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PROTEST TO FIGHT RACISM

One protestor, a law student, said, "We see injustice at first hand. It is time people speak about it. Injustice anywhere is injustice everywhere. How many more till justice is done? The whole world is united right now. It is a beautiful moment. We just hope justice is served. It's time to root out racism."

Carrying an "I Can't Breathe #BLM" sign, another protestor added, "A lot of cops misuse their powers, and this should come to an end. A lot of our brothers and sisters have been suffering from a long time. We are telling the guys that this should come to an end."

The protest remained peaceful except for a couple of incidents. According to Fremont Police, there was one incident of illegal fireworks set off near the crowd and an encounter with objects thrown at a patrol car. "Other than that, all activities remained relatively peaceful."

In the memory of George Floyd, hundreds gathered at NewPark Mall in Newark on June 2 and walked along Mowry Avenue through City of Fremont, stopping for demonstrations at Fremont City Hall, and finally heading to the Fremont Police Department. Fremont Police Chief Kimberly Petersen, Fremont Mayor Lily Mei, and two police captains met with the protesters outside the police department.

The march, one of many demonstrations in the greater Tri-City Area, reflected support from a wide range of backgrounds and ages. Along the way, protestors chanted "Black Lives Matter," "No Justice, No Peace, No Racist Police," and displayed signs and slogans that demanded justice for Floyd.



Finding a place to shelter

BY STEPHANIE GERTSCH

When Shelter in Place went into effect in March, the narrative we saw in the news and social media was about people facing the boredom of being "stuck at home." Non-essential businesses and community hubs like libraries locked their doors. Even park restrooms and drinking fountains closed to prevent spread of infection. However, not everyone is lucky enough to be "stuck at home." For the homeless population, Shelter in Place meant losing access to the few services they did have with little or no warning.

Building Futures, a San Leandro-based nonprofit that helps the homeless and domestic violence survivors, particularly women and families, saw their clients hit hard. "Everywhere that homeless folks would go – so the library, or the food programs – all [were] closed," says Liz Varela, Building Futures' Executive Director. "And not only do they not have all those resources, phones and protection, they have no information. No one was telling them what was going on."

Building Futures responded by opening drop-in centers in San Leandro and Alameda where homeless could come to get information on restrictions and health requirements, charge a phone, or get PPE. Disabled or high-risk people who had already found housing also needed support; many couldn't wait in line or transport food back to their apartment, so Building Futures put together food boxes to deliver.

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Arches National Park and overview of Navajo Nation.

Navajo Nation

local healthcare workers extend their stay for aid

BY FATEMA BHAIJI

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The Navajo Nation occupies regions of Arizona, Utah, and New Mexico and is experiencing a surge of COVID-19 cases. For generations, tribes in the Navajo Nation have been neglected by the government, but the Medical School of the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) sent dozens of doctors and nurses to the Nation for extra help during the crisis.

Omar Ali has been a critical care nurse for three years and currently works for UCSF. He and other health care workers were deployed on April 22, with a plan to work with the Navajo Nation for a month—but the time was extended due to no positive changes in the number of coronavirus cases. In addition to UCSF, organizations such as Doctors Without Borders and workers from across the country continue to come in an attempt to flatten the curve of coronavirus.

Even with extreme lockdown measures, the efforts of native people and healthcare workers are not working to slow the highest per capita infection rate, because 40% of the population does not have access to running water or electricity so even the simplest of hygiene rituals such as washing hands are difficult. Since a traditional Navajo house

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Washington Hospital Wins National Award for Environmental Sustainability

It is widely known that the environmental impact of health care providers in the U.S. is substantial, but one local hospital has a long record of reducing its environmental footprint. For the 10th time, Washington Hospital has been named a “Partner for Change” by Practice Greenhealth, the nation’s leading organization dedicated to environmental sustainability in health care. This award recognizes health care facilities that continuously improve and expand upon programs to eliminate mercury, reduce and recycle waste, and source products sustainably.

The Hospital’s commitment to greener, healthier operations began in 2008 when their Green Team was formed. This collaborative taskforce, made up of employees from nearly every Hospital department, puts environmentally friendly solutions in place to reduce waste and decrease water and energy usage.

“The distinctive honor of being named a Partner for Change 10 times represents a collaborative effort across the Hospital,” said Paul Kelley, Washington Hospital’s Green Team leader and director of Biomedical Engineering. “We especially appreciate the work of our Facilities, Materials Management, Food and Nutritional Services teams, and of course, Administration for their commitment and support.”

Washington Hospital Healthcare System has long been a leader in the



environmental sustainability movement. In 2009, it was one of 12 pioneering facilities to join Practice Greenhealth as a charter member. Today, more than one-third of U.S. hospitals are part of the organization’s network. And while only 6 percent of U.S. hospitals have won the Partner for Change Award, Washington Hospital continues to receive the honor.

Some of the many examples of how Washington Hospital reduces waste and decreases water and energy usage include:

- **Healthy food service:** Food is sourced from local, organic farmers and food waste is composted. Styrofoam and plastic containers were replaced with compostable versions
- **Water reduction:** Programs have been put in place to minimize water usage, which have resulted in more than a 90 percent reduction in annual water consumption

- **Decreased paper usage:** Recycled paper and electronic document distribution has significantly reduced the amount of paper used

- **Less plastic:** Tons of plastic waste has been eliminated through multiple methods, including reusing sharps containers

- **Eco-friendly purchasing:** Efforts are made to purchase office supplies made with recycled content, and cleaning chemicals that are certified green

A Green Team effort the local community may be familiar with is the annual Earth Day event, “Go Green Together” held in conjunction with the City of Fremont. This year’s event, focused on climate action, was slated to be held on April 18 at the Washington West building and would have marked the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. Unfortunately, it was canceled due to COVID-19.

Traditionally, the Earth Day event attracts more than 1,000 community members who come to learn about recycling, waste reduction, energy conservation, eco-friendly gardening, composting and more. Free services include residential drop-off of syringes and needles, safe disposal of unused medications, eyeglasses donation, document shredding, mercury thermometer exchange, and bicycle valet and tuneups. Children also enjoy fun activities like a bicycle rodeo and arts and crafts throughout the day. Next year’s event is already set for April 17, 2021.

“While we are proud of these awards and being a green leader locally and nationally, that’s not why we work so hard to put environmentally sound practices in place,” said Kelley. “Reducing what we use is built into how we work because it’s the right thing to do. We are dedicated to the health and well-being of our patients, this community and the environment at large.”

For more information on Washington Hospital’s environmental sustainability efforts, go to www.whhs.com/green. To learn more about Practice Greenhealth, visit www.practicegreenhealth.org.

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	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
	6/9/20	6/10/20	6/11/20	6/12/20	6/13/20	6/14/20	6/15/20
12:00 PM 12:00 AM	Women's Health, Strategy for Wellness: Gender Matters, Heart Disease Risk in Women	Sports Medicine Program: Youth Sports Injuries	Active Living: Yoga Exercises	Diabetes Matters: Asian Fusion	How to Prevent Financial Elder Abuse/Fraud	Mindful Healing	Anxiety: Stop Negative Thoughts
12:30 PM 12:30 AM	Palliative Care Series: Palliative Care Demystified		Digestive Health: What You Need to Know	Diabetes Health Fair 2019: Diabetes & Stroke: What's the Connection?			
1:00 PM 1:00 AM				Suffer From Sinus Problems?	Gastrointestinal Disorders	Healthy Gut, Healthy You	
1:30 PM 1:30 AM	11th Annual Women's Health Conference: Patient's Playbook	Mental Health Education Series: Crisis Intervention	Solutions for Weight Management	Weight Management: Stopping the Madness	Palliative Care Series: Interfaith Discussions on End of Life Topics	Diabetes Matters: Dining Out Around The World	Early Detection and Prevention of Female Cancers
2:00 PM 2:00 AM	Colon Cancer					Mental Health Education Series: Mental Wellness	
2:30 PM 2:30 AM	Caregiver Series: Securing Care Preferences Through AHCD	Diabetes Matters: Latin Foods	Caregiver Series: Caring for Someone with Dementia or Other Medical-Related Memory Loss				
3:00 PM 3:00 AM	Chronic Kidney Disease: FAQ	Vitamins & Supplements: How Useful Are They?	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes Conversations	Advancements in Lung Cancer Detection and Treatment	Caregiver Series: Codependency and the Caregiver	Hepatitis B and Liver Cancer: Prevention and Treatment	Diabetes Matters: Filipino Food Made Healthy
4:00 PM 4:00 AM	Updated Treatments for Knee Pain & Arthritis			FB Live: Noontime in the COVID-19 Kitchen			
4:30 PM 4:30 AM	Strategies to Reduce the Risk of Cancer Recurrence		Women's Health Conference: Reclaiming Your Confidence	Preventive Screenings: When and Why are They Important?	Mental Health Education Series: Understanding Psychotic Disorders		Diabetes Matters: Diabetes & Eyes
5:00 PM 5:00 AM		Sick Feet?	Women's Health Conference: Women & Stroke: Are You at Risk?	Women's Heart Health		Diabetes Matters: Diabetes: Is There an App for That?	FB Live: Maintaining Your Mental Wellness During the COVID-19 Pandemic
5:30 PM 5:30 AM		Mental Health Education Series: Anxiety Disorders	FB Live: Noontime in the COVID-19 Kitchen	Pain When You Walk? It Could Be PVD	Respiratory Health and Diseases	The Patient's Playbook Community Forum: Getting to the No-Mistake Zone	FB Live: Noontime in the COVID-19 Kitchen
6:00 PM 6:00 AM	Mental Health Education Series: Family Support		Nerve Compression Disorders of the Arm				Diabetes Matters: Basics of Insulin Pump Therapy
6:30 PM 6:30 AM	Learn About the Signs & Symptoms of Sepsis		Stress Management	Symptoms of Thyroid Problems	Stop Diabetes Before It Starts	Peripheral Vascular Disease: What You Need to Know	Family Caregiver Series: Mindfulness Meditation for the Caregiver
7:00 PM 7:00 AM		Understanding HPV: What You Need to Know			FB Live: Maintaining Your Mental Wellness During the COVID-19 Pandemic		
7:30 PM 7:30 AM		FB Live: Maintaining Your Mental Wellness During the COVID-19 Pandemic		Family Caregiver Series: Advance Health Care Planning & POLST	How To Stop Disease Before It Starts	Keeping Your Brain Healthy	Family Caregiver Series: Understanding Healthcare Benefits
8:00 PM 8:00 AM	How to Sleep Your Way to Better Health		Diabetes Matters: Exercise IS Medicine				
8:30 PM 8:30 AM	Family Caregiver Series: Hospice & Palliative Care	Learn the Latest Treatment Options for GERD	Endometriosis: Causes, Symptoms, Diagnosis and Treatment	Family Caregiver Series: Tips for Navigating the Healthcare System	Minimally Invasive Options in Gynecology	Laugh without Leaking: Understanding Female Urinary Incontinence	Ready, Set, Goal! A Healthier You in 2020
9:00 PM 9:00 AM		Strategies to Help Lower Your Cholesterol and Blood Pressure		Metabolic Disorders			
9:30 PM 9:30 AM		Healthy Eating: Prescription for Health	Family Caregiver Series: Managing Family Dynamics in Caregiving		Mental Health Education Series: Understanding Mood Disorders	Healthy Eating: Prescription for Health	Diabetes Matters: Heart Healthy Eating
10:00 PM 10:00 AM	Diabetes Matters: Straight Talk About Diabetes Medications	Diabetes Health Fair 2019: Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes and Kidney Health	Balance & Falls Prevention		Noontime in the COVID-19 Kitchen	Women's Health Conference: Quality of Life Before and After Cosmetic Surgery
10:30 PM 10:30 AM							
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Neck Surgery During the Pandemic?

Fremont Pilot Notes Exceptional Care at Washington Hospital



Life is all about timing. After months of severe pain, Richard Young finally had his neck surgery scheduled for March 26 at Washington Hospital. Soon he would get relief from the pain that had been dogging him since November 2019. But in mid-March, all hospitals were required to cancel elective surgeries due to COVID-19, a deadly virus that has killed more than 100,000 people in the U.S. and forced the closure of businesses, schools and other places where people gather.

“I got the call that my surgery had been canceled,” he said. “I had to wait.” But, fortunately, his disappointment was short lived. He was able to get the surgery he needed on May 5 and a month later he is doing great. “I received exceptional care at Washington Hospital,” Young said. “Everyone was phenomenal.”

His journey began last November when he started having severe neck pain that radiated down his right arm. His family doctor ordered an MRI scan. “He called me and said he had some bad news,” Young remembered. “He said I had severe cervical stenosis.”

Basically wear and tear on his neck had caused the spine to degenerate. “My years as an Air Force pilot put a lot of strain on my neck,” explained Young, who is

now a commercial pilot for a major airline. “I took a fall about a year ago, and that didn’t help.”

Young’s family physician referred him to Dr. Eldan Eichbaum, a neurosurgeon with Washington Township Medical Foundation (WTMF). “My doctor said if he was going to have this type of surgery, Dr. Eichbaum is who he’d want to do it,” he added.

At first, Young worked with Dr. Eichbaum to try less invasive treatments, including physical therapy. But eventually, it was determined surgery would be needed.

Cleared for Take Off

Young had his postoperative appointment with Dr. Eichbaum last week and was told he could resume his normal activities. He’ll also get back to physical therapy to strengthen his neck muscles. “I stopped physical therapy a week before surgery,” Young said. “I had a neck brace I wore for the first two weeks after surgery, but Dr. Eichbaum had me wean off that. By the end of the third week, I wasn’t wearing a neck brace.”

He is also walking two miles a day. “I started walking two days after surgery with the neck brace on,” he added. “Before surgery I walked 25 miles a week.”

Young, who is married and has two grown kids, said he’s extremely pleased with how everything went, especially considering the rocky start due to the pandemic. “I was so happy when I got the call from Dr. Eichbaum’s surgery scheduler,” he said. “Everyone in his office is amazing. Office staff are often underappreciated, but if you’ve ever had a bad experience you know the difference. I really felt like everyone I dealt with— in his office and at the Hospital—truly cared about me and my recovery.”

Young was impressed with how quickly and efficiently he received everything he needed for surgery. “Even though I had to wait, it was a good experience because everyone was so great,” he added. “Now I can get on the flight simulator to re-qualify and get back to work. I’m looking forward to that.”

To learn more about Washington Hospital’s COVID-19 preparedness and policies, go to www.whhs.com/coronavirus. For more information on WTMF physicians, including Dr. Eichbaum, visit www.mywtmf.com.



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Fremont Star Search ToastMasters Club Member Wins District Championship



SUBMITTED BY CHOCKKALINGAM KARUPPAIAH

Start Search Toastmaster, a ToastMasters Club, based in Fremont, joined Toastmasters Clubs all over the world and participated in the 2020 International Speech and Evaluation Contest. This is the world's largest speech contest, with more than 30,000 presenters in 116 countries vying to become the next world champion of public speaking. The global contest begins at the local club level and proceeds through the area, division, district, and final levels. Eighty-two district semifinalists will compete on an international stage (most probably a virtual stage this year). Then nine contenders will make it to the final round, where the winner is crowned the Toastmasters World Champion.

While the contest started out in-person, it went virtual due to Covid-19 related Shelter in Place. This did not stop Start Search Toastmaster member Albert Mo from exhibiting his excellence in public speaking. Winning the Club Contest, Area Level Contest, and Division Level Contest, Mo competed virtually at the District Level and won the International Speech Competition. Next, he'll represent District 57 as a contestant in the regional level.

Mo's talk centered on ways to nurture growth in someone who is starting out on a new path. His speech was woven with personal anecdotes, from how he coached a young girl on becoming a good baseball catcher to how he learned to sing opera. He enthralled the audience with his opera performance. He concluded his speech with a wonderful call for action for all of us to be sparkle generators. This call for action has been relevant before, but is even more so now, given what is happening around the world.

Star Search Member/Area Director (and soon to be Division I Director), Kate Mills, interviewed Mo on "What Makes a Champion Speaker." Commenting on the way a speech can touch the audience's hearts, Mo stated, "It is critical to tell a personal story. The closer the story is to you, the easier it will be to tell. You know your story better than anyone else. It's not the same as telling someone else's story. It's okay to be vulnerable. If you want to touch hearts, you need to be vulnerable."

Text of the full interview is available at <https://tinyurl.com/amo-interview>

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Finding a place to shelter

“We really scrambled the first few weeks, but as we started figuring out how to do this, the community really stepped up and helped us,” says Varela. “By week three or

Another key factor in shelter safety is reliable testing. In Oakland, says Varela, “shelter staff or people who work directly with the homeless can get tested for free. That has



four we were back to doing everything we've always done, and now we're taking on even more than we were doing before COVID hit.”

Part of that more involves partnering with the county's Operation Safer Ground hotels for seniors and those with pre-existing conditions, populations who are known to be high risk, even without the extra stress on the immune system of living without shelter. “Can you imagine women over 65 out on the streets right now totally unprotected?” Varela says.

For the remaining clients, cleaning staff is working overtime to keep shelters up to CDC recommendations. “What we've had to figure out with homelessness is how to keep people safe in congregate living,” explains Varela. “How do we keep people inside? How do we keep people entertained?” Clients are encouraged to only go out for walks and essential errands such as picking up medications. In the meantime, clients and staff getting creative organizing outdoor exercise sessions or games for kids.

Local restaurants have also pitched in to keep the shelter menu varied. Hindu nonprofit Sewa International USA stepped up as a dinner donor and provided Indian food for the Sister Me Safe Home and groceries for the San Leandro Shelter. Cinema Grill and Alameda Theatre & Cineplex donated 75 brunches for Mother's Day.

been great news to us. We only used it one time, and they turned out to be negative, but that was awesome.” Beyond preventing infection, knowing staff can be tested is a relief. “All of this is about peace of mind too. Going along with what you're supposed to do and not being so stressed out and anxious, both staff and clients.”

True to their name, Building Futures is still looking ahead even while adjusting to the present challenges. “We are still housing folks and working on case plans, and that's really important. Number one is keeping people safe and number two is getting people housed. We can't just stop doing that during this time, because we have to keep people out of homelessness so we can bring people who are out on the streets into our shelters... Taking six months off from housing people isn't an option.”

People can support Building Futures in a variety of ways, such as through direct monetary donations, contributing to their Amazon wish list, or donating items such as hand sanitizer or PPE. While the shelters have been well stocked overall, even with ever-elusive toilet paper, some items have been hard to find. “I can't wait until we get disinfectant wipes back,” laughs Varela. “That would be back to normal, if we got the wipes back.”

Find out more about how Building Futures is supporting clients during COVID-19 here: <https://bfwc.org/covid19/>



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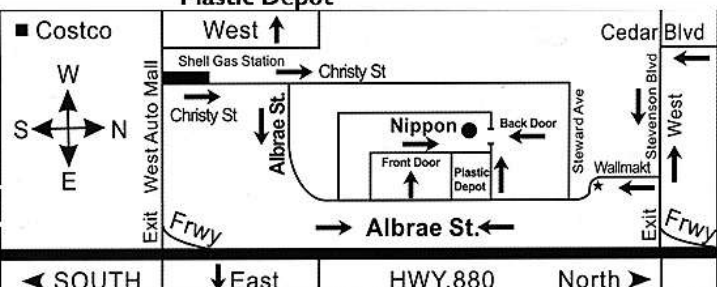
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An Open Letter to the Newark Community

Over the past several days we have witnessed widespread grieving over the senseless killing of George Floyd and we have heard criticisms of injustices across America. We too cannot remain silent.

We want to be clear where we stand: the killing of George Floyd is reprehensible. We grieve for the many lives lost to acts of racism and violence. We stand with those who feel sorrow over this senseless loss of life. We also call upon all cities and communities to stand up to blatant acts of racism in our society and injustice within our institutions.

We support the goals of demonstrators who peacefully assemble and those who seek justice in our world. The right to protest is enshrined in our Constitution and it is our duty to protect it.

We will also protect our residents and businesses who have invested in our Newark community. Those who use violence distract from the critical message of the moment.

That message is that the world needs to change.

Our Police Department is diverse. Our officers represent an array of ethnic backgrounds, speak different languages, and practice a variety of religious faiths. We invest heavily in our training which includes de-escalation techniques, racial profiling prevention, implicit bias awareness, and procedural justice.

We will never stop improving. We encourage constructive dialogue and genuine engagement. Through these interactions we – as a community – can *and will* make our City a better place.

Let us work together to find meaningful ways to honor the life of George Floyd. Let that collective work reflect the community we want to become.

We will be reaching out to our community in the next few weeks to see what changes can be made to our policies and protocols to ensure that the humanity and dignity of every person is fully recognized.

We take pride that Newark is an Inclusive Community. We reject racism and we stand united with you.

David J. Benoun
 City Manager

Gina L. Anderson
 Chief of Police

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Navajo Nation

local healthcare workers extend their stay for aid

contains multiple generations of a family, those who live there have a higher rate of getting exposed to COVID-19 because one person who brings it home could spread it to all of their family members. Entire communities have to go to a couple of main grocery stores to get water and other essentials during a small time frame in which they are allowed to leave their houses.

Omar Ali works in a critical care unit designed for all patients who have tested positive for COVID-19, where the patient statuses vary from relatively stable to unstable and very sick. Healthcare workers there risk their wellbeing to prepare for emergencies where they sometimes have to put patients on a ventilator in order to keep them breathing and alive.

Workers continue to take protective measures to ensure the health of those with Coronavirus; one of these is setting up ways to isolated the infected. “They’re setting up alternative health sites, which are essentially not totally designed for healthcare, but just to isolate people,” says Ali. People who have been discharged but are still infectious go to these sites, some of which are hotels, so they don’t infect the rest of their family. He explains, “Having enough of these places for people to go to safely self-isolate is what I think will turn things around.”

Used to being a nurse in such an urban environment at UCSF, Ali noticed some very striking differences with the Navajo culture. One is that their population is very homogenous

and traditional. Omar Ali says that “the biggest challenge is having the healthcare discussions that require advanced directives and end-of-life conversations...traditionally, the Navajos don’t speak about those things because if you speak about it, the belief is you’ll make it happen.” Being a healthcare worker in this type of traditional environment requires an establishment of trust and adjustment to culture so patients are more likely to engage.

He states that one of the tasks a healthcare worker has to do especially in an unstable environment is to “keep their morale up...that is the biggest thing we do on a day to day basis regardless of how sick they are...it’s very isolating and they are removed from their families.”

Independent territories and groups like the Navajo Nation contain so much history, as do the tribes that first settled on land which we now call the Bay Area. As COVID-19 cases continue to surge in this region, there is a significant need to keep tradition alive. Ali explains “These are our First Citizens, they are the past, present and future stewards of the land and deserve our respect and attention.”

Below: UCSF healthcare workers outside a coronavirus patient's room at a motel outside of Gallup, New Mexico.





Mini Cooper SE: All Mini All Electric – All Fun

BY STEVE SCHAEFER

The Mini Cooper SE is the brand's first all-electric vehicle (EV). It delivers all the charm and fun of the premium small hatchback, which has built a following since its debut in 2001—without using a drop of petrol.

The electric Mini looks almost the same as the gas model, and is built in the same Oxford, UK factory. The easiest way to identify one in the wild is by its little yellow “E” logos and the filled-in grille area with its jaunty yellow stripe. Distinctive wheels are there as well, and optional yellow mirrors further distinguish the car. As an EV, the SE is silent. However, at low speeds, it emits an “acoustic pedestrian protection” sound to alert the unwary in parking lots.

Electric motors are known for their instant torque, and the one in the Mini Cooper SE delivers, with 181 horsepower and 199 lb.-ft. of torque sending the car from 0-62 mph 7.3 seconds. And with the battery stowed in the floor, the low center of gravity keeps things well planted in turns.

There are four settable performance modes: Sport, Mid, Green, and Green+. Mid is the default setting, perfect for normal driving. Green and Green+ lower energy use with slower acceleration and by turning off heat/AC and seat heating in the Green + setting. Sport boosts acceleration and tightens up the steering ratio for challenging sections of winding road or visits to the racetrack.

Like all EVs, the Mini SE features regenerative braking to help charge the battery and to slow down the car. The standard setting permits “one-pedal driving,” where you slow to a stop at a stop sign or red light by just lifting off the accelerator. A second setting removes most of the regen for a more “normal” feeling.

Two unique features of the Mini Cooper SE are worth mentioning. A heat pump collects waste heat from the motor, drive control, high-voltage

battery, and outside air to warm the interior. It uses 75 percent less energy than a conventional heater. Also, the standard navigation system displays a range circle based on battery charge level, and its route guidance offers the shortest, fastest, and greenest routes.

There are three trim levels – Signature, Signature Plus, and Iconic. The Signature model is well equipped, with features like heated front seats, Apple CarPlay, MINI Navigation, and a digital display cockpit. Adding \$4,000 moves you up to Signature Plus, with a panoramic moonroof, power folding mirrors, auto-dimming interior and exterior mirrors, Rear Park Distance Control, and an upgraded Harman-Kardon audio system. The Iconic level, for an additional \$3,000, gets you the MINI Yours leather steering wheel, Front Park Distance Control, a head-up display, a larger touchscreen nav system, and wireless charging (in the armrest). All great stuff, but the Signature will drive just as nicely.

There are two primary reasons why more people don't opt for EVs—initial cost and charging/range. By using as many gas-powered Mini parts as possible, Mini has solved the first one. The Signature model starts at just \$29,900. Deducting federal and state rebates, Mini Cooper SE could be a \$20,000 car. Electricity is normally cheaper than gasoline and EVs require little maintenance, so the total cost of ownership is lower. My White Silver Metallic test car, in Iconic level, priced out at \$37,750, including destination charge, which is still competitive.

The second reason why people avoid EVs is that they don't want to deal with charging and are worried about range. The Mini Cooper SE can use Level-1 110-volt household current or a Level-2 220-volt home charger. Any Level-2 charging station works, too, or DC fast charging, which fills the battery to 80 percent in 36 minutes (a lunch break).

In a world of 259-mile-range Bolts and 258-mile-range

Hyundai Konas, the Mini gets only 110 miles to a charge. That's because its battery is just 32.6 kWh—about half the size of the Chevy and the Hyundai. But a smaller battery is lighter and less expensive, making the Mini cheaper in base form than those other cars. However, 110 miles relegates the Mini Cooper SE to second-car status—fine for local trips and commuting, but a hard sell for long-distance travel.

The Mini Cooper SE was a blast to drive for a week. I took it out on my area's best back roads, and it danced around the corners and charged uphill in a deeply satisfying way—silently, of course.

Minis have an adorable, fun personality, and the EV version is as good or better than the gas model. Most people don't need more than about 50 miles range a day, so if you're one of them, this is about as much fun as EV driving gets—and is downright inexpensive, too.

Auto Review



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

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California schools chief calls for new plan on racism, bias

AP WIRE SERVICE

California's education chief Tony Thurmond announced plans Monday to lead a new effort focusing on racism in state schools during emotional remarks on George Floyd, whose killing he said has left him struggling to answer his own children who asked, “Why did this happen?”

Thurmond is the only elected government official in California who is African American.

“Now is the time to address racism and implicit bias in education,” Thurmond said, blinking back tears during a livestream Monday. “We must not let this moment go unnoticed.”

Thurmond said that he has already reached out to state superintendents around the country and will be initiating conversations with California school superintendents, educational leaders, parents and students but also go beyond the educational sphere and work with elected officials, police chiefs and government agencies.

The conversations will focus on how schools can provide more training for staff and students on implicit bias, building empathy and tolerance. They will also examine legislation and inequalities in California schools, where black and brown students are more likely to be suspended, pushed out of school and into the criminal justice system, he said.

Thurmond said he appreciated protesters raising their voices but urged them to demonstrate peacefully.

Tribute to the Beatles postponed

SUBMITTED BY PAUL IANNACCONE

Due to the Alameda County Shelter-in-Place order extension we are postponing our production of “Classical Mystery Tour: A Tribute to The Beatles,” originally scheduled for June 20-21. With any questions regarding existing tickets or concert related queries, please email at info@fremontsymphony.org or leave a message at (510) 371-4859.

Although our current season came to an unexpected end, we are actively working toward a fabulous 2020-21 Season – with a plan to open with “Classical Mystery Tour: A Tribute to The Beatles.”

We are thinking of our valued patrons and supporters and are looking forward to a brighter tomorrow, one where music will again flourish and our hall can be safely filled with your amazing presence. Our community will rise, and we look forward to inspiring joy once again!

Virtual Book Club

SUBMITTED BY FUSS

Fremont Unified Student Store (FUSS) is honored to support Read to Thrive's virtual kids book clubs to help elementary school students develop a passion for reading. Read to Thrive is a nonprofit organization that since 2014 has been conducting book clubs for children in local libraries and schools. Due to the recent extenuating circumstances caused by COVID-19, they are adding virtual book clubs to their current program portfolio. Each virtual book club will be for children of similar reading levels. Each session is 30 minutes long and conducted once a week. (Session duration is flexible, based on what's most beneficial to the student.)

If you would like your child to participate in this book club, please sign up here: <https://www.readtothrive.org/virtual-book-club-sign-up>.

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BUSINESS

California lawmakers agree to close \$54.3 billion budget gap

BY ADAM BEAM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

California's Legislative leaders on Wednesday rejected billions of dollars in budget cuts to public schools and health care services that Gov. Gavin Newsom had proposed, setting up a fight with the governor over how to close the state's estimated \$54.3 billion budget deficit.

Flush with cash just six months ago, California's revenues

have plummeted since March after Newsom ordered everyone in March to stay home to slow the spread of the coronavirus. Since then, more than 5 million people have filed for unemployment benefits.

Newsom, a Democrat, and the state's Democratic-dominated Legislature have pleaded with Congress to send the state more money to help cover that shortfall – so far without success. Last month, Newsom proposed a new spending plan that would cut billions from public schools and eliminate some health benefits for millions of people unless Congress sent the state more money by July 1.

But the 2020-2021 budget plan legislative leaders announced Wednesday rejected those cuts. Instead of cutting money for public schools, lawmakers agreed

to delay \$9 billion in payments to districts. That would give school districts permission to go ahead and spend the money and have the state pay them back in a future budget year. The state has done this before during previous recessions, but never this much at one time.

Newsom's plan also would have saved money by eliminating some health benefits for low-income adults and children and making fewer older adults eligible for government-funded health insurance. The Legislature rejected those cuts because they think Newsom overestimated by about \$4 billion how much it will cost to pay for the state's health insurance programs.

Still, much of the budget proposal is just a guess. In a normal year, most Californians would have filed their state tax

returns by now, giving lawmakers a good idea of how much money they have to spend. But because of the coronavirus, the state delayed the tax filing deadline until July 15.

That's why Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon said "all the budget plans being discussed acknowledge the possibility that more difficult cuts will be necessary."

Lawmakers must approve an operating budget by June 15. If they don't, the state constitution says they don't get paid.

But whatever the Legislature passes, the governor has the authority to either sign it into law or veto all or parts of it. Legislative leaders will negotiate with Newsom over the next few days, which could lead to changes.

Newsom's budget is prepared by the California Department of Finance. Wednesday, spokesman H.D. Palmer called the legislative plan "progress" and said both sides will continue their discussions to reach an agreement that balances the budget while "advancing our efforts for federal support to maintain core services."

Comments from legislative leaders suggest they won't bend on the cuts to education and other programs.

"Our economy has been pummeled by COVID-19, but thanks to a decade of pragmatic budgeting, we can avoid draconian cuts to education and critical programs, or broad middle-class tax increases," said Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins, of San Diego.

BUSINESS PULSE CHECK The Crane Guy

BY MADHVIKA SINGH
PHOTOS COURTESY OF
ROBERT BARCELONA

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.

The Crane Guy

Ever since the shelter-in-place restrictions, most of us have spent time in our homes, with television as one of our primary sources of entertainment. Production of TV shows is a herculean effort requiring coordination among many people and businesses that supply talent and equipment. "The Crane Guy" based in San Leandro, owned and run by Robert Barcelona, is one such small business. Barcelona, a mass communication major, started his company in 1989 and provides camera cranes, camera car equipment, and services to TV, feature film and commercial production industries. Due to social distancing and shutting down of the non-essential services, including TV production, the Crane Guy has seen business completely dry up.

Barcelona says, "Our industry as a whole has completely shut down." His last job was on March 13. Shooting for most TV shows happens on stages in Los Angeles and can require upwards of 250 people working simultaneously on or around the set. Social distancing rules prohibit people from being in such close



proximity, meaning businesses like Barcelona's haven't been able to work and generate income. "The effects on my business thus far have been devastating. Without clients, I am not generating any new income. All of my expenses keep coming, though," says Barcelona.

With no end in sight, Barcelona has made good use of this downtime working on personal projects, equipment maintenance and shop organization that he had been putting off. With those things taken care of, he feels he is well prepared to get back to work when the industry reopens, although no one knows when that will happen.

In the meantime, Barcelona continues to enjoy photography, one of his passions. "I love to capture portraits for friends and family, landscapes and just the everyday life that happens around us. Photo and video editing is a creative outlet for me," says Barcelona. His other passion is motocross motorcycle riding, which has had to take a "back seat" as the motocross tracks have closed due to COVID-19 restrictions. "I find true enjoyment riding

my Harley and the off-road Honda motorcycle; it frees my mind of all of the day-to-day worries."

Looking to the future, Barcelona hopes that we will soon be able to safely re-open parts of our economy beyond the essential businesses. "There are a lot of self-employed business owners that are on the verge of total collapse and bankruptcy," says Barcelona. Most small business owners see their businesses as a labor of love and have spent years if not decades nurturing and building them from the ground up. Losing all of that is a tragedy. And COVID-19 has brought so many small businesses close to that reality. Barcelona shared that he has been cutting down his expenses to bare essentials and trying to save wherever he can to ensure he can weather the downturn for as long as possible.

Barcelona hopes that parts of his industry that don't require close person-to-person contact can reopen soon. One such area is the "car to car" shooting, where camera and crew film one vehicle from another. This setup requires minimal

social contact and can adhere to distancing guidelines.

He uses a military analogy to describe our current fight with COVID-19: "We got hit like an ambush, and our initial response to shut down and take cover was the correct one. Now we must engage and move forward, safely." He believes new ways of working will have to emerge for the TV production industry to survive and thrive. "The industry has to figure out how to engage and attack this new environment."

On personal side, Barcelona says isolation has been hard. Physically, he and his family are healthy, but he is concerned for his aging parents who are in the "high risk" category. He has been keeping in touch with them via video platforms. Not being able to interact with his large group of friends and live the social life he is used to is also taking its toll on him. But Barcelona is sanguine about his situation, "I am not the only one who feels the isolation. I am certain that there is a large number of people for whom it is way more devastating."

We at TCV wish Robert Barcelona and his family the very best and hope the TV industry comes back to life quickly so his worries for his business and others' go away! And we will appreciate new TV programming even more!

Robert C. Barcelona
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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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Community Town Hall scheduled

SUBMITTED BY GENEVA BOSQUES, FREMONT PD

Join Fremont Mayor Lily Mei and Police Chief Kimberly Petersen on Wednesday, June 10 at 6 p.m., for a Virtual Town Hall Meeting to talk about policing in our community. The Town Hall will be held on Zoom and streamed on Facebook Live. It will also be recorded. Guest speakers, specific meeting details and information on how community members can participate, will be shared across the police and City of Fremont social media platforms.

Cal State East Bay offers free courses

SUBMITTED BY KIMBERLY HAWKINS

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Cal State East Bay Continuing Education is offering free online courses this summer through Courses for Causes. Participants can enroll in introductory courses within select certificate programs to explore a new subject, such as nonprofit management, construction management, and paralegal studies, and take the first step toward earning a professional certificate if they decide it is right for them.

"The certificate courses we offer can help someone match the skills they already have with specialized training so they can get a new job or a promotion," said Kate White, director of Continuing Education, Cal State East Bay.

"For example, there may be someone who worked in the service or hospitality industry who can transfer their soft skills into a career in human resource management. By taking the free course a person can learn some marketable skills and test out whether or not our full program is a good fit."

Cal State East Bay's Courses for Causes is part of a larger COVID-19 initiative to support community members during this time and to provide professional development training and education. For more information about the courses or to enroll, visit

www.ce.csueastbay.edu/ce/courses-for-causes/.

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California to decide if labor law applies to app drivers

BY CUNEYD DIL ASSOCIATED PRESS

A ballot initiative backed by business giants Uber, Lyft and DoorDash is now set to go before California voters in November, a multimillion-dollar shot aimed at excluding the companies from a law that would make them give more benefits and wage protections to their drivers.

California approved the labor law last year, the strictest in the country around when employers can classify workers as independent contractors. It's aimed at pushing businesses to put more freelancers and independent workers on payroll, ensuring access to benefits and minimum wages. Praised by labor groups, the sweeping law set off lawsuits from independent contractors like truck drivers and freelance writers who say it puts them out of work.

Titans of the so-called gig economy like Uber are mounting the fiercest resistance. Joined with ride-hailing rival Lyft and food-delivery service DoorDash, they want California voters in November to essentially exempt app-based drivers from the law's restrictions. All three committed to spend at least \$30 million each promoting the measure, surely making it one of California's most expensive ballot fights.

California's secretary of state announced late on Friday the measure became eligible for the ballot after collecting over 623,000 signatures.

If the companies are successful in California, it could set a national precedent.

The companies want the power to keep their workers independent, proposing as part of the ballot measure a new law that would give drivers who work at least 25 hours a week full health coverage and benefits if they are injured on the job. Drivers would be able to work across any app and earn a base of 120% of mini-

mum wage plus more based on miles driven.

California upped the stakes over the fight when it sued Uber and Lyft in early May for allegedly misclassifying its drivers as independent contractors under the law. The coalition leading the ballot initiative, Protect App-Based Drivers & Services, claims to represent 60,000 drivers and said the lawsuit would lead to job losses during the pandemic-induced recession.

Labor organizations have vowed to fight the initiative since it began collecting signatures this year, but campaigning will be uncertain due to the coronavirus outbreak derailing traditional canvassing efforts. Campaigners said in late February they had already collected over a million signatures to qualify the initiative, much more than required.

"It's a power grab by Uber and Lyft to essentially write a law that exempts them from basic worker protections," said Steve Smith, a spokesman for the California Labor Federation, which plans to replace door knocking with more phone calls and texts to voters in opposition. "It's going to be a bit of a battle royale."

Stacey Wells, a spokeswoman for the ballot campaign, said the proposal is a "win-win for drivers."

She said 80% of the million or so drivers in California work for apps for fewer than 20 hours a week. The new benefits will be a draw for drivers, she said, "versus a rigid employment model that's going to prevent them from working on multiple apps with a set schedule."

Critics also accuse the law of unfairly targeting some industries. Freelancer groups for journalists and photographers earlier this year unsuccessfully argued the law cannot exempt some writers from the its rules while it holds freelance news journalists to a stricter standard. They are appealing a federal judge's dismissal of the case.

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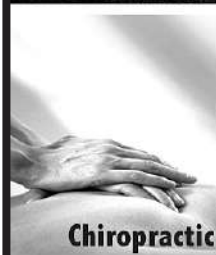
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The Fremont/Newark/Union City Branch 59 of SIR holds monthly luncheon meetings featuring guest speakers and an annual holiday luncheon when wives, daughters or significant others are invited.

The next meeting well be held on Wednesday June 17, 2020, at the Fremont Elks' Lodge #2121, located at 38991 Farwell Drive in Fremont has been cancelled.

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

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

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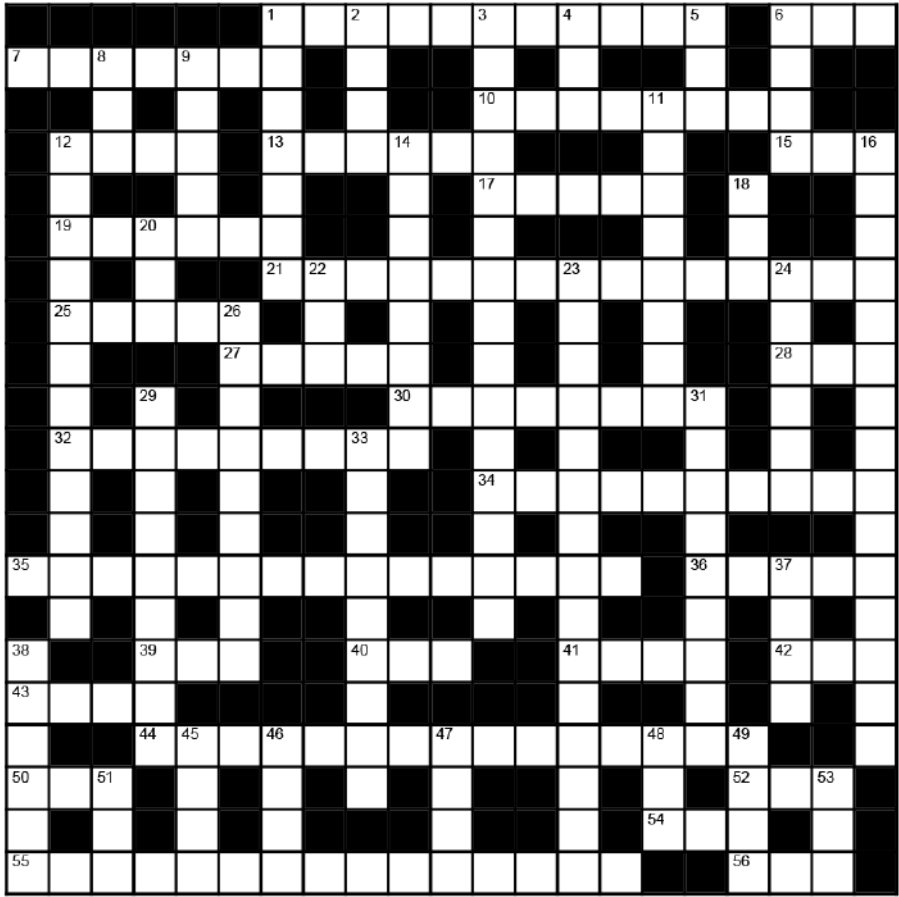
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Mind Twisters

Crossword Puzzle



- Across

1 Working (11)

6 Impede, with "down" (3)

7 He became king at age 5 (5,2)

10 Volunteer (8)

12 Hindu Mr. (4)

13 Copies (6)

15 1999 Pulitzer Prize-winning play (3)

17 Relatively cool sun (1,4)

19 Nonsense (6)

21 "Uh-uh!" (3,4,2,6)

25 Garage jobs (5)

27 Less covered (5)

28 "So that's your game!" (3)

30 Pan, e.g. (5,3)

32 Rot (2,2,5)

34 Brains (10)

35 ERIC (7,8)

36 Kind of stock (2-3)

39 Little League coach, often (3)

40 "Thar ___ blows!" (3)
- 41 Dalai ___ (4)

42 "Flying Down to ___" (3)

43 ___ spumante (4)

44 Unappealing (3,4,3,2,3)

50 Prefix with meter (3)

52 Stephen of "Still Crazy" (3)

54 BART stop (3)

55 Intermittently (2,4,3,6)

56 Stir-fry pan (3)
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1 Cover (7)

2 Tombstone lawman (4)

3 "Anything you want" (3,4,3,5)

4 Popeye's Olive ___ (0-3)

5 Back muscle, familiarly (3)

6 Cold one (4)

8 "Respect for Acting" author Hagen (3)

9 Compress (5)

11 Where Scott Hamilton won gold (8)

12 Elated (8,4)

14 Make a comeback (8)

16 Fighting words (3,6,3,3)

18 "Shame on you!" (3)

20 Relief (3)

22 It's like -like (3)

23 Place to find keys (10,5)

24 Representative (6)

26 Go downhill fast? (9)

29 Began (7,2)

31 Sketch (9)

33 Hoi polloi (3,6)

37 Chipper (4)

38 Zen enlightenment (6)

45 Life preserver? (4)

46 A Mrs. Chaplin (4)

47 Empty talk (4)

48 Brits' thank-yous (3)

49 Get one's ducks in ___ (4)

51 Gut reaction? (3)

53 Parrot's cry (3)

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Tri-City Stargazer FOR WEEK: JUNE 9, 2020

All Signs: Every few decades, Saturn and Pluto align; but this year, they lined up in Capricorn for the first time in 500 years. Capricorn represents governments and

structures in society (plus borders). This planetary influence also means tearing things down to rebuild them in a better way.

Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20): You're hearing from relatives and cousins you never knew you had. Some are parked on your couch and sleeping on your doorstep. Though this is a busy, fast-paced week, around Wednesday or Thursday, your energy will flag. Don't worry because it will return. In fact, your ruler Mars will be in your sign for the last six months of the year, which means you'll be PowerPoint on steroids. Incidentally, the next several weeks are an excellent time to tackle home repairs.

Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20): I think "it's all about the base" but we know it's all about the money because you are the financial wizard of the zodiac. This week you're still focused on money, assets, and earnings. Be clear in all your communications because Mercury retrograde is almost upon us, hence your daily interactions with others are having silly mistakes. Messages are mixed up. You might miss appointments. Your daily activities are dogged with silly errors. Wednesday is a bad day to make financial decisions. Thursday is still confusing. Just coast through this confusing window.

Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20): You continue to be empowered with the Sun in your sign; however, midweek your energy level will drop. In fact, Wednesday is the perfect day to play hooky. You might also feel discouraged midweek or beaten down by circumstances. Your self-confidence will have gone out the window. This is just a

temporary problem. Don't be discouraged by the gap between your ideals and reality. Look for ways to benefit from the wealth of others or to get a loan or mortgage because you can do this.

Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21): Life has its challenges right now. For starters, Mercury is almost retrograde in your sign. Therefore, you're in contact with old friends, ex-spouses, and old partners. This might be entertaining or horrific depending on how things ended. The Sun is still hiding in your chart this week, which means you are content taking a backseat and watching everything go by. You welcome a low profile and some quiet time so that you can ponder what you want to achieve in your new year ahead after your birthday arrives.

Leo the Lion (July 22-August 22): You will enjoy interacting with others either online or in-person because friendships and your involvement in groups and classes is stronger than usual. In fact, your interaction with others might cause you to change or modify your future goals. Nevertheless, midweek you will experience confusion with friends or groups. You might feel inadequate and want to avoid a direct confrontation with someone. Unfortunately, during this time, you will not be clearheaded enough to be convincing.

Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22): This is a tricky week. For starters, fiery Mars is opposite your sign all week,

which makes you annoyed with others. Knowing this ahead of time, you must practice diplomacy and patience. Meanwhile, midweek, you will have difficulties dealing with parents and bosses because of confused assumptions. You might feel inadequate. Something will muddy the waters, which makes cooperation with authority figures difficult on both sides. Fortunately, this is a brief influence. Meanwhile, old friends are back in your world.

Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22): Good news is that you have a lot of energy to work hard, which means you will accomplish a lot. Because bosses, parents, and authority figures from your past are suddenly back in your world, they might be impressed with your track record. However, midweek, confusion will occur that might relate to religion, publishing, legal matters, or medical issue. It could also relate to higher education and schooling. Whatever it is will cast doubt on things. You might feel you have to reconsider something. Just wait until this fuzzy period is over. By the end of the week, all will be well.

Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21): You have a lot of playful energy this week, which bodes well for those of you who are involved in sports in any way or dealing with kids. If you work in the entertainment world or hospitality industry, you will be energized. Be aware that confusion or doubt will arise midweek concerning inheritances, shared property,

taxes, debt, or wealth and resources of someone else, especially your spouse or your partner. Despite your doubts, by the end of the week, all this will be resolved. Do not be hasty to make judgments or act.

Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21): You need your sleep this week because with the Sun opposite your sign, your energy is flagging a bit. Having said that, midweek you will really notice this, which is why you might want to schedule a nap on Wednesday and Thursday. In addition, midweek, there might be confusion with a partner or close friend. It could be a misunderstanding based on incorrect assumptions. You are also dealing with increased chaos, tension, or activity on the home-front, and this too, will drain your energy. Life is better by the end of the week.

Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19): With fiery Mars in your House of Communications, you are coming on like gangbusters. It means that in all your discussions with others, you are convincing and persuasive. This strong energy can be used if you are in sales, marketing, teaching, writing, or acting. Admittedly, you might come on too strong. Meanwhile, many of you are hearing from ex-partners, ex-spouses, and old friends. Fortunately, with Jupiter in your sign now, you look great. Midweek, there will be confusion related to your job or perhaps your health. This confusion disappears by the end of the week.

Aquarius the Water Bearer (January 20-February 18): For the most part, this continues to be fun city for you this week. You're in mood to play and pursue sports, creative arts, entertainment world, and hospitality industry. Many of you are also involved with your kids more than usual. Nevertheless, midweek, you will be confused about something related to the arts or your kids or any of the above areas. While in this state of confusion, do not make important decisions, especially Wednesday. In addition, Mercury retrograde will create delays, confusion, and errors in paperwork and appointments that are job-related.

Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20): Home and family continue to be your big focus this week. Fortunately, with Mars in your sign, you have a lot of energy now to give to home and family. Nevertheless, past issues related to your kids or perhaps an old flame, are back in the picture. Whatever this is – you can handle it. Be aware that midweek, issues related to parents or anything to do with your family will be confusing and perhaps even demoralizing.



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California to spend \$1.8 billion more on virus response

By ADAM BEAM
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California Gov. Gavin Newsom on Thursday took an extra \$1.8 billion from the state's dwindling coffers to pay for more protective gear and extra hospital beds to aid the state's response to the new coronavirus. Newsom expects the federal government will reimburse the state for 75% of that spending. The new spending comes as state lawmakers are debating what government services will be cut to cover an estimated \$54.3 billion budget deficit caused by the virus-induced economic downturn.

The Newsom administration says it has authority to spend the money because he has declared an official state of emergency under the state's Emergency Services Act. The new spending will bring the state's total to \$5.7 billion since March, when Newsom issued the nation's first statewide stay-at-home order to slow the spread of the disease. In a letter to state lawmakers, Department of Finance Director Keely Martin Bosler said most of the new spending – \$1.3 billion – is to purchase personal protective equipment including masks, gloves, and gowns. More than \$661 million of that spending will go to Chinese electric vehicle manufacturer BYD, which last

month secured a \$1 billion contract with the state to deliver 200 million masks per month. But BYD has had trouble fulfilling that contract. Earlier this month, it refunded the state \$247 million after it missed a deadline to certify that the masks it delivered comply with federal standards. The rest of the money will pay for a call center and the state's efforts to test people for the virus and track down people who have been exposed to it. It will also buy an extra 3,000 hospital beds and pay for hotel rooms for healthcare workers who treat COVID-19 patients. The Newsom administration is not done spending. The

governor has asked lawmakers for an additional \$2.9 billion in the upcoming budget for him to spend as he sees fit on coronavirus-related expenses. He says he needs the money should the anticipated “second wave” of virus cases hit the state this fall when the Legislature is not in session. State lawmakers have balked at Newsom's proposal, saying they don't want to give up their authority to approve state spending. Assembly Budget chair Phil Ting, a Democrat from San Francisco, is scheduled to hold a public hearing Friday on Newsom's request. “I think it's very important that the administration find a

way to balance our ability to respond timely while acknowledging the role the Legislature must play to partner with you to make decisions that are in the best interests of all Californians," Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee chair Holly Mitchell said earlier this week. Other Republican lawmakers have questioned the governor's continued use of his emergency powers. “It's time to end the State of Emergency and strip the Governor of the power he promised not to abuse,” Republican Sen. Melissa Melendez posted to her Twitter account on Thursday.

Google says it won't build AI tools for oil and gas drillers

By MATT O'BRIEN
AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER

Google says it will no longer build custom artificial intelligence tools for speeding up oil and gas extraction, separating itself from cloud computing rivals Microsoft and Amazon. A statement from the company Tuesday followed a

Greenpeace report that documents how the three tech giants are using AI and computing power to help oil companies find and access oil and gas deposits in the U.S. and around the world. The environmentalist group says Amazon, Microsoft and Google have been undermining their own climate change pledges by partnering with major oil companies including Shell, BP, Chevron and ExxonMobil that have looked for new technology to get more oil and gas out of the ground. But the group applauded Google on Tuesday for taking a

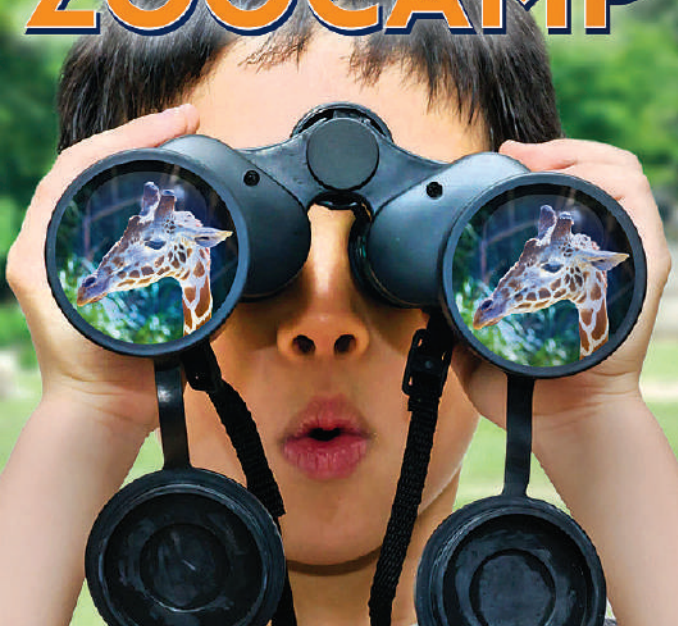
step away from those deals. “While Google still has a few legacy contracts with oil and gas firms, we welcome this indication from Google that it will no longer build custom solutions for upstream oil and gas extraction,” said Elizabeth Jardim, senior corporate campaigner for Greenpeace USA. Google said it will honor all existing contracts with its customers, but didn't specify what companies. A Google cloud executive had earlier in May revealed the new policy during a video interview.

Greenpeace's report says Microsoft appears to be leading the way with the most oil and contracts, “offering AI capabilities in all phases of oil production." Amazon's contracts are more focused on pipelines, shipping and fuel storage, according to the report. Their tools have been deployed to speed up shale extraction, especially from the Permian Basin of Texas and New Mexico. Some of the contracts have led to internal protests by employees who are pushing their companies to do more to combat climate change.

Amazon declined to comment on the Greenpeace report, but pointed to wording on its website that said “the energy industry should have access to the same technologies as other industries.” Microsoft published a blog statement Tuesday that didn't address Greenpeace's claims but emphasized the company's commitment to remove from the air all the carbon it has ever emitted by 2050. AP reporter Joseph Pisani contributed to this report.

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THE ROBOT REPORT

Robot lawncare market

By STEVE CROWE

COVID-19 won't stop lawns from being mowed, but it looks like you'll be doing it the old-fashioned way for even longer. iRobot has delayed the launch of its long-awaited Terra robot lawn mower. And the Bedford, Mass.-based company hasn't specified a future launch date for the product.

In its Q1 2020 earnings call, iRobot said it "suspended our go-to-market plans associated with our Terra robot mower. Although we believe there is substantial long-term opportunity in the robot lawncare market, our decision to take our foot off the gas for Terra was based largely on the likelihood of significant delays to our 2020 commercial plans for Terra caused by COVID-19 combined with the overall intensity of ongoing technology investment that would be required over the coming quarters to continue advancing the product. It is simply the wrong time to launch this product."

There has been talk of an iRobot robot lawn mower since at least 2006, but the Roomba-like Terra was officially unveiled in January 2019. iRobot was touting ease of use as one of the main differentiators from other robotic mowers. Instead of having to bury and run boundary wires throughout a yard, iRobot claims that it will simplify the process for consumers. Another benefit of Terra is that it mows in straight, back-and-forth lines, which many robot lawn mowers do not.

iRobot stressed on the earnings call that all other product development and digital roadmaps are funded and on track, including plans to launch a new Roomba later in 2020.

COVID-19 to blame for cost-cutting initiatives

Overall, iRobot's revenue declined by 28% in the U.S., 11% in Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA) and 14% in Japan. According to iRobot, COVID-19 disrupted its sales and supply chain activities in March.

"The largest factor associated with the shortfall was our inability to completely fulfill first-quarter demand for our i7+ and s9+ products due to design-driven engineering and supply chain challenges that were unexpectedly complicated by the impact of COVID-19 on our organization, our contract manufacturers and some suppliers," the company said.

iRobot's revenue was also affected by subpar Q1 manufacturing volumes in China. Due to COVID-19, iRobot's contract manufacturers didn't ramp back up to full capacity until late March.

iRobot also laid off 70 employees, mostly in R&D, and furloughed 14 sales and marketing staff. iRobot said the Terra delay and staff reductions are part its cost-reduction initiatives that are expected to "reduce 2020 spending by approximately \$30 million."

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AAS Winner Purple Majesty Millet is another bird magnet. Tolerant of heat and drought, it

grows three to five feet tall and its green leaves turn purple in the sunlight. Twelve-inch-long flower spikes top the plant, making it the perfect thriller in container gardens, backdrop in flowerbeds or addition to garden bouquets. But you will want to leave most of the flowers on the plants to produce seeds that bring in the birds.

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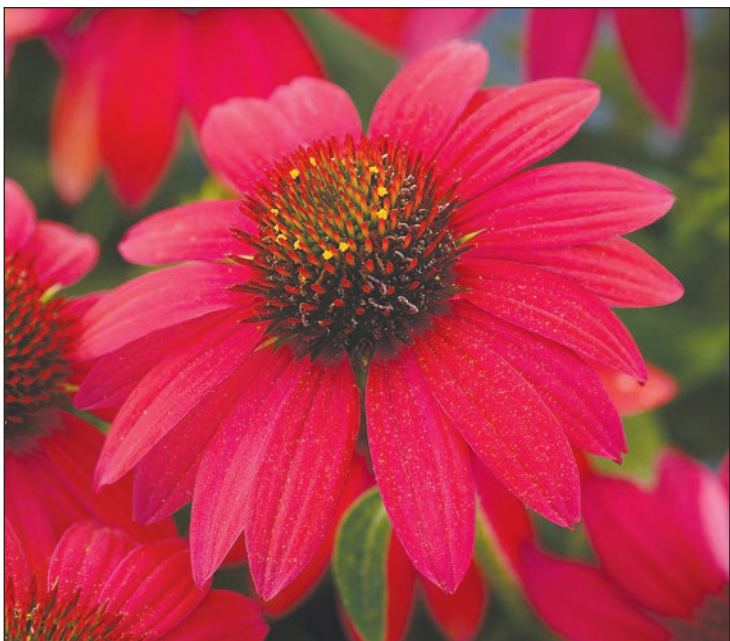
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Longtime favorite flowers like cosmos, coreopsis, marigolds, and zinnias also help bring in the seed-eating birds. Select single flowered varieties for maximum seed production. Radiance and Cosmic Orange cosmos, Sahara Starlight and the Profusion series of zinnias are a few outstanding performers to consider.

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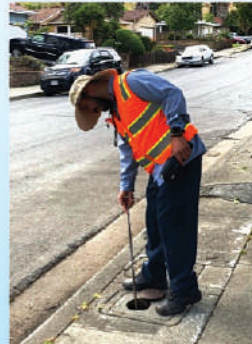
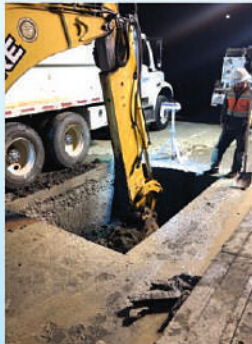
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The Kraken

Legend Begins

Long ago, heading out to sea was an adventure into the unknown. People believed that the earth was . They thought if you sailed too far away from land, you would sail right off the of the planet!

Replace the missing words.

It took great to head across the ocean in a small ship. When sailors looked into the deep, dark sea from the of a ship, they imagined strange and scary swimming there. One of the scariest stories told and retold through generations of was the legend of the terrible, mighty **Kraken!**

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Are Krakens Real?

Like many legends, stories about the Kraken probably started with something real. It may have been based on sightings of a real species of squid called the **colossal squid**.

Peepers! Why such large peepers?

Hold this page up to a mirror to use your peepers to read this paragraph:

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The Kraken is a legendary octopus-like sea monster of gigantic size in Scandinavian folklore. For hundreds of years, sailors told stories of a huge, many-armed creature that could reach the top of a ship's main mast. They claimed it could pull an entire ship underwater!

Sometimes it would swim in fast circles around the ship, creating a whirlpool that would suck the ship under the sea. In these stories, or legends, meeting the Kraken never ended well for the sailors.

Things Aren't Always As They Seem

In some stories about the Kraken it was said that it could float on top of the water and look like a group of islands.



LAND HO!

Swim around the Kraken to reach the treasure chest!

How many fish can you find on this page?

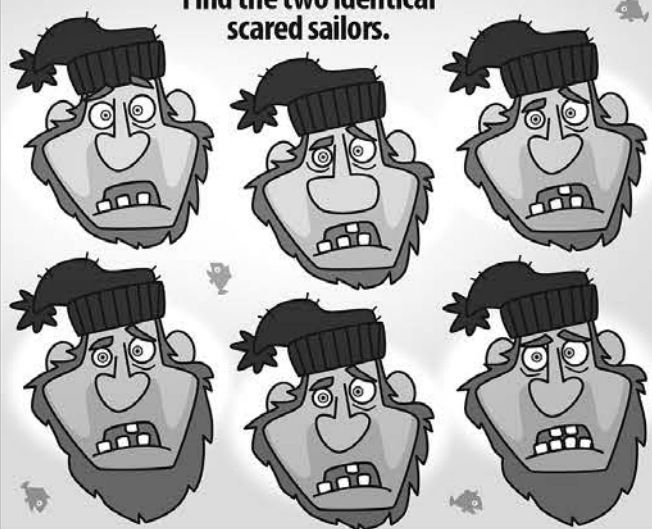
Extra! Extra! Exaggerate!

Find five adjectives in today's newspaper. Make a chart by writing the adjectives in one column and the noun each one describes in the next column over. Then change each adjective and add words to each to exaggerate the meaning of the noun they are describing.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Vocabulary Development.

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Find the two identical scared sailors.



Double Double Word Search

CREATURES
ENCOUNTER
COLOSSAL
FAMILIAR
SAILORS
STORIES
KRAKEN
LEGEND
RETOLD
WHALES
SQUID
SHIP
REAL
MEAL
EDGE

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

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N L S E L A H W C E

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

Kid Scoop Together:

Do You Like Scary Stories?

A lot of people do. When a sailor told stories of their adventures, they liked to entertain and even scare their listeners. Each time a sailor retold a story about a giant squid, it most likely became exaggerated and more exciting. And when a sailor came home telling about an encounter with a giant, scary sea creature, it also made the sailor seem very brave.

With a family member, write what you think each sailor's story might be, start by telling about seeing a large octopus, and the next sailor exaggerating it to describe a frightening encounter with the Kraken.



Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **COLOSSAL**

The adjective **colossal** means extremely large.

It took 12 people to carry the **colossal** pumpkin.

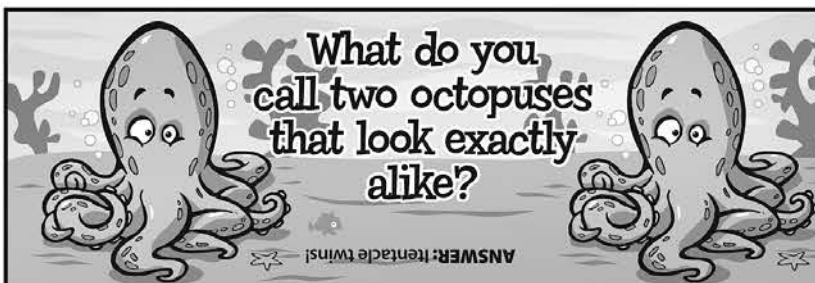
Try to use the word **colossal** in a sentence today when talking with friends and family members.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Stretch a Headline

Choose a headline from the newspaper. Add words to the headline to make it longer and say basically the same thing. For example: **Mayor Leads in Polls** becomes **Popular Mayor Leads Rivals in Latest Polls**.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write a narrative that develops.



What do you call two octopuses that look exactly alike?

ANSWER: Tentacle twins!

Write On!

We Write Words Wonderfully

Write a sentence in which all the words, or nearly all the words start with the same letter. Example: *The gentle giant greeted the green gobblers.*



Think Fremont



Application Process Underway for Fremont Cares Rent Relief Program for Renters Impacted by COVID-19



The Fremont Cares Rent Relief Program, approved by the Fremont City Council at its regularly scheduled City Council meeting on May 12, 2020, will provide \$400,000 in rental assistance to those Fremont renters whose incomes have been adversely impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic response. 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.

The 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.

Round 2 of the application period is currently underway. Applications, with required documentation, will close on June 12, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. Applications will be scored and ranked based on documentable need rather than a first-come, first-served basis.

To apply for assistance, please view our Fremont Cares Rent Assistance Program webpage at www.Fremont.gov/RentRelief. For language assistance services for the Fremont Cares Rent Relief Program, please call the Fremont Family Resource Center at 510-574-2000.

Funding for this relief package, which totals \$800,000 and also includes a Small Business Relief Grant Program (application period is now closed), 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.

City Issuing Building Permits and Conducting Inspections

The City would like to remind the community that we are issuing building permits and offering building inspection services for construction projects that are following the Alameda County Shelter in Place Order.

If you are planning a new construction project, please obtain a building permit. An online pre-application is available on the City's Accela Citizen Access portal. If you have an issued building permit and are ready for a building inspection, please schedule an inspection through Citizen Access (www.Fremont.gov/CitizenAccess) or call the inspection line at 510-494-4885. When conducting inspections, City staff is following the safety requirements issued by the Alameda County Public Health Department to help limit the spread of COVID-19. Protecting the health of employees and the community remains a top priority for the City.

Construction projects completed without City building inspections are considered illegal construction. Illegal construction can be corrected after the fact, but performing inspections after projects are complete often requires opening up walls and foundations, which can be intrusive and costly. Obtaining a building permit and following through with an inspection will ensure every construction project is completed safely and legally.

For more information about building permits, please contact Plans and Permits at 510-494-4460 or by email at bldinfo@fremont.gov.

For more information about inspections, please contact Building Inspection at 510-494-4400 or by email at bldinfo@fremont.gov.

Frozen Meals Available to Order on a Weekly Basis Extended through June for those 55+

The Frozen Meals for Purchase program for those 55+ from the Fremont Senior Center is being extended through June. The cost for five frozen meals is \$20.

The meals will be curbside pick-up on Thursdays at 12:00 pm on June 4, 11, 18, and 25 in front of the Fremont Senior Center. Meals must be ordered in advance by Friday at noon for the next week and

credit card payment is highly preferred. Vegetarian option is available by request.

Please call 510-790-6600 and leave a message that you want to order frozen meals or send an email for more information and to reserve your meals. A staff member will call you back or email you to confirm your order.

New Remote Procedures for City's Design Review Inspections

All new buildings, additions to buildings, and building site improvements require design review inspections by City staff. The purpose of design review is to implement the City's General Plan and ensure compliance with zoning regulations and adopted design rules and guidelines.

Due to the Alameda County Shelter in Place Order to limit the spread of COVID-19, several of the City's design review staff are working remotely. Design review inspections for buildings under construction are now being handled remotely using photographs provided by the project contractor.

To start the design review inspection process, applicants should send an email to dr_insp@fremont.gov with their permit number, project address, and the following photographs:

- All sides of the building(s), with all sides labeled (east, west, front, back, etc.)
- The landscape areas, noting the location (front yard, planter strip, etc.)
- The common areas and public improvements, if applicable

Design review inspectors from Planning, Engineering, and Landscape Architecture will follow up with applicants and may request additional photographs in order to complete the inspections.

For more information, please contact design review staff at 510-494-4480 or by email to dr_insp@fremont.gov.

Fremont Family Resource Center Announces Virtual Reopening of VITA Program

The Fremont Family Resource Center (FRC) has reopened its VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program to help customers whose annual household income is \$56,000 or less file their 2019 tax returns. IRS-certified tax preparers are now virtually available to assist customers through July 1, 2020.

This virtual service aims to protect the safety and well-being of City employees, volunteers and customers, and will provide the same level of quality and commitment. You may qualify for more than \$6,000 in refunds from the California and Federal Earned Income Tax Credits.

All necessary forms, tax documents, IDs, and completed tax returns are transferred via secure email to ensure customer privacy. For those that do not have access to technology, forms are available via pickup at FRC or through direct mail; customers can then schedule an appointment for staff to scan and upload documents to a secure file, and pick up the tax return when it's ready.

The VITA Program is sponsored by the IRS and United Way Bay Area. For more information, please visit www.fremontvita.org or call 510-666-6434 to start the process.

Stay Informed

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

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Annual Ohlone College student art exhibit on-line gallery

Awarded Best in Drawing



Balpreet Singh Guraya



SUBMITTED BY DINA RUBIOLO

Due to Shelter-In-Place orders the 2020 Ohlone College Student Art Exhibition and awards ceremony was presented in a virtual gallery and a zoom reception. Sixty students participated in the annual juried exhibit. The exhibition can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/studentartexhibit>.

Cash awards were given for work judged as best in the categories of painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, photography, 2-D Design, 3-D Design, and Graphic Design. A Best in Show award was also presented to Sophie Lin for her painting in response to the pandemic titled "Covid-19." All award recipients can be seen at <https://bit.ly/awardslides>.

Best in category winners include:

Painting- Chingling Tien, Drawing- Balpreet Singh Guraya, Sculpture- Nadia Nasiri, Ceramics- Eugene Yoon, Photography- Paripsa Rana, 2-D Design- Juliana Abraham, 3-D Design- Sakina Damani, Graphic Arts- Gregory Lechner.

Our jurors, Brooke, Finister, Barbara Holmes, and Laurel Nathanson selected the participating artists and the awards based on the aesthetics, craft, context, and content that they connected with in the art work. The Olive Hyde Art Guild, a local community arts organization supporting students in their pursuit of visual arts in higher education, provided the funding for the art awards this year.

For more information on the exhibit, please contact Dina Rubiolo, Gallery Director, at drubiolo@ohlone.edu or visit www.ohlone.edu/org/artgallery.

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Awarded Best in Graphic Arts



Gregory Lechner

Yivi



Awarded Best in 2-D Design



Juliana M. Abraham

Communion



Awarded Best in Painting



Chingling Tien

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Awarded Best in Sculpture



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Awarded Best in Ceramics



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

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

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This Week - VIRTUAL EVENTS:

Monday and Wednesday

June 15 – July 8
6:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Jenny Lin Foundation Summer Music Education
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Register at: https://jennylinfoundation.org

Wednesday, June 10

How to do Virtual Events R
3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Instructor David Mitroff – hosted by Alameda County Small Business Development Center
Register at: https://nc.eccenterdirect.com/events/46639

LEAF newsletter

SUBMITTED BY LEAF PRESIDENT’S OFFICE

Are you planting a tomato or two for the first time? Expanding your veggie garden? If so, you're not alone. LEAF's (Local Ecology Agriculture Fremont) seedlings sold like hotcakes.

By growing your own food you're avoiding toxic chemicals and having a positive environmental impact. Instead of buying produce that has been transported for miles on a gas-guzzling 18-wheeler, you're just walking out to your garden. Instead of buying tomatoes processed into cans and bottles, you're making your own sauce these days.

The evils of monoculture are many, including surprisingly low productivity - despite expensive input. Studies have shown that home gardeners can produce four to eleven times more produce (by weight) than a farmer. Why? Because we can tuck in a basil here, some thyme there, thus planting more densely. This variety attracts more beneficial insects, resulting in fewer pests. More bees and butterflies! Check. More worms and soil life! Check. Cleaner air and more healthy food. Check, check. Pat yourself on the back, dear Environmentalist.

By the way, did you know LEAF's website now has a blog? We've been posting frequently since shelter-in-place went into effect. Here are some of the latest topics:

- Don't throw it; Grow it!
- Grow one serving of greens per day in your home
- Recipe: Beet, radish and onion greens
- The Finer Points of Slug Hunting
- Victory Gardens

Please do leave a comment - our contributors would love to hear from you! And if you're interested in contributing, contact our Blog Editor, Glennda Chui at glennda@gmail.com.

Be well and happy gardening!
https://fremontleaf.org/

New schedule for COVID-19 testing center

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF HAYWARD

Under its new operating schedule, Hayward COVID-19 Testing Center will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or until the total number of tests available for the day have been exhausted. The center, operated by the Hayward Fire Department, is free and provides testing on a first-come, first-served basis regardless of income, place of residence or immigration status.

COVID-19 Testing Center
Cal State University East Bay campus, Lot A
25800 Carlos Bee Blvd., Hayward

BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

Alameda County	
Renew books by phone (510) 790-8096 For more information about the Bookmobile call (510) 745-1477 or visit www.aclibrary.org/book- mobile Times & Stops subject to change	Tuesday 4:45 – 5:30 Baywood Apartments, 4275 Bay St., FREMONT 5:50 – 6:30 Jerome Ave. & Oholones St., FREMONT
Tuesday 4:30 – 5:20 Weibel School, 45135 South Grimmer Blvd., FREMONT 5:50 – 6:40 Booster Park, Gable Dr. & McDuff Ave., FREMONT	Wednesday 1:00 – 2:00 Del Rey School, Via Mesa & Via Julia., SAN LEANDRO 2:30 – 3:00 Eden House Apartments, 1601 165th Ave., SAN LEANDRO 3:30 – 4:00 Baywood Court, 21966 Dolores St., CASTRO VALLEY 6:00 – 6:30 Camellia Dr. & Camellia Ct., FREMONT
Wednesday 12:45 – 2:15 Glenmoor School, 4620 Mattos Dr., FREMONT 6:00 – 6:30 Camellia Dr. & Camellia Ct., FREMONT	Milpitas Bookmobile stops Renew books by phone (800) 471-0991 For more information (408) 293-2326 x3060
Thursday 11:30 – 12:30 Our Lady of Grace, 19920 Anita Ave., CASTRO VALLEY 2:15 – 3:15 Cherryland School, 585 Willow Ave., HAYWARD	Wednesday 1:50 – 3:00 Foothill School, 1991 Landess Ave., MILPITAS 3:30 – 4:00 Friendly Village Park, 120 Dixon Landing Rd., MILPITAS
Monday 1:45 – 2:45 Delaine School, 34901 Eastin Dr., UNION CITY4:15 – 4:45 Contempo Homes, 4190 Gemini Dr., UNION CITY 5:15 – 6:45 Forest Park School, Deep Creek Rd. & Maybird Circle, FREMONT	



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JUNIOR GIANTS

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF HAYWARD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Junior Giants at Home registration is now open for Summer Season 1, which starts the week of June 8. Sign up for the virtual season and bring the fun of the field to your home. During this four-week season, Junior Giants learn the fundamentals of the game and are introduced to important lessons in health, education, and character development.

The live, age-specific practices include indoor-friendly exercises, Word of the Week talks, and training videos from the @SFGiants coaching staff. To sign up and for more information, visit <https://jr-giantsathome.org/hayward>.

Kiwanis Club awards turnaround scholarships

SUBMITTED BY SHIRLEY SISK

Kiwanis Club of Fremont Foundation is awarding \$1,500 scholarships to 11 students. These scholarships are in recognition of at-risk high school seniors who have “turned around” their lives after disastrous beginnings in high school and before. The program’s recipients are honored because they confronted and overcame problems such as abusive parents, gang violence, depression, sexual assault, poverty, homelessness, family substance abuse, addiction, and more. These scholarship recipients are courageous young people and are now looking forward to completing college or trade school. All recipients were nominated by counselors or teachers from their schools.

Receiving awards:

Christopher Castillo Jr. – Conley Caraballo High
Amber Cordero – American High
Criselle Feria – American High
Imani Finkley – Logan High
Janel Gonzalez – Decoto School for IS
Ulisses Cruz Jasso – Decoto School for IS
Eric Lambruschini – Newark High
Maria Martinez – Decoto School for IS
Ann Maria Philip – Decoto School for IS
Jazzy Shegal – Logan High
Linh Truong – Newark High

These graduates’ career goals include: Masters in Psych & Kinesiology, Business, Medical School, PhD in Astrophysics, Bachelors in Business, Computer Science, Political Science, Civil Rights Law, Masters in Nursing, Bachelors in TV & Film, and Masters in Pharmacy.

Each student has been assigned a Kiwanis Club of Fremont mentor who will be there for them in their college years whenever they are needed and will monitor the students’ progress and give advice and encouragement so that their goal of a diploma is realized.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

End racism

“Don’t put your hands in your pockets. Don’t put your hoodie on. Don’t be outside without a shirt on. Check in with your people, even if they are down the street. Don’t be out too late. Don’t touch anything you aren’t buying. Never leave the store without a receipt or a bag, even if it’s just a pack of gum. ... If a cop stops you and starts questioning you randomly, don’t talk back. Compromise. If you ever get pulled over, put your hands on the dashboard and ask if you can get out your license and registration.” These are the unwritten rules for black men and women, as told by TikTok user @skoodupcam, a young black man living in America.

Black men and women should not have to fear for their lives while doing something that white people can do without an issue. How many more lives need to be lost for us to understand that black lives matter? The Black Lives Matter movement and its protests were meant to be peaceful, but violent police officers and hateful directions by our president made it impossible.

Our president should be fighting for the rights of his people. His citizens. Not tear gassing them for a photo op in front of a church. Not running away to a bunker and telling police to shoot to kill. Not forcing the National Guard on protesters who are peaceful.

The first amendment states “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.” When did it become okay for the president to strip us of our rights as citizens?

Racism and white supremacy clings to the air like a poison, a disease infecting minorities and human beings around us. This goes far beyond the protests. This goes far beyond the movements on social media. We need to attack this issue from the very core. There is only one race – the human race. We should be sticking together, not ripping each other apart over beliefs of a false racial superiority.

A 10-year-old child should not have to be tear-gassed to

make a change. Emerald Black, a pregnant black woman should not have had to lose her unborn child to make a change. George Floyd should not have been murdered for there to be change in America. Why is it that someone needs to die or get hurt for all of us to speak up about this?

Many people continue to say the n-word, with no regard as to its derogatory and hateful background. Being racist isn’t cool. It never was and never should be. The fact that so many students, even at my own high school, are throwing this word around as if it has no meaning and no background is saddening. We need to educate ourselves and others. If we can’t go to protests, I urge everyone to donate, call, and sign petitions to make a change. I am a non-black person of color (POC), and I know that I will never understand what toll it takes to be a black POC in America.

I’m not black, but I see you. I’m not black, but I hear you. I’m not black, but I mourn with you. I’m not black, but I will fight for you.

Krithikaa Premnath
San Ramon

AC Transit restores evening bus service hours

SUBMITTED BY DIANN CASTLEBERRY

As Alameda County’s emergency curfew order is now rescinded, after careful consideration, AC Transit is restoring the full operating hours of all evening bus lines effective immediately. Evening and overnight operating hours were previously suspended to comply with both Alameda and Contra Costa counties’ emergency curfew orders. AC Transit remains under modified bus line services, due to the coronavirus pandemic. For details, visit www.actransit.org.

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Local library district announces curbside service plans

SUBMITTED BY MARIANA WALKER

Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) is working with city partners, Santa Clara County Emergency Operations Center, and key county departments to establish the next steps in providing safe and successful services to the community.

Upcoming library plans include offering limited services in stages, starting later in the month with library

material return and curbside pickup of materials placed on hold. These services will be available Monday through Saturday at all eight SCCLD library locations. To accept returns, SCCLD is establishing a system to quarantine returned materials for 72 hours.

SCCLD will continue to provide updates about future staged services and the timing and details of the curbside service as information becomes available. No late fees are being accrued, and due dates have been extended, so no

items need to be returned during the closure, nor immediately following any introduction of services.

Continue to visit the library online at www.scclld.org to access digital materials, to join the

Summer Reading program, and to enjoy the weekly online programs for all ages.

Florida baseball team lists stadium on AirBnB for \$1500

AP WIRE SERVICE

A Florida team is selling people the "ultimate baseball experience" by putting their ocean view stadium up for rent on AirBnB for \$1,500 a night.

The Pensacola Blue Wahoos says guests will have access to the clubhouse, a large bedroom, the batting cage and the field.

"Guests are welcome to hit from home plate, play catch in the outfield, run the bases, enjoy a picnic in the outfield, or find other creative uses for the field," the listing said.

And although the listing had no reviews, the stadium has been fully booked through July.

The team said on a Facebook post that it was waiting to hear more on the

schedule for the 2020 season from league officials before opening more dates for vacation rentals between July and October.

The Minor League Baseball delayed the start of the 2020 season because of the coronavirus pandemic.

CASTRO VALLEY TOTAL SALES: 12							
Highest \$: 1,300,000		Median \$: 853,500					
Lowest \$: 551,500		Average \$: 862,375					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
21314 Gary Drive #211	94546	551500	2	1025	1991	3/23/20	
5404 Briar Ridge Drive	94552	605000	2	1397	1978	3/24/20	
2235 Farley Street	94546	675000	2	917	1948	3/24/20	
22024 Queen Street	94546	700000	3	962	1947	3/24/20	
20294 Woodbine Avenue	94546	720000	3	1287	1949	3/26/20	
19159 Crest Avenue	94546	790000	2	1624	1948	3/24/20	
18195 Crest Avenue	94546	917000	3	1434	1960	3/25/20	
17901 Beardsley Street	94546	930000	3	1899	1965	3/27/20	
19866 Carnation Lane	94546	985000	3	2114	1976	3/23/20	
19367 Langon Place	94546	1010000	3	2482	1987	3/23/20	
3910 Boulder Canyon Dr	94552	1165000	4	2266	1997	3/27/20	
5922 Charter Oaks Drive	94552	1300000	4	2272	1985	3/25/20	

FREMONT TOTAL SALES: 25							
Highest \$: 3,080,000		Median \$: 1,150,000					
Lowest \$: 715,000		Average \$: 1,379,760					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
5567 Buchanan Place	94538	715000	3	1390	1967	3/23/20	
38740 Tyson Ln #213b	94536	735000	2	1178	2000	3/27/20	
39331 Marbella Terraza	94538	819000	2	1578	1991	3/26/20	
46879 Chemult Comm #17	94539	820000	3	1150		03/25/20	
5918 Via Lugano	94555	850000	2	1246	2012	3/24/20	
39191 State Street	94538	965000	0	0		03/26/20	
4915 Hyde Park Drive	94538	966000	2	1096	1963	3/27/20	
42853 Saratoga Park St	94538	1075000	3	1153	1963	3/27/20	
44216 Pomace Street	94539	1100000	4	2252	1967	3/25/20	
4205 Tehama Avenue	94538	1101000	4	1427	1963	3/26/20	
40454 Torenia Circle	94538	1110000	3	1422		03/27/20	
521 Ashland Terrace	94536	1144000	3	1740	1997	3/24/20	
14 Burnham Place	94539	1150000	3	1876	1928	3/26/20	
34500 Yukon Court	94555	1153000	0	1496	1976	3/23/20	
4655 Alhambra Drive	94536	1195000	3	1526	1958	3/27/20	
34379 Livorna Terr #37	94555	1215000	2	1783	1992	3/26/20	
327 Bead Grass Terrace	94539	1265000	3	1772	2008	3/25/20	
43169 Coit Avenue	94539	1360000	4	1541	1964	3/24/20	
3161 Middlefield Ave	94539	1500000	3	1712	1957	3/23/20	
514 Acoma Way	94539	1550000	0	2100	1977	3/27/20	
46582 Paseo Padre Pkwy	94539	2140000	4	2974	1979	3/23/20	
42012 Mission Blvd	94539	2388000	0	0		03/27/20	
269 Campina Court	94539	2398000	4	3084	2017	3/27/20	
47330 Galindo Drive	94539	2700000	4	2965	1980	3/23/20	
44620 Highland Place	94539	3080000	5	5156	2002	3/26/20	

HAYWARD TOTAL SALES: 19							
Highest \$: 1,395,000		Median \$: 625,000					
Lowest \$: 349,000		Average \$: 658,553					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
26088 Kay Avenue #308	94545	349000	1	606	1985	3/25/20	
25019 Copa Del Oro Dr #102	94545	413000	2	855	1986	3/23/20	
1315 A Street #203	94541	452500	2	1056	1984	3/26/20	
2413 Sebastopol Ln #1	94542	495000	2	1028	1984	3/25/20	
930 Blossom Way #2	94541	540000	3	1446	1991	3/27/20	
17994 Azalea Road	94541	553000	2	1270	1973	3/25/20	
18744 Lowell Avenue	94541	580000	2	739	1952	3/23/20	
2690 Oliver Drive	94545	610000	4	1474	1971	3/24/20	
20363 Royal Avenue	94541	610000	2	1221	2004	3/25/20	
22851 Paseo Place	94541	625000	2	1700	2004	3/24/20	
24588 Fairview Avenue	94542	626000	3	980	1954	3/27/20	

27738 Melbourne Ave	94545	640000	3	1000	1955	3/26/20	
2210 Parnassus Court	94542	729000	4	2374	1997	3/24/20	
406 Morello Drive	94541	738000	3	1326	2017	3/23/20	
23223 Lori Way	94541	741000	4	1164	1978	3/27/20	
22604 Mossy Rock Drive	94541	746000	0	1280	1979	3/26/20	
31973 Olean Street	94544	800000	3	1191	1951	3/23/20	
3110 Freestone Place	94541	870000	4	1995	2017	3/25/20	
212 Drummond Drive	94542	1395000	4	3417	2007	3/25/20	

MILPITAS TOTAL SALES: 3							
Highest \$: 1,435,000		Median \$: 1,040,000					
Lowest \$: 880,000		Average \$: 1,118,333					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
1630 Delano St #10	95035	880000	2	1163	2018	4/29/20	
85 Butler Street	95035	1040000	3	1401	1956	4/29/20	
860 Las Lomas Drive	95035	1435000	4	2217	1982	4/28/20	

NEWARK TOTAL SALES: 8							
Highest \$: 1,375,000		Median \$: 915,000					
Lowest \$: 560,000		Average \$: 990,375					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
6298 Civic Terrace Ave #A	94560	560000	2	840	1986	3/27/20	
36384 La Salle Drive	94560	870000	3	1357	1972	3/26/20	
37578 Breakers Road	94560	898000	3	1566	2017	3/27/20	
39676 Potrero Drive	94560	910000	3	1766	1995	3/25/20	
35908 Argonne Street	94560	920000	3	1118	1959	3/25/20	
5076 Scarborough Dr	94560	1190000	4	1707	1968	3/25/20	
8548 Rockview Way	94560	1200000	4	2154	2017	3/24/20	
37717 Harbor Light Rd	94560	1375000	5	2802	2018	3/25/20	

SAN LEANDRO TOTAL SALES: 14							
Highest \$: 930,000		Median \$: 732,500					
Lowest \$: 450,000		Average \$: 729,821					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
14443 Doolittle Dr #20	94577	450000	3	1060	1979	3/27/20	
16518 Russell Court	94578	608000	2	1164	1971	3/24/20	
2225 Heathrow Place	94577	646000	0	1723	1978	3/26/20	
556 Tudor Road	94577	700000	3	1224	1948	3/24/20	
2150 Hillside Drive	94577	700000	3	1956	1975	3/26/20	
14983 Crosby Street	94579	705500	2	1344	1949	3/23/20	
14599 Juniper Street	94579	720000	3	1076	1953	3/25/20	
15284 Hardin Street	94579	745000	3	1613	1952	3/25/20	
1550 Randy Street	94579	760000	3	1418	1955	3/24/20	
1551 Burkhart Avenue	94579	775000	3	1427	1957	3/25/20	
416 Cape Cod Drive	94578	788000	0	1614	1979	3/25/20	
2319 Spinnaker Court	94579	800000	3	2225	2000	3/25/20	
534 Dahlia Court	94578	890000	0	2741	1978	3/25/20	
319 Napoleon Drive	94577	930000	5	2403	2000	3/27/20	

SAN LORENZO TOTAL SALES: 1							
Highest \$: 750,000		Median \$: 750,000					
Lowest \$: 750,000		Average \$: 750,000					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
444 Via Coches	94580	750000	3	1000	1944	3/25/20	

UNION CITY TOTAL SALES: 5							
Highest \$: 1,105,000		Median \$: 938,000					
Lowest \$: 530,000		Average \$: 858,600					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
349 Whipple Road	94587	530000	2	720	1910	3/26/20	
34260 Torrey Pine Lane	94587	775000	4	2350	2001	3/23/20	
35046 Lilac Loop	94587	938000	4	1560	1978	3/26/20	
3306 San Carlos Way	94587	945000	3	1160	1977	3/25/20	
34637 Arroyo Drive	94587	1105000	4	1881	1999	3/24/20	

Home Sales Report

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

High School Students Donate Robotics Skills

Last April, the American High School Robotics team rode the momentum of their Norcal regional championship all the way to the FIRST Championship in Houston. Their dreams of a repeat visit this spring were sadly denied as competitions were abruptly shut down due to the statewide shelter in place. Two students, Abeer Bajpai and Peter Xu, decided that even if they could not compete, they still wanted to use their robotics skills to help their community.

Abeer sent this to my orthodontics office and to several other local health care providers: “My robotics team has unused 3d printers and sponsorship money that we would like to utilize to help our community battle the coronavirus. To do this, we have 3d printed contactless door openers that do not

require you to touch a door to open it, keeping better hygiene. We will not charge money for them, and they are quite easy and quick to set up. Please let me know if your office would find these helpful. Thank you for your hard work and dedication during these uncertain times!”

My staff and patients have found these door openers to be incredibly useful in maintaining better hygiene as we enter and leave the clinic; instead of grabbing the handle, we can lean on them with our forearms to open doors. Abeer and Peter also provided us with 3D-printed ear savers that my staff just love. After a long week of wearing full protective gear, our faces and ears definitely feel sore.

I wanted our entire community to know how grateful I am to these two young men for their ingenuity and for their thoughtfulness. They are examples of hope and are exactly the inspiration that our community needs to get through this together.

The contactless door 3D printing design can be seen at:

<https://www.youmagine.com/designs/arm-door-opener-covid-19#information>

With gratitude,
Dr. Scott Chong
Union City



Friends of Chabot College raises \$185,000 to support students in

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

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(510) 284-4000
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www.ci.hayward.ca.us

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Newark City Council

May 28, 2020

- Special Meeting:**
- Study Session to review draft Biennial Budget and Capital Improvement Plan 2020-2022.
- Public Hearings:**
- Consider property owners’ objections to 2020 Weed Abatement Program.
 - Consider appeal of Planning Commission decision to approve Condition Use Permit for Fitness 19 at 6203 Jarvis Avenue. Appeal denied 5-0.

- Consent Calendar:**
- Remove voter registration requirement for City appointed Boards, Commissions and Committees members.
 - Authorize agreement with Tri-City Voice for legal advertising services for FY 2020-2021.
 - Accept work of Bond Blacktop, Inc. for 2019 Street Slurry Seal Program.
 - Accept work of Pavement Coatings Company for Street Slurry Seal Program (Project 1180).
 - Approve partial release of security bonds for Prima residential project.
- Non-consent:**
- Receive results of public

opinion research conducted by Godbe Research assessing community interest for an extension of the existing City of Newark Utility Users Tax. Favorable 65%. Extend UUT for nine years.

- Authorize a one-time exception to the systematic decrease in maximum allowable number of safe and sane fireworks booths as a result of COVID-19 pandemic.
- Update on City’s response to COVID-19 local emergency.

City Council Matters:

- Recognize city programs that conform with restrictions of COVID-19.
- Recognize efforts of city councilpersons.

- Mr. Kjelmeyr at Kennedy Elementary School recognized as a local hero.
- Efforts to complete census forms.
- Recognize Nick Cuevas of Parks and Recreation for his efforts.
- Recognize Newark Girls Softball League for sponsoring free Wednesday lunch program.
- Remember social distancing and use of masks.

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

Milpitas City Council

June 2, 2020

- The meeting started with a moment of silence in remembrance of George Floyd.
- Proclamation:**
- June 1 - 7, 2020 was proclaimed as Milpitas High School Senior Recognition Week.
- Consent Calendar**
- Established Fees for Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services.
 - Authorized the purchase of a Camera System for the Public Works Department Sanitary Sewer System from Jack Doheny Companies.
 - Approved the purchase from Axon Enterprise, Inc. of Body Worn Cameras, Conducted Electrical Weapons, Accessories and a Supplemental Subscription to Evidence.com cloud-based storage. Also approved standardization of Axon Enterprise, Inc. equipment as the standard brand for the City of Milpitas.
 - Approved a five-year agreement between the County of Santa Clara and the City of Milpitas for Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) services.
 - Authorized an Agreement with Invoice Cloud for e-bill presentment and e-payment of

- utility and miscellaneous invoices for a five-year period.
- Public Hearings**
- Following a public hearing approved the Fiscal Year 2020- 21 Operating Budget and the 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Program for the City of Milpitas and the Milpitas Housing Authority.
 - Following a public hearing amended Milpitas Municipal Code relating to Accessory Dwelling Units.
- Community Development:**
- Approved a term extension to the predevelopment loan agreement entered into by Resources for Community Development and the City of Milpitas Housing Authority for 355 Sango Court.
- Small Business Loan Program:**
- Approved a \$200,000 Milpitas Small Business Loan Program and authorized execution of a contract with Enterprise Foundation and Kiva to act as fiscal agent of the small business loan program.
 - There was no consensus in the discussions about Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

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

Fremont Unified School Board Meeting Highlights

SUBMITTED BY BRIAN KILLGORE

At its June 3rd meeting, Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) Board of Education:

- Recognized 2020 Retirees – District administration, board trustees and employee group presidents expressed their appreciation for retiring staff and their combined 2,100+ years of service to students.
- Approved Addition of a Middle School Counseling Enriched Classroom – Based on current 2020-21 projections, the district will see an increase in students requiring a counseling-enriched environment from 78 to 95 students. The increase is due to multiple factors including IEP team

recommendations to return students from nonpublic schools to district programs, new enrollments and students made newly eligible for special education under emotional disturbance or other health impairment.

An additional counseling-enriched class has fiscal benefits as student tuition costs at non-public schools can range from \$50,000 to \$80,000 per pupil. In addition, students must be transported to nonpublic schools at a cost that can range from \$50 to \$200 per day, with an average of \$12,000 per student. FUSD has formed a partnership with Seneca, who currently support our successful Green Elementary counseling-enriched program. The Seneca class would provide in-district placement to students with mental health needs and would allow students to return to the district from nonpublic school settings.

- Reviewed and Considered if Summer Meals Should be Provided Without Federal and State Reimbursable Funds – Five district schools will provide reimbursable free breakfast and free lunch meals to children through June 30. If FUSD decides to continue to serve free breakfast and free lunch meals to children from July 1 to August

25, there will not be USDA or State meal reimbursement, and the cost to the cafeteria funds will be \$341,000. Given the lack of funding, staff recommends that the district stop offering free school meals after June 30 at every site except for Cabrillo. Board votes 5-0 to approve staff’s recommendation to only provide meals, as allowed, at Cabrillo Elementary, Robertson High School, and other qualifying sites should funds become available.

- Authorized Staff to Enter into an Agreement with APEX – Summer school staff is soliciting technology needs from students and families during registration and will distribute technology to students and families on June 15 and June 16, the week before classes start. Purchase of Apex site licenses includes:
 - Apex Virtual Training: a total of six hours to train teachers how to operate Apex courses and how to deliver instruction with fidelity
 - Apex staff will collaborate with FUSD summer school staff to create the training agenda
 - Subscriptions are for one calendar year: For these subscriptions, one student will use one subscription per course they take this summer (Students take 1-2 courses in our credit recovery program.)

- Teachers design courses within the Apex system and can note areas where students demonstrate weakness for re-teaching opportunities.
- Apex is known and proven as it is used at John F. Kennedy High School and Fremont Adult and Continuing Education.
- Licenses purchased for credit recovery summer school will be available for one calendar year and sites can use licenses to assist students throughout the year to make missed credits in their pursuit of a high school diploma.
- Authorized Staff to Allow the City of Fremont’s Use of School Facilities – FUSD facilities have been temporarily closed during the shelter-in-place order. The city would like to open summer day camp programs beginning July 6 at the following six sites: Grimmer, Brier, Cabrillo, Chadbourne, Patterson, and Vallejo Mill. The city is prepared to comply with and exceed the Alameda County Public Health Department’s guidelines for day camps and educational/recreational programs during the shelter in place order.

New Openings

SUBMITTED BY SUPERVISOR DAVE CORTESE

Santa Clara County moves into a new phase of Shelter in Place (June 5), allowing more businesses to reopen and activities to resume. And that’s because you as individuals, and we as a community, have taken the Shelter in Place guidelines seriously and helped to flatten the curve of COVID-19 cases. The numbers are still rising, but at a much slower pace than at the beginning of the pandemic in the County.

Over the past several weeks, I convened task forces to work with employees and employers in a variety of sectors to pursue the safe resumption of work and reopening of our economy. My office and I have been working hard to support small-business owners and workers as they prepare to open under safety precautions.

Here’s a partial list of new openings since the last order:

- Businesses -- Outdoor dining at restaurants, in-store shopping at retail and shopping centers; all manufacturing, warehousing and logistics; house cleaning and other no-contact in-home services; low contact or no contact service businesses including shoe repair, watch repair and other similar services; pet grooming and dog walking.
- Children -- All childcare, summer camps, summer school, and all other educational or recreational programs for all children in stable groups up to 12 children with change of groups allowed every three weeks.
- Outdoor -- Small outdoor ceremonies and outdoor religious gatherings in groups no larger than 25; all outdoor recreational activities that do not involve physical contact, with social distancing and with up to one other household, including hiking, tennis, Frisbee and golf; outdoor swimming pools; camping; and drive-in theaters and other automobile-based gatherings.

For each category, there are required protocols and safety measures that must be put in place and followed. We do need to remain vigilant, and allow time – as long as three weeks – for further easing of restrictions to assess the impacts, if any, to these changes. The Emergency Operations Center has created a graphic (<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/covid19/Pages/public-health-orders.aspx>) that gives you a quick glance of what was already open and what is new. There is also a new FAQ to help guide you.

For questions, you can also call my office at 408-299-5030 or email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org

OPINION



WILLIAM MARSHAK

Madeline Kahn, as Lilly Von Schtupp in the 1974 movie hit *Blazing Saddles*, said it best when she told an admiring crowd of rowdy cowboys, "I need some rest." Speaking of uninspired love, she looks them in the eye and snarls, "Let's face it, I'm tired!" The repertoire continues as Lilly tells the raucous group that she is "tired of playing the game, isn't it a crying shame."

The spoof is an apt description for the feelings of many residents who have endured weeks of stay at home orders, loss of livelihood and a barrage of societal evils that have festered for centuries without resolution. Our situation has become a parody of contrived television reality shows that cannot be switched to another channel or turned off. Unlike an episode of *Big Brother* or *Survivor*, we are not going to be voted off the show and escape scrutiny and introspection. This isn't a competition to see who wins a prize or emerges with fame and fortune. Our struggle is for the very soul and decency that is the basis of democratic liberty and freedom.

It is tiring to continue to work toward a "more perfect union" and confront

imperfections. The easy route is to let someone else do the worrying and relinquish thought and control to others. After all, it can be argued that the average resident has other pressing personal concerns beside behavior that seems distant and removed from daily life. Why all the fuss about things that may not directly affect us?

The answer is simple... these issues that have come to the surface including personal safety and financial security DO directly affect our wellbeing. We depend on a system of laws, government administration and checks and balances to protect and guide our societal norms. Without them, irritating, faulty and dangerous behaviors can run rampant and basic services and supplies we depend on every day will cease. Without oversight and examination, an assumption of serenity is fraudulent, leading to disastrous consequences.

Inconvenience is a small price to pay for vigilance. The eruption of a global pandemic and revelations of a flawed legal and law enforcement system is a not a reality show. The United States Constitution begins with a preamble that outlines the guiding principles of the document. It states:

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

As issues have risen requiring clarification, amendments have been added. Public participation in government was, and

remains, an essential component of the United States of America infrastructure.

The first amendment, a critical component of the first ten amendments, termed "*Bill of Rights*", ratified in 1791, is clear, stating:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Leaders of our country in those days were probably tired of the bickering and societal problems that would not disappear with the founding of a new and unique nation. However, they believed so strongly in an ideal, with recognition of human frailty and faults, they persevered and crafted a roadmap toward what they considered a state of grace.

Amidst all of our present trials and tribulations, we should do no less.

William Marshak
PUBLISHER

Kindness spreads with volunteer links at corona connects

BY LUIS ANDRES HENAO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

It started with a simple spreadsheet created by a group of college students who wanted to help during the pandemic.

In just two months, that spreadsheet has grown into an online platform that has connected would-be do-gooders with nearly 3,000 opportunities to volunteer across the United States.

Corona Connects (coronaconnects.org) includes 170 volunteer categories, from food delivery and tutoring, to mental health and supporting the elderly. The site created by three students at the University of Pennsylvania now is run by a team of 25 students from colleges nationwide.

"We called this Corona Connects because we knew that Corona spreads through

droplets, but kindness can spread through connecting," said Hadassah Raskas, a Penn senior.

When the coronavirus crisis forced schools to go virtual, Raskas and University of Maryland junior Elana Sichel started a list of organizations in need of help. They realized that there were many needs and many students with extra time on their hands.

"We started with just a spreadsheet. We thought we could post it to social media and try to get it spreading around and figured if we help 10 people or 50 people, that's amazing," Raskas said. "And we quickly realized that that spreadsheet was getting passed around and we needed something better."

Penn seniors Steven Hamel and Megan Kyne found out about the initiative through the Class of 2020 Facebook page and offered

to build an easy-to-navigate site. Users can filter volunteer opportunities following their interests, location, and availability. Organizations can also submit needs and recruit volunteers.

"It's a two-sided platform ... so it's a win-win," said Shalva Gozlan, who's in charge of the platform's marketing. She found out about Corona Connects on social media and used it to find a volunteering opportunity as a crisis counselor.

"I think the beauty of this platform is that we're reminding people you might be geographically and physically alone right now, but we're all interconnected," she said. "We're here for you. And we're one society. We're one humanity."

Corona Connects (coronaconnects.org)

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February 4, 1943 – May 28, 2020

Resident of Reno, Nevada



Jessie was called to her eternal home by Our Lord Jesus Christ on May 28 and was welcomed home by her two predeceased sisters, Juanita Hernandez, of Sacramento and Margie Guigneaux, of Discovery Bay CA.

Jessie was born in Oakland and resided in Union City for over forty years and was the second eldest of seven children born to Paula Ortiz, of Fremont. She leaves behind three sisters, Mary Mora of South Lake Tahoe, Angel Reyna of Salida, CA, Emily Loreda, of Dayton, NV and a brother, Peter Ortiz of Oakland. She is also survived by her son, Richard Tamblyn of Thornton, Colorado, two Goddaughters, Monica Reyna of Stockton and Sophia Cantu from Manteca. Jessie had many nieces/nephews who loved her and she loved them.

Jessie worked at GM and then at Nummi Auto Plant in Fremont, CA for twenty years and retired in 2005.

She was the life of the party at many family gatherings and had everyone laughing all the time. We had some great holiday parties, she was overly generous with her love, gifts and money. She loved going to the movies, out to eat and especially loved dancing; she was a fantastic cook and loved her dogs. She enjoyed

overnight visits, enjoyed visits at her home, always putting on a feast for all to enjoy. She was ways the brunt of many pranks played on her by her sisters and laughed along with all of us because of her great sense of humor and never got upset but cursed us out all in fun. She was the favorite of all family members and will always be loved and greatly missed by all who shared her life.

Jessie always expressed her desire to move to Nevada to be closer to her two sisters Mary and Emily, but was diagnosed with Alzheimer/Dementia in September of 2019, was moved to Reno in January of 2020 to get the specialized care she needed and received from Brookdale Alzheimer/Dementia Facility in Reno, until she passed.

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Marilyn “Bunny” Desmond

November 11, 1932-May 18, 2020

Resident of Fremont



Born in Michigan in 1932, Marilyn was one of four children; she had two sisters and one brother. She married Gerald Desmond in 1951, and they raised seven children.

Marilyn, nicknamed “Bunny” in childhood, loved music and dancing. Shee played the violin in high school, in the Fremont-Newark Philharmonic, and with the Fremont Senior Center “Young at Heart” dance band.

She loved hand work, especially knitting and crocheting, and enjoyed being

with her children and their families.

An avid bike rider, she spent many days riding around Fremont, shopping, as well as getting in a good workout.

She enjoyed volunteering in many organizations, especially in her later years. She was president of the Fremont Chapter of AARP and accomplished many things on the Fremont Senior Committee.

Education was a big priority in Marilyn's life. She was her high school valedictorian in 1950. She had a full ride scholarship to Michigan State University. After one year there, she married and then returned to college after the children were raised. She treasured every class she took from Ohlone College.

Beloved by her family, she is survived by her children Timothy Desmond (June), Eileen Geddings (Jim), Sharon Shields (Art), Rosemary Pershe (Bob), Gerald Desmond (Nora), Kathleen Desmond, and Kevin Desmond (Michelle), thirteen grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Gerald Desmond.

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SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Ask Rusty – How Do I Apply with Social Security Offices Closed?

BY CERTIFIED SOCIAL SECURITY ADVISOR RUSSELL GLOOR
ASSOCIATION OF MATURE AMERICAN CITIZENS

Dear Rusty: I am 64 years old and would like advice on how to move forward to apply for Social Security now instead of waiting until I am the “magic” age of 66.5 years. Signed: Ready for Retirement

Dear Ready for Retirement: All Social Security offices are currently closed to public visits, but they are still providing telephone services (although telephone wait times are usually longer these days). You can apply over the phone if you wish. However, the most efficient way to apply for your Social Security benefit, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, is to apply online.

You will need to create your personal “My Social Security” account before applying online, but that is easy to do at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. For information, Social Security uses a “two-factor” identification process for security purposes, usually by asking you to enter, in addition to your password, a special ID code sent to your cell phone (or email). Once you have set up your personal account, you can use the online application process at www.ssa.gov/retire.

When you start the online process, be sure to write down the re-entry code, which will allow you to save and re-enter your online application as many times as needed before you finally submit it. Once it is submitted, Social Security will call you or write you to get any additional information they need. A couple of things I want to be sure you are aware of:

- By claiming before your full retirement age (FRA) your benefit amount will be permanently reduced. The reduction is about 0.556 percent per month before your FRA that you claim (at 64, a reduction of about 15 percent).
- Finally, if you are still working, you will be subject to Social Security’s earnings test until you reach your full retirement age. If you start benefits mid-year 2020, you will be subject to a monthly earnings limit of \$1520, and if you exceed that limit you won't be eligible for benefits for that month. The following years you'll be subject to an annual limit, until you reach your FRA when there is no longer a limit to how much you can earn.

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Todd Eugene Santos

4/7/62 – 6/5/20

Fremont, California

Todd was born, on April 7, 1962, to Edward M and Betty (Bramwell) Santos. He lost his battle with cancer on June 5, 2020.

Todd is survived by his brother, Mark Stewart Santos.

He was predeceased by his parents and his brother, Guy Edward Santos.

Notification about a 'celebration of life' for Todd will be announced at a later date.

Sabrina Rose

Sabrina Rose, age 24, passed away on June 4, 2020 at Emanuel medical center in Turlock, CA. She was born August 5, 1995, in Hayward, CA. She worked as a property manager at Piercing Instincts Property Management, displaying a positive attitude and a beautiful smile. Sabrina had an uncanny ability to reach people in a deep and positive way. She is survived by her mother Lucille, sisters, Samantha, Denise and nephew, Michael and niece, Miranda.



Alameda County Fire Department Log

SUBMITTED BY ACFD

Monday, May 25

- At 6:33 p.m. firefighters responded to an apartment fire on the 15000 block of Washington Avenue in San Leandro. They quickly contained the fire, preventing it from spreading to nearby units. One occupant in the apartment was displaced with minor injuries. There were no injuries to firefighters. The cause of the fire is under investigation.
- At 2:48 p.m. firefighters responded to a vegetation fire that started in a homeless encampment area in Union City and then spread to the Crowne Plaza Hotel parking lot near Alvarado-Niles Road. Firefighters quickly contained the blaze with assistance from two Fremont Fire Department engines. Several rental cars on the lot sustained fire damage; there were no injuries.
- Shortly after 4:00 p.m. firefighters responded to a trailer fire at a commercial building on the 600 block of Aladdin Avenue at Alvarado Street in San Leandro. They quickly knocked down the fire. There were no injuries.

Tuesday, May 26

- At 6:04 p.m. firefighters aboard Truck 31 witnessed a major accident involving four vehicles at Katayama Drive and Alvarado-Niles Road in Union City. Collateral damage included a sheared fire hydrant and downed power poll. A person trapped in one of the cars was quickly pulled out by firefighters. Ambulances and medical personnel soon arrived along with Union City Police Department officers to help. All injured people were taken to a hospital for treatment and the sheared fire hydrant was secured.

Wednesday, June 3

- At 1:26 p.m. firefighters responded to a vegetation fire extending to occupied homes at Medford Court in the Cherryland district of unincorporated Alameda County near Hayward. Firefighters attacked the blaze from the court and nearby train tracks and eventually extinguished it, saving five homes. There were no injuries.

San Leandro City Council

June 6th, 2020*

Announcements

- Mayor Russo-Cutter posted a statement on the city website acknowledging George Floyd's death and the subsequent protests and violence.
- The city rejected the claim filed by Emerald Black, a pregnant woman who miscarried after an altercation with San Leandro police. Body camera footage of the incident will be released.
- Recognitions:**
 - Proclamation honoring graduating San Leandro residents.
 - Declare June as Pride Month; celebrate 26th anniversary of Lavender Seniors of the East Bay.
- Public Comments:**
 - Resident called for a citizen review board to be established.
 - Resident expressed displeasure of release of prisoners in California because of COVID-19.
 - Resident questioned the use of body cams to curb excessive use of force.
- Presentations:**
 - Staff discussion on the Community Assessment Treatment and Transport Team (CATT)
 - Resident expressed support for CATT.
 - Resident questioned how CATT team would respond to a case like Steven Taylor's when an

officer involved shooting occurs quickly.

Public Hearings:

- Motion to hold a public hearing and publish the draft amendments to the FY 2015-2020 five-year consolidated plan, FY 2019-2020 annual action plan, and citizen participation plan for a 5-day comment period (June 2 - June 7, 2020), and set a public hearing for June 15, 2020 to consider final approval of all amendments.

Consent Calendar:

- Authorize application for local government planning support grant program funds.
- Amend salary schedule to comply with the city's minimum wage ordinance.
- Approve amendment to services agreement with Arborist Now, Inc. for Boulevard Yarwood Sycamore tree trimming.
- Amend Municipal Code relating to adjustment of the Emergency Medical Services Tax (EMS Tax) to increase by a CPI of 3.31%.
- Amend Municipal Code relating to adjustment of the Emergency Communication System Access Tax (911 Tax), to increase by a CPI of 3.31%.

Items Removed from Consent Calendar:

- Resolution of the city council authorizing city manager to approve a non-professional service agreement with ANI Private Security and Patrol, Inc. for \$65,000.
- Resolution of the council for the city provide essential services and advocate for fair, direct fed-

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Park It

BY NED MACKAY

Amid all the coronavirus-related measures, East Bay Regional Park District continues its regular work of planning and opening new parklands for public enjoyment, wildlife habitat protection and historic preservation.

For instance, the park district board of directors plans to certify an environmental impact report soon and approve the land use plan for the new Concord Hills Regional Park. Concord Hills, for which a permanent official name will be determined later, is the former Concord Naval Weapons Station.

After many years of advocacy by the community and the park district for access to the closed weapons station land, the U.S. Navy recently deeded approximately 5,028 acres of the land for civilian use. Part is assigned to the city of Concord and part to the East Bay Regional Park District. In July 2019, at a formal signing ceremony, 2,216 acres were transferred to the park district to create a new regional park in partnership with the National Park Service. The property is between Kirker Pass Road and Highway 4.

In summary, the plan calls for hiking and riding trails, picnic sites at some of the former

military structures, and a visitor center that will include exhibits on the history of the site, from Native American habitation to the present. The center will be in a restored and redesigned existing building. Completion of work on the land use plan and subsequent public access to the new park won't occur for several years. First access will likely take the form of guided hikes through areas at the south end of the property that have remained in a generally natural state.

You can obtain more information about Concord Hills and take a virtual tour of the new park by visiting www.ebparks.org. At the top right of the home page, click on "Select a Park or Trail" and pick Concord Hills.

As of this writing, an overnight curfew was declared from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. at all the East Bay Regional Parks, starting June 1. The regional parks have always been closed overnight; the new curfew just extended the hours of closure, due to coronavirus and civil unrest concerns. The curfew could be altered or lifted if circumstances warrant. The park district follows the measures taken by Alameda County and Contra Costa County governments.

Some encouraging news as well: As announced last week, Point Isabel Regional Shoreline in Richmond was reopened, with the stipulation that dogs must always be leashed, at least for

now. The point is well-known as an off-leash dog park but for the duration of the coronavirus emergency, Rover should not rove unrestrained. In fact, the district now requires dogs to be leashed at all regional parks, not just Point Isabel.

Also, the Stanford Avenue staging area at Mission Peak Regional Preserve has reopened. It was closed through May at the request of the City of Fremont. Visitors should be aware that parking is limited at Stanford Avenue, especially on high attendance days, and neighborhood parking rules are strictly enforced. More ample parking is available at a trailhead lot within the nearby Ohlone College campus.

For up-to-date information on regional park status, visit www.ebparks.org. Information is available right at the top of the home page.

In a previous column, I mentioned that bicycles should be ridden only on wider regional park trails. But Mike Udkow of the Bicycle Trails Council of the East Bay points out that there are some narrow-gauge, multi-use trails open to bicycle riders in several regional parks. This is true. Bicycle riders should check the park map and trail signposts, though, before venturing onto a narrow-gauge trail. The main idea is to avoid user conflicts.

eral emergency support to assist in the re-opening and rebuilding of the local economy.

- 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 Business License Fees, to increase fees by CPI of 3.31%.

Action Items:

- Authorize termination of the existing lease agreement with American Golf Corporation.
- Discussion of the city's response to COVID-19.
- Ratify a proclamation of local emergency due to civil unrest.
- Public comment: Resident encouraged the council to vote against the resolution.

Report on Closed Session

Actions Taken:

- Send a letter to the California attorney general to investigate the use of deadly force in the shooting of Steven Taylor.
- Create an Equity and Race (EAR) advisory committee.

Reports:

- Councilmember Hernandez attended the East Bay Community Energy meeting where the budget was passed with a million

dollar surplus.

- Councilmember Cox attended the Alameda County Waste Management Authority meeting where there was a discussion of how COVID-19 would impact recycling efforts. She also attended the Alameda County Transportation Commission where it was reported that freeway express lanes are reopening and traffic is up 60%.
- Councilmember Cutter also attended the Alameda County Transportation Commission meeting where they discussed a possible train route from Alameda County to San Joaquin County. She also attended the East Bay Dischargers Authority meeting where they discussed a spill that occurred at one of the facilities.

Councilmember Requests to Schedule Agenda

- Councilmember Cox requested staff investigate ways funds can be cut from councilmember budgets. Motion failed: 4-3, Lee, Aguilar, Ballew (Nay), Lope (Abstain)
- Councilmember Aguilar requested staff to investigate reverting to the mayor's original salary. Motion failed: 4-3, Cutter, Cox,

Ballew, Hernandez (Nay).

- Councilmember Lee requested staff to look into assembling a community budget task force. Motion passed: 7-0.
- Councilmember Aguilar requested staff to investigate a moratorium on delivery app (Uber Eats, Postmates, and DoorDash) commissions above 15% in San Leandro until all restaurants can reopen for dine-in service. Item passed: 7-0

Meeting adjourned in memory of George Floyd and Steven Taylor as well as those in the community who have lost someone to COVID-19.

Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter Aye, 1 Nay
Vice Mayor Pete Ballew Aye, 1 Nay
Victor Aguilar, Jr. Aye, 1 Nay
Ed Hernandez Aye, 1 Nay
Benny Lee Aye, 1 Nay
Deborah Cox Aye, 1 Nay
Corina Lopez Aye, 1 Abstain

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

Pat Kite’s Garden



PAT KITE

*L. Patricia [Pat] Kite’s several garden books include **KISS Guide to Gardening, Gardening Wizardry for Kids, Raccoons, Ladybug Facts and Folklore and Silkworms. They may be found at Amazon.com and Alibris.com.***

Tomato Tales

BY PAT KITE

Tomato nicknames include love apples, wolf peach, golden apples, “unhealthy apples,” apple of the Moors, and Peruvian apples. A pretty woman was, until recently, a “hot tomato.” Originating in Peru and Mexico, the tomato was a wild plant with tart cherry-size yellowish fruits. The word “tomato” comes from the Aztec word “tomatle.”

Spanish explorers brought the first tomato seeds to Europe. Tomatoes were not used as food until recently. Among other problems, they were accused of transforming people into werewolves and witches. Around A.D. 1300, there was a “witch craze” where thousands of women were purged for growing tomatoes. Investigators thought witches put tomato juice on their broomsticks to help them fly.

The tomato was not only “naughty and corrupt,” but also poisonous, proclaimed early botanists. It is a member of the plant family Solanaceae, along with belladonna and deadly nightshade (the plant looks quite similar.) In 1544, naturalist P. Mattioli initially called it the “golden apple,” but later decided “mala insana” or “unhealthy apple” fit better. One reason: Some people were eating the leaves as well as the fruit. Tomato leaves and stems will make you sick.

During colonial times, nobody would eat a tomato. Tomatoes were grown as garden decoration. A Harvard-trained doctor blamed tomatoes for everything from bleeding gums to hemorrhoids. This all continued until about 1840, when, according to legend, Colonel Robert G. Johnson stood on the steps of the Salem, New Jersey courthouse eating an entire basket of raw tomatoes. Over 2000 people waited for him to drop dead. He did not. But even 50 years later, there were still cookbooks recommending cooking tomatoes for at least three hours to avoid all poisoning risks.

The tomato is botanically a fruit. In 1893, an importer claimed it as a fruit to avoid vegetable import tariffs. This dispute went to the Supreme Court. It decreed that for taxation purposes it was a vegetable. Why? Because it was usually used as a vegetable. Fruits were usually used for desserts.

The ancestor of modern ketchup was completely tomato-free. Instead, the precursor to our ketchup was a fermented fish sauce from southern China. As far back as 300 B.C., texts began documenting the use of fermented pastes made from fish entrails, meat by-products, and soybeans. The fish sauce was called “ge-thcup” or “koe-cheup.” It stored easily on long ocean voyages. Cookbooks often featured recipes for ketchups made of oysters, mussels, mushrooms, walnuts, lemons, celery, and fruits such as plums and peaches.

Finally, in 1812, the first recipe for tomato-based ketchup debuted. James Mease, a Philadelphia scientist, is credited with developing the recipe. He wrote that the choicest ketchup came from “love apples,” as tomatoes were then called. (Some believed tomatoes had aphrodisiac powers.) A relatively new company called Heinz introduced its famous formulation in 1876, which contained tomatoes, distilled vinegar, brown sugar, salt, and various spices. Some people put ketchup on everything, including desserts. Yum.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

People want to help

Paul Andrus contacted me and another mutual friend towards the end of March about helping with a request the Fremont Bridge Rotary Club received from Good Samaritan Hospital in San Jose for fabric face masks. Paul knew that both of us sewed and needed some questions answered about materials, time and logistical needs to fulfill this request. I was placed in charge of organizing a team of volunteers.

At first, I reached out to other members of my church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, as I felt they would not only respond quickly but would also have necessary skills and tools. These friends contacted other friends and they contacted other friends and soon we had 49 volunteers in our group!

This amazing group helped with picking up fabric and supplies from the store and donated materials from homes, cutting out fabric, washing fabric, ironing, making bias tape for tying the masks, ironing, constructing masks, ironing, dropping off completed masks, ironing and some more ironing. If you have not caught on, this project required a great deal of ironing!

Some people did not feel comfortable with their skills and would ask for assistance. This was complicated by the fact that we were under shelter in place orders. Phone calls, texting, Zoom, Skype and other methods of communication were used to help. It would be safe to say that by the end of this project, everyone’s skills were greatly improved

Kristin Winmill
Fremont

Man injured in officer involved shooting

SUBMITTED BY OFFICER CLAUDIA MAU, HPD

A man in his early 60s was hospitalized on Wednesday, May 27 after an officer involved shooting in Hayward.

The incident started at about 12:44 p.m. when Hayward Police Department (HPD) officers responded to a call about a man on a motorcycle chasing another person and also banging on doors in a residential neighborhood around Bahama and Sleepy Hollow avenues.

When officers located the man, he reportedly approached them with a weapon, later identified by police as a knife, which prompted one officer to fire a Taser, while others discharged service weapons. The man, identified by local media as Eric Rosalia, 61, of Hayward, was injured and taken to a hospital by medical responders for treatment.

In a press conference the next day, Hayward Police Chief Toney Chaplin said Rosalia later admitted to lunging at officers with a knife and apologized. He added that Rosalia was released from the hospital Thursday, May 28 and booked at Santa Rita Jail on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon.

Meanwhile, HPD investigators are gathering witness statements and analyzing officer testimony to determine what events led to the shooting. Anyone that has information that can assist with the investigation is asked to call Det. Ryan Sprague at (510) 293-7176. In addition to the HPD internal investigation, the Alameda County District Attorney’s Office will conduct an independent investigation. The identities of the man and the officer have not been released.

Milpitas Police Log

SUBMITTED BY MILPITAS PD

Friday, May 29

• Evening shift officers responded to a report of a car-jacking in the parking lot at The

Great Mall of the Bay Area. The victim had agreed to meet an unknown person near the Home Depot store to sell his 2016 Hyundai Sonata. During negotiations the suspect pushed the victim away and stole the car. Officers located the car in the parking lot of a nearby motel on the 400 block of South Main

Street. Officers looked at motel video surveillance and determined the suspect was in one of the rooms. They went to the room and the suspect, a 17-year-old male from Oakland, was arrested without incident. He was booked into Juvenile Hall on carjacking charges. There were no injuries.

Four arrested in Milpitas attempted homicide

SUBMITTED BY LT. JOHN TORREZ, MILPITAS POLICE

After a two-week investigation that included assistance from multiple law enforcement agencies, Milpitas police detectives have arrested four suspects in connection with a May 12 incident when multiple gunshots were fired into a residential home.

The events started at 12:59 a.m. when officers responded to gunshots heard on the 200 block of Lynn Avenue. Arriving officers

determined that numerous shots had been fired into a home by multiple suspects, but no one was injured.

Within four days detectives were able to identify three suspects: Jimmy Huy Quang Phan Nguyen, 24, Johnny Vinh Quang Phan Nguyen, 28, both of Milpitas, and Joseph Lapena Feliciano, 24, of San Jose.

Armed with search warrants, Milpitas Police Department SWAT and SWAT teams from the Fremont Police Department, Santa Clara Police Department, Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety and the Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office Sheriff’s Emergency Response Team served simultaneous search warrants on May 20 at three locations in Milpitas and two locations in

San Jose. The suspects were located, arrested, and booked into the Santa Clara County Main Jail.

Then, on May 26, detectives located a fourth suspect, Dennis Chau Pham, 21, in Burlingame. They arrested him without incident and he was booked into the Santa Clara County Main Jail. All four suspects are facing various charges including attempted homicide and carrying a loaded firearm.

An investigation is continuing and police are asking that anyone who has information that might help to call the Milpitas Police Department at (408) 586-2400. Information can also be given anonymously by calling the Crime Tip Hotline at (408) 586-2500 or via the Milpitas Police Department Website at <http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/crimetip>

EARTHTALK Carbon Emissions

BY RODDY SHEER AND DOUG MOSS

Dear EarthTalk: Do you suppose the drop in carbon emissions that resulted from transportation and industry slowdowns during the Coronavirus pandemic will continue -- or will we just go right back to normal once the threat has been neutralized?

-- Jane Smith, Cranston, Rhode Island

No one is happy about the havoc the Coronavirus has wreaked, but one bright side has been the reduction in carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions that occurred. Global

CO2 emissions during April 2020 -- while the world was largely locked down -- were 17% lower than the same time a year earlier, according to researchers from the UK’s University of Anglia. But emissions are already starting to go back up with the easing of stay-at-home restrictions.

This decrease was an unwitting occurrence and it won’t do much to stave off climate change. Dan Gearino, writing in Climate News, says: “...don’t expect this to be the silver lining of the disastrous pandemic. Climate scientists and environmental advocates say any short-term drop in emissions gives a misleading sense of progress. This could do harm if it saps some of the urgency to address climate change at a time when there are many competing demands for public money and attention.”

Indeed, the United Nations Environment Programme says that global CO2 emissions would have to fall by 7.6% every year this decade -- slightly more than the overall reduction we’ll see in 2020 -- to limit overall warming to less than the 1.5 Celsius rise scientists warn could turn our world upside down.

Stay-at-home orders around the world have no doubt had a positive environmental impact in the short term as fewer cars, trucks and planes ply our roads and airways. But the longer-term outlook isn’t so good, especially when factoring in the damage done to public transit systems. Alon Levy and Eric Goldwyn of NYU’s Marron Institute

of Urban Management report in CityLab that public transit ridership in major cities in the U.S., Europe and China is down 50-90 percent.

Unfortunately, attracting riders back to potentially crowded buses and trains won’t be so easy, given the germ factor. Who wants to share tight quarters with dozens of strangers on a bus or train given the transmission risks? The irony is that public transit options have been starting to proliferate as various metro areas fund light rail and other mass transit infrastructure projects to boost usage and keep drivers and their cars and trucks off the road.

While environmental advocates aren’t optimistic that we can keep up the emissions reductions achieved over the last few months, they are hopeful that the world’s reaction to the pandemic -- people and governments coming together to protect human health and minimize loss of life -- bodes well for our ability to handle the climate crisis as it gets more critical over the next two decades.

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Fremont Police welcome new team members



Officer Singh

Officer Brown

CSO Carnahan

Dispatcher Briggs

SUBMITTED BY GENEVA BOSQUES, FREMONT PD

The Fremont Police Department welcomed four new members to their team in early May. Officers Jaskirat Singh, Chris Brown, and Community Service Officer Sarah Carnahan all have prior law enforcement experience. Joining them is Sabrina Briggs as a new Police Communications Dispatcher.

Longtime firefighter bids adieu to Fremont Fire Department



SUBMITTED BY FREMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Officials from the Fremont Fire Department announced on May 23 that longtime colleague Captain Tim Halleran has retired after almost three decades in the profession.

Halleran joined the Fremont department in 1999 as a Firefighter/Paramedic recruit after serving six years with the Morro Bay Fire Department as a Firefighter/Paramedic and Fire Engineer. In 2002 Halleran decided to explore another opportunity and took a job as a firefighter with the San Francisco Fire Department. After three years there, he returned to the Fremont department in November, 2005. He was promoted to Fire Engineer in 2015 and to Captain in 2016.

Union City Police Log

SUBMITTED BY LT. MATIAS PARDO,
UNION CITY PD

Friday, May 1

• At around 1:11 p.m. officers responded to the 35000 block of Bronze Street to investigate a report that two men were seen in a truck and were starting to disassemble a vehicle in the area. Officers Smith and Ayala arrived and identified Jason Manzano, 32, and Cesar Chan, 57. Chan told the officers that the car belonged to his ex-wife, and they were there to move it out of the area. While the information was verified, a record check showed that both Manzano and Chan were on searchable probation. While searching the truck, Smith found a loaded Glock 19 handgun along with drugs and drug paraphernalia. A check of the gun's serial number showed it was stolen in Logan, Utah. Manzano admitted to obtaining the weapon and was arrested. Chan was cited for possession of a controlled sub-

stance and paraphernalia.

Wednesday, May 6

• A resident near Mahogany and Willow lanes reported hearing two gunshots during the evening. When the resident checked that yard the next day, two expended casings were found. Other residents also reported hearing the gunshots, but nobody saw the person responsible. The case is being investigated by Officer Evoniuk.

Thursday, May 7

• At around 2:00 a.m. officers responded to a commercial alarm on the 33000 block of Dowe Avenue. Officers soon spotted a man walking out in front of the business. Officer Leon detained Oscar Acabal, 34, and determined that he had unlawfully entered the closed business and arrested him on suspicion of burglary.

Friday, May 15

• At 11:19 p.m. officers responded to the 1700 block of Decoto Road on a report that a man was inside a store brandishing a knife at employees after being stopped by store security on suspicion of shoplifting. The man then fled the store and left the area

on a bicycle, but arriving officers found him nearby. The man, identified by police as Jason Guzman, 24, was arrested and faces charges of brandishing a weapon and parole violation. There were no injuries.

Sunday, May 24

• At 11:24 p.m. officers responded to an alarm on the 31000 block of Fredi Street and spotted a man, identified by police as Khan Ho, 35, wearing only a shirt while trying to access the internet on a computer. Officers removed Ho from the building and placed him under arrest on suspicion of burglary.

• At 10:40 p.m. officers responded to a report about a man in the rear yard of a residence on Duchess Drive. When the homeowner yelled at him, the man fled on foot into the neighborhood. The man, identified by police as Jeffrey Soriano, 42, was found by arriving officers under a parked car next to an empty bottle of alcohol. He was arrested on suspicion of trespassing and public intoxication.

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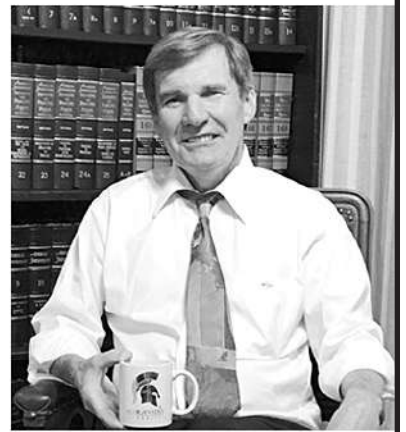
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PUBLIC NOTICES

CIVIL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. RG20061325
Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA
Petition of: MAIJA GUADALUPE MAGANA for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner MAIJA GUADALUPE MAGANA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
MAIJA GUADALUPE MAGANA to MAIJA GUADALUPE BELMONTZ
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Notice of Hearing:
Date: JULY 17, 2020 , Time: 11:00 A.M., Dept.: 17, Room: N/A
The address of the court is 1221 OAK STREET, OAKLAND, CA 94612
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: TRI CITY VOICE
Date: MAY 15, 2020
TARA D.
Judge of the Superior Court
6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23/20

CNS-336784#

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. RG20061349
Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA
Petition of: ANDREW MAGANA for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner ANDREW MAGANA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Andrew Magana to Andrew Belmontz
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Notice of Hearing:
Date: 07/17/2020, Time: 11:00 A.M., Dept.: 17, Room: N/A
The address of the court is 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Tri City Voice
Date: 05/15/2020
Tara M. Desautels
Judge of the Superior Court
6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23/20

CNS-336784#

GOVERNMENT

INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED
DIRECTLY TO THE VOTERS

The City Attorney of the City of Union City has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

AN INITIATIVE ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF UNION CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPOSE A REQUIREMENT THAT THE UNION CITY COUNCIL BUDGET AND OBLIGATE FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF A MINIMUM OF FOUR FIRE STATIONS, THREE FIRE ENGINES, ONE FIRE TRUCK, FOUR ON-DUTY UNIFORMED PERSONNEL PER ENGINE AND TRUCK AND A WORK SCHEDULE OF NO MORE THAN FIFTY- SIX (56) HOURS PER WEEK FOR SWORN UNIFORMED PERSONNEL WITHIN UNION CITY

This proposed initiative, entitled "Minimum Standards for Deployment of Firefighter Personnel and Fire Apparatus," was filed with the City Clerk of the City of Union City on May 20, 2020. The purpose of the proposed initiative is to add a new chapter to the Union City (the "City") Municipal Code establishing a requirement that the City Council, each fiscal year, provide, budget or obligate sufficient funds to provide for certain fire apparatus and fire personnel deployment.

Specifically, the proposed initiative requires that the City Council annually provide, budget or obligate sufficient funds for the maintenance of four (4) fire stations within the City of Union City to provide fire apparatus and special apparatus for fire protection, fire suppression, emergency medical care, rescue, special operations and containment of hazardous materials, all as defined in the proposed initiative, within the City. The City Council would also be required to allocate sufficient funds every year for the daily deployment of three (3) fire engines and one (1) fire truck with all fire engines and fire trucks staffed by four (4) on-duty sworn uniformed personnel. Additionally, the proposed initiative would establish a work schedule of no more than fifty-six (56) hours per week for sworn uniformed personnel. Sworn uniformed personnel is defined by the proposed initiative as a person involved in performing duties and responsibilities of a firefighter or paramedic for the City.

The Notice of Intent to Circulate the Petition filed by the proponents of this initiative is available at the City of Union City, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Rd., Union City, CA 94587, or by contacting Anna Brown, City Clerk, at (510) 675-5348.

Notice of Intention to Circulate Petition
Notice is hereby given by the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention to circulate the petition within the City of Union City for the purpose of amending the City of Union City Municipal Code to set minimum standards for deployment of firefighter personnel and fire apparatus. A statement of reasons for the proposed action as contemplated in the petition is as follows:

Recently, the City Council of the City of Union City voted to close one City of Union City's fire stations. With only three fire stations, this closure will result in negative public safety impacts. It will decrease the number of firefighters and paramedics and create longer response times to emergencies.

According to a poll by the City of Union City, almost 90 percent of residents believe that fire emergency response and disaster preparedness was a high public safety priority. According to the same poll, nearly 70 percent of residents indicated that firefighter and paramedic services were a high public safety priority.

This initiative ensures that the City of Union City maintains minimum levels of staffing for fire protection and emergency medical services. It will require the City Council of the City of Union City to budget funds for a minimum standard for deployment of fire apparatus and personnel in the City of Union City. It will require the daily deployment of at least three fire engines and one fire truck. Fire engines must be staffed with four on-duty sworn uniformed personnel. Fire trucks must be staffed with four on-duty sworn uniformed personnel.

Additionally, this initiative will require the maintenance of four fire stations within the City of Union City for the purpose of providing adequate fire apparatus and special apparatus for fire protection, fire suppression, emergency medical care, rescue, special operations and containment of hazardous materials within the City of Union City. Sworn uniformed personnel will be limited to a work schedule of no more than 56 hours in a week. The city can increase funds for these positions when needs grow.

These firefighter and paramedic service levels are necessary for the City of Union City to meet and maintains the City of Union City's emergency response and disaster preparedness needs. In sum, this initiative sets standards to meet the City of Union City's public safety goals.

Sign name: /s/ Jerry Williams

Print name: Jerry Williams
Address: Remora Dr [street number omitted for privacy reasons]
UC, CA 94587
/s/ Jerry Williams
6/9/20

CNS-3370744#

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
CITY OF UNION CITY
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT
2019 – 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2019 – 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL ON JUNE 23, 2020. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY AT 7:00 P.M. A DRAFT OF THE SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW FROM JUNE 9 THROUGH JUNE 15, 2020. Each year the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides funding for housing and community development programs to the City of Union City, specifically Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. To receive these funds, the City must complete a report every five years called the Consolidated Plan. The purpose of the Consolidated Plan is to identify Union City's housing and community development needs, priorities, goals, and strategies and to stipulate how funds will be allocated to housing and community development activities over the period of the Consolidated Plan, which in this case is every five years. The City also creates an Annual Action Plan each year that describes the activities that will take place. The City will amend the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan in order to incorporate a rental assistance program and support for the City's CAREVAN program related to COVID-19 response.

Proposed Amendment to the 2019 – 2020 Action Plan
The City shall amend an approval of Annual Action Plan when:
- A substantial change (e.g., 50% or more) in its allocation priorities or a substantial change in the method of distribution of funds takes place; or
- Carries out an activity, using funds from any program covered by the consolidated plan, including programs not previously described in the action plan; or
- Substantially change the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity. The substantial change criteria utilized by the City of Union City is determined by a change in an activity which had been originally initiated through the HUD Program and in which the change would exceed:
- Changes in the use of CDBG funds from one eligible project to another (for example, from housing rehabilitation to public services). On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was signed into Public Law 116-136 to respond to the growing effects of COVID-19. The CARES Act made available \$5 billion in Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds. Of this amount, HUD is allocating \$2.7 billion based on the fiscal year 2019-2020 CDBG formula and made the first allocation of funds; the City of Union City's allocation is \$322.577. HUD is allocating the remaining \$3 billion based on needs in the following tranches: \$1 billion to states and insular areas, and \$2 billion to states and local governments at the discretion of the HUD Secretary. The allocation of the \$322.577 will be used to fund a small business assistance program, and to support the CAREVAN program to help residents of Union City who are affected by COVID-19. The Secretary is authorized to grant waivers and alternative requirements of statutes and regulations in connection with the use of CDBG-CV funds and fiscal year 2019 and 2020 CDBG funds (except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and environment). Waivers and alternative requirements can be granted when necessary to expedite and facilitate the use of funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. Moreover, the Citizen Participation Plan will be amended so that the public comment period is reduced to not less than 5 days, and virtual public hearings may be used when necessary for public health reasons. Also, the public service cap is suspended during the emergency, and state and local government may reimburse costs of eligible activities incurred for pandemic response regardless of the date.
Public Comment Period
A draft of the substantial amendment is available for public review and comment. It will be available starting on June 9, 2020 and ending on June 15, 2020. Please email all comments to housing@unioncity.org. You can access the draft substantial amendment here: <https://www.unioncity.org/2930/CommunityDevelopment-Block-Grant-Program>. Additional information, including how to submit comments via mail or fax, can be obtained by contacting: Ishmael Elias, Community Development Technician ishmael.e@unioncity.org (510) 675-5349.
Public Meeting
A public meeting for the proposed amendment will be held on June 23, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. via a virtual City Council meeting. Instructions on how to virtually attend the meeting and provide your comments can be found at <https://www.unioncity.org/199/City-Meetings-Video>. 6/9/20

CNS-3370362#

CITY OF FREMONT
ORDINANCE NO. 07-2020
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FREMONT
AMENDING Fremont Municipal Code TITLE 10, CHAPTER 10.05, section 10.05.970

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authorization set forth in the Vehicle Code, as well as the authority set forth in Article XI, Section 7 of the California Constitution, and this title, the City has established a permit parking ordinance for the purpose of providing preferential parking; and
NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREMONT DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1, fmc § 10.05.970 AMENDED
Fremont Municipal Code Title 10, Chapter 10.05, Section 10.05.970 is amended to read as follows:
Sec. 10.05.970 Mission Peak neighborhood permit parking area.

This Permit Parking Ordinance shall be a temporary program which shall automatically expire on July 7, 2023. This Permit Parking Ordinance may be extended only by an ordinance of the city council approved at a public hearing noticed in accordance with Government Code Section 65090, at which the city council finds, after reviewing evidence regarding the effectiveness of the Mission Peak neighborhood permit parking program, that an extension of the Permit Parking Ordinance will be in the best interests of the city.

SECTION 2. CEQA
Exemption. The City Council finds, under Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 15061(b)(3), that this ordinance is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that it is not a Project which has the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The Council therefore directs that a Notice of Exemption be filed with the Alameda County Clerk in accordance with the CEQA guidelines.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY
If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such a decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council of the City of Fremont hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section or subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid.

Section 4. Effective date
This Ordinance shall take effect and will be enforced thirty (30) days after its adoption.
SECTION 5. PUBLICATION AND POSTING
This ordinance must be published once in a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Alameda County and circulated in the City of Fremont, within fifteen (15) days after its adoption.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced before the City Council of the City of Fremont at the regular meeting of the City Council, held on the 19th day of May, 2020, and finally adopted at a regular meeting of the city council held on the 2nd day of June, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:
Mayor Mei; Vice Mayor Jones; Councilmembers Bacon, Salwan, Keng, Kassan and Shao
NOES:
None
ABSENT:
None
ABSTAIN:
None

SUSAN GAUTHIER, CITY CLERK
6/9/20

CNS-3370216#

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
June 25, 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 11,055 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK
DECLARING INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS 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 AND SETTING THE ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR JUNE 25, 2020 IN ACCORDANCE

WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972
WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Newark previously completed its proceedings in accordance with and pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, Part 2, Division 15 of the California Streets and Highways Code (the "Act") to establish Landscaping and Lighting District Nos. 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 (the "Districts") in order to fund ongoing maintenance and improvements authorized under the Act; and
WHEREAS, there are no new proposed improvements or any substantial changes to existing improvements in the Districts; and
WHEREAS, Section 22622 of the Act provides for the levy of annual assessments after formation of the Districts; and
WHEREAS, the City designates the City Engineer to prepare and file reports in accordance with Section 22565, et seq., of the Act (the "Annual Engineer's Reports"); and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 22622 of the Act, the City Council, with Resolution No. 11,046 adopted on April 23, 2020, initiated proceedings to provide for the levy of assessments for fiscal year 2020-2021 in order to provide for the necessary costs and expenses pertaining to the maintenance of the improvements within the Districts and ordered the City Engineer to prepare and file with the City Clerk the Annual Engineer's Reports.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the City Council of the City of Newark that:

1. The City Council intends to levy and collect assessments within Landscaping and Lighting District Nos. 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 for fiscal year 2020-2021. The area of land to be assessed is located in the City of Newark, Alameda County.
2. The improvements to be made in these assessment districts are generally described as follows:
Landscaping and Lighting District No. 1: Central Avenue between Filbert Street and Willow Street - Provides for the maintenance of median landscaping on Central Avenue between Filbert Street and Willow Street and buffer landscaping adjacent to the Alameda County Flood Control channel immediately west of Filbert Street, and for the maintenance and operation of median street lights along this portion of Central Avenue.
Landscaping and Lighting District No. 2: Jarvis Avenue and Newark Boulevard adjacent to Dumbarton Technology Park and Four Corners shopping centers - Provides for the maintenance of Jarvis Avenue and Newark Boulevard median island and in-tract buffer landscaping and landscape irrigation systems adjacent to and within the boundaries of Tract 5232, the Dumbarton Industrial Park, and the Four Corners shopping centers.

Landscaping and Lighting District No. 4: Stevenson Boulevard and Cherry Street adjacent to New Technology Park - Provides for the maintenance of Stevenson Boulevard median island landscaping from the Nimitz Freeway to the railroad tracks west of Cherry Street and maintenance of median islands and up to 50 feet of greenbelt landscaping adjacent to Cherry Street and the interior loop streets within the boundaries of Stevenson Point Technology Park and the maintenance of landscaping across the Newark Unified School District property on Cherry Street, and the street lighting maintenance, trash capture device maintenance, and neighborhood park maintenance of Zone 2 - Sanctuary.
Landscaping and Lighting District No. 6: Cedar Boulevard, Duffel Redevelopment Area No. 2 - Provides for the maintenance of all street landscaping within the public right-of-way, and landscaping and landscape irrigation systems within easement areas and developed properties in Redevelopment Area No. 2 at Cedar Boulevard and Stevenson Boulevard plus the Stevenson Station Shopping Center.

Landscaping and Lighting District No. 7: Newark Boulevard, Rosemont Square Shopping Center - Provides for the maintenance of buffer landscaping and the landscape irrigation system within the public right-of-way and easement areas for Rosemont Square Shopping Center.

Landscaping and Lighting District No. 10: Edgewater Drive - Provides for the maintenance of landscaping and landscape irrigation systems within the right-of-way and easement areas for all of the Inactive Subdistricts.

Landscaping and Lighting District No. 11: Edgewater Drive medians - Provides for the maintenance of landscaped medians on Edgewater Drive.

Landscaping and Lighting District No. 13: Citation Homes and Bren Development/ Thornton Avenue - Provides for maintenance of the landscaping and lighting irrigation systems for Thornton Avenue, Cedar Boulevard, Willow Street, and other streets within these subdivisions. This district was relieved from the responsibility for maintenance of median landscaping on Thornton Avenue in May 1997. This district is therefore now an inactive district.
Landscaping and Lighting District No. 15: Robertson Avenue at Iris Court - Provides for the maintenance of the landscaping and irrigation systems on Robertson Avenue at Iris Court.

Landscaping and Lighting District No. 16: Kiot Drive in Tract 6671 - The maintenance of landscaping and the landscape irrigation system within the public right-of-way and adjacent easement along the street frontage of Kiot Drive in Tract 6671 and the landscaping, irrigation system, recreation facilities, and storm drainage pump station and filtration system for the mini-park common area.

Landscaping and Lighting District No. 17: Newark Boulevard and Mayhews Landing Road in Tract 7004 - The maintenance of landscaping and the landscape irrigation system within the public right-of-way of the Newark Boulevard and Mayhews Landing Road frontages of Tract 7004.

Landscaping and Lighting District No. 18: Cedar Boulevard median on the frontage of Tract 8130 - The maintenance of landscaping and the landscape irrigation system within the Cedar Boulevard median area along the frontage of Tract 8130 between Central Avenue and Smith Avenue.

Landscaping and Lighting District No. 19: Willow Street and Enterprise Drive in the Bayview Newark Transit Oriented Development - Provides for the maintenance of landscaping and the landscape irrigation system within the Willow Street and Enterprise Drive medians and traffic circles, maintenance of public street lighting systems, and maintenance of other improvements within the Bayview Newark Transit Oriented Development.

There are no new proposed improvements or any substantial changes to existing improvements in the Districts. No assessments in any districts are proposed to increase from the previous year.

3. In accordance with City Council Resolution No. 11,046 adopted on April 23, 2020, regarding the filing of the Annual Engineer's Reports, the City Engineer, Engineer of Work, has filed with the City Clerk the reports required by the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972. All interested persons are referred to that report for a full and detailed description of the improvements, the boundaries of the assessment district, and the proposed assessments upon assessed lots and parcels of land within the assessment district.

4. On Thursday, the 25th of June, 2020, at the hour of 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the City Council will conduct a public hearing on the question of levy and collection of the proposed annual assessments.

The hearing will be held at the meeting place of the City Council located in the City Administration Building, 37101 Newark Boulevard, Newark, California or by virtual teleconference as published on the City Council agenda at www.newark.org.

5. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to give the notice as required by the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972. The resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Newark held on May 14, 2020, by Vice Mayor Freitas who moved its adoption and passage, which motion was carried after being duly seconded, and passed by the following vote:
AYES: Council Members: Buccu, Vice Mayor Freitas and Mayor Nagy
RECUSED: Council Member Collazo

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 19, 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.
SILIA HARRINGTON, City Clerk
6/9/20

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UNION SANITARY DISTRICT
NOTICE OF FILING REPORT AND PUBLIC HEARING IN CONNECTION WITH THE COLLECTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2021 SEWER SERVICE CHARGES ON THE PROPERTY TAX ROLL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Sections 5471 and 5473, et seq. of the Health and Safety Code of the State of California and Union Sanitary District Ordinance No. 31, the Board of Directors of Union Sanitary District will consider whether to collect its charges for sewer services for fiscal year 2021 on the tax roll, in the same manner as general taxes, consistent with past practices.

The District has filed a written report with the Secretary of the Board of Directors describing each parcel of real property subject to the charges and the amount of the charges against that parcel for fiscal year 2021. The District's report is on file and available for public inspection at the District

Offices.
For reference, the charges for a single-family homeowner (the majority of USD's customers) and all other rates for individual customers can be found by contacting the District at (510) 477-7500 or on the Districts website
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that on Monday, the 22nd day of June 2020, at the hour of 4:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the Union Sanitary District Boardroom, 5072 Benson Road, Union City, California, in said District, the Board will hold a hearing to consider the report and whether to collect the sewer service charges for fiscal year 2021 on the property tax roll. At the hearing, the Board of Directors will hear and consider all objections or protests, if any, to the District's report. Any questions regarding the charges may be directed to Finance & Acquisition Services Coach, Laurie Brenner.
By order of the Board of Directors of Union Sanitary District.
6/9, 6/16/20

CNS-336860#

PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
RALPH MARTINEZ, JR.
CASE NO. RP20062495

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of RALPH MARTINEZ, JR. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LEONORE M. DE LA CRUZ in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LEONORE M. DE LA CRUZ 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 with limited authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 06/29/20 at 2:00PM in Dept. 201 located at 2120 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WAY, BERKELEY, CA 94704

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

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

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

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

Attorney for Petitioner
TIMOTHY J. GAVIN - SBN 181976,
TIMOTHY J. GAVIN, ATTORNEY AT LAW
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FREMONT CA 94538
6/9, 6/16, 6/23/20

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
TOBI FENN AKA TOBI C. FENN
CASE NO. RP20062165

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: TOBI FENN AKA TOBI C. FENN A Petition for Probate has been filed by Jacqueline Ward in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

The Petition for Probate requests that Jacqueline Ward be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on July 1, 2020 at 9:31 a.m. in Dept. 201 Room N/A located at 2120 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704

MANDATORY REMOTE APPEARANCE: The Court requires all parties who wish to attend the hearing on the above date and time, including those who wish to state objections, to appear by audio or video technology. The parties should consult the court's website for the specific telephonic and video applications available. The parties may also contact the probate clerk at probateclerk2@alameda.courts.ca.gov. Parties must be present at least five (5) minutes before the scheduled hearing time. 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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NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
RALPH MARTINEZ, JR.
CASE NO. RP20062495

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Ralph Martinez, Jr. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Amy Harrington in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda. The Petition for Probate requests that Amy Harrington be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on June 29, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in Dept. 201 Room N/A located at 2120 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704. **MANDATORY REMOTE APPEARANCE:** The Court requires all parties who wish to attend the hearing on the above date and time, including those who wish to state objections, to appear by audio or videototechnology. The parties should consult the court's website for the specific telephonic and video applications available. The parties may also contact the probate clerk at probateclerk2@alameda.courts.ca.gov. Parties must be present at least five (5) minutes before the scheduled hearing time.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
ASHOK THOTA
CASE NO. 20-PRO-00438

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or

PUBLIC NOTICES

– and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Alameda County, California, Date of Sale: 08/04/2020 at 12:00 PM Place of Sale: AT THE FALLON STREET EMERGENCY EXIT OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1225 FALLON STREET, OAKLAND, CA 94612 Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 469,999.14 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as: More fully described in said Deed of Trust. Street Address or other common designation

of real property: 34601 Shiloh Drive, Union City, CA 94587 A.P.N.: 087-0101-061-00 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$ 469,999.14. Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy

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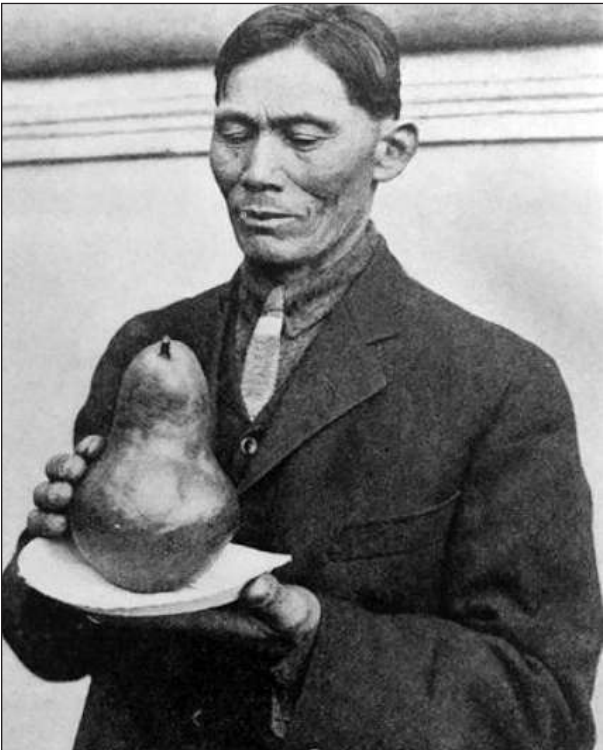
be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: May 31, 2020 Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary C/o 1500 Palma Drive, Suite 237 Ventura, CA 93003 Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299 <http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx> Trustee Sale Assistant WESTERN PROGRESSIVE, LLC MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 6/9, 6/16, 6/23/20

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California Nursery Mother Orchard

BY CHARLENE DIZON
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Though the Mother Orchard within Niles of Fremont has long been removed from the property, its role in producing trees through grafting rather than hybridization emphasizes California Nursery Company's desire to pursue different techniques for top quality products.



Mother Orchard was created by American nurseryman John Rock in the late 1800s. The sixty acres of land became an essential area for producing and testing various tree species. Rock wanted to ensure that the nursery trees grown would meet the contrasts of soil and climate throughout California. Quality and quantity were taken into consideration. The trees produced were from scions, also known as buds, cut from parent trees that were known to adapt to various climates and soil. These scions were then grafted onto the rootstock of another plant, thus creating a new plant type. By opening such an experimental orchard, Rock was able to introduce more

European trees than any other nurseryman at the time. These heirloom trees were then sold to agriculturalists on the West Coast. Such meticulous work required additional help from California Nursery employees, specifically one that would be able to handle a managerial position.

Ah Yen, a Chinese immigrant who worked on the California Nursery property, lived in an early Chinese housing site during the late 1880s. Yen was recruited from China due to his expertise in agriculture. He worked under Rock as well as William Landers and the Roeding family, the nursery's later owners. Though Chinese immigrants of the time were often seen solely as laborers, Yen held a significant managerial position due to his diligent work with the Mother Orchard. He held complete control of the orchard and was trusted to handle



the care of trees. Yen also maintained records of each grafting experiment and labeled each tree individually to avoid possible confusion. He especially proved an asset during the Roedings' ownership of the nursery, as George Roeding Sr.'s operations became popular due to the careful organization of plant labeling and record keeping. Mother Orchard grew to be the largest in North America, providing scions worldwide that would cultivate different tree varieties, including figs, plums, peaches, prunes, apples, cherries, and many more.

Despite Mother Orchard's great success, the operation was removed between 1934 and 1936. Before this removal, several attempts were made to save the orchard due to the amount certified pedigree plants that had been so thoroughly categorized. George Roeding Jr. hoped to have the University of California purchase or take over the land and its operations. George Sr. had been a University of California regent responsible for forming UC Davis, the Agricultural Schools and Depository in California. Unfortunately, the university did not have the funds to oversee such detailed work during this time. A few rows of the orchard remained until the 1950s when it was turned over for gravel extraction. Today this land is known as Quarry Lakes, a local recreational area.

Though the Mother Orchard no longer exists, its great achievement in grafting and selling thousands of new tree breeds deserves acknowledgment and remembrance. "We would love to display an exhibit on Ah Yen's relationship with the California Nursery owners over the years," states Math Science Nucleus (MSN) Board Member Karen Anderson. The amount of effort put into the Mother Orchard intrinsically links to the California Nursery's values of providing agricultural resources to all who wished to learn about or grow various tree breeds throughout California.

California Nursery Historical Park is located at 36550 Niles Boulevard in Fremont. For those interested in becoming a historical docent or volunteer opportunities, please contact the Math Science Nucleus for more information at msn@msnucleus.org or call (510) 790-6284.



Virtual music academy connects young artists with professionals

SUBMITTED BY QUEENIE CHONG

Jenny Lin Foundation hosts a free music program every summer for youths across the Bay Area. Over 26 years, more than 4,500 young musicians have had the opportunity to meet with peers from other schools, perform ensemble music, and develop leadership skills in a safe environment.

Since our youths will not be able to gather in person this summer, the foundation is sponsoring a "Virtual Academy" series of free webinars which feature successful professionals in the music industry. These interactive Zoom sessions will be held from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mondays to Wednesdays starting June 15 and continuing through July 8.

Participants will have a chance to meet our celebrated artists who are shining throughout the Bay Area, Hollywood, Broadway and across the nation. During the program participants will learn about the artists' latest projects and be able to ask them questions about their music careers.

Guests will include Gordon Goodwin, Harrell Harris, Aaron Shaul, Ricky Garcia, Andrew Boysen, Jack Stamp, Dawn Richardson, John Mader, Richard Meyer, Jay Mason, Ellyn Marsh, John Mackey and Robert Litton

Students entering sixth grade and up along with their parents are welcome to join one or all of the sessions. To view biographies of the guest artists or register for the program, visit <https://jennylinfoundation.org/>.

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Students start produce delivery service

BY DHOHA BARECHE

The present pandemic has put restrictions on daily life and forced people to adopt new lifestyles for their health and safety. However, efforts to cope with this new way of life have emerged. A group of Bay Area residents recently started a produce delivery service to support local farmers and allow people to order fresh produce from the comfort of their own home. Not only did they deliver groceries at a discounted rate, but they also donated all proceeds to the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center Foundation.

When Ethan Hu, a 15-year old student at Irvington high school, and his family realized that local farmers were not able to sell all their produce during this pandemic, they thought of starting a non-profit program to provide support. After Ethan proposed the idea to his family and friends, he received immediate support from Sophia Ren (9th grade at Irvington high School), Kevin Weng (8th grade at Basis Independent), Wesley Ren

(6th grade at Stratford). A partnership was quickly formed, beginning efforts during the second week of April and continuing until mid-May. Hu explains, “We wanted to help local farmers to sell their produce, especially to those who would not be comfortable with leaving their homes under shelter-in-place, while ensuring their health and safety by guaranteeing delivery.”

Unlike mainstream food delivery programs, the group made their service as affordable and accessible as possible by providing farmer’s market prices and free and reliable delivery. Since their goal was to support the local economy and provide fresher produce, they contacted many farmers and had a total of 15 suppliers readily available. They coordinated their service with more than 200 families via WeChat, a messaging and social media application, since they deemed it to be the most successful means of advertising compared to other social networking platforms.

During their five weeks of operation, they focused on taking

the health precautions necessary to ensure the safety of their customers. “Even when business started to get busier, we maintained thorough sanitation and protective strategies,” says Hu. At their peak, they received more than 40 orders a week and continued to ensure customer satisfaction.

Although the group sees a prosperous future for their business, they decided to pause operations after five weeks as shelter-in-place restrictions have loosened in the Bay Area, and people hoped for a return to normal. However, continuing their service and expanding their

operations is a possibility and would require paid workers, more suppliers, and strong marketing expansion.

Each member participated actively in this service: Sophia was primarily responsible for marketing and finance, Kevin contributed to the operation, and Wesley developed a mini app for collecting orders. Hu describes his experience running the program as enriching and positive. He says, “It taught us a lot about ourselves and enhanced our communication and entrepreneurial skills that would help us succeed in future business projects.” The program has also

helped them stay productive and sane during shelter-in-place by keeping them busy and contributing to the public good.

“There needs to be an emphasis on goodwill, and we want our communities to stay happy and healthy,” says Hu when asked about why citizens need to support local efforts and limit social interaction. Through this program, they were able to help farmers, make it easier for the community to order produce from home, and donate to those affected by the pandemic.

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