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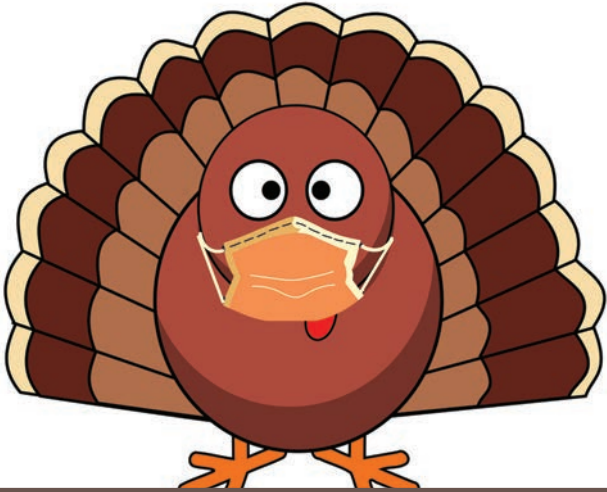
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Traditional Thanksgiving gatherings with family and friends are fun but can increase the chances of getting or spreading COVID-19 or the flu. The safest way to celebrate Thanksgiving this year is to celebrate with people in your household. If you do plan to spend Thanksgiving with people outside your household, follow the below steps as described by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to make your celebration safer.

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- Wash your hands: Keep hand sanitizer with you and use it when you are unable to wash your hands. Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

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East Bay Community Energy’s clean green energy



By J.D. FLATEN
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In 2002, the California Legislature passed AB117, which allowed for Community Choice Aggregation. Prior to this law, the vast majority of Californians had no such options for energy, being served across the state by three large private Investor-Owned Utilities (IOU). These IOUs, essentially state-regulated monopolies, dictated what most citizens used to power their homes and businesses. “Consumers had no choice as to where their energy came from; and they had no recourse if rates went up,” said Alex DiGiorgio, EBCE Public Engagement Manager.

EBCE is a “Community Choice Aggregation” (CCA) program. State law allows cities and counties to form public agencies and pool their energy demand to buy electricity on behalf of their residents and businesses. As a public agency, EBCE reinvests revenues back into the community to help create local green energy jobs, local programs, and clean power projects.

Starting next April, Newark will be powered by lower-cost, greener energy – sourced from hydropower, wind and solar – provided by East Bay Community Energy (EBCE), a local public power agency.

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WHEN LIFE TAKES YOUR BREATH AWAY

COPD Awareness Month Shines a Light on Lung Health

Feeling shortness of breath during light exercise may be a sign of COPD.

Does a brisk walk or a climb up the stairs leave you breathless? Do you get tired easily? Do you have a cough you just can’t seem to get rid of? You may have chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). November is COPD Awareness Month.

“We have to bring heightened awareness to COPD – especially when you consider all that we’ve been through this year with the pandemic and the fires,” said Dr. Jason Chu, a local pulmonologist and member of Washington Township Medical Foundation. COPD is a serious health challenge and a significant cause of morbidity and mortality. “Fires can exacerbate COPD. When the fires were at their worst, we saw an increase in the number of patients with severe symptoms – and these were people who had their COPD under control prior to smoke exposure.” He continues, “When it comes to COVID-19, we know that people with lung diseases like COPD are at much higher risk for complications. My patients are very concerned about COVID-19 and are taking extra precautions.”

COPD is a chronic inflammatory lung disease that causes the airways to constrict, blocking airflow. It is a leading cause of disability and the fourth-leading cause of death in the U.S., with more than 150,000 deaths annually, according to the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI). Nationwide, an estimated 16 million people have been diagnosed with COPD, and the NHLBI estimates that millions more have it but haven’t yet been diagnosed.

Recognize the Symptoms

COPD develops over time, with symptoms gradually worsening, making it more difficult to perform routine activities. These signs and symptoms are often mistaken as a natural part of aging rather than the onset of a serious and debilitating condition, according to Dr. Chu.

“It’s important to recognize the symptoms and get diagnosed early,” he added. “With early treatment, COPD is much easier to manage and people can have a better quality of life.”

Common symptoms include shortness of breath, a persistent cough, wheezing and tightening in the chest. The biggest single risk factor for COPD is smoking. According to the NHLBI, 75% of those with COPD were smokers at some point in their lives. Dr. Chu said long-term exposure to chemicals, smoke, dust and fumes can also cause COPD.

“Socioeconomic status can also contribute,” he added. “Those at higher risk include people who live in poorer health environments—meaning those living near factories or closer to congested freeways, and those who don’t have access to adequate health care, healthy living conditions and proper nutrition.”

A simple spirometry test can determine if you have COPD. The test measures how much air you can breathe in and out of your lungs, as well as how easily and fast you can the blow the air out.

Breathe Better

There is no cure for COPD, but you can slow the progression and breathe better with proper treatment and lifestyle changes, according to Dr. Chu. “If you

smoke, you need to quit,” he stressed. “That’s the number one thing you need to do to slow the progression.”

Dr. Chu works with patients to develop individualized treatment plans based on the severity of their symptoms. There are a number of medications available today that can help keep COPD under control. He said it’s also important to stay active and exercise regularly.

“Washington Hospital has a very strong pulmonary rehabilitation program that can help people build up their strength, so they can actively participate in daily activities,” he added.

Participants work one-on-one with a respiratory therapist twice a week for eight weeks. They use weights and exercise machines to get in shape and build up their strength and endurance. They also learn more about their medications as well as breathing techniques and ways to better manage COPD.

Dr. Chu said Washington Hospital’s Better Breathing for Life Club is also meeting again. The program is held on the fourth Wednesday of every month and offers education and support to people with all types of lung disease and their loved ones.

“There are a lot of resources available to help people with COPD get their disease under control and lead a better quality of life,” Dr. Chu emphasized. “The first step is getting a proper diagnosis, so if you are struggling to breathe, don’t wait. It could be COPD.”

For more information about the Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program and the Better Breathing for Life Club at Washington Hospital, visit www.whhs.com/PulmonaryRehab.

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	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
	11/17/20	11/18/20	11/19/20	11/20/20	11/21/20	11/22/20	11/23/20
12:00 PM 12:00 AM	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes Complications and Amputation	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting October 14, 2020	Medicare Open Enrollment: What You Need to Know	Intro to Radiation Oncology Therapy	Ortho Overuse Injuries: Prevention and Treatment	WHHS Fremont Bank: Staying Healthy In 2020	The Signs and Symptoms of Sepsis
12:30 PM 12:30 AM	Mental Health Education Series: Mental Wellness		How to Prevent Financial Elder Abuse/Fraud	Preventive Care: What You Need To Know			
1:00 PM 1:00 AM					Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting October 28, 2020	Solutions for Weight Management	Don't Let Hip Pain Win
1:30 PM 1:30 AM	Hepatitis B and Liver Cancer: Prevention and Treatment	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting October 14, 2020					
2:00 PM 2:00 AM			Family Caregiver Series: Loss, Grief & Recovery	Colon Cancer			Diabetes Matters: Asian Fusion
2:30 PM 2:30 AM	Diabetes Health Fair 2019: Diabetes & Stroke: What's the Connection?	From One Second to the Next			Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting October 28, 2020		
3:00 PM 3:00 AM			Diabetes Matters: Latin Foods	Active Living: Yoga Exercises		Diabetes Matters: Dining Out Around The World	Caregiver Series: Caring for Someone with Dementia or Other Medical-Related Memory Loss
3:30 PM 3:30 AM	Sports Medicine Program: Think Running is a Pain? It Doesn't Have to Be	Updated Treatments for Knee Pain & Arthritis	Women's Health Conference: Women & Stroke: Are You at Risk?	Vitamins & Supplements: How Useful Are They?			
4:00 PM 4:00 AM	Stress Management				Caregiver Series: Securing Care Preferences Through AHCD	Chronic Kidney Disease: FAQ	Family Caregiver Series: Understanding Healthcare Benefits
4:30 PM 4:30 AM		Mental Health Education Series: Family Support	Aortic Valve Disease: Treatment Options Including TAVR	How to Talk to Your Doctor			
5:00 PM 5:00 AM	Preventive Screenings: When and Why are They Important?				Diabetes Matters: Diabetes & Eyes	Peripheral Vascular Disease: What You Need to Know	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting October 28, 2020
6:00 PM 6:00 AM	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting October 14, 2020	FB Live: Staying Fit While Working From Home	Family Caregiver Series: Mindfulness Meditation for the Caregiver	Suffer From Sinus Problems?	Emotional Wellness During the Holidays	Diabetes Matters: Filipino Food Made Healthy	Women's Health: Planning for Pregnancy
6:30 PM 6:30 AM		Women's Health through the Years: Screening is Key to Aging Well					
7:00 PM 7:00 AM	Keeping Your Brain Healthy	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes Conversations	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting October 14, 2020	Advance Care Planning: Five Wishes	Advancements in Lung Cancer Detection and Treatment	Understanding HPV: What You Need to Know	Emotional Wellness During the Holidays
7:30 PM 7:30 AM							
8:00 PM 8:00 AM	Endometriosis: Causes, Symptoms, Diagnosis and Treatment	Laugh without Leaking: Understanding Female Urinary Incontinence	Mental Health Education Series: Anxiety Disorders	Strategies to Help Lower Your Cholesterol and Blood Pressure	Wound Care: The Latest Treatment Options	Women's Health: Depression, More Than a State of Mind	
8:30 PM 8:30 AM							Diabetes Matters: Diabetes and Your Heart
9:00 PM 9:00 AM	Shoulder Pain: Causes and Treatment Options	FB Live: Maintaining Your Mental Wellness During the COVID-19 Pandemic					
9:30 PM 9:30 AM	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes and Kidney Health	Diabetes Matters: Straight Talk About Diabetes Medications					

Managing Eye Care Is Key for Diabetics

Retinal Scanner Available for Washington Hospital Patients

Diabetes, whether type 1 or type 2, requires consistent attention, not only for managing diet and blood sugar but also for eye care. Diabetes can cause serious eye damage and, in some cases, lead to blindness, according to Dr. Prasad Katta, endocrinologist with Washington Hospital Medical Foundation (WTMF) who also serves as director of the Hospital's diabetes program.

Patients with diabetes are recommended to have an annual eye exam which should include a retinal scan to view the back of the eye to detect blood vessel damage and other issues that can harm the patient's vision. Washington Hospital has a retinal scanner which Dr. Katta and other physicians use to look for damage to the retina.

About 15 percent of diabetic patients experience some form of eye damage from the disease. Damage can include early cataracts, glaucoma and macular edema. Macular edema, if undetected and untreated, can cause long-term and permanent damage to the eye, including blindness. This occurs in about 7 percent of diabetes cases, Dr. Katta notes, and often is discovered too late to reverse or lessen damage. "That's why it is so important for diabetic patients to have their eyes checked every year to make sure they are not developing damage."

Retinal scanner exams don't require drops and take a only few minutes. "It's easy and quick, and having this annual exam can save your eyesight," Dr. Katta says, urging all diabetic patients to make sure they have an annual eye exam.

Undetected damage often occurs in diabetic patients. A majority of patients have no idea that they have eye damage, he explains. "They don't notice the gradual change in their vision and often, if they do, they attribute it to aging or other



A retinal scanner exam is a quick and painless method to view the back of the eye to detect blood vessel damage.

factors. "Also," he notes, "While type 1 diabetics are usually identified at the onset of the disease, allowing us to monitor their eyes along with blood sugar and other issues, many patients with type 2 diabetes may not realize they are diabetic for many months or even years. This is why eye health degeneration can be overlooked."

Depending on the type and degree of the eye damage, treatment can include laser therapy and injections that work to lessen blood vessel change. The goal is to lessen or prevent abnormal growth of the blood vessels in the retina which, if unchecked, will distort and eventually destroy vision.

Diet and exercise, along with appropriate medical treatment, are keys to managing diabetes. Diabetics need to manage blood sugar and cholesterol levels and watch their blood pressure. Diabetics can experience kidney damage as well as neuropathy issues, which can damage nerves in the patient's legs and feet. This is in addition to potential vision damage and other medical issues.

Dr. Katta emphasizes that diabetes can be managed and vision protected with attentive care and regular visits to the doctor. "Annual exams and seeing the doctor when you aren't feeling well are the best ways to prevent a disease like

diabetes from gaining a foothold." He adds, "I see far too many patients who weren't diagnosed or didn't control their diabetes for years and the effects of the disease are so much worse than they might have been with early diagnosis and treatment."

To learn more about the outpatient diabetes program at Washington Hospital, visit www.whhs.com/diabetes. For information on Dr. Katta, visit the Find A Doctor section of www.mywtmf.com.



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East Bay Community Energy's clean green energy

Newark is the last city in Alameda County to join the agency, which was formed in late 2016 and began serving customers in 2018.

“Energy democracy is coming to Newark in 2021,” said DiGiorgio. “Residents will have renewable energy choices they’ve never had before.” EBCE’s mission is to expand and enhance access to sustainable energy, especially on a local level, and connect consumers to less carbon-intensive, more renewable sources of energy at competitive rates.

He said the choice represents “energy democracy” because it “empowers consumers as individuals and is literally democratic in the governance sense. Our board of directors is composed of locally elected leaders from each of the communities we serve.”

It’s also a relatively seamless change – energy customers will still be PG&E customers, serviced by PG&E’s energy transmission, billing and infrastructure. The difference is the source of the energy, which will be reflected in one line item on the monthly bill – not an extra charge, but a replacement charge — which provides a lower rate for those on the standard “Bright Choice” service option.

Newark residents will begin noticing the new line-item on their bills following the citywide transition to EBCE service in April 2021. EBCE is partnering with Newark on public outreach and is planning to hold at least one webinar and run ads to make sure residents are informed. Between February and May of next year, four notices detailing options, rate info, etc., will be sent to every electricity customer in Newark, the first by mail, and the next three by either mail or email.

Private utilities have an incentive to charge as much as they can, to provide

stockholder profits. A public option, like EBCE, has a competitive advantage in that it does not have to pay stockholder dividends. Instead, it can invest in more local sustainable energy programs and projects. “We also have an incentive to keep our rates lower because people can opt out,” DiGiorgio said.

Since it started providing service to municipal, commercial and residential customers in 2018, EBCE has saved its communities more than \$10 million dollars, while contracting for more than 550 megawatts of California-based wind and solar and more than 150 megawatts of battery storage.

Per state law, Newark residents will be automatically enrolled into EBCE, but they can opt out if they’d rather stick with PG&E’s energy sources. They can also “opt up” i.e., choose EBCE’s 100 percent renewable option.

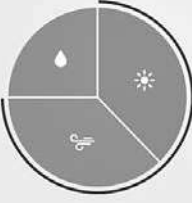
EBCE currently offers three energy options. The standard option, “Bright Choice,” provides a 1% rate discount and a minimum of five percent more renewable energy than PG&E’s standard service. Level two is EBCE’s “Brilliant 100” with rates the same as PG&E’s, but with 100-percent carbon-free sources (DiGiorgio said this offering might be changed in 2021).

The third level is “Renewable 100,” a 100-percent California-based wind and solar energy option. “Renewable 100 costs a penny per kilowatt-hour more, which averages out to be about \$3 or \$5 more per month for the average residential customer,” DiGiorgio said. People who want to support the growth of green energy and like the idea of their power source being 100 percent California renewable are choosing this third level.

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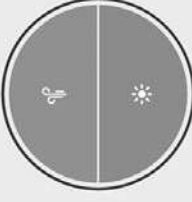
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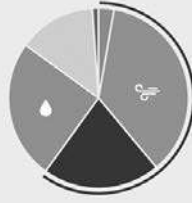
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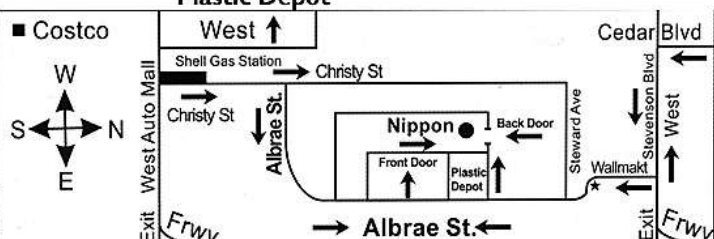
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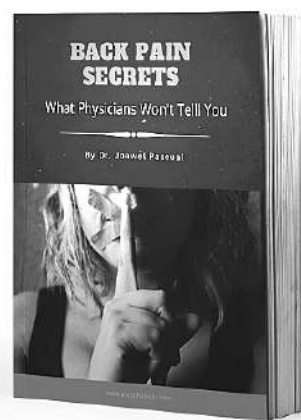
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Where are Fremont Symphony musicians?

We are longtime supporters of the Fremont Symphony, and are astonished and dismayed by their lack of focus on and support of their wonderful musicians during this difficult pandemic. Many, if not most, other orchestras and

arts organizations in the Bay Area have featured their musicians and artists in a myriad of creative ways. They have supported them financially to one degree or another and given them a chance to shine even in this dark time. Granted, this has been virtual for the most part, but for our safety and that of the musicians and artists, it is out of necessity for now.

We have enjoyed many such shows and have seriously considered shifting our financial support to those other organizations. At a recent Fremont Symphony in-person

fundraiser, the only musicians hired were not Fremont Symphony musicians, but from out of the area! They gave a splashy show, but nonetheless Fremont Symphony, heed this: out-of-sight can be out-of-mind for many arts supporters. And never forget one forever truth: have as many splashy shows as you like, but Fremont Symphony musicians are your stars.

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Job Rejection

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Almost everyone has been turned down for a job at some point of their lives, but if you are searching for a job during COVID-19, it might feel you are getting nothing but rejections. In a robust economy, it might have taken you mere weeks to land a better-paying job. But during COVID-19, it might take months and months just to get an interview. Adding to your frustration might be the rude ways in which some employers are treating job candidates.

It’s very common these days for job seekers to get no acknowledgment that their resumes have been received. You might not even get an automated reply. Job openings are posted, then withdrawn, then posted, then put on hold. You might have worked your tail off to perfect and submit your resume, only to find out (not be told) that the position was withdrawn. If you are lucky enough to

land interviews, you might find that the employers don’t bother to notify you that you weren’t chosen for the job. How is one to deal with the constant frustration, rudeness, and rejection?

First, know that you are not alone. The last I checked, 12.6 million Americans are currently unemployed, which means that millions are going through the exact same frustrating experience as you. Please do not take this personally. When you get a rejection, tell yourself that this is a normal experience in an abnormal time.

Look at your situation as objectively as you can. If you were unsuccessful in getting a job, bear in mind that tens, perhaps even hundreds, or thousands of people wanted that exact job. Even if just ten people applied for the job, you have a 90% chance of being rejected. Moreover, if there is an inside candidate angling for the job, your chances of getting the job might have decreased to zero. Educate yourself about the odds of getting rejected so that you can be more accepting of the rejection and not take it personally.

You can’t tell from the outset if your chances of getting the job are great or abysmal. Employers are not going to say, “Hey, we’re just stringing you along, but we know from the outset we are hiring an internal candidate. But we appreciate you coming along for this futile ride, so we get to say that we conducted a “fair” hiring process.” As a wise mentor once told me, “You just don’t know what happens behind closed doors.” Hence, as far as possible, de-personalize the rejection. You might want to say to yourself, “I may not have gotten this job, but I will find the right job and company if I don’t give up.”

One technique I use to prepare myself for rejection is to have a Plan B, Plan C, and even Plan D. This means that if Plan A fails, I am already prepared to activate Plan B. One writer who submits her work for publication has her submission all ready to go to another publisher (her Plan B) the minute she gets a rejection. The ability to act can keep you from being stuck in frustration and resentment. I call this “resilience in action.”

Even Pollyanna would start feeling less positive if she were subject to so much rejection. But Pollyanna wasn’t alone – she had supportive people around her. I cannot overstate the need for social support during this time of crisis. Reach out to friends, former colleagues, mentors, and family for support and encouragement. You can’t get enough positive support during this time!

If someone’s shoulder is not available for you to cry on, you can still alleviate

your emotions by writing – write 20 minutes on your feelings for four days. Don’t worry about grammar or sentence structure. Just pour your heart out on paper, let go, and explore how this emotional challenge is affecting you. Studies have shown that people who do this are healthier and happier despite their challenges. Doing this writing prompt will enable you to shape your story and stay resilient.

It also helps to adopt the mindset that when one door closes, another opens. Rejection does not mean the end of the entire world or universe (even if it feels like it). Yes, the door to one possibility might be closed for now, but this does not mean that all doors to all opportunities are forever closed. Look for other opportunities and keep in mind that there are always more job interviews and more opportunities.

Sometimes, rejection can even lead to bigger and better things. One thing you can do before checking emails and possibly receiving yet another rejection is to say to yourself “Each ‘no’ takes me closer to a ‘yes.’ Each rejection takes me closer to a job offer.” So, become friends with the word “no,” remind yourself to stay resilient, and above all, be kind to yourself.

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Is it safe yet to fly during the pandemic?

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Public health experts say staying home is best to keep yourself and others safe from infection. But if you're thinking about flying for the holidays, you should know what to expect.

Flights are getting more crowded and more airlines plan to stop blocking seats to accommodate the growing number of people taking to the skies again.

Starting Dec. 1, Southwest will join United and American in allowing every seat on planes to be sold. JetBlue will scale back the number of blocked seats, and – along with Delta and Alaska – plans to drop all limits sometime next year.

The airline industry says it's safe to fly, pointing to a report it funded that found the risk of viral spread on planes very low if everyone wears a mask, since planes have good ventilation and strong air filters.

But the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that sitting within 6 feet of others – sometimes for hours – can still increase your risk of getting infected. And though airlines are still requiring passengers to wear masks, there's no guarantee everyone will comply. More than 1,000 people who refused to wear masks have been banned by U.S. airlines.

Remember that flying also means spending time in airport security lines and gate areas, where you might come into close contact with others.

In an October update on travel, the CDC emphasized the importance of wearing a mask and recommended checking whether infections are rising in the area you're traveling to.

California
seeing
biggest jump
in virus cases
in months

By DON THOMPSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

California's coronavirus cases are at their highest levels in months, a disquieting reality Gov. Gavin Newsom said Monday was “obviously sobering” and that led San Francisco Bay Area health officials to urge people who travel outside the region to quarantine for two weeks upon return.

Newsom said some of the increase could be tied to Halloween celebrations while Barbara Ferrer, the health director for Los Angeles County, urged people who gathered during the weekend to celebrate Joe Biden's victory in the presidential race to quarantine to avoid fueling the spread.

LA County is home to 10 million people, roughly one-quarter of California's population, and was seeing 750 cases per day in September. Last week, four days saw case counts above 2,000.

“Recovery just doesn’t continue when you have thousands of new cases each day,” Ferrer said. “And many of these cases stem from people taking risks that are frankly not appropriate. It isn’t that hard to play by the rules, especially since these rules are what keep some people alive and allow our economy to improve.”

California hasn't seen the even more dramatic surges other states are experiencing but new figures are troubling. The number of confirmed cases, the infection rate, hospitalizations, and intensive care patients all have reached their highest level in months, Newsom warned.

The positivity rate – the number of people who test positive – climbed from 2.5% to 3.7% in about three weeks, hospitalizations are 29% over 14 days and “that trendline continues up,” he said. Meantime, California is nearing two grim milestones: 1 million cases and 18,000 deaths.

The state updates every Tuesday its 58 counties' progress on a four-tier, color-coded system for reopening. The lower the cases and positivity rate, the fewer restrictions there are for businesses and certain activities in that county.

During the two months the system has been implemented most counties moved into less restrictive tiers. But this week's update is expected to see counties go the other way and have to reimpose restrictions, said Newsom and the state's top health official, Dr. Mark Ghaly.

In the San Francisco Bay Area, the case numbers generally are better than other heavily populated areas in the state and local health officials largely have tended to be more aggressive in their restrictions.

Now, health officials for 10 Bay Area counties and the city of Berkeley expanded a recommendation last week by San Francisco recommending residents self-quarantine when they return home to try to prevent a spike in coronavirus cases.

In a joint statement, the officials said people who insist on getting together for the holidays should keep their visits outdoors and lasting no more than two hours and include a maximum of three households.

Cody said the increase is largely among people between the ages of 18 and 34 and could be because people are letting their guards down on safety measures such as wearing masks and staying socially distant.

Newsom said the state's increase may be linked to Halloween, but more broadly appears tied to larger social gatherings.

County health officials where cases are rising uniformly cite “private household gatherings as a major source of spread,” Ghaly said. “These masks, even with loved ones that we haven't seen for a while, are really important, and that sense that we’re safe because we know someone is not the case with COVID.”

Yet aside from unmasked family gatherings, the upcoming holidays and simultaneous flu season, Newsom injected a new worry: That people will drop their guard because of positive news regarding testing of coronavirus vaccines, most recently Pfizer Inc.'s announcement that its version may be 90% effective, based on early and incomplete test results.

“This vaccine is not going to be readily available for mass distribution ... likely well into the next year,” he said. “I am concerned, truthfully, that we may get overexuberant ... and people may go back to their original form. That would be a terrible mistake.”

Associated Press writers Janie Har and Olga Rodriguez contributed to this report from San Francisco and Christopher Weber from Los Angeles.

Businesses in This
Tropical City Want
Connections
with the
Hayward Chamber

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The Hayward Chamber of Commerce continued to expand its international connections the first week of November, 2020, when it established a partnership for communications and professional development with the El Nido Chamber of Commerce on the island of Palawan, the Philippines.

El Nido is located on the northern tip of Palawan, about an hour’s flight south of Manila, and has a population of 41,000. It is famous for its white-sand beaches, coral reefs, and limestone cliffs. It is ranked #4 in Condé Nast Traveler’s list of “20 Most Beautiful Beaches in the World.”

Lani Llamido of the local Literacy Plus Council, a Hayward chamber member, brought representatives of the two organizations together, calling on her connections with businesses in El Nido and the regional Rotary club. Through a Zoom connection, Hayward chamber president Kim Huggett met with the El Nido chamber’s chairman emeritus Leonides Echague, president Conrad David, and other leaders to lay out a format for cooperation.

Also on the call was Dan Johanson, executive director of Badjao Bridge, a Hayward chamber member organization dedicated to bringing members of the Badjao tribes in the Philippines out of poverty through education, nutrition, and property ownership. Badjao Bridge has an outreach program near El Nido.

“At first glance, a tourist city on a tropical island might not seem to have a lot in common with Hayward,” Huggett said after the session. “However, we found that we had a lot to share with each other. Business people the world over face many of the same issues such as access to capital, finding the right employees, professional development, and wrestling with taxation and regulations.”

“It is important that we learn sustainable development in this pristine area,” said Echague, who helps lead a chamber that was founded in 2018. “Those who invest here need to take that into account, and it is a role for the chamber.”

El Nido joins Funabashi, Japan, as an overseas partner with the Hayward chamber. Funabashi is Hayward’s sister city, and has been affiliated with the Hayward chamber for 35 years.



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“Residents provide us our direction. It was an important decision for the community to make in a unique election year. Measure PP protects a reliable source of local revenue to help maintain and prevent cuts to city services. We look forward to continuing to work with the community to maintain fiscal stability and services the community prioritizes,” said City Manager David J. Benoun.

Measure PP continues Newark’s locally controlled Utility Users’ Tax (UUT) funding at the

current rate of 3.25 percent. Measure PP continues to require fiscal accountability, including independent financial audits and yearly reports to the community. Measure PP stays local in Newark to the benefit of residents, and no funds generated by Measure PP can be taken by the State.

Any service user that is currently exempt from the Utility Users Tax will not be required to file a new exemption request. Existing Utility Users’ Tax exemptions will automatically carry over with no further action necessary.

Exempt customers, however, will still need to file for renewal - every year for Low-Income exemptions and every other year for Senior Citizen exemptions. The city will continue to send reminder notices to exempt customers in February. For more information about Measure PP, visit www.newark.org/residents/measure-pp.

California elects 25-year-old lawmaker, youngest in 82 years

BY DON THOMPSON
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California has elected its youngest state lawmaker in more than eight decades, elevating a 25-year-old progressive Democrat who already has years of legislative experience to the state Assembly.

Alex Lee survived a crowded nine-candidate primary election in March, then trounced his Republican rival by winning 73% of the vote in a San Francisco Bay Area district that includes part of Silicon Valley.

He plans to keep living with his mom in San Jose for the time being and had to take a part-time gig economy delivery job to make ends meet during his Assembly District 25 campaign.

Lee has worked for five different lawmakers either as a college intern or more recently a paid aide, quickly exhibiting such “encyclopedic knowledge” of pending legislation that “he became kind of the local Wikipedia for what's happening on the Senate floor,” said state Sen. Henry Stern, who employed Lee from 2017 until he left last year to work for another lawmaker.

“He makes me look like an old man,” joked Stern, 38, who was the first Millennial elected to the Senate four years ago. “I thought I had something fresh going on there. But now Gen Z comes up and what do I know? Now I'm a Boomer.”

Lee prevailed despite setting himself other obstacles, like not accepting corporate campaign money.

He said Friday that the first bill he will introduce when he takes office next month will propose to prohibit corporate contributions directly to candidates. He said he may extend that ban to ballot measures and would create a system for publicly financed elections.

“Having run an election, I clearly know how detrimental and corrosive corporate money can be in an election cycle,” Lee said.

And having spent some time out of financial necessity working gig jobs through what he referred to as “grueling, terrible wage-exploitation apps,” he's particularly upset that ride-hailing and delivery companies prevailed in carving out an exemption to a new California labor law after spending a record \$200 million to pass Proposition 22.

The last time someone younger was elected to the California Legislature, the nation was just clawing its way out of the Great Depression and was on the cusp of World War II.

Maurice E. Atkinson, also a Democrat, was 23 when he was elected to the Assembly in 1938. There previously were four other state legislators younger than Lee in the last century, said Alex Vassar, the California State Library's legislative historian.

Lee was Atkinson's age, just 23, when he decided to run for office,

and by his calculation has since knocked on 30,000 doors seeking voters' support.

“I think voters were very encouraged that a young person like me has so much experience in policy making and governing,” he said. “I would run into folks when we were door-knocking who are 80 years old, who would say, ‘Our generation screwed it up so it's time for you all to fix all these problems for us.’ And they said it in a very encouraging way.”

Lee considers himself to be part of “many marginalized communities,” including being Asian American and openly bisexual.

“As someone who's struggled with housing security and financial security, I also understand that can cause anxiety. And that's going to be informing my perspective going into office,” said Lee, whose new gig carries a salary of nearly \$115,000 a year.

Neither Lee's Republican opponent nor Assembly Republican Leader Marie Waldron responded to requests for comment.

Lee will undoubtedly run into fellow lawmakers who will be skeptical or “they'll say, ‘Wait your turn,’” Stern said from experience.

But “he's speaking for a real demographic that is under-represented in politics in general,” Stern said. “I hope it's a trend. I think our generation and the next generations coming up have something to say, and he's proven that you don't really have to wait.”



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Saving Money

Is money burning a hole in your pocket?

This does not mean your pocket is on fire. It's an **idiom** that means that you have some money you are eager to spend.

When we spend money quickly, we lose a chance to save for something we want or need in the future.

We all enjoy spending money when we get it. But have you ever wanted to buy something, but had no money because you already had spent everything you had?

Another important idiom is, "A penny saved is a penny earned." This means that we shouldn't carelessly spend or waste money, but try to save it. That's because "Money doesn't grow on trees!"

One Year's Savings

Imagine that you save the amount of money shown each month. How much will you have saved at the end of one year?

JAN. \$5.50	FEB. \$9.00	MARCH \$6.50	APRIL \$8.25	MAY \$7.50	JUNE \$5.25
JULY \$6.00	AUG. \$9.75	SEPT. \$9.75	OCT. \$8.00	NOV. \$5.75	DEC. \$9.50

TOTAL: \$

The Ten Year Plan

Now imagine you saved that same amount money every year for 10 years. How much money would you have saved?

2020 \$	2021 \$	2022 \$	2023 \$	2024 \$
2025 \$	2026 \$	2027 \$	2028 \$	2029 \$

TOTAL: \$

Very Interesting!

Putting money away in a piggy bank is a great way to start saving. But putting money into a savings account at a bank or credit union really pays off.



That is because a bank pays you **interest** on your money. That means you can earn money by letting your cash sit in your savings account.

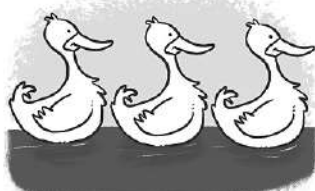
Idioms are Funny Phrases

An idiom is a common phrase which means something different from what the actual words say. Look at the common idioms below. Then, match each idiom with its meaning by writing the correct number next to that idiom's definition at right.

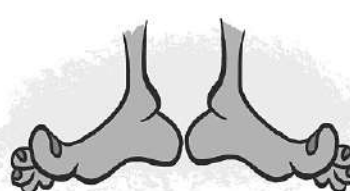
- ___ Nervous or reluctant
- ___ Something that's impossible
- ___ Don't be too sure
- ___ Be organized
- ___ In an unfamiliar place
- ___ Sick or unwell



1. That will happen when pigs fly.



2. Get your ducks in a row.



3. He's getting cold feet.



4. Don't count your chickens before they're hatched.



5. She's been feeling under the weather.



6. I felt like a fish out of water.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Understand the meaning of common idioms and their uses.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Circle the rows of numbers that add up to 12. Look up, down, sideways and diagonally.

3	1	9	4
3	6	1	2
3	3	1	4
3	2	5	2

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

ALLOWANCE
POCKET
SAVING
COMMON
IDIOM
MONEY
WASTE
FUNNY
ITEMS
YEAR
PLAN
BANK
HOLE
CASH
EARN

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

H	N	A	L	P	M	O	W	M	C
E	C	N	A	W	O	L	L	A	U
C	K	C	H	M	I	C	S	O	N
O	E	N	E	Y	D	H	K	C	A
M	L	S	A	V	I	N	G	E	I
M	O	N	Y	B	E	A	R	N	T
O	H	N	O	U	W	A	S	T	E
N	S	A	E	V	E	Y	E	A	M
R	L	Y	A	Y	N	N	U	F	S

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

Kid Scoop Together: What would you say?

Each of the kids below has a question for you. Work with a family member to write how you would answer each of them.

I just got \$3 for walking my neighbor's dog! Want to go get an ice cream?



I want to buy a new soccer ball, but it costs \$20 and I only have \$5. What should I do?



My grandma sent me \$10 for my birthday. Should I spend it or save it? Why?



Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **ACQUIRE**

The verb acquire means to buy or obtain something for oneself.

Liam was able to **acquire** enough money to buy a new basketball by saving his allowance.

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Small to Large

Find six amounts of money in today's paper. Look at the advertisements and news articles, too. Cut them out and glue them onto a piece of paper from smallest value to largest value.

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



What did the duck say to the cashier at the store?

ANSWERS: "Just put it on my bill!"

Write On! Borrow or Lend

Some say that borrowing or lending money to others causes problems. What do you think?



SUBMITTED BY VICKILYN HUSSEY
PHOTOS BY BILL EVERETT, BOB HSIANG, AND
JAMES SAKANE

Virtual concerts are THE BIG THING right now. Music at the Mission offers two exceptional concert broadcasts; the first is “From Bach to Rock” on Saturday, November 21, followed by “An Afternoon at the Opera” on December 19. These online performances allow you, without leaving your comfortable cocoon, to enjoy a uniquely “close-up and personal” experience of classical chamber music performed by artists of the highest caliber.

November’s concert program offers works by Bach, Brahms, Mozart/Say, Ravel, and DeFalla/Kreisler, plus an exclusive rock improvisation by violinist Matt Szemela. Music at the Mission’s “From Bach to Rock” with Aileen Chanco, piano, and Matthew Szemela, violin, spans 1720 to the present day.

“We really miss our home at Old Mission San Jose in Fremont, and decided to film the Bach Violin Sonata 2 there as an homage. It is an introspective and transcendent movement that reflects these incredible times,” Everett noted. “It’s a piece perfectly fit to the acoustic and setting, and a reminder that we can’t wait to welcome our audience back in person again.”

Everett continues, “We are, once again, very grateful to have the Steinway Gallery in Walnut Creek at our disposal for filming these opening concerts of the Music at the Mission 2020-2021 season. Our Director and pianist

Aileen Chanco is, of course, having fun with this; it is the pianist equivalent of being set loose in the candy shop!” Brahms Violin Sonata 3, one of Everett’s favorite pieces of chamber music, stands as a high point of late Romantic violin works: “In scale, feeling and sound it really has a sense of two players replicating an entire orchestra, especially with Aileen and Matt.”

Inspired by jazz and blues, Ravel’s Sonata no. 2 opens with a beautifully lyrical first movement, although it’s the famous middle movement that gets instant recognition, along with a spectacular ending. It’s an exhausting piece for the violinist, but exhilarating in the hands of Matt Szemela. Immediately following, in Everett’s words, “Is another kind of coming-together of styles. Mozart, like many Viennese composers of the day, often looked to the Ottoman Empire next door when searching for something exotic in style. For our performance, Turkish composer Fazil Say takes Mozart’s Piano Sonata in A, K 331 ‘Turkish Rondo,’ and mixes in elements of American jazz, producing a fusion of both styles.”

The concert concludes with a “violin showpiece,” Fritz Kreisler’s arrangement of Spanish opera composer Manuel de Falla’s wonderfully spicy “Danse Espagnole.” If you have children at home, they’ll be on their feet and dancing. That’s one of the benefits of virtual concerts! (Although, we know in our hearts that nothing beats live music.)

For now, relax in your favorite sweats, and toast the musicians and composers with the beverage of your

choice. Each concert is around 45 minutes long, followed by “ZAP!”, a 15-minute Zoom AfterParty hosted by emcee David Bonaccorsi. Enlightening, educational Pre-Concert Talks are available one week prior to each broadcast. And, after each initial airing, you will be able to watch the concert as many times as you wish over a 48-hour period.

Music at the Mission, a nonprofit organization, depends upon the generosity of individual donors, and corporate sponsors Fremont Bank, Robson Homes, James R. Griffin Construction, Washington Hospital Healthcare System, Ohlone Foundation, and Tri-City Voice. Music at the Mission also wishes to thank film location sponsors Steinway Gallery in Walnut Creek, and Peninsula Fencing Club in Belmont.

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Food distribution will be 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., or until the food is gone, at 37350 Joseph Street. Admission is free and open to anyone in need.

Drive-thru Thanksgiving Food Distribution
Monday, Nov 23
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Tri-City Volunteers Food Bank
37350 Joseph St., Fremont
Guests must stay in their vehicles; no walkups
Free

Do masks with antiviral coating offer more protection?

AP WIRE SERVICE

It's an intriguing idea, but there haven't been enough rigorous independent studies to establish whether antiviral masks are better at protecting wearers or preventing the spread of the virus.

Their specifics vary, but many antiviral masks are supposed to be made or coated with materials that have extra virus-fighting properties, such as copper.

Websites for several antiviral masks do not provide detailed information about how researchers tested their

safety or effectiveness, said Hyo-Jick Choi, a materials science expert at the University of Alberta.

But it usually takes years to design and test new mask technology, said Choi, who is part of a group that has been developing a different type of antiviral mask since before the pandemic.

Masks marketed as being “antiviral” often cost more than N-95 and surgical masks. A single coated mask can cost up to \$10; disposable surgical masks and N-95 masks sell at large retailers for between 35 cents and \$3 per mask.

Choi said a simpler way to boost the effectiveness of the masks you’re already using is to ensure you’re putting them on, wearing them and taking them off correctly.

And no mask can fully protect wearers, “but almost any mask can help to protect others around the wearers,” said Jiaying Huang, a professor of materials science and engineering at Northwestern University.

SUBMITTED BY TAYLOR JOHNSON

Officials from Tri-City Volunteers (TCV) are partnering with Facebook in sponsoring a “Giving Thanks” drive-thru organic food distribution for needy community members at the TCV Food Bank in Fremont’s Centerville district.

The Monday, November 23 event is open to everyone who is in need of emergency food this holiday season; no registration is required. Because of coronavirus health regulations, vehicle occupants must wear face coverings and stay inside their vehicle. Volunteers – also wearing face

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Make Thanksgiving Safer

Attending Gatherings

In addition to following the steps that everyone can take to make Thanksgiving safer, take these additional steps while attending a gathering.

- Bring your own food, drinks, plates, cups, and utensils.
- Wear a mask, and safely store your mask while eating and drinking.
- Avoid going in and out of the areas where food is being prepared or handled, such as the kitchen.
- Use single-use options, like salad dressing and condiment packets, and disposable items like food containers, plates, and utensils.

Hosting Gatherings

If you are having guests to your home, steps you can take include:

- Have a small outdoor meal with family and friends who live in your community.
- Limit the number of guests.
- Have conversations with guests ahead of time to set expectations for celebrating together.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and items between use.
- If celebrating indoors, make sure to open windows.
- Limit the number of people in food preparation areas.
- Have guests bring their own food and drink.
- If sharing food, have one person serve, and use single-use options, like plastic utensils.

For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html.

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Matt Szemela, violin & Aileen Chanco, piano
Works by Bach, Brahms, Ravel, Fazil Say and an exclusive rock improvisation by Matt Szemela who is well-known for his ease in crossing musical genres and has been praised by the New York Times for his “outrageous fiddling”.

4pm Saturday 12/19 AN AFTERNOON AT THE OPERA
Michael Graham, cello and Bill Everett, double bass
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Home & Garden

Proper Storage Extends the Life of Leftover Seeds

BY MELINDA MYERS
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As you pack away the garden hose, tools, and other supplies, or transition to your winter garden, do not overlook those leftover seeds. Proper storage can extend their life so you will need to buy fewer seeds next season. With another shortage of garden seeds predicted for 2021, you will be glad you did.

Leave the seeds in their original packet whenever possible. It contains all the information you need to make planting easier and increase your success next season. Place the seed packets in an airtight container such as a recycled jar or plastic storage container. If you have lots of seeds, consider organizing them as you pack them away for winter. Arrange them alphabetically from A to Z using dividers for each letter of

the alphabet or organize them by planting season. Group seeds to be started indoors together and those that go directly in the garden by the month they should be planted.

Seal the lid on the container and place in a cool, dark location. The refrigerator is perfect, providing consistently cool temperature that increases seed storage success. The longevity of a seed not only depends on proper storage, but also varies with type.

Eggplant, muskmelon, and Brussels sprouts will last five years or more, while onions and parsnips may only last a year. Give leftover flower seeds the same care. Heliotrope, verbena, sweet William, geraniums, and Shasta daisies typically last one or two years.

Impatiens, Geums and Tithonia (Mexican sunflower) usually maintain viability for



two years while ageratum, alyssum, amaranth and yarrow can last four years or more.

Take an inventory of your seeds as you pack them away in storage. Reference this list as you begin planning next year's garden. You will be able to see what seeds you already have and focus on those you need.

If you have extras or seeds you do not plan to use, consider sharing some with a friend. Most of us do not need to plant all 20, 30, or more seeds in a packet. Sharing and trading with friends or donating to schools, community gardens, master gardeners, or other groups that may lack the resources to buy

their own seeds is a great way to make a difference. Everyone will save money while growing beautiful and productive gardens.

Do not discard older seeds. They often outlast the average and continue to sprout at an acceptable level. You can test the seeds prior to planting. Just take ten seeds and wrap them in a damp paper towel. Then place in a plastic bag and wait to check for sprouting in a week or two. If all the seeds sprout, you can plant according to the packet. If only half sprout, you need to seed twice as thick.

If you find some of your old seeds are no longer viable, use them to create seed art and other projects. It is a fun way to repurpose these seeds. Be sure to add packing up leftover seeds to your fall to-do list. You will be glad you did when it is time to plan and plant next year's garden.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

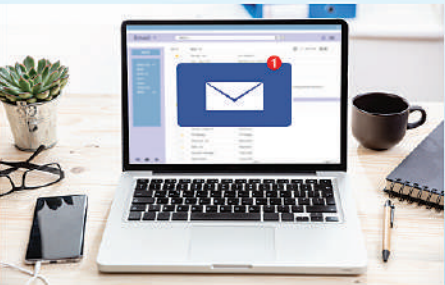


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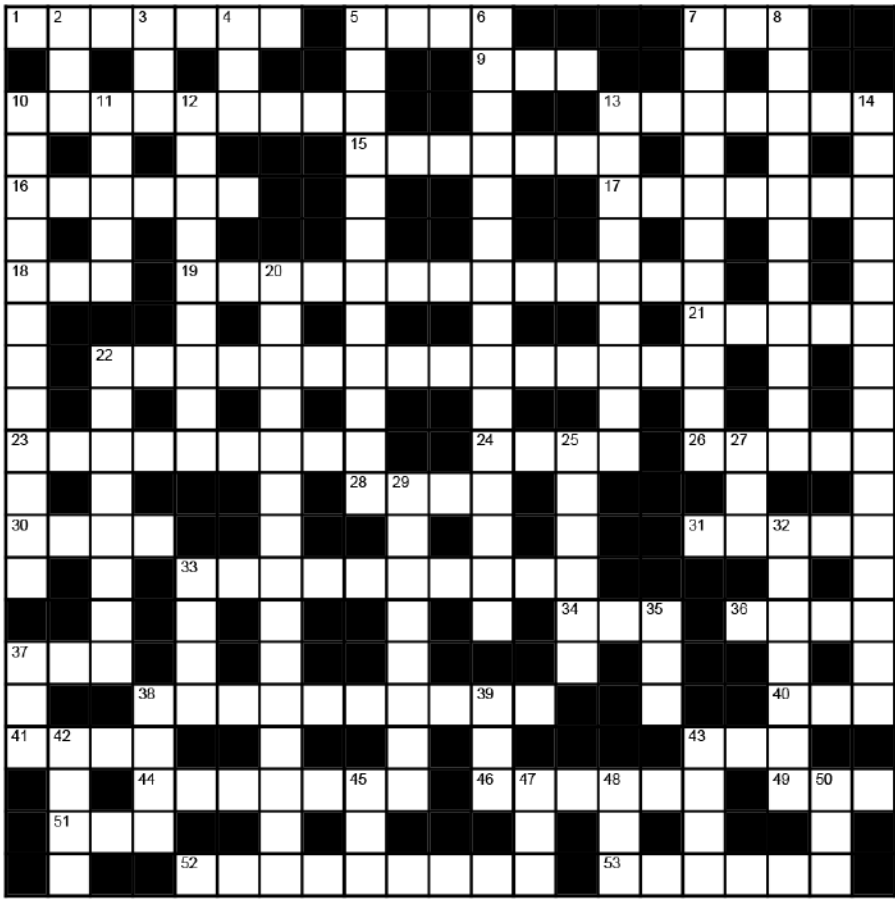


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Mind Twisters

Crossword Puzzle



- Across

1

Changes for the better (7)

5

Pat on the back? (4)

7

Banquet (3)

9

Avg. (3)

10

Robust (9)

13

Support group? (3,4)

15

Euripides drama (7)

16

Panhandle site (6)

17

Make sure (3,2,2)

18

How— (3)

19

Short-lived success (5,2,3,3)

21

Up, in baseball (2-3)

22

ERIC (7,8)

23

Retired (4,2,3)

24

Lying, maybe (4)

26

Alamogordo's county (5)

28

Powerful D.C. lobby (4)

30

About, on a memo (2,2)

31

... (5)

33

Place to find keys (5,5)

34

Child's play? (3)
- 36

"Sesame Street" veterinarian (4)
- 37

—-eyed (3)
- 38

End of the quip (10)
- 40

One up, e.g. (3)
- 41

Present time (4)
- 43

Capote, to friends (3)
- 44

Bouncy (7)
- 46

Outcast (6)
- 49

Napoleon, e.g. (3)
- 51

Caviar (3)
- 52

Kind of agreement (4-5)
- 53

Actress Mimieux (6)

Down

2

D.C. summer clock setting (3)

3

Blotter letters (3)

4

Get-up-and-go (3)

5

Head honcho (3,9)

6

Shrink (15)

7

Los Angeles suburb (3,8)

8

Color similar to larkspur (7,4)

10

Brainy (5,2,1,4)

11

Engine sounds (5)

12

Ride (4,3,2)

13

Brisk (4-5)

14

International understanding (7,8)

20

It can take your breath away (7,8)

22

Hangdog (8)

25

Demands (6)

27

— particle (3)

29

Sovereign (8)

32

Highlight (5,2)

33

Gangster's blade (4)

35

Grunts (3)

37

Snap (3)

38

Sum, —, fui (4)

39

Bite (3)

42

Ford product, briefly (4)

43

Quaker's "you" (4)

45

Pioneer cell phone co. (3)

47

Append (3)

48

Aloof (3)

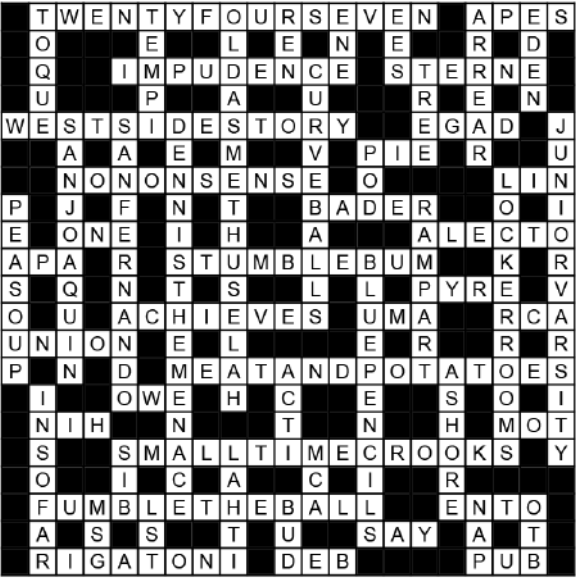
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Boiling blood (3)

Sudoku:

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

4	2	7			8		9	1
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3					4	5		6
	3		1				8	5
8			6			2	3	9
5	7						6	
		8	3		5	6		
1	4			7			5	
6	5		4		2	9		7



5	4	6	2	1	3	8	9	7
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2	9	1	8	3	7	4	6	5
8	6	7	1	5	4	9	3	2
6	8	5	4	2	9	1	7	3
1	7	4	3	6	8	5	2	9
3	2	9	5	7	1	6	4	8

Tri-City Stargazer

FOR WEEK: NOVEMBER 17, 2020

All Signs: On Tuesday, November 17, Mercury will oppose Uranus, which will trigger accidents and surprises. Midweek, a dance between Saturn and the Sun will strengthen our self-discipline, common sense, and focus. On the weekend, Venus enters Scorpio to

stay for three weeks. Venus is about relationships, beauty, and money. Scorpio is passionate and will dive headfirst into love.

Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20): Life is getting better for you because since September, Mars in your sign has been retrograde, which has created havoc, indecision and too much chaos. As of a few days ago, this is over. Now you will feel your confidence returning along with your enthusiasm for life. This week, Venus moves into one of your Money Houses, which means for the next few weeks, it's a strong time to ask for a loan or a mortgage.

Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20): This is the last week when Sun is opposite your sign, which makes you more tired but at the same time, helps you to scrutinize your closest relationships with more objectivity. Both Mercury and Venus are opposite your sign now, which promotes warm dealings with close friends, partners, and spouses. This will make it easier for you to express your affection for others. Your interactions with an enemy will also improve.

Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20): You are still gung-ho to work hard and get better organized. You want to improve your health. Your ruler Mercury and fair Venus have also entered the picture, which means you are ready to get hands-on with whatever job you are doing. Meanwhile, Venus wants you to help others, even though you might not get the full credit for what you do. In fact, the next few weeks are an excellent time

to discuss agreements and clarify duties and obligations. For some of you, a work-related romance might begin.

Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21): This playful, fun-loving time continues for you. Many will be more involved with kids than usual. Some of you might be involved with teaching children as well. As Venus changes signs this week, it will increase opportunities for you to have fun and entertaining diversions in the next few weeks ahead. Ever since August, you have had obstacles to your ambitions. Starting now, these obstacles will diminish.

Leo the Lion (July 22-August 22): Your focus on home and family continues to be strong. Now that Mercury and Venus are also in the picture, many of you will tackle home repairs, encourage family discussions, and explore redecorating ideas. Your interest in travel, publishing, and exploring opportunities in medicine, law, and higher education or taking a course will be stronger now. For the last three months, obstacles to explore these areas held you back; but now, you are starting to see ways to expand your world.

Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22): Your busy, fast pace continues. Short trips, conversations with others and increased time with siblings and neighbors are in the mix. Furthermore, increased

reading, writing, and studying will also make demands on your time. Despite this, in the next few weeks, you will start to appreciate your surroundings, as if with new eyes. Likewise, you will also begin to see how much love there is in your daily world.

Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22): You are very private about money. Your focus on money, earnings and assets continues this week but there will be a subtle shift because of the introduction of Mercury and Venus to your House of Earnings. This means you might start to think of moneymaking ideas more than usual. You might attract money and possessions to yourself due to the influence of Venus. However, this same influence will make you want to spend money on clothes, jewelry, art, etc.

Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21): This week, Venus joins Mercury and the Sun in your sign, which is empowering. Not only will you attract people and favorable situations to you but also positive relationships. You might even play the role of a go-between or arbiter between two people who are at odds. When Venus is in your sign, it ranks pleasure above work and makes you want to slip away on a vacation or interact with others to have good times.

Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21): This week the planets continue to give you a mixed message, as they

have done recently. In other words, part of you wants to keep a low profile. Nevertheless, since last week, Mars has now finally started to move forward (for the first time since August) and this will energize you! As the traveler of the zodiac, you are keen to get outta Dodge and do what you can to explore the world. At the very least, you want to take a vacation and kick back and relax somewhere.

Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19): Your time of increased popularity and interaction with others continues. For many of you, this will have to be a virtual connection via Zoom or Skype. You also are happy to get involved with groups and associations. Interaction with younger people is likely. Some of you might turn a platonic friendship into a flirtation. Since August, issues at home and within your family have been confusing and demanding. Now you will find that your home scene moves forward with more focus and clarity.

Aquarius the Water Bearer (January 20-February 18): For one more week, the Sun will be at the top of your chart casting you in a flattering spotlight. Meanwhile, Mercury at the top of your chart will encourage discussions with bosses and important people; Venus will attract people who will help you with your work. In fact, Venus will make you

look so attractive to others that some of you might begin a romance or a flirtation with a boss. Venus will also encourage others to see your creative talents.

Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20): You still have a strong urge to get outta Dodge or do something to expand your world. If you cannot travel, you might use this same energy to explore opportunities in publishing, law, media, or something to do with medicine and higher education. These are all beneficial areas for you right now. In fact, it will be interesting to study and learn something. Likewise, it will be easy to finish an important paper or manuscript. In the next few weeks, you will want to explore something “different” and this could trigger a romance with someone from another culture. Your efforts to work hard and boost your earnings now shift into high gear, and it feels good.



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Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 2020 on Zoom

SUBMITTED BY CANICE McLAUGHLIN

The 59th Annual Tri-City Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held Monday, November 23, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom. The program is sponsored by the Tri-City Interfaith Council. This year's theme, "Sharing Gratitude, Building Resilience," celebrates the blessings we have received and looks toward healing our communities. To receive the Zoom link, you must register in advance at tinyurl.com/tcicTS2020.

The liturgical fabric of the service is rich in readings from sacred prayers, chants, songs, as well as dance and music. Faith communities participating are: Baha'i,



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Buddhist, Catholic, Chochenyo Ohlone, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, and Unitarian Universalist. Donations will be requested for Abode Services and Tri-City Volunteers (TCV Food Bank) to support their admirable work during the pandemic.

The service includes a brief sermon by TCIC President, the Rev. Jeffrey Spencer, which he has tentatively titled "Chairs and the Table." Jeff is the Senior Pastor at Niles Discovery Church. The service is expected to last about one hour.

Parents are encouraged to watch with their children for inspiration and education. The Thanksgiving Service provides a unique opportunity to become acquainted with the varied cultural and religious traditions that are an important part of our community.

**Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Monday, Nov 23**

7:30 p.m.

**Advance registration required: tinyurl.com/tcicTS2020
<https://tcicouncil.weebly.com/event-announcements>**

How visions of sci-fi led the way to space

SUBMITTED BY CHABOT SPACE AND
SCIENCE CENTER

Long before a rocket carried the first person into space, people journeyed to the Moon, Mars, and other worlds on flights of fancy—imaginative voyages of fictional storytelling. Beyond entertaining us, science fiction tales have sometimes foreshadowed real events of space exploration, and may even serve to shape future voyages. Join this live talk from astronomer Benjamin Burruss virtually on Friday, November 20 via Chabot Space's Facebook.

Burruss has been a staff astronomer at Chabot Space & Science Center since July 1999. He graduated from Sonoma State University in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in physics (and minor in astronomy), after which he signed on for a two-year stint in the Peace Corps, where he taught physics and mathematics in the African nation of

Cameroon. After that he served at NASA's Kuiper Airborne Observatory, and as Head Observer at Lowell Observatory in Arizona. He has also been a regular science writing contributor to the KQED website since 2005.

We will go live on our Facebook page 10-15 minutes before the event. You can find the live video stream on our Facebook page and in the Facebook event discussion. To receive a notification when we go live, "like" Chabot Space & Science Center on Facebook and RSVP that you're going to this event.

<https://chabotspace.org/calendar/how-the-visions-of-sci-fi-led-the-way-to-space/>

**How visions of sci-fi led the way to space
Friday, Nov 20
7 p.m. – 8 p.m.**

**Free on YouTube and Facebook Live
<https://www.facebook.com/ChabotSpace>**

Adopt a Family is here!

SUBMITTED BY SHIRLEY SISK

Each year between Thanksgiving and New Year, LOV's program benefits hundreds of local children and families with food, toys, household items, and gifts.

Become a sponsor!

Registration begins on our website www.lov.org on November 23. Choose the family you would like to help from our registered families. Just view the list of family profiles and select your family. New and improved Eligibility Checking means we've partnered with qualifying agencies to issue numbers from our referral system, so that you know you'll be helping those truly in need. The process is fast, easy and convenient.

The deadline for adoption is December 15. You can shop for your families at your convenience through December 16. We will help coordinate your package deliveries. Something new this year is our online shopping experience. We are piloting a program where you can shop through Amazon Wish Lists. Contact Sharon@lov.org for more information.

Do you need to register for gifts for your family?

Registration started on the website November 12 and will be up until December 5. Contact Sherri at sherrie@lov.org or (510) 793-5683 to obtain your registration number and unlock the online registration and wish list forms. If you are adopted, we will contact you to arrange an appointment for receiving gifts. All gifts are wrapped and labeled by the sponsors and will be distributed to adopted families by December 20.

Ask us about our new shop-at-home advantage program and make an electronic wish list for sponsors to shop and purchase the items you really need. Contact Sharon@lov.org for information. Not all families are adopted, but those who are not will receive an age appropriate toy for each registered child, and a holiday ham or turkey. Gift and food items for non-adopted families will be available for pickup at LOV after December 16.

If you don't have the time to sponsor a family, it would be wonderful if you can send in a donation so we can see that all those signed up to be adopted will have a wonderful Christmas with your support.

You can send a check to:

**League of Volunteers
8440 Central Ave.
Suite A/B
Newark, CA 94560**

Thank you for your support.

Lucy Lang Day, Ecopoet

SUBMITTED BY KNUTI VANHOVEN

When you see something that's horribly wrong, what do you have to do to set it right? Oddly, the answer to that question may be "Write a poem." Lucy Lang Day will explain why that's not such a crazy idea at the Fremont Area Writers' Zoom gathering on Saturday, the 28th of November, at 2 p.m.

Over the history of this country, poetry has been used to alert Americans to serious problems. Maya Angelou and Langston Hughes wrote about racial injustice. Folk singers Woody Guthrie and Nobel Laureate Bob Dylan joined them in that fight, giving us an entire generation of anti-war songs. Henry David Thoreau weighed in on both themes, as well as urging Americans to protect our environment. Changes were made, but not enough to sidestep the extinctions and pollution we see chronicled in the news almost daily.

So, who will write the songs to save us now?

Lucy Lang Day may have some of the answers. Day's early background is detailed in her award-winning memoir *Married at Fourteen: A True Story* (2012). She earned her M.A. in English and M.F.A. in creative writing at SF State University; and her B.A. in biological sciences, M.A. in zoology and Ph.D. in science/mathematics education at UC Berkeley, where she held a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.

Lucy served for six years as a science writer and administrator at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and for 17 years as the director of the Hall of Health, an interactive museum sponsored by Children's Hospital of Oakland.

*"Ecopoetry," a new genre
which has emerged
to call out for changes
that could save not just
humanity but the
planet itself.*

Day has been in a position to see and understand the problems we face, and on Saturday, November 28 she'll address the Fremont Area Writers and members of the public on "Ecopoetry," a new genre which has emerged to call out for changes that could save not just humanity but the planet itself.

Can a song save us all? Might you be the one to write it? Is it already too late?

This FAW meeting is free and open to everyone who loves writing. You can request the Zoom link by emailing scottfrombayside@yahoo.com. Write "FAW Link" in the subject line. For more information contact: cwc-fremontareawriters.org.

**Lucy Lang Day, Ecopoet
Saturday Nov 28
2 p.m.**

**Email to request Zoom link
(Subject line: FAW Link)
scottfrombayside@yahoo.com**



SUBMITTED BY MUSIC FOR MINORS II

Come and sing your heart out, play an instrument, and move to the beat. Join in free virtual musical family fun – Music & Movement for Kids – with Music for Minors II on Wednesday, November 18. Children of all ages are welcome (especially pre-school to grade 6). There will be a T-Shirt Giveaway to three participants of this event. Winners will be selected in a random drawing. They must be able to pick up the T-Shirt in Fremont.

To participate, visit <https://bit.ly/3eTimyM>. The Zoom code will be sent one day before the event. For details, email recruitment@musicforminors2.org.

**Virtual Music Fun
Wednesday, Nov 18
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
<https://bit.ly/3eTimyM>
recruitment@musicforminors2.org**

LETTERS POLICY

The Tri-City Voice welcomes letters to the editor. Letters must be signed and include an address and daytime telephone number. Only the writer's name will be published. Letters that are 350 words or fewer will be given preference. Letters are subject to editing for length, grammar and style. tricityvoice@aol.com



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Schedules are subject to change.
Call to confirm activities shown in these listings.

CONTINUING EVENTS

Monday – Saturday

Free COVID-19 Testing

M-F: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Sa: 9 a.m. – 12 noon

Drive through, drop-in, and walk-up testing by appointment

Bay Area Community Health

39500 Liberty St., Fremont

(510) 770-8040

<http://bach.health/covid/>

Mondays and Wednesdays

Parenting During COVID R

Tue: 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Wed: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Virtual support group to help families cope with challenges encountered during COVID

To register:

www.fremont.gov/3060/Caregiver-Support

Support

(510) 574-2100

Tuesdays

Free Virtual Sing-Along

7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Zoom choir meeting hosted by Mission Peak Chamber Singers

<https://www.chambersingers.org/>

Contact: info@chambersingers.org

Wednesdays thru November 18

Live Science

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Join Chabot Science Educators for a fun and interactive science experiment!

Join via Facebook Live

<https://chabotspace.org>

Wednesdays and Sundays

McNevin at The Mudpuddle

6 p.m.

Dinner time tunes, oddservations, and bad jokes

Via Facebook Live:

www.facebook.com/mudpuddlemusic

Thursdays

First Presbyterian Church of Newark Virtual Youth Group

6:30 p.m.

Youth and young adults, students welcome

Contact: brian@newarkpress.org for

Zoom Meeting ID#

www.newarkpres.org

Sundays

Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church Family Service

10 a.m.

Via ZOOM

For link, call (510) 471-2581

<https://sacbc.org/>

Sundays

First Presbyterian Church of Newark Virtual Sunday School

11:00 a.m.

Sunday School, Ages K – 6th grade

Contact: office@newarkpres.org for

Zoom Meeting ID#

www.newarkpres.org

Saturdays

Virtual Town Hall

3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

With Supervisor Dave Cortese

Via Facebook Live:

www.facebook.com/davecortesevog

Saturdays

Virtual Telescope Viewing R

9:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Free on Facebook Live

Join resident astronomers live from Chabot's observation deck

<https://chabotspace.org/calendar/>

Saturdays

Online Comedy Shows R\$

8 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Made Up Theatre's interactive comedy has gone to YouTube!

<https://madeuptheatre.com/upcoming-shows/online-shows/>

Arts & Entertainment

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510-293-7200

www.HaywardAnimals.com

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Mondays and Wednesdays, October 19 – November 18

Food Entrepreneurial Training Academy

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Free online seminar on succeeding in the food business

To register: www.acsbdc.org

Fridays, November 6 – December 4

OSHA Compliance Training \$

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Learn everything you need to know to receive your OSHA certificate

DeVoe Construction

2278 American Ave, Unit 5,

Hayward

(800) 433-9819

Thurs, Nov 12 – Sun, Nov 29

Dinosaur Adventure \$R

Alameda County Fairgrounds

Enter at Gate 12

4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton

Purchase tickets in advance online

Thurs/Fri: \$49 per vehicle

Sat/Sun: \$69 per vehicle

Anytime: \$69-89 per vehicle

Thursdays, November 12 – December 10

Virtual 4-Part Book Series \$

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Spiritual Guides for Today - Winter Grace: Spirituality and Aging, by Kathleen Fischer

Register by 11/10:

http://bit.ly/2020_WinterGrace

(510) 933-6360

Saturday, November 14 – Saturday, November 28

Girls' Tech Day

Explore web coding, virtual reality, robotics, and more! For girls ages 8-24

To Register: <https://bit.ly/37aK9Zy>

More info at <https://bit.ly/341JgAQ>

Friday, November 20 - Sunday, January 17

Glowfari at Oakland Zoo \$R

5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Stroll among towering glowing lanterns of penguins, giraffes, elephants, and butterflies

Oakland Zoo

9777 Golf Links Rd., Oakland

(510) 632-9525

Timed entry: purchase tickets in advance

<https://www.oaklandzoo.org/programs-and-events/glowfari>

UPCOMING Events

Tuesday, November 17

7 o'clock Rocks!

7 p.m.

Groovy Judy & Pete duet live stream

[Facebook.com/GroovyJudyRocks/Live](https://www.facebook.com/GroovyJudyRocks/Live)

Tuesday, November 17

Hernia: Causes, Symptoms and the Latest Treatment Options

3:30 p.m.

Hernias are common - they cause a localized bulge in the abdomen or groin

Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonHosp/live>

YouTube:

www.youtube.com/whhsinhealth/

Tuesday, November 17

Improving Strength and Balance

7 p.m.

Lecture and discussion regarding how these issues affect women

Via Zoom

<https://www.whhs.com/Events/Event-Details.aspx?Event=11441>

Farmers’ Markets

CASTRO VALLEY:

Castro Valley Farmers' Market
Saturdays
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Year-round
Castro Valley Bart station lot off of Redwood Road
equipped to accept EBT and Market Match funds to CalFresh customers.
uvfm.org

FREMONT:

Kaiser Permanente Fremont Farmers’ Market
Thursdays
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Year-round
39400 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont
800-949-FARM
www.pcfma.org

Irvington Farmers’ Market
Sundays
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Year-round
Bay Street and Trimboli Way, Fremont
800-949-FARM
www.pcfma.org

Niles Farmer's Market
Saturdays
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Year-round
Niles Town Plaza
37592 Niles Blvd., Fremont
bestfarmersmarkets.org

HAYWARD:

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

SAN LEANDRO:

Bayfair Center
Saturdays
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Year-round
15555 East 14th Street
San Leandro
(925) 465-4690
www.cafarmersmkts.com

Kaiser Permanente San Leandro
Wednesday
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Year-round
Merced St and Fairway Drive
www.pcfma.org

Downtown San Leandro
Wednesdays
4 - 8 p.m.
March 27 - October 9
Parrott Street and East 14th Street
San Leandro
www.pcfma.org

MILPITAS:

Milpitas Farmers’ Market at Great Mall Parking Lot
Sundays
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Year-round
GREAT MALL
882 Great Mall Drive., Milpitas
800-949-FARM
www.pcfma.org

NEWARK:

Newark Farmers’ Market
Sundays
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Year-round
NewPark Mall
2086 NewPark Mall, Newark
415-472-6100
www.agriculturalinstitute.org

UNION CITY:

Kaiser Permanente Union City Farmers’ Market
Tuesdays
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
April 9 - November 12
Kaiser Permanente Medical Offices
3553 Whipple Rd., Union City
800-949-FARM
www.pcfma.org

Union City Farmers’ Market
Saturdays
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Year-round
Old Alvarado Park
Smith and Watkins Streets, Union City
800-949-FARM
www.pcfma.org

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www.aclibrary.org/book-
mobile
Times & Stops subject to change

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

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

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

Monday
1:45 – 2:45 Delaine School,
34901 Eastin Dr.,
UNION CITY4:15 – 4:45
Contempo Homes,
4190 Gemini Dr., UNION CITY
5:15 – 6:45 Forest Park School,
Deep Creek Rd. & Maybird
Circle, FREMONT

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

Wednesday
1:00 – 2:00 Del Rey School,
Via Mesa & Via Julia.,
SAN LEANDRO
2:30 – 3:00 Eden House
Apartments, 1601 165th Ave.,
SAN LEANDRO
3:30 – 4:00 Baywood Court,
21966 Dolores St.,
CASTRO VALLEY
6:00 – 6:30
Camellia Dr. & Camellia Ct.,
FREMONT

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

Tuesday, Nov 17
‘We are still here:’ Wukchumni
basketweaving presentation R
Tutorial on basket materials, types,
and uses by Wukchumni tribe member
Jennifer Malone
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Via Zoom, registration required
https://www.sanleandro.org/depts/li-
brary/calendar.asp

Tuesday, Nov 17
Regulations Protocols and
Pivoting to International
Commerce R
3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Free business webinar hosted by the
Alameda County Small Business
Development Center
https://nc.ecenterdirect.com/events/4
7460

Wednesday, November 18
Immigration Overview
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Free info session from U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration Services
Webex Link: https://bit.ly/3enceyJ
Meeting number (access code): 199
461 5592
Meeting password: VCpwsYaM*232

Wednesday, November 18
Ride-On Tri-City!
10 a.m.
Learn about transportation options for
the elderly
Via Zoom
To register: email name, address, and
phone # to
rideontricity@fremont.gov

Wednesday, November 18
Free Music & Movement for
Kids R
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sing your heart out, play an
instrument, and move to the beat!
To register, email: recruitment@mu-
sicforminors2.org
(510) 733-1189
www.musicforminors2.org

Wednesday, November 18
Medicare Changes – Virtual
Presentation R
10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Understand all of the options for 2021.
Hosted by the Santa Clara County
Library District
Via Zoom
10:30 a.m. - https://bit.ly/2HJ9I9x
6:30 p.m. - https://bit.ly/2TydANp

Thursday, November 19
Medicare Changes – Virtual
Presentation (Mandarin
Chinese) R
10:30 a.m.
Understand all of the options for 2021.
Hosted by the Santa Clara County Li-
brary District
Via Zoom
https://bit.ly/3oEEgu8

Thursday, November 19
What Will Be After COVID-19?
R
3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Free business webinar hosted by the
Alameda County Small Business
Development Center
https://nc.ecenterdirect.com/events/4
7438

Friday, November 20
India Community Center 17th
Annual Fundraising Banquet
(Virtual) R
7 p.m.
Live auction, silent auction,
entertainment
https://bit.ly/3dThHwO
www.indiacc.org/banquet2020

Friday, November 20
How visions of sci-fi led the
way to space
7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Talk by astronomer Ben Burress
Free on YouTube and Facebook Live
https://www.facebook.com/Chabot-
Space

Saturday, November 21
From Bach to Rock \$
4 p.m.
Music at the Mission presents a virtual
concert: Matt Szemela, violin, and
Aileen Chanco, piano
www.musicatmsj.org

Saturday, November 21
Virtual Book Launch: “How to
Begin: Poems, Prompts, Tips
and Writing Exercises by the
Fresh Ink Poetry Collective”
4 p.m.
Writing exercises and poetry readings
robin@ravenandwrenpress.com
www.ravenandwrenpress.com

Saturday, November 21
Best of the Bankhead \$R
6:30 p.m.
Virtual benefit for Livermore Valley
Performing Arts, with cameo
performances from popular artists and
a livenessilent auction
www.livermorearts.org
(925) 373-6800

Monday, November 23
Effective Marketing Strategies
to Manage Customer Pitfalls
and Boost Loyalty R
3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Free business webinar hosted by the
Alameda County Small Business
Development Center
https://nc.ecenterdirect.com/events/4
7437

Monday, November 23
59th Annual Interfaith
Thanksgiving Service R
7:30 p.m.
Readings, sacred prayers, chants, songs,
dance, and music
Via Zoom
tinyurl.com/tcicTS2020

Monday, November 23
Drive-Thru Thanksgiving
Organic Food Distribution
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Free food box with organic produce
to all those in need
TCV Food Bank
37350 Joseph St., Fremont

Tuesday, November 24
OJT Fund for Your Workforce:
COVID-19 Support R
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Free business webinar hosted by the
Alameda County Small Business De-
velopment Center
https://nc.ecenterdirect.com/events/4
7458

Tuesday, November 24
Building Your Business Beyond
Borders R
3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Free business webinar hosted by the
Alameda County Small Business
Development Center
https://nc.ecenterdirect.com/events/4
7463

Saturday, November 28
Lucy Lang Day, Ecopoet
2 p.m.
Email to request Zoom link
(Subject line: FAW Link)
scottfrombayside@yahoo.com

Monday, November 30
Milpitas Rotary
12 noon
MHS President Lladro Valle and team
to present the Jack Emery Drive
Via Zoom: https://bit.ly/33mfczA
Meeting ID: 896 1186 2310
Passcode: 760442

Saturday, December 5
Sunnyhills Neighborhood
Association
8:30 a.m.
Virtual annual meeting to celebrate
our community
Via Zoom
Contact: info@sunnyhillsneighbor-
hood.org

Saturday, December 5 – Sun-
day, December 6
Niles Canyon Railway Train
Rides \$
9 a.m.
Photographer's special: historical freight
train
www.ncry.org

Tuesday, December 8
How to Manage and Forecast
Cash Flow in a COVID World
R
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Free business webinar hosted by the
Alameda County Small Business
Development Center
https://nc.ecenterdirect.com/events/4
7474

Friday, December 11 – Satur-
day, December 12
Parrhesia 2020: A Community
of Voices, Identities, and
Diversity
8 p.m.
Online theatrical piece about
COVID based on local interviews
www.ohlone.edu/parrhesia

Saturday, December 19
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Arts Relief Grant Program for nonprofit arts and cultural organizations

SUBMITTED BY GRACE KARR

There is still a chance to apply to the Alameda County Arts Relief Grant Program, which assists nonprofit arts and cultural organizations affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. This program is managed by the Office of the Alameda County Arts Commission under the leadership of Alameda County Auditor-Controller Melissa Wilk and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. Through this CARES Act-funded grant program, it is anticipated that up to \$900,000 will be granted to support the survival and sustainability of arts and cultural nonprofits throughout the County with additional support provided to organizations located in the County’s unincorporated areas. The arts in Alameda County and nationally have been particularly hard hit as arts and cultural venues were among the first to close and are among the last designated for re-opening. The County recognizes that the arts and cultural organizations are an essential part of our community and an instrumental aspect of our economic recovery. The Arts Relief Grant Program will award grants between \$5,000 - \$25,000 to nonprofit arts and

cultural organizations. Award amounts will be based on the organization’s budget size and demonstrated need. Grants will be awarded to qualifying organizations providing arts programs and services in the areas of visual art, dance, theater, music, literature, poetry, cultural traditions, and other related forms of arts, culture and creativity. This grant program is intended to provide support for expenses and income loss from business interruption due to COVID-19 between March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020. This is a granting program and therefore repayment of the funds will not be required. The Program Guidelines, including all eligibility and application requirements, and a link to the online application can be found at the Arts Commission website www.acgov.org/arts (click on “Programs”). Applications will be accepted online through Friday, November 20, 5:00 p.m. For all questions or assistance with the application, please contact the Alameda County Arts Commission Director Rachel Osajima at rachel.osajima@acgov.org. **Alameda County Arts Relief Grant Program Application deadline: Friday, November 20 at 5 p.m. www.acgov.org/arts**

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San Francisco to ban natural gas in new buildings

AP WIRE SERVICE

San Francisco will ban natural gas in new buildings, becoming the latest in a string of cities in California to impose such restrictions.

The city's Board of Supervisors voted unanimously Tuesday on legislation that will apply to more than 54,000 homes and 32 million square feet of commercial space in the city's development pipeline, the San Francisco Chronicle reported.

The measure is designed to help the city cut greenhouse gas emissions and improve safety. Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, sponsor of the

legislation, called it "an incremental but important move to help save our planet."

San Francisco has already banned natural gas for any new city-owned building. Last year, Berkeley banned gas in new buildings. Since then more than 30 cities throughout California have approved similar bans.

Natural gas accounts for roughly 40% of San Francisco's overall emissions of greenhouse gases and 80% of building emissions. Requiring cleaner, all-electric buildings in new construction will increase building safety, reduce emissions citywide, and improve indoor air quality, Mandelman said.

Park It

BY NED MACKAY

The turkeys that are often seen in East Bay Regional Parks, other open spaces, and even residential neighborhoods, seem to have been less active lately; perhaps because they sense that Thanksgiving is approaching. However, they are still out there, and their story is an interesting one.

Turkeys are native to eastern and central North America. A variety existed in what is now California about 10,000 years ago, but the species died out. The turkeys we see in the wild today are descendants of birds that were reintroduced to the state many years ago for hunting purposes, with the acquiescence of state fish and game. I've seen and heard them at Briones Regional Park, Diablo Foothills, and on my own front lawn in Pleasant Hill.

California still has a turkey-hunting season, but no hunting of any kind is allowed in the East Bay Regional Parks. For turkey-hunting regulations, visit www.wildlife.ca.gov.

Wild turkeys live in oak woodlands. They are ground nesters but can fly up into trees to escape predators. Their diet consists of seeds, bugs, berries, acorns in the fall, and clover in the spring. They are food themselves for mountain lions, bobcats, coyotes, and raptors, including golden eagles.

Adult turkeys weigh 15 to 20 pounds. They have powerful chest muscles, enabling rapid flight, and can run as fast as 18 miles per hour. Because of their eye positioning, they have a visual range of 270 degrees. Their hearing is acute, too.

This is not turkeys' mating season. Wild tom turkeys assemble a harem of 14 to 20 hens between mid and late February. Breeding is in March, eggs are laid in April, and the poults (baby birds) hatch in May. The females nest amid rocks and brush. The freshly hatched poults can't fly for their first two weeks of life, so predators get most of them during that period.

If you do see turkeys in the parks, please do not approach them or try to feed them. Just enjoy watching them from a distance.

With a technique oddly reminiscent of Lawrence Welk, the park district is using a bubble machine to oxygenate Lake Temescal in Oakland. Technically, it's a mobile, trailer-mounted nanobubble generator provided under contract by a company called Moleaer. The device injects into the lake water literally trillions of oxygen-rich nanobubbles, each 2,500 times smaller than a grain of salt.

Since the program started back in August, the lake's dissolved oxygen levels have significantly improved. Water quality improvements are a key factor in preventing harmful algal blooms. Oxygen-rich water is critical for fish populations, too.

According to Matt Graul, the park district's chief of stewardship, periods of drought and warm weather have created a surge of blue-green algae growth in Lake Temescal. The nanobubble technology offers a potential solution to maintain water quality and enhance the lake's recreational value.

Lake Temescal was constructed around 1860 and was initially 60 to 80 feet deep. Now sedimentation has raised the depth to 18 feet near the dam, 14 feet at lake center. So, if you see the bubble machine parked along the lakeshore, that's what's going on. Results should be available by the end of this year.

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ROBOTICS Scrimmage

SUBMITTED BY FTC TEAM ROBOSTARS

FTC Team Robostars #18307 invites you to FLL Scrimmages on Saturday, November 21 and 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Fremont. Go to the Fremont Unified School District at <https://www.fuss4schools.org/> sign up for a one-hour session.

Due to COVID guidelines, we will only allow one coach per team. Two technicians will be allowed in the garage to run robot games, and the rest will wait in the backyard. Everyone must wear a mask at all times, and social distancing will be enforced.

Bring your robot and equipment, missions and field will be provided FTC Team Robostars will

help answer any questions regarding core values, robot game/design, and the innovation project.

For questions and to access the signup form, call (925) 351-7588 or email robostars18307@gmail.com.

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Frances Boyle

CITIZEN SPOTLIGHT:

By JESSICA YU
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SARAH HERRON

To live an extraordinary life is no easy feat. For Frances Boyle, her lifetime can be captured in a number of stories that her family still remembers to this day. Boyle, one of Fremont's longest-lived residents, passed away recently at the age of 110.



Frances Boyle was born in 1910 during two comets: Daylight Comet and Halley's Comet. Some might even say that the remarkable luck of her birth hinted at the extraordinary life that she would grow up to live. She grew up on a small farm in Indiana as one of eight siblings. As the second oldest, Boyle faced a lot of responsibility early on. Her family consisted of four girls and four boys, and every one of them had chores on their family farm.

After she got married, she moved to Washington, then Southern California. Some may assume that her job as a legal secretary meant she led a tedious life, but



Frances Boyle at her work as a legal secretary

that was not the case. Boyle often talked about the Great Depression and World War I, which greatly impacted her high school education. She was unable to graduate high school, as she had to assist her grandparents on their farm, but that didn't stop her from dreaming. As a child, she wanted to be an architect who could defy the social standards for women in the 1920s. When she had to leave school, she was devastated; however, years later, she was able to obtain her GED and was proud of how she overcame a hurdle that she wasn't able to before.

Some of the fondest memories her family can recall are how Boyle loved to travel and take pictures using an old-fashioned camera. Her travels were documented across Jerusalem, Hawaii, Israel, Bryce Canyon National Park, and so much more. Her photography was displayed around the house, and Boyle loved to tell fond memories about each of the images she captured. Boyle also owned a candy shop, where she made all the candy at home and sold it at the store the following day. Years later, her



granddaughter could recall visiting her and trying her famous candy.

Her family remembers Boyle as a capable and cheerful woman. "[Boyle] was a strong independent person. You have to love to be 110 years old. She never asked for much from anyone. She was always smiling and laughing," said Boyle's great-granddaughter Sarah Herron. Above all, Boyle loved her family and was a great friend to many. "As years went on and new advancement in technology began, she always tried to keep up with the latest. She even owned one of the first home computers that were sold to people; she would write her Christmas cards on the computer and print them out herself. She mailed the letters to all her friends every year faithfully."

After living such an extraordinary life, Boyle learned some secrets to good health and longevity – eating healthy and living well. Her great-granddaughter remembered that she would eat pickled beets often, enjoy sweets in moderation, and get up early and sleep early. Even at such an advanced age, she kept herself busy and woke up on time. Her

determination and will helped her stay independent as long as she could. Until 100, she lived alone in her own home in north Fremont, only recently did she move in with her great-granddaughter, her husband, and two great-great-granddaughters. Her family members would often visit and check in on her, right up until her passing. Her immediate family was thrilled that she lived for so long; Boyle passed away 17 days after her 110th birthday in September, 2020.

Everyone who met Boyle was amazed by her and her lifetime memories. In every conversation and interaction, she helped others see how precious life is and to be there for those around you. Family and friends would describe Boyle as having "many friends, who she shared long friendships with. Many of them enjoyed her stories, and her cooking. Quite a few of her friends became her traveling buddies. She also loved seeing her family, especially her great-great grandchildren – that brought her the most joy."

Boyle is fondly remembered by her surviving family and friends in Fremont.

Poems, Prompts, Tips, and Writing Exercises

SUBMITTED BY ROBIN MICHEL

Raven & Wren Press has announced the release of "How to Begin: Poems, Prompts, Tips and Writing Exercises by the Fresh Ink Poetry Collective" to improve your poetry practice—or start a group of your own.

Discover over 50 writing exercises developed, adapted, and tested in the "poetry kitchens" of Fresh Ink, a poetry collective based in the San Francisco Bay Area. Many poems featured in this writing guide originated from these

prompts and exercises designed to stimulate and energize poets at all levels of craft.

How to Begin is more than an anthology of poems. A book on craft, How to Begin includes online resources individual poets can use, recommended reading, and practical guidance on how to form and sustain a poetry group of one's own.

To celebrate, Raven & Wren Press is hosting a virtual book launch on Saturday, November 21. Attendees will have an opportunity to do some writing exercises and

share their own responses, and hear Fresh Ink poets read their work, followed by a Q&A. To RSVP and to receive the Zoom link, email robin@ravenandwrenpress.com. The book is available for \$19.95 www.ravenandwrenpress.com.

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Holiday Shoe Drive

SUBMITTED BY RANDY FEWEL

American Association of University Women (AAUW), Fremont Branch has launched A Step in the Right Direction, a Holiday Shoe drive to benefit adults who are homeless in our community. The goal is to gather 150 new pairs of sneakers and tennis shoes (no dress shoes). The shoes will serve the various programs run by the city including City of Fremont's Clean Start Program. Fremont Human Services Department is excited about the shoe drive because of local homeless residents' great need and the lack of a donation source for new shoes.

Paula Manczuk-Hannay, Development Officer from the city researched typical shoe sizes. With that information, AAUW set a target of collecting shoes between size 7 ½ to size 14 for men and size 5 to 11 ½ for women. One shoe sales expert said 80% of women wear sizes 8 ½, 9, and 10. And 80% of men wear sizes 10, 10 ½, 11, and 12.

Bank of the West in the Mowry East Shopping Center has partnered with AAUW to collect the shoes. Shoe donors may visit Bank of the West at 5120 Mowry in Fremont. A big red collection box is in the lobby waiting to be filled. Lobby hours are M-F 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Branch manager Tania Rafah and Senior Relationship Banker Lady De Leon indicated their bank staff is eager to help fill up the donation box.

The last day to donate is Friday, December 11.

AAUW's mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. There are 130 members in the Fremont branch.

For more information call 510 468-6963

Ardenwood Historical Park REOPENING

SUBMITTED BY MINDY CASTLE, NATURALIST

Ardenwood Historical Park in Fremont will reopen to the public on Wednesday, November 18. Advanced registration is required, and bookings can be made up to two weeks in advance at ebparksonline.org. (Click "Ardenwood Entry" under the "activities" tab.)

To maintain a safe environment for all:

- Per state guidelines, face masks are required for all guests ages 2 and up.
- Animal feedings and other hands-on activities are currently cancelled.
- We are open limited hours: Wednesday-Friday, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. & weekends, 10 a.m. -4 p.m.
- Entry times are limited to single household groups.

More information is available at registration. You may register online the day of your visit, as available - no transactions will be made by park staff in person. Park amenities and prices will reflect winter operations (NO train rides are currently available, and the cafe will be closed until further notice). The public can contact us with any questions at (510) 544-2797 or awvisit@ebparks.org.

Ardenwood Historical Park
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
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OPINION



WILLIAM MARSHAK

In some instances of manufacturing such as reverse engineering, a final outcome is clearly and rigidly defined. The process to achieve that result is the problem to be solved, not the creation of a novel product. While not inherently innovative, there may be opportunities in the process to improve the end product's cost, design and function. However, if production timelines dictate strict adherence to function over form and design, the result can be an exact replica without improvement.

In human endeavors, some of the same patterns exist. At times, preconceived ideas regulate and define a process to exclude any factors that may skew results in a different direction than what has been predetermined. Slogans and catchphrases substitute for vibrant debate, discussion and innovation. As a result, decisions are tainted, biased

Reverse Engineering

and channeled – reverse engineered - to achieve an end, devoid of compromise or thorough examination of consequences. In the current political chaotic climate, it is sometimes assumed that existing systems are fundamentally flawed without any redeeming qualities; reverse engineering is deemed a waste of time. There is bias to abolish what exists in favor of a totally different, fixed outcome.

Although reverse engineering may be used simply to copy someone else's success or perpetuate existing technology or systems, it can provide an innovative function as well. In-depth and meticulous inspection of a product or process can expose flaws, weaknesses and inefficiencies that, with proper analysis, result in a better product or system. To take advantage of an existing product or system, it is essential to have a clear understanding of its “why” and “how”.

The decision by the Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) to modify the School Resource Officer program is the result of a well-researched and thorough task force examination of the issue of school safety. Using a reverse engineering process to assess and adjust the goal of school safety, a lengthy report and set of recommendations was presented to FUSD trustees. This should only be the beginning of a process that allows all interested parties to absorb, critique and debate its contents.

Although there may be plenty of reasons to address and modify the

presence of police officers on campus, a systematic and abrupt change of this magnitude should come only after a comprehensive examination of the report by the new school board including new, re-elected and continuing Fremont Unified School Board trustees and staff. It is important to not only recognize the existence of different methodologies to address problems, but define a rational and reasonable timeline and support structure to effect such changes before definitive action. It is also critical to seek buy-in from all interested parties so changes are completed in a supportive environment.

When specific personnel and budget requirements are brought to the board, the decision can be made with full knowledge of costs and integration with existing programs. Since the COVID-19 pandemic has temporarily discontinued student campus attendance, the immediate need for a change is moot. This circumstance gives time for reflection of what is needed and how to maintain an excellent school system and pay for making it even better.

William Marshak
PUBLISHER

Can global warming kill trees?

EARTHTALK

BY RODDY SCHEER AND DOUG MOSS

Dear EarthTalk: How will global warming change the distribution of trees across the continental U.S.? Which types of trees and forests are most at risk?

-- Mike Powers, Golden, Colorado

It's true that climate change is already affecting tree distribution and forest cover in the United States (as well as everywhere), but only time will tell which tree species are most successful at adapting and whether we will lose significant amounts of forest cover overall.

“A walk in the woods or a stroll on a tree-lined street could be a very different experience just a few decades from now,” says U.S. Forest Service researcher Stephanie Worley Firley. “Higher temperatures, altered precipitation patterns, and longer growing seasons predicted for the future could require that some tree species will have to move -- or be moved -- into new areas where habitat will be more suitable.” She adds that some tree species may be able to stay in place by adapting to new conditions, but many others are unlikely to be able to adapt and “may succumb to the pressures of climate change.”

One example of an iconic tree species that is already suffering from the effects of climate change is the Quaking Aspen, the most widely distributed tree species in North America. Today the tree is still common in higher elevation regions of Colorado and Utah as well as throughout the rest of the American West, but that might change in the coming decades. Researchers have been tracking the decline of aspens in Colorado for at least 20 years at the hands of climate change and related stressors. Given their shallow root systems, aspens are particularly sensitive to drought; warmer, drier weather overall as a result of global warming means more drought and more trouble for the trees moving forward. Researchers worry that aspens may be gone from the southern (and driest) band of its range within decades, and foresee drastic declines in the tree's overall distribution as temperatures inch up, drought pervades and forest fires rage throughout the region.

Another iconic tree that has already been hit hard by global warming is the Sugar maple, famous as the source of Vermont maple syrup. Warmer winters have already shortened the syrup “tapping” season by more than 10% and if the trend continues there won't be enough winter to sustain the \$200 million/year Vermont maple syrup industry. Some other tree

species on the ropes thanks to climate change include Balsam fir, Black ash, Paper birch, White pine, Tamarack and Red spruce.

Researchers from the North Carolina-based Eastern Forest Environmental Threat Assessment Center are using forest inventory and analysis data from the U.S. Forest Service to compare where tree species occur presently with a wider range of where they could move or expand given rising temperatures and other changing landscape conditions. By looking at how landscape, weather and temperature conditions will change over the next three decades based on a conservative model of climate change, the researchers can start to project where the most suitable conditions for different types of trees might occur across the country by 2050. This kind of knowledge can help land managers prepare for the changes coming and can help planners map out forward-looking, climate-friendly zoning patterns.

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Union Sanitary District

Virtual Board Meeting Nov. 9, 2020

The USD Board unanimously approved:

- Fiscal year 2019/20 comprehensive annual financial report.
- Resolution to accept a sanitary sewer easement for Tract 8272 – Junction at

Centerville Station (at Peralta Boulevard and Parish Avenue in the City of Fremont). Peralta Parish Ventures is constructing a residential development at the site (52 townhomes in 12 three-story buildings).

- Second amendment to the pipeline relocation agreement with William Lyon Homes, Inc.
- Amendment no. 2 with Hazen and Sawyer for \$750,760 for the Enhanced Treatment and Site Upgrade Phase (ETSU) 1A Project.
- Reject all bids for the

cathodic protection system improvements project and authorize staff to re-bid project.

- Standby power generation system upgrade project in the amount of \$3,122,090 to Cummins Sales and Service.
- Centrifuge building improvements project in the amount of \$688,000 to Western Water Constructors, Inc.
- Calcium thiosulfate chemical feed system project to D. W. Nicholson Corporation in the amount of \$624,100.
- Task order no. 2 with

Lee & Ro, Inc. for \$37,031 to provide engineering services during construction of the calcium thiosulfate chemical feed system project.

- Construction contract of fiscal year 2021 cast iron/pipe lining project to Southwest Pipeline & Trenchless Corp in the amount of \$307,015.

Tom Handley, President	Aye
Pat Kite, Vice President	Aye
Anjali Lathi, Secretary	Aye
Manny Fernandez, Director	Aye
Jennifer Toy, Director	Aye

Fremont City Council

November 10, 2020

Consent Calendar:

- Authorize resubmission of grant application for park development and community revitalization program for Dusterberry Neighborhood Park Project.
- Approve pavement crack seal project award for \$255,250 to Pavement Coatings Co.
- Approve capital budget appropriations amendments for seven public works projects.
- Authorize \$175,500 agreement with County of Alameda for temporary seasonal shelter for the homeless.
- Approve dedication of public easements at 3715 Quantum Drive (Warm Springs Condos).
- Authorize sale of 0.19-acre vacant street remnant at Beard Court to River Blooms LLC.
- Award contract to P.C. Inc. for Police Department generator replace-

ment in the amount of \$634,900.

CONTINUED TO DECEMBER 8

Ceremonial Items:

- Proclaim November 20, 2020 as Transgender Day of Remembrance.
- Proclaim November 30 – December 6, 2020 as Bay Area Stands United Against Hate Week.

Items removed from Consent:

- Adopt resolution opposing South Bay Connect Project. Pulled by Kassan. Should not be on consent since some positive aspects such as less noise of train whistles and at-grade crossings. PASSED 5-2 (Nay: Kassan, Bacon)

Other Business:

- Update on California Surplus Lands Act – changes due to AB1486.

Mayor Lily Mei	Aye
Vice Mayor Jenny Kassan (District 3)	
Aye, 1 Nay	
Vinnie Bacon	Aye, 1 Nay
Raj Salwan	Aye
Teresa Keng (District 1)	Aye
Rick Jones (District 2)	Aye
Yang Shao (District 4)	Aye

Social Services Agency announces new appointment

SUBMITTED BY SANTA CLARA COUNTY PUBLIC AFFAIRS

County of Santa Clara Social Services Agency Director Robert Menicocci announced the appointment of Daniel Little as director for Department of Family and Children’s Services (DFCS), effective November 16. Little is an accomplished child welfare professional with vast experience working with the state and nonprofit organizations.

“I am so pleased that Daniel is joining us in this leadership role. He has a proven track record in serving vulnerable populations and has been an important contributor to DFCS in his role as assistant director over the past three years. Dan has a vision for transforming the work of child welfare and we look forward to supporting him to help make that vision become reality,” said Menicocci.

Little joined the County of Santa Clara Social Services Agency Department of Family and Children’s Services in October 2017. He has been instrumental in creating an accountable, positive organizational culture since he became acting director in February of 2020. Little’s educational background includes a Master of Social Work and a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from Wichita State University.

Aziz Akbari	Aye, 1 Recuse
James Gunther	Aye, 1 Recuse
Judy Huang (President)	Aye
Paul Sethy	Absent
John Weed	Aye, 1 Recuse

Union City City Council

November 10, 2020

Consent Calendar:

- Resolution confirming continued local health emergency. While there has been progress in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 and “flattening the curve,” conditions that prompted the original March declaration continue to exist. Community transmission continues and the number of cases within Alameda County is rising, with more than 23,636 cases and 463 deaths (as of October 26, 2020).
- Execute first amendment to consulting services agreement between Union City and Aaron Welch Planning to extend the term of the agreement to Dec. 31, 2022, and to increase the amount by \$100,000 (for a total not to exceed amount of \$175,000) for contract planning services.

Briefing about Capitol Corridor South Bay Connect Project, a rail improvement project that will:

- Enhance reliability, access, and travel time for Capitol Corridor riders
- Reduce train congestion between Oakland and San Jose
- Improve rail operations for passenger & freight service

Detailed information at the project website: southbayconnect.com

City Manager reports (information only):

- Update on application for residential development in the Union City Hillside Area. The property owner, Applan Way Land Holdings LLC, owns a portion of the Union City Hillside Area referred to as “Louie Ranch.” The proposed project consists of: 1) development in the Hillside Area on lands with an agricultural designation, and 2) development of the lands above the Seven Hills neighborhood. Applicant is proposing development of single-family residential units on three parcels totaling approximately 112.1 acres, which have an “Agriculture” Zoning and General Plan” designation. The City will be releasing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to bring on a consultant team to prepare the specific plan, which is a prerequi-

site to development in this area. Staff expects to release the RFP in late November.

- Informational report on Union City homelessness.
- Union City has seen a significant uptick in complaints related to homelessness. Presently there are 14 encampments. The City contracts with 2-1-1, a countywide service that connects callers with health and human services in their community. Since the Shelter-in-Place Order through October, 2-1-1 served 124 individuals in Union City.
- Union City faces many challenges to address homelessness, starting with a lack of designated funding and staffing. The City has incomplete data on Union City’s unhoused population, and lacks street outreach and case management staff to contact and assist unhoused individuals.
- Staff has applied to the Homeless Provider Incubator Fund for the newly drafted homeless outreach and engagement plan. To prevent an undercount, Union City is also partnering with “EveryOne Home” for the next Point-in-Time Count, which is scheduled for Spring 2021.

- The City designated \$188,000 in CDBG Program Funds to assist residents who have been impacted by COVID-19 with the back payment of rent. HEAP funds for the CAREavan program will be exhausted in February 2021. CDBG Program Funds and CDBG-CV will be used in FY20-21 to fund the CAREavan Program and rental assistance.
- City staff have applied for Alameda County Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) \$210,000 (five-year grant period), and the Homeless Provider Incubator Fund (HPIF) \$270,000 (two-year grant period). The Alameda County Housing and Community Development Department’s HPIF has an \$800,000 overall program allotment. City staff have applied for \$270,000 to expand the CAREavan program and support a proposed Homeless Outreach and Engagement Plan.

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

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Alameda county pauses reopening activities

SUBMITTED BY NEETU BALRAM

Given recent increases in the COVID-19 case rate in Alameda County, and the rise in cases across the Bay Area and the state, officials from the Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD) have temporarily paused plans to open additional activities.

In a statement released Thursday, November 12 ACPHD officials said that Alameda County is in the Orange Tier per the State of California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy, but they anticipated moving into a more restrictive tier soon. For this reason, they announced that they will not open additional activities and will likely need to close higher risk activities shortly. Earlier action will help flatten the curve.

Throughout the pandemic, Alameda County has taken a cautious approach, moving more slowly than other counties across the state. This measured pace and the continued efforts of residents and businesses permitted the county to move quickly through the state's framework and avoid reclosing activities. However, in recent weeks, day-over-day increases in the number of new cases reported have been seen, along with steady increases in COVID-19 hospitalizations. The county's daily new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people as calculated by the state has risen from a low of 3.4 to 4.9. But officials expect to move back into the Red

Tier soon and, if current trends continue, Alameda County will move all the way back into the Purple Tier.

County health officials are also concerned by the alarming increase in cases seen in states across the country at a time when families may want to travel and gather. The next several weeks could place everyone at high risk for even more COVID-19 transmission with the holidays and more people gathering indoors as the weather changes. In addition, flu season is imminent and flu cases will be a greater burden on the healthcare system this year given the similarities in symptoms between flu and COVID-19.

"We must exercise caution and prepare to move quickly to protect our residents and hospitals from rising cases of COVID-19," said Dr. Nicholas Moss, Alameda County Health Officer. "We continue to closely monitor the situation. If necessary, we will restrict activities that are higher risk for spreading COVID, including those in which people gather indoors without masks."

County health officials emphasize that they are grateful for the sacrifices made by residents and local businesses since the pandemic began, but are reminding residents that now is not the time to let down their guard. To protect families, friends and communities, especially loved ones who may be at high risk for severe illness and death, everyone is asked to wear face coverings whenever they leave home and stay at least six feet away from people they don't live with. Officials also say it's important for people to stay home when feeling ill and to wash their hands frequently.

\$300M California Earthquake Authority Bond Sale

SUBMITTED BY CALIFORNIA
STATE TREASURER OFFICE

California State Treasurer Fiona Ma announced the sale of \$300 million of taxable revenue bonds for the California Earthquake Authority (CEA). Proceeds of the bonds will be used to enhance the CEA's claim-paying capacity.

"This helps to strengthen earthquake insurance in California so that homeowners can continue to be well protected," said Ma. The State Treasurer's Office serves as Agent for Sale for bonds issued by the CEA.

The CEA is the leading insurer of earthquake risk in California with a 67% share of the State's residential earthquake policies in force. The calendar of all upcoming state bond sales is available at www.BuyCaliforniaBonds.com.

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Born September 28, 1958, passed away peacefully November 7, 2020 with his wife Alice Sierras and children, Victoria and Gilbert by his side at the age of 62. Gilbert is survived by his six loving grandchildren: Selina, Elijah, Gabriella, Zacchaeus, Nathaniel and Airon, brother David, and sister Lupe.

Born in Fresno, CA Gilbert was the youngest child of three to mother Maria “Cruz” Dolores and father Gilbert Sierras Sr.

Gilbert was raised in the Decoto Neighborhood in Union City and spent most of his life there. In High School he met his devoted love Alice. In 1976 she accompanied him to Giessen, Germany where he served his country as a Military Mechanic from ‘76-’79. With an honorable

discharge in ‘79 they returned to Union City and started a family. Eventually residing in Fremont until his untimely passing.

Gilbert had a special “light” about him. He had a great sense of humor, and was a proud father and grandfather. You could describe his unique personality using words like, “Heart of Gold, unforgettable, a GEM, amusing, passionate, caring, thoughtful, and encouraging”.

Gilbert enjoyed the company of his family and friends. He loved playing with the family dogs. His hobbies varied from working on or fixing cars, fishing with his son and grandchildren, placing bets on the Horse Races or simply enjoying quality time with Alice, his children and grandchildren. He loved watching his favorite Westerns, Football and Baseball, and recently had a strong passion for the 2020 Election Coverage. Often he would surprise his youngest grandsons with candy, gum and even toys.

Everyone who knew him would say he was a nice, caring person, and had a good soul. Services were already held.

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Virginia May Mattingly (Blalock) Hoon



Virginia Hoon, died Wednesday, November 11th at Washington Hospital in Fremont, CA. Virginia was born in 1933 in Brawley, CA to Silas and Violet Mattingly. As a young woman, she participated in Rainbow Girls and graduated from Mountain View High School in 1951. She earned a teaching credential, and taught at the Ford Country Day School in Menlo Park. In 1953, Virginia married Tom Blalock, and together, they raised four children in Fremont CA.

Later, Virginia had a successful career at Wells Fargo Bank, and in 1995, she married Richard Hoon. They enjoyed retirement by spending time with grandchildren and traveling extensively in the United States. Richard died in 2017. Virginia was a member of the Tri-Cities Women’s Club, and was an avid fan of sports, and spending time in Pincrest, CA. She loved her family and was a formidable opponent in a number of games including bridge, Scrabble, and Jeopardy.

Virginia is survived by her children David and his wife Kim, Brian, Anne, and Allyson and her

husband Moses; her grandchildren Stephany, Lindsay and her husband Robert, Franklin and his wife Brittany, Spencer, Madelynn, and Amelia. Lastly, her beloved great-grandchildren, Blake, Ella, and Chase. The family is grateful for sister Anne, Virginia’s caregiver, and the nurses at Washington Township Hospital. Please leave stories, prayers, and messages in care of Chapel of the Angels <https://www.bergepappassmith.com/obits/virginia-may-hoon/>. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Virginia’s favorite charity, established in honor of her niece, Chrysalis.org.

Online shopping surge could lead to holiday delivery delays

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
AP RETAIL WRITER

Retailers and carriers are preparing for an online holiday shopping surge that could tax shipping networks and lead to delivery delays.

FedEx and UPS are ramping up their holiday hiring while expanding their weekend operations and asking retailers to use their shipping network when there is more slack. And stores are pushing shoppers to buy early and are expanding services like curbside pickup to minimize the need for delivery.

For the last few years, many retailers had been using their own physical stores, in addition to their distribution centers, to fulfill online orders. But now they are designating some of those stores to handle even higher volumes. Best Buy, for example, converted space in 250 of its 1,000 stores this fall to manage online orders.

The moves come as most of the carriers have been at full shipping capacity for months as shoppers shifted their buying online during the pandemic.

“We are warmed up for what we’re calling the ship-a-thon,” said Brie Carere, chief marketing and communications officer at FedEx. “Like everything else in 2020, this is going to be an unprecedented peak season. We’ve actually seen three years of growth in e-commerce pulled forward. So we are expecting a ton of volume.”

Amazon, which has been growing its own delivery network so it doesn’t have to rely as much on UPS and the U.S. Postal Service, is nonetheless warning shoppers not to wait until the last minute to buy gifts. While the world’s largest online retailer

delivers more than half of its packages itself, it still relies on other carriers to get orders to shoppers.

“It’s going to be tight for everyone and we will all be stretched,” said Brian Olsavsky, Amazon’s chief financial officer. “And it’s advantageous to the customer, and probably the companies, for people to order early this year.”

Satish Jindel, the president of ShipMatrix, which analyzes shipping package data, predicts 7 million packages a day could face delays from Thanksgiving to Christmas. Right now, Jindel is predicting delivery delays of one or two days for parcels.

Retailers can’t afford to upset shoppers with delayed deliveries or gifts that come after Christmas so they’re stepping up their game.

Kohl’s says it has tens of thousands of items on its website available for curbside pickup. The retailer doubled the number of drive-up parking spaces at its store locations to support increased demand. Likewise, Target has also doubled the number of parking spaces for its drive up services, to 8,000.

For the holidays, FedEx is hiring 70,000 workers, while UPS is in the throes of hiring more than 100,000 temporary employees.

Lee Spratt is the Americas CEO for DHL eCommerce Solutions, a division that specializes in processing small packages for mid- to large-size shippers. He predicts online shopping to be up to 50% higher this holiday season compared to the year-ago period. The division has already been grappling with a 40% surge in online orders since the pandemic began.

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AP Retail Writers Alexandra Olson and Joseph Pisani in New York contributed to this report.

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- At 11:14 p.m. firefighters responded to a structure fire at Georgia Pacific, 2800 Alvarado Street in San Leandro. About 50 firefighters worked throughout the night and into the next morning to extinguish the two-alarm blaze. Smoke could be seen around San Leandro. There were no injuries.

California could decriminalize psychedelic drugs

AP WIRE SERVICE

California lawmakers will consider next year whether to decriminalize psychedelic drugs.

State Sen. Scott Wiener, D-San Francisco, said Tuesday that he plans to introduce a bill decriminalizing possession of hallucinogenic mushrooms and other psychedelics, the San Francisco Chronicle reported.

A movement to decriminalize, or even legalize, psychedelics has grown across the country in recent years as researchers have determined psilocybin, the hallucinogenic component of so-called magic mushrooms, and other drugs could be used to treat depression and anxiety.

Oakland adopted a resolution last year decriminalizing certain natural psychedelics that come from plants and fungi, one of a handful of cities nationwide to take that step.

Oregon voters last week passed a measure to permit supervised use of psilocybin in a therapeutic setting, becoming the first state to legalize psychedelic mushrooms. Another measure passed by the state's voters will decriminalize small amounts of heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine and psychedelics, so that possession will carry only a \$100 fine, also a first for the nation.

Residents in Washington, D.C., meanwhile, voted to decriminalize certain psychedelic plants and fungi, though Congress could still overturn the law.

Wiener said he was encouraged by those developments and is talking with experts about exactly what form his proposal should take. He said he was leaning toward Oregon's supervised-use approach, but also allowing for the use of synthetic psychedelics such as LSD. He is working with Assembly members Evan Low, D-Campbell, and Sydney Kamlager, D-Los Angeles, on the bill.

Wiener, who said he does not take psychedelics himself, noted that cultures all over the world have been using them since the beginning of time.

"Any substance can be harmful, so I'm not suggesting that anything is like nirvana," he said. "But we know that psychedelics can be used safely. We know they appear to have significant medicinal uses."

Wiener also plans to reintroduce legislation that would allow San Francisco and Oakland, which are struggling with surging opioid overdoses, to experiment with safe-injection sites where users would take drugs under supervision.

Woman sentenced for California disability fraud scheme

AP WIRE SERVICE

A woman was sentenced Monday to 2 1/2 years in prison for scheming with a California state employee to file hundreds of thousands of dollars in fraudulent claims for disability insurance benefits.

Angela Stubblefield, of Tacoma, Washington, was also ordered by a judge to pay nearly \$220,000 in restitution, the U.S. Attorney's Office said in a statement.

Stubblefield's co-defendant Katherine Decker worked for the California Employment Development Department. Decker used her position to file fraudulent claims and illegally extend existing claims using the identities of real people with and without their knowledge, the statement said.

In total, the conspiracy resulted in 15 fraudulent disability claims, with a loss to the state of more than \$373,000 dating back to 2013, according to officials.

Stubblefield, 49, was ordered to report to prison by Feb. 1, 2021.

Decker was sentenced in September to three years and seven months in prison for the benefits fraud and identity theft scheme.

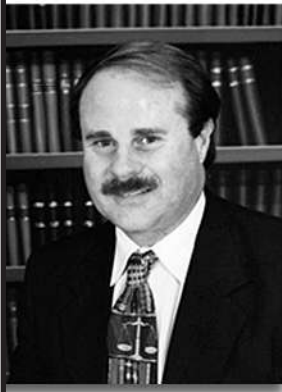
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BY CERTIFIED SOCIAL SECURITY ADVISOR
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Dear Rusty: I have seen examples of how to maximize Social Security, but I've never seen an analysis for our situation. I'm 61 and my wife is 57, but she has been the primary breadwinner, while I just barely made eligibility. Our plan is for me to start at age 62 (\$500 a month) and then switch to my spousal benefit at age 74 when she starts her benefits at age 70 (her benefits should be \$2,500 a month). Are we missing anything? We are both in good health with an average life expectancy but there is a very good chance my wife will exceed the "average."

Signed: Planning Ahead

Dear Planning: Well first, be aware that Social Security's rules are "gender neutral" – that is, the rules are the same regardless of which of you is the higher earner. That said, you and your wife seem to have a good strategy; for with her as the higher earner with the highest benefit, maximizing her SS payment by waiting until age 70 is an excellent plan. Since her longevity outlook is very good, she should get the most in cumulative lifetime benefits by waiting. Your plan to claim at age 62 is also prudent if you will not be working full time. That's because if you claim before your full retirement age (FRA), you'll be subject to an earnings test, which limits how much you can earn before SS takes back some of your benefits.

If you exceed the earnings limit, Social Security will assess a penalty of \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit and take back benefits equal to that amount. For example, if you were collecting SS this year, the earnings limit is \$18,240. If you earned \$25,000, you'd be \$6,760 over the limit and SS would take back benefits equal to \$3,380. And at your \$500 monthly benefit rate, they would withhold benefits for 7 months to recover what you

owe. And that's true until you reach your full retirement age when the earnings limit goes away (born in 1959, your FRA is 66 years and 10 months). At your FRA you would get time credit for any withheld months, but if you're planning on that SS income starting at age 62, and you're still working, the earnings limit could derail your benefit income plan. Of course, if you won't be working after you claim early benefits, the earnings limit doesn't apply. And for clarity, your wife's earnings from working don't count toward your personal earnings limit, and the limit goes up considerably in the year you reach your FRA. If you plan to continue working and the earnings limit is an issue, you might choose to wait until your FRA to claim your benefit. By doing so you would avoid the earnings limit, and you would also assure that you would receive the full 50% of your wife's FRA benefit amount when she claims.

If you claim at age 62, your spousal benefit (when your wife claims) will be less than half of your wife's FRA benefit amount because you claimed your own benefit early. Your spousal benefit will consist of both your own (reduced) benefit and a spousal boost to bring you up to your spouse benefit amount. When your wife claims at age 70, your spousal boost (the difference between your full FRA benefit amount and half of her FRA benefit amount) will be added to your own (reduced) early SS benefit, yielding a spousal benefit less than half of your wife's FRA benefit amount. The only way you can get the full 50 percent spouse benefit is to wait until your own FRA to claim your own Social Security and later get the higher spouse benefit for the rest of your life.

In the end, your health, financial need, and life expectancy should be the primary factors considered when deciding when to claim.

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iRobot adds lower cost Roomba with self-emptying bin

THE ROBOT REPORT

BY STEVE CROWE

iRobot introduced the Roomba i3+ on September 17, its lowest-cost robot vacuum that features a self-emptying cleaning base. It also features iRobot's new Genius Home Intelligence Platform for personalized cleaning control.

The iRobot Roomba i3+ robot vacuum is available now in the U.S. (\$599) and Canada (\$749) at iRobot's online store and many retailers. The new Roomba i3 is also now available without the clean base starting at \$399 USD and \$499 CAD. Both are expected to be available in other international markets beginning in Q1 2021.

Like the iRobot Roomba i7+ (\$799.99) and Roomba s9+ (\$1,099.99) robot vacuums, the Roomba i3 robots automatically empty up to 60 days' worth of dirt into the clean base, which doubles as its charging station. Once the battery on the Roomba is low, it'll automatically return to

the charging base and resume cleaning once charged.

Unlike some of the top-of-the-line Roombas, however, the i3+ and i3 don't include iRobot's smart mapping abilities. This allows the Roombas to map your house so you can tell them to clean specific rooms and even specific areas of specific rooms.

The new vacuums use a three-stage cleaning system that consists of dual rubber brushes, an edge-sweeping brush to get into corners, and suction power that iRobot claims is 10x that of the Roomba 600 Series.

Using the new iRobot Home App, the Genius platform offers personalized control over how, when and where Roombas clean. Available for iOS and Android devices, the Genius platform can control the i3 robot vacuums via event-based automations, recommend cleaning schedules by observing your cleaning habits, and offer preset favorite cleaning routines.

"Innovative cleaning experiences have been, and always will be, foundational to our product offerings," said Keith Hartsfield, executive vice president and chief product

officer at iRobot. "We have a proven track record of delivering products that make consumers' lives easier. The Roomba i3+ expands our lineup to offer not only exceptional cleaning performance and value, but greater personalization and control delivered by iRobot Genius. The iRobot Genius platform also allows the Roomba i3+ to evolve and get smarter over time, providing new ways for customers to clean their unique homes."

When paired with Alexa-enabled devices or the Google Assistant, users can control the Roomba i3 robots with their voice. iRobot Genius is also available on the Roomba i7/i7+ and s9/s9+ robot vacuums and Braava jet m6 robot mops.

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Milpitas Police Log

SUBMITTED BY MILPITAS PD

Thursday, November 5

• Detectives from the Criminal Investigations Bureau spotted an unoccupied 2009 Honda Civic that had been reported stolen in Sunnyvale parked in a hotel lot near the 300 block of Cypress Drive. Detectives watched the car, and eventually a man approached it and got in the driver’s seat. When detectives attempted to stop him, the man fled in the car, hitting a police vehicle in the process. Detectives pursued the car onto Interstate 680 until the driver crashed the car into a tree near the McKee Road exit and tried to flee on foot. The man, identified by police as a 33-year-old San Jose resident, was quickly taken into custody. There were no injuries.

Union City Police Log

SUBMITTED BY UNION CITY PD

Wednesday, October 28

• At about 8:37 p.m. officers responded to a report that two males were stealing parts from a vehicle parked in front of a business in the 30300 block of Whipple Road. The suspects, later identified by police as Joel Barron, 35, and Joshua Moura, 27, apparently had stolen a catalytic converter. While they fled in their own vehicle, witnesses chased them and boxed their vehicle in using a van. A man, identified by police as Carlos Flores-Recinos, 44, then retrieved the catalytic converter and used it to smash several windows on the suspect’s vehicle. Arriving officers searched Barron and Moura and found them in possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. They were arrested for vehicle tampering and drug possession. Flores-Recinos was arrested on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon.

Friday, October 30

• At about 8:52 p.m. officers responded to an armed robbery report at a business in the 32100 block of Alvarado Boulevard. The clerk told police that a Hispanic male, armed with a handgun, entered the store and demanded money. The suspect fled before police arrived. Officers conducted an area check but did not locate the suspect.

Saturday, October 31

• At 2:27 p.m., officers responded to a call about a family fight on Second and D streets. The caller told police that 15 people were fighting in the street, some were throwing bricks at a vehicle, and the driver of a blue vehicle was trying to run multiple people over. Arriving officers found a large group of bloodied people outside, in an active argument. They also contacted the driver of the blue car, identified by police as Jamar Taylor, 32. Taylor’s stepson, Gabriel Cano, 19, was identified as the person suspected of throwing the bricks at Taylor and his vehicle. There were no serious injuries during the scuffle. Officers arrested both Cano and Taylor on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon, battery, and vandalism.

Sunday, November 1

• At about 11:00 p.m. officers responded to a burglary report in the 30600 block of Tidewater Drive. The caller reported that the neighbor’s house alarm was sounding, and they could see a male in the neighbor’s backyard. As officers arrived at the residence, the suspect ran from them. As the suspect ran, officers saw him reach into his pockets and discard unknown objects. The suspect, later identified by police as Khan Ho, 35, ran directly into the path of an awaiting officer. Officers checked the suspect’s path, and located a bag of methamphetamine. Ho was arrested on suspicion of trespassing, vandalism, possession of drugs, and on a probation violation.

Saturday, November 7

• At about 4:00 p.m. Officer Olson and his partner K9 Franco made a traffic stop on a vehicle on Mission Boulevard and E Street for a traffic violation. The driver, later identified by police as Edgar Moreno, 19, was determined to be on active to searchable probation. A passenger in the vehicle admitted to the officer that she was carrying Moreno’s firearm. Olson recovered the handgun and arrested Moreno for three felony firearms charges.

Fremont Police Log

SUBMITTED BY GENEVA BOSQUES, FREMONT PD

Friday, November 6

• An armed robbery was reported at the 7-Eleven store on Washington Boulevard in the Mission San Jose district. A man entered the store and walked behind the counter, then pulled out a handgun and demanded money from the clerk. The man fled the scene on foot.

• A female asleep in a residence on the 5200 block of Earle Street in central Fremont was awakened to the sound of people trying to steal the catalytic converter off her Prius. When the victim confronted them, the suspects fled to their vehicle, and the victim chased them and grabbed the vehicle’s door. One suspect pulled out a gun and pointed it at the victim, causing her to let go of the door.

• A male was walking in the area of Cloverleaf

Family Bowl in the Irvington district when he noticed two vehicles spinning donuts in a parking lot. One vehicle pulled up to the victim and an occupant asked if he was a gang member, then started to rack the slide of a handgun and shot at the victim about five times. The victim was not struck, and the vehicle fled the scene.

Sunday, November 8

• A female pedestrian at Christy Street and Stewart Way in southwest Fremont was almost hit by a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. Soon, the vehicle approached her again and stopped. When the victim tried to take photographs, a man exited the vehicle and took the victim’s phone, prompting a struggle. Eventually the man got back into the vehicle and drove away, dragging the victim a short distance. The victim received medical attention at the scene for minor injuries.

• Two commercial burglaries were reported on November 8 and November 9 at Abode Services Tri-City Homeless Shelter, 588 Brown Road in the Warm Springs district.

Newark Police Detectives Investigate Shooting

SUBMITTED BY NEWARK PD

On Tuesday November 10th 2020 at approximately 6:22 p.m., Newark Police Officers responded to a report of a shooting on the 5800 block of Fair Avenue. A 56-year-old male resident of Newark, suffered a minor non-life-threatening injury, and declined any medical assistance.

Newark Police Department Detectives responded and are investigating the incident, which is not believed to be a random act. Although investigations

of this nature can take a substantial amount of time to complete, the Detectives are actively investigating the circumstances surrounding the shooting and crime scene investigators processed.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation should contact Newark Police Investigations Unit Detective Todd Nobbe at 510.578.4937 or via email at todd.nobbe@newark.org

Information can also be left anonymously on the "Anonymous Tip" hotline at 510.578.4965.

Newark Police Log

SUBMITTED BY NEWARK PD

Tuesday, October 27

• At 4:17 p.m. officers investigated a report that a catalytic converter was stolen from a 2007 Toyota Prius in the 36000 block of Sandalwood Street. Officers also investigated reports of Prius catalytic converter thefts in the city on October 29 and 31.

Wednesday, October 28

• At 3:13 p.m. Officer Damewood arrested a 47-year old Newark woman in the 6000 block of Thornton Ave on an outstanding felony warrant, evidence of identity theft, having items used for creating fictitious checks, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was booked at

Fremont Jail.

• At 10:27 p.m. Officer Kapu arrested a 38-year-old male transient in the 39000 block of Cedar Blvd on suspicion of possessing drug paraphernalia and on an outstanding felony warrant. He was booked at Fremont Jail.

• At 11:29 p.m. Officer Hunter located a collision in the area of Haley Street and Cedar Boulevard. Hunter arrested a 20-year-old Newark man on suspicion of DUI. He was booked at Fremont Jail.

Thursday, October 29

• At 11:03 a.m. officers responded to the 5000 block of Thornton Ave. on a report of shoplifting; attempted loss was \$902.18. Officer Damewood arrested a 37-year old San Jose man on suspicion of petty theft. He was cited and released.

• At 1:11 p.m. Officer Horst investigated the theft of a 2002

Ford Mustang in the 36000 block of Cedar Boulevard. The mustang was recovered October 30 in the 8000 block of Gateway Boulevard in Newark.

Saturday, October 31

• At 8:32 a.m. Officer Fredstrom investigated a report of a window smash burglary to a vehicle that occurred overnight in the 8000 block of Gateway Boulevard. About \$300 worth of tools were taken.

• At 8:54 a.m. Officer Frentescu investigated the theft of a 2005 GMC Denali in the 35000 block of Newark Boulevard. The vehicle was recovered November 1 in Oakland.

• At 10:46 a.m. Officer Jackman investigated a window smash burglary to a vehicle that occurred in the 6000 block of Central Avenue. About \$600 worth of tools were taken.

BART Police Log

SUBMITTED BY LES MENSINGER AND BART PD

Monday, November 9

• At 9:29 a.m. a man identified by police as Juan

Sandoval, 36, of Antioch was stopped at the Hayward station on suspicion of fare evasion. A record check showed he had three outstanding felony warrants from the Walnut Creek Police Department. He was arrested and booked into the Martinez Detention facility.

• At 7:06 p.m. a man identified by police as Derso Misgun,

30, was arrested at the Union City station on suspicion of public intoxication. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Tuesday, November 10

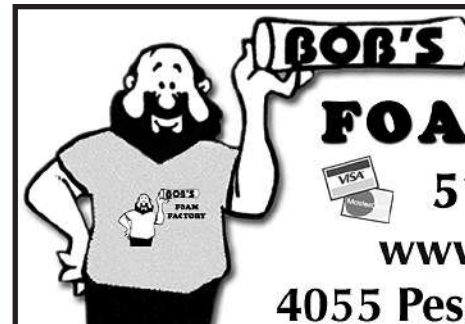
• At 5:01 a.m. a man identified by police as Robert Ross, 39, of Oakland was arrested at the Bay Fair station in San Leandro on suspicion of public intoxication. He was

booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Wednesday, November 11

• At 9:28 a.m. a man identified by police as Jeremiah Tauelia, 20, of Hayward was arrested at the Bay Fair station in San Leandro on two outstanding felony warrants totaling \$200,000. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

• At 7:47 p.m. a man identified by police as Albert Mozon, 68, of Oakland was arrested at the Milpitas station on suspicion of public intoxication. He was booked into Santa Clara County Main Jail.



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- No P.O. boxes unless physical address is verified by TCV

Holiday Closures

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF HAYWARD

Hayward is planning the closure of nonemergency services and certain service adjustments during the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. For changes to Hayward Public Library to-go services, visit www.hayward-ca.gov/public-library.

Nonemergency services and Hayward City Hall
Closed Monday, Nov 23 – Friday, Nov 27; and Monday, Dec 21 – Friday, Jan 1
COVID-19 Testing Center
1401 Golf Course Rd.
Closed Thursday, Nov 26; Friday, Nov 27; Thursday, Dec 24; Friday, Dec 25; and Friday, Jan 1
Hayward No-Contact Food Distribution (Adjusted Timings)
12 noon
Tuesdays, Nov 24 and Dec 22
Street sweeping
Closed Thursday, Nov 26; Friday, Nov 27; Thursday, Dec 24; Friday, Dec 25; and Friday, Jan 1

California, Oregon & Washington Issue Travel Advisories

SUBMITTED BY GOVERNOR PRESS OFFICE

As COVID-19 cases continue to increase across the country, California Governor Gavin Newsom, Oregon Governor Kate Brown and Washington Governor Jay Inslee issued travel advisories November 13 urging visitors entering their states or returning home from travel outside these states to self-quarantine to slow the spread of the virus. The travel advisories urge against non-essential out-of-state travel, ask people to self-quarantine for 14 days after arriving from another state or country and encourage residents to stay local.

“California just surpassed a sobering threshold – one million COVID-19 cases – with no signs of the virus slowing down,” said California Governor Gavin Newsom. “Increased cases are adding pressure on our hospital systems and threatening the lives of seniors, essential workers and vulnerable Californians. Travel increases the risk of spreading COVID-19, and we must all collectively increase our efforts at this time to keep the virus at bay and save lives.”

In addition to urging individuals arriving from other states or countries to self-quarantine for 14 days after arrival, the states’ travel advisories recommend individuals limit their interactions to their immediate household. The advisories define essential travel as travel for work and study, critical infrastructure support, economic services and supply chains, health, immediate medical care and safety and security.

“COVID-19 does not stop at state lines. As hospitals across the West are stretched to capacity, we must take steps to ensure travelers are not bringing this disease home with them,” said Oregon Governor Kate Brown. “If you do not need to travel, you shouldn’t. This will be hard, especially with Thanksgiving around the corner. But the best way to keep your family safe is to stay close to home.”

“COVID cases have doubled in Washington over the past two weeks. This puts our state in as dangerous a position today as we were in March,” said Washington Governor Jay Inslee. “Limiting and reducing travel is one way to reduce the further spread of the disease. I am happy to partner with California and Oregon in this effort to help protect lives up and down the West Coast.”

Campaign has helped nearly 2,000 veterans find housing

SUBMITTED BY JANICE ROMBECK

The All the Way Home campaign -- a broad partnership between public, private, nonprofit and faith organizations – is celebrating its progress toward eliminating veteran homelessness in Santa Clara County.
Launched on Veterans Day 2015 by San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo and Santa Clara County Supervisor Dave Cortese, the campaign has worked to increase housing opportunities for veterans in the community and connect veterans in need to available rental units.

Thanks to the collaboration of the public, private and nonprofit sectors:
• 1,940 homeless veterans have been housed in Santa Clara County since Veterans Day, November 15, 2015.
• Homeless veterans are being housed faster than new veterans are becoming homeless. In the past year, 341 homeless veterans were connected to housing vs. 259 veterans who were experiencing homelessness for the first time.
• In addition to their work connecting homeless veterans to permanent housing, All the Way Home partners have also helped connect 114 homeless veterans to a motel/hotel room since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

Veterans honored, thanked in Union City



SUBMITTED BY EMMA TOZER

An array of city and county officials recently joined Union City Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci at Veterans Memorial Park in Union City to honor city employees who are also local military veterans. Eleven veterans who represent the city's Police Department, Public Works Department and City Manager's Office were recognized, with members of the Alameda County Fire Department also in attendance.
During the program the mayor led a special recognition and a moment of silence for those who have lost their lives in war. In a statement she said: “We are indebted to not only the many veterans who live and work in Union City but to all veterans in the United States. It is important that we also take a moment to remember the lives that have been lost, as well. We are fortunate to have a number of veterans on staff who remain just as dedicated to serving this community.”
Representatives from the Union City Public Works Department placed a commemorative flower wreath at the memorial in Veterans Park. Everyone at the program observed physical distancing guidelines and wore face coverings in compliance with coronavirus safety rules.
Veterans Memorial Park, at 4525 Dyer St., is home to the Veterans Memorial, which was updated and unveiled at the park on November 11, 2017. The park is open daily to the public; admission is free. For details, call (510) 471-3232.

PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 574305

Fictitious Business Name(s):
AAA GRADE PRODUCTS, 3550 MOWRY AVE STE 101, FREMONT, CA 94538, County of ALAMEDA
 Registrant(s):
 MAHAWAR CARE LLC, 3550 MOWRY AVE STE 101, FREMONT, CA 94538
 Business conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
 /s/ SURESH MAHAWAR
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on NOV 04, 2020
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CNS-3416024#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 573961

Fictitious Business Name(s):
THE UPS STORE # 0602, 47000 WARM SPRINGS BLVD, STE 1, FREMONT, CA 94539, County of ALAMEDA
 Registrant(s):
 JESVENTURES LLC, 47000 WARM SPRINGS BLVD STE 1-393, FREMONT, CA 94539
 Business conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 538170

The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name(s):
 The Fictitious Business Name Statement for the Partnership was filed on 11/21/2017 in the County of Alameda.
KATIE ROSE, 40491 VARGAS RD., FREMONT, CA 94539, County of: ALAMEDA.
 Registered Owner(s):
 CHERYL ANN SOUZA- ESCOBAR, 40491 VARGAS RD., FREMONT, CA 94539
 This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to this section that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
 S/ CHERYL ANN SOUZA-ESCOBAR
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda County on NOV. 5, 2020.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 574055

Fictitious Business Name(s):
SYNERGY UNIVERSAL SERVICES, 39899 BALENTINE DRIVE STE 200, NEWARK, CA 94560, County of ALAMEDA
ONRESOURCE UNIVERSAL SERVICES, 39899 BALENTINE DRIVE STE 200, NEWARK, CA 94560, County of ALAMEDA
 Registrant(s):
 HARDIP KAUR, 36981 NEWARK BLVD APT A., NEWARK, CA 94560
 Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
 The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
 /s/ HARDIP KAUR
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 573528

Fictitious Business Name(s):
FA DA YI WANG ACUPUNCTURE CENTER, 43480 MISSION BLVD. STE 250, FREMONT, CA 94539, County of ALAMEDA
 Registrant(s):
 DING MING LIQIU, 369 MONACO AVE, UNION CITY, CA 94587
 Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
 The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/01/2015
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 /s/ DING MING LIQIU
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of

Alameda County on OCTOBER 06, 2020

NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24/20

CNS-3412489#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 57367

Fictitious Business Name(s):
TOP FLIGHT GYMNASTICS, 5127 MOWRY AVE., FREMONT, CA 94538, County of ALAMEDA
 Registrant(s):
 PAUL ODZE, 4884 MURPHY CT., FREMONT, CA 94538
 Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
 The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/02/2008
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
 /s/ PAUL ODZE
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on OCTOBER 09, 2020
 NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24/20

CNS-3410560#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 573695

Fictitious Business Name(s):
HIPPO SWIM CLUB, 8044 STEVENSON BLVD., FREMONT, CA 94538, County of ALAMEDA
 Registrant(s):
 JMT AQUATICS INC., 317 WINNAPEG GRN, FREMONT, CA 94538
 Business conducted by: A CORPORATION
 The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
 /s/ WEIJUAN QUE
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on OCTOBER 12, 2020
 NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24/20

CNS-3410108#

GOVERNMENT

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission of the City of Union City for the purpose of considering the following:
Zoning Text Amendment (AT-20-004)
 The applicant, Mark Doty, is proposing to modify Chapter 13.36.030 Conditional uses of the Municipal Code to add Veterinarian Offices and Small Animal Hospitals as a conditionally permitted use and establish required operating guideline for the use in the CS – Specialty Commercial - Zoning District.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the proposed amendments are exempt from environmental review in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the general exemption for projects with no potential for significant effect on the environment. This item will be heard at a public hearing by the Planning Commission at the meeting listed below.

Public Health Emergency, comments may be submitted in writing prior to the hearing or at the hearing consistent with the Teleconference Guidelines. The project planner, Brandon H DeLucas, can be reached at (510) 675-5385 or via email at BrandonD@unioncity.org.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, December 03, 2020
Said hearing will be held
at 7:00 p.m. Via Teleconference

The Planning Commission meeting packet and instructions on how to virtually attend the meeting and provide your comments can be found at <https://www.unioncity.org/199/City-Meetings-Videos>

Meeting packets which includes the meeting agenda and staff report are generally available on-line the Friday before the meeting. If you challenge the above described project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Planning Commission public hearing for this project or the City Council public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission or to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.
 CARMELA CAMPBELL, AICP
 Economic & Community Development Director
 11/17/20

CNS-3416554#

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS BIRCH GROVE PARK TENNIS COURT RESURFACING, PROJECT 1198

The City Council of the City of Newark invites sealed bids for the construction of public improvements for the Birch Grove Park Tennis Court Resurfacing, Project 1198, City of Newark, Alameda County, California.
 Bids shall be enclosed in a sealed opaque envelope. The envelope shall be sealed and clearly marked on its face with the Bidder's name, address and the notation "SEALED BID ENCLOSED, CITY OF NEWARK" with an identification of the PROJECT NAME, PROJECT NUMBER and BID DATE as identified on this Notice to Bidders. If the bid is sent by mail, the sealed bid envelope shall be enclosed in a separate mailing envelope/box. The mailing envelope/box shall also be clearly marked on its face with the notation "SEALED BID ENCLOSED, CITY OF NEWARK" with an identification of the PROJECT NAME, PROJECT NUMBER and BID DATE as identified on this Notice to Bidders. Mailed sealed bids shall be delivered to the office

of the City Clerk of the City of Newark, 37101 Newark Boulevard, Newark, CA 94560, Attention: City Clerk, Sheila Harrington, before 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 2020.
 The City Administration Building is currently closed due to a continuation of the COVID-19 Shelter-In-Place Order for Alameda County. **In-person delivered sealed bids will be received on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, only between 1:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.** by the City Clerk inside the front entrance to the City Administration Building at 37101 Newark Boulevard, Newark, CA 94560. In compliance with current COVID-19 Shelter-In-Place Order for Alameda County, the City of Newark is strictly enforcing Social Distancing Protocol and face coverings at all times and at all City buildings for all visitors and City employees.

On Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., all bids will be publicly opened, examined and declared via teleconferencing and electronic means.

To attend the bid opening by web browser, please use the Zoom link below for video and audio:
 Topic: Birch Grove Park Tennis Court Resurfacing, Project 1198
 Time: Dec 15, 2020 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
 Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/69545011379?pwd=d1pWSGJlcGg3em1GNVRmaVNmNHdz09>
 Meeting ID: 995 4501 1379
 Passcode: 560551
 Dial by your location
 +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)
 +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
 +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
 +1 312 626 8799 US (Chicago)
 +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
 +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C.)
 Meeting ID: 995 4501 1379
 Passcode: 560551

In the event a new or updated COVID-19 Shelter-In-Place Order for Alameda County is issued preventing the delivery or opening of bids as prescribed above in this Notice To Contractors, alternative provisions will be made for bid submittals at the same time and location. Any such provisions will be made available to all plan holders with an Addendum.

The improvements are generally described as follows:

Resurface four all-weather tennis courts with overall dimensions of approximately 240'x110' at the City of Newark Birch Grove Park. The scope of work includes localized 4" full depth asphalt concrete spot repair of tennis court areas damaged by tree roots; installation of root barrier; removal and installation of nets, net posts and sleeves, center tie-down anchors and windscreen; application of acrylic [J1] color surfacing system; application of line painting; and other items of work necessary for a complete scheme of public improvements.

It is the City's intent to award the contract for this work on January 14, 2021.

Plans and Specifications for the work may be obtained in electronic (PDF) format from the City of Newark Public Works Department, free of charge, via e-mail delivery by calling Ms. Helen Gordon at (510) 578-4452 or by e-mail to helen.gordon@newark.org.

Information regarding obtaining Plans and Specifications or a list of plan holders is available by calling Ms. Helen Gordon at (510) 578-4452 or by e-mail to helen.gordon@newark.org. All technical questions should be directed to Ms. Trang Tran, Senior Civil Engineer, at (510) 578-4298 or by e-mail to trang.tran@newark.org.

No pre-bid meeting is scheduled for this project. However, Bidders are strongly urged to visit the job site before submitting bids. Submission of a bid shall be considered as an acknowledgement of site investigation.

The Contractor shall possess a valid **Class A** California Contractor license at the time the bid is opening. The Contractor must be properly licensed as a contractor from contract award through Contract acceptance (Public Contract Code § 10164).

MANDATORY CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS & QUALIFICATIONS:

If a contractor is to be considered responsive to this invitation for bids, the Contractor shall have a minimum of five (5) years of experience in acrylic tennis court resurfacing or similar surfaces, and must be a licensed applicator as approved by the manufacturer. Documentation of mandatory qualifications shall be made in the section entitled "Bidder's Statement of Financial Responsibility, Technical Ability, And Experience" included in the Bid forms.

The successful Bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond. Items of work in conjunction with this project are included in the proposal. Bids are required for the entire work described hereafter.

As of July 1, 2014, all Contractors bidding on this project are required to register with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) and to pay the required annual fee. Under California Labor Code section 1771.1, as amended by SB 854, unless registered with the DIR, a Contractor may not bid or be listed as a Subcontractor for any bid proposal submitted for public works projects on or after March 1, 2015.

The City of Newark hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business and women owned business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, including a perception that the person has any of those characteristics or that the person is associated with a person who has, or is perceived to have, any of those characteristics in consideration for an award.

Pursuant to Section 1773 of the Labor Code, the general prevailing rate of wages in the county in which the work is to be done has been determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations of the State of California. These wages are set forth in the General Prevailing Wage Rates for this project. The Contractor and all subcontractors shall pay all their employees performing labor under this Contract salaries or wages at least equal to the general prevailing wage rates for the particular crafts, classifications or types of workers employed on this project. These wage rates appear in the latest Department of Industrial Relations publication. Future effective wage rates which have been predetermined and are on file with the Department of Industrial Relations are referenced but not printed in said publication, and are available on the internet at www.dir.ca.gov.

Dated: November 10, 2020
 SHEILA HARRINGTON, City Clerk
 City of Newark, Alameda County, California
 Published Dates: Tuesday, November 17, 2020
 Tuesday, November 24, 2020
 11/17, 11/24/20

CNS-3416451#

CITY OF FREMONT PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City of Fremont City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the following proposals. Said public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 1, 2020, Council Chambers, 3300 Capitol Ave., Bldg. A, Fremont, CA, at which time all interested parties may attend and be heard:

ACCEPTANCE OF COPS GRANT

Public Hearing (Published Notice) for the Acceptance and Spending Plan of the 2020/21 State of California Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) Grant.

MORRISON CANYON TRAFFIC SAFETY PROJECT

Public Hearing (Published Notice) to Certify a Final Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2020040061) Prepared and Circulated in Accordance with the Requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
 Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, a publicly accessible location will not be provided for the public hearing. Information on how to participate virtually will be made available, at least 72-hours prior to the meeting, on the agenda posted online <http://fremont.gov/AgendaCenter/City-Council-4>.

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

or prior to, the public hearing.

SUSAN GAUTHIER, CITY CLERK

11/17/20

CNS-3416096#

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS LAKESHORE PARK LANDSCAPE RESTORATION PROJECT NO. 1146

The City Council of the City of Newark invites sealed bids for the construction of public improvements for Lakeshore Park Landscape Restoration, Project No. 1146, City of Newark, Alameda County, California.
 Bids shall be enclosed in a sealed opaque envelope. The envelope shall be sealed and clearly marked on its face with the Bidder's name, address and the notation "SEALED BID ENCLOSED, CITY OF NEWARK" with an identification of the PROJECT NAME, PROJECT NUMBERS and BID DATE as identified on this Notice to Bidders. If the bid is sent by mail, the sealed bid envelope shall be enclosed in a separate mailing envelope/box. The mailing envelope/box shall also be clearly marked on its face with the notation "SEALED BID ENCLOSED, CITY OF NEWARK" with an identification of the PROJECT NAME, PROJECT NUMBERS and BID DATE as identified on this Notice to Bidders. Sealed bids must be delivered to the office of the City Engineer of the City of Newark at 37101 Newark Boulevard, First Floor Public Works Counter, Newark, California, before 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 17, 2020. At that time all bids will be publicly opened, examined and declared.

The improvements are generally described as follows:

Construction of upgraded landscape and irrigation improvements at Lakeshore Park, within the City of Newark. The scope of work includes mien earthwork and grading; installation of new irrigation system components and system alterations; installation of concrete pavers and decomposed granite surfaces; site furnishings; placement of new trees, plants, groundcover and grass materials; and other related items of work as needed to complete said improvements.

It is the City's intent to award the contract for this work on January 28, 2021.

Plans and Specifications for the work may be obtained in electronic (PDF) format from the City of Newark Public Works Department, free of charge, via e-mail delivery by calling Ms. Helen Gordon at (510) 578-4452 or by e-mail to helen.gordon@newark.org. If electronic delivery is unavailable, Plans and Specifications in PDF format are available, free of charge, on compact disc (CD) at 37101 Newark Boulevard (First Floor), Newark, California.

Information regarding obtaining Plans and Specifications or a list of plan holders is available by calling Ms. Helen Gordon at (510) 578-4452 or by e-mail to helen.gordon@newark.org. All technical questions should be directed to Senior Civil Engineer, Trang Tran at (510) 578-4298 or by E-mail to trang.tran@newark.org.

No pre-bid meeting is scheduled for this project. However, Bidders are strongly urged to visit the job site before submitting bids. Submission of a bid shall be considered as an acknowledgement of site investigation.

The Contractor shall possess a valid Class A or Class C-27 California Contractors license at the time of the bid opening. The successful Bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond. Items of work in conjunction with this project are included in the proposal.

As of July 1, 2014, all Contractors bidding on this project are required to register with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) and to pay the required annual fee. Under California Labor Code section 1771.1, as amended by SB 854, unless registered with the DIR, a Contractor may not bid or be listed as a Subcontractor for any bid proposal submitted for public works projects on or after March 1, 2015.

The City of Newark reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive any minor informalities, irregularities and/or bid non-responsiveness that does not influence the competitive nature of the bid. This project has one "Additive Alternate Bid Item." This work, or any portion thereof, may or may not be included in any contract to be awarded. The "Additive Alternate Bid Item" will not be considered in determining the basis of the lowest bid. The City Council will award the project, if it is awarded, to the lowest responsible Bidder as determined by the Total Base Bid only.

The City of Newark hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business and women owned business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, including a perception that the person has any of those characteristics or that the person is associated with a person who has, or is perceived to have, any of those characteristics in consideration for an award.

Pursuant to Section 1773 of the Labor Code, the general prevailing rate of wages in the county in which the work is to be done has been determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations of the State of California. These wages are set forth in the General Prevailing Wage Rates for this project. The Contractor and all subcontractors shall pay all their employees performing labor under this Contract salaries or wages at least equal to the general prevailing wage rates for the particular crafts, classifications or types of workers employed on this project. These wage rates appear in the latest Department of Industrial Relations publication. Future effective wage rates which have been predetermined and are on file with the Department of Industrial Relations are referenced but not printed in said publication, and are available on the internet at www.dir.ca.gov.

Dated: November 5, 2020
 SHEILA HARRINGTON, City Clerk
 City of Newark, Alameda County, California
 11/10/20

CNS-3414336#

PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

KENT PAIGE HUGHES

CASE NO. RP20077109

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of KENT PAIGE HUGHES AKA KENT HUGHES

A Petition for Probate has been filed by LISA HUGHES RIVERA in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda. The Petition for Probate requests that LISA HUGHES RIVERA 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. (The 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 12/09/2020 at 2:00 P.M. in Dept. D-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 in the respective department for information concerning remote appearances. 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.

Attorney for Petitioner: JAY ROADARMEL, 1811 SANTA RITA RD. SUITE 207, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, Telephone: 925-271-5646

11/3, 11/10, 11/17/20

CNS-3412794#

TRUSTEE SALES

T.S. No.: 9462-6650 TSG Order No.: 200238589-CA-VOI A.P.N.: 525-0962-004-00 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 09/15/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded 03/22/2007 as Document No.: 2007115042, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Alameda County, California, executed by: MOHAMMAD F. AHMED, AN UNMARRIED MAN AND HABIB AHMED, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Trustors, with Public Notice of Auction TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by 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, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state).

CASTRO VALLEY TOTAL SALES: 7							
Highest \$: 1,075,000		Median \$: 1,036,000					
Lowest \$: 830,000		Average \$: 984,429					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
1835 Knox Street	94546	830000	3	1302	1961	9/10/20	
3162 Brent Court	94546	915000	3	1692	1966	9/9/20	
3539 Arcadian Court	94546	935000	3	1352	1959	9/8/20	
3559 Jerald Court	94546	1036000	4	2210	1954	9/8/20	
2839 Chloe Court	94546	1040000	4	2736	1991	9/10/20	
6300 Mount Olympus Dr	94552	1060000	4	2088	1987	9/10/20	
18327 Joseph Drive	94546	1075000	3	1730	1956	9/10/20	

FREMONT TOTAL SALES: 18							
Highest \$: 2,750,000		Median \$: 1,102,500					
Lowest \$: 500,000		Average \$: 1,238,694					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
34468 Montgomery Pl	94555	500000	3	1390	1968	9/10/20	
37315 Gosling Terrace	94536	830500	0	0	0	9/8/20	
38355 Moab Drive	94536	900000	3	1120	1955	9/9/20	
3888 Invent Terr #302	94538	910000	0	0		09/10/20	
4842 Nelson Street	94538	920000	2	1204	1963	9/9/20	
2940 Pescadero Terr	94538	980000	3	2093	2013	9/9/20	
39617 Banyan Tree Rd	94538	981000	3	1220	1961	9/10/20	
49217 Park Terrace	94539	995000	3	1670	2004	9/9/20	
5180 Eggers Drive	94536	1025000	3	1390	1960	9/9/20	
37659 Los Arboles Dr	94536	1180000	3	1828	1971	9/9/20	
46634 Crawford Ct	94539	1240000	0	1862	1965	9/8/20	
38855 Litchfield Circle	94536	1240000	3	1808	1994	9/9/20	
35763 Ellmann Place	94536	1250000	3	1523	1970	9/9/20	
2072 Clematis Court	94539	1300000	3	1568	1963	9/8/20	
398 L Street	94536	1445000	0	3128	1985	9/9/20	
34107 Bridle Street	94555	1650000	3	1973	2016	9/9/20	
41371 Whitecrest Ct	94539	2200000	4	2754	1960	9/8/20	
42048 Paseo Padre Pkwy	94539	2750000	0	0	0	9/9/20	

HAYWARD TOTAL SALES: 16							
Highest \$: 1,845,000		Median \$: 700,000					
Lowest \$: 220,000		Average \$: 777,969					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
1224 Westwood Street	94544	220000	3	1383	1953	9/10/20	
256 Louette Court	94541	432500	3	1519	1955	9/8/20	
29588 Vanderbilt St #313	94544	450000	2	878	1988	9/10/20	
2732 Oliver Drive	94545	520000	3	1254	1971	9/8/20	
1737 Dover Place	94541	566000	0	1274	1978	9/8/20	
3231 Guillermo Pl #17	94542	620000	2	1578	1983	9/9/20	
1182 Inglewood Street	94544	681000	3	1081	1953	9/9/20	
306 Williams Way	94541	700000	3	1827	2011	9/8/20	
1252 Gomer Street	94544	700000	3	1200	1956	9/10/20	
263 Sullivan Way	94541	715000	3	1726	2011	9/9/20	
27223 Patrick Avenue	94544	720000	3	1148	1957	9/9/20	
31562 Greenbrier Lane	94544	810000	3	1233	1955	9/9/20	
1612 East Avenue	94541	930000	3	1886	1951	9/9/20	
30123 Mountain View Dr	94544	1238000	3	2701	2017	9/9/20	
28780 Vista Grande Dr	94544	1300000	4	3150	2018	9/10/20	
1 Dunfirth Drive	94542	1845000	0	3946	2017	9/8/20	

MILPITAS TOTAL SALES: 11							
Highest \$: 1,610,500		Median \$: 1,105,000					
Lowest \$: 453,000		Average \$: 1,058,045					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
86 Parc Place Drive	95035	453000	2	1192	2005	10/6/20	
1492 Cherry Circle	95035	780000	2	1065	2018	10/9/20	
2073 Lee Way	95035	900000	3	1456	2014	10/9/20	
1609 Lee Way	95035	915000	3	1456	2013	10/8/20	
1324 Chewpon Avenue	95035	1030000	2	1507	1981	10/9/20	
184 Orion Court	95035	1105000	3	1116	1957	10/9/20	
539 Chestnut Avenue	95035	1125000	3	1288	1960	10/9/20	
836 Lexington Street	95035	1180000	4	1977	1964	10/6/20	
406 Donahe Drive	95035	1250000	4	1482	1976	10/6/20	
973 South Park Victoria Dr	95035	1290000	0	2103	1968	10/5/20	
799 Valencia Drive	95035	1610500	4	2390	1984	10/9/20	

NEWARK TOTAL SALES: 5							
Highest \$: 1,062,000		Median \$: 968,000					
Lowest \$: 760,000		Average \$: 935,000					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
36648 Magnolia Street	94560	760000	3	1022	1948	9/9/20	
7946 Wells Avenue	94560	885000	2	1348	1945	9/10/20	
36078 Rosewood Drive	94560	968000	4	1360	1960	9/9/20	
38929 Trillium Way	94560	1000000	4	2131	2017	9/10/20	
6295 Escallonia Drive	94560	1062000	4	1522	1964	9/9/20	

SAN LEANDRO TOTAL SALES: 5							
Highest \$: 3,000,000		Median \$: 840,000					
Lowest \$: 453,000		Average \$: 1,179,200					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
14655 Doolittle Drive	94577	453000	3	1060	1979	9/10/20	
15212 Hardin Street	94579	728000	3	1114	1951	9/10/20	
16669 Winding Blvd	94578	840000	1	2000	1972	9/10/20	
1990 Bancroft Avenue	94577	875000	2	2000	1946	9/9/20	
857 Alvarado Street	94577	3000000	4	1353	1918	9/9/20	

SAN LORENZO TOTAL SALES: 3							
Highest \$: 682,000		Median \$: 500,000					
Lowest \$: 431,000		Average \$: 537,667					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
17601 Wickman Place	94580	431000	2	900	1971	9/9/20	
1568 Via Toyon	94580	500000	3	1402	1954	9/10/20	
17319 Via Susana	94580	682000	3	1031	1951	9/9/20	

UNION CITY TOTAL SALES: 5							
Highest \$: 1,100,000		Median \$: 840,500					
Lowest \$: 515,000		Average \$: 823,100					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
32783 Sumac Street	94587	515000	3	1425	1965	9/8/20	
32245 Mercury Way	94587	700000	4	1583	1971	9/9/20	
31239 Santa Maria Dr	94587	840500	3	1396	1968	9/10/20	
276 Appian Way	94587	960000	4	1930	1963	9/10/20	
32445 Darlene Way	94587	1100000	3	1974	1973	9/8/20	

Home Sales Report

Sea Level Rise

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF HAYWARD

A draft strategy for responding to the threat rising sea levels pose to the Hayward shoreline and adjacent natural areas, recreational features and critical infrastructure is available for public comment through December 1. The draft Hayward Regional Shoreline Adaptation Master Plan calls for the phased construction of a Line of Protection made of new Federal Emergency Management

Agency-certified levees, the raising of existing levees, and new resilience-building habitat, tidal marsh and wetland restoration and enhancement projects stretching from San Lorenzo Creek to the State Route 92 bridge approach. The plan aims to protect an array of water treatment facilities, flood-control pump stations, closed landfills, energy plants, private industrial development and Hayward Executive Airport, as well as to provide for the preservation of natural habitat and the adaptation and relocation of certain recreational amenities, including portions of the San Francisco Bay Trail. The plan anticipates sea levels on San Francisco Bay

to rise two to seven feet over the remainder of the 21st Century—a phenomenon that is the result of thermal expansion of the oceans due to higher water temperatures and the melting of glaciers and grounded ice caps. The plan is a project of the Hayward Area Shoreline Planning Agency, a joint powers authority made up of the City of Hayward, the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District and East Bay Regional Park District. To learn more, read the plan and provide feedback, visit the project page on the City of Hayward website: <https://www.hayward-ca.gov/shoreline-master-plan>.

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California voters reject revamp to property tax system

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

California voters rejected a proposal to partially dismantle the state's 42-year-old cap on property taxes, a move that would have raised taxes for many businesses in a pandemic-hobbled economy. Following Tuesday's update to the vote count, Proposition 15 had only about 48% support and was trailing by more than a half-million votes. Since 1978, California has limited tax increases to 2% a year until a property is sold. With prices climbing at a much higher rate, taxpayers who have held homes and businesses for many years pay far less than what the market value would determine. Proposition 15 would have allowed local governments to reassess commercial and industrial property every three years, while residential property, including home-based businesses, would remain under 1978 rules. The change would have generated up to \$12.5 billion in revenue. Supporters argued a ``split-roll'' system would help fix inequities that shield wealthy corporations from paying a fair share and deprive tax revenue for public schools and local governments. Several polls released before or during early voting showed the measure ahead, though not by much. The No on 15 campaign had a simple message: "Stop Tax Hikes," its red-and-white yard signs read. Rob Lapsley, president of the California Business Roundtable and co-chair of the No on Prop 15 campaign, said the outcome signals efforts to dismantle the 1978 tax system will fail.

"From day one, we knew that if voters understood the harm this deeply flawed tax hike would impose on California's economy and its families, farmers and small businesses, voters would reject this ill-advised effort," he said. The Yes on 15 campaign said Tuesday that it took on "the third rail of California politics" and achieved a level of support that many thought could never be achieved. "It represented a big step forward for a more equitable and prosperous state, and it provides a framework and base of power for future work and reform to truly take on the biggest challenges of our times on behalf of all Californians," the campaign said. The voter-backed 1978 Proposition 13 sparked a nationwide tax revolt and held enduring popularity. Jerry Brown, California's governor from 1975 to 1983 and 2011 to 2019, said several years ago that Proposition 13, enshrined in the state constitution, is "a sacred doctrine that should never be questioned." But backers of Proposition 15 mounted a formidable challenge by targeting only commercial and industrial properties, with exemptions aimed at small businesses. The measure would have raised \$8 billion to \$12.5 billion a year. After costs to counties to reassess property and some tax cuts for business equipment, local governments and schools would net \$6.5 billion to \$11.5 billion a year in a 60-40 split. Businesses would have been exempt if the property owner had \$3 million or less worth of commercial property in California. For businesses with fewer than 50 employees that occupy half a building's space, the changes wouldn't take effect until 2025. For others, they would begin in 2022.



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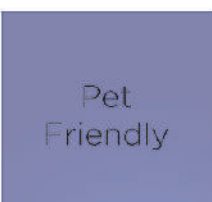
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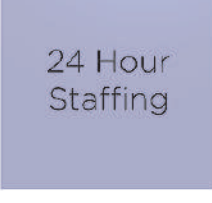
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