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Distance Learning: a new ball game for schools

BY JUI SADEKAR

Local school districts have transitioned to remote classwork for the remainder of the school year according to guidelines from the California Department of Education. When the growing coronavirus pandemic compelled schools to halt in-person classes in March, some faculty were caught off guard, while others had anticipated going virtual. Teachers are now using Zoom, Google Classroom, or other learning platforms to conduct classes. Some instructors are also recording their lessons online, so they are available for students who are ill or miss a class.

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For the purpose of this plan, “distance learning” means instruction in which the student and instructor are in different locations. Distance learning includes the use of:

- Video or audio instruction
- Instructional television, video, telecourses, or other instruction that relies on computer or communications technology
- It may also include the use of print materials incorporating assignments that require written or oral feedback.

Elementary Weekly Lesson Time
Weekly lesson time refers to time students spend on activities that are planned and supported by teachers. The weekly lesson time per grade span is the following:

- 5 hours per week** for students in PK, TK and K
- 10 hours per week** for students in grades 1-3
- 13 hours per week** for students in grades 4-6

Secondary Weekly Lesson Time
Weekly lesson time refers to time students spend on activities that are planned and supported by teachers. The secondary weekly lesson time is the following:

- 3-4 hours per class per week**

During our initial phase of this plan, we ask parents to be mindful that their child's abilities regarding online learning may vary. The district recommends that teachers approach this innovative lesson delivery gradually, taking into account the individual technical abilities, academic needs, and social-emotional health of each student as we all learn more about distance learning.

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Thinking outside the box for virtual classes and ensuring availability of technology are not the only challenges for schools. Issuing grades for the rest of the semester is another task.

Sheltering in an UNSAFE PLACE

BY STEPHANIE GERTSCH
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For months we've been told to “shelter in place” – stay in our homes and restrict contact with the outside world – to protect ourselves and others during the ongoing pandemic. However, to survivors of domestic violence, their homes are not places of safety and wellbeing. Now they are cut off from resources and networks in a high-stress time.

“It's important to understand that joblessness does not cause domestic violence. The stress of a pandemic does not cause domestic violence,” says Kate Hart, Director of Programs at SAVE in Fremont. “But it can exacerbate a situation in which violence is already happening.” SAVE (Safe Alternatives to Violent Situations) helps survivors through a variety of services such as a hotline, counseling, shelter, and long-term housing.

Many survivors still live with their abuser, whether a partner or family member. Says Hart, “Survivors are good at seeing when things are escalating and when maybe it's a good time to go hang out at mom's house for the weekend or a couple of hours.” Even a job can be a means of escape. However, now many workers are furloughed and

discouraged from seeing people outside of their household, leaving survivors with fewer ways to de-escalate.

Liz Varela is Executive Director of Building Futures, a San Leandro-based nonprofit that advocates for both the homeless and DV survivors. She says it's critical to stay aware of survivors during shelter in place. “Speaking up for survivors of domestic violence is really important because they're invisible to us right now. We know it's happening, we know they're there, but they're invisible.”

When the state and counties issued the shelter in place order in mid-March, organizations like SAVE and



Mother's Day gift delivery to clients_SAVE Staff Shaila



Essential item donations from New Life Fremont

Building Futures had to adapt practically overnight. “I am amazingly proud of our staff and how quickly we were able to move to remote services,” Hart says. “We provide crisis services, so we are used to moving quickly, thinking on our feet, pulling together resources on a shoestring [budget], and making things happen. When the order came down, we were able to set up remote operations for our empowerment center within a couple of days.”

The office phone was rerouted to someone working from home. Case managers were already working with clients online, and counseling groups switched to Zoom. As of May, about 75 percent of their services are remote. Obviously, the shelter is one service that can't go online. Right now, it is minimally staffed and complying with CDC cleaning recommendations.

One service everyone misses is the Empowerment Center, where clients could drop in to chat, use the kitchen or computers, or pick up personal care items. Now SAVE is finding ways to replicate that sense of community online. Project Light, a support group for people who have experienced abuse in the past, is now meeting via Zoom. Hart says, “Every week, when we do our check in, those women are like ‘I'm so glad I have this. It's the highlight of my week to get together with you guys!’”

SAVE has also ramped up outreach services through PSAs on their Facebook page, with information geared toward friends as well as to survivors themselves. For friends of survivors there are

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More Time at Home Means More Time Outside

Shelter in Place Guidelines Include Neighborhood Walks and Bike Rides

During these past two months, shelter-in-place guidelines are keeping us from long, lazy days at the beach or the ballgame, but many people are getting outside as much as possible. Family bicycle rides, gardening, hikes and long walks through local neighborhoods are helping keep people mentally and physically strong. The time outside may not seem like much sun exposure, but precautions should not be overlooked.

Enjoying the sun is fine, says Dr. Tam Nguyen, a primary care physician with Washington Township Medical Foundation, but the most important thing you can do for yourself and your family is avoid getting sunburned from overexposure (even on a shady day)—which can happen in a fairly short time. Sunburns are not just painful, Dr. Nguyen notes, “They can cause skin damage that



During the past eight weeks, more people are out for neighborhood walks or bike rides. Local physician reminds us to practice sun safety.

can accelerate aging and, at times, increase the risk of skin cancer.”

This doesn’t mean forgo those cherished moments outdoors. “It’s not difficult to prevent sunburns,” Dr. Nguyen explains. “Avoid direct sunlight, particularly between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. when the sun is the brightest and the strongest.” A variety of sunscreens and sunblock lotions can help, and covering up with long-sleeve shirts, long pants, and wide-brim hats also reduces the risk of sunburn.

Dr. Nguyen recommends using a broad-spectrum sunscreen that blocks both forms of ultraviolet radiation (UVA & UVB), both of which can cause sunburn and skin damage that may lead to various forms of skin cancer and skin aging.

Most shoppers look at the SPF (sun protection factor) rating to determine what would be an effective sunscreen but it’s

equally important to make sure your choice has both UVA and UVB protection. The SPF rating only focuses on UVB.

Dr. Nguyen says SPF 30 is effective for most skins — fair to dark. “The difference between SPF 30 and SPF 100 is only 2 percent,” he explains. If you need a true sunblock, sunscreens are not the answer. The two effective types of sunblock are titanium dioxide and zinc oxide, minerals mixed in heavy oil that effectively block the sun’s rays. These are the white creams one often sees on the faces of lifeguards at the local pool.

“Sunblocks are effective for those parts of the skin that are exposed continually, like the face and nose,” Dr. Nguyen says. “But it’s not practical to cover one’s entire body with sunblock, so other strategies should be used.” That’s where covering up comes into play. For those individuals particularly sensitive or concerned about

sun exposure, some clothing comes with SPF built in, providing increased protection.

But protecting your skin isn’t just a summer job, Dr. Nguyen adds. It’s important to keep your skin healthy all year around. He recommends using moisturizers, drinking plenty of water, using sunscreens all year long and no smoking. “Smoking is not just harmful for your lungs; it is harmful for your skin too,” he says.

Some parents are concerned about using sunscreen on children — they are worried that the chemicals in the lotions might be absorbed into the child’s system. Dr. Nguyen says he’s not seen any evidence that the ingredients in sunscreen have caused any harm to young children. “I recommend sunscreen and/or sunblock for children but, if a parent is concerned about it, covering up the child is a good alternative,” he says.

Dr. Nguyen reminds sunscreen users that sunscreen does wear off and wash off. “A sunscreen may be advertised as ‘waterproof’ but there’s no such thing in sunscreens,” he adds.

If you get a sunburn, Dr. Nguyen recommends using cold compresses to bring down the inflammation. Aloe vera creams or gels can help, as can an oatmeal bath or oatmeal paste placed on the burned area. Use moisturizers to keep the skin moist and flexible.

Dr. Nguyen’s summer creed: During these days of varied activities outdoors, it is very important to use sunscreen/sunblock, reapply, moisturize and cover up. Soon, we will be back to more extended time in the sun and we need to safeguard our body’s most important protector —our skin.

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	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
	5/26/20	5/27/20	5/28/20	5/29/20	5/30/20	5/31/20	6/1/20
12:00 PM 12:00 AM	Diabetes Matters: Asian Fusion	Palliative Care Series: Interfaith Discussions on End of Life Topics	Active Living: Yoga Exercises	Voices InHealth: Antimicrobial Stewardship	Nerve Compression Disorders of the Arm	Mental Health Education Series: Mental Wellness	Anxiety: Stop Negative Thoughts
12:30 PM 12:30 AM	Respiratory Health and Diseases		Palliative Care Series: Palliative Care Demystified	Women's Health, Strategy for Wellness: Gender Matters, Heart Disease Risk in Women			
1:00 PM 1:00 AM				Pain When You Walk? It Could Be PVD	Sports Medicine Program: Nutrition & Athletic Performance	How to Prevent Financial Elder Abuse/Fraud	
1:30 PM 1:30 AM	The Patient's Playbook Community Forum: Getting to the No-Mistake Zone	Mental Health Education Series: Anxiety Disorders	Gastrointestinal Disorders	Weight Management: Stopping the Madness	Mental Health Education Series: Understanding Psychotic Disorders	Diabetes Matters: Latin Foods	Digestive Health: What You Need to Know
2:00 PM 2:00 AM	Caregiver Series: Caring for Someone with Dementia or Other Medical-Related Memory Loss					11th Annual Women's Health Conference: Patient's Playbook	
2:30 PM 2:30 AM	Family Caregiver Series: Fatigue and Depression	Diabetes Matters: Dining Out Around The World				Diabetes Health Fair 2019: Diabetes & Stroke: What's the Connection?	Solutions for Weight Management
3:00 PM 3:00 AM	Preventive Screenings: When and Why are They Important?	Updated Treatments for Knee Pain & Arthritis	Strategies to Reduce the Risk of Cancer Recurrence	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes: Is There an App for That?	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes & Eyes	Palliative Care Series: How Can This Help Me?	Diabetes Matters: Filipino Food Made Healthy
3:30 PM 3:30 AM	Women's Health Conference: Reclaiming Your Confidence			Aortic Valve Disease: Treatment Options Including TAVR	Early Detection and Prevention of Female Cancers		
4:00 PM 4:00 AM	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes Conversations	Sidelined by Back Pain? Get Back in the Game	Women's Health Conference: Women & Stroke: Are You at Risk?	Hepatitis B and Liver Cancer: Prevention and Treatment		Caregiver Series: Codependency and the Caregiver	Chronic Kidney Disease: FAQ
4:30 PM 4:30 AM		Women's Heart Health	Latest Treatment Options for Wound Care		Cognitive Assessment As You Age	Colon Cancer	Skin Health: Skin Cancer & Fountain of Youth
5:00 PM 5:00 AM	Mental Health Education Series: Crisis Intervention	Sick Feet?	Not A Superficial Problem: Varicose Veins & Chronic Venous Disease	Mindful Healing	Suffer From Sinus Problems?	Heart Health: What You Need to Know	Sports Medicine Program: Why Does My Shoulder Hurt?
5:30 PM 5:30 AM		Women's Health through the Years: Screening is Key to Aging Well				Vitamins & Supplements: How Useful Are They?	
6:00 PM 6:00 AM				Stop Diabetes Before It Starts	Learn About the Signs & Symptoms of Sepsis	Stress Management	FB Live: Maintaining Your Mental Wellness During the COVID-19 Pandemic
6:30 PM 6:30 AM	Mental Health Education Series: Family Support	Family Caregiver Series: Mindfulness Meditation for the Caregiver	Symptoms of Thyroid Problems	Diabetes Matters: Asian Indian Cooking	Advancements in Lung Cancer Detection and Treatment		Food Pharmacy: Prescription for Colon Health
7:00 PM 7:00 AM	FB Live: Maintaining Your Mental Wellness During the COVID-19 Pandemic	Diabetes Matters: Type 1.5 Diabetes		Peripheral Vascular Disease: What You Need to Know	Learn More About Kidney Disease	Family Caregiver Series: Understanding Healthcare Benefits	Understanding HPV: What You Need to Know
7:30 PM 7:30 AM	How to Sleep Your Way to Better Health	Inside Washington Hospital: Advanced Treatment of Aneurysms	Crohn's & Colitis		Women's Health: Planning for Pregnancy	Diabetes Matters: Exercise IS Medicine	
8:00 PM 8:00 AM	Learn the Latest Treatment Options for GERD	Diabetes Health Fair 2019: Diabetes and Foot Care		Mental Health Education Series: Understanding Mood Disorders	FB Live: Maintaining Your Mental Wellness During the COVID-19 Pandemic	Diabetes Matters: Basics of Insulin Pump Therapy	Endometriosis: Causes, Symptoms, Diagnosis and Treatment
8:30 PM 8:30 AM		Healthy Eating: Prescription for Health			Diabetes Matters: Italian Foods		
9:00 PM 9:00 AM	Strategies to Help Lower Your Cholesterol and Blood Pressure	Family Caregiver Series: How Do You Talk to Your Doctor?	Metabolic Disorders	Ready, Set, Goal! A Healthier You in 2020	Diabetes Matters: Heart Healthy Eating	Women's Health Conference: Quality of Life Before and After Cosmetic Surgery	Family Caregiver Series: Loss, Grief & Recovery
9:30 PM 9:30 AM	Diabetes Matters: Straight Talk About Diabetes Medications	Diabetes Health Fair 2019: Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes		Diabetes Matters: Diabetes and Your Heart	Family Caregiver Series: Managing Family Dynamics in Caregiving	Balance & Falls Prevention	

Washington Hospital Participating in Investigational COVID-19 Treatment Program



Those who have recovered from COVID-19 may be able to donate plasma that can be used in the treatment of patients seriously ill from the virus.

Washington Hospital has joined more than 2,200 hospitals across the country in a government-supported program to administer convalescent plasma as a therapy for those who are severely ill with COVID-19. This is part of an investigational study led by the Mayo Clinic, which recently posted a report showing that this promising approach appears to be safe for COVID-19 patients.

The treatment entails harvesting antibody-rich plasma from people who have recovered from COVID-19, then transfusing it into those who are newly infected with the virus. The hope is the convalescent plasma will help speed recovery and increase the odds of survival for those fighting COVID-19.

“While much is still unknown about COVID-19, the use of convalescent plasma as a therapy option makes scientific sense and appears to be safe,” said Omeed Azizirad, MD, the Washington Hospital critical care physician who is leading the Hospital’s participation in the study in collaboration with his fellow intensivists and infectious disease experts. “If a member of my family became ill with COVID-19, I would want this treatment option to be available to them.”

How Convalescent Plasma May Help Fight COVID-19

One of the ways people fight off infectious diseases is by developing antibodies that lead to the destruction of the invading microorganism. These antibodies are present in their blood,

specifically in the liquid portion of their blood called plasma. People who have recovered from being recently infected with COVID-19 and have been symptom-free for two weeks may donate plasma that in turn can be given to individuals who are sick with the coronavirus. The hope is it will help eliminate the virus from their system, allowing them to get better. This approach, called passive immunity, has been successful in treating other infectious diseases in the past like polio, smallpox and Ebola, as well as respiratory diseases like influenza.

While still considered experimental for COVID-19, early results have been encouraging. According to the Mayo Clinic study, of the 5,000 patients who initially received the treatment, fewer than 1% had a serious adverse reaction within four hours of the transfusion and 85% of them were still alive seven days later.

Calling on the Community to Help

Washington Hospital registered in late April to participate in the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s Expanded Access Program to receive COVID-19 convalescent plasma. To date, the therapy has been used on about 10% of patients with the virus.

Once the plasma request has been sent to the local Red Cross blood center for a patient who has tested positive for COVID-19, that person is placed on a waiting list and it usually takes four to six

days to receive it. In some cases the plasma arrives too late—after a patient’s condition has become too serious or they have improved enough to be discharged from the Hospital.

“The issue right now is there are not enough donors to meet the current need for convalescent plasma,” said Dr. Azizirad. “We encourage people who have recovered from COVID-19 to register with the Red Cross to donate plasma so they can benefit others in their community who are currently fighting the illness. We also hope local physicians will remind their patients who have had the virus to help in this way.”

Donating plasma is like giving blood. It is harmless and the only mild discomfort is the initial needle poke. To qualify to donate plasma for coronavirus patients, you must be at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds, be in good health, and have fully recovered from COVID-19. To fill out an eligibility form, go to www.redcrossblood.org/donate-

[blood/dlp/plasma-donations-from-recovered-covid-19-patients](#). While personal plasma donations cannot be directed to a specific hospital or person, all local donations will ultimately help.

Dr. Azizirad, who works in Critical Care, also urges local people to make sure they seek medical attention when needed. “We’ve had patients who waited to come in for serious issues like strokes and heart attacks, which worsened their condition. Understandably, people may be reluctant to come to the Hospital because they are afraid of getting the virus or they don’t want to overwhelm the system. I can assure them that we are well prepared to treat them safely and efficiently as we always have.”

For more information on expanded access to convalescent plasma for the treatment of patients with COVID-19, go to www.uscovidplasma.org. To learn more about Washington Hospital’s preparedness and protocols during the coronavirus crisis, visit www.whhs.com/coronavirus.



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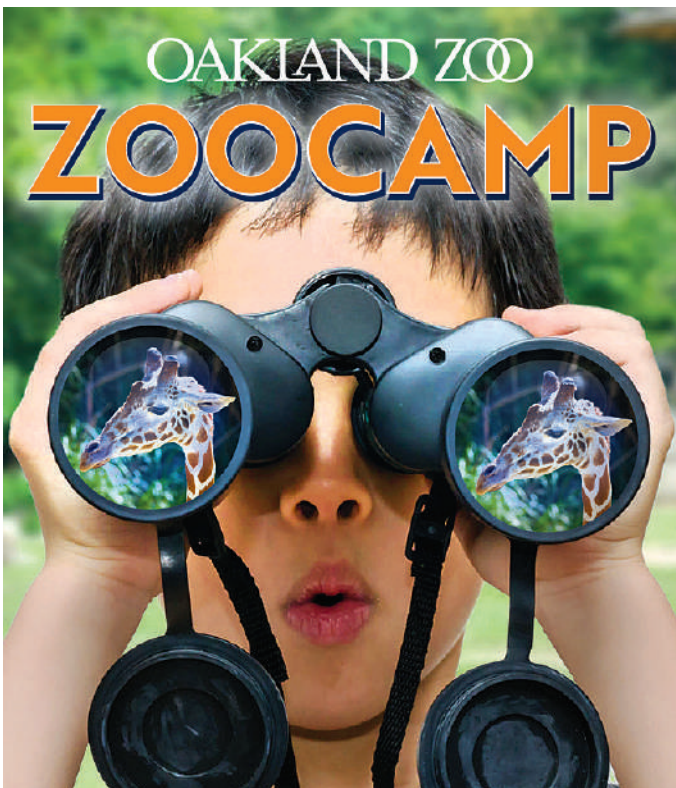
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no magic words or formulas. The most important thing is to show that you are there for them, research what resources are available, and let the survivor make their own decisions about their wellbeing.

People wondering if their situation “counts” as abuse or domestic violence should trust their intuition. “If your gut feeling is telling you that this person that you’re with is not safe or is causing you harm, listen to that,” advises Hart. “At the center of all domestic violence situations is power and control. Domestic violence itself is one partner trying to exert power and control over the other person.”

While SAVE has temporary housing and employment programs, leaving the abuser is not a requirement or expectation for their clients. “The goal is always to move the person toward safety, whatever that looks like for that person,” says Hart. “We want every phone call, every interaction to end with that survivor being a little more safe than they were when they called us.” Additionally, their services are for anyone who identifies as a survivor, even if the abuse happened years ago.

SAVE and Building Futures both expect their DV advocacy to ramp up even as the pandemic slows down. Everyone is piecing their life back together, and survivors are starting this process at a disadvantage because they already lack resources and social networks. As part of the cycle of control, abusers discourage their victims from holding employment and undermine their relationships (or seek out people who have fewer connections to begin with).

“Most of us have at least a friend or a family member who is a source of emotional or even practical support,” says Hart. She recalls how her mother pitched in with free daycare after the birth of her son. “A lot of the folks we work with don’t have those networks. They’re not in the PTA. They’re not part of a neighborhood where the moms help each other out. They may not have good family ties anymore.”

Liz Varela of Building Futures expects more people to reach out to services when shelter-in-place ends, and she hopes local governments will respond with support. “The state and the county have done an incredible job with homelessness. We need

to see the same response when it comes to domestic violence.”

During the challenge of COVID-19, programs like SAVE and Building Futures have developed new outreach strategies. Hart was surprised at the enthusiastic response to Zoom support groups, as she saw not only current clients transition, but new clients sign up for the first time. “We’re hopeful that we can come out of this with some new and different ideas for ways we can do things,” says Hart. “We probably won’t stop having virtual groups, because we can tap into a whole population of folks who might’ve had a hard time getting to us.”

Hart is especially thankful for the Facebook PSAs, saying, “I’m so proud of how the staff spoke. I kept thinking, ‘I can’t reach the probably 10,000 survivors who might need us, but I can reach 10,000 people and those people could continue to post those messages.’”

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Curbside pickup can begin Friday at retailers including Southland Mall

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Alameda County joined the rest of the Bay Area Monday in moving to phase two of the state’s reopening guidelines when the health officer announced that curbside retail pickup could begin Friday, May 22.

Southland Mall GM Todd Falduti reported to the Hayward Chamber of Commerce that while the mall interior will not yet be accessible, several stores said they could be ready for curbside retail pickup by that date.

“It’s a step in the right direction,” he said. After working with mall retailers on the new regulations, Falduti’s marketing team expects to be able to have messages on the mall website, on its electronic marquee, and to the chamber for release, detailing which stores will be open and the curbside pick-up process.

The Southland Mall team has already begun work on social distancing measures for when the entire facility can be accessed by the public, which is not permitted in this new order. Signage will keep patrons six feet apart and the food court has been re-arranged so diners will sit at the appropriate distance from each other.

A Cinemark spokesperson told the chamber that the theater complexes at the mall and in downtown Hayward may not open until July 1, and then would probably show popular features such as Disney films until first-run movies are scheduled in August.

The updated directive was issued Monday by public health officers in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco and Santa Clara counties and the city of Berkeley. It puts those jurisdictions in the second of four phases of the state’s recovery plan.

In addition to curbside pickup, businesses connected to retailers with manufacturing, logistics and warehousing may also open. However, stores are prohibited from moving their products outside for display or sale, and customers must order and pay for products online or over the phone. The regulations only apply to retail stores with an adjacent sidewalk or pedestrian walkway, street or parking lot.

View the list of open stores at Southland here: <https://www.southlandmall.com/en.html>.

Zero contact curbside pickup and bike shop services

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As cities and states around the country look to reopen businesses, REI is offering curbside pickup and bike shop services at its Fremont store. Customers can place an order through REI.com or the REI shopping app and an employee wearing gloves and a mask will load items in the customer’s vehicle once they arrive outside the store.

In addition, customers can call their local store to schedule an appointment for maintenance or repair services, securely drop off their bike outside the store, and an REI technician will service the bike, notifying customers by phone when it’s ready. REI recommends checking local guidelines before heading outside.

For more information about REI’s curbside services, visit <https://www.rei.com/h/curbside-pickup>. To schedule a bike shop

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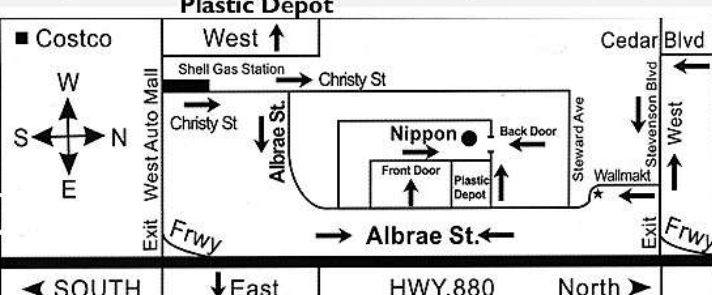
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Local libraries stand against the global crisis

BY MARC VICENTE
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With shelter-in-place orders being extended, it remains uncertain when organizations will resume normal operations; businesses and public facilities are finding ways to adapt.

Libraries have undergone perhaps the most drastic of changes during this pandemic season. They house a variety of books that circulate among more than one person through checkout. Because the virus spreads through contact with people and other surfaces, checking out new physical books has been postponed ever since quarantine protocols were initiated to reduce the spread of the virus. In addition, many libraries in the Bay Area have extended the deadline of checked out media so that patrons can return them when the pandemic dies down. Multiple events involving libraries have also been postponed to maintain the safety of patrons.

Sometimes, libraries can serve as places of refuge for when disasters occur. Fremont Main Library



Division Director Brian Edwards says, “A couple years ago, when we had fires, we had clean air circulating through the library so we had people coming inside for space to breathe and a cool place because they didn't have that at home. With this virus, we have to close our doors, which is hard for a lot of people and their mental health. This pandemic is difficult for a lot of people at home, with a lot of necessary services closed down. Some people have no access to internet, music or streaming services, so they are waiting for us to reopen soon.”

While a large majority of their physical books remain on shelves, libraries continue to help their communities through their websites, by providing



registration for virtual library cards, or eCards, that allow free access to their online archive. Some libraries, like Hayward Public Library, also offered Chromebooks to some people via checkout before they closed. Hayward Public Library Director of Library Services Jayanti Addleman states that “the transition to digital services was not as difficult as one would expect, since [libraries] were equipped with online services long before the spread of COVID-19.”

Since libraries can only distribute their eBooks a finite number of times under digital rights laws, like the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, Edwards says that libraries have to constantly update, organize and expand their online databases to maintain and provide more content for patrons to enjoy, especially since the use of eLibraries has skyrocketed in the past two months.

In addition to eCards and eBooks, local libraries promote other services and events hosted by their librarians. Tutoring services for students, moral support lines for various demographics, and Census assistance are some of the services offered by multiple Bay Area libraries. Some offer their own unique events, such as Hayward Public Library's



virtual storytimes for children, and Union City Library's Twitch streaming service where patrons can play games with each other.

On top of adapting their current services, libraries are currently cooperating with the Center of Disease Control (CDC), the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the State of California to create innovative ways to reconfigure facilities to decrease the spread of COVID-19 when they reopen. Seating and computer layouts will be rearranged to observe social distancing procedures, with Addleman stating that the Hayward Public Library will start adding plexiglass sneeze guards to their computer stations. Additionally, plans are underway to initiate contactless book pickup in June.

At the moment, the buildings remain empty. Fremont Library is only open to janitorial staff, and librarians are assisting with services while working from home. Before libraries open up again to implement changes, the CDC and IMLS are still working out the best possible courses of action to ensure that everyone can remain safe from the ever-spreading COVID-19 virus.

Editor's Note:

Fremont Main, Castro Valley and San Lorenzo libraries are offering “no contact pickup” services. Items can be requested online, by phone or in-person by filling out a hold request and retrieving the items at a no-contact pickup table. Additional information is available at: <https://guides.aclibrary.org/NoContactPickup> or by calling:

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Census Information

Passport Services

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One hundred years, and still counting



Leroy R. Raymond at an air show

Courtesy of Steven Raymond

By ROB KLINDT

If longtime Fremont resident Leroy R. Raymond were to look back at his life through the lens of time, he likely would need to open the viewing aperture a bit wider to take in more than a century of experiences.

Raymond was born May 4, 1919 in Oakland, but raised in Irvington, one of the five townships that joined to form the City of Fremont in 1956. In May, 2020 he celebrated his 101st birthday at his home in the Irvington district which he and his late wife Arletha purchased new in 1965 to raise their three children.

“He grew up in Irvington and it’s always been home to him,” said his son, Steven R. Raymond, 71, who also grew up in the area but now makes his home in Southern California. While the elder Raymond’s health is fairly good, he let his son share details about his life due to difficulties with phone use.

When Raymond was a youngster in the 1920s and 30s, Irvington was a bustling community with farmers growing crops of wheat, corn, cauliflower, tomatoes, and apricots. Major employers included a large pickle factory and an Occidental stove factory. The Irvington Monument, a prominent traffic marker that welcomed visitors to the area, sat at the convergence of five important roadways in the downtown business area which locals dubbed “Five Corners”. Raymond’s parents owned the Irvington Hotel and he lived there for a while, according to his son.

The younger Raymond said his father attended first through eighth grades at Irvington Grammar School before moving to Washington Union High School in Centerville where he played football and track. He graduated with the class of 1937. As a teenager, Raymond got a job working for a prominent Irvington businessman, Alfred Peixotte, owner of The Irvington Meat Market. “He would load the truck and serve the local farmers.”

The winds of war

After Raymond finished high school it wasn’t long before the winds of war began to swirl, eventually drawing the United States into World War II. In April 1941 Raymond enlisted in the Army. “He was in the service for eight and a half months on CQ [change of quarters guard] duty and originally stationed at Camp Roberts,” his son recalled.

Soon, Raymond decided he wanted to be a pilot and requested to join a training program. He was selected and started 10 months of training in Florida, finishing in July 1944. “They were begging for people to be pilots because there was a shortage,” his son said. “But you had to be physically good; if you slip up, you’re out of it.”

Fresh out of training, Raymond was sent to Italy with the Army Air Corps during the height of the war where he piloted a variety of aircrafts including a P-38, Mosquito and P-51 Mustangs. During his

military career, Raymond flew in the Fifteenth Air Force, the 306th Fighter Wing, the 325th Fighter Group and the 318th Fighter Squadron. “He flew all kinds of missions,” his son said, adding that “most of the missions were escorts, bombers, reconnaissance.”

The younger Raymond described hearing about his father’s most challenging mission, which took place on September 1, 1944. “All three squadrons flew a mission to Dresden, Germany...they spaced the air drill which was three miles away from a train depot,” he said. “Then they would fly about 56-Mustangs going in a circle” to take out the enemy. Most Mustangs did about three rounds on average, he said, adding that three airships were lost because they were flying too high.

In all, Raymond flew 54 missions before completing his service in August 1945 and leaving with the rank of First Lieutenant.

Back to the home front

Raymond returned to Irvington and quickly settled back into civilian life. He took a job as a switch operator with PG&E at a new substation in the Irvington area. He stayed with the utility company for more than 34 years before retiring at age 58.

On January 12, 1947, Raymond married Arletha, whom he met at a dance in San Jose. They had three children and were married 70 years when Arletha died in 2007. Eldest son Steven, 71, and daughter Linda, 69, now live in Southern California and youngest son, Jeff, 59, shares the family home with his father in Irvington.

Raymond described his father’s milestone 100th birthday in 2019 as a low-key, family affair with cards, visits and telephone calls. However, when the 101st birthday rolled around Steven contacted Veterans of Foreign Wars posts in Pleasanton, Hayward and Hacienda Heights and asked them to send birthday cards. “He was astonished,” the younger Raymond said about his father’s reaction.

Age doesn’t seem to have slowed Raymond down much. “He makes his own food, eats well and takes care of himself and he walks around the block every day,” his son said, adding that he recently passed a driving test and still drives around town to shop. For the past 20 years one of Raymond’s hobbies has been working in his garage on open crankcase engines and restoring them to full functioning pieces of equipment.

During the past century, Raymond has lived through many monumental national and world events including the Great Depression, World War II, a presidential assassination, the Apollo moon landings and the start of the digital age. When asked how his father is facing lifestyle changes brought about by the 2020 coronavirus pandemic, Raymond said his father’s reaction to such things is typically low-key, “He would say you have to adapt and go with the flow, but be prepared; it’s less stressful.”



P-51 Mustangs of the 375th Fighter Squadron, Eighth Air Force mid-1944
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A young, talented musician and a straight-A student, Jenny was murdered in her own home in Castro Valley on May 27, 1994 at the age of 14. This brutal death devastated her family and shocked the community. Jenny’s parents, John and Mei-lian Lin, vowed to continue working with the police until the case is solved, to carry on Jenny’s dreams and to see her life extended in a unique fashion.

For 26 years, the Jenny Lin Foundation has offered music scholarships and free music programs to the community each summer, and has organized numerous safety fairs, workshops and contests to raise awareness of child safety issues and to improve safety knowledge and precautions for parents and children. In addition, the Foundation embarked on a safety book project in collaboration with the Castro Valley Library, extending it to other Alameda County branches in San Lorenzo, Union City and Fremont Main Library. Titles covering a wide range of safety-related topics were added to their collections.

Throughout her life, Jenny maintained the most vibrant, vivacious and easy-going personality. Her big eyes and big smile always welcomed a good time. Even at her young age, she knew the secret to a happy and fulfilling life and helped others around her to discover the same.

Join the community in remembering Jenny on the anniversary. A link to watch the event live will be provided at <https://jennylinfoundation.org>.

To date, there is still no arrest or conviction related to Jenny’s murder. However, her family is hopeful that through continuous police effort and public help, this senseless, horrifying case will soon be solved. A \$100,000 reward for information leading to the conviction of Jenny’s murderer is still available. Anyone with information please call the Alameda County Sheriff’s Department at (510) 667-7721 or the toll-free hotline at (855) 4-JENNY-LIN.

26th Service for Jennifer Han-chi Lin
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BUSINESS

San Leandro: Creating a City of Kindness

By JOHNNA M. LAIRD

Around the East Bay Area, local leaders are stepping up to take care of their city's ongoing needs during the evolving pandemic. We've reached out to our mayors from Hayward, San Leandro, Union City, Newark, Fremont, and Milpitas to get updates on the state of their city and how the daily experience of performing their duties looks different than under normal circumstances.

This week we're checking in with Pauline Russo Cutter, Mayor of San Leandro.

San Leandro Kindness Network, a city-sponsored website to match volunteers with organizations in need, launched April 2, weeks after sheltering in place began in the Bay Area. The launch could not have occurred at a better time, given extensive needs triggered by job layoffs and furloughs. However, the idea for San Leandro Kindness Network emerged long before the pandemic.

Designed to facilitate volunteering and create optimal connections between volunteers and non-profits in need, San Leandro Kindness Network was in the works for three years. San Leandro Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter planned to unveil the volunteer hub at her State of the City address on March 30; however, sheltering in place derailed her speech. San Leandro moved ahead to activate the volunteer hub on the city website, focusing primarily on



immediate food bank needs. Rather than a general call for volunteers, the site lists tasks precisely so volunteers know what to expect, even to the weight a volunteer may be expected to lift.

Cutter initiated the idea for San Leandro's Kindness Network three years ago after being grounded by snow in Washington, D.C. for three days and seeing television public service announcements of the mayor calling on neighbors to help elderly neighbors and those with disabilities shovel snow and ice off sidewalks. In D.C., residents must remove snow within 24 hours or face a fine.

"Three hours can mean a whole bunch to someone," says Cutter, who regularly volunteers herself, preparing meals for a

women's shelter and a program serving the homeless. "San Leandro is a community with a big heart."

On a mission to make San Leandro: A City of Kindness an unofficial motto, Cutter put those words into practice last week, making contacts to find large quantities of clean grocery bags for food banks, since shelter in place requires prepacked bags for pickups Metro Poly Co. of San Leandro met the urgent initial need for bags, but more were needed. A preschool teacher for 28 years, Cutter remembered a parent who worked for Safeway and lived down the street. That contact led to an additional 1,000 donated bags.

To aid local food banks now receiving fewer donations from

Alameda County Community Food Bank, San Leandro City Council approved \$135,000 to divide equally among nine active food banks operating in the city. Cutter says needs are great. As an example, she cites an evening food bank where pre-pandemic, 85 to 100 people sought donations daily, but on May 14, 600 people showed up.

"There are a lot of families in need," says Cutter. "When you can't get your paycheck, unemployment [isn't] a long-term solution. People are having problems paying their bills."

To help individuals and families who rent, the city council placed a moratorium on evictions until the state of emergency ends. The moratorium proved easier than Cutter anticipated, given that "when small apartment owners don't get their money, they can't pay their mortgages."

San Leandro's small businesses are also seeking help. Transferring \$250,000 designated for small businesses to paint and refurbish their exteriors, the city council created a program to lend \$5,000 per small business, enough for 50 loans. However, the city received 309 small business applications. The council added \$60,000 from energy funds returned to the city to offer a total of 62 loans for businesses with 25 or fewer employees.

Cutter believes San Leandro's budgeting reflects kindness. For three years, the city has worked to obtain a mental health mobile van, slated to arrive July 1; a shower trailer already operates to

serve the 400-plus homeless people living in San Leandro. Kindness comes in many forms, from donating masks or food, to helping neighbors, all of which Cutter says she has seen during the pandemic.

However, kindness during the pandemic also means adhering to safety guidelines and avoiding large gatherings – rules that can be hard to follow as more flock to the city's parks and outdoor spaces. To encourage safety, the city removed basketball hoops, closed tennis courts, and took down swings to make playgrounds less enticing. The city's golf course reopened May 24, allowing one player per golf cart, required all to wear masks.

"People want to go out in green space," says Cutter, often at her computer screen for hours in endless video conferencing meetings, looking at her own flower garden she posted as her video background. "I can't blame people for wanting green space, but we want people to be safe."

Cutter wants to be out in the community reassuring San Leandro residents, but being in a higher risk category for contracting COVID-19, she must be judicious. When in public, she is sure to wear a mask and social distance, modeling practices she hopes everyone in San Leandro will follow.

This article is part of an ongoing series of interviews with local mayors. Other interviews have run in previous issues.

BUSINESS PULSE CHECK

Fremont Botanicals

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.

Fremont Botanicals

The current shelter-in-place restrictions have opened our eyes to the need for alternate plans in uncertain times. For many, alternative health and wellness has come to their rescue when mainstream medicine has either not sufficiently relieved them of their symptoms or not worked for them at all. Fremont Botanicals offers one option. We at Tri-City Voice

Fremont Botanicals helps our clients with pain, inflammation, sleep and anxiety issues.

reached out to Fremont Botanicals and spoke to Mary Nelson about the products they offer and how COVID-19 has impacted their business.

Fremont Botanicals is a locally owned and operated Cannabidiol (CBD) retail store, an extension of Haller's Pharmacies in Fremont and Gilroy. Fremont Botanicals' focus is on helping their clients with pain, sleep and anxiety issues which may respond to non-intoxicating CBD. "We see customers from young adults to seniors, athletes and many in between for various conditions including rheumatoid arthritis, knee and muscle pain, inflammation, anxiety, and sleep disorders," says Nelson. They offer a variety of wellness options such as topicals, edibles, gels, oils and creams, and free consultations around the selection of the appropriate products based on individual needs.

The store's grand opening in November last year was followed by a chocolate tasting event in February to celebrate Valentine's Day and showcase the various chocolate CBD products. The event at the store shared CBD educational information and hosted chocolate tastings rating the aroma, flavor, texture and finish of samples.

With the shelter-in-place restrictions, they have had to suddenly modify their

operations. The physical retail store is closed but all items are available through their online store. Products for pets can also be found in the online selection and online customer consultations for a personal touch of education about products and guidance. "We have adapted using email, live chat and Instagram to connect with our customers", says Nelson. Services such as therapeutic massage have been put on hold due to the current restrictions but plan to bring it back as soon as the COVID-19 situation resolves.

The staff at Fremont Botanicals is trained and educated in helping clients understand how to effectively use CBD products as part of a healthy lifestyle. So that the consumer can make an informed decision, Fremont Botanicals can access pharmacists at the Haller's pharmacy to discuss any contraindications or interactions.

"While the current restrictions related to COVID-19 have definitely put a damper on the business, tackling the situation and prepping for what's ahead of us is the way to go," says Nelson. "Inhale the future, and exhale the past" is a quote that Nelson tries to live by. We at TCV wish Fremont Botanicals success in their attempts to keep their business going strong in these tough times!



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Through the 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.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

City of Fremont budget is wildly optimistic

The proposed budget for the city of Fremont is wildly optimistic, because it minimizes the fiscal impact of the pandemic. On the one hand, the city says there's "no consensus on economic trajectory; depth of economic contraction; rate and extent of recovery." On the other hand, the city forecasts that "national economy [is] heading toward recession." The Administrator of Alameda County, Susan Muranishi has a more realistic assessment: "We probably have more than a recession and it's something we need to take care of in the long-term."

Property tax revenues grew in Fremont by six percent this year, and the city forecasts a further rise of seven percent next year, though Alameda County expects property values will decline.

The city says the proposed budget for next year is "balanced; revenue growth estimated at 3.8%." The city of Oakland is not as sanguine, and they expect revenues to drop eight percent in the base-line scenario or 12 percent in the pessimistic scenario. Alameda County is also preparing for tough times, and "supervisors directed county department heads to review their budgets and come back with proposals to address the shortfall..."

The city of Pleasanton has begun to tighten its belt, and "cut \$6.3 million from a [\$120 million] budget due to coronavirus...Pleasanton has reduced expenses because of some canceled city programs, shuttered city facilities, canceled training and conferences, and reduced maintenance costs." Palo Alto also cut \$40 million from next year's budget, because it expects a "steep drop in sales tax receipts and hotel-tax revenues."

The city of Fremont wants to increase headcount, and add six new employees next year. Though Fremont has a Pollyanna outlook, Palo Alto is slashing staff. "Facing budget crunch,

Palo Alto backs cuts to police, fire services...reduce the budgets of the city's public safety departments by 9.1%...[will] eliminate more than two dozen positions in the Palo Alto Police Department... reductions in patrol operations, communications, dispatch and the investigations bureau. The department's traffic-enforcement team...would be eliminated..."

Cities around the world report stunning crime drops of 10 percent or more, as COVID-19 keeps people inside. The pandemic could force a restructuring for the public safety staff. During the Great Recession, the Bay Area "witnessed massive cuts to city staffs, reductions in services, and arguments over employee pensions..."

Fremont, on the other hand, wants to add staff. A May 19, 2020 staff recommendation includes "new police parking enforcement officers [city-wide] in the Fiscal Year 2020/21 budget [and] extend the Mission Peak Permit Parking Program for three years." Meanwhile, Oakland has cut parking enforcement. "The city has turned off parking meters and seriously restricted the issuance of parking citations. Furthermore, due to limited staffing, the city has suspended the accrual of parking citation penalties for non-payment..."

We think that budget planners have to be fiscally prudent, not Panglossian. San Jose, Palo Alto, Alameda County, Oakland, and Pleasanton all report severe budget impacts. Our city should not rely on rosy forecasts, nor boost headcount for costly parking enforcement. Fremont must prepare for inevitable revenue shortfalls, rather than waiting for the dam to break.

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THIS? OR THIS?

Lest we forget, this coronavirus pandemic was HUMAN-caused, a direct result of our gross mistreatment of animals, both wild and domestic. Relatedly, nearly every animal welfare organization in the country condemns rodeo due to its inherent cruelty. This likely holds true for the majority of Bay Area residents as well. Thanks to COVID-19, the May Rowell Ranch Rodeo has been cancelled. The property is owned and managed by the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (HARD), with a long history of animal abuse, injury and death.

A MODEST PROPOSAL

HARD should donate the property to a local non-profit, perhaps the East Bay SPCA, and transform the rodeo grounds into a FARM ANIMAL SANCTUARY AND EDUCATION CENTER for Bay Area school children. Projects could include humane education, animal care, an organic garden, riding stable, hayrides, humane ranching skills taught by ranchers, etc. California Education Code 60042 mandates that "humane education and kindness to animals" be taught in the public schools, K-12. Here's a grand opportunity to atone for past sins.

What you can do to help: Send your letters in support of this proposal to Paul McCreary, General Manager, and members of the board, c/o HARD, 1099 "E" Street, Hayward, CA 94541; email -- mcoop@haywardrec.org. Board members are Paul Hodges, Jr., president; Rich Hatcher, Lou Andrade, Carol Pereira and Minane Jameson.

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Semiconductor companies consider new plants in the U.S.

AP WIRE SERVICE

Intel and a Taiwanese company are talking to the Trump administration about building new semiconductor plants in the United States amid concern about relying on suppliers in Asia for chips used in a wide variety of electronics.

A spokesman for Intel, the biggest American chip maker, said Sunday that the company is in discussions with the Defense Department about improving domestic technology sources. Spokesman William Moss said Santa Clara, California-based Intel is well-positioned to work with the government "to operate a U.S.-owned commercial foundry."

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. is open to building a plant outside of Taiwan and has talked with the

Commerce Department, a spokeswoman said.

"We are actively evaluating all the suitable locations, including in the U.S., but there is no concrete plan yet," said the TSMC spokeswoman, Nina Kao.

The discussions were first reported by The Wall Street Journal, which said TSMC is also talking with Apple Inc., one of its biggest customers, about building a plant in the U.S.

The newspaper said the coronavirus pandemic has heightened worries about global supply chains, and that U.S. officials are particularly concerned about the growing reliance on Taiwan, the self-ruled island that is claimed by China.

Intel CEO Bob Swan said in a letter last month to two Pentagon officials that strengthening U.S. production "is more important than ever, given the uncertainty

created by the current geopolitical environment." He said it would be in the best interests of the United States and Intel to explore how the company could build a plant.

Concern about relying so heavily on chips from Taiwan, South Korea and China started even before the coronavirus outbreak.

The Pentagon and the Government Accountability Office issued reports on the matter last year. The GAO said that when U.S. companies shift operations overseas it can mean lower prices for components and technology used in weapons systems. However, having global sources "can also make it harder for (the Pentagon) to get what it needs if, for example, other countries cut off U.S. access to critical supplies," the GAO said in a report last September.



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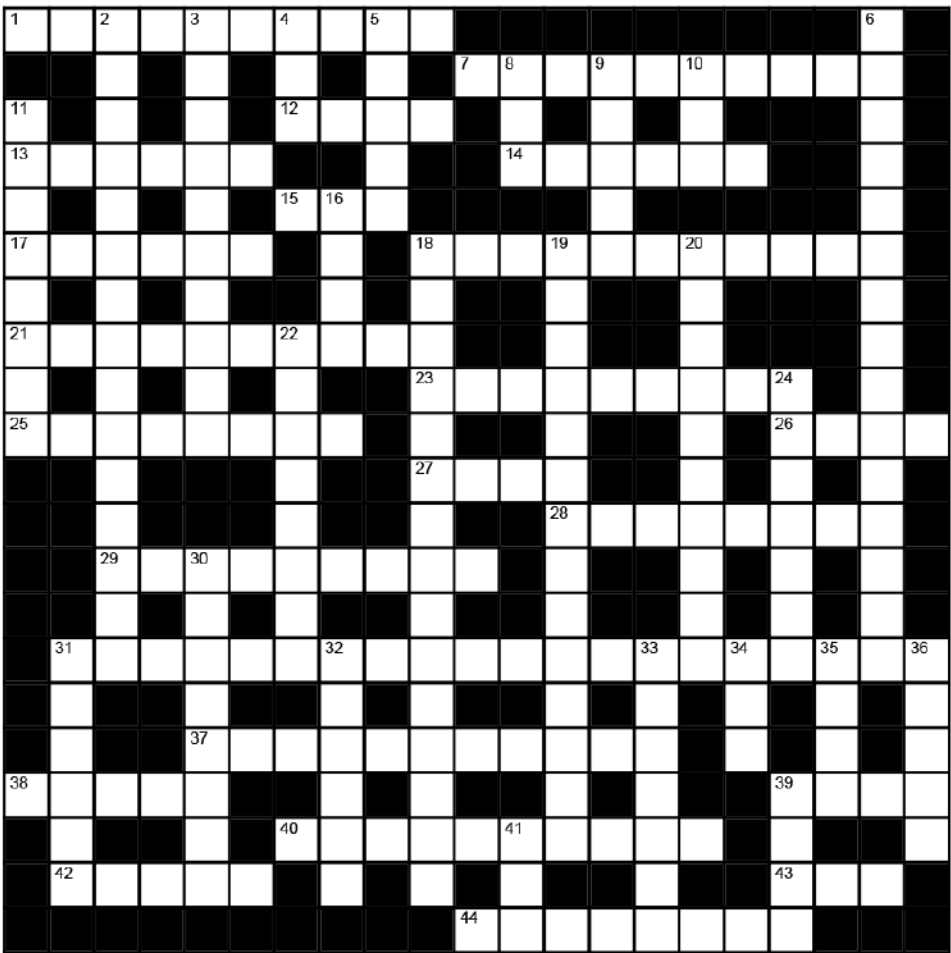
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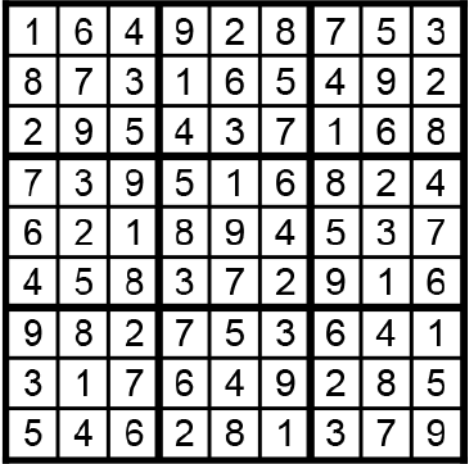
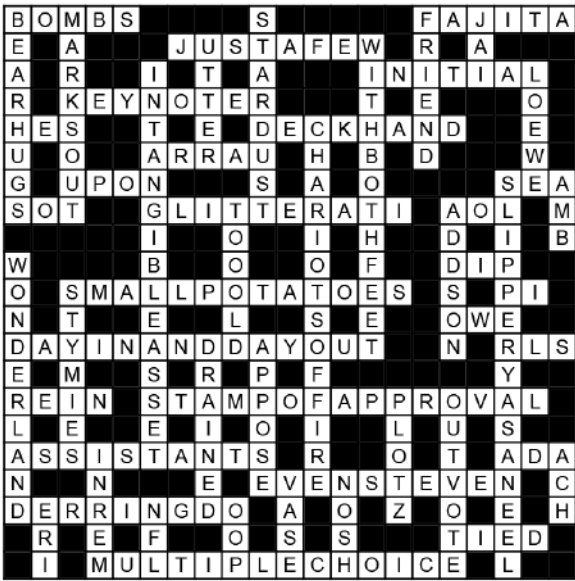
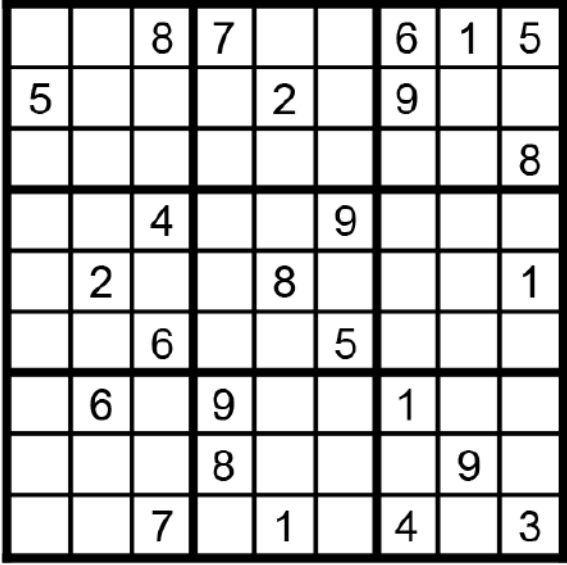
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 - 23 Pause indicator (9)
 - 25 Generous gifts (8)
 - 26 Brewer's kiln (4)
 - 27 Cry (4)
 - 28 Pole, for one (8)
 - 29 Cunning (9)
 - 31 Batting order? (4,4,3,2,3,4)

- 37 Persuasion (11)
 - 38 Red Bordeaux (5)
 - 39 Club of song (4)
 - 40 Trades (10)
 - 42 Pickle (5)
 - 43 Frequently, in verse (3)
 - 44 Gull (4,4)
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 - 3 O.K. (10)
 - 4 Hosp. area (3)
 - 5 Boston airport (5)
 - 6 Hard to grasp (8,2,2,3)
 - 8 Suffix with special (0-3)
 - 9 Primitive percussion instrument (5)
 - 10 ___ Friday (3)

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- 24 Rhinoplasty (4,3)
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Fill in the missing numbers (1 – 9 inclusive) so each row, column and 3x3 box contains all digits.



Tri-City Stargazer FOR WEEK: MAY 26, 2020

All Signs: Mercury will be retrograde from June 18 to July 12. However, there are buffer times because Mercury slows down ahead of time; then afterward,

it takes time to catch up to where it was at when it went retrograde. The buffer times are June 4 to July 27. Mercury retrograde is a poor time to initiate new projects

and to buy cars, trucks, motorcycles, bikes, computers, and cellphones. Nevertheless, Mercury retrograde times are excellent to finish old business.

Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20): Your focus on home and family continues this week; however, there will be more emphasis on family discussions and making plans. Many of you will tackle home repairs and DIY projects. Fortunately, Venus is in the part of your chart where it sweetens your words and makes you charming and diplomatic. This will be handy if you need to cajole others to help you in your projects.

Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20): Your busy pace continues. In fact, you will be even busier this week because you will be talking to more people, and perhaps travelling more or taking short trips. Group discussions will take place, and you will enjoy meeting meet new people. Stay flexible because life is a changing landscape right now. Meanwhile, you will still attract money to you.

Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20): Your focus is still on money, cash flow, earnings, and possessions. You might be concerned with some business or commercial affairs more than usual this week because there will be discussions about money. Some of you will have moneymaking ideas, as well. This is likely because in addition to Mercury being in your Money House, Mars is at the top of your chart arousing your ambition. Lucky Jupiter is in the House of Wealth from others.

Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21): The Sun is still in your sign boosting your energy, and now Mercury moves into Cancer as well. With Mercury in your sign, you will be talkative. You will also be able to put a great deal of yourself into whatever you say. Your mind will be active, and you will also have a better ability to examine yourself with greater objectivity. Naturally, you will want to get out and travel because Mercury likes to be on the move. Although your mind will be fast moving – it will also be clear, which will allow you to accomplish a lot.

Leo the Lion (July 22-August 22): Last week, I mentioned the Sun is hiding in your chart. Hence, this is a good time to formulate goals for your new year, which will begin when the Sun enters Leo on July 22. Goals give you better control over your future and give you a sense of purpose. Because Mercury is joining the Sun in this hidden part of your chart, you will be happy to go off by yourself and study or do research. Nevertheless, fair Venus is in your House of Friendship, encouraging you to be friendly with others and involved in groups.

Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22): Last week, the Sun introduced an influence that makes you popular. This week your popularity is heightened even more because now Mercury is on the scene. Specifically, it will

attract younger people into your world and boost your communications with others. This is a good time to think about goals and to examine whether you’re happy with your goals. Meanwhile, Venus is creating favorable circumstances for your business life or your career. You might find yourself suddenly involved in artistic matters like design, layout work, office redecorating, or landscaping.

Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22): You’re still looking marvelous, especially to bosses, parents, and VIPs because you are captured in the flattering spotlight from the Sun at the top of your chart. This week Mercury joins the picture, encouraging you to make plans for your professional life. Mercury will also encourage you to study something new that will help your career. Mercury will encourage conversations with bosses, parents, employers, and people who can help you.

Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21): Your desire to broaden your horizons through adventure, study, and travel will become even stronger this week because Mercury is moving into that part of your chart to join the Sun. Now you are keen to study because you want to take a larger view of things and see how everything fits together. Details related to foreign places, law, philosophy, and astrology will intrigue you.

Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21): This is a lovely time to relate to others because fair Venus is opposite your sign, which makes all your closest relationships easy-going and smooth. This is good thing because the placement of your Sun intensifies your passion about everything. And this week, Mercury joins the Sun to amplify this intense focus. You want to discover deep, psychological truths about yourself. You are also concerned with negotiations about finances and property, which is not surprising because increased chaos and activity on the home-front are par for the course.

Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19): You still need to get more sleep and more rest. Respect your need for this because this will continue until mid-July. This week, Mercury moves opposite your sign, which gives you a beautiful opportunity to clarify and to explain issues to someone. It will also help you discuss difficulties that come up in an intimate relationship, especially because you will have more detachment and objectivity to see things. In fact, this objectivity will help you to weigh the benefits of signing or entering contracts and negotiations. Meanwhile, Venus continues to benefit your health.

Aquarius the Water Bearer (January 20-February 18): You’re still gung ho to work hard and get better organized.

This week Mercury adds to this influence, which means you will love to be absorbed in all kinds of mental work. You’ll find it easy to be attentive to detail. You will be more of a perfectionist. You will certainly enjoy planning and making lists. This is also great week to sit down with someone (or a group) and discuss problems that exist. Fortunately, the placement of Venus makes you friendly and lighthearted, so you will be smooth.

Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20): You have lots of energy because fiery Mars is still in your sign until the end of June. Enjoy this boost because it won’t return again for two years. Meanwhile, you want to play. That is because both the Sun and Mercury are in the part of your chart related to the arts, sports, vacations, playful activities with kids and romance. You especially want to use your mind for amusing pastimes like reading, writing, and playing games that require mental agility. You’ll be more prankish than usual and might want to play a joke on an unwitting friend.



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Donor gives employees at hospital \$1 million for bonuses

BY MARTHA MENDOZA
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Around the country, there's a lot of gratitude for medical providers these days, and in Santa Cruz, California, a recent anonymous note to the local hospital was no exception.

“Thank you for standing up (and staying up!) to care for our community,” it said. “This humankindness is what makes you heroic.”

It was the donation that came with that note – \$1 million – that has hospital employees cheering. The gift was designated entirely for employees – nurses, cleaning staff, lab techs, medical records, even mailroom staff and security guards who have worked at Dominican Hospital for at least a year are getting a bonus check. Full-time staff get \$800, part-timers receive \$600.

Hospital president Dr. Nanette Mickiewicz said the donation is a testament to their employee's clinical excellence and their tireless dedication.

After weeks of hard work, nursing supervisor Amy Loudon said she was amazed at the generosity of a stranger, and especially appreciative it's being shared with all employees this week.

“There are so many people who keep the hospital running. Nurses and doctors are getting the praise, but we couldn't do it without the staff who clean the floors, deliver supplies, fix machines, everything. It's a team, and I'm glad the whole team is getting a thank you,” she said.

As for her own bonus?

“I'm definitely going to spoil myself a little bit,” she said.

Which is probably why the anonymous \$1 million do-gooder made the donation.

Visitor centers and group campsites remain closed and all campsite reservations made through the recreation.gov are canceled.

The park says all campsites are first-come, first-served until Sept. 4, and campers must pay as normal at each campground.

All programs remain canceled.

Recent years have seen a big increase in the popularity of Joshua Tree, which straddles the Mojave and Colorado deserts 140 miles (225 kilometers) east of Los Angeles.

Spring and fall are the best times to visit. The rapidly approaching summer will bring scorching heat, intense sunlight and the need to drink at least one gallon (4 liters) of water a day.

Joshua Tree National Park reopening with limitations

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Joshua Tree National Park is slowly reopening after a lengthy closure to slow spread of the coronavirus.

The California park announced this week that it is using a phased approach.

Park entrances, roads, parking lots, trails, individual campsites and most restrooms are open.

Iconic San Francisco gay bar to shutter in pandemic fallout

AP WIRE SERVICE

One of the nation's most celebrated gay bars is being forced from its home amid the financial fallout of the coronavirus pandemic.

The Stud is the longest continually running gay bar in San Francisco and known throughout the country as one of the bohemian, gender-bending, anything-goes institutions that made San Francisco into a gay mecca.

The 18-member collective that operates the club announced late Wednesday that they had decided to close the bar, though they will look for a new location.

“Because of a lack of revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the historic bar will be announcing that they are permanently closing their location and will be holding a drag funeral to honor the end of an era of LGBT nightlife,” said one of the owners, Honey Mahogany, in a news release.

It's at least the second time the 54-year-old bar has faced the prospect of full closure. But previous situations were due to gentrification in San Francisco, now one of the nation's tech hubs.

In 2016 The Stud's current location was sold, and the bar's then-owner received was notified that monthly rent for the 2,800-square-foot space would leap from \$3,800 to \$9,500.

A cooperative group of 18 owners then bought the bar to keep it running.

Wedge into a space in San Francisco's South of Market neighborhood – the epicenter of the city's tech world – The Stud opened in 1966 and quickly gained a reputation as a spot with a hippie vibe and eclectic customers. Its current space features gilt mirrors, a disco ball and a small performance stage.



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Planning a design project? Question yourself like a designer

BY ANNA JACOBY

If you are planning a design project, ask yourself the same questions a designer would ask you. When I meet with new clients, I ask lots of questions to get to know their lifestyle, taste, and design goals so I can best help them. If you are on your own, these same questions can help you focus and prioritize what is most important to you and help you get started.

1. What do you love about this room? Which elements are staying and need to be incorporated into the new design? Sometimes the answer is “nothing!” But there is always something. Perhaps you like the large windows, or the wood flooring, or a piece of artwork you bought on vacation. If it is the view and the windows you like most, design a seating arrangement and a window treatment that will enhance them. If it is a piece of artwork, pull colors from it to design your color scheme. If you must keep something because it's too expensive to replace right now (like not-so-attractive fireplace tile, for example), then design the room so it's NOT the focal point. Add other elements to bring the eye to other areas in the room.

2. What do you dislike about the room? What would you like to change? Design is about aesthetics, but it is also about improving functionality. The most common complaints I hear are “This room is too dark,” “The room lacks storage,” and

“I can't figure out how to arrange the furniture as the room is too small/large/long/narrow.” Fortunately, all those problems can be solved. Room too dark? Guess what – add lighting. Recessed lights, track lights, a chandelier, pendant lights, and wall sconces are all possible options. For space planning, draw the space to scale and use furniture templates to experiment with different arrangements. Not enough storage? Consider built-in cabinetry, tall bookcases, or storage ottomans.

3. How is this room used? A dining room may indeed be for dining, but it also may need to serve as a homework spot; a living room may also serve as a home office; a guest room may need to accommodate both grandkids and hobbies. List all the activities that need to take place so you can design accordingly. A Murphy bed with a built-in worktable might be a great solution for your guest room. And a buffet in your dining room may be better suited for storing school supplies



instead of those seldom-used “good dishes.”

4. What colors do you love? Don't worry about what's popular – if you find yourself still loving colors from previous decades, have no fear. Any color can be made to look new again if it is paired with more current colors. Pore over magazine photos, Pinterest, and Houzz.com to view

a wide variety of beautiful color schemes. More important than being “current” is being happy. So, choose colors you love.

5. What is the overall look and feel you would like to see? I recently worked on a project where our design theme was “Modern Urban Rustic.” This kept us focused when selecting furnishings and materials. For example, we used rustic, reclaimed wood for the floors, combined with modern, funky light fixtures.

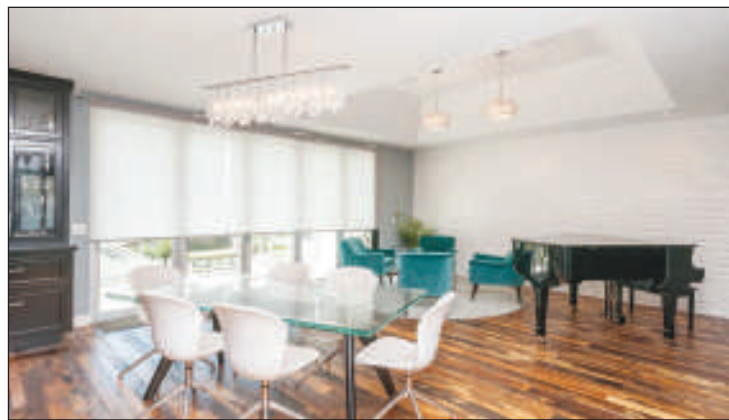
6. Are there special needs to consider? For example, if there are elderly parents or people with disabilities, you should stay away from area rugs, which can pose a tripping hazard. With small children, you may want to look at furniture with rounded edges or leather pieces that are easy to wipe clean. Satin finish paint is also a good option for rooms where kids and pets hang out.

7. Do you want to complete this project all at once, or over time in phases? If you know your end goal, it's OK to tackle a project in phases. However, don't let the project take so long that you start changing your mind about your design goals, or find yourself never finishing. Sometimes this happens on a decorating project – we get the furniture purchased and walls painted, but then clients don't follow through with the window treatments and accessories. The result is a room that is not quite

done, which can leave everyone unsatisfied. If possible, save enough money to do the whole project at once.

8. What is your budget for this project? Is it realistic? I find that clients sometimes have no idea how much things cost. So, while they have a budget amount in their head, it often does not match the reality of what they want. Remember to add on sales tax, shipping and charges for delivery, installation, and furniture assembly. Plus, labor for painting, crown molding, electrical work, etc. Unfortunately, things always seem to be more expensive than people think, especially in the Bay Area.

9. How long are you planning to stay in your house? This can affect your design plan. If you are planning on selling soon, then meeting with a realtor would be helpful to get an idea of the best ways to allocate your design budget. If this is your long-term house, then by all means, design it for your own taste and lifestyle.



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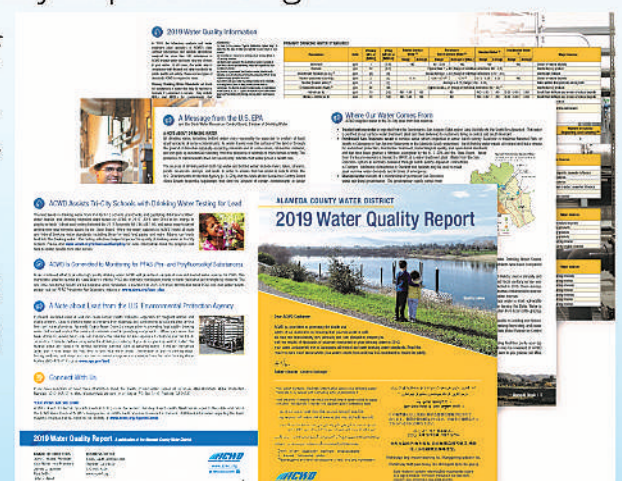
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Take Time to Remember

You are living in an extraordinary time. There is a global pandemic. A global pandemic is when a virus spreads easily from person to person all around the world. The virus causing the 2020 global pandemic is called coronavirus and also COVID-19. This *Kid Scoop* page will help you create a scrapbook of your memories and feelings from this historic time to share with friends and relatives in the future.

Pandemics Cause Change

Most likely your life has been changed by the coronavirus pandemic. Maybe your school has closed. Maybe a family member has lost their job and is worried about money. Maybe you miss the chance to be with friends and family members.

There have been several pandemics in history and, like those, this too will end. While there may be some good things about this time, there are probably some not so good things as well. But everything will add up to the memories you will have in the future.



Kevin couldn't get a haircut for a couple of months. Number these pictures in order.



People I Spent Time with During the Pandemic

Draw a picture of the people you were with during the pandemic.



Kid Scoop Together: Looking Forward

Use the space below to work with a family member to create a photo collage or a list of the things you look forward to doing after the pandemic is over.



Things I Did During the Pandemic



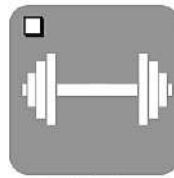
Cough or sneeze into my elbow.



Wash my hands for 20 seconds.



Try not to touch my face, eyes, or nose.



Exercise indoors.



Play cards with my family.



Dance! Dance! Dance!



Stand six feet away from friends and neighbors.



Complete one or more puzzles.



Use a video chat program to talk with friends and family far away.

Ways My Life Changed

Write or draw descriptions in each space below.

School Before Pandemic:

School After Pandemic:

Shopping Before Pandemic:

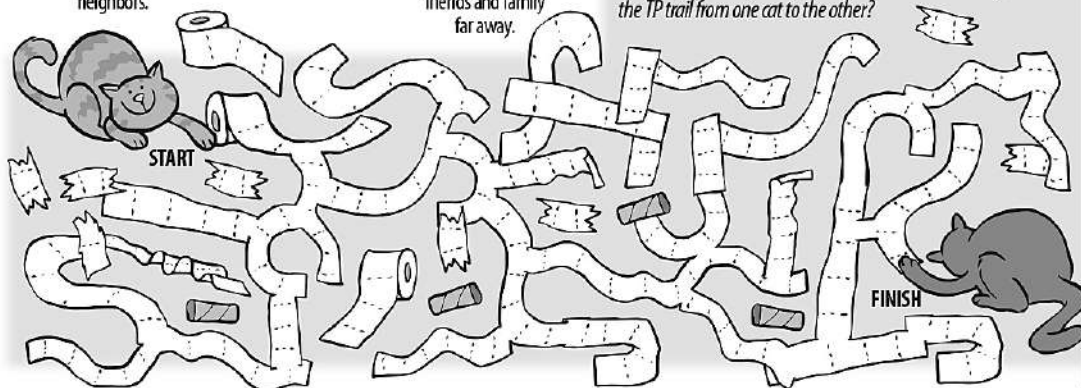
Shopping After Pandemic:

Home Life Before Pandemic:

Home Life After Pandemic:

TP Troubles

Oh, no! Carla's cats, Chester and Charlie, didn't know there was a toilet paper shortage. They like to play with the TP. Can you find the TP trail from one cat to the other?



Extra! Extra! Graph It!

Look through today's newspaper and circle the words **pandemic**, **coronavirus** and **COVID-19**. Which word appears the most? Make a graph to show your results and put it into your Pandemic Scrapbook!

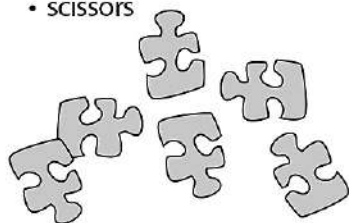
Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Make your own puzzle! Draw a picture, glue it onto some cardboard. (A cereal box works!) Cut the picture into pieces and give it to a pal to try and put back together!

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

- Glue stick
- Cereal box
- Paper
- Crayons or markers
- scissors



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PANDEMIC
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HISTORY
GLOBAL
FUTURE
HEROES
VIRUS
WORLD
ELBOW
COUGH
CARDS
VIDEO
WASH
LIFE

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

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E M E M O R I E S R

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

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:
VIRUS

The noun **virus** means a small particle that can cause disease to spread.

A good way to prevent getting sick from a **virus** is by washing your hands with soap and water often.

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Before and After

Look at a photo in today's newspaper. Tell a family member about what is happening in it. Next, tell each other what you think happened **before** the photo was taken. Then tell each other what you think happened **after** it was taken.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.



What would you call a small wound?

ANSWER: A short cut.

Write On!

Remembering the School Year

What will you remember most from this school year? Share your thoughts with other *Kid Scoop* readers.



City of Fremont Announces Relief Package for Renters and Small Businesses Impacted by COVID-19

Up to \$800,000 of Community Development Block Grant funding available

The Fremont City Council unanimously approved a COVID-19 aid package targeting Fremont renters and small businesses whose incomes have been adversely impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic response. The aid package, approved at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on May 12, 2020, consists of two programs:

1) **Fremont Cares Rent Relief Program** will provide \$400,000 in rental assistance. Households that qualify may receive up to three months of rental assistance beginning March 17, 2020, the date of the first Shelter-in-Place Order issued by the Alameda County Health Officer.

2) **Fremont Small Business Relief Grant Program** will provide up to \$400,000 to small businesses in \$5,000 or \$10,000 grants.

The Fremont Cares Rent Relief program will provide rental assistance to eligible households who are unable to pay their rent due to a COVID 19-related job loss or loss of income. In order to be eligible for the program, applicants must demonstrate their loss of employment and income is directly related to COVID-19; be a resident of Fremont; hold a lease in their name; and show their income was at or below 80% of Area Median Income on January 1, 2020. Applications will be weighted and scored due to applicant need with priorities given to: those at the lower end of the income scale; those who spend more than 30% of their household income for rent; single heads of household with minor children; those who have no additional resources for rental assistance; and those who may have special circumstances such as additional medical expenses due to COVID-19. The rent assistance payment will be made directly to the landlord.

The Small Business Relief Grant Program targets Fremont businesses who have suffered financial impact from COVID-19 pandemic responses. Grants awarded to selected businesses will be valued at \$5,000 for businesses with 10 or fewer employees on payroll at the time of the initial Shelter-in-Place Order and \$10,000 for businesses with 11 to 50 employees, respectively. In order to qualify for funding, businesses must have a physical storefront or place of business in a commercial-designated facility in Fremont (home-based businesses do not qualify); have demonstrable financial impact stemming from COVID-19; and commit to rehiring or retaining at least one employee from a low-to-moderate income household. Additionally, businesses must have had a maximum of 50 employees in Fremont at the time of the first Shelter-in-Place Order issued on March 17.

The application period is now open for both programs. The Fremont Cares Rent Relief Program application period will be conducted in two rounds. Applications, with

required documentation, will close for Round 1 on May 29, 2020, at 11:59 p.m., while applications for Round 2 will open on June 1 and close on June 12, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. The application period for the Small Business Relief Grant Program will start on May 18 and end on May 31, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. Applications for both programs will be scored and ranked based on documentable need rather than a first-come, first-served basis.

“While these programs will bring much-needed relief to many Fremont community members and small businesses impacted by this pandemic, we know more investment is needed,” said Fremont Mayor Lily Mei. “The City will continue to advocate for critical resources for our community and actively pursue ways to support residents and local businesses during this unprecedented time.”

To apply for assistance, please visit the City’s website at www.Fremont.gov/RentRelief for the Fremont Cares Rent Assistance Program and www.Fremont.gov/BusinessGrants for the Fremont Small Business Relief Program. For language assistance services for the Fremont Cares Rent Relief Program, please call the Fremont Family Resource Center at 510-574-2000. For questions on the Small Business Relief Grant Program application, including language assistance, please call 510-284-4020 or email businessgrants@fremont.gov.

Funding for this relief package comes from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, signed into law on March 27, 2020, as part of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

For more resources, information, and updates for residents and small businesses, visit the City’s 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.



City of Fremont Launches eGift Card Program, Gift Fremont



The City of Fremont, in partnership with the Fremont Chamber of Commerce and eGift Card platform Yiftee, has launched Gift Fremont (www.giftfremont.com), a new program that encourages the public to purchase gift cards online in support of participating Fremont-based small businesses, with an added bonus courtesy of the City of Fremont.

Gift Fremont is designed to provide a convenient way for the Fremont community to help local, small businesses weather the COVID-19 economic crisis. As an added incentive for the public’s participation in the program, the City is contributing a \$5 bonus on all purchased gift cards valued at \$20 or more, and a \$15 bonus on purchased gift cards valued at \$40 or more.

Resident independent small businesses, including mom and pop shops, family-run restaurants, and local boutiques, can sign up (https://c.yiftee.com/merchant-signup?aff=87#/gift_card) for Gift Fremont on the Yiftee platform within a few minutes to create custom-branded eGift Cards, which can be sold on their company website, Facebook pages (www.facebook.com/business/boost/gift-cards), and on the Gift Fremont eGift Card platform itself at www.giftfremont.com.

Yiftee is waiving monthly subscription fees through September 30, and the City of Fremont is covering the merchant eDelivery fee until the funding set aside for this program runs out, ensuring that the program is cost-free to participating small businesses throughout the coming months.

For questions about how you can support small business owners in Fremont through Gift Fremont and to inquire about participation as a small business, please email econdev@fremont.gov or call 510-284-4020.

To learn more about Gift Fremont visit www.fremont.gov/giftfremont.

Community Park Tennis Courts Now Open

The City of Fremont tennis courts reopened on Saturday May 23 at the following Community Parks: Mission San Jose, Niles, Warm Springs, Frank Fisher, Centerville, and Sylvester P. Harvey. The Fremont Tennis Center at Central Park is scheduled to reopen on Friday June 5, 2020.

In order to ensure social distancing at all courts, the center nets at each facility have been removed. Play is not permitted on a court without a net. In order to align with the revised Shelter in Place Order issued by the Alameda County Public Health Department on May 18, 2020 the following rules are in place at all City of Fremont tennis courts:

- Only two players may be present at a time on a court
- Social distancing of 6 feet must be maintained at all times
- Single Play Only - No Doubles
- Limit of 3 balls per court

- Play is limited to one hour if others are waiting for a court
- Please wait until the players have completely exited the court before entering
- No sharing of equipment, each player must have their own racquet and water bottle
- No coaching, lessons, teaching carts, or ball hoppers permitted
- Wash hands thoroughly before and after play and have hand sanitizer available
- The USTA recommends wearing tennis gloves
- When outdoors have a face covering readily available in case you encounter others

For more information on Parks and Recreation services, please visit our webpage www.Fremont.gov/Recreation.

City’s Development Services Center has Reopened

To align with the revised Shelter in Place Order issued by the Alameda County Public Health Department on April 29, 2020 to continue to limit the spread of COVID-19, the City is allowing construction projects to proceed in Fremont as long as the projects comply with the Construction Project Safety Protocols included in the Order.

To help construction projects move forward in Fremont and provide an alternative to online services, the City’s Development Services Center has reopened to the public beginning May 11, 2020. The Center, located at 39550 Liberty St., is a one-stop shop for accepting, reviewing, and approving permit applications and construction documents for all types of projects. It is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Center is closed from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. for cleaning. On Friday, the Center is open from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Services and staffing is currently limited. For now, the Development Services Center is only offering the following services:

- Issuing planning, building, and engineering permits
- Delivering project plans
- Accepting permit applications
- Providing technical assistance and general information for planning, building, and engineering services

To address the safety concerns of those visiting and working at the Development Services Center, the City is following the requirements issued by the Alameda County Public Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to help limit the spread of COVID-19. Face coverings are required to enter the building and safety measures promoting social/physical distancing requirements are in place. Protecting the health of employees and the community remains a top priority for the City.

Due to the new safety measures and limited staffing, wait times at the Development Services Center may be longer. The City is asking the public for their patience during this time and encouraging everyone to use the following online services if possible:

- Online pre-application for planning, building, fire, and engineering permits on the City’s Accela Citizen Access (ACA) portal (www.fremont.gov/citizenaccess). For more information, visit www.fremont.gov/3619/Online-Pre-Application-for-Permits.
- Express permits for basic home upgrade projects like water heater replacements, roof replacements, and minor kitchen/bathroom remodels
- Solar permits for small residential roof mounted solar systems
- Electronic plan review for existing permits

For more information, please contact the Development Services Center at 510-494-4443 or by email at dsc_recep@fremont.gov.

The City will continue to provide updates on construction and development services as they are available.

California Arts Council Increases Support of East Bay Choir

SUBMITTED BY SHIRLEY GILBERT

Mission Peak Chamber Singers (MPCS) and its sister choir East Bay People's Choir (EBPC) received a second "local impact" grant this year from the California Arts Council of \$17,618, almost double the amount of the \$9,640 they were awarded in 2019.

The Council, a state agency that supports local arts, culture and creative expression, singled out the East Bay People's Choir as a choral group that "creates access without barriers to choral singing for all ages and backgrounds in a welcoming, enthusiastic, healthful and inclusive background."

Ofer dal Lal, artistic director overseeing both choirs, believes that the California Arts Council saw the potential of the East Bay People's Choir. "I think our choirs proved ourselves," he said. "Our community involvement and outreach are fulfilling a deep need. These are hard times for choirs and for us all and it's important that we figure out how to keep going and keep fulfilling that need for connection and creativity. The grant will help us do that."

Sid Quinsaas, associate director of the East Bay People's Choir, is grateful for the grant and the Council's generous vote of confidence, especially at this time. "Our choir is really unique," Quinsaas said, "one that accepts anyone who wants to sing. This is such a rare thing and it's so important for our community that we can

continue to create that environment in the tough times ahead."

One of the stipulations of the grant is that the choir must match the amount of the award in donations. Lisa Lahowe, Mission Peak Chamber Singers member who wrote the grant with a team, believes that despite coronavirus difficulties, the choir will be able to meet the match requirement. "We have a dedicated audience and fan base and I'm confident we can raise the needed funds. It's an exciting challenge."



During quarantine, the choirs can't meet in person every week. But all the singers wanted to continue together somehow. Leader Ofer dal Lal and choirmaster Sid Quinsaas came up with the idea of a virtual sing-along. Now every Tuesday, through the technology of Zoom, both choirs gather together online and join Quinsaas as he plays the piano and sings popular songs suggested by members and friends. Quinsaas is also rehearsing two songs that the East Bay People's Choir will sing at a future concert.

Dal Lal is there to act like a radio show host. He asks questions and welcomes participants to share how they're coping now and pass along survival tips. "What I'm trying to do is to continue that sense of community we get when we're together in person," said dal Lal.

Dal Lal is creating a virtual concert after the two choirs' May concert was canceled due to coronavirus. The songs they were rehearsing centered around homelessness. "We so much wanted the project to go forward," said dal Lal, "so we sent out an appeal to a great many singers and over 100 answered the call, some outside California and even the U.S." Via Zoom, the group practices three songs, and singers record and submit their individual parts. Dal Lal has hired a video editor to put the recordings together, and the concert will play out on YouTube. It's entitled: "With a Roof Over Our Heads."

Choirs will have to reinvent themselves in the age of the coronavirus. Dal Lal is hopeful that, come fall, he will be able to create a safe way the choirs can meet once again. "There is so much creativity around us as we work to reinvent ourselves. The virtual concert is one idea. There will be many more. I believe we're going into an exciting future in our next season."

Sid Quinsaas, associate director of the East Bay People's Choir, rehearses for the upcoming virtual sing-along.

Student raises more than \$5,000 for local food bank

By BRITTANY UNG

Tri City Volunteers is getting a deposit—and it's not canned food.

Aditya Mittal, a ninth-grade student at American High School, started an online fundraiser that has raised more than \$5,000 for the TCV Food Bank.

Because of the novel coronavirus, TCV Food Bank is now serving roughly double the number of families, according to



Executive Director Taylor Johnson—more than 500 families every day, instead of the usual 250. The food pantry has also switched to a self-serve, marketplace format to a contactless drive-thru that delivers pre-packaged bags of food. Those two major changes mean the food bank is spending more on food and bags to send it in.

The TCV Food Bank usually relies on its thrift store to cover some of its costs, Johnson said. But because of health precautions against the coronavirus, the thrift store is now closed for the foreseeable future.

Mittal has been volunteering at the food bank for two years. He's a Boy Scout—a Life Scout, just one rank below

Eagle Scout, the organization's highest rank. During his two years with the Boy Scouts, Mittal volunteered every other week at the TCV Food Bank to fulfill his service requirements.

So, when the pandemic began to impact his community in Fremont, he thought of the food bank.

"The people there are really just amazing," Mittal said. "They're really citizens of Fremont. They take pride in what they're doing and they're very selfless people. They just want to help the community in any way possible."

Mittal called the food bank to ask if they needed help. They did. So he started thinking of ways he could get involved.

Mittal is an officer in his school's Red Cross Club, which gives aid to humanitarian projects and teaches emergency preparedness. Mittal contacted the club's four other leaders to let them know about the food pantry's needs. Together, they brainstormed ways to help alleviate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in the Bay Area. They eventually settled on a fundraiser and set up a GoFundMe page to raise money for the food bank.

The five students sent out the link to friends and family, asking them to donate and send the link out to everyone they



knew. Mittal and the other club officers spread the word via social media posts and on Nextdoor. Mittal even contacted each member of the Fremont City Council to ask for donations.

In just four days, the fundraiser had received more than \$3,000.

"I think people really were quick to donate because they connected with it," Mittal said. "It's their own community and



they have pride in their community, so they could support it."

According to Johnson, the money will go toward buying food and bags to put it in, since because of the virus, visitors can no longer use their own. TCV Food Bank usually receives donated bags from food retailers. But because of the virus, those stores now need those bags to keep their own customers safe, and TCV must purchase their own.

"Any monies we can get, we're grateful," Johnson said. "And getting a great donation from Adi is fantastic. I think he's done an amazing job, actually. That'll go directly into the day-to-day operations of the pantry."

Johnson said donating money is the best way to help the TCV Food Bank right now. Food donations need to be sanitized and sorted, which takes manpower the food bank just doesn't have—especially since most of its regular volunteers are older and are staying home to keep from catching the virus. The food bank can use any donated funds to buy what it needs and its volunteers can focus on packing food to take to clients.

The fundraiser is still active. Mittal and the rest of the team are continuing to raise money via the GoFundMe page, and they hope to reach \$7,000 or \$8,000 in the coming weeks.

"It's really incredible to see how much our community is valuing our food banks," Mittal said. "The quickness they have to help the community, that's really outstanding."

To donate or read more about the fundraiser, visit [gofundme.com/f/hua9y-d](https://www.gofundme.com/f/hua9y-d).

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Classified employees honored by county education office



Sandra Green
Credit: Fremont Unified School District

SUBMITTED BY BRIAN KILLGORE

During a recent ceremony in recognition of Classified School Employee Week, officials from the Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE) named six employees as winners of the 2020 Alameda County Classified Employees of the Year.

Announced May 19, the winners represent six categories designated by the California Department of Education (CDE). A panel of AOCE judges also selected an honoree in each category to be considered for recognition by the CDE as one of the State Classified Employees of the Year.

This year’s winners are:

- Sandra Green, Office and Technical; Fremont Unified School District
- Vince Sly, Maintenance, Operations and Facilities; Castro Valley Unified School District
- Leticia Moreno, Para-Educator, and Instructional Assistance; Castro Valley Unified School District
- Jacqueline Simon, Support Services and Security; Oakland Unified School District
- William Taylor, Jr., Transportation; Oakland Unified School District
- Michelle Partridge, Child Nutrition; Dublin Unified School District

In a statement announcing the winners, ACOE officials said that all nominees and classified school employees are greatly appreciated for their work, care and dedication to students, families, and their communities. Their contributions, particularly during this challenging time, have been critical to the districts’ ability to continue serving students and families.

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Contempo Homes,
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5:15 – 6:45 Forest Park School,
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Officers Jesenia Chavez, Jul Brucato, and Pou Wong

SUBMITTED BY UCPD

Officials from the Union City Police Department welcomed three new officers to their family on Monday, May 18. They are: Officers Jesenia Chavez, Jul Brucato, and Pou Wong. All three are graduates of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Academy.

Local sailor serves with U.S. Navy in Guam



SUBMITTED BY NAVY OFFICE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH

King Chen of Hayward, U.S. Navy electronics technician 3rd Class, runs diagnostics on a radar data processor aboard aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) on May 17. Theodore Roosevelt is simulating at-sea operations while moored at Naval Base Guam. (U.S. Navy photo by Julian Davis, mass communication specialist 3rd Class)

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The offer to donate salvageable materials is in fulfillment of a Mitigation Measure of SiliconSage Builder's mixed use project that was approved by the

City Council on March 19, 2019 (see Conditions of Approval B-4 (3a, and 3b) of the SiliconSage Centerville Mixed-Use Project

http://fremontcityca.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_Meeting.aspx?ID=1653)

Due to current "Shelter in Place" order because of COVID-19, we cannot let people visit the Fire station at this time. Instead, you can use the following link to see the pictures of salvageable materials. If you are interested in any of them, please reach out to us. Once "Shelter in Place" order is lifted, you will be able to visit the fire station and take the material. Salvageable Material will be given on the first come first serve basis.

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/jwvh5p0cvxq2pwn/AAC2YZD86uoCtVD3hpgC_9PTa?dl=0

The approved project includes demolishing existing buildings on an approximate 4.5-acre site to construct a multi-story building of 93 rental apartment units, including ten affordable rental housing units, over 26,000 square feet of retail ground floor space in a mixed-use building along Fremont Boulevard, and 72 residential townhouse units at the rear of the mixed-use building along Jason Way.

Should you be interested in removing materials from the fire station building, please call Shaivali Desai of SiliconSage Builders at (408) 630-0923 or write her via email at Shaivali@siliconsage.com. These materials are offered for donation to the public from May 26, 2020 to June 25, 2020.

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Distance Learning: *a new ball game for schools*

With no in-person teaching, one wonders: How are teachers keeping students involved and tracking their participation?

"Distance learning is not just technology-based. It is the way it is being taught," says Ingrid Roberson, chief of learning & accountability services, Alameda County of Education. "You can't have a one-size-fits-all approach to what [local] districts' learning plans are going to look like. However, the state did waive the instructional minutes requirements for this particular situation."

Hayward Unified School District is following a Distance Learning Plan where teachers include weekly lesson plans. Dionicia Ramos Ledesma,

Constant communication is the key to remote learning, feels Cheryl Jordan, superintendent, Milpitas Unified School District. "We are focusing a lot on interaction and social-emotional learning. We are trying to keep parents involved as true partners in learning. As we talk about parent and family engagement, this is a time when we can say parents are the first teachers of their kids."

Raúl M. Zamora, Ed.D., acting superintendent, Fremont Unified School District, shares a similar thought. "The situation is not ideal, but we are going to support our students and staff to have the best learning opportunity. If there is lack of instruction or communication,



work and submit via Google Classroom or submit their own video to allow teachers to review. For PE, teachers put together routines that they want students to follow a certain number of days per week. They may even perform the routine together via Zoom."

Highlighting the importance of PE, Leticia Salinas, acting superintendent, Newark Unified School District, says, "Research shows that safe physical activity supports balanced mental health for students during the pandemic. Activities such as cardio and scavenger hunts (as assigned by teachers) can occur safely at home."

To ensure that students get the most out of their online classes, Milpitas Unified takes an innovative approach. Milpitas Unified follows a similar model to ensure that students get the most out of their online creative classes. Jordan shares an example of how a teacher had pizza boxes donated from Pizza My Heart and created a kit for math and science projects, as well as writing, art, and reading. "She used the concepts, literature, and examples that students are learning in class. The kits were provided at the school sites for parents to pick up."

Jordan reiterates that the district is working hard to ensure that students have the necessary raw materials for the projects. "We have pickup and drop-off at almost all our schools for hands-on material. Also, teachers are using materials that students might find in their home."

It is not always possible, though, to simulate classroom conditions virtually. The current situation has forced educators and learners alike to become more creative, though in some cases, there is no substitute for what was left behind when their schools closed.

John Thompson, superintendent, New Haven Unified School District, says, "If you're taking a ceramics class [online], obviously it's difficult to perform that hands-on, unless you had your own kiln, which mostly nobody does. So, for classes like that students are learning the theory and background but missing the real experience... Same goes for automotive classes, which switched to online training modules. You can't work on a brake system virtually."

With classes gone remote, the need for technology increased. Schools have been able to identify students who do not have devices or internet connectivity and provide them with Chromebooks and Wi-Fi hotspots. Parents are also asked to contact their respective school districts in case of connectivity issues.

"[Hayward Unified] is aware that conditions may not be ideal at home... So, we are trying to account for the fact that some students may not be able to participate like others," says Ramos. She adds that parents submit a survey, and the staff contacts students who are not participating. "We came to know that there are students who don't have devices or have a device but have to share with other siblings. We did start handing out

Chromebooks early on and are still providing [them]."

Jordan has a similar opinion, "We know there are some students who are not engaging like others because their circumstances are not necessarily equitable with others. Those students will be considered first for the MUSD Summer Bridge program."

"We suspected," she believes, "that we would be going into some sort of shelter-in-place. Our teachers had already started surveys of students who needed equipment at home. We were able to get up 1,300 Chromebooks in the first few days. And then over the next course, we handed out around 3,000 Chromebooks through drive-thru."

On Wi-Fi hotspots, Ramos says, "We had challenges with internet connectivity as probably there are families not living in permanent homes or living in transitional homes with no internet. We purchased 400 hotspots... We are tracking students' attendance daily and know if a student hasn't participated for a long time. Our staff is reaching out to families to identify the problem, and if it is internet connectivity then adding them to the list to receive hotspots. We also have additional 200 hotspots coming in and more if needed."

Thinking outside the box for virtual classes and ensuring availability of technology are not the only challenges for schools. Issuing grades for the rest of the semester is another task. Stay tuned to learn more in next week's edition.



director of public information & governmental relations, adds that this plan gives parameters to teachers about basic expectations. "The lessons add up to the agreed upon hours of instruction outlined in the plan. There is a focus on student participation. If there is little or no participation, teachers and site support teams contact students' families to figure out a plan," she states.

we encourage parents to reach out to the teachers."

One of the challenges in distance learning is to teach "hands-on" classes. According to Ramos, teachers are being creative in teaching practical classes, including physical education (PE). "They are using Zoom and other online platforms... to visually guide students. Sometimes, they ask students to photograph their

University of California imposes pay freeze as losses mount

By JOCELYN GECKER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The University of California is imposing a system-wide freeze on salaries of its non-unionized employees due to enormous financial losses caused by the coronavirus pandemic, President Janet Napolitano said Monday.

Napolitano is taking a 10% voluntary pay cut, as are the system's 10 chancellors, she said in a statement that was sent to faculty and staff systemwide. She said her office has initiated conversations with union leaders so they understand the seriousness of the financial situation.

"I know some of this news is unsettling, during an already difficult time," Napolitano said. "The present realities and ongoing uncertainties, however, require us to take actions in order to adjust to current circumstances."

The UC, with more than 290,000 students, is one of the country's largest public higher education systems. It estimates financial losses of nearly \$1.2 billion from mid-March through April, and those losses are expected to increase in the months ahead, Napolitano said. Compounding the losses, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced last week a revised state budget for 2020-2021 that

includes a 10% funding reduction for UC of \$372 million.

To help cope with the shortfalls, Napolitano and the system's 10 chancellors agreed to a system-wide freeze on salaries for "policy covered staff employees," or non-union staff, for the 2020-21 fiscal year and the 10% cut to their own salaries for the same time period, said Napolitano.

Napolitano's office did not immediately say how many employees would be affected by the freeze. But the UC says on its website that there are 14 unions representing more than 79,000 workers, and total employment for UC is 199,000.

The UC's governing board and Napolitano have their bimonthly meeting Tuesday through Thursday, when they are expected to focus on budget concerns and guidelines UC campuses will use when reopening to students. The UC has not yet said if courses will resume in classrooms this fall or online due to concerns about the pandemic.

"We are a strong organization and will work over time to address our losses and recover," said Napolitano.

City Council/Public Agency MEETINGS

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

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City Hall, Bldg A
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(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

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

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835 East 14th St., San Leandro
(510) 577-3366
www.sanleandro.org

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City Hall
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Union City
(510) 471-3232
www.ci.union-city.ca.us
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43885 S. Grimmer Blvd., Fremont
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www.acwd.org

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Santa Clara Valley Water District
2nd/4th Tuesday @ 6:00 p.m.
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Union City
(510) 471-1100
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Sunol Glen Unified School Board
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11601 Main Street, Sunol
(925) 862-2026
www.sunol.k12.ca.us

San Leandro City Council

May 18, 2020

Recognitions:

- Proclamation declaring May 18, 2020 as Robert McManus Day.
- Proclamation declaring the month of May 2020 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.
- Proclamation proclaiming the city of San Leandro united against racism and xenophobia during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Public Comments:

- Resident expressed concern over what he thought to be an illegal campaign mailer he received.

Presentations:

- Presentation of the city’s draft of the budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.
- Public comment: Resident expressed concern for how public safety, particularly the fire and police departments, may be affected by the upcoming budget.

Public Hearings:

- Resolution of the city council amending Title 6, Chapter 4 of the San Leandro administrative code relating to fees and charges for services provided by city departments; adjustments effective July 1,

2020. Item passed: 7-0.
- Ordinance of the city council amending section 2-13-140 of the San Leandro municipal code relating to the Annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment of the Emergency Medical Services Tax (EMS Tax), to increase by CPI of 3.31%. Item passed: 7-0.
 - Ordinance of the city council amending section 2-18-210 of the San Leandro Municipal Code Relating to the Annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment of the Emergency Communication System Access Tax (911 Tax), to increase by CPI of 3.31%. Item passed: 7-0.
 - Ordinance of the city council amending section 2-2-500 of the San Leandro Municipal Code for the Annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment to the Business License Fees, to increase by CPI of 3.31%. Item passed: 7-0.
- Consent Calendar:**
- Resolution of the city council extending proclamation of local and state of emergency by the city’s director of Emergency Services pursuant to California Government Code Section 8630 and Public Contract Code Section 22050(c) because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Calendar passed: 7-0.
- Items Removed from Consent Calendar:**
- Resolution of the city

- council to approve a consulting services agreement with CSG Consultants, Inc. for the civil engineering design of the Washington Avenue reconstruction project. Item passed: 7-0.
- Action Items:**
- Discussion of city’s response to COVID-19.
 - Public comment: One resident expressed discontent with the extended shelter in place order and how he believed that city hall was mismanaging the situation and limiting residents’ freedoms.
- City Council Reports:**
- Councilmember Lopez and Councilmember Cox attended the Alameda County Transit Planning Commission meeting where the county-wide transit plan extending through 2050 was discussed. The Alameda County Fire Advisory Commission meeting was canceled. However, Chief Rocha will be issuing a report in lieu of the meeting.
 - Councilmember Cox attended the San Leandro Improvement Association board meeting where the main item of discussion was the mid-year budget revision.
 - Councilmember Aguilar attended the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement meeting where the budget for 2020-2021 was approved.
 - Councilmember Hernandez

- attended the East Bay Community Energy meeting where they discussed the budget and predicted that there would be a reduction of around 100 million dollars in revenue this year.
- City Council Calendar and Announcements:**
- Mayor Cutter announced the ongoing disaster council meetings.
- Councilmember Requests to Schedule Agenda Items**
- Vice Mayor Ballew requested that a presentation by staff on the hazards of butane be presented at the second council meeting in June. Item passed: 7-0.
 - Councilmember Lopez requested that a resolution be put on an upcoming agenda to join with the National League of Cities in supporting the United States House of Representatives’ HEROES Act. Item passed: 7-0.
 - Councilmember Aguilar requested that the pride flag be raised at city hall for the upcoming LGBTQ+ pride month. Item passed: 7-0.

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

Newark City Council

May 14, 2020

Introduction of employees

- Assistant City Manager Lenka Hovorka, Police Chief Gina Anderson, and Maintenance Division Senior Administrative Support Specialist Jennifer Tran were introduced to the City Council.
- Consent Calendar:**
- Accept Alameda County Fire Department Inspection Report.

- Non-Consent:**
- Update of Draft 2020-2022 Capital Improvement Plan with project funding recommendations. Works Session scheduled for May 28; detailed review June 9; approval June 25.
 - Update to the City’s Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
 - Approve Side Letters between the City of Newark and the Newark Association of Miscellaneous Employees (NAME), Newark Police Association (NPA), and Newark Police Management Association (NPMA) and to execute Compensation and Benefit Plan Modifications for Employees

- Compensation and Benefit Plans for City Officials and the Management, Supervisory and Professional Employee Group and the Confidential Group to temporarily modify benefits as a result of changed conditions due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Approval of Annual Engineer’s Reports, intention to levy and collect assessments and setting date of public hearing on June 25, 2020 for Landscaping and Lighting District Nos. 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 for fiscal year 2020-2021. (Collazo, recuse)
- City Council Matters:**
- Reappointing Senior Citizen Standing Advisory Committee

- members: Elwood Ballard, Sandra Arellano, Rick Arellano, and Stanley Keiser. Appointments to vacancy: Susan Johnson, and Olga Borjon.
- Close in memory of Diane Richards Reese and Raul Valle
 - Recognition of volunteers, city staff, organizations and businesses that have helped the community during the COVID-19 crisis
- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Mayor Alan Nagy | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Luis Freitas | Aye |
| Sucy Collazo | Aye (1 recusal) |
| Michael Hannon | Aye |
| Mike Bucci | Aye |

Milpitas City Council

May 19, 2020

Proclamations:

- Proclaimed May as Teacher Appreciation Month
 - Proclaimed May as Affordable Housing and Building Safety Month
 - Proclaimed May 17 - 23, 2020 as Public Works Week
- Consent Calendar:**
- Accepted the 2020 Citizen Options for Public Safety Grant and approved a budget appropriation to the Police Department’s operating budget.
 - Authorized submittal of the 2019 General Plan Annual

- Progress report to the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research (OPR).
- Affirmed re-appointment of Commissioner Casey McNeil and Alternate Member No. 2 Juliette Gomez to new 3-year terms on the Economic Development and Trade Commission.
 - Authorized the City Manager to execute Amendment to the MoU with the Valley Water District establishing a mutual waiver of fees for City and District Capital Improvement Program Projects.
 - Accepted report on suspension of the state’s Carry-Out Bag law under Executive Order N-54-20.
- Public Hearings:**
- Following a public hearing confirmed the assessment and

- ordered the levy for Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance Assessment District McCarthy Ranch for Fiscal Year 2020-21.
- Following a public hearing confirmed the assessment and ordered the levy for Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance Assessment District Sinclair Horizon for Fiscal Year 2020-21.
 - Following a public hearing established ambulance and emergency medical services fees.
- Community Development:**
- Provided direction to staff on scope and implementation of the Community Identification and Brand Study (Phase II). Vote: Aye 3, Nay 2 (Nunez, Phan)

- Leadership and Support Services:**
- Approved permanent Employment Agreement with Steven McHarris to serve as City Manager.
- Other Business:**
- Unanimously supported “Laura’s Law” and directed staff to send a letter of support to the County of Santa Clara.
 - Adopted a Resolution in support of the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

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

Order to allow marriage licenses via videoconference

SUBMITTED BY GOVERNOR'S PRESS OFFICE

On April 30, Governor Gavin Newsom signed an executive order that will allow adults to obtain marriage licenses through videoconferencing rather than in-person amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. The provisions will be in place for the next 60 days for those who wish to be married during that time.

Under the order, adults will be able to obtain a marriage license, at the discretion of their local county clerk, through videoconferencing, as long as both adults are located within the State of California, are present and can present identification during the video conference. The license can then be issued via email.

Additionally, adults who wish to be married can conduct a ceremony to solemnize the marriage via videoconference if both parties are present and have at least one witness who can join the live video conference.

Fremont City Council

May 19, 2020

Consent Calendar:

- Call for 2020 November election
 - Approve public art recommendation by Art Review Board for Fairfield Residential Development Embark Apartments Inspiration Plaza site at 44758 Old Warm Springs Boulevard.
- Scheduled Items:**
- Continue Mission Peak neighborhood parking permit

- program including restricted parking on weekends and national holidays.
- Council Comments:**
- Resident and Business grant program available. Refer to city website for details.

Mayor Lily Mei	Aye
Vice Mayor Rick Jones	Aye
Vinnie Bacon	Aye
Raj Salwan	Aye
Teresa Keng (District 2)	Aye
Jenny Kassin (District 3)	Aye
Yang Shao (District 4)	Aye

OPINION



WILLIAM MARSHAK

*Country roads, take me home
To the place I belong
West Virginia, mountain mama
Take me home, country roads*

Take Me Home, Country Roads, released as a single record by John Denver in 1971, captured yearnings for a return to a less complex “yesterday”. Writers Bill Danoff, Taffy Nivert, and John Denver evoked images and nostalgia for a familiar and comforting time and place. Wholeheartedly embraced by the State of West Virginia, the song resonates with a wide range of folks who have little or nothing to do with that state of the union, but find solace in its lyrics and mood.

In this time of difficult personal and economic strain due to COVID-19,

Country Roads

the urge to return to a time and place of perceived normalcy is overwhelming. As restrictions of movement are reduced, a common response is to vacillate between fear of a resurgence and an equally compelling desire to move about freely to recapture pre-COVID-19 ambiance. As admonitions of harm if previous precautions are abandoned conflict with a desire to forget it, a fertile ground for conspiracies and recriminations can be sowed with resentment and blame. However, the current situation calls for a measured, calm and rational, sustained response that endures even when everyone would prefer to slam the door on this distressful episode and move on.

If impulsive reactions could actually accomplish a rapid and complete solution, no one would argue with them. However, this country road is convoluted and long, with a different destination than the one left behind. The home it will lead us to is a bit different than the one we knew. Exactly what shape it will take remains poorly defined at this time, but without much doubt, although it might resemble a familiar structure, it will definitely contain many differences. The new “home” will, over time, replace models of the past. Hopefully, a better future.

There is nothing new in this transition except the source and rapidity of these changes. Looking back over past decades, much has been transformed by enhanced

communication, technology and education. Even without a pandemic, change is a constant in our lives. It is natural to hold on to memories of familiar and comfortable - even uncomfortable - events that mark significant placeholders of our lives. These milestones of our personal compass give us direction and meaning but point toward the future as well. Vigorous denial of the process creates more obstacles before reaching the altered home at the end of the road. Frustration and angst are the result.

*“Drivin’ down the road, I get a feelin’
That I should’ve been home yesterday,
yesterday*

So many “ifs” are sandwiched between the what, why and when, but resolution of this pandemic and the ride on our country road will, nonetheless, take time and patience.

William Marshak
PUBLISHER

Astronauts arrive for NASA's 1st home launch in decade

By J, AP AEROSPACE WRITER

The two astronauts who will end a nine-year launch drought for NASA arrived at Kennedy Space Center on Wednesday, exactly one week before their historic SpaceX flight.

It will be the first time a private company, rather than a national government, sends astronauts into orbit.

NASA test pilots Doug Hurley and Bob Behnken flew to Florida from Houston aboard one of the space agency's jets.

“It's an incredible time for NASA and the space program, once again launching U.S. crews from Florida and hopefully in just a

week from about right now,” Hurley told reporters minutes after arriving.

Hurley was one of the four astronauts who arrived at Kennedy on July 4, 2011, for the final space shuttle flight, “so it's incredibly humbling to be here to start out the next launch from the United States.”

“We feel it as an opportunity but also a responsibility for the American people, for the SpaceX team, for all of NASA,” Behnken added.

The two are scheduled to blast off next Wednesday afternoon atop a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket, bound for the International Space Station. They'll soar from the same pad where Atlantis closed out the shuttle program in 2011, the last home launch for NASA astronauts.

Since then, the only way to the space station for astronauts has been on Russian rockets launched from Kazakhstan.

Greeting the astronauts at Kennedy's former shuttle landing strip were the center's director, former shuttle commander Robert Cabana, and NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine.

“You really are a bright light for all of America right now,” Bridenstine told them.

The welcoming committee was reduced drastically in size because of the coronavirus pandemic. There were no handshakes for the astronauts, who did not wear masks but kept their distance at separate microphones. Both Cabana and Bridenstine wore masks except while addressing the crowd; so did the approximately 20 journalists standing more than 20 feet (6 meters) away.

During these tough times, Bridenstine said, “this is a moment when we can all look and be inspired as to what the future holds.”

NASA's commercial crew program has been years in the making. Boeing, the competing company, isn't expected to launch its first astronauts until next year.

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July 21, 1923 - May 15, 2020
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Barbara Violet Holstein
Resident of Newark
April 9, 1939 – May 8, 2020
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Corrine Young
Resident of Fremont
August 26, 1927 – May 08, 2020
Fremont Chapel of the Roses

Roberto Rivera
Resident of Union City
May 21, 1971 – May 4, 2020
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Damodara Kandregula
Resident of Milpitas
August 27, 1953 – May 21, 2020

Douglas Peetz
Resident of Newark
June 15, 1953 – May 20, 2020

Nick Stratigopoulos
Resident of Fremont
October 14, 1932 – May 20, 2020

Wilma Ysit
Resident of Sunol
January 19, 1938 – May 18, 2020

Dolores Meyers
Resident of Fremont
June 17, 1937 – May 18, 2020

Marilyn Desmond
Resident of Pleasanton
November 11, 1932 – May 18, 2020

Joann Wood
Resident of San Jose
June 25, 1933 – May 16, 2020

Katia Awad
Resident of San Leandro
January 1, 1963 – May 15, 2020

Ryan Larsen
Resident of San Jose
December 30, 1983 – May 14, 2020

James Loftus
Resident of Pleasanton
June 9, 1924 – May 14, 2020

Rizalina Estavillo
Resident of Fremont
December 9, 1932 – May 13, 2020

Mary Helen Griffin
Resident of Mill Valley
March 29, 1926 – May 12, 2020

Cesar Gapusan
Resident of Milpitas
January 21, 1948 – May 12, 2020

Sneh Lata
Resident of Fremont
September 8, 1945 – May 11, 2020

Ray Rohrbach
Resident of Fremont
November 4, 1936 – May 12, 2020

Peggy Capitani
Resident of Fremont
October 22, 1929 – May 11, 2020

Suryakant Mistry
Resident of San Jose
May 8, 1941 – May 9, 2020

Roberta Danek
Resident of Albany
November 18, 1935 – May 9, 2020

Helen Dygert
Resident of San Bruno
October 23, 1928 – May 8, 2020

Wilma “Joyce” Ysit

January 19, 1938 – May 18, 2020

Sunol, CA

Wilma “Joyce” Ysit passed away peacefully on May 18, 2020, in her Sunol home surrounded by her loving family. Born in Oakland, her parents, Julius and Sylvia Davis, moved to Sunol when she was one year old, making her the longest living resident of Sunol. Joyce enjoyed the country life with sisters Norma Adams, Wanda Jessup, and Sandy Caldeira, all who have passed on before her.

Joyce met the love of her life, Apolinario “Ario” Ysit, at the Niles Movie Theater when they were teenagers and married in 1957. Children soon followed, and the family moved into their Kilcare Road home in 1960. Joyce also attended Amador High School in Pleasanton.

In her early years, she was active in the Little Brown Church of Sunol alongside her sisters and mother. As an adult, she volunteered with her husband Ario at several community events such as the Great Sunol Chili Cook-off and Bed Races, Grandmothers of the Most Beautiful Babies Club, and the Sunol Business Guild.

During the 1980s, Joyce and a good friend started a successful stained-glass company called Country Stained Glass, and their



artistic talents can be seen all over the bay area.

In more recent years, she enjoyed spending time with her family, making crafts, completing word search puzzles and playing Liverpool Rummy and she would usually win.

Joyce is survived by her husband of 63 years Ario, daughter Victoria Christian, son Jeffrey Ysit, granddaughter Jessica Christian and grandsons, Jeffrey Ysit Jr. and Maxwell Ysit; and many nieces and nephews and friends.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, services will be private, and a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Joann Howard Wood

June 25, 1933 - May 16, 2020



Joann was born and raised in San Francisco. She was the first in her family to attend college and graduated from UC Berkeley in 1954. Her first and only employer was Kaiser Permanente as a Clinical Scientist and retired after 40 years. Joann Howard met Jim Wood while folk dancing in San Francisco. They married in 1958 and had two daughters, Elaine and Christy. In 1972 they moved from Belmont to Fremont. Joann and Jim were very active in their community. They were folk dancers, Ham Radio Operators, members of the Niles Canyon Railway, and in the first class of CARE volunteers for the Fremont Police Dept. They were always planning their next trip.

They skied, camped, and traveled extensively-going to Europe, Asia and South America 20+ times. They were both lifelong members of Peninsula Ski Club. Joann played in a Croatian orchestra for 45 years performing around the Bay Area and USA. Joann was proud of her Italian-Irish heritage. She was raised in her Italian grandmother's house in San Francisco which greatly influenced her. She was a big gardener, an avid reader and was great with crossword puzzles. Education was very important to her. She got her Master of Public Health from San Jose State University in 1985 and later taught classes in Phlebotomy at Ohlone College. Joann had a great zest for life and was always up for the next adventure. She loved the outdoors, going to Tahoe, and playing games, including cribbage and gazooki. She was proud of her family, especially her grandchildren. We are proud of the life she led and will miss her.

Joann is preceded in death by husband James F. (2009) and survived by her daughter Elaine, son-in-law John Pitek (Grandchildren Stephen and Holly) and daughter Christy, son-in-law Tom Wright (Grandchildren Heather and Ryan).

Dolores Francis Stedman Meyers

June 17, 1937 - May 18, 2020



It is with great sadness that the family of Dolores Stedman Meyers announces her passing on Monday, May 18, 2020, in Fremont, CA. She was 82 years old.

Dolores will be lovingly remembered by her three daughters Tamra Stedman, Dora Edwards & Carole Stedman, her sister Anna Romero and many nieces and nephews.

Shortly after high school in Oakland, Dolores was a ballroom dance instructor at Arthur Murray dance studios in

Vallejo before moving to San Francisco. She retired from Pacific Bell with 35 years. She enjoyed playing bridge and Mahjong at the senior center with her friends and loved her granddogs, Greta and Halle, and kitties tremendously. She was the most loving, kind, generous, beautiful person and was loved by everyone. She will be forever missed by everyone who knew her.

Firefighters, city manager, council members give up pay increases

SUBMITTED BY CHUCK FINNIE

On May 19, Hayward City Council approved changes in compensation agreements with Hayward firefighters, fire department managers, and City Manager Kelly McAdoo to save money amid steep declines in revenue stemming from COVID-19 health emergency.

Under the agreements, firefighters, fire department management, and McAdoo are giving up 2 percent salary increases they were scheduled to receive July 1, saving the city a combined \$487,215 in FY 2021. The mayor and council members also voted to reduce their salaries by 2 percent for FY 2021 and cut their travel and other expense budgets by 50 percent, saving the city an additional \$11,800.

These agreements and give-backs are the first to be reached since the city manager sent two formal proposals to city employee bargaining groups asking that all city workers accept 80 hours of furloughs or agree to forego scheduled July 1 pay increases.

Park It

By NED MacKAY

Because of coronavirus, all visitor centers are closed, and in-person nature education programs are cancelled in the East Bay Regional Parks. However, district naturalists have been working hard just the same, producing dozens of educational and entertaining videos. The videos cover the spectrum of natural history topics: ground squirrels, tarantulas, bats, white-tailed kites, geology, and flower dissection, to name a few.

You can also download an app for virtual reality park experiences. Additionally, “Songs and Stories” is a series designed for children. For details, visit www.ebparks.org/DigitalLearning; or you can click on “Activities” at the top of the home page, then click again on “Digital Learning.”

Of course, people are still welcome to visit the actual parklands, keeping in mind the required precautions. For up-to-date information on what is available, click on “COVID-19 Park & Trail Updates” at the top of the home page at www.ebparks.org.

As of this writing, more than 90 percent of the regional parks and trails remain open. The four parks that are completely closed through Sunday, May 31 are Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont, Bay Point Regional Shoreline in Pittsburg (for construction), Castle Rock Recreation Area in Walnut Creek, and Point Isabel Regional Shoreline in Richmond.

At the request of the city of Fremont, Stanford Avenue Staging Area of Mission Peak Regional Preserve remains closed through Sunday, May 31. You can still access the preserve from a parking lot at nearby Ohlone College. Although Castle Rock is closed, you can still access Diablo Foothills Regional Park from the Orchard Staging Area at the end of Castle Rock Road past Northgate High School.

At Del Valle Regional Park south of Livermore, the main entrance on Del Valle Road is closed at the intersection with Mendenhall Road. No walk-in access is available. However, the staging area at the end of Arroyo Road is open, and you can explore the park as far as Badger Cove.

Tilden Regional Park near Berkeley is open, as is the golf course, but all other attractions in the park are closed, including the Regional Parks Botanic Garden. All park district swim areas are closed, but the district’s aquatic staff is working to be prepared for eventual opening, possibly in July.

Some safety reminders:

- So far, the stay-at-home order is still in effect, so only visit parklands near you.
- Download a park map before going.
- Bring your own water and hand sanitizer. Many toilets are now open, but drinking fountains are still closed.
- Dogs must always be on leash, everywhere in the parks.
- Available activities are walking, hiking, biking, horseback riding, or fishing. No swimming, boating, or picnicking.
- Plan to go with only immediate household members. No gatherings or meet-up groups.
- Maintain “social distance” of six feet from other groups.
- Bring a cloth face covering/mask, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control. Use it if social distancing becomes impossible.
- On the regional trails, share the road. Bicyclists should alert people by bell or voice when overtaking from behind. Pedestrians should leave adequate space so faster traffic can pass on the left.
- Running or bicycling causes people to expel airborne particles more forcefully. Runners and cyclists must take extra measures to avoid exposing others to airborne particles by keeping greater than six feet of distance and wearing face masks when possible.

Local county moves to Phase 2 reopening

SUBMITTED BY SUPERVISOR DAVE CORTESE

Santa Clara County is ready to support the businesses now allowed to provide curbside retail, manufacturing, and childcare as they prepare to reopen with the required safety measures to protect workers and the public from COVID-19. The county is moving forward to Phase 2 because of the cooperation and sacrifices of our residents, business owners, teachers, students, community leaders, and healthcare workers. At the same time, the public health department will carefully monitor coronavirus cases and other data to ensure that the county continues to make progress toward reducing the impact of the virus.

Milpitas Police Log

SUBMITTED BY MILPITAS PD

Sunday, May 16

- A midnight shift officer spotted a suspicious 2019 U-Hall pickup truck being driven near the Milpitas Police Department station on North Milpitas Boulevard. A license plate check showed the truck was reported stolen from Oakland on April 29. Officers made a vehicle stop and took the driver, identified by police as Joseph Julio, 38, of Fremont, into custody. Officers also found drugs, drug paraphernalia and a stolen package inside the vehicle. Following COVID-19 protocols, Julio was cited and released pending charges from the Santa Clara County District Attorney’s Office.

Tuesday, May 19

- Shortly after midnight officers spotted a suspicious Toyota RAV4 in the parking lot of a motel on Dempsey Road. As officers attempted to talk to the driver, he sped away and collided with several parked vehicles and a cement planter box before stopping and fleeing on foot through a residential neighborhood. A resident alerted officers to the suspect who was taken into custody. A vehicle check showed that it had been stolen from a dealership in Sunnyvale. The suspect, identified by police as Richard Armendariz, 36, of Stockton, was booked into Santa Clara County Main Jail and faces charges of possessing a stolen vehicle, hit and run, and resisting arrest.

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Online guide to connect residents to resources

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF UNION CITY

The COVID-19 pandemic has put our households in stressful and uncertain circumstances, particularly when it comes to finances. Union City has compiled a comprehensive list of resources to connect you to the help that you need. The guide includes up-to-date information and resources about:

- Protections for renters
- Financial and unemployment resources
- Information for immigrants and undocumented people
- Food assistance
- Assistance for families in need
- Healthcare and mental health resources

To view the guide, visit [shorturl.at/fmIW1](https://www.unioncity.org/445/Coronavirus-Disease-COVID-19). This guide will be continuously updated. Visit <https://www.unioncity.org/445/Coronavirus-Disease-COVID-19> for updated information.

SB 898 bill to protect Scholarshare accounts from creditors

SUBMITTED BY
JEFF BARBOSA

As COVID-19 wreaks havoc on the personal finances of families, a new state proposal authored by Senator Bob Wieckowski and sponsored by California Treasurer Fiona Ma would exempt higher education 529 Scholarshare accounts from creditors in bankruptcy cases. The Senate Judiciary Committee approved Senate Bill 898 on May 22.

“When a taxpayer files for bankruptcy, a child’s college savings account should be

protected,” said Ma. “During times like these, we need to protect the next generation and give them every opportunity to succeed.”

California created the Scholarshare 529 college savings accounts in 1999 to help families of all income levels prepare and save for future higher education expenses. Children with savings accounts, however small, are far more likely to enroll and graduate from college. But unlike retirement plans, 529 accounts are not protected from creditor claims in California. A creditor can attach the account to satisfy a judgment,

which can be devastating to a family and reduce access to college.

“Studies show that college education can substantially increase a person’s earning power over the course of a lifetime and if we do not provide this exemption, we are penalizing children by holding them responsible for their parents’ or grandparents’ financial difficulties. If we are serious about fighting intergenerational poverty, we should pass SB 898 and ensure access to higher education,” said Wieckowski.

City adjusts parking and traffic patterns

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF HAYWARD

City of Hayward is altering parking regulations and traffic patterns in commercial districts as required and offering workplace-safety resources to support resumption of local retail, manufacturing, and warehouse and logistics business activity.

To facilitate curbside retail as well as ongoing restaurant takeout service, the city will be piloting the designation of diagonal parking spaces on B Street for limited time use only for pick-up of food and other items. Also, the city will be experimenting with removing single travel lanes to

allow for more short-term parking, starting with B Street between Foothill and Mission boulevards, and potentially on Main Street between A and C streets.

To aid businesses as they are cleared to reopen, the state has published guidelines by respective industry sector and are available at <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>. Specific guidance for the restaurant industry is available at <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-dine-in-restaurants.pdf>.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

COVID-19 - Nature's Revenge?

Lest we forget, the current coronavirus pandemic--like the 2003 SARS epidemic--was HUMAN-caused, a direct result of our callous and brutal mistreatment of animals, both wild and domestic. And now the chickens, as they say, are coming home to roost.

Ironically, many animals are benefiting, both locally and worldwide. Rodeo cancellations by the score: Rowell Ranch, Livermore, Woodside Jr. Rodeo, Redding, the Calgary Stampede, likely Salinas. Also cancelled or postponed are

innumerable circuses, bullfights, charreadas, Spain’s Running of the Bulls, greyhound and horse races, the Kentucky Derby and more. And the CA live animal food markets are finally getting the attention they deserve.

They are cruel, environmentally-destructive and a major public health hazard.

If nothing else, COVID-19 should teach us all a lesson about humility and compassion for others, human and non-human animals alike. Here’s hoping.

**Eric Mills, coordinator
ACTION FOR ANIMALS**

Home Sales Report

CASTRO VALLEY TOTAL SALES: 13						
Highest \$: 1,175,000			Median \$: 855,000			
Lowest \$: 500,000			Average \$: 849,615			
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
2505 Miramar Ave #131	94546	500000	2	918	1988	3/13/20
2867 Ceekay Court	94546	630000	3	1294	1978	3/10/20
22355 Queen Street	94546	700000	2	976	1942	3/12/20
4264 Veronica Avenue	94546	751000	3	1106	1952	3/10/20
17494 Ehle Street	94546	755000	3	1509	1958	3/11/20
22391 North 4th Street	94546	782000	3	1266	1953	3/10/20
20730 Edgewood Circle	94552	855000	3	1561	1990	3/10/20
20101 Anita Avenue	94546	860000	3	1729	1959	3/11/20
20089 Emerald Court	94546	930000	4	1468	1950	3/10/20
19822 Carnation Lane	94546	975000	3	2562	1976	3/13/20
5858 Cold Water Drive	94552	1042000	4	2169	1972	3/11/20
19536 Eagle Street	94546	1090000	5	2305	1956	3/13/20
4583 Grenadier Place	94546	1175000	4	2987	1998	3/13/20

FREMONT TOTAL SALES: 36						
Highest \$: 3,150,000			Median \$: 1,039,000			
Lowest \$: 164,000			Average \$: 1,157,306			
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
34380 Newton Court	94555	164000	4	1400	1970	3/12/20
3501 Birchwood Terr #311	94536	458000	1	934	1984	3/12/20
233 Sycamore Street	94536	503000	3	1066	1900	3/13/20
274 Stacey Comm #20	94539	535000	1	675	1987	3/9/20
38627 Cherry Ln #83	94536	649000	3	1101	1974	3/9/20
5619 Willkie Place	94538	725000	3	1232	1966	3/13/20
31 Silk Oak Terrace	94536	735000	2	1081	2006	3/10/20
37831 Essanay Place	94536	760000	2	891	1983	3/10/20
3837 Burton Common	94536	815000	2	1400	1979	3/10/20
43080 Everglades Park Dr	94538	850000	4	1736	1962	3/10/20
38864 Marlin Terrace	94536	866000	2	1178	1994	3/9/20
3349 Baylis Street	94538	890000	3	950	1955	3/11/20
34725 Woodhue Terr #15	94555	895000	2	1346	1988	3/9/20
32998 Lake Michigan St	94555	900000	4	1444	1971	3/9/20
35609 Mccarty Comm	94536	900000	3	1298	1986	3/12/20
42781 Mayfair Park Ave	94538	950000	3	1455	1964	3/11/20
5096 Curtis Street	94538	1020000	4	1302	1960	3/13/20
5174 Vernon Avenue	94536	1024000	4	1635	1963	3/13/20
111 Visa Court	94538	1054000	4	1324	1961	3/12/20
4726 Nicolet Avenue	94536	1125000	3	1523	1955	3/13/20
4596 Gertrude Drive	94536	1165000	3	1460	1960	3/9/20
38834 Le Count Way	94536	1167000	3	1404	1961	3/9/20
33847 Raven Terrace	94555	1170000	4	1855	1989	3/11/20
4884 Bryce Canyon	94538	1180000	3	1347	1963	3/11/20
Park Dr #D						
4773 Mallard Comm	94555	1200000	3	1446	1987	3/9/20
38708 Kimbro Street	94536	1200000	3	1762	1961	3/12/20
4589 Rousillon Place	94555	1236000	4	2212	1986	3/10/20
40231 Strawflower Way	94538	1310000	4	1614	1994	3/10/20
2543 Abaca Way	94539	1430000	4	1828	1971	3/13/20
269 Firefly Terrace	94539	1545000	0	0		03/12/20
281 Tordo Court	94539	1584000	3	1881	1974	3/9/20
39465 Benavente Ave	94539	1650000	3	1881	1974	3/11/20
54 Valais Court	94539	1900000	4	2566	1975	3/12/20
42012 Mission Blvd	94539	2438000	0	0		03/13/20
40400 Canyon Heights Dr	94539	2520000	4	3392	1975	3/11/20
44888 Vista Del Sol	94539	3150000	4	3844	1997	3/13/20

HAYWARD TOTAL SALES: 24						
Highest \$: 935,000			Median \$: 642,500			
Lowest \$: 415,000			Average \$: 647,979			
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
177 El Dorado Avenue	94541	415000	1	520	1922	3/11/20
26809 Hayward Blvd	94542	430000	2	839	1987	3/11/20
27738 Del Norte Court	94545	460000	2	988	1970	3/11/20
26937 Hayward Blvd #108	94542	465000	2	1240	1982	3/13/20
22425 Flagg Street	94541	481000	3	1342	1926	3/10/20
2050 Aldengate Way	94545	508000	2	1106	1968	3/10/20
239 Elmwood Lane	94541	595000	2	841	1950	3/11/20
3291 D Street	94541	600000	2	1282	1877	3/13/20
21757 Princeton Street	94541	615000	2	978	1948	3/13/20
27783 East 11th Street	94544	620000	3	1046	1958	3/12/20

1697 C Street	94541	623000	4	1512	1951	3/13/20
19096 Meekland Avenue	94541	635000	3	1198	1944	3/13/20
2090 Park Arroyo Place	94545	650000	3	1738	1991	3/12/20
2141 Oak Creek Place	94541	660000	3	1598	1972	3/10/20
752 City Walk Place #8	94541	682500	4	1375	2001	3/10/20
2224 Thayer Avenue	94545	700000	3	1244	1959	3/13/20
25502 Scripps Street	94545	725000	3	1374	1959	3/13/20
24267 Broadmore Ave #22n	94544	732000	3	1288	1955	3/12/20
1521 D Street	94541	740000	5	1639	1880	3/12/20
22792 Blackwood Ave	94541	750000	2	1518	1953	3/12/20
301 Fanuncio Lane	94544	755000	3	1921	2017	3/11/20
22246 Prospect Street	94541	865000	3	2482	1956	3/10/20
28066 Dobbelt Avenue	94542	910000	0	2060	1978	3/12/20
26917 Claiborne Court	94542	935000	4	2099	1971	3/13/20

MILPITAS TOTAL SALES: 8						
Highest \$: 1,400,000			Median \$: 1,258,000			
Lowest \$: 570,000			Average \$: 1,185,750			
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
420 Dempsey Rd #222	95035	570000	3	1021	2007	4/16/20
1763 Grand Teton Dr	95035	1050000	3	1065	1965	4/17/20
523 Clauser Drive	95035	1180000	5	2115	1972	4/14/20
1221 Glacier Drive	95035	1251000	3	1558	1970	4/17/20
1582 Mount Shasta Ave	95035	1265000	3	1499	1966	4/17/20
312 La Crosse Drive	95035	1370000	5	1978	1960	4/13/20
122 West Capitol Ave	95035	1400000	6	2405	1969	4/15/20
2211 Devon Place	95035	1400000	4	2520	1987	4/17/20

NEWARK TOTAL SALES: 10						
Highest \$: 1,350,000			Median \$: 880,000			
Lowest \$: 545,000			Average \$: 886,300			
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
6462 Buena Vista Dr #B	94560	545000	1	1058	1985	3/9/20
36831 Newark Blvd #B	94560	679000	3	1383	1987	3/12/20
39933 Parada Street #B	94560	690000	2	1488		0 3/13/20
5153 Dupont Avenue	94560	830000	3	1190	1954	3/9/20
36124 Bayonne Drive	94560	870000	3	1100	1960	3/9/20
36100 Toulouse Street	94560	890000	2	1455	1988	3/9/20
36374 Teltencourt St	94560	899000	4	1606	1969	3/10/20
38111 Woodruff Drive	94560	1050000	4	1522	1964	3/13/20
8514 Bayshores Avenue	94560	1060000	3	1634	2017	3/12/20
6070 Campanula Court	94560	1350000	4	2312	1989	3/12/20

SAN LEANDRO TOTAL SALES: 11						
Highest \$: 1,035,000			Median \$: 730,000			
Lowest \$: 500,000			Average \$: 743,182			
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
487 Olive Street	94578	500000	2	865	1947	3/9/20
14686 Hanover Street	94579	550000	3	1477	1951	3/13/20
14165 Seagate Dr #226	94577	650000	3	1596	1987	3/11/20
14620 Saturn Drive	94578	700000	3	1640	1959	3/13/20
1657 Renaissance Lane	94578	720000	4	1708	2004	3/11/20
1272 Cumberland Ave	94579	730000	3	1124	1953	3/9/20
14962 Swenson Street	94579	750000	3	1073	1952	3/9/20
1681 Arena Street	94579	780000	3	1107	1956	3/11/20
13095 Neptune Drive	94577	860000	3	1850	1951	3/10/20
525 Lafayette Avenue	94577	900000	4	1398	1940	3/12/20
949 Begier Avenue	94577	1035000	4	2362	1927	3/10/20

SAN LORENZO TOTAL SALES: 3						
Highest \$: 768,000			Median \$: 726,000			
Lowest \$: 691,000			Average \$: 728,333			
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
18351 Via Toledo	94580	691000	3	1077	1950	3/13/20
16139 Via Karl	94580	726000	3	1196	1955	3/11/20
1398 Via Madera	94580	768000	4	1434	1950	3/12/20

UNION CITY TOTAL SALES: 5						
Highest \$: 1,155,000			Median \$: 479,000			
Lowest \$: 367,000			Average \$: 672,700			
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
4404 Corto Monterey	94587	367000	2	1054	1972	3/9/20
34765 Skylark Drive #4	94587	420000	2	798	1972	3/11/20
523 Tamarack Drive #9	94587	479000	2	1072	1976	3/12/20
3134 San Ramon Court	94587	942500	3	1396	1968	3/12/20
106 Pepper Lane	94587	1155000	4	1914	1999	3/11/20

Real Estate Notebook

Real Estate Notebook is a monthly column focusing on home buying, selling and owning experience.

Home Prices and Pace of Sales Accelerate

By DAVID STARK, PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIRECTOR, BAY EAST ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

Even in the middle of a global pandemic, home ownership is still desirable. Strong demand is being met by weak supply.

Significantly fewer homes were for sale throughout the East Bay in April 2020 as compared with April 2019. In Fremont, there were 202 homes for sale in April 2019 and 113 in April 2020: a 44 percent drop in inventory. Homes for sale dropped 56 percent in Newark, 37 percent in Union City, and 43 percent in Hayward.

“If you’re a buyer right now, it’s very, very competitive,” said Fremont-based REALTOR® Steve Medeiros, 2020 treasurer of Bay East Association of

REALTORS®. “There’s pent-up demand from homebuyers who have been sitting on the sidelines waiting. Now that health officials are allowing buyers to see both occupied and vacant homes, they’re just frothing at the mouth to buy and there are more buyers than inventory.”

Asked about the impact of COVID-19 on buyer enthusiasm, Medeiros said, “We put our gloves and masks and booties on, and we go find a house.” He explained that if a buyer is motivated enough to look for a home, they will work within the health department rules to make it happen.

Medeiros said the frenzy to purchase homes may be cooled later this year because more homes may be coming on the market and that the impact of COVID-19 on the economy may dampen some of the buyer enthusiasm.

With fewer homes for sale during April, there were fewer homes sold. There were 127 homes sold in Fremont April 2019 compared with 76 in April 2020, a 40 percent loss. Sales in Newark were down 63 percent, in Union City down 50 percent, and in Hayward down 47 percent.

The gloomy supply and sales statistics do not tell the complete story. Sales prices throughout the East Bay were either stable or increased compared with April 2019. The median sales price for a single-family detached home in Fremont rose one percent from \$1,232,000 last April to \$1,240,000. Prices in Newark increased seven percent to \$995,000, in Union City prices were up five percent to \$963,000 and up three percent in Hayward to \$740,000.

Medeiros indicated it is a great time to sell. “Sellers are going to get a lot of buyers

and that extrapolates out to more offers,” he said. “Sellers are feeling better about the process now that homes may be staged and they don’t have be vacant,” said Medeiros, though he mentioned that the process is easier if the home is vacant.

Buyer demand pushed up prices and drove down how long a home was on the market. In Fremont, a home was on the market an average of 23 days during April 2019. This April, that period dropped to 14 days. Similar changes were seen nearby: Days-on-market in Newark dropped from 30 to 16, in Union City from 16 to 7, and in Hayward from 36 to 11 days

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Fremont Fire Department Log

SUBMITTED BY FREMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Friday, May 15

• At 8:34 p.m. firefighters were dispatched to Waterstone Apartments on Leslie Street. On arrival, crews located a fire on the third floor of the four-story building in a center hallway with a sprinkler head activated inside

an apartment unit. Forcible entry was made into the unoccupied apartment and firefighters extinguished the blaze. There was extensive water damage on the second and third floors from the sprinkler system which also disabled the building's electrical system, making the building uninhabitable. Fifty-three people from 30 units were displaced by the fire. The property manager assisted some of the displaced tenants with temporary lodging, while others made their own arrangements. The fire was

confined to one unit, with multiple units sustaining smoke and/or water damage. The cause of the fire is under investigation. There were no reports of injuries to residents or firefighters.

Sunday, May 17

• At 8:35 p.m. firefighters responded to a call about an RV motorhome fire on the 41800 block of Boscell Road. The two occupants inside the RV exited before crews arrived. The cause of the fire was determined to be accidental and the RV was a total loss. There were no injuries.

Arrest made in home invasion robbery

SUBMITTED BY GENEVA BOSQUES, FREMONT PD

A 23-year-old Antioch man has been arrested in connection with an armed home invasion robbery in Fremont, but two more suspects are still on the run, according to the Fremont Police Department (FPD).

The incident occurred at 10:35 a.m. on Tuesday, May 5 on the 2000 block of Laurel Canyon Court. Police said that during the home invasion, two suspects entered the victim's residence, pointed firearms at the victim and made them lie on the ground, ransacked the residence, and stole multiple items. A third suspect stayed outside in the suspect vehicle.

The case was investigated by the FPD's Investigative unit which used video surveillance, license plate readers and community cameras to capture various images of the suspects and their vehicle. The investigation showed the same suspects attempted a separate residential burglary in Fremont, another in Union City, and committed a brutal robbery in San Francisco – all on the same day as the Fremont home invasion.

After intensive investigation, one of the suspects, identified by police as Tyler Spears, 23, was arrested May 14 in Vallejo by the FPD Special Weapons and Tactics team. When arrested, Spears had a loaded firearm in his possession that had been stolen during a residential burglary in Suisun City in January. He faces multiple felony charges and will be processed at the East County Hall of Justice in Contra Costa County.

Meanwhile, the second suspect, identified by police as Vermont Jones, 21, of San Francisco is still

at large. Jones has six separate cases pending out of the Superior Court in San Francisco. Among those cases are arrests for robbery, burglary, carrying a loaded firearm, false imprisonment, child endangerment and other crimes. Nonetheless, Jones was released from custody on a GPS ankle monitor while those cases worked their way through the court process. Jones was wearing the GPS ankle monitor during the Fremont home invasion robbery.

On May 14 Jones disabled the GPS tracking device, prompting authorities to issue a felony warrant for his arrest. He is being sought by multiple police departments and is considered armed and dangerous. A search is also on for the unidentified third suspect who drove the car in the Fremont incident.

FPD officials are asking that anyone with information about Jones' whereabouts to contact Det. Greg Wong at (510) 552-7670 or Det. Michael Gebhardt at (510) 673-3664.

BART Police Log

SUBMITTED BY LES MENSINGER AND BART PD

Friday, May 16

• At 2:29 p.m. a man identified by police as Richard Bueno, 38, of Hayward was arrested at

Union City station on a no bail warrant and booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Sunday, May 17

• A man identified by police as Humberto Garcia, 28, was arrested at San Leandro station on suspicion of burglary and probation violation. He was issued a prohibition order and booked into jail.

Alameda County Sheriff's Office

SUBMITTED BY TYA M. MODESTE

Friday, May 15

• At about 11:30 a.m. deputies went to the Valley Inn motel on Foothill Boulevard in Castro Valley to assist officers from the Oakland Police Department in apprehending a murder suspect reportedly hiding in one of the motel rooms. A perimeter was set around the motel while authorities talked with the suspect by telephone trying to get him to surrender.

The standoff continued until about 4:30 p.m. when deputies saw the suspect exit the room with a shirt covering his nose and mouth and a black, semi-automatic handgun pointed at them. The suspect fired at least one round at deputies who returned fire, striking him several times and killing him. Local media identified the suspect as Thac Pham, 42 of Oakland. An investigation by the Oakland Police Department is ongoing.

Hayward Police Log

SUBMITTED BY OFFICER CLAUDIA MAU, HAYWARD PD

Wednesday, May 20

• At about 2:27 p.m. officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of Wildwood and Kelly streets. During the contact, officers discharged their service weapons and a man in his 20s was killed. HPD officials have not released details about the incident or the identity of the man or the officers involved while an investigation is underway. Anyone with information is asked to call Detective Eric Mulhern at (510) 293-7176.

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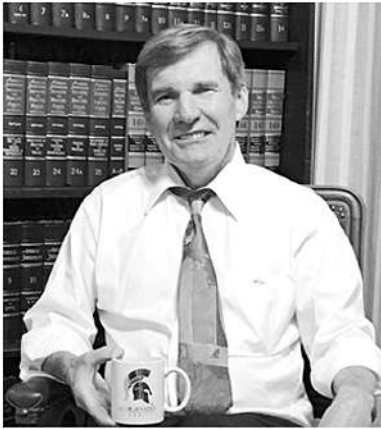
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PUBLIC NOTICES



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CEQA TRANSPORTATION ANALYSIS UPDATE – PLN2020-00226

CEQA TRANSPORTATION ANALYSIS UPDATE – Citywide – PLN2020-00226 Public Hearing (Published Notice) to Consider the Planning Commission's Recommendation to Approve General Plan Text Amendments to replace Level of Service with Vehicle Miles Traveled as the criteria to be used for transportation analysis under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), in compliance with Senate Bill 743 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3, and to consider an exemption from the requirements of CEQA, each on a separate and independent basis, per CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) in that the proposed amendments are not a project which has the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment, CEQA Guidelines Section 15268(a) in that the proposed amendments are ministerial actions exempt from the requirements of CEQA, and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15163 as none of the circumstances requiring calling for the preparation of a subsequent or supplemental EIR have occurred.

APPLICANT: City of Fremont

PUBLIC HEARING: Notice is hereby given that the Fremont City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the Planning Commission's recommendation to adopt a resolution amending the Mobility Element of the General Plan to Ensure Compliance with Senate Bill 743 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3. Said public hearing will either be: held at 7:00P.M., on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 in the Council Chambers at 3300 Capitol Avenue, Fremont, California, at which time all interested parties may appear and be heard; or, if the City has deemed it necessary in the interest of public health to limit the effects of Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19), said public meeting may be held via teleconferencing and made accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to impose and promote social distancing under the authority of Executive Order N-25-20, as amended.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: The proposed amendments are exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per, each as a separate and independent basis, (1) CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) in that the proposed amendments are not a project which has the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment, and are not subject to CEQA review; and (2) CEQA Guidelines Section 15268(a) in that the proposed amendments are ministerial actions exempt from the requirements of CEQA; and the environmental impacts of the project were fully evaluated in the General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which was certified by the Fremont City Council in December 2011 in accordance with the requirements of CEQA and on file with the City of Fremont Planning Division and online on the City of Fremont website and, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15163, none of the circumstances requiring preparation of a subsequent or supplemental EIR are present. In addition, there are no previously identified significant effects which are substantially more severe than analyzed in the General Plan EIR or cannot be substantially mitigated by the imposition of uniformly applied development policies or standards applied on a citywide basis. The amendments proposed are necessary to conform the General Plan to state law and are intended to protect the environment. Any conceivable impact of the proposed amendments would be too speculative for reasoned analysis in the absence of specific development proposals.

Any questions or comments on the project should be submitted to:

Bill Roth, Senior Planner

Location: 39550 Liberty Street, Fremont
Mailing: P.O. Box 5006, Fremont, CA 94537-5006
Phone: (510) 494-4450
E-mail: broth@fremont.gov

Due to the effects of COVID-19 promoting social distancing, early submission of public comment in writing via email is strongly recommended.

CNSB #3367334 Tri City Voice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF FREMONT
PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FREMONT WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL. SAID PUBLIC HEARING WILL EITHER BE: HELD AT 7:00 P.M., ON THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2020, AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 3300 CAPITOL AVENUE, FREMONT, CALIFORNIA, AT WHICH TIME ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PERSONS MAY APPEAR AND BE HEARD; OR, IF THE CITY HAS DEEMED IT NECESSARY IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO LIMIT THE ATTENDANCE OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES TO PREVENT OR MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19), SAID PUBLIC MEETING MAY BE HELD VIA TELECONFERENCING AND MADE ACCESSIBLE TELEPHONICALLY OR OTHERWISE ELECTRONICALLY TO IMPOSE AND PROMOTE SOCIAL DISTANCING UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF EXECUTIVE ORDER N-25-20, AS AMENDED.

ROBERTS TOWNHOMES – 41354 Roberts Avenue – PLN2019-00348 - To consider a Vesting Tentative Tract Map, Discretionary Design Review Permit, and Private Street to allow the construction of a 36-unit multifamily condominium development on a two-acre property located in the R-3-18 zoning district and Irvington Community Plan Area, and to consider an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15332, Infill Development Projects. Project Planner – Mark Hungerford, (510) 494 - 4541, mhungerford@fremont.gov

For further information on any of the above items, contact the respective project planner above for that particular project.

* NOTICE *

If you challenge the decision of the Planning Commission in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

JOEL PULLEN, AICP, SECRETARY
FREMONT PLANNING COMMISSION



CNSB #3367428 Tri City Voice

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
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NAME STATEMENT

File No. 569992

Fictitious Business Name(s):
HAYWARD GROCERY OUTLET, 426 W. HARDER RD., HAYWARD, CA 94544; MAILING ADDRESS: 6136 PASSIFLORA LN, ORANGEVALE, CA 95662, County of ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):
KOBØ MARKET LLC, 6136 PASSIFLORA LN, ORANGEVALE, CA 95662 (CALIFORNIA)
Business conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)

/s/ CHIOMA CHUKS-ORJI

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on APRIL 21, 2020

NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county

clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 5/12, 5/19, 5/26, 6/2/20

CNS-3364157#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 570139

Fictitious Business Name(s):
THE KITTY LADY, 40134 Laiola Road, Fremont, CA 94538, County of Alameda

Registrant(s):
Marian J. Stevens, 40134 Laiola Rd., Fremont, CA 94538

Business conducted by: An Individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)

/s/ Marian J. Stevens
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on April 29, 2020

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF FREMONT
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
SPECIAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF FREMONT WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL. SAID PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE EITHER HELD AT 3:00 P.M., ON MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2020, AT THE CITY OF FREMONT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CENTER, RANCHO HIGUERA CONFERENCE ROOM, 39550 LIBERTY STREET, FREMONT, CALIFORNIA, AT WHICH TIME ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PERSONS MAY APPEAR AND BE HEARD; OR, IF THE CITY HAS DEEMED IT NECESSARY IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO LIMIT THE ATTENDANCE OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES TO PREVENT OR MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19), SAID PUBLIC MEETING MAY BE HELD VIA TELECONFERENCING AND MADE ACCESSIBLE TELEPHONICALLY OR OTHERWISE ELECTRONICALLY TO IMPOSE AND PROMOTE SOCIAL DISTANCING UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-25-20, AS AMENDED. INFORMATION ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON THE MEETING AGENDA POSTED ONLINE AT WWW.FREMONT.GOV/429/ZONING-ADMINISTRATOR-HEARINGS ON FRIDAY JUNE 5, BY 5:00 P.M.

NORTHWESTERN POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY – 161 Mission Falls Lane – PLN2020-00175 – To consider a Zoning Administrator Permit to allow the establishment of a new private college of approximately 49,700 square feet through the conversion of an existing office building located in the Warm Springs Community Plan Area, and to consider that the project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities. Project Planner – Hang Zhou, (510) 494-4545, hzhou@fremont.gov

* NOTICE *

If you challenge the decision of the Zoning Administrator in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Zoning Administrator at, or prior to, the public hearing.

CLIFFORD NGUYEN
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



CNSB #3367401 Tri City Voice

NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 5/12, 5/19, 5/26, 6/2/20

CNS-3364124#

GOVERNMENT

CITY OF FREMONT
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City of Fremont City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the following proposals. Said public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 9, 2020, Council Chambers, 3300 Capitol Ave., Bldg. A, Fremont, CA, at which time all interested parties may attend and be heard:

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF FY 2020/21 OPERATING BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT

Second Public Hearing (Published Notice) and Adoption of the FY 2020/21 Operating Budget and Appropriations Limit.

CEQA TRANSPORTATION ANALYSIS UPDATE – Citywide – PLN2020-00226
Public Hearing (Published Notice) to Consider the Planning Commission's Recommendation to Approve General Plan Text Amendments to replace Level of Service with Vehicle Miles Traveled as the criteria to be used for transportation analysis under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), in compliance with Senate Bill 743 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3, and to consider an exemption from the requirements of CEQA, each on a separate and independent basis, per CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) in that the proposed amendments are not a project which has the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment, CEQA Guidelines Section 15268(a) in that the proposed amendments are ministerial actions exempt from the requirements of CEQA, and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15163 as none of the circumstances requiring calling for the preparation of a subsequent or supplemental EIR have occurred.

If you challenge any decision of the City Council in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

SUSAN GAUTHIER, CITY CLERK

5/26/20

CNS-3367457#

NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING
PROPOSED ADOPTION OF A DEVELOPER
FEE STUDY AND THE INCREASE OF THE
STATUTORY SCHOOL FEE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE NEWARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL HOLD A HEARING AND CONSIDER INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC ON THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF A DEVELOPER FEE JUSTIFICATION STUDY FOR THE DISTRICT AND AN INCREASE IN THE STATUTORY SCHOOL FACILITY FEE ("LEVEL I FEE") ON NEW RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS AS APPROVED BY THE STATE ALLOCATION BOARD ON JANUARY 22, 2020. THE ADOPTION OF THE STUDY AND THE INCREASE OF THE LEVEL I FEE ARE NECESSARY TO FUND THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEEDED SCHOOL FACILITIES TO ACCOMMODATE STUDENTS DUE TO DEVELOPMENT.

At the time of the posting of this notice, it is unknown if the meeting will be virtual or in person. Members of the public are invited to comment at the meeting as outlined below.

Virtual Meeting Protocol

Members of the public are invited to email comments to publiccomment@newarkunified.org. Comments must be received by 12:00 pm on June 18, 2020 to have their comments read aloud during the meeting.

Emails must be clearly labeled by stating the Number/Agenda Item they wish to reference on the subject line of the email, i.e. "Public Comment – 15.0 Adoption of School Facilities (Developer) Fees' Increase".

In Person Public Meeting Protocol

Members of the public are invited to address the Board, in person, by completing the speaker card provided on the table at the entrance to the room and submitting the card to the Executive Assistant prior to 6:00 pm when the Board recesses to

closed session. Hearing on June 18, 2020, at the following location:

Newark Unified School District
Board Room
5715 Music Avenue
Newark, CA 94560

Materials regarding the Study and the Level I Fee are on file and are available for public review online at www.newarkunified.org and when the District Office reopens, in the district lobby located at 5715 Music Avenue, Newark, CA. 5/26/20

CNS-3367388#

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids will be received in the Office of Purchasing Services at 3300 Capitol Ave., Bldg. B, Fremont, California, up to the hour of 2:00 PM on June 16, 2020 at which time they will be opened and read out loud in said building for:

**NURSERY AVENUE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS – NILES BLVD. TO MISSION BLVD. PROJECT (ROUTE 238)
CITY PROJECT 8828(PWC)**

Plans, special provisions and standard proposal forms to be used for bidding on this project can be obtained for a non-refundable fee at ARC Solutions located at 821 Martin Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95050 or through Planwell at www.e-arc.com/location/santa-clara. Phone (408) 295-5770. No partial sets will be issued, cost is non-refundable. Call to confirm availability of copies before coming to pick up documents. For more information on this project, contact the City of Fremont Purchasing Department at (510) 494-4620.

LINDA WRIGHT
PURCHASING DIVISION
CITY OF FREMONT
5/26, 6/2/20

CNS-3367354#

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

This virtual City Council meeting will be conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with State of California Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20, the public may only view the meeting on television and/or online. The City Council Chambers will not be open to the public.

Details on how to participate in the meeting will be set forth in the meeting agenda which is anticipated to be posted by 5 pm on June 5, 2020 at <https://www.newark.org/departments/city-manager-s-office/agendas-minutes>

If you have any questions regarding viewing or participating in the meeting, after reviewing the posted agenda, then contact the City Clerk at city.clerk@newark.org.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Newark at its City Council meeting of Thursday, June 11, 2020, at or after 6:00 p.m. will review proposed new fees or adjustments to existing fees for services or functions performed by the City in a governmental and/or proprietary capacity. Data establishing the estimated cost required providing the service for which the fee or service charge is levied and the revenue sources anticipated to provide the service will be available to the public at the Office of the City Clerk beginning June 1, 2020, 37101 Newark Boulevard, 5th Floor, Newark, Oakland, CA 94612-4305, or by email at madeline.serafin@acgov.org. Facsimile information will not be accepted. County Contact: Madeline Serafin at (510) 208-9532. Specifications regarding the above may be obtained at the Alameda County GSA Current Contracting Opportunities Internet website at www.acgov.org. 5/26/20

CNS-3367125#

The General Services Agency (GSA) of the County of Alameda is requesting information for the availability of hotel properties for sale meeting general requirements - **RFI #05-FY-20 Hotels and Motels Properties for Sale**. All information must be in writing and received via U.S. Mail or other courier service no later than 3:00 PM on August 31, 2020 at GSA-Real Property Department, 1401 Lakeside Drive, 6th Floor, Oakland, CA 94612-4305, or by email at madeline.serafin@acgov.org. Facsimile information will not be accepted. County Contact: Madeline Serafin at (510) 208-9532. Specifications regarding the above may be obtained at the Alameda County GSA Current Contracting Opportunities Internet website at www.acgov.org. 5/26/20

CNS-3366511#

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids will be received in the Office of Purchasing Services at 3300 Capitol Ave., Bldg. B, Fremont, California, up to the hour of 2:00 PM on June 11, 2020 at which time they will be opened and read out loud in said building for:

MAINTENANCE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING REROOF AND FALL PROTECTION PROJECT,

8393PWC

Bidders' Conference. A conference will be held on **May 28, 2020 at 9:00 AM** at the following location: **Maintenance Administration Building, 42551 Osgood Road, Fremont, CA 94539**, to acquaint all prospective bidders with the Contract Documents and the Worksite. The bidders' conference is **mandatory**. A bidder who fails to attend a mandatory conference may be disqualified from bidding. Contractors who are attending the conference are required to furnish and properly don their own protective gear (the use of a face mask, at a minimum), as well as follow all social distancing requirements per the latest Covid-19 County Guidance. Given the current environment, this may change. If so, potential bidders will be advised by the issue of an addendum.

Plans, special provisions and standard proposal forms to be used for bidding on this project can be obtained for a non-refundable fee at ARC Solutions located at 821 Martin Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95050 or through Planwell at www.e-arc.com/location/santa-clara. Phone (408) 295-5770. No partial sets will be issued, cost is non-refundable. Call to confirm availability of copies before coming to pick up documents. For more information on this project, contact the City of Fremont Purchasing Department at (510) 494-4620.

LINDA WRIGHT
PURCHASING DIVISION
CITY OF FREMONT
5/19, 5/26/20

CNS-3366074#

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids will be received in the Office of Purchasing Services at 3300 Capitol Ave., Bldg. B, Fremont, California, up to the hour of 2:00 PM on June 17, 2020 at which time they will be opened and read out loud in said building for:

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER I & II ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT, 9035PWC

Bidders' Conference. A conference will be held on June 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., at the following location: 39155 & 39175 Liberty Street, Fremont, CA, at the parking lot to acquaint all prospective bidders with the Contract Documents and the Worksite. The bidders' conference is **mandatory**. A bidder who fails to attend a mandatory conference may be disqualified from bidding. Contractors who elect to attend the conference are required to furnish and properly don their own protective gear (the use of a face mask, at a minimum), as well as follow all social distancing requirements per the latest Covid-19 County Guidance. Given the current environment, this may change. If so, potential bidders will be advised by the issue of an addendum.

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LINDA WRIGHT
PURCHASING DIVISION
CITY OF FREMONT
5/19, 5/26/20

CNS-3365759#

PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
BERNARD M. NOTT
CASE NO. RP20059160

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Bernard Nott aka Ben Nott aka Benny Nott aka Bernard M. Nott

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Mary Elizabeth Borba in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

The Petition for Probate requests that Mary Elizabeth Borba be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The Petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on July 6, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in Dept. 202 Room n/a located at 2120 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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Alameda County Fire
Department Log

SUBMITTED BY ACFD

Monday, May 18

• At around 10:00 p.m. firefighters responded to a residential fire that had spread into the home's attic at Lawrence and Joseph Drives in Castro Valley. Crews quickly extinguished the blaze and there were no injuries, but six people from the home were displaced and the Red Cross was notified.

Newark Police Log

SUBMITTED BY NEWARK PD

Wednesday, May 20

• At 11:48 a.m. while officers were attempting to serve a felony arrest warrant at a residence on the 36000 block of Beutke Drive, the 66-year-old man produced a handgun. As officers yelled for him to drop the gun, the man fired a single shot into his head. Paramedics were called, but the man was dead. A preliminary investigation showed that an

officer may have fired a single round from his patrol rifle, but it did not hit the man. Newark Police Department detectives are investigating the case with the assistance of the Fremont Police Department and the Alameda County Sheriff's Office. Anyone with information that can help investigators is asked to contact Lieutenant David Higbee with the Newark Police Department Investigations Unit at (510) 578-4962 or via email at david.higbee@newark.org. Information can also be left anonymously on the "Silent Witness" hotline at (510) 578-4965.

Mission San Jose Chamber of Commerce

May 13, 2020

The Mission San Jose Chamber of Commerce held its first-ever Zoom Annual General Meeting on May 13, 2020 for its members. The highlight was a panel from Fremont City Council including Mayor Lily Mei, Vice Mayor and council member from District 2 Rick Jones; councilmember-at-large Dr. Ray Salwan, and Economic Development Director Christina Briggs.

Chamber President Esther Gonzales explained that the purpose of the General Meeting was to discuss what's next for businesses in their planning and preparation for post-COVID-19. To support its business members during this pandemic, the

MSJ Chamber is refunding or crediting 2020 member fees, and providing free member advertising in its newsletter and social platforms. The Chamber's Economic Development task team is also conducting telechats, providing orange "Open for Business" posters and distributing safety masks.

Gonzales said the Chamber's goals for post-COVID-19 are to plan for the next phase; protect the brick-and-mortar businesses, the Old Mission, and other historic treasures; and to continue cultivating the cultural diversity and historic flavor of Mission San Jose. Organizational goals will be marketing campaigns emphasizing MSJ identity, a strategic plan with clear metrics, and working closely with the City of Fremont for grants, incentives and other business support.

She also highlighted 2019's accomplishments, including the successful Lobster Fest (August), Olive Fest (October) and

Tree Lighting (December). The MSJ Chamber also supported the 2019 4th of July Parade, Las Posadas at the Old Mission, and the Fremont Housing Navigation Center.

Chamber VP John Schinkel moderated the panel discussion; attendees provided questions. In response to "what does re-opening look like?" Jones said the Fremont City Council is taking its guidance from state and county. "Sadly, we will probably lose a number of businesses," he noted, but that they will do what they can to keep the business climate healthy. Council member Salwan noted that this pandemic is affecting all local businesses, but he believes there is a "lot of pent-up demand" and good will toward the business community that will translate into support for businesses.

Economic Director Briggs said the re-opening will take place in several stages and there is a need to clearly measure the impact

COVID-19. Briggs also noted that there will likely be a lot of new rules and regulations and it will be important businesses have clear information. Micro-grants will be available with new information over the next several weeks.

Another question concerned tax relief. Councilmember Salwan pointed out that a lot of people don't realize how much businesses help pay for city services, with half of the sales tax revenue coming from Pacific Commons alone. "We have to be creative in generating more revenue," he said.

Briggs added that one of the largest shares of sales tax revenue comes from Fremont's business and industrial base, bio-tech, clean energy, etc., and the associated B2B and supply chain revenue. Many of these businesses have remained open since Day 1 of the closures as they are deemed essential; this is an advantage to Fremont as many

cities rely heavily on hotel and tourism taxes which have taken a hit in this economic downturn.

Mayor Mei said that City Council strives to not just welcome businesses to Fremont but to do everything we can to help them succeed. She added that as the re-opening continues, they will work closely with Alameda County to get clear guidelines for businesses and how to implement these guidelines.

Briggs added that as a team of four people (in the Economic Development office) in a city of a quarter million, getting good data from businesses "is one of our biggest challenges... We welcome your input," she said.

The MSJ Chamber of Commerce meeting was taped and can be viewed on their website under News: <https://www.msjchamber.org/>

Fall Ballot Measures to Fund COVID-19, Climate & Health Emergencies

SUBMITTED BY CAROL DRAKE

Some cities in California are considering a November ballot measure to increase the utility tax on large commercial natural gas users that would assist cities facing COVID-19 financial problems, and climate and health emergencies, according to statewide climate coalition today.

The Health and Climate Resilience Tax Credit Measure "will fund programs and services for health emergencies, reduce greenhouse gas emissions by incentivizing large gas users to reduce energy consumption, save money on energy costs over time, and fund critical climate action initiatives that empower residents and businesses to participate in money-saving, carbon reducing practices," said the SF Bay Area Climate Restoration Circle.

Cities that include, but not limited to, Richmond, Berkeley, San Francisco, Oakland and Los Angeles are studying the coordinated placement of local city measures on the November 2020 ballot.

The coalition admits it needs to hustle to get cities to sign on by no later than June 30 to make deadlines for the November elections in each of the cities participating.

Calling it an "exciting new funding opportunity for cities to generate funds for communities to respond to dual climate and health emergencies facing every city," the coalition said "a number of cities are considering" the measure.

Local legislation would involve cities raising the local utility tax by two to five percent on only large businesses, who already get a break by paying much cheaper wholesale rates, not retail rates paid by

residential users. Funds generated would be a "new funding opportunity" to "deal with COVID-19 and climate emergencies."

Similar plans have met with great success, including Boulder, CO, which generated \$17.3 million, avoided 750,000 cumulative metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions and reduced GHG emissions 16 percent from 2005 levels. Portland, OR raised \$60 million for Green New Deal Energy initiatives.

The coalition argues that cities adopting this plan would fund climate solutions, fund PPE, testing and contract tracing in communities; draw down a trillion tons of CO2 by 2035, which would fulfill the Paris Accord and implement local climate emergency plans; create new jobs in solar and insulation installation, building efficiency and carbon sequestration to useful products; and lower utility cost for working families.

Because cities already have that existing tax on natural gas and electricity that collects about \$1.5 billion yearly, by increasing the tax on large users only, most cities would raise millions of dollars a year and "incentivize conversion to electrical appliances and vehicles," said the coalition.

Climate Goals would include reduce greenhouse gas emissions and sequester CO2, helping residents and businesses implement energy efficiency improvements at home and at work, and significantly increase the number of property owners and tenants investing in, and benefiting from, energy efficiency programs.

Read more about the Climate Tax Ballot here: <https://sfbaycrc.org/health-covid-19-climatetaxballot/>

Fremont School District Meeting

SUBMITTED BY BRIAN KILLGORE

At its May 20 meeting, The Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) Board of Education:

- Approved Administrative Appointments – The board unanimously approved the appointment of five positions for the 2020-21 School Year:
 1. Sumeyye Cardakali: assistant principal at American High School
 2. Katy Carter: principal at Mission San Jose Elementary
 3. Pamela Hughes: principal at Gomes Elementary
 4. George Vuong: assistant Principal at American High School/Thornton Junior High School
 5. Brian Walton: assistant principal at Irvington High School/Horner Middle School
- Received COVID-19 LEA Funding – The district has received an allocation from SB-117 totaling \$594,013. The funds have been budgeted into placeholder line items to address multiple needs and requirements in response to COVID-19. The district continues to keep pace with the demands. Funding priorities include food services, internet connectivity, instructional computers, personal protection equipment, staff overtime, and software.
- Authorized staff to enter into agreement with Herff Jones for Virtual Graduation Ceremonies – Given the current global uncertainty and considering guidelines and recommendations from the Alameda County Public Health Department and Fremont Police Department, the only guaranteed method to deliver a safe and celebratory graduation at this time is a virtual platform. After the initial release, the link will be available on school and district websites and the community can view the ceremonies at any time they wish. Note – This method will be used as a contingency in the event planned "drive-thr" graduation ceremonies are prohibited by changes in health guidelines.

Competing in a Virtual Science Fair

SUBMITTED BY JIM HSIA

One week before the prestigious Synopsys Championship Science Fair at the San Jose McEnery Convention Center, aspiring scientists and engineers were informed that the fair would be changed to online. For the middle school competitors from Milpitas Christian School (MCS), this was the time to practice their creative problem-solving skills.

After the county of Santa Clara banned large gatherings, the Synopsys Championship organizers decided it was time to have their first virtual Science Fair. Suddenly all the text, graphics, photos, and videos that would have been shown on a display board or notebook would need to be scanned and uploaded. A panel of judges would now be evaluating the materials and presentations of each student through a video conference.

MCS Participants in the Synopsys Championship

Six eighth graders from Mr. Eric Cho's science class were accepted into the Synopsys Championship.

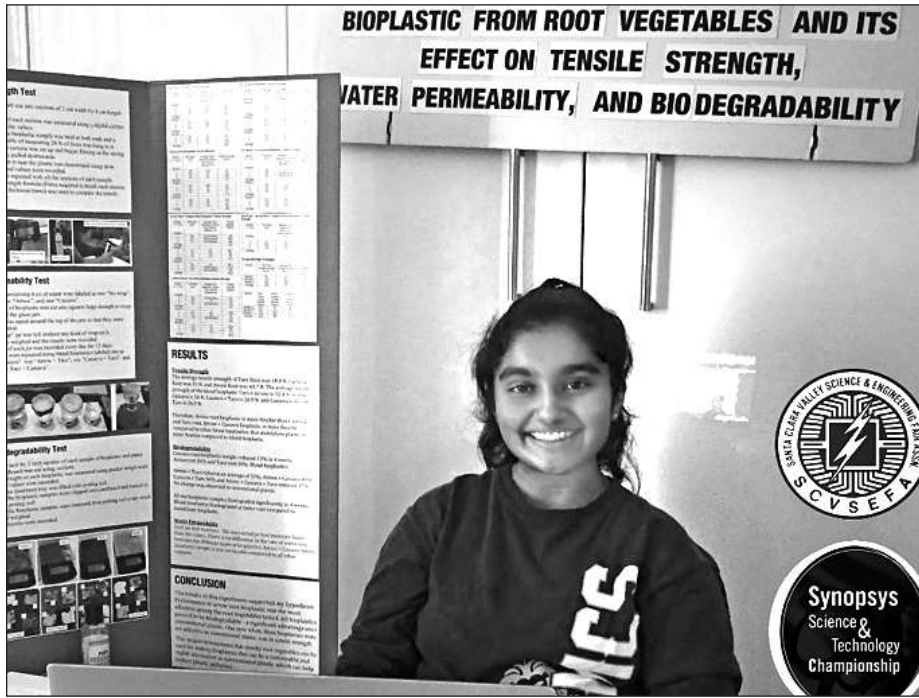
- Bowie C., The Growth of Moss Under Different Growing Conditions
- Terry H. and William T., Up, Up, and Away: A Quantitative Analysis On The Most Efficient Airfoil Type
- Justin H., Using A Grating Spectrometer to Study the Effectiveness of Blue Light Blocking Glasses
- Josephine K., Which Food Wrap Will Delay Food Decay the Longest?
- Himani M., Bioplastic from Root Vegetables and Its Effect on Tensile Strength, Water Permeability, and Biodegradability

The annual Synopsys Championship showcases middle and high students in the Santa Clara County who will become our future scientists, technology experts, engineers, and mathematicians. MCS students competed against public and prestigious private middle schools from Cupertino, Santa Clara, San Jose, Campbell, and Milpitas.

MCS Winners

Terry H. and William T. jointly received the 2nd Award in the Physical Science and Engineering Category, while Himani M. received a total of six awards in the Physical Science and Engineering category.

- 1st Award, Physical Science and Engineering Category
 - Nominated to compete in the Broadcom MASTERS, 8th Grade. This national science fair is scheduled for October 2020 in Washington, D.C.
 - Qualified for California Science & Engineering Fair (CSEF). Originally scheduled for April 2020 in Los Angeles, but has been cancelled due to COVID-19 crisis.
 - 2nd Place award and certificate from American Society of Civil Engineers-San Jose Branch
 - 2nd Place award and certificate from ASM International, A Society for Materials, Santa Clara Valley Chapter
 - Middle School award and recognition from Northern California Institute of Food Technologists (NCIFT)
- "My project is about making bioplastics from root vegetables," explained Himani M. "I created bioplastics from three different root vegetables and compared the efficiency of them to determine if they are reasonable



Himani M., eighth grade student with Milpitas Christian School, with her display board for the virtual science fair, 2020 Synopsys Silicon Valley Science and Technology Championship (SVSTC).

alternatives to conventional plastic. Looking at the results of my research, I learned that bioplastics are a good alternative to conventional plastic and are environment friendly. My years at MCS have helped me grow a love for science. My teachers have really supported me and helped me pursue my interests and goals which has helped me to be confident in the projects that I do today." After high school, Himani plans to pursue an undergraduate degree in engineering. "I'm very pleased to see our middle school students develop a passion for science and engineering," commented Eric Cho, Science teacher for MCS.

"It's very gratifying to see that the research and investigation by our students have been recognized by Santa Clara Valley Science & Engineering Fair Association (SCVSEFA) and the Synopsys Silicon Valley Science and Technology Championship this year. Only the top 5% of all participants were invited to the national science fair (Broadcom MASTERS); the top 10% qualified for the California State Science Fair (CSEF)."

For more information about Milpitas Christian School or to arrange a campus tour (in-person or virtual), visit MilpitasChristian.org or call (408) 945-6530 x11209.

MY CHOICE IS WTMF,

because I don't want to navigate
all over the Bay for my health care.



Convenient locations and flexible office hours are often a key consideration when patients choose Washington Township Medical Foundation (WTMF). Since Fremont resident Justin Ruhnke's first visit to a WTMF Orthopedist, he's come to appreciate how easy it's been to find top-notch doctors just minutes from his home. Now, he doesn't have to deal with long trips, traffic delays, and bridge tolls. And he likes being able to get appointments quickly. But there are still other factors that prompted Justin to choose WTMF. "I've received really great care here. Their services are extensive and all work in tandem with each other. Plus, the doctors generally spend more time, are good at listening and offer up-to-date treatment options." Just as important is the fact that his doctors work with him, value his opinions and respect him. It's a win-win for Justin (and he doesn't need those maps anymore).



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Because WTMF is an integral part of the Washington Hospital Healthcare System, we have immediate access to the system's wide array of advanced healthcare services, whenever you need them. This includes their highly awarded inpatient and outpatient facilities and specialty centers.

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is an online resource which allows our patients to see their personal health information in a safe, secure and private manner. Accessible from your mobile or desktop device, you can view your test results, prescriptions, allergies, immunizations, and other portions of your health record. You can also send a message to your doctor's office, schedule an appointment, or request a referral.



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has a staff of board certified physicians who work as a team, consulting regularly and collaborating to provide patients with thorough, in-depth care in specialties ranging from Cardiology and Neurosurgery to Endocrinology and Geriatrics.

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