church, in reference to their scheduled projects this year.

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Artists' co-working space moves to next stage

By Stephanie Gertsch

Readers may remember Cinema Exchange from October 2019, when the Milpitas-based co-working space and sound stage was getting ready to screen independent horror and action shorts for their community event "Fight or Fright." Since then, the owners have been working hard to expand their business and continue supporting the artistic community. The COVID-19 pandemic is an unexpected complication, but the business is finding ways to work around it and come back in bigger scale when gatherings are safe again.

The first change is in name – Cinema Exchange is now "Stage One Creative Spaces." Owner Chris Denise says, "We realized we had four areas of revenue that we relied heavily on: meetings, productions, performance and events. And because all four of those things are different and people were using our space for very different needs, the term Cinema Exchange we realized, was very limiting. We would get calls from people saying 'Do I need to be a filmmaker to use your space?'

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Coronavirus **Testing Center**

Inside Washington Hospital's Rapid Screening and Treatment Unit

We are all dealing with a lot of unknowns during this novel coronavirus pandemic: Why do some people with the virus get so sick while others have no symptoms? When will a vaccine be available? How long will we need to shelter in place? Over the past weeks, Washington Hospital has taken numerous steps to assure the Tri-City community of one important thing - the Hospital is prepared to care for all patients, while ensuring their safety and that of staff, and clinicians. This includes the late-March opening of the Hospital's Rapid Screening and Treatment Unit (RSTU).

The RSTU is a temporary triage area where symptomatic people can be screened for COVID-19 in an environment that is separate from other patients. This extension of the Emergency Department is set up in a tent adjacent to the Morris Hyman Critical Care Pavilion behind the Hospital.

According to Kadeer Halimi, DO, medical director of Washington Hospital's Emergency Department, "Our RSTU gives community members a place to come if they suspect they may have the virus, but are unable to get in to see their primary care physician. It also enables us to make sure our ED is available and completely safe for those with non-COVID-19 related emergencies."

The unit is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week for walk-up visitors. No appointment is necessary, and there is no need to call ahead. Only the individual with symptoms is allowed inside, so anyone accompanying them will be asked to wait in their car.

The RSTU should not be mistaken for a drive-thru COVID-19 testing center. Instead, it allows for those with a suspected respiratory illness to be quickly evaluated by a nurse, and if appropriate, tested for the virus. Severely ill people in need of further treatment are brought into the Emergency Department through a separate entrance.

"People with a medical emergency not related to the virus can rest assured they will safely be treated as they have in the past at the Washington Hospital Emergency Department," said Dr. Halimi.



Testing Center: The Washington Hospital Rapid Screening and Treatment Unit is located adjacent to the Morris Hyman Critical Care Pavilion.

"The ED was designed with negative pressure rooms. Negative pressure rooms prevent pathogens like viruses and bacteria from traveling to adjacent areas. We have taken precautions throughout the ED, as well as the Hospital and clinics to ensure our patients will not be exposed to COVID-19."

Visitors to the RSTU will not be responsible for any copays, deductibles or coinsurance related to their medical visit or any testing because of California Governor Newsom's March 5 COVID-19 directive to insurance agencies. However, patients are asked to bring their insurance card as their carrier will be billed for services.

"My advice to Tri-City community members is be vigilant, stay healthy, shelter in home as best you can, wear a face covering if you leave your home, take your

medications as prescribed, and seek medical help if you need it," said Dr. Halimi. "I always tell people they know their bodies better than anyone else. If you feel you need medical care, get it sooner, rather than later."

For information on how to protect yourself, what to do if you are sick, and to access an online COVID-19 self-checker, go to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus. If you have a fever, cough or shortness of breath, contact your primary care physician to determine next steps. To learn more about Washington Hospital's preparedness and policies during the COVID-19 pandemic, go to www.whhs.com/coronavirus.

InHealth broadcasts on Comcast Channel 78 in Fremont, Newark and Union City and online at www.inhealth.tv







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		
	4/14/20	4/15/20	4/16/20	4/17/20	4/18/20	4/19/20	4/20/20		
12:00 PM 12:00 AM	Diabetes Matters: Asian Fusion		Diabetes Matters: Latin Foods	Voices InHealth: Antimicrobial Stewardship	Updated Treatments	Mental Health	Montal Health		
12:30 PM 12:30 AM	11th Annual Women's Health Conference:	Anxiety: Stop Negative Thoughts	Solutions for Weight	Caregiver Series: Caring for Someone with Dementia or Other Medical-Related Memory Loss	for Knee Pain & Arthritis	Education Series: Mental Wellness	Mental Health Education Series: Understanding		
1:00 PM 1:00 AM	Patient's Playbook		Management	Strategies to Reduce the Risk of Cancer	How to Prevent Financial Elder	Learn If You Are at Risk	- Psychotic Disorders		
1:30 PM 1:30 AM			Early Detection	Recurrence	Abuse/Fraud	for Liver Disease	Gastrointestinal		
2:00 PM 2:00 AM	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting	Mental Health Education Series: Anxiety Disorders	and Prevention of Female Cancers			From One Second to the Next	Disorders		
2:30 PM 2:30 AM	March 11, 2020		The Patient's Playbook Community Forum:	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting	Hepatitis B and Liver Cancer: Prevention	Women's Health, Strategy for Wellness: Gender Matters, Heart Disease Risk in Women	Healthy Gut		
3:00 PM 3:00 AM	Active Living: Yoga Exercises	Diabetes Health Fair 2019: Diabetes & Stroke: What's the Connection?	Getting to the No-Mistake Zone	March 11, 2020	and Treatment	Diabetes Matters: Dining Out Around The World	Healthy Gut, Healthy You		
3:30 PM 3:30 AM	Preventive Screenings: When and Why are They Important?	Respiratory Health		Diabetes Matters: Diabetes & Eyes	Caregiver Series: Securing Care Preferences Through AHCD		Sidelined by Back Pain?		
4:00 PM 4:00 AM	Women's Health	and Diseases	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting	Chronic Kidney Disease: FAQ	Digestive Health:	Mental Health Education Series: Crisis Intervention	Get Back in the Game		
4:30 PM 4:30 AM	Conference: Reclaiming Your Confidence	Mindful	March 11, 2020		What You Need to Know		Sports Medicine Program Why Does My Shoulder Hurt? Diabetes Matters: Diabetes: Is There an App for That?		
5:00 PM 5:00 AM	Palliative Care Series:	Healing	Caregiver Series: Codependency and the Caregiver	Weight Management: Stopping the Madness	Aortic Valve Disease: Treatment Options Including TAVR	Women's Health Conference: Women & Stroke: Are You at Risk?			
5:30 PM 5:30 AM	Palliative Care Demystified	How to Talk to Your Doctor	Women's Heart Health		Colon Cancer	Sick Feet?			
6:00 PM 6:00 AM		Advancements in Lung Cancer Detection and Treatment	Suffer From	Women's Health through the Years: Screening	Vitamins & Supplements:	Food Pharmacy: Prescription for Colon Health	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes Conversation		
6:30 PM 6:30 AM	Symptoms of Thyroid Problems	Learn About the Signs	Sinus Problems?	is Key to Aging Well	How Useful Are They?	Diabetes Matters: Filipino Food			
7:00 PM 7:00 AM		& Symptoms of Sepsis		Stress	Keeping Your Heart	Made Healthy	Women's Health: Planning for Pregnancy		
7:30 PM 7:30 AM	Family Caregiver Series:	Washington Taxashin	Palliative Care Series: Interfaith Discussions on End of Life Topics	Management	on the Right Beat	Mental Health Education Series:	Diabetes Matters: Asian Indian Cooking		
8:00 PM 8:00 AM	Mindfulness Meditation for the Caregiver	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting March 11, 2020		Diabetes Health Fair 2019: Diabetes and Foot Care	Family Caregiver Series: Care for the Caregiver	Family Support	Latest Treatment Options for Wound Care		
8:30 PM 8:30 AM	Understanding HPV: What You Need to Know	iviaicii 11, 2020	How To Stop Disease	Keeping Your	Diabetes Matters: Exercise IS Medicine	Learn the Latest Treatment Options for GERD	Peripheral Vascular Disease: What You		
9:00 PM 9:00 AM	How to Sleep Your Way	Minimally Invasive Options in Gynecology	Before It Starts	Brain Healthy	Inside Washington Hospital: Advanced Treatment of Aneurysms	Diabetes Matters: Italian Foods	Need to Know		
9:30 PM 9:30 AM	to Better Health	Family Caregiver Series: Understanding Healthcare Benefits	Understanding		Family Caregiver Series: Medication Safety	Endometriosis: Causes, Symptoms, Diagnosis	Learn More About		
10:00 PM 10:00 AM	Family Caregiver Series: Loss, Grief & Recovery	Laugh without Leaking: Understanding Female	Five Wishes		Diabetes Matters: Diabetes and Kidney Health	and Treatment	Kidney Disease		
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11:00 PM 11:00 AM	Heart Healthy Eating	Diabetes Matters: Basics of Insulin Pump Therapy	Education Series: Understanding Mood Disorders		Prescription for Health	and Blood Pressure	Balance & Falls Prevention		
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Fighting to Flatten the Curve

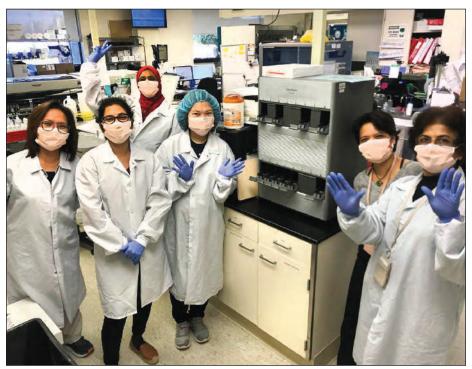
Steps Washington Hospital is Taking to Stop the Spread of COVID-19

The COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic has created new challenges nationwide for hospitals and medical staff. Locally, Washington Hospital is taking strong measures to protect the safety of patients, physicians and staff members. "We understand the concerns of patients and their families, and are working diligently to maintain the highest standards in patient care while keeping our medical providers safe during this unprecedented time," says Kimberly Hartz, CEO of Washington Hospital Healthcare System.

There are several important steps that a hospital can take to reduce the exposure of its patients and staff to COVID-19. The Healthcare System now screens everyone who enters its buildings, including physicians, employees, and patients, and takes their temperature. The Hospital has also implemented a universal masking protocol. All personnel and patients are given masks that must be worn at all times throughout the Hospital campus. Washington Hospital has canceled all of its nonessential surgical procedures, non-urgent imaging and other appointments. With only a few exceptions, the Hospital is no longer permitting visitors.

Though remote or virtual seminars are being considered at this time, the Hospital has postponed community events including its Health & Wellness classes, and has temporarily suspended its volunteer Service League. Any virtual event would be posted on their Facebook page and on the Hospital website.

A temporary triage area, called the Rapid Screening and Treatment Unit (RSTU), has been set up outside the Emergency Department, where doctors are able to evaluate respiratory patients



Members of the Washington Hospital Laboratory Team play a key role in helping stop the spread of the coronavirus, COVID-19.

away from the general population. In this unit, health care providers quickly separate patients suspected of respiratory illness and determine the level of care that they need.

Washington Hospital is prepared in case of a surge in COVID-19 patients in the coming weeks. The Hospital has acquired additional ventilators, including some from Ohlone College's Respiratory Therapy Program; and is in the process of hiring new respiratory therapy graduates. In the event that the patient surge occurs, these graduates will be trained to work along with physicians to help monitor patients on ventilators. The number of available negative pressure rooms has also been increased throughout the Hospital. These rooms are designed to prevent

pathogens like viruses from traveling to adjacent areas.

Washington Hospital treats all patients suspected of having COVID-19 as though they had already tested positive for the virus. With those patients, every precaution is taken to provide aggressive treatment, and to protect their caregivers with personal protective equipment. "Keeping doctors and front line Hospital workers safe and healthy means that they are available to continue offering the best care to the community," says Hartz.

Stay Healthy

The most important way to support Hospital personnel is by following the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines to do all you can to avoid becoming infected. Sheltering in place is one of the best defenses against the pandemic, along with frequently washing your hands and maintaining 6 feet of space between yourself and others outside your home. By taking these precautions, you are helping hospitals like Washington Hospital avoid being overwhelmed with critically ill patients, which can strain personnel and resources.

Donations

Community organizations and individuals have been donating cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, and hospital-grade personal protective equipment to the Hospital. "We are incredibly grateful for the enormous generosity of the community," says Hartz. "Donations of supplies and funds are helping us meet the COVID-19 challenge together."

For more information on how to best protect yourself and your family from COVID-19, visit the CDC's website at www.cdc.gov. The most common symptoms are fever, cough and shortness of breath. If you are concerned that you may have the virus, call your medical provider to determine what should be your next steps. If you are having trouble breathing or other serious symptoms, you should seek medical attention immediately.

The Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation has created a special fund to support the Hospital's efforts to care for patients with COVID-19. If you would like to make a donation to the fund, call the Foundation at 510.818.7350.



We're Here For You



The Rapid Screening and Treatment Unit (RSTU)

Suspected Coronavirus?

Washington Hospital has a specialized screening and treatment center for suspected coronavirus patients that is separate from other patients.

- Rapid screening and efficient testing
- Open daily 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Located behind the emergency building (off Civic Center drive)
- For anyone showing symptoms (fever, cough, difficulty breathing)



Emergency Department

When you need emergency treatment, don't delay.

- Concerns about the coronavirus should not prevent you from getting the treatment you need
- Non-coronavirus-related patients are admitted directly into the emergency department
- Isolation rooms prevent you from contact with coronavirus patients







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Juried Photography Exhibit Results

Temple Shoes by David Fishbaugh

By Arathi Satish

The 26th Annual Juried Photography Exhibit sponsored by Fremont Cultural Arts Council and the City of Fremont for local residents and Fremont photography club members was supposed to be held from Saturday, March 14 to Saturday, April 18 at the Fremont Main Library. The exhibit's opening reception that was to be held on March 14th has been postponed, date to be decided. In accordance with the new Shelter in Place order issued by Alameda County, the library will remain closed through May 3.

Julie Gilson, President, FCAC, said, "The presentation of awards is currently anticipated to occur in the same manner as in prior years, at an evening reception at exhibit installation at the Fremont main Library. As the library is closed through May 3, as of now, we are unable to obtain a date, but will announce as soon as we can."

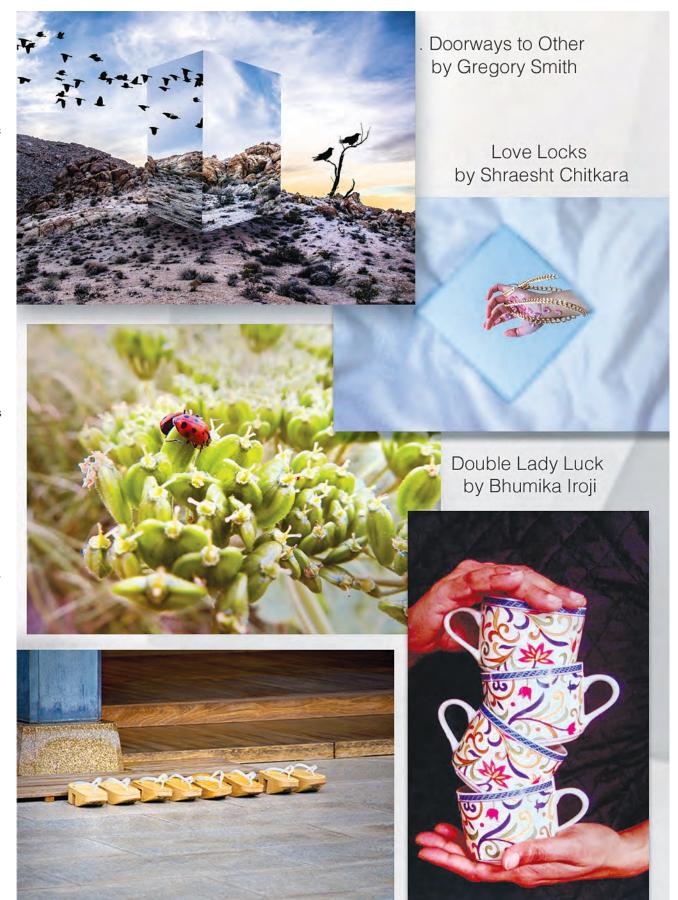
Photographs that were to be displayed had been selected by a panel of judges based on creativity, photographic quality, and effectiveness in conveying beauty or a concept. Judges also selected winning photos in the Open and Student categories from among the selected photos. Rajeev Shankar, Exhibit Chairperson, said "All participants have been informed about the winners. At this time, there isn't any communication until further decisions can be taken."

In the Student category, first place was awarded to Shraesht Chitkara for "Love Lock," second went to Nivedita Shome for "A Child's Palette," and third to Bhumika Iroji for "Double Lady Luck." Honorable Mention awards in the Student category were awarded to Rucha Kulkarni for "The Streets of Enlightenment," Shraesht Chitkara for "False Identity," Nivedita Shome for "High Tea," Komal Bijor for "Dusk," Veda Jadaprolu for "Colorful taste buds!!!" and Arjun Ganesan for "California Coast Pfeiffer Beach."

In the Open category, first place was awarded to Arthur Widener for "Grand Canyon Sunset," second place to David Fishbaugh for "Temple Shoes" and third to Gregory Smith for "Doorways to Other."

The Alvin Docktor Memorial was awarded to Jose M. Albano for "This is Mine, I'm Yours." Honorable Mention awards went to Arthur Widener for "Milky Way and Meteor At Pigeon Point," Sean Duan for "Rocks Among Waves," Gregory Smith for "Lamprey Eels," Greg Geren for "Rivulet," Paul Kessinger for "Moonrise reflection Over Dredge," and Giulii Zobelein for "St. Catherine of Siena - Woman of the Church."

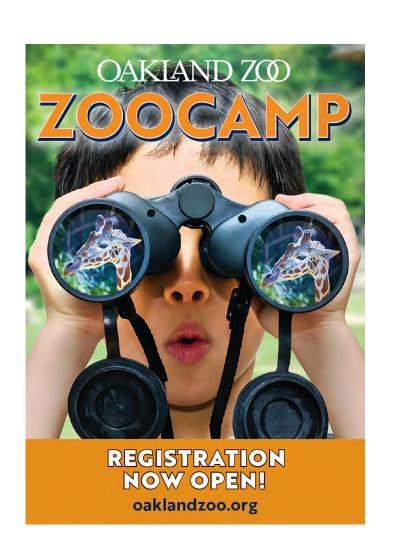
2020 Juried Photography Exhibit winning photos can be viewed at www.fremontculturalartscouncil.org.



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High Tea by Nivedita Shome

Engaging Students with Remote Learning

SUBMITTED BY JIM HSIA

How do you educate children when the school needs to be closed? That was the challenge faced by the teachers at Milpitas Christian School (MCS) when COVID-19 began spreading in California. After weeks of planning and training, it was now time to move teaching from the classroom to the homes.

"Our advanced preparation with technology specialists, teachers and parents allowed our school to be ready for remote learning," explained Clark Gilbert, Head of School for Milpitas Christian School.

Parents have been surprised how quickly and smoothly MCS transitioned into remote learning. "Everything happened so fast as if a whirlwind passed through our lives," said one mom of an MCS student. "I have to say I was thoroughly impressed that MCS was one of the first schools in line to make announcements and have a full plan in place for the school closure."

Typical Remote Learning for Elementary and **Middle School Students**

Each school day, students start with a homeroom meeting through Zoom video conferencing. After teachers

young ones start by learning when and how to interact with their classmates. When sharing during show-and-tell, the little ones are understanding how to keep their faces (not just their foreheads) visible on the screen. As they hold objects up to the camera, it's amazing to see their response when interacting with each other over the video."

Since TK students learn by doing and watching, Terry wanted to make sure her students could continue their full learning and development—even at home. After assembling packets with printed lessons and resources, she drove to the homes of her students to drop off the personalized bags. "I missed seeing my students," stated Mrs. Terry. "When I rang the



Debbie Castle, Middle School Teacher at Milpitas Christian School, interacts with students in a Zoom meeting.



"We were truly blessed when funds from our Annual Fund allowed us to upgrade many of our computers, network infrastructure, and software licenses to accommodate our new distance learning requirements."

Preparation is Everything

"Following 2-3 weeks of intensive training before the closure, we were ready," explained Debbie Castle, Middle School Teacher at Milpitas Christian School. "Teachers were up and running with remote learning within 36 hours of the formal shelter-in-place order. We picked up our lesson plans right where we left off and began working with students from their homes."

On the last Friday before the temporary school closure, parents were asked to pick up their students at the end of the school day. Depending on the grade levels and individual needs, students were also issued resource packs, textbooks, and Chromebooks.

greet the class, students have the opportunity to see and interact with each other. Students may break into smaller groups to think, pair, and share.

Daily lessons are posted in Google Classroom. Assignments may include:

- Watching video lessons that have been taught and recorded by teachers. When students answer questions embedded in the media, the teacher can confirm each one's understanding of the
- Responding to challenging questions and quizzes.
- Uploading written work by scanning or taking photos.
- When students need extra help, they may reach their teacher through email, Google Classroom or even arrange for one-on-one time through Zoom.

The vast majority of middle school students are engaged and getting their work done. For

some, it's a learning process to manage their time and flexibility. With twenty years of teaching at MCS, Castle notes, "MCS students have shown themselves to be very motivated to learn."

One MCS parent with an elementary grade student commented, "Seeing [my son] in Zoom meetings and doing a full scope of computer work is quite the sight. He seems like a working professional. For his age, I am totally blown away."

Teaching Younger Students

After refining the process for teaching students in the elementary and middle school levels, MCS began an ambitious plan last week to engage transitional kindergarten (TK) and primary school students. This week preschoolers began using Zoom video conferencing for the very first time.

"Our TK students are learning new skills," said Tammy Terry, a TK Teacher at MCS. "These

Going Beyond the Classroom

In the days and weeks ahead, teachers will be gradually increasing video teaching time with the students. One significant advantage of recorded lessons is that students can replay any portion. This allows them to effortlessly confirm that they've heard something clearly and to take better notes. Recorded lessons also let parents see and hear how their children learn among their peers.

Remote learning adds a powerful new dimension for younger students. With a video camera at home, show-and-tell is elevated to another level. "So far, we've seen pets (dogs and cats) plus baby brothers during the sharing," explained Terry. "Several kids were excited to give a tour of their room and home, too."

doorbell, some children answered the door with their parents, and we could wave to each other from a safe distance. For those with video doorbells, I could even leave a short video message for them."

One TK parent, completely surprised by this special delivery, said, "You are a Rockstar making these deliveries to families! Thank you for all that you do to go above and beyond!"

Milpitas Christian School will continue offering remote learning for its students through the duration of the shelter-in-place order. At this time, subject to change by the local health authorities, the Bay Area's edict is scheduled to be lifted after May 3.

For more information on Milpitas Christian School, visit MilpitasChristian.org or call (408) 945-6530 x11209.



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Volvo S60 T8 Plug-in Hybrid: Stylish, Luxurious, Efficient



By Steve Schaefer

Volvo's latest advertising says that from now on, all Volvos will be electrified. That's a laudable claim. However, most of those vehicles will not be all-electric cars, but plug-in hybrids (PHEVs), like my recently tested S60 T8 E-AWD R-Design midsize sedan. It's one of five Volvo PHEVs, including large and midsize crossovers, large and midsize sedans, and a midsize wagon.

This worthy car, in crystal white metal paint, matches up a 2.0-liter super- and turbocharged gas engine with a 67-horsepower electric motor and 11.5 kWh battery to deliver a spectacular 400 total horsepower and 495 lb.ft. of torque. That means you can zoom from 0 to 60 in a mere 4.3 seconds. That could be good for a few stoplight drag race

victories, if you care to show off. This drivetrain, per the EPA, delivers 30 miles per gallon for gasoline only but 69 MPGe (miles per gallon equivalent) if you let it run on battery power. And the latter is much of what I could do since I traveled locally most of the time. The official electric-only range is 22 miles, with an overall range of 510 miles. The EPA green numbers come to 7 for Smog and what appears to be a new split Greenhouse Gas number—it's 9 for MPG and 10 for CO2. Both fine numbers.

I racked up a surprisingly low 28.6 mpg during a week of driving, with 23 electric-only miles. I assume that the car would deliver numbers closer to the EPA's if you drove it longer over a variety of conditions.

Although all-electric vehicles are cleaner than anything with an engine in it, the plug-in hybrid is likely to be a major part of car companies' strategy for this decade. That's because it removes any hint of range anxiety. You can zip around town or on short

commutes essentially gas-free, but the minute you get a hankerin' for multi-state touring, just jump in and go. And even if you don't go far, you know that you could if you wanted to.

Volvo has a long history of sturdy cars with great seats, and this one continues in that tradition. The last 20 years or so, the cars have stopped being plain boxes and can now rival the luxury marques from Germany, Japan, and the U.S. The car is good-looking, with a rectangular grille and the "ironmark" symbol, and "Thor's hammer" headlamp pods up front and rakishly carved out parenthesis taillamps at the rear.

As expected, the leatherwrapped seating in my tester was sublimely comfortable and adjustable. The "Danish Modern" styling is less stoic than in older Volvos, with handsome detailing and top-notch materials.

It's 2020 now, so my car offered a large 12.3-inch center touch screen with all the information you could want. Volvo is one of the first companies to offer multiple screens accessed with a swipe of your finger, like your laptop or phone. The most-recently used items reside in stacked bars on the vertical home screen for instant use. It is one of the best-designed user interfaces in the business, in my opinion.

Like so many luxury cars, the S60 T8 boasts an impressive list of standard equipment, but you can add lots more to make it even nicer. For example, while heated front seats are standard, the optional heated rear seats and steering wheel (\$750) make sure the driver and every passenger are happy.

The Bowers and Wilkins audio system is superb. You can set up the type of room you want it to sound like. So, while studio is "normal," you can also hear it in the Gothenburg Hall with the touch of a button. I tend to prefer

Auto Review



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

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the studio sound, but I sampled some classical music in the concert hall to test it. It felt like I was sitting in the middle of a huge space, as advertised. You can also focus the sound at the driver, everyone, or just the rear seat if you want to.

This vehicle is truly an nternational effort. Volvo is a Swedish company owned by Geely—a Chinese firm. This vehicle's parts are sourced 20 percent from Belgium and 15 percent from Sweden, with transmission parts from Japan. And—final assembly was performed in Ridgeville, South Carolina.

Pricing for the S60 varies depending on model. The S60 T8 E-AWD R-Design model like mine bases at \$55,400. but with various options, including an upgrade to handsome 19-inch alloy wheels (\$800), metallic paint (\$645), and the other mentioned items, it retails at \$10 shy of \$62,000.

Volvo has an all-electric crossover, the XC40 Recharge, coming soon, but for now, the S60 T8 is a good way to move closer to clean transportation and still enjoy all the luxuries of modern automotive transportation.

Cold Stone thanks workers

SUBMITTED BY LISA ROBLES

The owners of Cold Stone Creamery's Fremont Hub location wanted to say thank you to the essential workers in our community for continuing to put themselves on the front lines especially during this Covid-19 Crisis.

With contributions from loyal customers, together we have been able to donate and deliver our ice cream and ice cream cakes to local centers as a way of saying thank you to our essential workers. Through this program, owners for Cold Stone Creamery at Fremont Hub, Joseph Xie and Hiram

Chen, are matching the donations from customers dollar for dollar. For every cup a customer buys, we deliver an additional cup from us. We just started this way of paying it forward this past week and already have donated 400 cups of ice cream to healthcare workers, our local grocery stores, and the USPS.

Customers can contribute or send a Thank You Pack to a specific location. To participate they can call or visit us in store, or contact us through our Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/Cold-StoneCreamery39085FremontHubFremont or Instagram:@coldstonefremonthub

Retirement Doesn't Mean Inactive

SIR Branch 59 - Social Activities for Men of All Ages

The Fremont/Newark/Union City Branch 59 of SIR holds monthly luncheon meetings featuring guest speakers and an annual holiday luncheon when wives, daughters or significant others are invited.

The next meeting Wednesday April 15, 2020, at the Fremont Elks' Lodge #2121, located at 38991 Farwell Drive in Fremont HAS BEEN CANCELED.

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

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

SIR Branch 59 welcomes new members. Visit the website at www.sirbranch59.org or call Jim Ulam at (510) 797-9357 or email sirbranch59@gmail.com for more information. Do it today!



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Milpitas Cares and Milpitas Food Pantry join forces

Started eight years ago, Milpitas Cares formed after a group of pastors from local churches met to reflect on how they could better, collectively, "bless" their community, Simmons said. The organization was born, and that first year they saw substantial interest. Now, routinely, they see around five hundred people show up each year.

Milpitas Cares started by primarily focusing on helping schools with maintenance and upkeep, but now they serve many different needs. Projects have involved everything from pressure washing park sidewalks to building wheelchair ramps for homes to after-school tutoring programs. Usually a dozen projects are underway every year.

As local and federal directives about COVID-19 were emerging, Milpitas Cares began to adapt to complete their projects, Simmons said. Some projects were completed before the shelter in place order on March 16, but the disruption has left many unfinished.

One aspect of their service work that is still ongoing is a partnership with Milpitas Food Pantry. Milpitas Cares have funneled momentum from canceled events into recruiting volunteers for the pantry. Simmons said that for those who aren't in high risk groups, there is a desire to help others. He stated that in the case of the pantry, "The need for those services doesn't go down, it increases. It also becomes more difficult to provide them."

The pantry has seen a steep increase in need, up about 25%, according to pantry director, Karen

Kolander. She expects that number to rise further in the coming weeks. Some new clients at the pantry used to be donors, now find themselves recipients for the first time. "That's been kind of scary," she said.

The pantry counts their main clients as families with children, and seniors. Senior clients are challenging to serve because they are an at-risk population. Kolander said the pantry is trying to rethink how food can be delivered, so seniors do not need to put themselves at risk by coming to the pantry.

Many of the pantry's regular volunteers are older and therefore staying home from volunteer shifts. COVID-19 has created exceptionally challenging circumstances, more so than in a normal crisis. "If this was an earthquake, I could feed everybody in Milpitas for two days, no problem," Kolander said.

As the pantry tries to plan for when demand may outpace supply, most needed items are listed on their website. Already bread and other shelf stable products are in short supply at the pantry, Kolander said, as they sell out in grocery stores. One upside, she said, is that they are still receiving plenty of fresh produce.

Attempts to adjust during the deepening crisis have resulted in frustration and confusion. At an upcoming pantry event geared toward Asian seniors, Kolander didn't know how many people would show up in need of food. "We may have 300 that come and we may have 20."

Milpitas Food Pantry
Open Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. - 12 noon
1440 S. Main St., Milpitas
(408) 946-5564
http://milpitasfoodpantry.org/
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Ohlone College announces new president

SUBMITTED BY TINA VOSSUGH

The Ohlone Community College District Board of Trustees has appointed Dr. Eric Bishop as the next college president. Dr. Bishop will replace Dr. Gari Browning, who will be retiring in June.

"We are happy to welcome Dr. Bishop as the seventh president for Ohlone College," said Board Chairperson Richard Watters. "It's been an extensive nationwide search process and we have a good feeling about what lies ahead for Ohlone under this new leadership."

Dr. Bishop currently serves as the associate superintendent of student services and legislative engagement for Chaffey College, in Rancho Cucamonga, California. In his present role at

Chaffey, Dr. Bishop oversees all the student services for the college and facilitates the college's government relations—working with local, state, and federal officials on behalf of the college.

"I am excited about the opportunity to bring my higher education experience and leadership to Ohlone College and work with a community of individuals who have a shared interest in serving their students and community," says Dr. Bishop. "I look forward to furthering the work of Dr. Browning and providing a new lens of leadership to Ohlone's talented and dedicated faculty and staff."

Tri-City Health Center offers COVID-19 testing

SUBMITTED BY TRI-CITY HEALTH CENTER

To help control the spread of COVID-19, Tri-City Health Center (TCHC) is partnering with the City of Fremont and Fremont Fire Department to open walk-up testing alongside its daily drivethru clinic. No doctor's referral is needed, but you must have a fever and display COVID-19 symptoms such as a cough or shortness of breath.

The center is still open to all other patients. TCHC is offering visits over the phone for all services lines, including medical, dental, behavioral health, and vision. The clinics will remain open to all urgent cases.

COVID-19 Testing Clinic 39500 Liberty St., Fremont Walk-Up and Drive-Thru: By appointment only (510) 252-6808 Appointment Line for Other Patients (510) 770-8040



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Message from California Public Utilities Commission

SUBMITTED BY
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

In April, households throughout the state will receive a credit identified as the "California Climate Credit" on their utility bills. This credit may help offset energy costs from higher usage as Californians have stayed at home during the recent month due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The California Climate Credit is part of the state's efforts to fight climate change. This credit is from a state program that requires power plants, natural gas providers, and other large industries that emit greenhouse gases to buy carbon pollution permits. The credit on your bill is your share of the payments from the state's program. For more information about the climate credit, visit www.cpuc.ca.gov/climatecredit/.

If you're having trouble paying your utility bill, visit www.pge.com/covid19consumerprotections. Visit http://www.EnergyUpgradeCA.org/the-movement/ to learn about ways to lower your energy usage.

NOTE TO READERS: Billing periods vary by utility and may not always coincide with a calendar month. If you don't see a climate credit in the bill that arrives in April, it will appear in the bill you receive next month.

Sanitary district rolls out toilet paper pantry



By Stephanie Gertsch

After the frantic panic buying in March, most of us have seen memes of empty toilet paper aisles or shoppers fighting over freshly opened packages like lions mauling a water buffalo carcass. However, the anxiety people feel when they suddenly cannot access a necessary commodity is no joke. It's also no joke for our sanitary districts if pipes get clogged with un-flushable materials.

To help meet the community's need, Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) arranged a special "Toilet Paper Pantry" on Saturday, April 11. Artist networking organization Small Town Society contributed their space on Redwood Road near Trader Joe's for the event, and donations of unopened toilet paper packages were accepted. CVSan General Manager Roland Williams, Public Outreach Specialist Mike Nelson, and volunteer Jennifer Calara came out on the day (wearing protective masks) to facilitate the pantry.

Obviously, the main goal is to keep the sewers working properly and head off major clogs. Mike Nelson said, "Being a sanitary district, [to maintain our system] it's important that people aren't flushing other things down the toilet." Items to avoid are things like paper towels, wipes, sanitary pads/tampons, and Kleenex, which aren't designed to dissolve in water the way toilet paper does. (Common sense can probably tell you what acceptable items are.) According to Roland Williams, routine maintenance checks haven't revealed an uptick in unflushables. "The good news is so far we haven't seen a lot of things that shouldn't be in sewers that can plug up pumps and pipes."

Beyond that, CVSan wants to model community support. "We provide a service for people outside the norm because of the situation," said Nelson. With many hoarding basic supplies, the sanitary district wanted to create an opportunity to share resources. "I've seen people walking with that amount of toilet paper to their car," Nelson said, pointing to a package of TP the size of a small refrigerator. "It's toilet paper for like a decade."

In particular, the goal is to provide to those who are not able to purchase supplies for themselves. Nelson said, "With the panic buying and hoarding, people who are underserved won't have that same wherewithal to try to claim all the toilet paper...so we want to do our best to give it strategically to people who may not have any." Lower income households are less likely to have Costco memberships or even space to store items purchased at the popular bulk supplier. Also, factors such as loss of income or lack of transportation or childcare can make shopping more complicated during Shelter in Place.

According to Nelson, Saturday saw a good turnout, both from those coming to pick up toilet paper and from those stopping by to donate. Given the success of the pilot, CVSan plans to hold more pantries and increase the number of available rolls to four per person. The next will be on Friday, April 17.

Nelson said the participation was encouraging: "I've already seen today people are coming to donate, and I think that says a lot about our community. That people do want to give, and do care, and do want to look out for each other. And I think that's a really important message."

Toilet paper pantry
Friday, Apr 17
12 noon – 2 p.m.
Small Town Society Space
22222 Redwood Rd.,
Castro Valley
(510) 537-0757
https://www.facebook.com/CV
San/
4 rolls per person

Business Pulse Check

By Madhvika Singh

Social distancing, shelter-in-place and quarantine used to be things we rarely heard of, and only in extreme emergencies, but now they seem to have become the norm. They have affected our social fabric and our livelihoods and have severely impacted the financial wellbeing of our local businesses and their employees. We at Tri-City Voice have featured many local businesses over time, and we reached out to some of them to share their perspective on how they have been affected and how they are coping with the new reality of COVID-19.

This is part of an ongoing series with a new business or businesses featured each week, including both those that have appeared in the paper before and those who are appearing for the first time.

Bear Bitez

This unique burger restaurant completed its first year in March. Unfortunately, they had to close the doors for indoor dining in compliance with the shelter in place regulations. says if there is one thing he has realized during these strained times, it's the value of keeping good health. "If you have good health, you can fight off so many things," he says. Health is wealth, as they say!

More information about Bear Bitez is available at https://bearbitez.com.

Bear Bitez was featured on January 7, 2020, page 4. https://tricityvoice.com/archives/2020/TCV-200107.pdf

Joe's Corner

Joe's Corner is a kid and pet-friendly restaurant tucked in the quaint and quiet Niles area, serving gourmet sandwiches and local craft beers. "We are a 'drinking hole' for many who love good beer, relaxing atmosphere, and enjoy spending time hanging out," share co-owners Neelam and Amit. "Shelter in place has completely wiped out the 'hanging out' aspect, devastating that vibe and bringing the sales down by 70-80%," says Amit.

The restaurant has had a bit of respite with the recent easing of alcohol rules by the State of California, which allows to-go sales of beer along with food. Joe's Corner has also signed up for DoorDash to offer delivery. That isn't enough, though, and Joe's Corner has been forced to reduce staff. Due to the cancellation of several local events in Niles, businesses have lost a lot of foot traffic.

"We have to work extra hard to get the word out about our business," shares the couple. They are



Fremont Mayor Lily Mei who recently stopped by for a bite.

Just recently the owners did a marketing campaign with Yelp to promote the business. What should have been an investment has become an added expense with the shutdown. With indoor dining closed and customers non-existent, Bear Bitez' income has gone down to nearly zero, but they still have to pay the expenses of lease and utilities.

Saleem, co-owner of Bear Bitez, says that being relatively new, they did not even have time to attract traffic and had barely taken off before the COVID-19 situation pulled down everything for them. Helping his staff through these times is also on his mind; the owners have negotiated with the staff to continue to pay and retain them once Bear Bitez re-opens, but is uncertain. "A lot of restaurants are going to lose good staff members," says Saleem.

Bear Bitez hopes that there will be a survival assistance package to help small businesses get through this. They very much want to be able to re-open after Coronavirus lockdown lifts. Saleem

grateful for the support they have received from the community during this time, and also from Fremont Mayor Lily Mei who recently stopped by for a bite. To make the best of the extra time created by the slow pace, Neelam has been working to finish some of her pending artwork projects and Amit has been able to enjoy quality time with the family.

More information about Joe's Corner is available at https://www.joescornerniles.com.

Joes Corner was featured on March 24, 2020, page 14 https://tricityvoice.com/archives/2020/TCV-

Through this business pulse series, our intent at TCV is to lend a platform to local businesses share their stories. In these trying times let's hope we can develop a shared bond and come out at the other end stronger as a community to deal with challenges that future might have in store for us.

Farmers' Markets Open?

SUBMITTED BY PACIFIC COAST FARMERS' MARKET ASSOCIATION

This has been quite a month for everyone. For local farmers' markets, while many things have changed, our farmers continue to be dedicated to bringing communities fresh fruits and vegetables. Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association (PCFMA) is committed to creating a safe environment and have implemented changes to the operation of farmers' markets.

Before you visit the farmers' market, please be familiar with our Customer Safety Guidelines. Many farmers will be offering grab-and-go bags for your convenience. For details about changes in operation and safety guidelines, visit https://pcfma.org/pcfma-coronavirus/.

List of Open Farmers' Markets

Union City
Saturdays, year-round
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Old Alvarado Park, Smith St. &
Watkins St., Union City

Milpitas Sundays, year-round 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. 882 Great Mall Dr., Milpitas

https://pcfma.org/pcfma-coronavirus/

PG&E closes recreational facilities

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SUBMITTED BY TAMAR SARKISSIAN

To keep its employees and the public safe in the COVID-19 pandemic, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is closing its camping and day use recreational sites across its service area until at least June, at which time it will reassess the closure plan.

PG&E has temporarily closed its 38 campgrounds and day use sites and reduced maintenance associated with the specific risks of restroom cleaning and trash collection. The window to make camping reservations usually opens in April, but it has now been pushed to June, with the potential to be pushed out further. At present, the opening date for campgrounds is set for June 29. For updates and information about PG&E facilities, visit www.pge.com/recreation.



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Stay Safe, Kind & Connected Campaign

SUBMITTED BY ALICIA REYES

Alameda County Library recognizes that many families are at home. In response to the changing needs of its communities, the library is launching a Stay Safe, Kind & Connected campaign to highlight digital content and online resources families can access from the comfort of their homes. Anyone with an Alameda County Library card can access the library's online resources. Those without library cards can apply online for an e-card to get instant access.

"We want to support everyone doing their part to stay safe while also connecting our communities with free educational content they can access online, especially at a time when families are looking for ways to keep children engaged in learning at home, said Cindy Chadwick, county librarian."

The library offers the following online services:

• Online Resources support a variety of curiosity and entertainment needs, from learning a new hobby or skill, finding a good e-book or e-audiobook, and enjoying movies or music.

- Book Match provides library members with personalized reading recommendations from the library's digital collections. Library members fill out a short questionnaire and librarians create customized reading lists for them.
- Blogs by Staff offer tips and resources for learning at home and highlight the unique features and benefits of using online resources.
- Live Chat is a new service that library members can use for reference questions, research help, assistance with online resources, and more. To use live chat, library members type their question into the AC Library Live Chat box on the Ask Us page.
- Quick Start Guides are easy-to-follow tutorials to help library members navigate the library's vast array of online resources.

Library Online Services www.aclibrary.org/home

Chat Service Monday - Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. https://answers.aclibrary.org/

Testing center reports more than 200 coronavirus infections

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF HAYWARD

During its first two weeks of operation, the City of Hayward tested more than 2,000 people for coronavirus infection at its COVID-19 Testing

Of the first 2,089 people whose test samples have been analyzed, 226 have been found to be positive for infection with the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 disease. These results, announced April 7, are added to Alameda County's daily positive case updates as the results are confirmed and shared through the counties' appropriate reporting channels.

The Testing Center, at 28270 Huntwood Avenue, was established to take pressure off hospital emergency rooms, provide quicker answers for first responders and health care workers with COVID-19 symptoms and better inform individuals so they know to isolate and help slow the spread of the virus.

The center is open 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays or until the number of tests available for the day has been exhausted. Testing is free and available to anyone with COVID-19 symptoms and a fever over 100 degrees. COVID-19 symptoms include cough and shortness of breath.

While testing is a vital tool in controlling coronavirus spread, broad-scale testing is not yet available. Not everyone infected becomes sick and testing is being prioritized for individuals who are experiencing symptoms.

However, there is increasing evidence that individuals are infectious 48 hours before they begin experiencing symptoms. To combat the risk posed by asymptomatic individuals, the Alameda County Public Health Department on April 2 issued a new recommendation that everyone wear a cloth covering their nose and mouth when they leave home for essential activities.

The department recommends cloth coverings to help prevent people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Medical masks, which are in short supply, should be preserved first for health-care workers.

The recommendation followed a decision announced three days earlier by the Health Officers of the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Santa Clara, San Francisco and San Mateo and the City of Berkeley to broaden and extend shelter-in-place in the Bay Area to May 3.

A frequently asked question guide about COVID-19 is posted on the Alameda County Public Health Department website at www.acphd.org/. For information about how Hayward is responding to the pandemic, including on COVID-19 testing by the Hayward Fire Department, go visit the City of Hayward website at www.hayward-ca.gov and type "COVID-19 Updates" into the search field and follow the prompts.

> **Hayward Testing Center** 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., **Tuesdays - Sundays** 28270 Huntwood Ave., Hayward

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California has awarded \$100 million in emergency grant funding to California counties, Continuums of Care, and the state's 13 largest cities to help protect the health and safety of people experiencing homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On March 17, Governor Gavin Newsom signed SB 89, which was approved unanimously by the state Legislature. SB 89 authorized a total appropriation of up to \$1 billion to help fight the spread of COVID-19.

On March 18, Newsom's administration allocated \$100 million in emergency funding from SB 89 to local governments to help protect this vulnerable population and reduce the spread of COVID-19 by safely getting individuals into shelter and providing immediate housing options. The Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency's Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council sent out award letters on March 23.

"The fast action by the legislature in approving this funding has been matched by the swift action taken by our Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to get this money out the door and to the local jurisdictions where it's needed," said Newsom. "This is money that will be immediately available to help those who are homeless - among the most vulnerable to COVID-19."

California's 13 largest cities, or cities that are also a county, will receive \$42,968,750, while the state's 58 counties will receive \$27,343,750 and California's 44 Continuums of Care will receive \$29,687,500.

The funding is intended for measures to help prevent and contain COVID-19 and can be used for medically indicated services and supplies, such as testing and handwashing stations. It can also be used for acquiring new shelters, supplies and equipment for emergency shelter operations, increasing shelter capacity, street outreach, and acquiring locations to place individuals who need to be isolated because of COVID-19 illness or exposure.

Stay-at-Home Order extended

SUBMITTED BY ALAMEDA COUNTY ALERT

As confirmed COVID-19 cases in Alameda County continue to grow, the Alameda County Public Health Officer has aligned with the six other Bay Area Health Officers to issue an updated stay-at-home order. The public health officer indicated that to slow the spread of the virus, stricter guidelines for parks, beaches, other open spaces, and essential and nonessential business operations are needed during this time. The new order, extended through Sunday, May 3, also clarifies restrictions on childcare and construction.

Social distancing is a must if we want to slow the spread of COVID-19. Let's all do our part in this fight, and stay at home, limiting our outings to only what is essential. Visit the Alameda County Public Health Department's COVID-19 website at www.acphd.org for the full order, and more information on COVID-19. To report compliance issues, email covid19compliance@acgov.org.

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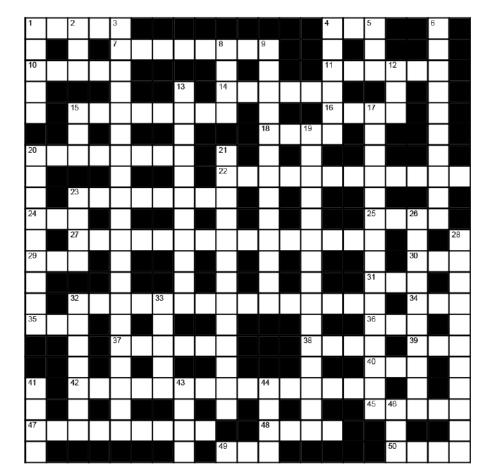
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- Kind of surgery (5)
- Contents of some bags (3)
- Let up (5,3)
- 10 Astronomer Tycho (5)
- And more (2,4) 11
- 14 Where Mark Twain is buried (6)
- 15 Sticky stuff (8)
- Hit the bottle (4) 16
- 18 Romeo's "two blushing pilgrims" (4)
- 20 Outfit (8)
- 22 Meeting place (12)
- 23 Uncontrolled (8)
- 24 Wall St. debut (3)
- 25 Egg cell (4)
- 27 Minor obsession (3,2,4,6)
- 29 Sue Grafton's "___ for Alibi" (3)
- 30 German pronoun (3)
- 31 Directional suffix (3) 32 Fume (3,3,2,1,6)
- 40 42 Lightheaded people? (8,7) 45 Rendezvous (5)

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47 Supersized (9)

Fingers (3)

the season ..." (3)

Modern Maturity org. (4)

One of eight Eng. kings (3)

Drop the ball (3)

Seconded (6)

"What a relief!" (3)

- 48 "American Gigolo" star (4)
- 49 Ottoman governor (3)
- 50 Animal house (4)

Down

- Categorize (5)
- 2 Caribbean music (3)
- 3 Batting order? (4,4,3,2,3,4)
- 4 Goodies (6)
- "Now ___ theater near you!" (3)

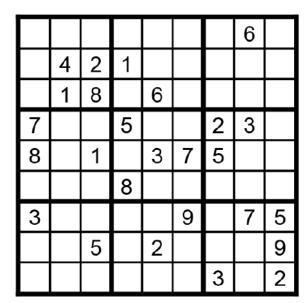
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 - 8 Dilly (4)
 - 9 Make a mistake (6,3,4)
 - 12 Alkaline liquid (3)
 - 13 Working (11)
 - TV monitor? (3) 15
 - 17 Shrink (15)

 - Shape shifter? (8,7) Wise (9) 20

 - 21 Petty (13) 23 Watch chains (4)
 - 26 Overhead (2,2,3,3)
 - 28 Halloween correspondent? (11)
 - 32 Wrestle (7)
 - "Chicago Hope" actress (5) 33
 - 41 Kennel sound (4)
 - 43 Approaching (4)
 - Sluggish (4) Shepherd's field: Abbr. (3)

Sudoku:

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Tri-City Stargazer for week: APRIL 14, 2020

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All Signs: Power struggles are likely this week because the Sun is at odds with Pluto. This forces us to make radical changes in our lives. We must let go of patterns of behavior that are no longer valid. With the breakdown of machinery and organizations, we

must straighten out situations that aren't working. But as we start to fix them, and we see we're capable of doing this, we build our confidence to meet our future.

Aries the Ram (March 21-

April 20): Once a year, for four weeks, the Sun is in your sign, which rejuvenates and energizes you. You still have this blessing for one more week until next April 19. Therefore, be grateful for this extra boost of strength. Meanwhile, Mercury, the planet of communications, is also in your sign; while your ruler Mars is in the part of your chart related to friends and groups. This powerful combo makes you proactive, forceful, and ready to put your cards on the table.

Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20): You're keeping a low profile. Nevertheless, you're active because Mars at the top of your chart makes you ambitious, and fair Venus in your House of Earnings attracts money to you. Therefore, those of you who are shopping online are buying beautiful things for yourself and loved ones. Because of the placement of Mercury and the Sun in your chart, this is an excellent week to do research. You will discover solutions to old problems and answers to old questions. Use this behind-thescenes advantage because in a week, everything will change dramatically for you when the Sun enters your sign.

Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20): No matter what restrictions you are laboring under this week, you feel socially inclined. Because friendships and groups are important, you will examine the role that they play in your life. If you have a chance to work in cooperation with others, you will find this to

be rewarding. With Venus in your sign, it's easy to make peace with others. Venus ranks pleasure above work. Nevertheless, your creative vibes are hot, especially your interesting, intellectual ideas. This helps you to influence others and make a great impression on them.

Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21): For one more week, the Sun will be at the top of your chart. People admire you now even if you don't do anything extra special. Nevertheless, do not pretend to be something that you aren't. A wise use of this advantage is to be a quiet leader for those who are nervous and unsure in these troubled times. You are a nurturer. You can reassure people that there is a future. Disagreements about jointly held resources and shared property are likely.

Leo the Lion (July 22-**August 22):** Mixed messages exist for you this week. Mars opposite your sign will create tension and conflict with those who are closest to you. (This lasts until May 15.) However, Venus is in your House of Friendship will create friendly relations with almost everyone. In normal times, you would love to travel because you want to broaden your horizons. However, you can do this through film, books, and internet. You might also explore writing, finishing a manuscript

Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22): The last few weeks have been intense, and this coming week will also be intense. However, after this week, things

or finishing that screenplay.

will lighten up for you. Your focus on debt, insurance issues, taxes, and shared property will take on a better perspective. This week, you're psyched to work hard at whatever you're doing. In fact, you will delegate duties to others as well. Because you look like you know what you're doing, someone will ask for your creative advice about how to make something look more attractive.

Libra the Scales

(September 23-October 22): The last few weeks have been exhausting. Courage -- one more week to go. Grab every chance to get more sleep and more rest because you need it. You can learn more about yourself through your one-to-one relationships. Be objective. Think about how well you fill your partner's needs, and how well they do or do not fill yours. Obviously, for your own benefit, you must be as good for your partner as he or she is for you.

Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21): You like to be productive. The stars are giving you one more week where you have energy and focus to work to get better organized. Use this to your benefit because it won't always be this easy. As you tackle the tasks that need to be done, you will experience immediate gratification. Admittedly, many of you are working according to someone else's wishes or needs, especially because many of you are in medicine or crime prevention. Increased activity

on the home front will get

more done, but you might also experience domestic strife.

Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21):

Freedom and physical activity are survival issues for Sagittarius. More than any other sign, you find home isolation a challenge. After this week, you will be calmer because you will focus more on work or certain activities. But for this week ahead, enjoy playful times with kids. Tap into your creative resources because it's relatively easy to do this right now. Relations with partners and friends are warm, and you have no trouble expressing yourself to others.

Capricorn the Goat

(December 22-January 19): You might find it tough to be isolated at home, but the truth is you can handle this better than other signs. You have the discipline to do what it takes. Furthermore, you are community minded and will work on behalf of the benefit of others. Many of you are tackling home projects and DIY repairs. You might have increased responsibilities with a parent. You will be concerned with money because security is important to you. In close relationships, you are more concerned with practical matters and how to be useful.

Aquarius the Water Bearer (January 20-February 18): You're feisty right now because

fiery Mars is in your sign along with Saturn. In addition, both Mercury and the Sun are in your House of Communications. This means you have energy and

drive plus the desire to enlighten others and interact with everyone around you. The tempo of your days has accelerated and you're restless. Do what you can to get physical exercise so that you can blow off any pent-up steam that is building up within you. Fortunately, Venus is in a lovely place in your chart this week. Venus will promote relations with children and encourage good times for games and lighthearted activities.

Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20):

You have money, earnings, and finances on your mind right now. You're also thinking a lot about your possessions and what you own and what really matters. This is a good time to go through what you own and get rid of what you don't really need. Go through cupboards, garages, storage areas, and closets and try a Marie Kondo approach to everything. This is the time for you to get rid of "deadweight" in your life. Meanwhile, enjoy redecorating your digs and making where you live look more attractive.



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A Raven Review

BY PAT KITE

Raven croaks from its high branch, "Stay away from my peanuts!" Squirrel looks up from table perch, "They aren't your peanuts. Besides, Blue Jay is stealing them, not me." Squirrel continues stuffing its mouth. But Raven is so much bigger, with threatening squawks and a nasty beak. Squirrel leaves, and Raven grabs a peanut. But when Raven turns its back, Blue Jay grabs the last peanut and zips away.

This is the first time I have had a raven in the garden. At first, I thought it was a larger crow. But then I checked out a batch of crows scavenging in a neighboring schoolyard—onethird of Raven size. Blackbirds are even smaller. So, for readers who watch the action from windows, here's more identification.

Ravens (Corvus corax) are big birds, about 24 inches long. Their tail is wedge-shaped, and their bill is thick. They are all black and often solitary. Ravens are scavengers, who eat dead animals and check out garbage dumps.

The Common Crow/American Crow (Corvus brachyrhynchosis)

is about 16 inches long and has long legs. The American Crow is a social bird, which is found in small groups. It eats just about everything—grain, mice, insects, and birds' eggs. If you see birds chasing a hawk, those are crows.

There are several smaller black birds. Brewer's Blackbird (Euphagus cyanocephalus) seems to be everyplace. Brewer's is about 9 inches long and has a long tail and legs.

In general, ravens are both a symbol of the sun and a symbol of dark moonless nights. In some cultures, ravens are negative creatures, associated with war and destruction. For other cultures ravens denote healing, wisdom, and protection.

To some Native American tribes, ravens are spirit messengers, used by shamans to carry magic over long distances. The black color of ravens is magical and powerful. In Irish mythology, ravens are associated with warfare.

In Australian aborigine mythology, Raven tried to steal fire from the Seven Sisters—the Pleiades stars cluster. The attempt was unsuccessful, and as punishment ravens were seared black.

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Meetings are held quarterly. Call for details Fremont Senior Center Garden Club

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Fremont Garden Club

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

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In Chinese mythology, ravens are a solar symbol. The three-legged raven represents the Sun and its three phases: rising, noon, and setting. In India, ravens are considered sacred to the gods Shiva and Kali.

Apparently even Noah has a raven tale. Noah sent a raven from the Ark to report on whether

flood waters were receding. Apparently, the raven didn't return, so Noah sent out the dove.

In Native American mythology, once upon a time the world was bare. It had no trees, hills, or mountains. This world was surrounded by water filled with cannibal monsters. Some had sharp claws while some could

Pat Kite's Garden



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fly. A boy child, Raven, escaping from peril, drops from the sky into floating seaweed. A sky chief rescues him. As an adult, Raven flies over the world. He transforms animals into their present shape. He creates rivers and mountains.

And so began our world.

While we stay at home

SUBMITTED BY ELIZABETH ELLISON

There is no better time than the present to focus on your health and wellness. Curated with you in mind, these helpful resources will bring some well-deserved relaxation and peace of mind to your home.

Best at-home workouts

Twelve of the best gym studios around the world are currently offering free online workouts to help keep bodies active and healthy while we're stuck inside. Social distancing is the perfect time to nail at-home fitness and balance out all of the extra snacks we're sneaking!

Classes include everything from yoga, to Pilates, full body workouts, and even six weeks free with Chris Hemsworth's app. Check them out here: https://www.cosmopolitan.com/uk/body/fitness-workouts/

Mindfulness and meditation apps

A clearer mind is only a few clicks away. Check out these free apps geared at taking a moment to pause, gather your thoughts, and practice general mindfulness. (Quiet room to reflect and meditate in not included.)

Top personalized meditation apps include Headspace, Calm and Aura. Check them out here: https://www.puregym.com/blog/top-free-mindfulness-apps

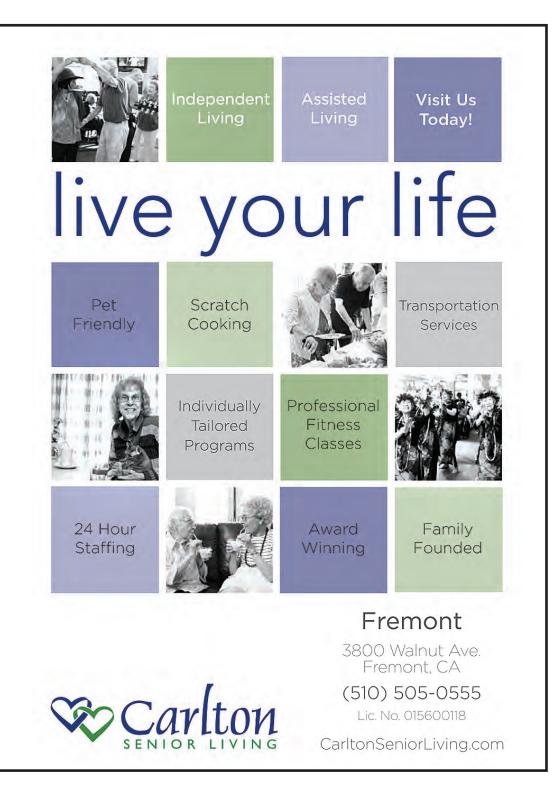
DIY spa ideas

Create some serenity and relaxation from the comfort of your home with these easy DIY home spa ideas. Pamper yourself from head to toe - you deserve it. You can use natural ingredients to do homemade mud masks and hair treatments, foot balms, and body scrubs. There are even some date ideas...

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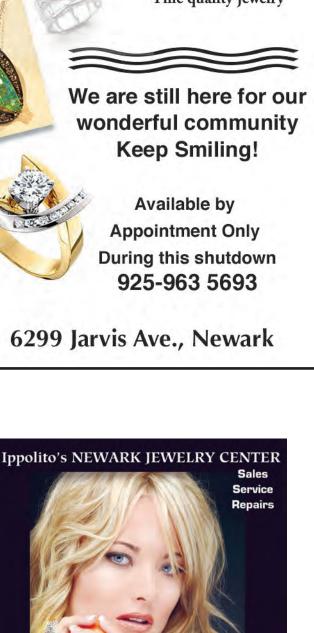
With more time than ever to be at home, we hope that you use some of these tips and tricks to take care of yourself and your loved ones.





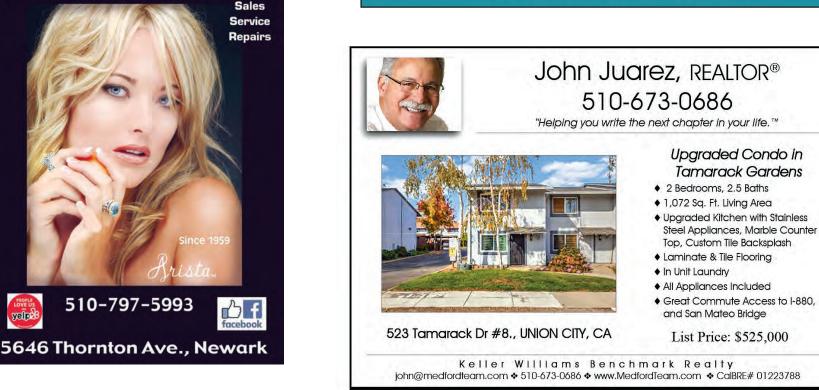


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Virtual garden tours keep us indoors

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY DANIEL O'DONNELL

During the dot-com mania at the beginning of this century, when almost any business associated with technology became the new darling of Wall Street, there were still a handful of companies that the general public believed would never be successful online. Pets.com had to liquidate in 2000 because people thought that ordering pet food online was ridiculous. Twenty years later, online pet food sales total over \$9 billion and it is hard to imagine any successful business not having an internet presence.

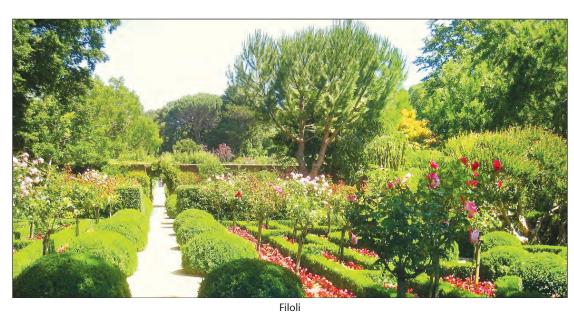
There are still things that until 2020 might have seemed inconceivable to order online or to replace a real world experience. However, with the shutdown due to COVID-19, things have changed. Cocktails can be ordered for takeout from local restaurants, gym classes can be taken at home, and famous local and foreign gardens can be toured via laptop.

Museums were some of the first visitor destinations to offer virtual tours even before they had to shut their doors due to the pandemic. Some of these tours can be extremely sophisticated, allowing visitors to navigate down different corridors and into various galleries stopping only at the works of art they want to. Most virtual garden tours are not as technologically advanced but are still packed with horticultural information and enjoyable strolls through the botanical gardens or estate grounds. Some of the virtual

garden tours may have been filmed and edited by professional production companies while others were recorded by employees or visitors. Some may have a guide while others are put to music. Regardless of the differences in production, virtual garden tours are an enjoyable way to take a short break and visit some amazing gardens without ever leaving the house.

Famous gardens can be halfway around the world, so it makes sense for garden lovers to take a virtual tour. These are much more appealing now with the shelter-in-place order and people not being physically able to go to Bay Area gardens. Now is also an opportunity to make a list and get inspired to visit some of the world class Bay Area gardens when permitted in the future.

Here are some of those bucket list gardens in the area that have virtual tours to get us by until they can be visited physically. Specific web addresses are not included, as the best way to find a virtual garden tour is to type in the name of the garden,





Conservatory of Flowers in Golden Gate Park

grounds, or estate followed by "virtual tour."

Luther Burbank, the world-renowned horticulturist conducted plant breeding experiments for more than 50 years in Santa Rosa. The Luther Burbank Gardens there include many of his botanical

of his life. The 28-minute YouTube tour by Tom Hall gives an excellent comprehensive tour of the grounds.

Hakone Estate & Gardens located in Saratoga is the oldest Asian estate and gardens in the western hemisphere. The traditional Japanese style grounds also include beautiful ponds and structures. The episode of KQED's "This is Us" set in the Hakone Gardens has a great virtual tour that is strikingly visual, full of historical stories, and crammed with information about Japanese style gardens. It is available on YouTube.

Filoli is an estate with 16 acres of formal gardens and rare fruit orchards in the rolling hills of Woodside, California just north of Palo Alto. The gardens and estate were featured most notably in the opening credits to the 1980s TV series, Dynasty. If there is one virtual garden tour that offers an experience comparable to going to the site, it is the "Go Filoli" aerial tour.

Daffodil Hill is an amazing destination for a day trip from the Bay Area. Located in Volcano, California, about a two-hour drive from the East Bay into the Sierra Nevada foothills, the old farm is a must see, especially in the spring. Tens of thousands of daffodil

bulbs bloom during a short unpredictable window. Watching one of the many newscasts about the gardens might be the only way to guarantee seeing the true beauty of this Gold Country treasure.

The historic Conservatory of Flowers in Golden Gate Park is a large greenhouse built in 1879 and is home to many exotic plants from the tropics and subtropics. It has one of the most interactive virtual tours. Much like Google street view, visitors can navigate their way through the conservatory by clicking on virtual arrows that will guide them through the indoor botanical garden.

The Ruth Bancroft Garden in Walnut Creek sits on what used to be an orchard but is now one of the Bay Area's most spectacular dry gardens. The virtual journey through the 2.5 acres of succulents and cacti takes about eight minutes. Although it is worth a visit when it reopens, at least on the virtual tour there is no chance of accidently bumping into one of the cacti.

Chicago Botanic Garden,
Chicago; Hawaii Tropical
botanical Garden, Hawaii;
Butchart Gardens, Canada;
Claude Monet's Garden, France;
Keukenhof, Holland; Waddesdon
Manor Gardens, England; and
Nong Nooch Tropical Botanical
Garden, Thailand, all have
magnificent virtual tours for
the virtual traveler. Although we
cannot physically visit any local
or international public gardens,
we can still enjoy them by
virtually bringing them to us.

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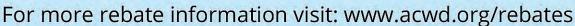
Springtime Tune-up

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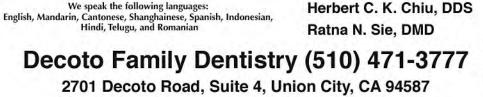




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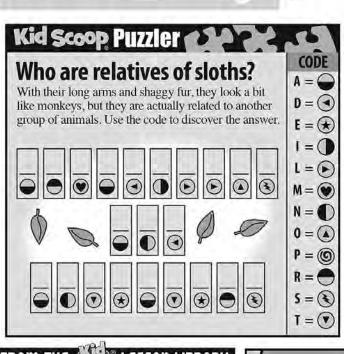
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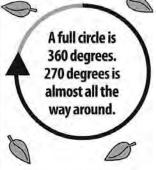
Sloth Facts

There are two main of sloth. One has two and the other three their front feet. The two species look a lot alike.

Two-toed sloths are slightly Three-toed sloths have markings on their faces that make them look like they're always

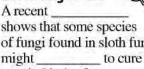


They also have two extra neck , allowing them to turn their heads 270 degrees!



Where do they live? Sloths live in Central and America.

Life-saving sloths?



of fungi found in sloth fur might certain kinds of cancer.



This week's word:

SPECIES The noun species means a class of living things of the same kind, v

Not all species of spiders are poisonous.

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



Write a story about a lion. It can be about a sad lion or a happy lion, a brave lion or a cowardly lion. You decide.

Frémont Nink Fremont













Fremont Opens COVID-19 Testing Center

On Friday, April 3, the City of Fremont opened a Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) testing site to provide an opportunity for people who are sick, first responders, and front line healthcare personnel with recent suspected exposures to the virus to be tested for free.

The Fremont Fire COVID-19 Testing Center, located at the Fremont Fire Tactical Training Center, 7200 Stevenson Blvd., was created to help alleviate the pressure on hospital emergency departments, provide faster test results for recently exposed first responders and front line healthcare workers, and to increase our community's ability to suppress new transmissions through isolation after testing.

"Fremont's new COVID-19 Testing Center is important to our city to ensure that our first responders, public safety personnel, and healthcare and essential service workers are protected when they're on the frontlines serving our community; they need our support," Mayor Lily Mei said. "We thank the City of Hayward for inviting Fremont to join its team, to better prepare ourselves as we roll out our own testing center. We're all stronger when community partners come together to work on creating a solution."

To receive a COVID-19 test at Tri-City Health Center, an individual will be screened as part of a two-part testing process and must have a fever (or have had a fever) and be symptomatic for COVID-19. Symptoms for COVID-19 include cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest and/or other respiratory symptoms. A referral from a medical doctor is not required to be screened. After the initial screening process is completed, those individuals who meet the testing criteria will be administered the actual COVID-19 test which involves swabbing of the nasal cavities and back of the throat.

Testing at the Fremont Fire COVID-19 site will be organized using a drive-thru system and individuals seeking the test will need to remain inside a vehicle. No walk-up tests will be permitted.

To get to the Testing Center, vehicles should enter from westbound Stevenson Boulevard—then proceed to Eureka Drive and make a right turn northbound. Vehicles should then proceed forward on Eureka Drive and the line will be forming along the right curb. Access to the screening line is only available by vehicle and may be limited at times to provide for a safe and manageable traffic flow.

The Fremont Fire COVID-19 Testing Center will be open daily from approximately 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or until the maximum number of tests available for the day have been

Beginning April 9, COVID-19 tests are now available for walk-up appointments in partnership with the Tri-City Health Center located at 39500 Liberty Street. Those interested in scheduling a walk-up appointment should call the Tri-City Health Center's appointment line at (510) 252-6808. Walk-up appointments at the Tri-City Health Center are available Monday through Friday on a first come, first served basis, from 1 p.m. until all afternoon appointment slots have been filled. The walk-up COVID-19 testing will be administered by one Fremont Fire Department Paramedic and one Emergency Medical Technician.

To receive a COVID-19 test at either location, an individual will be screened as part of a two-part testing process and must have a fever (or have had a fever) and be symptomatic for COVID-19. Symptoms for COVID-19 include cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest and/or other respiratory symptoms. A referral from a medical doctor is not required to be screened. After the initial screening process is completed, those individuals who meet the testing criteria will be administered the actual COVID-19 test which involves swabbing of the nasal cavities and back of the throat.

The tests are free to the public and available to anyone regardless of where they live or their immigration status. An information call-in line was created to provide COVID-19 testing updates and may be reached at (510) 494-4292.

First responders and healthcare workers who are symptomatic for the COVID-19 virus and have (or have had) a fever can schedule a test in advance by calling (510) 789-7231.

Staffing of the Fremont Fire COVID-19 Testing Center will be comprised of Fremont Fire Department Firefighter-Paramedics, Washington Hospital Registered Nurses, and United Ambulance Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). The overall management of the Testing Center is in coordination with the Fremont Police Department and Newark Police Department.

The creation of the Fremont Fire COVID-19 Testing Center would not be possible were it not for a collaborative partnership with the City of Hayward, Hayward Fire Department, Hayward Firefighters International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 1909, Fremont Firefighters IAFF Local 1689 and Avellino Lab USA, Inc., of Menlo Park, a global leader in gene therapy and molecular diagnostics.

Stay Informed

For more information and updates on how the City of Fremont is monitoring the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), visit our Coronavirus webpage at www.Fremont.gov/Coronavirus. General updates will be made to the City's social media accounts on Facebook, Nextdoor, Nixle, and Twitter; follow our channels at www.Fremont.gov/SocialMedia.

Construction in Fremont under Shelter in Place Order

The City of Fremont wants to inform our community of the types of construction allowed in Fremont under the revised Shelter in Place Order at www.acphd.org/2019 -ncov/shelter-in-place.aspx issued by the Alameda County Health Department at www.acphd.org to help limit the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The Order was issued on March 31, 2020 and is in effect until May 3, 2020.

Construction of Market Rate Housing

The revised Shelter in Place Order prohibits continued construction of most market rate housing developments on the basis that this type of construction is considered non-essential.

To align with the revised Order, the City is not performing building inspections for market rate housing developments and is enforcing the Order when necessary. The Order does allow construction as needed to secure and close down construction sites, so the City expects some activity to continue over the next couple of weeks. Also, the City is performing inspections on completed units that require no additional construction to receive their final permit for occupancy. As soon as the Alameda County Health Department determines it is safe for construction to move forward, the City plans to resume building inspection services for these types of developments.

The public can report construction that seems unauthorized by contacting the City's Code Enforcement team at 510-494-4430 or by email at code_enf@fremont.gov. Please include the address, a description, and contact information if additional information is needed.

Construction of Affordable Housing

The Shelter in Place Order allows the construction of affordable housing to continue, as it is considered an essential activity. Pursuant to the Order, the City also considers the construction of buildings with at least 10% affordable units as an essential activity that can continue.

There are several affordable housing developments under construction in Fremont, especially near the Warm Springs/South Fremont BART Station. Construction of those and all other affordable units in Fremont can proceed under the Order, so the City is moving forward with building inspections.

During construction and inspections, City staff, developers, and contractors are required to follow the social/physical distancing requirements and hygiene protocols recommended by the Alameda County Health Department at www.acphd.org and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019 -nCoV/index.html to help limit the spread of COVID-19. Building Inspectors wear personal protective equipment (PPE); use hand sanitizer where hand-washing facilities are limited; practice social/physical distancing protocols; limit contact with surfaces at the inspection site; and observe if anyone is exhibiting shortness of breath or persistent coughing, at which time the inspection is halted and the inspector leaves the premises.

Construction on Existing Homes

For construction on existing homes to be considered essential and allowable under the Shelter in Place Order, the construction should be necessary to maintain a safe and sanitary home and minimum habitability.

Remodeling projects that involve the only kitchen and/or bathroom in the home and do not require moving walls or altering plumbing and drain lines may continue if delaying completion would pose a safety, security, or sanitation risk to residents or impact the habitability of the home.

Any remodel or renovation project that has not yet started shall be postponed until the Order is lifted unless it is necessary to restore the home to a safe, sanitary, and habitable space.

For many emergency type construction projects that are allowed to proceed under the Order, the City is offering Remote Video Building Inspections. Please note that if a project is not permitted to continue construction under the Order, the City cannot provide video inspections. For more information, please review our Remote Video Building Inspections article at www.fremont.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1744.

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Construction of Public Works Projects

The Shelter in Place Order allows public works construction to continue as it is considered "essential infrastructure" and includes work related to roads, public transportation, buildings, and utilities (water, sewer, gas, and communications).

City projects continuing construction work include the following: Temporary Housing Navigation Center; Warm Springs/South Fremont BART Station West Access Bridge and Plaza; Downtown Event Center; traffic safety improvements; pavement maintenance; sidewalk repairs; and ADA accessible curb ramps.

Construction for essential infrastructure projects includes utility work from agencies like Alameda County Water District (ACWD), PG&E, Verizon, AT&T, and Comcast. Under the County Order, employees from these agencies are allowed to work on these projects in partnership with the City.

Construction on these projects is moving forward safely, as City staff, utility companies, developers, and contractors are following social/physical distancing requirements and hygiene protocols.

Additional Information

For more information on what types of construction projects are allowed, please review the County's Shelter in Place Order at www.acphd.org/media/563688/health-offi cer-order-20-04-shelter-in-place-20200331.pdf or contact the City's Building and Safety Division at 510-494-4460 or by email at bldinfo@fremont.gov.

For more information about building inspections, please contact the City's Building Inspection team at 510-494-4400 or by email at bldinfo@fremont.gov.

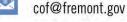
For more information about affordable housing in Fremont, please visit the City's Housing webpage at www.fremont.gov/Housing or sign up for the City's Affordable Housing Interest List at www.fremont.gov/2343/Affordable-Housing-Interest-List-Sign-Up to receive information when units become available.

For more information about the Shelter in Place Order visit www.acphd.org/2019 -ncov/shelter-in-place.aspx or please contact the Alameda County Public Health Department at 510-268-2101 or by email at COVID19compliance@acgov.org.



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UNION SANITARY DISTRICT
Presents a

VIRTUAL

Community Information Meeting 7 p.m. April 21, 2020

Union Sanitary District recently mailed notices of a Public Hearing on proposed rate changes to all property owners in Fremont, Newark, and Union City.

The mailer listed a Community Information Meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m. April 21, 2020 that will now be virtual due to current county and state restrictions on public gatherings.

Updates regarding how to connect to and participate in the virtual meeting will be provided on the District's website unionsanitary.ca.gov, Facebook, and on Twitter @usdtweets. Please check these for meeting information, as well as any updates on the May 11, 2020 public hearing.

Staff will present information about the proposed rates and services that USD provides to the Tri-Cities. All members of the community are invited to attend, comment, and ask questions.

Questions? Please contact USD at (510) 477-7500 or via email at rates@unionsanitary.ca.gov.

KEEP YOUR SEWER HEALTHY



WHILE YOU SHELTER-IN-PLACE

As an essential public utility, Union Sanitary District is working 24/7 to protect public health and the environment. We know the last thing you need is an overflowing toilet or sewer during this stressful time.

Here are some tips for protecting your sewer and property as you shelter-in-place:

- Only human waste, soaps, toilet paper, food ground in a garbage disposal, household cleaning products, and over-the-counter drain cleaners should go into your sewer line. Keep wipes, fats, oils, grease, medicines, and toxic chemicals out of your sewer.
- Don't flush wipes even those labeled "flushable"! Wipes don't break down like toilet paper and can latch on to grease and roots in your lateral, causing messy backups. Dispose of ALL wipes in the trash.
- Keep these out of your toilet: Dental floss, hair, cigarette butts, sanitary products, cotton swabs, bandages, paper towels, diapers, wipes, and facial tissues don't break down like toilet paper and can lead to backups. Your trash is the right spot for these.
- Keep fats, oils, and grease (FOG) out of your drains. COOL IT, CAN IT, and TRASH IT instead: Let FOG cool down, then scrape it into an empty soup or pet food can with some absorbent paper and discard in your trash.

Protect your sewer!
The pipe you block may be your own!

Grab-a-Bagged-Lunch report

SUBMITTED BY FUSS

We are truly grateful and humbled by your generosity and kindness to keep the Grab-a-Bagged-Lunch effort going for our impacted students. As promised, here is our report for the first two weeks: Monday, March 16 – Friday, March 27.

We decided to provide lunch to our students who rely on school meals when announcement was made that schools will be closed from. On the very first day of our program, the Shelter-in-Place order was put in place, and shortly after that, we learned that our schools will be closed until Tuesday, April 7. Things have been fluid every day! But we decided to take one

day at a time to carry out our two-week commitment.

There were some unfortunate instances when a few people took advantage of the free meals. There were also times when more bagged lunches were prepared than taken, so we delivered the undistributed food to Tricity Volunteers Food Bank, and Abode Sun Rise Village Shelter.

With the Shelter-in-Place still in effect, and schools now closed till Friday, May 1 (and may even be till the end of this school year in mid-June), we face a new decision as to how we should proceed. We want to be caring toward all our students in need, but we also need to be responsible with all the money that you donated, and the

packaged meals that Kids Against Hunger donated to support this effort.

Even though we initially set the target donation amount at \$45,000, we now have received about \$53,000! Total bagged lunches distributed over two weeks came to about 5,000 at a cost of about \$19,000. So, with the current amount of donation, we should be able to operate Grab-a-Bagged-Lunch for about 5 weeks along with Fremont Unified School District's Grab & Go brunch program.

District's Grab & Go brunch program.
After checking with our community partners (Bombay Pizza House, Curry Pizza House, Joe's Corner, Milk and Honey Cafe, Subway Driscoll, Suju's Coffee Thornton and Stevenson,

and TECO Tea & Coffee Bar), we will continue to offer bagged lunch through Friday, April 10 for now, until spring break at our schools from Monday, April 13 – Friday, April 17.

What we are facing as a community and nation is unprecedented; never has our sense of community, responsibility, and influence over one another been so strong as it is now. We want to thank all of you - our donors, community partners, volunteers, and everyone, for your thoughtful support and prayers that keep this effort going.

https://www.fuss4schools.org/





Hayward Animal Shelter will still be providing services essential to public safety and the safety of animals in the community during the county wide shelter-in-place.

With the reduction in non-essential services, we are looking for adopters and temporary foster homes for our adoptable pets. If you have been thinking about adopting a pet, now is the perfect time. Can't adopt, how about taking home one of our available shelter pets for a mini-vacation.

Adoption and foster applications are available online at www.haywardanimals.org.

Please submit your application to animal.services@hayward-ca.gov. All applications will be reviewed and initial conversations conducted by phone. Appointments to meet with your new permanent or temporary family member will be made at that time.

PLEASE DO NOT VISIT THE SHELTER WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT.

I need a Forever Home

Pansy is a fluffy white bunny with tons of personality and



confidence. She knows what she likes and lets you know, too! Since arriving as a stray, she's learning to better trust people. She loves to explore her surroundings. If interested, call the Hayward Animal Shelter, 510-293-7200.

Pharaoh, about 8 years young, is a big fan of tennis balls and is willing to share them with you! When his guardian passed away, Pharaoh became a bit of a nomad until he was eventually surrendered to the shelter. OK with teens and older. If interested, call the Hayward Animal Shelter, 510-293-7200.



ENRICH YOUR LIFE - BECOME A VOLUNTEER!

Hayward Animal Shelter

www.facebook.com/haywardanimalshelter 510-293-7200 16 Barnes Court (Near Soto & Jackson) **Hayward** Tuesday - Saturday1pm - 5pm

There's no place like home ADOPT A SHELTER PET

"Flash" that smile. This handsome boy isn't even a year old, a purebred German Shepherd, he will need a family committed to his training and energy.





Jules, about 3 months old, a beautiful kitten longing for a forever home.

TricityAnimalShelter.org

1950 Stevenson Blvd• Fremont CA • 94538 Tuesday - Friday 12-5pm • Saturday 11am - 4pm 510-790-6630 Connect @TriCityAnimals









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

Support your local **Businesses**

Tri-City Voice is providing this listing as a service to the communities we serve. Businesses who would like to be included, should email tricityvoice@aol.com.

> There is no fee for this service

Haller's Pharmacies

37323 Fremont Blvd, Fremont (510) 797-2772 Free Delivery

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Fremont Botanicals is built around helping our clients with Pain, Sleep and Anxiety issues. CBD is known to help each one of the ailments.

www.fremontbotanicals.com Free Delivery - Free shipping

Fremont Flowers & Gifts

phone orders and website orders. Pickups are accommodated. We are delivering and leaving items on the porch with sanitary wipes included to wipe down the containers. 4050 Alder Ave., Fremont (510) 797-1136 www.fremontflowers.com

DeSousa financial

39159 Paseo Padre Parkway Suite 309 Fremont ca 94538 Open 8am-4:30pm 510-797-4211

Bernard, Balgley & Bonaccorsi, LLP

We are available for phone and email legal consultations at this time. Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (510) 791-1888 3900 NewPark Mall Road, Third Floor; Newark, CA 94560 www.3blawfirm.com

Jemby electric

We are responding to service calls from essential businesses 24/7 during the shelter in place. (510) 900-9505 or email service@jemby.com for service

Maaco Collision Repair and **Auto Painting**

Monday thru Friday: 8am-4pm; 44201 South Grimmer Blvd. Fremont, CA 94538 office: 510 656 8600 Cell: (510) 316-6194

RESTAURANTS

(Most restaurants deliver via: Uber Eats, Grubhub, Postmates, or DoorDash)

Dino's Grill

5855-A Jarvis Ave., Newark (510) 494-1203 https://fb.me/dinosgrillnewark Hours: M - F 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Orders: Online and by phone Delivery: Home delivery (Newark), takeout

Eastern Winds

0723 Grimmer Blvd, Fremont (510) 505-9200 www.easternwindschinese.com Hours: W-M 11 a.m. - 9 p.m., Su 12 noon – 9 p.m. Orders: Online and by phone, Beyond Menu app Delivery: takeout



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www.smokingpigbbq.net 3340 Mowry Ave., Fremont

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counseling, health promotion and

caregiver support.

Farmers' Markets

CASTRO VALLEY:

Castro Valley Farmers' Market

Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Year-round Castro Valley Bart station lot off of Redwood Road equipped to accept EBT and Market

Match funds to CalFresh customers. uvfm.org

FREMONT:

Kaiser Permanente Fremont Farmers' Market

Thursdays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Year-round

39400 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont 800-949-FARM www.pcfma.org

Irvington Farmers' Market Sundays

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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

Niles Farmer's Market

Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Year-round Niles Town Plaza 37592 Niles Blvd., Fremont bestfarmersmarkets.org

HAYWARD:

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

SAN LEANDRO:

Bayfair Center Saturdays

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Year-round 15555 East 14th Street San Leandro (925) 465-4690 www.cafarmersmkts.com

Kaiser Permanente San Leandro

Wednesday

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Year-round Merced St and Fairway Drive www.pcfma.org

Downtown San Leandro

Wednesdays 4 - 8 p.m.

March 27 - October 9

Parrott Street and East 14th Street San Leandro www.pcfma.org

MILPITAS:

Milpitas Farmers' Market at Great Mall Parking Lot Sundays

8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Year-round GREAT MALL 882 Great Mall Drive., Milpitas 800-949-FARM www.pcfma.org

NEWARK:

Newark Farmers' Market

Sundays

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Year-round

NewPark Mall 2086 NewPark Mall, Newark 415-472-6100 www.agriculturalinstitute.org

UNION CITY:

Kaiser Permanente Union City Farmers' Market Tuesdays

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

April 9 - November 12 Kaiser Permanente Medical 3553 Whipple Rd., Union City 800-949-FARM www.pcfma.org

Union City Farmers' Market Saturdays

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Year-round Old Alvarado Park Smith and Watkins Streets, Union 800-949-FARM www.pcfma.org

BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

Alameda County Renew books by phone (510) 790-8096 For more information about the Bookmobile call (510) 745-1477 or visit www.aclibrary.org/bookmobile

Times & Stops subject to change

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

12:45 – 2:15 Glenmoor School, 4620 Mattos Dr., FREMONT 6:00 - 6:30Camellia 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 CITY4:15 – 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., **FREMONT** 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 3:30 - 4:00 Baywood Court, 21966 Dolores St., **CASTRO VALLEY** 6:00 - 6:30Camellia Dr. & Camellia Ct., **FREMONT**

Milpitas Bookmobile stops Renew books by phone (800) 471-0991 For more information (408) 293-2326 x3060

Wednesday

1:50 - 3:00 Foothill School, 1991 Landess Ave., MILPITAS 3:30 – 4:00 Friendly Village Park, 120 Dixon Landing Rd., **MILPITAS**

Joe's Corner

37713 Niles Blvd, Fremont (510) 896-8025

www.joescornerniles.com Hours: T - Su 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Orders: Online and by phone Delivery: Curbside to-go, takeout

My Cafe

5475 Thornton Ave, Newark (510) 214-3444 www.mycafego.com Hours: Su 7:00 a.m.-2:30pm, M 7 a.m.-2 p.m., T-Sa 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Orders: Online and by phone Delivery: Home delivery, takeout

Pieology

39338 Paseo Padre Parkway, Fremont (510) 797-1136 www.pieology.com Hours: Su-Th 11 a.m. - 10 p.m., F-Sa 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Orders: Online and by phone Delivery: Home delivery, takeout

Pizza Italia

34765 Ardenwood Blvd #3654, Fremont (510) 739-6430 www.pizzaitaliamenu.com Hours: T-Su 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Orders: Online and by phone Delivery: Takeout

Shaker's Pizza

4075 Thornton Ave, Fremont (510) 790-7600 www.shakerspizza.com Hours: T-Su 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Orders: Online and by phone Delivery: Takeout

Taqueria Limon

39494 Fremont Blvd, Fremont (510) 505-9200 www.taquerialimon1.com/ Hours: Sa-W 10 a.m. - 10 p.m., Th-F 10 a.m. – 11 p.m. Orders: Online and by phone, Yelp! Delivery: takeout

Texas Roadhouse

32115 Union Landing Blvd, Union City (510) 324-7623 www.texasroadhouse.com Hours: every day 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Orders: Online and by phone Delivery: Curbside to-go

The Mexican

(510) 785-8200 19950 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward Open for takeout and Door Dash delivery

El Dorado Restaurant

386 Winton Ave., Hayward 510-581-8612

Dina's Family Restaurant

40800 Fremont Blvd., Fremont (510) 770-1930 Open for to go orders from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily Free delivery to Fremont and Newark; \$30 minimum

Country way

5325 Mowry Ave, Fremont Open for take out 7am-9pm, delivery 8am-3pm 510-797-3188

Papillon

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El Patio

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Erik's Deli Cafe

(510) 876-5555 871 B St. - Hayward Offers online ordering for take-out and delivery through Door Dash https://eriksdelicafe.com

VIRTUAL CALENDAR ITEMS

Tuesdays, Apr 15 - May 31

Virtual Sing-alongs

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Dispel anxiety with a free sing-along via Zoom https://www.chambersingers.org/concerts info@chambersingers.org (510) 926-6727

Kaiser Fremont needs

What we need: N95 masks, face shields, wipes, gowns, googles, hand sanitizers, soaps, & gloves

Kaiser Hospital Fremont

Specific PPE you'd like: N95 FDA approved masks & surgical masks. Face shields must have a crown and cover the entire face ear-to-ear. Wipes such as clorox or saniwipes. Surgical and isolation gowns. Protective goggles: Must fit snug to the face, have indirect venting, and be anti-fog. Hand sanitizer (60%+ alcohol based) and soaps. Disposable gloves.

Any requirements (no partial boxes, etc.): Unopened. Must be in the original manufacturer's container with manufacturer label visible and material or composition listed.

Donation instructions: Kaiser Fremont Medical Center, Niles Building Rotunda, off Paseo Padre Entrance, 39400 Paseo Padre Parkway, Fremont, CA

Website with more if you have it: https://about.kaiserpermanente.org/our-story/news/our-perspective/donating-covid-19-sup-

Contact if you have one: Dr. Mihir Meghani, mihir.meghani@kp.org, phone 510-407-2677

Communities of faith provide relief amidst pandemic

By Dhoha Bareche

Amid the present pandemic, efforts have emerged to provide financial, medical, and food assistance to those in need. Ta'leef Collective, a Muslim non-profit based in Fremont and Chicago, has started an initiative called "Ta'leef Meals" to provide groceries and supplies to those negatively impacted by the pandemic.

Ta'leef Collective holds regular weekly community programs and classes, which have been suspended following orders to shelter in place. The organization's staff had gathered to discuss alternative solutions to their operations when one of their longtime team members proposed launching an initiative to serve those negatively affected by the COVID-19 outbreak — specifically, the elderly and immunocompromised who are unable to purchase groceries.

In light of this issue, they decided to launch Ta'leef Meals on March 15th. Since then, Ta'leef has received more than 100 responses from both volunteers, who can purchase and deliver groceries, and from people in need. Members of the Ta'leef staff are able to link volunteers with people in their area who request groceries to ensure that the process runs smoothly.

After someone has applied for assistance, the Ta'leef Meals team sorts through the applications. Maya Shweiky, a volunteer at Ta'leef, says, "We intend to serve those within our respective communities who are most vulnerable, and we will prioritize as such." After an application is processed, "The Ta'leef staff then proceeds to connect the family or individual with a volunteer and provide them with their contact information and grocery list. Once the delivery is completed, the volunteer sends us proof of purchase to get reimbursed. Usually, volunteers treat it as a donation."

Despite many people hoarding supplies and refusing to take adequate health precautions, many others are donating their time, money, and skills to assist those in need, from medical practitioners and grocery workers to generous volunteers at Ta'leef who have served dozens of households.

Lara Baig, a volunteer at Ta'leef, recently moved to the Bay Area with her husband and was seeking an opportunity to engage with the community—until the COVID-19 outbreak prevented them from doing so. She says, "We found ourselves stuck indoors and craving the need to be helpful in some way. So, when I saw the Ta'leef Meals advertisement, we knew this was our way of helping." Although they struggled to find the groceries requested by a family in need due to shortages, Baig says, "It was all worth it because the family showed so much gratitude and appreciation after we delivered the groceries. We finally felt like we'd been able to have a small impact on spreading some positivity during these stressful times."

Ta'leef Collective is one of the many organizations that are assisting communities in need. When Shweiky was asked to deliver a message to those struggling amidst the crisis, she said, "Remember that you are not alone. There are so many resources out there that are offering help, and the Ta'leef team will

continue to serve those in need and connect with the community."

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Ohlone College COVID-19 Update

By GARI BROWNING PRESIDENT/SUPERINTENDENT, **OHLONE COMMUNITY** COLLEGE DISTRICT

In a time of uncertainty, I want to provide you with up-to-date information on what we have ahead of us during this challenging period. Ohlone College is thriving, and that I've been particularly inspired by how quickly our administration, faculty, staff, and students have united to meet the obstacles presented to us during the COVID-19 crisis.

The college's priority and mission have been and will always be to our students and to providing them the highest quality instruction in an environment where they can focus on their educational objectives. In order to reduce the disruption to instruction, we have transitioned most of our face-to-face classes to remote instruction.

We have also transitioned student support services to the virtual world. Our services remain

open and ready to support students in achieving academic success. Students need us more than ever now—for academic guidance, financial support, physical and mental health services, and counseling. Therefore, we have our staff available to answer questions students may have as they navigate our virtual campus. We can be reached through email, phone, and video conferencing. Deaf students have interpreters provided remotely and on screen at the same time as their classes

The college has also decided to hold a virtual commencement ceremony for students instead of a large gathering on campus in May to continue to protect the health of our community and to do what we can to avoid transmission of COVID-19. We will honor our students' achievements and join them and their families as they celebrate this major milestone.

While we had originally hoped that remote instruction would continue for only a brief time, the college has decided to

continue this mode of instruction through the end of the summer semester. Current students may begin summer session registration on May 14 while new students may begin on May 18. Summer term begins on June 15.

We have suspended all on-campus services and operations through the end of the spring semester. We will consider re-opening the campus as we assess the situation in our local community. Only those employees defined as essential staff are on campus, and the staff includes campus police, some of our payroll employees, some facilities personnel, and staff assigned to pick up mail and correspondence that is critical to the operation of the college.

The college has created an Incident Command Team (ICT) that meets daily via Zoom to plan strategically for this pandemic. We are planning for our fall semester and will approach our decision-making process with the health of our Ohlone family in mind.

Spring into Reading

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The weather is warmer, flowers are blooming, and many of us are enjoying the new season as we work from home while practicing good social distancing. It's the perfect time to crack open a window and start a new book (or five). Put those extra hours of reading to good use by participating in Hayward Public Library's Spring Reading Challenge, which runs through Saturday, May 30. You can participate several ways:

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- 3. Write book reviews
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Navigating the social (distancing) network

By Hugo Vera

As the coronavirus pandemic forces billions of people across the world into self-isolation, the disease continues to wreak havoc on people's educational and economic goals. With countless non-essential retail and commercial workplaces on hiatus, much of the working and educational world is figuring out how to communicate, network and get work done through the use of video conferencing.

With many options to choose from, here's a list of five video conferencing services you may or may not have heard of that can help you or someone you know stay productive and connected during times as isolating as

> Zoom Year released: 2011 Cost: Basic package is free, but extensive plans range from \$14.99-\$19.99/mo.

Where to access: https://zoom.us

Software/App download required?: Yes/both Overview: Based out of a San Jose startup, Zoom has dethroned Skype as the nation's most-downloaded video conferencing software. Zoom allows video conferencing chat rooms of up to 100 users at a time. Its basic package runs free of charge, and many local high schools (such as Irvington High in Fremont) have chosen Zoom as their go-to conferencing source for online classes.

Advantages: Basic package is free; Allows up to 100 users at a time.

Disadvantages: Student-users in the Fremont Unified School District have reported declines in visual and audio quality in chat rooms containing 20+ users.

Skype Year released: 2003 Cost: \$3.59/mo for United States use/\$8.39 for North American bundle

Where to access: https://www.skype.com/en/ Software/App download required?: App download required for smartphone use

Overview: Launched in 2003 by Estonian engineers, Skype rose to become the world's leading source for international personal and business video conferencing. Skype's prime features include video conferencing, instant messaging and file-sharing in 108 languages. Skype can be accessed on most smartphones and can be paired with landlines. Skype has seen a steady decline in membership after being acquired by Microsoft in 2011 as the service is now fully-supported in only 25 countries.

Advantages: Ideal for one-on-one personal/professional video conferences, offered in 108 languages.

Disadvantages: Requires up-to-date Windows and iOS software, fully-supported in only 25 countries, has been prone to unauthorized data collection from American and Chinese agencies.

Cisco Webex Year released: 1995 Cost: Basic package is free, premium plans range from \$13.50-\$26.95/mo

Where to access: https://www.webex.com Software/App download required?: App required for smartphone use

Overview: Designed with large-scale corporate meetings in mind, Cisco Webex makes it easy to present and edit content with 25 users at a time. Users with premium memberships can blur out their own backgrounds, mute/unmute individual users and have charts/diagrams become the visual center of each video conference. Cisco Webex can also be paired with time-scheduling apps to set reminders to users when a meeting will begin.

Advantages: Can facilitate meetings of up to 25 users, grid-layout is easy to navigate.

Disadvantages: Premium features require paid membership and some users have reported lagging during conference calls.

Google Hangouts Year released: 2013 Cost: Free with existing Google account

Where to access: https://hangouts.google.com/ Software/App download required?: Must have Google Chrome for desktop use, app needed for smartphones

Overview: Launched in 2013 as a derivative of Google Drive, Google Hangouts is the ideal tool for educational conferencing. Users with Chrome-supported webcams and microphones can video-chat while also creating and editing documents, slideshows and other media in real time. Users can access a comprehensive log that tracks each user's history of activity. Auxiliary features include instant messaging and video-uploading.

Advantages: Free service, ideal for educational use, users can create and edit documents in real time with other Google account members.

Disadvantages: Although up to 150 users can access Google Hangouts at a time, video-conferencing is limited to 25 users per session.

> GoToMeeting Year released: 2004 Cost: Plans range from \$12.00-\$16.00/mo.

Where to access: https://www.gotomeeting.com Software/App download required?: App required for

Overview: A conventional tool for professional conferencing, GoToMeeting's comprehensive multimedia interface includes features such as "automatic start" and "grid view" when serving up to 250 participants. Users can alternate between desktop and smartphone audio and the service can be paired with instant messaging (IM) apps such as Slack and Telegram.

Advantages: Can facilitate video conferences with up to 250 users, can be paired with apps such as Slack.

Disadvantages: No free trial offered, users have reported audio issues as well as "live links" to join chats expiring prematurely.

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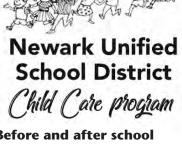
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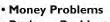
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4TH Saturday of the month (weather permitting) March through October \$20 Cash fee for Vendors Due the day of flea market Set up 6am - 7am - 3:30pm 2300 Panama St. Hayward officialmehsband@gmail.com

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

AMERICAN LEGION POST 837 Veterans and Active

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

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

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

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

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

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

WATER/SEWER

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

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

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

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

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Government Briefs

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Union Sanitary District proposes new rates

SUBMITTED BY MICHELLE POWELL

Union Sanitary District (USD) is proposing rate increases over the next five years to fund vital capital projects and to meet anticipated state and federal regulations. The district recently mailed notices of a May 11 public hearing on the proposed rate changes to all property owners in Fremont, Newark, and Union City.

"The district is very sensitive to everything transpiring in the world right now and understands that a wastewater service increase may add further worry," said General Manager Paul Eldredge. "After carefully considering the impacts of postponing the increase, it became very clear that any delay would result in higher costs to customers and could severely impact the district's operations in the years ahead."

The sanitary district has infrastructure needs now and for the next 10 years that were overwhelming factors in this decision. The district must move forward with required capital improvement projects to address current issues that make wastewater more costly to treat as well as aging infrastructure that, though well-maintained, has reached the end of its useful life.

"It's important to consider that construction of these facilities takes several years, and there are substantial savings by proceeding now versus delaying these important projects," noted Eldredge. "These infrastructure investments are necessary to maintain safe, reliable operations that comply with regulatory requirements and protect public health and the environment."

If adopted, the yearly increases range from about \$33 to \$41 annually for single-family residences, and from about \$32 to \$37 annually for multiple family residences. The current annual rate for single-family residences, most USD's customers, is \$421.37. If approved, in FY 2021 the rate would increase to \$454.57 starting in July 2020 and would appear on property tax bills, which are usually mailed in October.

The notice of a public hearing, which was prepared and sent before the current shelterin-place orders were imposed, notes a community meeting on April 21. This meeting will be replaced with an online or teleconference option. Updates regarding how to connect to the virtual meeting will be provided on the district's website unionsanitary.ca.gov, Facebook page, and on Twitter @usdtweets. Ratepayers can also

contact the district at (510) 477-7500 or via email at rates@unionsanitary.ca.gov.

Property owners may protest the proposed rates via mail, email, or fax until 5 p.m. May 11 or in-person before the close of the public comment portion of the public hearing, scheduled at 7 p.m. May 11. If the current shelter-in-place orders are extended beyond May 3, the public hearing will likely be a teleconference.

Protests must contain the property owner's name, street address or assessor's parcel number (or other parcel description), and must be signed, unless sent via email, by the property owner. Property owners may submit one protest for each parcel owned. Protests may be submitted by mail to Union Sanitary District - Rate Protest FY 21-25 at 5072 Benson Road, Union City, CA 94587, by email to rates@unionsanitary.ca.gov, or by fax to (510) 477-7500.

The proposed rates are based on the results of a comprehensive study of the cost of providing sewer service from July 2020 through June 2025 which can be found at www.unionsanitary.ca.gov/sewer-service -charges.

San Leandro **City Council**

April 6, 2020*

Recognitions:

- Proclamation declaring April 12-18, 2020 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.
- Proclamation declaring April 2020 as Autism Awareness month.
- Proclamation declaring April 19-25, 2020 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week.
- Proclamation for Gari Laranang's retirement.

Public Comments:

 One resident spoke about how accessing the city council

meeting on Zoom is an issue for those who do not have the t echnology.

Presentations:

 Presentation from East Bay Community Energy regarding carbon free energy options. Several residents spoke out in opposition of nuclear energy being added to East Bay Community Energy's portfolio.

Consent Calendar:

- Award a \$171,497 construction contract to Chrisp Company for the Bicycle Network West which provides for the installation of bike lanes, bike route signage, striping and pavement legends generally west of the Niles Subdivision of the Union Pacific Railroad.
- Award a \$912,289 construction contract to McNely Con-

struction Co. providing for the rehabilitation and resurfacing of the Boys and Girls Club pool.

- Approve a consulting services agreement with Nichols Consulting Engineers (NCE) for the design of the Annual Street Overlay/Rehabilitation.
- Approve amendment No. 2 to the term of the agreement between the city and Chandler Asset Management for investment services through June 30, 2021.

Calendar passed: 7-0 **Items Removed From Consent Calendar:**

• Resolution of the city accepting the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30,

Items passed: 7-0

Action Items:

• Discussion of the city's response to COVID-19.

Councilmember Requests to Schedule Agenda Items

• Mandatory offer of a 12month lease by city landlords. Motion not seconded.

Meeting adjourned in the memory of Ronald Wong, relative of Councilmember Lee, who died of the novel coronavirus.

Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter Aye Vice Mayor Pete Ballew Victor Aguilar, Jr. Aye Ed Hernandez Aye Benny Lee Aye Aye Deborah Cox Corina Lopez Aye

*City Council meeting conducted over Zoom due to the shelter-in-place.

Hayward City Council

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Presentations and Proclamations:

• Announcement from Mayor Halliday regarding council meeting held remotely. Mayor Halliday and City Manager McAdoo facilitate council meeting from Hayward City Hall conference room while other council members via join live-stream from home

Public Comments:

Hayward resident and owner

of local restaurant "El Tacquito Dos" Jorge Espinosa voices opinion on minimum wage hike-deferral: "When the accelerated minimum wage was first introduced to Hayward businesses, it was something that could be absorbed in a robust economy. The situation has now changed, quickly and dramatically, and delaying the wage increase for an additional six months, allows time to reassess the financial impact, for business recoveries and normalcy to return."

Consent Calendar Items:

 Repeal and replacement of temporary moratorium on evic-

tions: Repeal of existing moratorium and adoption of emergency ordinance establishing temporary moratorium on residential and commercial evictions in the city of Hayward for non-payment

- Amend the contract with Delta Engineering Sales, LLC to an amount not-to-exceed \$10,748,182 to purchase and install additional water meter materials for the advanced metering infrastructure.
- Approve plans and specifications and call for bids for the Sulphur Creek mitigation project at Hayward Executive Airport

Measures and Resolutions:

• Impose a 90-day deadline set forth in code of civil procedure section 1094.6 for filing of any lawsuit challenging final action on an agenda item which is subject to Code of Civil Procedure section 1094.5

Mayor Halliday Aye Lamnin Aye Marquez Aye Mendall Aye Salinas Aye Wahab Aye Zermeno Aye

Milpitas City Council

April 7 & 10, 2020

The first meeting of the month of April spanned extended discussions over two days: April 7 and overflow discussions at a Special meeting, April 10. In view of the ongoing shelter-in-place order across the County, meetings were held through electronic means. Both the days were very well attended.

Proclamation

 April was proclaimed as the Vietnamese-American Heritage

Month'.

Discussion on Future Agenda Items

• A COVID-19 testing facility within the City of Milpitas will be helpful for the residents.

• The City should recommend the usage of masks, or other types of face coverings, as prudent health practice.

Consent Calendar

- Approved the purchase of GameTime Playground Equipment through a cooperative procurement contract by the City of Charlotte, NC.
- Approved sole source request for the procurement of access control and alarm monitoring system manufactured by Sielox LLC for

Fire Station No. 2 Replacement. Approved the City of Milpitas

- Federal Emergency and Federal Grant Procurement Procedures.
- Authorized a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Santa Clara and the City of Milpitas for Crime Laboratory Major Case Work; authorized the City Manager to pay the annual crime laboratory bill.

Public Hearing

• Proposal to allow demolition of a 22,300 sq. ft. commercial building and subsequent construction of a La Quinta hotel at the 1.14-acre site at 1000 Jacklin Road. Deliberations were adjourned at around 2 a.m. A Special meeting of the Council to take place on Friday, April 10 to continue discussion.

• At the Special meeting on April 10th, discussion resumed. Council decided not to approve the project. Vote: Aye 2 (Nunez, Phan), Nay 3 (Tran, Montano, Dominguez). City staff to present a 'Resolution of Denial' for consideration at the next meeting of the Council. Vote: Aye 4, Nay 1 (Nunez)

Mayor Rich Tran Aye Nay 1 Vice Mayor Bob Nunez Aye Carmen Montano Aye Nay 1 Karina Dominguez Aye Nay 1 Anthony Phan

Additional unemployment benefits SUBMITTED BY GOVERNOR'S

Governor Gavin Newsom announced that starting April 12

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California workers who are receiving unemployment benefits will begin receiving an extra \$600 on top of their weekly amount, as part of the new Pandemic Additional Compensation (PAC) initiated by the CARES Act.

"Many Californians are feeling the effects of this pandemic, and this added benefit is very important to our workers, so they have needed resources during this difficult time," said Newsom.

For more information on how

to apply for unemployment insurance benefits and what claimants need to know about these new \$600 additional payments, visit https://edd.ca.gov/about_edd/cor onavirus-2019.htm.

OPINION



WILLIAM MARSHAK

In a short story by Alan Sillitoe, published in 1959 and later adapted to a movie script in 1962, a teenager from the wrong side of the tracks in Nottingham, England is caught stealing from a bakery and pays the price at a detention facility. In "The Loneliness of the Long-Distance Runner", gifted with the talent to excel in long-run distances, Colin Smith escapes past and current problems during his self-imposed long-distance running solitude. This introspection allows the protagonist to evaluate his position in society and decide on a course of personal action with clarity of purpose.

The difference between long distance races and sprints is a matter of preparation and perspective. In one, the finish line is visible; strategy and results are immediate, almost always determined from the starting gun. Energy is expended quickly and there is little time for reserves. It is rare for a sprint runner with a poor start to overcome a substantial initial deficit. However, when competing in a lengthy run, the start is important, but not as determinative; strategy, visualization and conservation of

Long distance runner

reserves are critical to reach the finish line in good standing.

Although used in a different context than the current COVID-19 crisis, the effect of removal from typical day-to-day concerns, replaced by solitude or limited isolation, while distressing, can help to gain a focus on life from a different perspective. The dictates of business as usual have been replaced. Now, the question we all face is... replaced by what?

Our competition with COVID-19 is not a sprint, rather a much longer struggle. It is tempting to use sprint tactics to imagine a swift disposition of current hardships, but the skills and mindset of a long-distance runner are more appropriate. For a significant portion of our population, this is not only a matter of economic survival, but existence itself. Using a sprint strategy is appealing but ineffective and worse, may invite a devastating result, even complete failure.

When this situation is controlled, reinstating pre-existing platitudes may be the proper action for some, but the current disruption of daily routines is also an opportunity for substantive alterations. This may be a welcome result even in the midst of catastrophic upheaval. Just as many coming of age stories attempt to capture the angst and passion of young adult life transitions, the total external manipulation of daily lives through forced stay-at-home provisions is also a comprehensive, transformative event.

When we finally emerge from this situation, the meaning of paradigm

shift will be realized, at least for the foreseeable future. Distance learning, shopping and communication is the new normal, competing with brick-and-mortar facilities. Although nothing new to younger generations brought up in a virtual society, institutions that have clung to traditional methods of education, entertainment and commerce will find it difficult to return to previous methodology. While there is a natural tendency to find comfort in familiar routines, lessons of this pandemic are so fundamental and broad that all of us will respond in many yet unknown ways.

A sidebar to COVID-19 emergence is a worldwide pause that has produced uncluttered roads, cleaner skies and impetus for change. Although many of these issues were already the subject of study and controversy prior to the pandemic, progress toward solutions may have been stimulated and strengthened existing trends toward a more compatible and synergistic environment.

In this case, the loneliness of the Long-Distance Runner has plenty of company. How will you run this race?



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Program to provide COVID-19 health-care workers with hotel rooms

Partnership with United Airlines to provide free airfare for California Health Corps volunteers

SUBMITTED BY GOVERNOR'S PRESS OFFICE

Governor Gavin Newsom recently announced a new program to provide doctors, nurses, and other critical frontline health-care workers access to no-cost or low-cost hotel rooms. The program will prioritize health-care workers who come in direct contact with or are suspected of having direct contact with COVID-19 patients, or who test positive for COVID-19 but do not require hospitalization.

By providing hotel rooms near medical facilities, health-care workers can avoid

potentially spreading the virus once leaving their shift by selecting to stay in one of the pre-identified hotels across the state. The state has already identified 150 hotels that have opted in to provide discounted rates, and more hotels are encouraged to sign up.

The Department of General Services is prioritizing bringing hotels on line that are in counties with high population density or have high numbers of COVID-19 positive test results, including Santa Clara and Alameda.

Additionally, Newsom announced a partnership with United Airlines, which will provide free, round-trip flights for volunteer medical professionals from across California

and the country who join the state's health-care workforce. The airline will connect essential workers and supplies to the areas where they are needed most during the COVID-19 pandemic with daily flights. The administration is also working with other major airlines, including Southwest, Alaska Airlines, and Delta, to offer similar services to the health-care workforce.

California Health Corps workers can make reservations through the Department of General Services (DGS) CalTravelStore. Hotels interested in offering discounted rooms to health-care workers may email covid19lodging@dgs.ca.gov.





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February 27, 1928 – April 07, 2020
Resident of Milpitas
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Rene Corpus Resident of Newark February 25, 1946 – March 31, 2020

Remedios Abadilla Resident of San Jose

April 13, 1931 – March 31, 2020 **William Haas**

Resident of San Jose
October 1, 1981 – March 25, 2020

Andres Casabar Resident of San Jose November 30, 1946 – March 20, 2020

Rosemarie Francis Resident of Milpitas September 10, 1949 – March 27, 2020

Dolores Mehegan "Sister Mary Paul Mehegan" Resident of Fremont May 22, 1923 – March 27, 2020

Vivek Jain Resident of Fremont July 9, 1983 – March 26, 2020

Juana Galvan De Ureno Resident of Fremont February 8, 1934 – March 26, 2020

Shyamsunder Soneji Resident of India July 5, 1931- March 25, 2020

Dolores Hintze "Sister M. Lucille Hintze" Resident of Fremont

November 11, 1920 – March 24, 2020 **Balan Aravind**

Resident of Fremont April 10, 1957 – March 23, 2020 Walter Fasolis Sr.

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"Sister M. Christopher Schmidt"
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June 08, 1931 – March 21, 2020

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Dibakar Dutta Resident of India March 3, 1936 – March 21, 2020

Duangao Wang Resident of FremontMay 30, 1930 – March 20, 2020

Obituary

Paul Gene Tallarico

Resident of Fremont April 16, 1938 – April 11, 2020

Paul Gene Tallarico was born on April 16, 1938 in Oakland and passed away on April 11, 2020 in Fremont at the age of 81 at Washington Hospital.

He started working right after graduating High School in 1956. With his dedication and hard work was promoted to Senior Designer at RPC Hayward and LAM Resources until his retirement.

Recognized for his 15 years of service volunteering at Fremont Senior Center from 2001 to 2016 Paul played banjo on his spare time, very passionate about collecting vintage model trains and cars. He enjoyed listening to jazz & classical music, reading history books and watching classic movies.



Paul had an awesome sense of humor that make people laugh. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his beloved wife Phey Reyes Tallarico, his loving cousins, Jimmy & Martha, Lorie, Mary (Tata) & Eric, Sonny(John) & Dianne, Sharon & Bill, Roy & Kay, Vivian D., Donna, Kathy & Bill, Lois, Saul and best friend since childhood Pierre Joseph and partner Donna, all of whom he regularly kept in touch with as much as he could. Paul was very close to his family.

Paul's legacy of caring for his mother and others before himself will live on in our hearts.

A celebration of life will be planned for a later date when it's safe to be with family & friends together again to hug.

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Obituary

Moses Cardenas

Obituaries

Moses passed peacefully from this life the evening of April 3rd after a gradual decline in health. He was supported by his loving family during the last days of his life. Moses was born in Houston, Texas, to the parents of Raymond and Manuela Cardenas. They moved to Salinas, CA around 1952 and then to Oakland, CA where he was raised and graduated from Fremont High. In 1968, he met Emily Apodaca, they got married and had two children. They moved to Fremont, CA in the early 70's, where he lived for over 40 years. Moses was a big sports fan and loved talking about it. He had Oakland Raider season tickets for many years, and also loved watching the A's, Warriors and boxing. He loved music, dancing and back in the day was known for his dance moves. He never turned away family, if they needed a place to stay his door was always open. He was a hard worker and a wonderful father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He most recently moved to Manteca, CA in February of 2020 where he lived the remainder of his life.

Moses is survived by two children Antoinette Cardenas-Hill (Brian) and Moises Cardenas; seven grand-



children: Davina Cardenas (Joe), Ramon Cardenas, Desirae Osejo, Andrew Cardenas, Priscilla Cardenas, Aryana Cardenas and Moises Cardenas; one great grandchild; Soila Martinez. Moses is also survived by his sisters Rebecca Montoya and Paula Ramponi. He was proceeded in death by his granddaughter Bryana Osejo, brother Raymond Cardenas and sister Cynthia Nevarez.

A dad's love is special, a gift beyond compare. You only know the meaning when he is no longer there. A special time, a special face, a special dad I can't replace, with an aching heart I whisper low, I miss you dad and Love you so.

Obituary

Cleve J. Bosset

September 8, 1930 - April 7, 2020 Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

Obituary

Mary Gloria Baca

April 18, 1930 - March 22, 2020



Our Beloved Mother
Mary Gloria Baca, age 89, went
to heaven to meet our angels, our
father Aurelio, sisters Juanita &
Maria, and her granddaughter
Monica on March 22, 2020, in
Fremont, CA surrounded by all
her loved ones.

Mary leaves behind her daughters, Rosario "Chayo"
Contreras (Manuel), Elsa
Espinoza (Tony), Elizabeth
Lagos, Veronica Oberst (Gerry),
and Rebecca Ornelas (Pete).
She also leaves behind her
16 grandchildren and nine
great-grandchildren. Mother was
preceded by her beloved
husband, Aurelio P. Baca, of
91 years of age and two daughters
Juanita & Maria at birth and her
Granddaughter Monica.

Our mother was born in Del Rio, Texas, on April 18, 1930, to Emilio & Maria Acosta Loredo. They moved to Fremont when she was 15 years old. She used to sing in the 1950s with a Radio Station called KSJO in San Jose. She sang ballads in Spanish, and we heard there was an album. Mother met our father, Aurelio, and married on November 18, 1951. They were married for 65 happy years.

Our mother was a seamstress, and she made her beautiful wedding dress with the help of her mother. She made lots of bridal gowns, bridesmaid dresses, and flower girl dresses. She also made hats in those days that were very stylish. Mother would love to sew, and she would make our clothes for school that we were very proud of.

Mother worked at Libby's in Sunnyvale and also at Washington Hospital in housekeeping for over 21 years until she retired. Mother also loved cooking for everyone. We would have lots of families when they were visiting our home. She was always ready with a pot of beans, homemade tortillas and chili to welcome everyone.

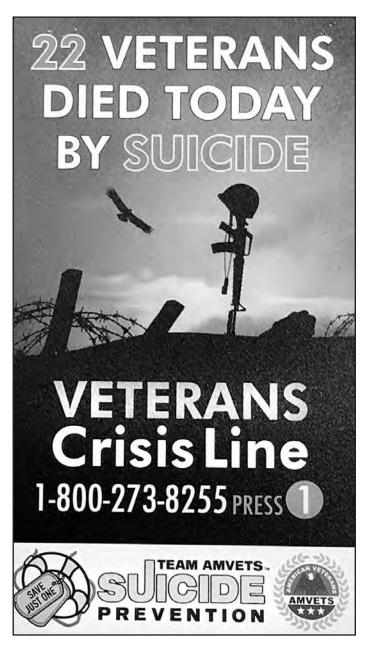
Our mother loved everyone unconditionally. She enjoyed her holidays with her family and going on vacations with them to Calexico, the beaches on Easter, casinos, Hawaii and of course Disneyland.

We are going to miss her very much, we all love her with all of our hearts and souls.

Mother, We know you're at peace with our angels and were granted your wings with Dad, your two daughters, and granddaughter Monica.

Until we meet again.
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SUBMITTED BY JANICE ROMBECK

The Taiwanese American Chamber of Commerce in North California has donated 10,000 protective masks to Valley Medical Center Foundation. The donation was made through Supervisor Dave Cortese's Office. For more information, call the Office of Cortese at (408) 299-5030.

West Coast Salmon season dates set

SUBMITTED BY PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

The Pacific Fishery Management Council has adopted ocean salmon season recommendations that provide recreational and commercial opportunities for most of the Pacific coast and achieve conservation goals for the numerous individual salmon stocks on the West Coast. Due to the COVID-19 social distancing requirements, all meetings associated with the decision were held via webinar for the first time in the Council's history. The recommendations will be forwarded to the National Marine Fisheries Service for approval by May 6, 2020.

"This year's package includes some very restrictive seasons in both commercial and recreational fisheries along much of the coast. Uncertainties associated with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on markets, angler effort, and critical catch sampling, coupled with low Chinook and coho forecasts, made structuring the fisheries even more challenging this year," said Council Chair Phil Anderson.

Southern Oregon and California (south of Cape Falcon):

Fisheries south of Cape Falcon (in northern Oregon) are constrained primarily by Klamath River fall Chinook and Oregon Coastal natural coho. The commercial fishery consists of

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Park It

By NED MACKAY

To prevent overcrowding with resulting public health challenges and spread of the coronavirus, East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) put in place temporary parking restrictions at 10 regional parklands during Easter weekend. The park district is advising people to walk or to bike to parks close to their homes instead of driving to regional parks.

"The public should consider staying at home, walking in their neighborhood, or visiting parks on less crowded days or times," said EBRPD General Manager Robert Doyle. "No picnicking and group activities are allowed by the 'stay-at-home' order from the state, which has been in place for the past two weeks."

Over Easter weekend, all parking lots were closed at Black Diamond Mines, Coyote Hills, Garin, Kennedy Grove, Lake Temescal, and Miller-Knox regional parklands. Other closures were the Alhambra Staging Area at Briones, the main parking lot at Lake Chabot, Doolittle South and Arrowhead Staging Area at MLK Shoreline, and the Stanford Avenue Staging Area at Mission Peak (fenced with no trail access), by request of the city of Fremont. Unfortunately, as the coronavirus pandemic continues, more restrictions may become necessary.

As of this writing, trails and open space remain open to the public on a walk-in and bike-in basis. Before you head out to a regional park, it's best to visit the park district website www.ebparks.org - for up-to-date information; click on "COVID-19 Park Updates & Closures" at the top of the home page.

Kindly comply with the rules listed online, especially maintaining social distance, packing out trash, and keeping dogs on leash. Toilets and drinking fountains are off-line, so go before you go and bring your own water.

There's some good news, too. Although all in-the-parks nature education programs have been cancelled, the park district naturalists have still been busy, bringing the world of nature to your living room.

The naturalists have put together two series of videos: "Creature Features," and "Songs and Stories." In each program, a naturalist on camera or narrating gives a lively presentation about some aspect of nature. To access the programs, visit www.ebparks.org/DigitalLearning.

"Creature Features" topics so far have included newts; Julius Squeezer the gopher snake; animal skull identification; birding basics; Tilden pond life; and Deltoid Balsamroot, a beautiful sunflower that is important both as food and as insect habitat.

'Songs and Stories" is a kid-friendly series led by an on-camera naturalist. The first one featured Morgan Guenther explaining the importance of habitat for all living things, then leading the habitat song.

Both series are interactive: Viewers can ask questions in the comment section, and the naturalist staff responds. These online nature programs are a great supplement to the regular school curricula that students must now experience from home.

Remember that nature isn't going anywhere. Our beautiful open spaces will still be there for all to enjoy after this health emergency passes.

modest Chinook fisheries, particularly in California. Recreational fisheries in Oregon include both Chinook and coho opportunity, with coho including both mark-selective and non-mark-selective fisheries.

Commercial Fisheries:

The area from Humbug Mt., Oregon to the Oregon/California border (also known as the Oregon portion of the Klamath Management Zone) will be open in late April and continue into early May, with a brief reopening at the end of May. The area will be open again in early June through July with monthly catch quotas and weekly limits in place.

The area from the Oregon/California border to Horse Mt., California, will be closed to conserve Klamath River fall Chinook, which are classified as overfished.

In California, Chinook seasons in the Fort Bragg area (Horse Mt. to Point Arena) will be open ten days in August and for the month of September. The San Francisco area (Point Arena to Pigeon Point) will be open intermittently from May to July, for most of August, and for all of September. The Monterey area (Pigeon Point to the Mexico border) will also be open for Chinook intermittently from May to July and for most of

August. There will also be a

season from Point Reyes to Point San Pedro (a subset of the San Francisco area) consisting of three openings in October ranging from two to five days

Recreational Fisheries:

The area from the Oregon/California border to Horse Mountain, California will be open from early June through early August. In California, Chinook seasons in the Fort Bragg (Horse Mt.to Point Arena) and San Francisco (Point Arena to Pigeon Point) areas will open on May 1 and will continue until early November, The Monterey (Pigeon Point to Mexico Border) area, will open on May 1 and continue until early October.

COVID-19 Response:

Because state directives have resulted in the suspension of some fishing opportunity, NMFS may close Federal salmon fisheries based on recommendations from state authorities to address public health concerns related to COVID-19, or because information essential to manage the fishery is unavailable.

In addition, if the California recreational seasons in the Fort Bragg, San Francisco, and Monterey areas are delayed, the season in the Eureka area may be extended beyond August 9 if the extension would not increase impacts on stocks above those expected before the season opened.

More details on these potential actions are available in the regulation tables available on the Council's website.

The Pacific Fishery Management Council is one of eight regional fishery management councils established by the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 for the purpose of managing fisheries 3-200 miles offshore of the U.S. coastline. The Council recommends management measures for fisheries off the coasts of California, Oregon, and Washington. Coastal states will adopt fishery regulations for state-managed waters that are compatible with the Council's actions.

Pacific Fishery Management Council:

http://www.pcouncil.org Draft Alternatives for 2020 salmon management

Council adopted management measures and environmental assessment part 3 will be posted on the Council web page on or about April 16 (look for 2020 Preseason Report III)

Description of 2020 salmon management process

Fact sheet: Salmon Fact sheet: Geography of

Fact sheet: Common Terms Used in Salmon Management

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Artists' co-working space moves to next stage

'No, not at all!'" The place needed a new brand name that encompassed that variety. 'Stage' is a much more universal term: Projects proceed in stages, artists perform on stages, and events are "staged."

Along with its new title, the business has expanded from its original home in Milpitas to a second location in San Jose. Negotiations were ongoing early in 2019, long before COVID-19 became an issue, and construction started in March of 2020. The new location is four times as large as the old one, about 13,000 feet, with four sound stages, including meeting rooms, a DIY studio, and a green screen. There are even some extra amenities such as a pool and bar.

Luckily, the new space wasn't scheduled to open until the end of April or beginning of May, close to the time the current Shelter in Place order is set to end. "It's a weird place to be in right now," says Denise. "If this build had started in December and finished in February, we would be hurting hard right now - If we had the grand opening at the beginning of March and it just nosedived."

Even so Stage One is feeling the effects of the lockdown. "It's definitely had a huge impact on us," says Denise. "Our rental revenue dried up pretty much overnight." Unlike many businesses, who have had to shutter entirely, Stage One can still operate in a limited capacity during Shelter in Place. "We're an essential business because we house a couple of newspapers." So, while the space isn't hosting music videos and commercials, they still are getting a

a semi-permanent remote setup including door locks, cameras, lights and sound, all operated remotely. Users will touch only the sanitized door handle to enter and the chair or stool they sit on and will not interact with the same air-space as our staff to prevent any opportunities for viral transmission.

"Our staff operates from a separate, sealed part of the building with a separate HVAC system to keep human interaction truly remote. Instead of lapel microphones, we are using high-quality 'shotgun' microphones for clean, clear audio from a distance with no need to have a tech attach equipment to the subject."



support for small businesses may continue to be amended the same way unemployment was expanded to include independent contractors.

Denise predicts that even after Shelter in Place ends, people will be slow to resume large gatherings and events.



"I think we're seeing that some people are champing at the bit to get out of their house, to go do social things. But a lot of people are going to be cautious. We're not going to see a lot of people rushing out to do 500-person events. I think we're going to see people trickling back to 'okay, we'll do 3 to 5 to 10, and then maybe 30 person events."

This slow ramp-up would be ideal for Stage One, since their available Milpitas space is limited and their San Jose space is still being completed. "That will help us because we're small space, so we may be able to react quickly to those smaller events right out of the gate, and then as people start doing larger events our new space downtown will be open."

No matter the scenario, Stage One wants to be there to support filmmakers and other artists when the lockdown ends. Even though the arts aren't considered "essential" like hospitals, pharmacies, and grocery stores, during this time many have turned to online streaming services to relieve the monotony of staying at home. In a pandemic, arts are more important than ever.



few bookings from news stations doing PSAs or educational content.

After the Shelter in Place order was extended through May 3, Stage One released a policy for how they will be observing social distancing:

"In an effort to provide a safe working environment for those who still need professional video work for essential services, we have built out our studio with If Shelter in Place continues for longer, Stage One will look into government stimulus to compensate for the lack of revenue. Denise says, "We would be able to pay back a loan covering six months of our own rent and expenses, because that's really the only overhead we have. We don't have a lot of employees." As the current stimulus package focuses on covering wages and salaries, Stage One may have issues applying for a loan. However,





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Fremont Police Log

SUBMITTED BY GENEVA BOSQUES, FREMONT PD

Wednesday, April 8

• Officers responded to a 7:21 p.m. report about a possible shooting in the parking lot outside a Lucky store at 5000 Mowry Ave. On arrival, officers found a man lying on the ground who appeared to have been shot. He was taken to hospital trauma center where he died at 7:53 p.m.; his name was not immediately released. Detectives believe the man was sitting in a car in the west part of the parking lot with others when another car, described by witnesses as an older dark-colored SUV, drove up. The victim exited

the car and an argument took place with an occupant in the SUV. A man in the SUV took out a gun and fired at least one round toward the victim, hitting him. The SUV then sped away. The suspect was described as having short hair, possibly a buzzcut and appeared to be in his 20s or 30s. An investigation is continuing. This is the first homicide of 2020 in Fremont. Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact the Fremont Police Department at (510)790-6800, extension 3. Anonymous tips can be sent online at

https://local.nixle.com/tip/alert/5 788118 or via text by typing TIP FREMONTPD followed by a short message to 888777.

Thursday, April 9

• After an extensive investigation over several weeks, officers arrested a suspect believed to be

connected to burglaries and vandalisms at nine schools in Fremont between March 13 and March 28. The suspect, identified by police as Kristopher Sylvester, 34, of Fremont was arrested April 2 when he was stopped by an officer while driving a vehicle that detectives said had been seen near multiple schools in Fremont. In addition to the school burglaries, Sylvester is a suspect in numerous auto burglaries, possibly with others, in various East Bay cities. Police said Sylvester has a lengthy criminal history including multiple arrests for firearms possession, burglary, possession of drugs, identity theft, possession of stolen vehicles, and felony evasion. He was arraigned in court on various charges, including commercial burglary, and released on his own recognizance His next court date is June 8, 2020.

Homicide suspects arrested

SUBMITTED BY LT. ISAAC BENABOU, SAN LEANDRO PD

Two Oakland residents have been arrested in connection with a shooting on Friday, March 13 that left two people dead near a grocery store in San Leandro.

After a nearly two-week investigation, San Leandro Police Detectives and members of the SLPD Swat team arrested Ronyae Marcus Haywood, 27, and Angel Lache Shavers, 21, on Tuesday, March 30 in Oakland.

The investigation began on March 13 at about 11:00 p.m. when officers were called to the 2100 block of East 14th Street regarding multiple gunshots being fired. On arrival, officers found 28-year-old Duane Palmer of Oakland, and 27-year-old Dalton Kline of Dublin, suffering from life threatening gunshot

wounds inside a vehicle in a Grocery Outlet store parking lot. Despite life-saving efforts made by the officers and the Alameda County Fire Department, Palmer and Kline died from their injuries.

During the subsequent investigation, detectives learned that Angel Shavers, who is Haywood's girlfriend, arranged the sale of an assault rifle between Haywood and Palmer, who did not know each other. They agreed to meet in the Grocery Outlet parking lot to complete the sale. During the transaction, a verbal exchange occurred between Haywood and Palmer, who, in response, tried to flee the scene in his vehicle. As Palmer was driving away, Haywood fired multiple rounds into Palmer's vehicle striking him and Kline, who was seated in a rear passenger seat.

Detectives investigating the case eventually traced the suspects to an address in the 7700 block of Bancroft Avenue in Oakland where they were taken into custody without incident at about 8:30 a.m. on March 30.

On Tuesday, April 7, the investigation was presented to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office for charging. Haywood was charged with two counts of homicide with special circumstances and other firearm related charges. Shavers was charged with the sale of an assault rifle and as an accessory after the

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to call the San Leandro Police Department at (510) 577-2740.

Hayward COVID-19 Testing Center MOVING

SUBMITTED BY: CHUCK FINNIE

The City of Hayward COVID-19 Testing Center is moving to a new location on the campus of California State University, East Bay, effective when the Testing Center next opens at 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 14, the City and University announced April 13, 2020.

The new location, at Cal State East Bay Parking Lot A on West Loop Road, across the street from the University Police Department, Student Health Center, Library and Gymnasium, provides more space for vehicle and foot traffic management, and improved accessibility for disabled visitors to the Testing Center.

"We are tremendously appreciative of the partnership with Cal State East Bay to provide a new home for this vital service at a critical moment," said Hayward Fire Chief Garrett Contreras.

"I also want to express our gratitude to the Tennyson Park neighborhood for welcoming the Center when we launched it there three weeks ago at Fire Station #7," Contreras added. The Testing Center was established by the Hayward Fire Department to take pressure off hospital emergency rooms, provide quicker answers for first responders and health care workers with COVID-19 symptoms, and better inform members of the general public so they know to isolate if infected with the COVID-19 coronavirus.

Testing at the Center is free and open to anyone with COVID-19 symptoms and a fever over 100 degrees. Symptoms include cough and shortness of breath. No referral from a doctor is required. Everyone is welcome regardless of where they live or immigration status.

Health-care workers and first responders can make advance appointments for COVID-19 testing by calling the City's COVID-19 information hotline at (510) 583-4949.

The Center is open Tuesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. or until the number of tests that can be processed for the day are exhausted.

In cooperation with the County Health Department, the Testing Center also is deploying teams of firefighter-paramedics and health clinicians to provide COVID-19 testing at nursing homes and for other community members considered most in need based on their living and health conditions.

To learn more about how the City of Hayward is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, visit www.hayward-ca.gov/COVID-19.

For a map of the Cal State East Bay campus, go to https://www.csueastbay.edu/about/files/docs/hayward-hills-campus-map.pdf.

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Blach Construction Company

Fremont Unified School District-Thornton Middle School Conversion Project Campus-Wide Underground Power & Low Voltage Raceways NOTIFICATION TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that Blach Construction Company is seeking bids for Thornton Middle School Conversion project – Campus-Wide Underground Power & Low Voltage Raceways. All contractors holding C-4, C-7, C-10, C-16, C-20, C-34, C-36, C-38, C-42, C-43, and C-46 licenses, who seek to submit proposals to perform work covered by the aforementioned specialty licenses must be prequalified by the District. The prequalification process is completed online through Quality Bidders. Please visit www.qualitybidders. com to begin the application process. Upon completion of your application and prior to submitting, please select Fremont Unified School District under Step 5: District Selection.

The scope of work included in this phase of construction includes but is not limited to:

Underground power & low voltage (conduit only)

This Notice is given pursuant to the requirements set forth in California Education Code

The successful bidder will be selected on a best value basis. Each bidder must comply section 17407.5 of the California Education Code for Prevailing Wage+ Skilled and Trained Workforce.

It is mandatory that all contractors holding C-4, C-7, C-10, C-16, C-20, C-34, C-36, C-38, C-42, C-43, and C-46 licenses, who seek to submit proposals to perform work covered by the aforementioned specialty licenses must be prequalified by the District pursuant to Public Contract Code section 20111.6 at least five business days prior to the deadline for submission of bids to Blach. The District will not process prequalification applications

submitted later than 10 business day prior to the deadline for submission of bids to Blach. If you are interested in bidding the Thornton Middle School Conversion Project, please contact Bria Riparbelli (bria.riparbelli@blach.com)

Request for Bids will be issued on 4/14/20 with the bids due on 4/28/20.

The criteria for the Best Value selection will be as follows:

Proposal price
Ability to meet construction schedule
Interview and previous experience

50 points possible 25 points possible 25 points possible CNS-3359488#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS **NAMES**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 569177 File No. 305177
Fictitious Business Name(s):
29&FINE BOUTIQUE, 2704 OLIVER DR.,
HAYWARD, CA 94545, County of ALAMEDA

strant(s): JAY CAMP, 2704 OLIVER DRIVE, AJENAY CAMP, 2704 OLIVER DRIVE, HAYWARD, CA 94545 (CALIFORNIA)
MISTY WOODS, 2704 OLIVER DRIVE, HAYWARD, CA 94545 (CALIFORNIA)
Business conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP

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].)

Is/ MISTY WOODS

This statement was filed with the County Clark of

/s/MISTY WOODS
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on MARCH 3 2020
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 569323

FICUTIONS BUSINESS Name(s): STRATEGIC BODYWORK SOLUTIONS, 3091 PERALTA BLVD., FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDA

of ALAMEDA Registrant(s): JOHN PRIOR, 3091 PERALTA BLVD., FREMONT, CA 94536

Registrant(s):
JOHN PRIOR, 3091 PERALTA BLVD., FREMONT,
CA 94536
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 569541

Fictitious Business Name(s): Shiksha, 990 Yucatan Ct, Fremont, CA 94539, County of Alameda Registrant(s): SASH LLC, 990 Yucatan Ct, Fremont, CA 94539;

California Business conducted by: A Limited Liability Company

Company
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(s/ Vaishnavee Ragavan, Managing Member This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on March 12, 2020 NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a ficilitious 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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 569416
Fictitious Business Name(s):
EcoGeoBuild, 39267 Marbella Terraza,
Fremont, CA 94538, County of Alameda
Registrant(s):
David Buckley, 39267 Marbella Terraza, Fremont,
CA 94538

David Buckley, 39267 Marbella Ierraza, Fremont, CA, 94538
Business conducted by: An Individual
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CNS-3355202#

GOVERNMENT

CITY OF UNION CITY
OFFICIAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Pursuant to Government Code Section 66016
et seq., the public hearing will review increases
to the City of Union City Master Fee Resolution
pertaining to all City departments.
Public Hearing – Master Fee Schedule for Fiscal
Year 2020-2021 and Adjustments Thereto for
Changes in the Consumer Price Index and
Increases as prescribed in the Municipal Code.
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2019
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Union City Council Chambers
34009 Alvarado-Niles Road
Union City CA 94587
Copies of the Master Fee Schedule will be
available for inspection no later than Wednesday,
May 6, 2020 in the Office of the City Clerk, 34009
Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City.
Persons interested in the above are invited to

May 6, 2020 in the Office of the City Clerk, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, Persons interested in the above are invited to attend the meeting to speak or offer written evidence for or against this proposal. Dated: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 Published: April 14, 2020 and April 21, 2019 Signed: Anna Brown, City Clerk 4/14/20

CNS-3359401#

CITY OF NEWARK
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Publication of Legal Advertising
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of
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of Newark, 37101 Newark Boulevard, 5th Floor,
Newark, CA 94560 before 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday,
April 28, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 Shelter-inPlace Order for Alameda County, proposals will
also be accepted via email to city.clerk@newark.
org with the subject line of "Legal Advertising
RFP submittal" before 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday,
April 28, 2020.
Copies of the request for proposal package may
be obtained at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall,
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Shella Harrington, City Clerk
City of Newark, California
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS THORNTON AVENUE PAVEMENT REHABILITATION, CITY PROJECT 1189, FEDERAL PROJECT NO. RSTPL-5317(016) The City Council of the City of Newark invites sealed bids for the construction of public improvements for the Thornton Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation, City Project 1189, FederalProject No. RSTPL-5317(016), City of Newark, Alameda County, California. Bids shall be enclosed in a sealed opaque envelope. The envelope shall be sealed and clearly marked on its face with the Bidder's name, address and the notation "SEALED BID ENCLOSED, CITY OF NEWARK" with an identification of the PROJECT NAME, PROJECT NUMBER and BID DATE as identified on this Notice to Bidders. If the bid is sent by mail, the sealed bid envelope shall be enclosed in a separate mailing envelope/box. The mailing envelope/box shall also be clearly marked on its face with the notation "SEALED BID ENCLOSED, CITYOFNEWARK" with an identification of the PROJECT NUMBER and BID DATE as identified on this Notice to Bidders. If the bid is some provided to the Office of the City Cashier of the City of Newark at the City Administration Building, 37101Newark Boulevard, First Floor Cashier Counter, Newark, California, 94560, before 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2020. At that time, all bids will be publicly opened, examined and declared. In the event that the City Administration Building is closed due to a continuation of the COVID-19 Shelter-in-Place Order for Alameda County, alternative provisions will be made for bid submittals at the same time and location. Any such provisions will be made available to all plan holders with an Addendum. The improvements are generally described as follows: Pavement rehabilitation on Thornton Avenue between Hickory Streat and Spruce Street. The scope of work includes traffic control, installation of erosion and sedimentation control measures, asphalt concrete roadway surface conform/full width grinding, localized full depth asphalt concrete patch paving of various depths, grading, replacing traffic signal detector asphalt concrete includes previously placed pavement reinforcing fabric and may not be accepted at asphalt concrete production plants for recycling. Bids are required for the entire work described herein. The Contractor shall possess a wolld Class A California Contractors lineago at the valid Class A California Contractors license at the time of the bid opening. The Contractor must be properly licensed as a contractor from contract award through Contract acceptance (Public Contract Code § 10164). 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. This Project is subject to federal funding valid Class A California Contractors license at the

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Community relief fund to protect residents and businesses

SUBMITTED BY CHUCK FINNIE

The City of Hayward has formed a relief fund to receive and direct charitable donations to sustain and to protect residents and businesses during the COVID19 health emergency.

The Hayward Community Relief Fund is being established in response to expressions of interest from residents, businesses, and organizations regarding ways to contribute money and materials to support their neighbors and community during the crisis. An initial focus of the relief fund will be assistance to our most economically vulnerable residents, especially those experiencing loss of earnings without paid sick leave or access to unemployment benefits.

Other focus areas will include supporting local small businesses to curb job losses and funding to maintain community-based COVID-19 testing services initiated by the Hayward Fire Department with the support of Hayward Firefighters Local 1909 of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF).

Contributions to the fund will be received by the East Bay Community Foundation and will be distributed to those most in need via local nonprofit organizations based on recommendations and direction from a City of Hayward advisory team.

> **Hayward Community Relief Fund** (510) 583-4227 www.hayward-ca.gov/ReliefFund

One-stop website for donations and sales of essential medical supplies

SUBMITTED BY GOVERNOR'S PRESS OFFICE

On April 4, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the launch of www.covid19supplies.ca.gov, a new website to get critical medical supplies to the front lines of California's fight against COVID-19. The website will allow individuals, organizations, and companies to donate, sell, or offer to manufacture 13 of the most essential medical supplies, including ventilators, N95 respirators, and testing materials.

"These actions marshal the generosity and innovative spirit of Californians to help us achieve two essential goals: getting more lifesaving supplies into our health care system and increasing our testing capacity," said Newsom.

Additionally, three specific collaborations have been launched as part of the testing effort:

- Collaboration with the University of California, San Diego and University of California, Davis to establish high throughput testing hubs
- Collaboration with Stanford Medicine to launch the first serology test invented in California
- Collaboration with Abbott Laboratories to deploy the first rapid point-of-care test across 13 health care delivery systems and 75 sites

Newsom has also announced the COVID-19 Testing Task Force, a public-private collaboration that will work with stakeholders across the state to quickly and significantly boost California's testing capacity. The task

force plans to scale up testing as demand increases. The task force is co-chaired by California Department of Public Health Assistant Director Charity Dean, M.D., M.P.H. and Blue Shield of California President and CEO Paul Markovich.

The testing task force is focusing on:

- Ensuring California has lab capacity to rapidly turn around test results and increase capacity strategically to meet demand
- Improving the supply chain to ensure that California can both collect samples and evaluate results without delay
- Enabling new, high-quality tests to launch in California as soon as possible
- Improving our ability to accurately track and evaluate COVID-19 testing capacity, results and reporting
- Building the workforce necessary to meet our testing goals

"The Task Force will work together with California academic systems, private systems, public health experts and others to ensure we're creating the most streamlined and effective way to evaluate testing data," said Markovich. "This kind of public-private collaboration will allow us to tap into the systems needed to get the

results California deserves."

Website for Medical Supplies www.covid19supplies.ca.gov

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Response to "Pandemic, **Epidemic: What's** the difference"

(March 31, 2020, Vol. 18, No.12)

We wanted to highlight an interesting definition of epidemics for your readers. (This was in a standard text book of

Preventive Medicine during our medical studies in India):

The occurrence in a community, of cases of a particular disease in numbers which are clearly 'in excess' of that 'expected' for that population and for that time of the year. (This is also mentioned in this CDC document: https://www.cdc.gov/csels/dsepd/ ss1978/lesson1/section11.html)

What is the expected number

• The definition differs for different diseases but mostly an arbitrary limit of mean±2SE of the cases reported in last 3 years.

• In some cases it may be desirable to take the mean± 2SE of the cases reported in last 5 or

So, for some diseases like poliomyelitis and small pox, even a single case is considered to be an 'epidemic'.

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BART trims weekday train service to match lower demand

SUBMITTED BY BART

As the Bay Area counties have now extended mandatory shelter in place orders, BART has reduced service to match lower passenger demand with trains operating every 30 minutes on weekdays. This new schedule will allow the transit agency to increase essential rebuilding projects, save costs, and maintain reliable service based on staffing levels.

The 30-minute train schedule will be in place until further notice. Ridership data shows social distancing remains possible on all trains with this change. Effectively, every other train is being cancelled Monday through Friday. Reducing service also allows greater flexibility to maintain stable service should BART employees need to take time off due to illness or to care for children and family members.

"Ridership is now at 7% of what is usual, and these changes allow us to increase essential rebuilding projects while also ensuring we can provide reliable and predictable service," said BART General Manager Bob Powers. "With so many unknowns about the length of the shelter in place orders and the timing of recovery, we must take steps to protect the operating budget while also protecting our ability to run service every 30 minutes."

This move will potentially save the operating budget \$3-7 million per month. The savings is realized by shifting employees to capital improvement projects that are not funded by the operating budget. BART is using this time of historically low ridership to focus on essential infrastructure projects that typically are very disruptive to riders or can only be accomplished during overnight hours. These rebuilding efforts have been designated as essential public works projects per the region's public health orders issued in response to the coronavirus.

3-line service starts earlier in the evening

BART has moved up the time the Warm Springs-Daly City (Green) and Richmond-Millbrae (Red) lines that provide direct service to/from San Francisco end and 3-line service begins. This will allow for a longer work window for power cable replacement in San Francisco. The last two train dispatches in both directions on these lines is canceled and single tracking in San Francisco starts around

- The last Warm Springs-Daly City (Green) line train departs Warm Springs at 5:16 p.m. and arrives at Daly City at 6:26 p.m. It then departs Daly City at 6:43 p.m. and arrives at Warm Springs at 7:54 p.m.
- The last Richmond-Millbrae (Red) line train departs Richmond at 5:41 p.m. and arrives at Millbrae at 6:51 p.m. It then departs at Millbrae at 7:18 p.m. and arrives at Richmond at 8:24 p.m.

There is only one hole in the new 30-minute schedule. It is on the Red line departing from Millbrae at 6:18 p.m. To avoid this gap, passengers should board the SFO shuttle from Millbrae at 6:00 p.m. and connect with the Antioch line train at SFO at 6:26 p.m. and then transfer at MacArthur at 7:10 p.m. to the Richmond train.

Plan your trip to avoid waiting

PDFs of the new schedule are posted on the BART website at www.bart.gov. Riders can use the PDF schedule to start planning their trips and what time they should arrive at the station to avoid a long wait. Riders can also check real time departures before heading to the station. Staff is updating the online Trip Planner to reflect the new service plan and to show every other train as canceled. For personalized trip planning assistance, call the Transit Information Center at (510) 465-2278 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Weekend service unchanged

Weekend service has not changed. The decision to not change weekend service at this time is to avoid doubling weekend headways. Reducing service on the weekend would mean Saturday service would need to go to 40-minute headways and Sunday service would go to 48-minute headways. At this time, BART is not ready to implement that level of service reduction, but they may need to do so in the future if circumstances change.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Union Sanitary District proposed **Sewer Service Rate Increase of 45%**

Union Sanitary District (USD) mailed a notice in March to every resident of a planned sewer service charge increase of 45% over the next 5 years. The sewer service charge is a fixed charge collected with the property tax, easily overlooked on the property tax bill. The set rates are highly regulated by voter-approved Proposition 218 as well as numerous state laws. These regulations dictate that all customers must pay their equitable share of the cost to provide sewer service.

A four-person household is likely producing four times the sewage compared to a single person household, but both residential households are billed the same service charge. A single person residential household is subsidizing a multi-person residential household group, which is currently not allowed,

as one customer group would be subsidizing another.

Other sewer service agencies in the Bay Area charge customers according to their water usage. Some also provide discounts or reduced sewer rates of residential single-family households based on gross annual household income, something USD also needs to introduce.

Property owners may submit a written protest. Protests must be received via mail, email, or fax at the District by 5:00 p.m. on May 11,2020; Each protest must contain the property owner's name, the street address or assessor's parcel number, must be signed by the property owner unless sent via email.

TO SUBMIT A PROTEST: Mail: Union Sanitary District -Rate Protest FY 21-25 5072 Benson Road Union City, CA 94587 **Email:** rates@unionsanitary.ca.gov Fax: (510) 477-7501

> **Hartmut Wiesenthal Fremont**

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Improve Mission Peak staging area

The coronavirus is forcing cities to make changes for their residents. The City of Oakland is taking cars off the streets, to upport pedestrians and bicyclists: "74 miles of Oakland streets will close to cars to give walkers, bicyclists exercise room during coronavirus stay-home order." (SF Chronicle, April 10, 2020) Fremont just closed most parking lots around Central Park, "our most popular park, serving both local residents and those visiting from surrounding communities.'

This description is even more true for Mission Peak Regional Preserve, which is more popular than Central Park. Mission Peak is the top visitor attraction in Fremont, with 1,700 Yelp reviews compared to 500 for Central Park. Though the walking paths and open space will remain open at Central Park, they could be shut down near Stanford Ave. Staff issued a letter to EBRPD o April 9 asking to shut down most of the main trail, and lock the main entrance. In reality, Mission Peak is having a hard closure on Easter weekend (video 01h 32m 30s). Closing this park will bludgeon public health; and, as described by The Atlantic Magazine, "closing parks is ineffective pandemic theater."

Staff sent the April 9 letter, without consulting the Council and without a public hearing. Rather than rubber-stamping the rash letter, the Council should consider guidance from the Health Officer of Contra Costa County in close partnership with Dr. Pan, Health Officer of Alameda County. Their guidance stresses the importance of parks.

The Council should not endorse the letter of April 9 as written—given its abrupt tone and brash demands. The city has refused to cooperate with the Park District to address issues surrounding the Stanford Ave entrance. In point of fact, the city has not convened the EBRPD Liaison Committee for the last year.

Mission Peak is a valuable asset, that ought to be preserved and enhanced. EBRPD has been a valued partner, operating Mission Peak at no cost to the city. The Park District plans to significantly improve the staging area at Stanford Ave, which would benefit Fremont and its

https://bit.ly/3aXVoDO We're asking the city to work to improve its relationship with EBRPD. The lease expiration is set for July 2020. We ask the city to renew the lease for another 25 years, and we ask the District to spend six million dollars to improve the staging area.

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Driverless delivery vehicles being tested in Bay Area

THE ROBOT REPORT

By Steve Crowe

I have three kids under the age of 7. So, my wife and I are being extra careful during the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes not going to the grocery store. We haven't been in about a month. The store offers a delivery service, thankfully, but wait times are already two weeks out. Who knew grocery delivery was so exciting? But we wave enthusiastically through the window to the delivery driver as our groceries are placed on the front porch.

Next comes the fun (or crazy) part. I then go out and use wipes to sanitize the food packaging before bringing the groceries into the house. Scientific experts have different opinions on whether this is necessary, but we don't know who the delivery driver has been in contact with, so why take the chance?

The novel coronavirus has highlighted the need for contactless delivery services. And autonomous delivery startup Nuro is one step closer to making that a reality. The Mountain View, California-based company has been granted permission to test its driverless vehicles on the streets of California.

Nuro, which raised \$940 million from the SoftBank Vision Fund in 2019, is allowed to test two of its low-speed,

electric R2 autonomous vehicles in parts of Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. The permit allows the Nuro R2 vehicles to operate at a maximum speed of 25 mph, only in fair weather conditions, and on streets with a speed limit of no more than 35 mph. The permit covers nine cities:

- Atherton
- East Palo Alto • Los Altos Hills

• Mountain View

- Los Altos
- Menlo Park
- Palo Alto • Sunnyvale • Woodside

The permit grants Nuro permission to conduct deliveries from its local retail partners. This won't start right away, however, due to stay-at-home orders issued by California Governor Gavin Newsom. In the meantime, Nuro will engage in logistical planning for its future operations. "Our hope is that residents of neighboring cities and counties will see R2 on the road soon,"

Policy Officer David Estrada. In December 2019, California approved testing of light-duty autonomous delivery vehicles on its 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

said Nuro's Chief Legal and

pickup trucks and cargo vans. Nuro's Head of Robot

Operations, Andrew Clare, is keynoting RoboBusiness 2020. Clare's keynote will explore some of the non-passenger applications of autonomy, discussing robot operations, and how Nuro is tackling the challenges associated with designing vehicles and putting forth a consumer-facing service.

Nuro joins Waymo in exclusive club

Nuro wrote on its blog that this is the "first permit ever granted by the State of California to test a self-driving vehicle on public roads that is not only driverless, but also passenger less."

There are currently 65 companies with an active permit to test autonomous vehicles with a human safety driver in California. Nuro has had permission to test in California with safety drivers since 2017. However, Nuro and Waymo are now the only two companies allowed to operate driverless vehicles on California's public roads.

The Nuro R2 was recently granted an exemption by the U.S. Department of Transportation, allowing it to be tested on public roads without certain features of traditional, passenger-carrying vehicles. It lacks side mirrors, rear visibility, and a windshield that can be seen through, all of which are required in human-driven vehicles, according to the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.

The exemption also permits the Nuro R2 to operate its rearview cameras while moving forward, since the vehicle will never be occupied by a human driver who could be distracted by the rear video display.

"The safety of the motoring public is the DMV's top priority, and we do not give out these permits lightly," DMV Director Steve Gordon said. "Nuro has met the DMV's requirements to receive this permit to test their driverless delivery vehicles on California's public roads."

Nuro was founded in 2016 by Dave Ferguson and Jiajun Zhu, both former Alphabet engineers who worked on the company's autonomous vehicle efforts, which have since become Waymo. Nuro has already run pilots in Arizona and Texas, conducting deliveries for partners such as Domino's, Kroger, and Walmart using a fleet of retrofitted Toyota Priuses.

"We have always believed in the transformative power of autonomous vehicles, and in the climate of COVID-19 we understand their potential even more deeply," Estrada said.

"Putting our driverless R2 delivery vehicles on the road in California will be an important first for our company and the self-driving industry. But it is just a glimmer of what is to come."

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

Below: Nuro joins Waymo as the only two companies cleared to test driverless vehicles in California. Credit: Nuro





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