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SUBMITTED BY SAN FRANCISCO RECREATION & PARKS

An art installation coming to Golden Gate Park will transform Peacock Meadow into an enchanted forest of otherworldly shapes and ever-changing light, the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department and San Francisco Parks Alliance

announced in October. "Entwined," by San Francisco artist Charles Gadeken, will honor Golden Gate Park's 150th Anniversary.

The installation will run from December 10 through February 28 with a possible extension to June 1. The project is paid for through private donations to the Park Alliance's Golden Gate Park 150 campaign and does not use city funds. Peacock

Newark Artists Open Studios & Holiday Boutique Goes Virtual

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ADRIANE DEDIC

This year Newark artist Adriane Dedic is opening her art studio to everyone, near and far, by turning the popular annual Open Studios event into an online open studio holiday boutique, open now through New Year's.

You can browse her wearable art, new gift items, and wall art, posted on her web pages, safely, at your leisure, any time of day or night at www.myartiststudio.com. It's an easy, safe way to shop for gifts. If anything catches your eye, email: ad@myartiststudio.com to schedule a day/time to stop by her studio (mask required) and get a closer look at the item, and process the transaction if you decide to make a purchase. She can also mail items and process virtual payments securely. Here's a peek at some of her unique, artist-designed gifts.

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Fremont Doctor Treated COVID-19 Patients in Busy New York Hospitals

New Infectious Disease Specialist Gained Invaluable Experience on Frontlines of Pandemic

Dr. Stephen Catalya knows what it’s like to be on the frontlines of COVID-19. He spent the last three months of his fellowship treating patients for the novel coronavirus in three busy New York hospitals. This was during the first wave of the pandemic last spring.

“It was an experience I’ll never forget,” said Dr. Catalya, an infectious disease specialist who joined Washington Township Medical Foundation last August. “I was working in New York at the height of the outbreak there. We had to learn a lot about this disease on the fly.”

Infectious disease specialists are physicians who have received extra training to become experts in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases caused by microorganisms, including bacteria, viruses (such as COVID-19, HIV and hepatitis), fungi and parasites. These specialists treat patients in the hospital setting as well as on an outpatient basis in their offices.

Dr. Catalya was serving his infectious disease training fellowship – the last step before becoming an attending physician specializing in infectious diseases – at three of Mount Sinai Health System’s hospitals in Manhattan when COVID-19 struck.

“I got quite an education with the COVID-19 outbreak,” he said. “I spent a lot of sleepless nights monitoring severe cases. We know a lot more now about what works against COVID-19 than we did at the beginning of the pandemic.”

Dr. Catalya grew up in Walnut Creek, so he jumped at the opportunity to come back to the Bay Area and be near family. His mother – who is an oncologist – and stepfather still live in Walnut Creek. He also has cousins in the area he wanted to reconnect with.

“Family was a big reason for my return, and Washington Hospital is an excellent hospital, so it seemed like the perfect opportunity,” he added. “It’s very nice to be back, although I did have to get used to driving again instead of taking the subway.”

Why Infectious Disease?

Dr. Catalya said he became interested in specializing in infectious diseases while he was a resident at Hackensack Meridian Health in New Jersey. While there, he worked on two case studies that involved infectious diseases.

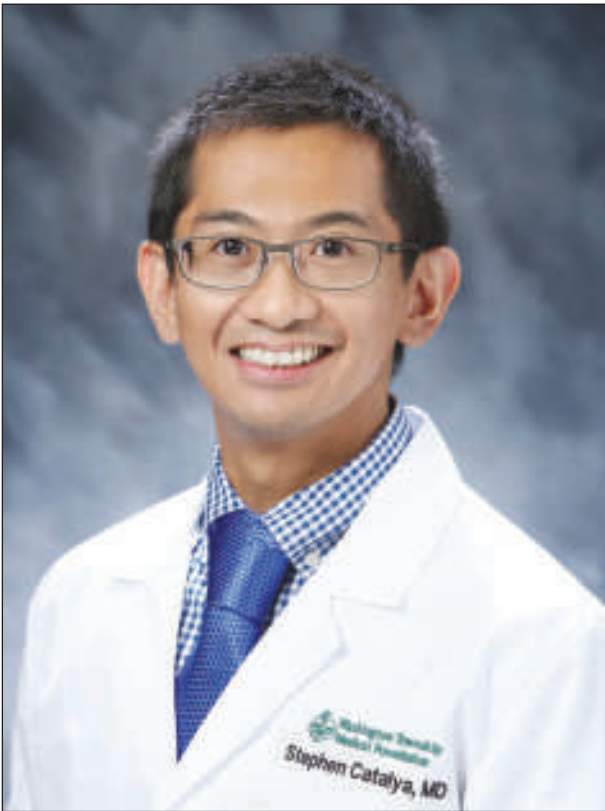
“I really enjoyed my time working on infectious diseases as a resident doctor,” he explained. “Considering all the possibilities and then coming up with the diagnosis – it’s very rewarding.”

Dr. Catalya is one of four infectious disease specialists who work at Washington Hospital. He consults with critical care doctors, intensivists and other physicians to diagnose and treat patients in the Hospital with serious infections.

He said most of the time patients can be treated for infections by their doctors, but specialists like him are consulted when the cause of the infection is not clear or if the infection is severe or not responding to conventional treatments.

“Sometimes we’re called in to determine if the patient really has an infection or if something else is happening,” he added.

Dr. Catalya is also building a private practice in Fremont, where he sees patients who don’t need to be in the hospital but still need specialized care. Recently he’s noticed an increase in the number of people with COVID-19.



Infectious disease specialist, Stephen Catalya, MD, is at the right place at the right time. “I know pandemic fatigue is setting in, but unfortunately, the virus doesn’t get tired.”

“Until the vaccine is rolled out, everyone needs to be very careful,” Dr. Catalya stressed. “I know pandemic fatigue is setting in, but unfortunately the virus doesn’t get tired. Wear a mask and maintain a safe distance from others. We need to stick together and help each other out with this.”

For information about Washington Hospital’s response to COVID-19, visit <https://www.whhs.com/COVID>. Next spring (March 16), Dr. Catalya plans to present “COVID-19: The Road Ahead” as an update for community members. Once the new year has begun, details will be available on the Washington Hospital events page at [whhs.com/events](https://www.whhs.com/events).

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	12/1/20	12/2/20	12/3/20	12/4/20	12/5/20	12/6/20	12/7/20			
12:00 PM 12:00 AM	Emotional Wellness During the Holidays	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting November 11, 2020	Medicare Open Enrollment: What You Need to Know	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes Complications and Amputation	The Signs and Symptoms of Sepsis	Ortho Overuse Injuries: Prevention and Treatment	WHHS Fremont Bank: Staying Healthy In 2020			
12:30 PM 12:30 AM	How to Prevent Financial Elder Abuse/Fraud		Don't Let Hip Pain Win	Colon Cancer						
1:00 PM 1:00 AM	Early Detection and Prevention of Female Cancers		Metabolic Disorders	Gastrointestinal Disorders	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting November 11, 2020	Sidelined by Back Pain? Get Back in the Game	Mental Health Education Series: Crisis Intervention			
1:30 PM 1:30 AM										
2:00 PM 2:00 AM										
2:30 PM 2:30 AM	Intro to Radiation Oncology Therapy	Preventive Care: What You Need To Know	Solutions for Weight Management	Anxiety: Stop Negative Thoughts	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting November 11, 2020	Diabetes Health Fair 2019: Diabetes & Stroke: What's the Connection?	Mental Health Education Series: Mental Wellness			
3:00 PM 3:00 AM	Diabetes Matters: Dining Out Around The World	Aortic Valve Disease: Treatment Options Including TAVR								
3:30 PM 3:30 AM	Active Living: Yoga Exercises	Mental Health Education Series: Understanding Mood Disorders	Strategies to Reduce the Risk of Cancer Recurrence	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting November 11, 2020	Diabetes Matters: Asian Fusion	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting November 11, 2020	Updated Treatments for Knee Pain & Arthritis			
4:00 PM 4:00 AM	Sports Medicine Program: Why Does My Shoulder Hurt?	Women's Health Conference: Reclaiming Your Confidence			Diabetes Matters: Latin Foods			Vitamins & Supplements: How Useful Are They?	Stress Management	
4:30 PM 4:30 AM	Mental Health Education Series: Family Support		Chronic Kidney Disease: FAQ	Caregiver Series: Codependency and the Caregiver	Caregiver Series: Securing Care Preferences Through AHCD					
5:00 PM 5:00 AM		Women's Health Conference: Women & Stroke: Are You at Risk?	Preventive Screenings: When and Why are They Important?	Hernias: Causes Symptoms and the Latest Treatment Options	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes & Eyes	How to Talk to Your Doctor				
5:30 PM 5:30 AM	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting November 11, 2020	Food Pharmacy: Prescription for Colon Health	Diabetes Matters: Filipino Food Made Healthy	Family Caregiver Series: Mindfulness Meditation for the Caregiver	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes Conversations	Diabetes Matters: Asian Indian Cooking	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting November 11, 2020			
6:00 PM 6:00 AM		Peripheral Vascular Disease: What You Need to Know	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting November 11, 2020	How To Stop Disease Before It Starts	Keeping Your Brain Healthy	Healthy Gut, Healthy You				
6:30 PM 6:30 AM		Suffer From Sinus Problems?						FB Live: Staying Fit While Working From Home	Sick Feet?	Women's Health through the Years: Screening is Key to Aging Well
7:00 PM 7:00 AM										
7:30 PM 7:30 AM	Understanding HPV: What You Need to Know	Mental Health Education Series: Anxiety Disorders	Advance Care Planning: Five Wishes	Women's Health: Planning for Pregnancy	Learn the Latest Treatment Options for GERD	How to Sleep Your Way to Better Health				
8:00 PM 8:00 AM	Laugh without Leaking: Understanding Female Urinary Incontinence			Diabetes Matters: Exercise IS Medicine	Family Caregiver Series: Understanding Healthcare Benefits					
8:30 PM 8:30 AM	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes and Your Heart	Strategies to Help Lower Your Cholesterol and Blood Pressure	Healthy Eating: Prescription for Health	Diabetes Matters: Basics of Insulin Pump Therapy	Women's Health Conference: Quality of Life Before and After Cosmetic Surgery	Endometriosis: Causes, Symptoms, Diagnosis and Treatment	Diabetes Matters: Heart Healthy Eating			
9:00 PM 9:00 AM				Oh My Aching Feet! Recognizing Common Foot and Ankle Problems	Mental Health Education Series: Understanding Psychotic Disorders			Hepatitis B and Liver Cancer: Prevention and Treatment	Advancements in Lung Cancer Detection and Treatment	
9:30 PM 9:30 AM	Diabetes Health Fair 2019: Diabetes and Foot Care	Wound Care: The Latest Treatment Options	Shoulder Pain: Causes and Treatment Options			Diabetes Matters: Italian Foods				
10:00 PM 10:00 AM	Fall Prevention	FB Live: Reduce Your Risk When Phasing Out of Shelter In Place	Mental Health Education Series: Understanding Psychotic Disorders	Hepatitis B and Liver Cancer: Prevention and Treatment	Wound Care: The Latest Treatment Options	Shoulder Pain: Causes and Treatment Options	Diabetes Matters: Italian Foods			
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Clean Hands Save Lives

**Washington Hospital
Healthcare System Observes
“National Hand-washing Awareness Week,”
December 1 - 7**

From Dr. Kildare in the 1960s to Grey’s Anatomy in more current times, every TV hospital series has shown surgeons “scrubbing in” before performing surgery. The hand-washing involved in this ritual is key to preventing postsurgical infections. So it’s not surprising that Washington Township Medical Foundation general surgeon Ramsey Araj, MD, takes hand-washing very seriously.

“I wash my hands thoroughly up to 50 times a day with a surgical scrub that cleans every surface of my hands, including between the fingers, under the fingernails and around the cuticles,” he notes. “I think that’s a big reason why I can’t remember the last time I got a cold or the flu.”

These days, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, careful hand-washing has taken on even greater importance. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), keeping hands clean is especially important to prevent spreading the coronavirus that causes COVID-19.

“We’ve known for ages about the importance of hand-washing to prevent bacterial infections that cause gastrointestinal illnesses and viral infections such as colds and the flu,” says Dr. Araj. “COVID-19, unfortunately, can be 10 times more deadly than the flu, so washing your hands frequently is more important than ever.”

Hand-washing binds bacteria and viruses to the soap or other detergent so the germs can be rinsed away. If these infective agents remain on your hands, they can get into your body through your eyes, nose, mouth or other mucous membranes. That’s why the CDC warns people not to touch their eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands. The CDC also notes that while COVID-19 is transmitted primarily through droplets or “aerosols” spread through the air, it still might be picked up by touching contaminated surfaces.

“When people ask me what other infections besides COVID-19 can be reduced through careful hand-washing, ‘all of the above’ is my usual response,” Dr. Araj remarks. “For example, the virus that causes hepatitis A can easily be transferred via unwashed hands. Bacteria such as salmonella and various viruses can get into foods and beverages when people prepare them or eat them with unwashed hands, resulting in gastrointestinal infections.”

Guidance for when and how to wash your hands can be found at the CDC website, [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov). Some of the basic CDC recommendations for when to wash your hands include:

- Before, during and after preparing food, and before eating
- Before and after treating a cut or wound

- After using the toilet or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet
- After blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing
- After touching animal food or animal waste

The CDC also advises following five steps for proper hand-washing:

- 1) Wet your hands with clean running water and apply soap.
- 2) Lather hands with the soap – including the palms and backs of hands, between fingers and under fingernails.
- 3) Scrub hands for at least 20 seconds (the amount of time required for singing “Happy Birthday” twice).
- 4) Rinse hands well under clean running water.
- 5) Dry hands with a clean towel or air dryer.

“When you don’t have access to soap and water for hand-washing, you can use ethyl alcohol hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 to 70 percent alcohol,” Dr. Araj advises. “Methyl alcohol or isopropyl alcohol – sometimes called ‘rubbing alcohol’ – will not kill bacteria. Plus, those types of alcohol can be toxic if too much is absorbed through the skin.”

In addition to being a surgeon, Dr. Araj serves as a hospitalist – a physician who specializes in treating patients in a hospital.

He also is the medical director of Washington Hospital’s operating rooms (ORs), with responsibility for the health and safety of not only all the patients in the ORs, but also of the physicians, nurses and medical technicians.

“Lately people have asked me if it’s safe to have a surgical procedure done in a hospital, wondering if they are safe from COVID-19,” he says. “I assure them that we have put many safeguards in place. It’s not just about washing hands thoroughly, but every surface in the Hospital is thoroughly cleaned, and each day every staff member is screened upon arriving to work. Throughout the Healthcare System, everyone wears a mask. We are committed to providing quality patient care and stopping the spread of COVID-19.”

Recognizing the importance of hand-washing in preventing infections, Washington Hospital Healthcare System has observed National Hand-washing Awareness Week during the first week of December for several years. To find out more about the precautions Washington Hospital has taken to slow the spread of COVID-19, visit their website at www.whhs.com/COVID.

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Adriane simplified her Flag Of Humanity 24"x36" textile art quilt and transformed it into a tote that has the words and design on both sides. Her Flag of Humanity was displayed in many local galleries. You can read the heartfelt story about its creation on her website.

Who doesn't love butterflies? Dedic designed an Imperial fan for the new Emperor of Japan and used the colorful purple Emperor Butterfly and Peacock Butterfly (indigenous to Japan) as the motif. She was one of six artists in the world whose design was selected to be made into an Imperial Fan in honor of the new Emperor for his

Enthronement. The beautiful butterflies seem to flutter on the silky 30"x80" scarf she designed, making it a perfect holiday gift. She also has the design on leggings.

Her popular Geisha art is on gorgeous pillows as well as scarves, totes, and marble tile plaques. A new item is a small 5"x7" shoulder clutch with geisha, cranes, butterflies, and even a red dragon. There is also a men's t-shirt with a proud Kabuki warrior.

The jewel-toned art of Gustav Klimt is Dedic's most recent inspiration. See her interpretation on designer pillows and plaques as well as an eye-catching sweatshirt.

You can see these items and more on her website. She has limited quantities in her studio, so email her if something catches your eye. Orders are taking longer than normal. It's not as much fun as chatting in person and watching her demo some of her creative techniques, but hopefully all that will take place next year at the 21st Annual Newark Artists Open Studios in 2021.

Virtual Newark Artists Open Studios
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Whimsical wonderland of lights



Meadow sits in the park's east end between McLaren Lodge and the Conservatory of Flowers and across from the new pop-up Welcome Center on JFK Drive.

The Entwined installation creates a whimsical wonderland where visitors can explore paths and sit under a grove of three entwined sculptural trees while practicing social distancing. The trees range from 12 to 20 feet tall with illuminated canopies as large as 30 feet, filling the meadow with changing light. Sculptures comprised of 2,000 LED lights cluster into small flowering bushes at varying heights, further filling the green space with peaks and valleys of radiating light. The variety of lighting effects are inspired by nature and build a sense of awe: Raindrops on the pavement, lighting and thunderstorms, wind blowing tall grass and flowers, and ripples on a pond.

"As the days get darker, this dazzling installation will light the way for park lovers to experience Golden Gate Park in a new and creative way as we close out its 150th Anniversary," said San Francisco Recreation and Park General Manager Phil Ginsburg. "A twilight stroll through the park's east will be truly magical this winter. People can visit the City's official holiday tree in front of McLaren Lodge before

exploring Entwined, marveling at the Conservatory's annual light show, and enjoying the 150-foot Observation Wheel and illuminated bandshell in the Music Concourse."

Entwined is a new concept designed for Golden Gate Park, although parts have been installed previously including at Electric Daisy Carnival Vegas and Canada's Toronto Light Festival. The public art project is ADA accessible.

"The installation is my latest exploration of this question, blending timeless natural objects with abstract forms and modern technology to evoke wonder, magic, and joy," Gadeken, said.

For more information, the public can email rpinfo@sfgov.org.

'Entwined' art installation
Thursday, Dec 10 – Sunday, Feb 29
Peacock Meadow, Golden Gate Park
240 John F Kennedy Dr., San Francisco
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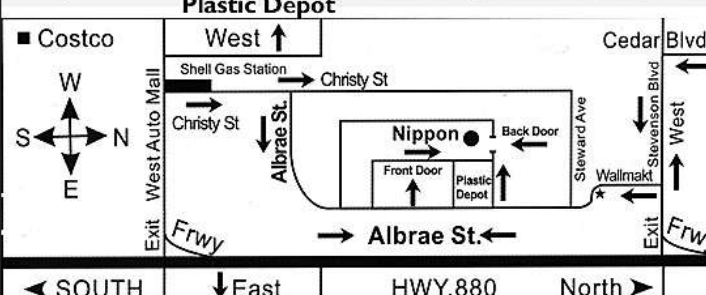
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As an extraordinary year ends, we are thrilled to see Kamala Harris make history as the first woman and as the first person of color elected as Vice President. The Bay Area born Senator turned Vice President-elect is a shining example of what is possible for our nation and the world when women rise to the top. As we conclude this extraordinary year, we look forward with renewed energy and take this moment to congratulate the Vice President-elect of the United States of America, Kamala Harris!

During this historical moment for women, we would like to announce that nominations are being accepted for the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame, honoring exceptional women making a difference in our community. Honorees will be celebrated in 2021 during an event co-hosted by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women.

The Women's Hall of Fame is now accepting nominations in 13 categories: Business & Professions; Community Service; Culture & Art; Education; Emerging Leader; Environment; Health; Justice; Non-Traditional Careers; Philanthropy; Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics; Sports & Athletics; and Youth. We strongly encourage you to nominate a community leader in any of these categories by visiting acgov.org/whof/nominations.htm.

More than 250 women have been inducted into the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame since its inception in 1993. In addition to honoring exceptional women leaders from Alameda County, the annual event raises funds for youth scholarships and supports local nonprofit community partners serving women, youth and families.

"As we honor the remarkable 13 inductees, we also celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional right to vote," states County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi. "In the past 100 years, we have seen women become mayors, governors, Congresswomen, and now elected as Vice President of the United States of America. We commend the trailblazing women who came before us and make the way for female pioneers to lead us through the next 100 years."

Visit our website at acgov.org/whof/ to learn more, or call (510) 272-6984.

What Waste Goes Where 2020 Holiday

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF HAYWARD

Holiday season in the era of COVID-19 means fewer gatherings, smaller guest lists – and a greater risk than usual for food waste. Check out these tips for sustainably navigating your holiday festivities in 2020.

Love your Leftovers

Fewer friends and family enjoying the same number of classic dishes is a recipe for food waste. Even if leftovers are part of your holiday tradition, tools like Sustainable America's portion estimator can help you size your feast with intention. Properly storing any leftovers you do generate in your freezer will help ensure that food doesn't go to waste. Bought too many of your nonperishable favorites? Consider sharing your surplus with the community. Check out StopWaste's Recycle Where? Tool for more information about opportunities for local food donation.

Don't Pour Turkey Grease, Oils, or Fats Down the Drain

A pan of turkey grease is an unavoidable part of any oven-baked bird. If you end up with more than

you can soak up with stuffing or whip up into gravy, be sure to discard it properly. Once cooled, pour all grease into a sturdy paper container like an empty box or egg carton. Be sure to capture as much grease as possible by wiping greasy pans and dishes with a paper towel or newspaper. Then, place all soiled paper items directly into the green organics bin. Fats, oils, and greases should never be directly poured down drains or garbage disposals.

Broken Glass Goes in the Trash

No holiday party is complete without a few party fouls. A broken plate, cup, wine glass, or baking dish is fine, but these types of glassware are not recyclable and should be placed in the trash.

Personal Protective Equipment

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'Longest Night Service'

SUBMITTED BY NILES DISCOVERY CHURCH

For many, Christmas time is a bittersweet time of year. For people who are dealing with grief, significant life changes, sobriety, family dysfunction, and other challenges, this time of year can be especially difficult. Niles Discovery Church has addressed this need by offering a "Longest Night Service" on December 21.

"This is the time of year with the longest nights and that can be challenging all by itself," noted the Rev. Jeffrey Spencer, senior pastor, Niles Discovery Church. "When one is dealing with the loss of a loved one, family dysfunction or, say, a pandemic, we have reasons not to feel so cheery at this time of year. That's why, on the longest night of the year, our congregation offers a special meditative worship service that makes time for remembering, sharing our hurting places with God, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ."

Due to the pandemic, this service is moving online this year, onto the Zoom platform; the public is invited to register at bit.ly/longnite2020. Traditionally, this service has been interactive, with people coming forward to light candles in the quiet. While trying to keep the service interactive, modifications have had to be made for the online environment.

"I'm hoping people will create a worship space at home by their computers," Spencer said. "Ideally, people will have a central candle (wax or electric) that we will light at the beginning of the service. In addition, I hope they have seven additional candles or seven stones (they don't have to be big) nearby to gather around that central candle as the service progresses."

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Mayors celebrate Diwali

SUBMITTED BY MILIND MAKWANA

To address the problem of Hunger, many organizations, mayors and mayor-elects gathered at a special Diwali event on November 22nd. The event showcased Indian cultural performances of dance and music. Event organizer Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh provided an update of volunteering efforts for COVID-19 service in partnership with Sewa International.

Through a unique program - "Sewa Diwali" (Sewa translates to selfless-service) -, hundreds of organizations and volunteers came together to address the problem of Hunger, both nationally and locally. Throughout the Bay Area, over twenty cities and fifteen partner organizations have participated in the Sewa Diwali initiative and to date, have collected over 7,000 pounds of food.

Over 4,000 families in the Bay Area were served and 5,000 masks were distributed with the help of more than 150 dedicated volunteers.

The "Community Diwali" event was attended by mayors Bob Woemer - Livermore, Sanjay Gehani - Foster City, Lily Mei - Fremont, Alan L Nagy - Newark, Barbara Halliday - Hayward, Melissa Hernandez - Dublin, Dave Hudson -

San Ramon, and Karla Brown - Pleasanton and representatives from local school districts, Indian community organizations and Jewish communities, among others.

Livermore Mayor Bob Woemer told the gathering, "I am happy to be part of this celebration; Livermore appreciates the Indian community for their service efforts". He presented a Proclamation on behalf of the City of Livermore. Foster City Vice Mayor Sanjay Gehani mentioned the spiritual aspect of the festival and, in accordance with Hindu philosophy, that there is something beyond the physical body and mind which is pure, infinite and eternal atma. Diwali is an event to light the inner light of our mind. All mayors echoed similar sentiments.

Esteemed guest Dr T.V Nagendra Prasad (Hon. Consul General of India - San Francisco) shared his thoughts regarding Diwali and the importance of helping local communities. Other notable attendees included Mr. Sarvajna Dwivedi, President, CEO and Co-Founder of AngioSafe Inc and Mr. Ved Nanda, Distinguished University Professor of Law at the University of Denver and President of HSS America Zone.

Madagascar. Pat has dedicated 30 years to studying the lemurs of Ranomafana National Park—a park she helped establish and the site for her discovery of a previously unknown lemur species. Join Oakland Zoo and this award-winning wildlife hero!

As always, the episode will feature a custom cocktail, so we can toast to a safe world for wildlife. Look out for the recipe, mix your cocktail, and join us live! Let us know what you loved about Cocktails & Conservation and what we can do better for 2021 by filling out the short survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8N2JWFW>.

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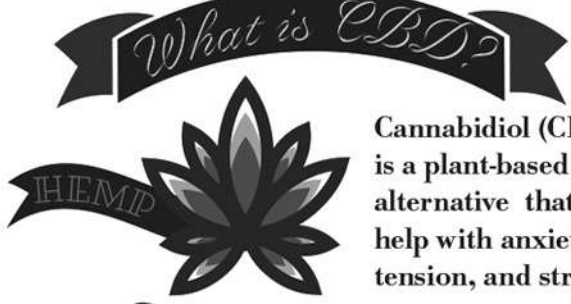
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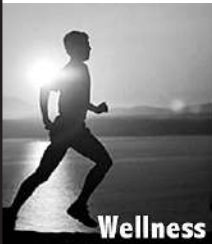
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In cities across US, voters support more police oversight

BY ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Voters in communities across the country approved measures on Election Day toughening civilian oversight of law enforcement agencies, including some that took years to reach the ballot but grew in urgency after global protests over racial injustice and police brutality.

The measures take aim at a chronic sore point in many communities, particularly among Black residents: that police departments traditionally have little oversight outside their own internal review systems, which often clear officers of wrongdoing in fatal civilian shootings.

“Recent events opened up people’s eyes more to how much this type of oversight is needed,” said Monica Steppe, a San Diego councilwoman who championed a successful proposal predating the protests that will dissolve the city’s current police review board and replace it with a more independent body with investigative powers.

However, the oversight boards don’t address other points of contention, such as the lack of diversity in many departments, and the perception of a different standard of police for Black residents than white.

In San Jose, California, voters approved an expansion of an independent police auditor’s powers, including the ability to undertake investigations even without a citizen’s complaint.

The proposal was in the works for three years, but the City Council voted to place it on the ballot in the wake of protests that erupted after George Floyd died in May after a police officer pressed a knee against his neck for several minutes while Floyd said he couldn’t breathe.

“It ended up being great timing for us because as the national spotlight shined on police excessive use of force and police brutality and certainly demands for oversight, we already had everything in the works,” said Councilmember Raul Peralez, a former full-time San Jose police officer and now a reserve officer.

And in Los Angeles, voters approved a measure requiring that at least 10% of county general fund revenue be set aside for alternatives to incarceration. But statewide, voters rejected a measure to replace cash bail with a system based on public safety and flight risk.

Critics of cash bail say it discriminates against poor people, including the disproportionate number of minorities in the criminal justice system. New Jersey in 2017 essentially eliminated cash bail.

In Portland, Oregon, voters approved a City Council-backed measure that gained momentum after the spring protests to create an independent commission overseeing misconduct investigations of Portland police officers. The measure already faces a police union grievance trying to stop it.

In Seattle, voters gave the King County Council the ability to specify the sheriff’s public safety powers. The goal was providing an alternative to some policing practices, such as expanding the use of social workers to respond to emergency calls of people in crisis. The referendum grew directly out of the reckoning that followed Floyd’s death, said Councilmember Girmay Zahilay.

A successful Philadelphia ballot issue creates a new civilian review commission and places it under the control of the City Council in the hopes of making it more independent. In Pittsburgh, a charter amendment requiring police officers to

cooperate with the city’s civilian police review board passed overwhelmingly.

“If you’re going to have oversight of police actions, then you need the officers who have performed those actions to be transparent, and for other officers who witnessed it to bring their testimony,” said Rev. Ricky Burgess, a Pittsburgh council member who pushed the measure. “Right now neither is required.”

The law enforcement community remains concerned that such oversight boards – which often don’t involve police input – are punitive and automatically assume wrongdoing by officers based on their prejudices, said Jim Pasco, executive director of the National Fraternal Order of Police.

“Because they come from a flawed premise, in many instances they’re going to lead to flawed conclusions and therefore the remedies they would propose are going to be equally flawed,” he said.

In Columbus, voters approved the city’s first-ever police review board. The measure was strongly supported by Democratic Mayor Andrew Ginther, who made its passage a top priority.

The Columbus police department had already faced criticism after a number of episodes, including the 2016 shooting of Henry Green, a Black man, by two undercover white police officers working in an anti-crime summer initiative.

Later in 2016, a white officer fatally shot a 13-year-old Black teenager during a robbery investigation. In 2017, a video showed a Columbus officer restraining a prone Black man and preparing to handcuff him when an officer who was also involved in the Green shooting arrives and appears to kick the man in the head. The city fired that officer, but an arbitrator ordered him reinstated.

Columbus police have a “significant disparity of use of force against minority residents” that the city must address, according to a report by Matrix Consulting Group last year for a city safety advisory commission.

The Columbus review board and an accompanying inspector general’s office will have the ability to pursue parallel investigations of police misconduct alongside the police department’s own internal affairs bureau.

The board wouldn’t have the authority to discipline an officer, but its report would end up on the desk of the city’s safety director, who does.

Details of the Columbus review board will be worked out in upcoming negotiations with the police union representing the department’s 1,800 or so officers.

Many officers want the process to be fair and don’t feel as if they were treated fairly by the city during the months of unrest, said Keith Ferrell, executive director of the union representing Columbus officers.

“Fair to the officers, fair to the citizens, and quite honestly doesn’t put the citizens at risk because officers are afraid to do their jobs,” Ferrell said.

The Columbus review board is not about demonizing the police, but is instead about accountability and restoration of trust, said Nick Bankston, the measure’s campaign manager.

“We heard loud and clear from the community that we currently have a system where it’s the police policing the police,” Bankston said. “That just doesn’t make sense, and there’s not trust that’s there.”

Associated Press writer Gillian Flaccus in Portland contributed to this report.

Judge nixes lawsuit challenging California home pot delivery

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD ASSOCIATED PRESS

In what could be a temporary victory for California’s legal cannabis industry, a judge has dismissed a lawsuit that sought to overturn a state rule allowing home deliveries statewide, even into communities that banned commercial marijuana sales.

The court challenge raised a fundamental question in the nation’s largest legal pot market: Where can you buy it? The state earlier ruled a licensed delivery can be made into “any jurisdiction” within California.

But a group of local governments behind the court challenge argued that the state was usurping their authority to regulate marijuana sales within their borders.

While the cities argued that the state rule “removes local regulatory power,” Fresno County Superior Court Judge Rosemary McGuire agreed with the state that the regulation and local ordinances “do not occupy the same field and are not in conflict.”

Without a conflict, “this matter is not ripe for adjudication,” she concluded in a Tuesday order.

McGuire agreed with the state that the regulation applies to state cannabis license holders, not local governments that filed the lawsuit.

The state regulation “does not command local jurisdictions to do anything or preclude them from doing anything,” she added. “It does not command local jurisdictions ... to permit delivery. Nor does it override their local ordinances prohibiting or regulating delivery.” With the case dismissed, marijuana deliveries will continue under the umbrella of the state rule.

But attorney Steve Churchwell, who represented the local governments, said the ruling did not affect the rights of cities and counties to regulate – or prohibit altogether – cannabis deliveries within their borders.

McGuire noted the state rule “does not impact the rights of any of the (local governments) to regulate cannabis or cannabis delivery.” She added, “Local jurisdictions can impose regulatory and health and safety standards that are stricter than state laws.”

The judge’s reference to the case’s “ripeness” appeared to suggest that the debate might not be over.

Reaction to the ruling – and its potential effect on the market – was mixed. Ellen Komp, deputy director of the California arm of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, known as NORML, called the decision a victory for recreational and medicinal users. “It’s an overreach of local control for a city to say that someone living there can’t receive a delivery from a licensed business,” she said in an email.

Cannabis attorney Hilary Bricken said the ruling preserves the status quo. Cities remain free to prohibit delivery, but if a licensed service delivers into a city that bans it, state regulators will not be involved in enforcement. That would fall to local authorities, she said.

The ruling “doesn’t really do anything to advance industry interests or increase access to state-legal cannabis for consumers,” Bricken said in an email.

Josh Drayton of the California Cannabis Industry Association said the delivery issue would continue evolving, along with the marketplace.

“It’s going to be up for interpretation moving forward. I don’t think we’re done having this discussion,” Drayton said. “It’s not settled. We are still in the midst of a cultural shift with cannabis.”

The state Bureau of Cannabis Control declined comment. When the state adopted the delivery rule in 2019, the League of California Cities and police chiefs complained that unrestricted home deliveries would create an unchecked market of largely hidden pot transactions, while undercutting local control guaranteed in a 2016 law broadly legalizing marijuana sales.

Marijuana companies and consumers had pushed for home deliveries because vast stretches of the state have banned commercial pot activity or not set up rules to allow legal sales, creating what’s been called pot “deserts.” Residents in those areas are effectively cut off from legal marijuana purchases.

California analyst forecasts one-time \$26B windfall

BY ADAM BEAM ASSOCIATED PRESS

California overestimated what it thought would be a jaw-dropping \$54 billion budget deficit, creating a one-time \$26 billion windfall for lawmakers to spend next year, the state’s nonpartisan legislative analyst said Wednesday.

The state’s spending plan was upended this year by the coronavirus pandemic, which forced the closure of many businesses and prompted millions of people to file for unemployment benefits.

Unsure of the virus’s economic impact, the state Legislature approved a 2020-21 spending plan that tapped its savings account and relied on a combination of tax increases, spending cuts and deferrals to make up what policymakers believed would be a \$54.3 billion deficit.

Legislative analyst Gabriel Petek said the state did too much, with the economic fallout from the virus so far not being as severe as lawmakers had feared.

While the pandemic has put millions of people out of work, most of them have been low-wage workers who earn less than \$20 per hour. Petek said the people who earn more than \$60 per hour and account for most of California’s tax payments have been largely unaffected financially, with many continuing to work from home.

The budget that lawmakers approved in June anticipated a 15% drop in tax collections because of the pandemic. But so far, tax collections are 9% higher than last fiscal year, with the state bringing in \$11 billion more than expected. The result is a one-time windfall Petek estimates at \$26 billion but said could fluctuate between \$12 billion and \$40 billion depending on what happens.

He warned that the money could only be spent once. Going forward, the state’s spending commitments are still more than its projected revenue, leading to a small operating deficit in 2020-21 that is expected to grow to \$17 billion by 2025, Petek said. State revenue in 2021-22 would need to be \$5 billion higher than projections to eliminate that deficit.

California’s budget year runs from July through June. Adding to the uncertainty is the recent surge in coronavirus cases that prompted Gov. Gavin Newsom to impose tighter restrictions on most businesses and contemplate a statewide curfew that could trigger another round of job losses.

“Current unknowns about the economic outlook create an unprecedented amount of uncertainty about this fiscal picture,” according to an analysis released by the Legislative Analyst’s Office.

Petek recommended Newsom and the Legislature put half the expected \$26 billion windfall into the state’s savings account and use the rest to address fallout from the pandemic.

Newsom will release his spending plan in January. Monday, he said his top priority will be “to support our small businesses that are trying their best to weather this storm.”

Democratic legislative leaders welcomed the news of the windfall but said they would be cautious. Senate President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins said “challenging times are not behind us.”

Phil Ting, Democratic chairman of the Assembly Budget Committee, said that while the improved outlook gives lawmakers “a little breathing room,” the state still needs help from the federal government to help with recovery. He said he would release a summary of the Assembly’s budget proposal next month.

“We cannot take our eye off the ball,” he said. “While the wealthiest individuals and corporations have gotten richer during the pandemic, there are millions more struggling Californians and businesses that need support to weather ongoing economic uncertainty.”



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GM flips to California's side in pollution fight with Trump

By TOM KRISHER
AP AUTO WRITER

General Motors says it will no longer support the Trump administration in legal efforts to end California's right to set its own clean-air standards.

CEO Mary Barra said in a letter Monday to environmental groups that GM will pull out of the lawsuit, and it urges other automakers to do so.

She said the company agrees with President-elect Joe Biden's plan to expand electric vehicle use. Last week, GM said it is testing a new battery chemistry that will bring electric-vehicle costs down to those of gas-powered vehicles within five years.

Barra sent the letter after a call with California Gov. Gavin Newsom, the company said.

"We believe the ambitious electrification goals of the President-elect, California, and General Motors are aligned, to address climate change by drastically reducing automobile emissions," Barra said in the letter.

Mary Nichols, the head of California's Air Resources Board, called GM's announcement "good news," saying Barra told her about it in a telephone call Monday morning. The board is the state's air pollution regulator.

"I was pleased to be in communication with Mary Barra again," she said. "It's been a while since we had talked."

Dan Becker of the Center for Biological Diversity, one of the environmental groups Barra wrote to, said GM was wrong in trying to stop California from protecting its people from auto pollution.

"Now the other automakers must follow GM and withdraw support for (President Donald) Trump's attack on clean cars," he said in an email.

The White House had no immediate comment Monday.

Last year General Motors, Fiat Chrysler, Toyota and 10 smaller automakers sided with the Trump administration in a lawsuit over whether California has the right to set its own standards for greenhouse gas emissions and fuel economy.

The companies said they would intervene in a lawsuit filed by the Environmental Defense Fund against the Trump administration, which has rolled back national pollution and gas mileage standards enacted while Barack Obama was president.

The group called itself the "Coalition or Sustainable Automotive Regulation" and also included Nissan, Hyundai, Kia, Subaru, Isuzu, Suzuki, Maserati, McLaren, Aston-Martin and Ferrari.

"With our industry facing the possibility of multiple, overlapping and inconsistent standards that drive up costs and penalize consumers, we had an obligation to intervene," John Bozzella, CEO of Global Automakers and spokesman for the coalition, said at the time.

Toyota, one of the big automakers in the coalition favoring the Trump standards, said Monday it is reconsidering its position.

In a statement, the company said it has supported year-over-year increases in fuel economy standards, and it joined the coalition because most other automakers agreed there should be a single U.S. standard.

"Given the changing circumstances, we are assessing the situation, but remain committed to our goal of a consistent, unitary set of fuel economy standards applicable in all 50 states," Toyota said.

The initial move put the coalition automakers at odds with five other companies – BMW, Ford, Volkswagen, Volvo, and Honda – that backed California and endorsed stricter emissions and fuel economy standards than proposed by the Trump administration.

But the coalition's stance was not so straightforward. For instance, although it opposed California, it still wanted Trump and the state to compromise on one national regulation.

In September of 2019, Trump announced his administration would seek to revoke California's congressionally granted authority to set standards that are stricter than those issued by federal regulators.

The move came after Ford, BMW, Honda and Volkswagen signed a deal with the California Air Resources Board, which had been at odds with the Trump administration for months.

Many automakers have said in the past that they support increasing the standards, but not as much as those affirmed in the waning days of the Obama administration in 2016.

Under the Obama administration requirements, the fleet of new vehicles would have to average 30 mpg in real-world driving by 2021, rising to 36 mpg in 2025. Those increases would be about 5% per year. The Trump administration's plan increased fuel economy by 1.5% per year, backing off an earlier proposal to freeze the requirements at 2021 levels.

Automakers say that because buyers are switching to larger trucks and SUVs, many companies would not be able to meet the stricter standards.

Kathleen Ronayne in Sacramento, California, and Aamer Madhani in Washington, D.C., contributed to this story.

Ruff story: Picture book to honor Biden dogs Champ and Major

AP WIRE SERVICE

The publishing world has a new pet project: A picture book about the Biden family dogs, the German shepherds Champ and Major.

Dial Books for Young Readers announced Thursday that "Champ and Major: First Dogs" will be published Jan. 19, the day before Joe Biden is to be sworn in as the next president. The book was written by National Book Award longlist nominee Joy McCullough and illustrated by Sheyda Abvabi Best.

"I learned to love dogs during an extremely difficult time, and have had one in my life ever since," McCullough said in a statement. "Their boundless devotion, affection, and unconditional love is essential to my mental health. My pets have always been (and always will be!) rescues, and I was delighted to learn that

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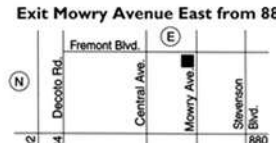
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California officials announce takedown of Aryan Brotherhood

By STEFANIE DAZIO ASSOCIATED PRESS

California authorities have arrested 50 members of the Aryan Brotherhood prison gang and the Fresnecks street gang in Fresno County as part of a statewide crackdown, officials said Friday.

Law enforcement authorities allege the violent criminal organizations have "significant resources" that members use to buy and sell guns and drugs. The members are also accused of perpetrating murders, home invasions, kidnappings, large-scale identity theft and fraud, as well as other violent crimes within Fresno County and across California.

The Fresnecks worked under the direction of the Aryan Brotherhood, authorities said during a news conference.

Police executed 26 search warrants and 65 arrest warrants on Thursday in five counties, officials said. Fifty people were arrested, and authorities found four guns, methamphetamine, heroin and more than \$40,000.

The overall investigation, including Thursday's operations, has resulted in 102 arrests as well as the seizure of 47 firearms, 89 pounds (40.37 kilograms) of methamphetamine, 5.75 pounds (2.61 kilograms) of heroin and \$136,156 in cash.

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**Kid Scoop Together:
Think and Discuss**

Make a list of safe websites and apps that your parents approve of. Talk about what makes them safe.

Note to Teachers and Parents:
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How to Be a Good Digital Citizen

A digital citizen is someone who uses technology safely and responsibly. Take the Digital Citizen Pledge!

- ✓ Read the Digital Citizen Pledge.
- ✓ Sign it and share the pledge with your family.
- ✓ Cut it out and post it near your computer.

Talk with a family member about the online rules below. Then have them sign the Digital Citizen Pledge with you.

Digital Citizen Pledge

I PROMISE TO:

- ☐ ask permission before going online
- ☐ set a time limit when using technology
- ☐ never share my user name or password with other people
- ☐ only talk to people I know online

Name: _____

My signature: _____

Adult signature: _____

1

Ask permission from an adult, like your teacher or parent, before you go online. They can make sure the places you visit are just right for you!

2

Only share your login and password with a trusted adult. Don't share with others, they could log in to your account and pretend to be you.

3

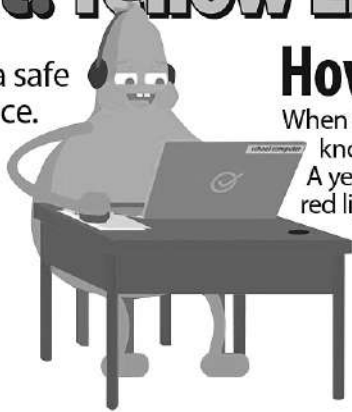
Don't talk to strangers online — they might not be who they say they are. Only talk to people you know in-person, and ask an adult for permission first.

4

Set a time limit with devices so you don't miss out on important things like spending time with your friends and family, homework, and sleep!

Red Light! Yellow Light! Green Light!

The internet can be a safe and wonderful place. But there are also places online where it is **not** safe for kids. How can you tell the difference?



How to Travel Safely Online

When traveling on streets, traffic lights keep people safe. You know already that a green light means you can cross a street. A yellow light means slow down and get ready to stop and a red light means stop immediately.

Common Sense Education has created lessons for helping children be safe and responsible on the internet. They created the Internet Traffic Light to help you.

A POEM ABOUT THE INTERNET TRAFFIC LIGHT

Do you know about the Internet Traffic Light? The poem below is a good way to remember:

We go online to find new things to do and see

The Internet Traffic Light shows where we need to be

Green means GO to sites we TRUST

Yellow means SLOW, being SAFE is a must

Red means STOP, ask if it's okay

Trust your gut to go the right way!

Q: What should I do when I find a site I think is a yellow light site?

A: It means the site is ok for you to visit.

Q: What should I do when I find a site I think is a green light site?

A: Leave the site and talk to a trusted adult about it.

Q: What should I do when I find a site I think is a red light site?

A: Slow down and leave the site, or ask a trusted adult for permission to visit.

Draw a line to connect each question with its answer!



Extra! Extra! Online Safety Poster

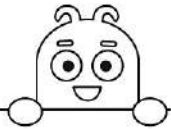
Look through the newspaper at the advertisements. Find a design you like and use it to create an advertisement for online safety.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information

Share this page with a parent. See if there are any other rules they would add to the ones on this page.

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What advice would you give a grown-up to not be distracted by devices? Draw about it.



Double Double Word Search

INTERNET
SAFETY
LIGHT
STREETS
SITE
TRAFFIC
ONLINE
RED
YELLOW
GREEN
VISIT
PLEDGE
SAFE
ASK
THINK

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

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C	Y	W	E	N	I	L	N	O	I
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: PERMISSION

The noun permission means being allowed to do something.

Katy's mom gave her **permission** to chat online with her best friend Melinda.

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Good Example/Bad Example

The newspaper is full of examples of things that are safe and unsafe. Look at the pictures, articles, ads and comic strips. Clip out three examples of things that are either safe or unsafe. Glue each to a piece of paper and write a safety rule that applies.

Standards Link: Health & Safety; Students recognize safe and unsafe situations or behaviors.



What kind of tea keeps you from getting hurt?

ANSWER: Safety!

Write On!

Best Friend

What makes a best friend? In what ways are you a good friend to others?

A true space oddity:

Local NASA ambassador takes award-winning seminars online

By HUGO VERA

With the number of COVID-19 cases skyrocketing in the United States this fall, the case for independent scientific research and growth continues to gain momentum. Amidst the chaos, NASA Solar System Ambassador Kailash Kalidoss is on a mission to educate willing minds about the boundless real-world applications of space-related research. For him, failure is not an option.

Immigrating to the United States from India in 2016, Kalidoss began his career at an aeronautics firm in Sunnyvale, CA before enrolling in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), a coeducational program spearheaded by the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary. His experience as a CAP cadet (and later as a second lieutenant), coupled with NASA research, led him to presenting a series of seminars that engage audiences of all backgrounds and educational levels on a plethora of space and STEM-related topics.

“The great thing about CAP and NASA training is that now I can choose which topics to talk about and I can work with any audience level,” states Kalidoss. “While the initial training program was tailored for cadets, I can



Kalidoss with an astronaut at Novato Space Festival in Aug 2019



In person event on origins of the universe



In person event at CAP on Starliner Program

Some of Kalidoss’ current endeavors include his work on the Artemis Project, described in a mission statement by NASA as having the goal of “landing the first woman and the next man on the moon.” Kalidoss was also invited to the Ames Research Center in Mountain View to assist a joint-operation between NASA and the German Aerospace Center called the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy, or ‘Project SOFIA.’ Project SOFIA launched a modified Boeing 747 plane carrying a reflecting telescope capable of telling the age of stars into orbit.

Despite recent breakthroughs in aerospace, Kalidoss wants to remind pupils old and new that you don’t have to become an astronaut just to learn something of value from his program.

“Many people want to become an astronaut, but not everyone will. However, you can learn so much from aerospace and it can help you go into so many other careers such as engineering, mathematics and molecular biology,” concludes Kalidoss. “You get out what you put into learning and you’ll be surprised by how high the prospects can be.”

For more information on Kalidoss’ NASA advocacy, visit <http://kailashkalidoss.mystrikingly.com>.

engage students all the way from high school to college as well as people of all abilities.”

Prior to the coronavirus outbreak, Kalidoss led a series of in-person classes in which he shared everything from his own “astrophotographs” of Mars to footage of satellite launches and taught students how to chart constellations in neighboring galaxies. On November 14, Kalidoss was awarded the 2020 CAP Frank Brewer Memorial Aerospace Education Award for Senior Member of the Year because of his program’s popularity and accessibility.

“There are definitely pluses and minuses to having to switch to teaching remotely,” adds Kalidoss. “While my in-person reach is now limited, I can still use tools such as Zoom to set up online meetings, and now I can network with anyone. Instead of just spending all their time playing video games or using virtual reality, people can learn something useful and stay updated as to what’s going on in aerospace.”

In addition to an increased social media reach due to his participants being homebound, Kalidoss states that the pandemic has made it easier to work his own set hours and spend more time at home with his seven-month-old daughter.



SpaceX launches 2nd crew, regular station crew flights begin

By MARCIA DUNN
AP AEROSPACE WRITER

SpaceX launched four astronauts to the International Space Station on Sunday on the first full-fledged taxi flight for NASA by a private company.

The Falcon rocket thundered into the night from Kennedy Space Center with three Americans and one Japanese, the second crew to be launched by SpaceX. The Dragon capsule on top – named Resilience by its crew in light of this year’s many challenges, most notably COVID-19 – reached orbit nine minutes later. It is due to reach the space station late Monday and remain there until spring.

“By working together through

these difficult times, you’ve inspired the nation, the world, and in no small part the name of this incredible vehicle, Resilience,” Commander Mike Hopkins said right before liftoff.

Once reaching orbit, he radioed: “That was one heck of a ride.”

Sidelined by the coronavirus himself, SpaceX founder and chief executive Elon Musk was forced to monitor the action from afar. He tweeted that he “most likely” had a moderate case of COVID-19. NASA policy at Kennedy Space Center requires anyone testing positive for coronavirus to quarantine and remain isolated.

Sunday’s launch follows by just a few months SpaceX’s two-pilot

test flight. It kicks off what NASA hopes will be a long series of crew rotations between the U.S. and the space station, after years of delay. More people means more science research at the orbiting lab, according to officials.

The flight to the space station – 27 1/2 hours door to door – should be entirely automated, although the crew can take control if needed. SpaceX had to deal with pressure pump spikes once the capsule reached orbit, but resolved the issue.

The three-men, one-woman crew led by Hopkins, an Air Force colonel, named their capsule Resilience in a nod not only to the pandemic, but also racial injustice and contentious politics. It’s about

as diverse as space crews come, including physicist Shannon Walker, Navy Cmdr. Victor Glover, the first Black astronaut on a long-term space station mission, and Japan’s Soichi Noguchi, who became the first person in almost 40 years to launch on three types of spacecraft.

They rode out to the launch pad in Teslas – another Musk company – after exchanging high-fives and hand embraces with their children and spouses, who huddled at the open car windows. Musk was replaced by SpaceX President Gwynne Shotwell in bidding the astronauts farewell.

Besides its sleek design and high-tech features, the Dragon capsule is quite spacious – it can

carry up to seven people. Previous space capsules have launched with no more than three. The extra room in the capsule was used for science experiments and supplies.

The four astronauts will be joining two Russians and one American who flew to the space station last month from Kazakhstan. The space station soared over the launch site a mere half-minute before liftoff.

The first-stage booster is expected to be recycled by SpaceX for the next crew launch. That’s currently targeted for the end of March, which would set up the newly launched astronauts for a return to Earth in April. SpaceX would launch yet another crew in late summer or early fall.



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Home & Garden

Book some time in the garden

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY DANIEL O'DONNELL

New technology often kills its predecessor. Records were replaced by cassette tapes, which were replaced by CDs, which were replaced by digital music files. Sometimes, the predecessor adapts. Such was the case when encyclopedias went from book form to digital. Every now and then, even though there might be a new technology, people like to stick what came before it. Gardening books are one of those things.

There is no doubt that the Internet has greatly expanded the amount of information a person can access. Adding wireless devices such as phones and tablets to the mix has made access to knowledge available almost anywhere at any time, including the garden. However, many gardeners still rely on books to get expert advice, inspiration, and enjoyment. Information in gardening books can be more reliable than information available online because they were reviewed before publishing. Gardening books also provide detailed information on specific topics that a gardener might not have known to ask about. Books have a limited scope that can narrow the focus in a helpful way when compared to the overwhelming amount of information available online.

Gardening books have some physical advantages over electronic devices. The text of a book is easier to read in bright

sunlight than on a mobile screen. It is easier to focus and absorb the information from gardening books because there are no distracting advertising or banners popping up repeatedly. Reading a page from a book puts less strain on the eyes and since many gardeners are “hands-on” people, holding a book to look up gardening advice may feel better. Furthermore, it is less likely and far less expensive to ruin a book by accidentally dropping it, getting it wet and dirty, or having a tree branch fall on it than it is for the same thing to happen to an expensive phone or tablet.

Here are some books that make great companions in the garden. Some are inspirational, some informative, some historical, and some simply enjoyable to read.

Sunset Western Garden Book. This book, which is described as the “Last Word on Gardening in the West,” has more than 8,000 plants listed. Along with stunning photos or impressive drawings for each plant, there is an encyclopedic amount of knowledge, expert advice on plant care, and tips on essential gardening techniques. There are also 30 plant selection guides to find the perfect plant for any situation.

Let It Rot. For the composting geek, **The Rodale Book of Composting** is probably the most comprehensive book on the science and methods of creating compost. **Let It Rot** is the best easy to read and follow guide to making compost



at home for the average home gardener who would like to turn their kitchen scraps and yard trimmings into compost without being overly laden with science.

American Green: The Obsessive Quest for the Perfect Lawn. This opinion-altering book takes the reader through the history of the American obsession with the lawn. It explains the reasons for lawn's explosion in popularity after World War 2 and subsequent decades of manic devotion. This book changes how people view their garden through historical data, irony, and humor.

The House Plant Expert. The world's best-selling book on house plants and the must-have sequel, **The House Plant Expert Book Two**, are beautifully illustrated and two of the most comprehensive guides for growing and maintaining house plants. Both books provide detailed information about different varieties of particular house plants as well as secrets of success and special care instructions.

The Vegetable Gardener's Bible. There are countless books on growing vegetables, but few consistently show up

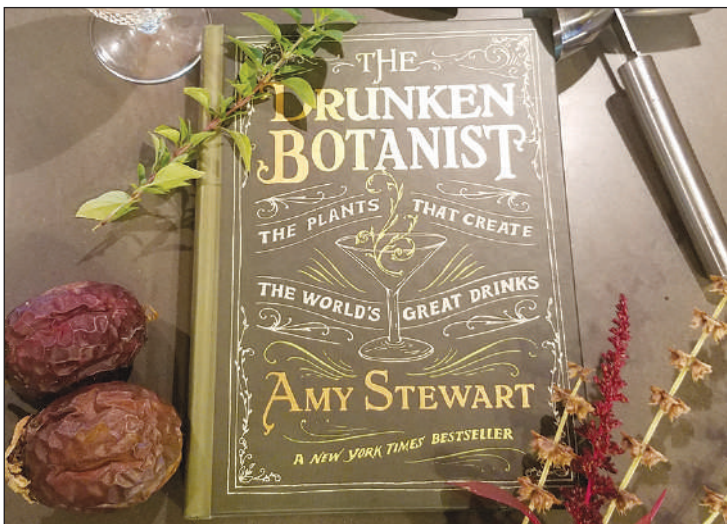
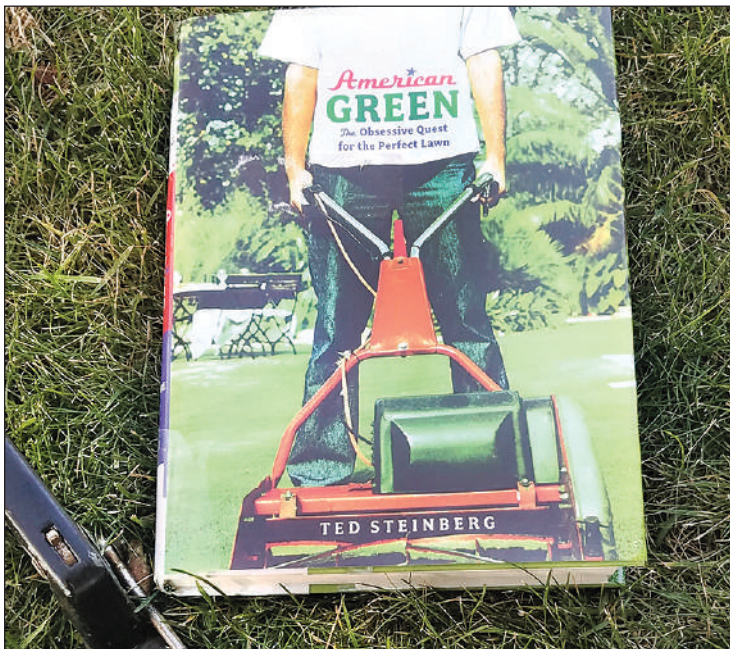
as consistently on garden publications' best of lists. The book is designed to be a roadmap for growing vegetables from seed to harvest. The high-yield W-O-R-D System, **w**ide rows, **o**rganic methods, **r**aised beds, and **d**eepest soil along with all of the other design, infrastructure, scientific processes, and technical information will steer anyone to success and drive up the vegetable production yield.

The Drunken Botanist. This book blends history, botany, biology, chemistry, booze, and bartending into an intoxicating creation. The book looks at the wide range of plants that alcoholic drinks are created from around the world both in the past and in the present. It includes numerous cocktail recipes that can be enjoyed just as much as reading the book.

Chicken Soup for the Gardener's Soul. Anyone who enjoys gardening already knows that this book must be uplifting. However, this book lets non-gardeners know the joy of gardening as well, via – as stated on the cover – gardening themed stories that “sow seeds of love, hope, and laughter.” Although the book can be read quickly, the stories will be remembered for a long time.

Much of the enjoyment from gardening comes from hands-on work. Touching the plants and feeling the soil are just two ways that a person's hands physically connect them to their garden. Having a book in those hands mentally connects them as well.

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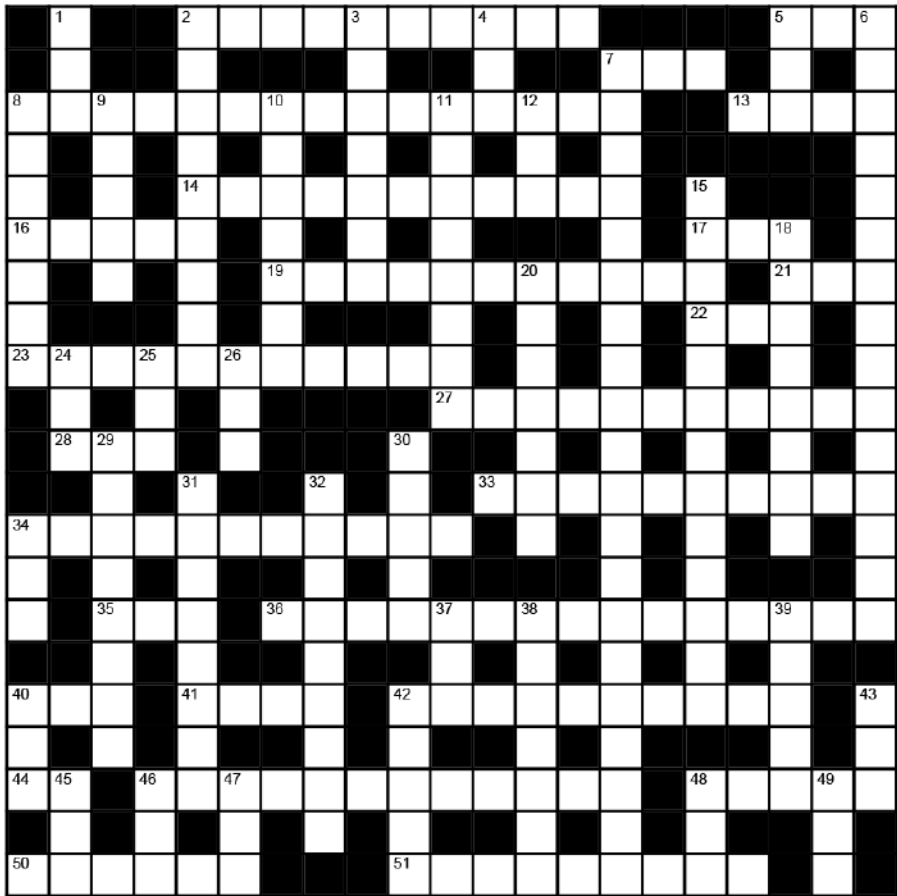


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Mind Twisters

Crossword Puzzle



- Across
- 2 Don't be cruel (4,1,5)

5 Cleopatra biter (3)

7 Cold war grp. (3)

8 No matter what (4,4,2,5)

13 18-wheeler (4)

14 Check mate? (7,4)

16 Schindler of "Schindler's List" (5)

17 P.D. alert (3)

19 Very bright (4,2,2,3)

21 N.T. book (3)

22 Sephia maker (3)

23 Special person (11)

27 Los Angeles suburb (3,8)

28 Jr. and sr. (3)

33 Frank (4-6)

34 Happy-go-lucky (4-3-4)

35 Clandestine maritime org. (3)

36 Not extreme (15)

40 ___ generis (3)

41 Dodge model of the 1980s (4)

42 Summer attire (10)

44 ... (2)

46 Head honcho (3,9)

48 Count with a keyboard (5)

50 Not as good (6)

51 Similar (1,3,5)

18 Nonconformists (8)

20 Go-between's business (7)

24 Beam (3)

25 IV amounts (3)

26 Venusians, e.g. (3)

29 Bombast (8)

30 Bamboozled (5)

31 Chicken dish (8)

32 Lacking (9)

34 New Deal inits. (3)

37 Lucy of "Charlie's Angels," 2000 (3)

38 Tar (3,4)

39 Desert sight (5)

40 Absorb, with "up" (3)

42 Pronunciation symbol (5)

43 Educ. test (3)

45 U.N. arm (3)

46 N.Y.C. division (3)

47 Predatory fish (3)

48 ___ choy (3)

49 Mineral suffix (3)
- Down
- 1 Afternoon hour in Italy (3)

2 Sauce (4,5)

3 Provokes (7)

4 "___ du lieber!" (3)

5 Marge's father-in-law on "The Simpsons" (3)

6 Carouse (5,3,4,3)

7 Batting order? (4,4,3,2,3,4)

8 All over the place (7)

9 Order members (5)

10 Running things (2,5)

11 Blows (8)

12 Suffix with president (3)

15 Pink slip (7-6)

Sudoku:

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

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Tri-City Stargazer FOR WEEK: DECEMBER 1, 2020

All Signs: Sun and Mercury are in Sagittarius (described last week). Venus is in Scorpio, and Mars is still in Aries. This year, Mars is in Aries for six months. It was

retrograde from September to November 13. At last, Mars moves forward and will finally leave Aries on January 6. Meanwhile, our fated Capricorn trio of Jupiter, Saturn,

and Pluto will soon end. In mid-December, both Jupiter and Saturn line up in Aquarius. In about six weeks, we begin a whole new ballgame.

Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20): This is a good week to make plans about education, publishing, manuscripts, important writing projects, media, medicine, and law. Some of you will make future travel plans. Financially, it's a good week to ask for a loan or mortgage. Doors will open for you because people are inclined to give you gifts or do favors for you. Now that Mars is no longer retrograde in your sign, you will feel energy building up with you. You are excited to go after what you want.

Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20): You are the financial wizard of the zodiac. Many of you work in financial institutions. This week you might make long-range plans about shared property, shared income, and shared responsibilities. It's a good time to do this because with Venus opposite your sign, relations with others will be mutually beneficial and conciliatory. Meanwhile, behind-the-scenes confusion and delays will begin to settle down. Get as much settled as possible because next year is subject to a few surprises.

Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20): You still need more sleep this week because the Sun is still opposite your sign. This also gives you an opportunity to see your style of relating more objectively in your closest relationships. However, this week is a good time to talk to close friends and partners to make long-range plans that might affect shared finances, inheritances, insurance issues

and shared responsibilities. Coworkers are supportive. Meanwhile, competition with a group or a friend is getting serious.

Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21): For some time now, you have been ambitious; however, since September, obstacles have thwarted you and made things difficult. Starting now, these obstacles will diminish, which means your ambitious plans might begin to take fruition. Continue to work to get better organized this week because you want to be performance ready. Work to improve your health. Fair Venus will insist that you socialize, explore romance, and enjoy good times and the arts.

Leo the Lion (July 22-August 22): This continues to be a fun-loving time; hence, you're enjoying warm relations with kids and a greater appreciation of the arts. This week you might make long-range plans that affect your kids or your work, especially in a creative way. You will enjoy relaxing at home and entertaining family if they are in your safe orbit. You will enjoy redecorating your digs and making them more regal. Quietly, plans for future travel or exploring opportunities in publishing, media, law, or medicine are taking form in your mind.

Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22): Home, family and your private life continue to be your primary focus this week. Serious, practical discussions with someone, perhaps someone

older, will take place. Disputes about inheritances, shared property or insurance issues are possible at this time and these might require family discussions, as well. Fortunately, with Venus in your House of Communications you will be diplomatic and charming with everyone. You will also enjoy your daily surroundings more and you also will feel more loved than usual.

Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22): This is an excellent week to talk to others because both the Sun and Mercury are in your House of communications. You will have a critical eye and will be quick to see what needs to be changed or corrected in your immediate environment. You might also be a teacher for someone this week even in an informal discussion. Because of your increased focus on your environment, you will buy beautiful things for yourself and loved ones. Fortunately, Mars is now moving forward. In six weeks, this ongoing stress to your relationships will be over.

Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21): "Show me the money!" This is an excellent week to make plans about how to earn money or boost your current earnings. You might devise a budget or a long-range plan to handle your assets more skillfully. Possibly, someone older or more experienced than you will give you some advice. Meanwhile, this is a great week to buy wardrobe treasures for yourself. In line with your desire to boost

your earnings, you are ready now to go forward at work with more serious ambition.

Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21): You continue to be empowered because the Sun and Mercury are both in your sign. This makes you charismatic, magnetic, and chatty. However, this week, you are more inclined to discuss serious topics and practical matters. You might have excellent advice for someone, and alternatively, you might learn something from someone who is older or more experienced. Secret love affairs are taking place for some of you – definitely. Meanwhile, sports, and competitive physical activities will appeal.

Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19): This continues to be low-key, private time for you because your personal year is ending, but your new year has not yet begun. Some of you might feel a bit lonely this week. Do what you can to feel connected with others because it will lift your energy. Fortunately, Venus in your House of Friendships will promote warmer relations with others, especially creative, artistic people. The confusion that has affected your home and family life is beginning to settle down. In fact, everything to do with your private life will have more clarity by February.

Aquarius the Water Bearer (January 20-February 18): This is a special time of year for you because friendships are important for all Aquarians and at this time of year, the Sun and

Mercury are in your House of Friendships. Discussions with a friend will be serious and focus on practical matters. You might feel lonely or cut off from someone. Fortunately, Venus at the top of your chart makes you look attractive to others, especially parents, bosses, and someone older or in a position of power. Certainly, now that Mars is moving forward, you are mentally energized and more confident about stating your opinions.

Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20): You continue to look wonderful to everyone because the Sun is at the top of your chart casting you in a flattering spotlight. It is the perfect time for you to ask for what you want. In fact, discussions with bosses, parents, teachers, and VIPs will be serious. You might ask for practical demands and solutions to something. You are ready to work to earn money. Relations with someone different might appeal to you at this time. In fact, any kind of travel or an opportunity to learn new things will appeal.



By Georgia Nicols
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CASTRO VALLEY TOTAL SALES: 15							
Highest \$: 1,580,000		Median \$: 1,018,000					
Lowest \$: 718,000		Average \$: 1,018,767					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
4078 Greenacre Road	94546	718000	3	1124	1953	9/17/20	
2312 Vegas Avenue	94546	721500	3	1032	1953	9/17/20	
5240 Proctor Road	94546	820000	2	1301	1948	9/16/20	
2263 Regent Way	94546	850000	4	2013	1970	9/17/20	
3929 Nichandros Street	94546	881000	3	1300	1956	9/15/20	
3219 Barrett Court	94546	900000	4	1664	1960	9/16/20	
18650 Center Street	94546	920000	3	1508	1955	9/17/20	
4808 Shauna Court	94546	1018000	4	2230	1969	9/15/20	
5351 Proctor Road	94546	1030000	3	1692	1966	9/15/20	
21332 Outlook Court	94546	1050000	3	1875	1958	9/17/20	
22525 Charlene Way	94546	1088000	2	2170	1941	9/17/20	
3718 September Court	94546	1110000	4	1504	1958	9/15/20	
17401 Dellhaven Court	94552	1270000	4	2361	1988	9/16/20	
25218 Century Oaks Cir	94552	1325000	4	2672	1996	9/15/20	
5714 Greenridge Road	94552	1580000	4	1834	1960	9/16/20	

FREMONT TOTAL SALES: 35							
Highest \$: 2,428,000		Median \$: 1,190,000					
Lowest \$: 675,000		Average \$: 1,237,757					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
935 Cherry Glen Cir #219	94536	675000	2	1168	1987	9/15/20	
49170 Aster Terr #304	94539	699000	2	1114	2004	9/17/20	
40123 Santa Teresa Comm	94539	735000	2	1199	1970	9/15/20	
39666 Catamaran Ct	94538	750000	3	1200	1961	9/17/20	
33096 Great Salt Lake Dr	94555	758000	2	816	1977	9/15/20	
1345 Sturgeon Comm	94536	851000	2	1178	1994	9/15/20	
38780 Bell St #13	94536	885000	3	1357	1979	9/17/20	
5675 Snowflake Comm #65	94538	901000	3	1309	1994	9/15/20	
3968 Fossano Comm	94538	1010000	3	1818	2018	9/16/20	
4953 Paseo Padre Pkwy	94555	1036000	3	1312	1986	9/14/20	
4849 Valpey Park Ave	94538	1075000	4	1551	1962	9/14/20	
39679 Lahana Way	94538	1100000	3	1200	1962	9/17/20	
5454 Reseda Circle	94538	1110000	4	1422	1994	9/17/20	
39238 Sundale Drive	94538	1120000	0	2688	1964	9/16/20	
4715 Griffith Avenue	94538	1135000	3	1776	1963	9/15/20	
5089 Ridgewood Dr	94555	1145000	3	1589	1990	9/17/20	
35187 Adriano Street	94536	1180000	4	1399	1965	9/17/20	
42651 Fern Circle	94538	1190000	3	1375	1987	9/15/20	
5317 Keystone Drive	94536	1207500	4	1443	1956	9/17/20	
43337 Columbia Ave	94538	1235000	3	1112	1954	9/17/20	
38738 Glenview Drive	94536	1261000	3	1330	1958	9/15/20	
355 Hillview Drive	94536	1275000	3	1695	1952	9/14/20	
1653 Ocaso Camino	94539	1275000	3	2058	1979	9/14/20	
4407 Richmond Ave	94536	1310000	4	1524	1961	9/16/20	
4448 Darwin Drive	94555	1310500	4	1476	1972	9/15/20	
36198 Malta Place	94536	1330000	4	1840	1965	9/17/20	
41935 Paseo Padre Pkwy	94539	1334500	3	1434	1960	9/17/20	
45100 Lynx Drive	94539	1424000	3	1637	1987	9/17/20	
40451 Andorra Court	94539	1456000	4	1899	1966	9/16/20	
1566 Gomes Road	94539	1530000	4	2001	1964	9/14/20	
98 Mission Square Terr	94539	1600000	4	2200	2001	9/16/20	
1009 Canyon Creek Terr	94536	1830000	0	0	0	9/16/20	
5054 Bonanza Drive	94555	1980000	4	2888	2017	9/16/20	
1288 Sioux Court	94539	2180000	5	3518	1979	9/17/20	
994 Hunter Lane	94539	2428000	5	3148	1991	9/17/20	

HAYWARD TOTAL SALES: 23							
Highest \$: 1,235,000		Median \$: 730,000					
Lowest \$: 438,000		Average \$: 749,304					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
260 Flint Court #12	94541	438000	2	1010	1991	9/15/20	
22303 Princeton Street	94541	510000	2	832	1947	9/15/20	
31005 Chicoine Avenue	94544	575000	3	1175	1955	9/14/20	
25579 Calaroga Avenue	94545	580000	3	1181	1959	9/17/20	
3226 Guillermo Pl #22	94542	600000	2	1634	1983	9/15/20	
21239 Gary Dr #213a	94546	600000	2	1395	1992	9/17/20	
25405 Parklane Drive	94544	652000	0	0	0	9/15/20	
154 Goodrich Street	94544	660000	3	1390	1952	9/16/20	
27661 Orlando Avenue	94545	670000	3	1119	1955	9/15/20	
1278 Inglewood Street	94544	695000	3	1034	1952	9/14/20	
749 Plantation Ln #14	94544	710000	3	1373	2002	9/15/20	
22826 Upland Way	94541	730000	2	1024	1948	9/17/20	
108 Fanuncio Lane	94544	775000	3	1921	2017	9/14/20	
2271 Gibbons Street	94541	809000	4	1982	2014	9/16/20	
26320 Dodge Avenue	94545	830000	3	1427	1957	9/17/20	
224 Caterina Way	94545	835000	4	1876	2017	9/14/20	
31043 Hershey Way	94544	845000	4	1522	1955	9/15/20	

630 Barron Way	94544	845000	3	1532	1960	9/17/20	
27535 Cliffwood Ave	94545	875500	4	1903	1956	9/16/20	
267 Ocie Way	94541	875500	3	1052	1953	9/17/20	
2173 Laguna Drive	94545	934000	4	2051	1992	9/17/20	
3268 Ursa Way	94541	955000	0	1780	1980	9/14/20	
2751 Seadrift Lane	94545	1235000	5	2687	2005	9/17/20	

MILPITAS TOTAL SALES: 25							
Highest \$: 1,580,000		Median \$: 1,025,000					
Lowest \$: 405,000		Average \$: 987,380					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
400 Dempsey Rd #201	95035	405000	2	842	2007	10/21/20	
1101 South Main St #219	95035	515000	1	635	2007	10/21/20	
1943 Landess Avenue	95035	690000	3	1155	1973	10/21/20	
760 Garden St #20	95035	751000	1	1072	2018	10/22/20	
600 South Abel St #304	95035	782000	2	1259	2007	10/22/20	
760 Garden St #40	95035	814000	1	1220	2018	10/23/20	
1222 California Circle	95035	820000	2	1236	2018	10/19/20	
1192 California Circle	95035	840000	2	1236	2018	10/22/20	
351 Silvertip Court	95035	855000	3	1215	1966	10/23/20	
1892 Joshua Tree Cir	95035	997500	3	1454	2020	10/22/20	
1411 Cherry Circle	95035	1000000	3	1997	2018	10/19/20	
1857 Yosemite Drive	95035	1000000	3	1064	1967	10/23/20	
420 Stulman Drive	95035	1025000	4	1158	1962	10/19/20	
1888 Joshua Tree Cir	95035	1030500	3	1454	2020	10/21/20	
335 Odyssey Lane	95035	1050000	3	1651	2014	10/19/20	
1469 Jupiter Court	95035	1050500	4	1272	1957	10/23/20	
1896 Joshua Tree Cir	95035	1089500	3	1727	2020	10/22/20	
1541 Coyote Creek Way	95035	1090000	3	1788	2014	10/23/20	
543 Folsom Circle	95035	1151000	3	1698	1983	10/23/20	
1631 Centre Pointe Dr	95035	1160000	3	2134	2018	10/22/20	
333 Odyssey Lane	95035	1162000	4	1947	2014	10/20/20	
1890 Joshua Tree Cir	95035	1256000	4	1782	2020	10/23/20	
1898 Joshua Tree Cir	95035	1262500	4	1881	2020	10/23/20	
1913 Joshua Tree Cir	95035	1308000	4	1881	2020	10/19/20	
813 Fulton Court	95035	1580000	5	2290	1981	10/19/20	

NEWARK TOTAL SALES: 5							
Highest \$: 1,180,000		Median \$: 872,500					
Lowest \$: 354,000		Average \$: 790,700					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
36854 Laurel Street	94560	354000	4	1946	1973	9/15/20	
6982 Jarvis Ave #56	94560	643000	2	1334	1982	9/17/20	
37557 Shelter Road	94560	872500	3	1490	2017	9/15/20	
6473 Buena Vista Dr	94560	904000	3	1766	1992	9/15/20	
5273 Sussex Place	94560	1180000	3	1610	1967	9/17/20	

SAN LEANDRO TOTAL SALES: 8							
Highest \$: 945,000		Median \$: 720,000					
Lowest \$: 455,000		Average \$: 712,500					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
13991 Doolittle Drive	94577	455000	3	1308	1974	9/17/20	
2360 Wimbledon Place	94577	600000	2	1371	1978	9/17/20	
16328 Helo Drive	94578	650000	3	1165	1947	9/16/20	
1581 Rake Court	94578	715000	2	981	1947	9/17/20	

2020 Youth Art Contest

SUBMITTED BY TIFFANY YEE

In November, Fremont Unified Student Store (FUSS) supported Youth Art Foundation's charity art contest to support victims of the California wildfires. Submissions were accepted from students grades K-12, and entry fees were donated to support those affected.

On behalf of Youth Art Foundation, I wanted to express our gratitude to those who participated in our first charitable Youth Art Contest. We have seen incredible and inspiring artworks submitted in this process, and an overwhelming, heartwarming response for those impacted by the fires.

Through this competition, a total of 231 students from various states all over America – California, New York, Florida, Virginia, and Minnesota – submitted their pieces. More than 400 works were collected, and in total, we raised about \$4,200. We will donate 100% of these proceeds to the California Fire Foundation. These proceeds will be split

evenly between support for our hardworking firefighters in the California Firefighters Endowment and the community hard-hit by the fires, Supplying Aid to Victims of Emergency.

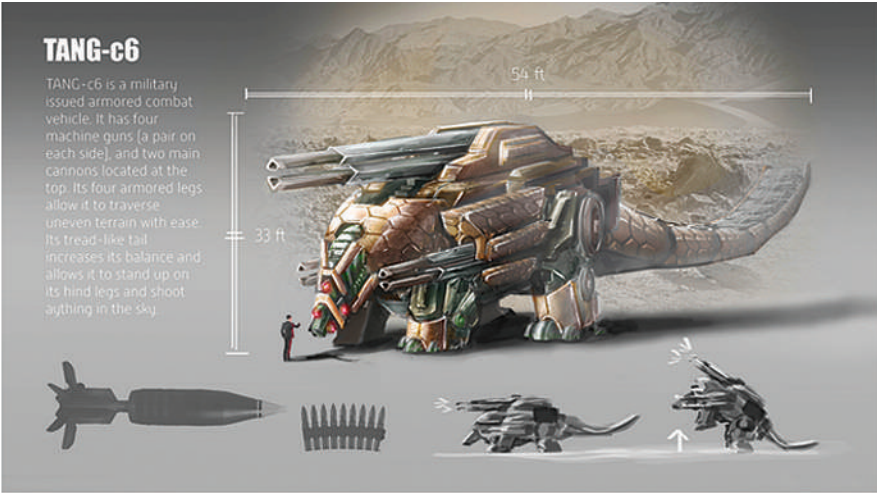
2020 is a year of unpredictable changes – to our day-to-day lives, our communities, and the world. We responded to these changes with our foundation's purpose, which is for students to use their love for art for the greater good of the community. Through this competition, many high school students dedicated their invaluable time and energy to organizing the logistics, from planning, making forms, scouting judging teachers, making award certificates, and creating the structure that made this event possible. These students exercised their leadership abilities and accomplished huge milestones for the community.

We would also like to thank FUSS for supporting and publicizing our competition – their promotions were instrumental in our success. Thank you again to everyone who participated and made our contest a resounding success. I hope that everyone will continue to support our activities in the next year, and for us to continue using our love for art and abilities to support our communities!

Congratulations to our 2020 Youth Art Contest Winners.
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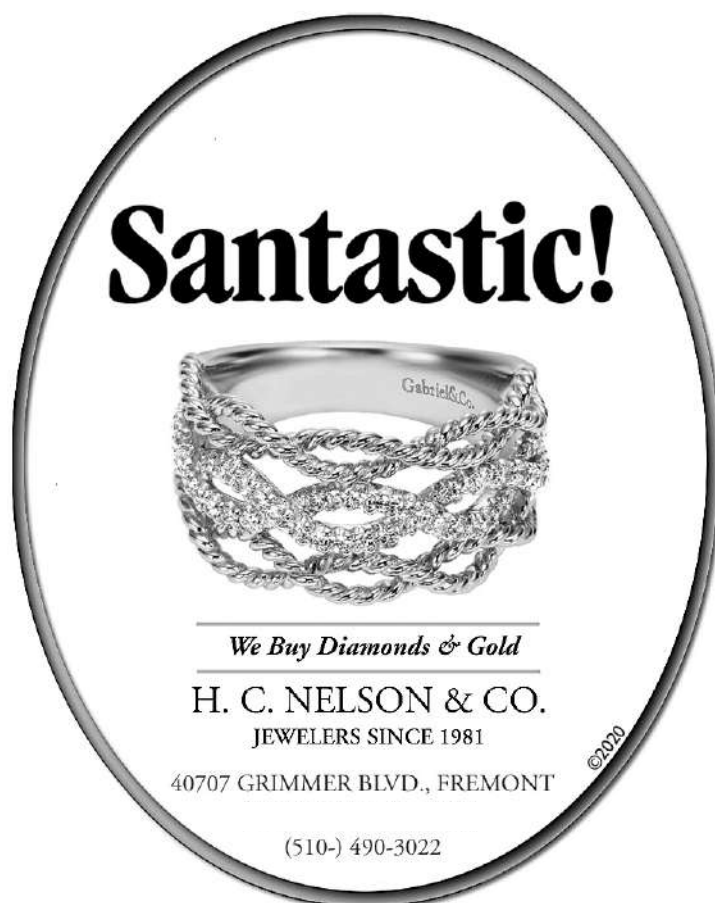
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Financial Aid Information Session
10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
In-depth look into the world of Financial Aid
cccconfer.zoom.us/meeting/register

Wednesday, December 2
Multimedia, CNET & You
4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Learn about two popular programs at Ohlone College
Via Zoom
https://bit.ly/36T8rWb

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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/47474

Tuesday, December 8
Financial Aid Information Session
6 p.m. – 7 p.m.
In-depth look into the world of Financial Aid
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Wednesday, December 9
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Thursday, December 10
Heart to Heart Conversations R
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How to respond during difficult family discussions
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Friday, December 11 – Saturday, December 12
Parrhesia 2020: A Community of Voices, Identities, and Diversity
8 p.m.
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Wednesday, December 16
Overview of Student Aid Programs
4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Learn about financial aid options available at Ohlone College
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Saturday, December 19
An Afternoon at the Opera \$
4 p.m.
Music at the Mission virtual concert: Michael Graham, cello, and Bill Everett, double bass
www.musicatmsj.org

Monday, December 21
Longest Night Service R
7:30 p.m.
Niles Discovery Church offers meditative service
Via Zoom
https://bit.ly/3nBaULV

EARTHTALK

Invasive beetles pose threat to many forests

FROM THE EDITORS OF E -- THE ENVIRONMENTAL MAGAZINE

Dear EarthTalk: Where I live in Southeast Michigan, an invasive insect called the Emerald Ash Borer is wreaking havoc on our forests. Are other parts of the country dealing with this pest or others that are killing large numbers of trees?

-- John D., Sterling Heights, Michigan

In a growing number of U.S. states, residents have been dealing with a different kind of quarantine that began back in the early 2000s and continues on today. But this one involves wood, not people, and the perpetrator is a beetle, not a virus.

The problem started in 2002 when the Emerald ash borer, an exotic green beetle that probably hitched a ride to the U.S. with wood materials from Asia, began decimating ash forests in Michigan. Since then, this little invader has killed hundreds of millions of ash trees across 35 U.S. states and five Canadian provinces. Ecosystems where these ash trees play a pivotal role are decimated, while forest products industries and property owners in these areas are also worse off. And wood coming out of affected regions is being quarantined to make sure it isn't harboring the invasive pest before being shipped out to other parts of the country or world.

While the Emerald ash borer is found almost exclusively on ash trees, several other invasive bugs are also plaguing other types of forests across the continent. Asian long-horned beetles, Spotted lanternflies, Banded elm bark beetles, Brown spruce long-horned beetles, Common pine shoot beetles and European oak bark beetles are just a few of the bugs preying on our native forests.

A new Asian gypsy moth strain is another emerging threat to U.S. coastal forests. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) warns, "If established in the United States, Asian gypsy moths could cause serious, widespread damage to our country's landscape and natural resources." In May 2020, Washington governor Jay Inslee issued an emergency order in response to the infestation. These moths have wrought havoc before, and scientists have offset infestations using a special kind of moss on different East Coast strains. Hopefully similar measures can counteract impacts on the West coast soon as well.

There are many factors driving the spread and growth of harmful species to trees in North America. Clothing imported from China, wood brought from Canada, sugar transported from Brazil, and much else of what we consume here that comes from abroad brings with it the transport of species, whether on purpose or by accident, with potentially catastrophic effects.

Climate change is also a factor. Insects live in specific environments based on weather, and their ranges expand and breeding seasons increase as global temperatures rise. Mountain pine beetle numbers, for example, have grown rapidly in recent decades due to the warming climate. Cold winters that usually drive beetles to hibernate, protecting pine forests for a spell, are growing shorter. Beetles can now complete two reproductive cycles in the expanded warm seasons, leading to increased tree mortality in affected regions. If warming continues at the current rate, trees won't be able to adapt fast enough to survive.

There's not much individuals can do to prevent the spread of invasive tree pests except by buying wood products produced by local logging operations or wood lots. Likewise, procure firewood from local sources, as many pests hitchhike into new terrain on firewood in back of the family station wagon.

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The Last Five Years



Pandemic has taken a bite out of seafood trade, consumption

BY PATRICK WHITTLE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The coronavirus pandemic has hurt the U.S. seafood industry due to a precipitous fall in imports and exports and a drop in catch of some species.

Those are the findings of a group of scientists who sought to quantify the damage of the pandemic on America’s seafood business, which has also suffered in part because of its reliance on restaurant sales. Consumer demand for seafood at restaurants dropped by more than 70% during the early months of the pandemic, according to the scientists, who published their findings recently in the scientific journal Fish and Fisheries.

Imports fell about 37% and exports about 43% over the first nine months of the year compared to 2019, the study said. The economic impact has been felt most severely in states that rely heavily on the seafood sector, such as Maine, Alaska, and Louisiana, said Easton White, a University of Vermont biologist and the study’s lead author.

It hasn’t all been doom and gloom for the industry, as seafood delivery and home cooking have helped businesses weather the pandemic, White said. The industry will be in a better position to rebound after the pandemic if domestic consumers take more of an interest in fresh seafood, he said.

“Shifting to these local markets is something that could be helpful for recovery purposes,” White said. “The way forward is to focus on shortening the supply chain a little bit.”

The study found that Alaska’s catch of halibut, a high-value fish, declined by 40% compared to the previous year through June. Statistics for many U.S. fisheries won’t be available until next year, but those findings dovetail with what many fishermen are seeing on the water.

Maine’s catch of monkfish has dried up because of the lack of access to foreign markets such as Korea, said Ben Martens, executive director of the Maine Coast Fishermen’s Association.

“The prices just went so low, they couldn’t build a business doing that this year,” Martens said.

The study confirms what members of the seafood industry have been hearing for months, said Kyle Foley, senior program manager for the seafood program at Gulf of Maine Research Institute. Foley, who was not involved in the study, said the findings make clear that the seafood industry needs more help from the federal government.

The federal government allocated \$300 million in CARES Act dollars to the seafood industry in May. The government announced \$16 billion for farmers and ranchers that same month.

“It helps to make the case for why there’s a need for more relief, which I think is our industry’s biggest concern across the supply chain in seafood,” Foley said.

The study concludes that “only time will tell the full extent of COVID-19 on US fishing and seafood industries.” Gavin Gibbons, a spokesman for the National Fisheries Institute in McLean, Virginia, said the short-term findings reflect the difficulties the industry has experienced this year.

“The closure of restaurant dinning has had a disproportionate effect on seafood and a pivot to retail has not made up for all of the lost sales,” Gibbons said.

SUBMITTED BY PLETHOS PRODUCTIONS
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KRISTY AQUINO

As theatres throughout the Bay Area are currently shuttered due to the ongoing pandemic, Plethos Productions, based in Castro Valley, has continued offering online entertainment since March. Digital Open Mic nights, virtual standup comedy shows and livestreams of their production of Much Ado About Nothing have brought in hundreds of audience members and performers from around the world.

Currently they are rehearsing and filming the musical The Last Five Years. This show features a fun pop-jazz score by Tony Award winning composer Jason Robert Brown. The show features two characters - Cathy played by Kristy Aquino and Jamie played by Ben Stevens. Audiences may recognize the pair from Plethos’ musical Next to Normal last fall at Smalltown Society. The pair are

in the same social bubble, which allows them to safely perform together for this high quality, multi-camera filmed live production.

The award-winning musical is an emotionally powerful and intimate show about two people – Jamie, a rising author, and Cathy, an aspiring actress – who fall in and out of love over the course of five years. The unique story is told starting from both the beginning and the end of the relationship. It explores the brutally honest perspective of both characters as they illustrate the highs, lows and messy middle of love. It was named one of TIME Magazine’s ten best shows of 2001.

The Last Five Years will be available to stream On Demand any time between December 4-13. Tickets are on sale now at Plethos.org. Get \$5 off using code L5Y2020

The Last Five Years

Friday, December 4 – Sunday, December 13

Plethos.org

Tickets: \$20

Local preschool closes after 40 years

By Stephanie Gertsch

Our Savior Lutheran (OSL) preschool has been a beloved part of Fremont since 1979 with a unique play-based approach to early childhood education. In fall of 2019, OSL was absorbed into Prince of Peace Christian School (POP), but parents and teachers looked forward to retaining OSL's identity intact within this larger community. However, 2020, brought unexpected changes.

OSL transitioned to remote learning in March. Parents received a tuition discount for the change in instruction, and many enrolled for the 2020-21 school year, scheduled to start in August. Teachers were paid through June, and families received a few email updates from the administration. As far as anyone knew, OSL would follow Fremont Unified School District and reopen with social distancing when safe.

On Monday, July 6, at a routine group Zoom meeting with administration, teachers were informed that their positions had been terminated and the school would be closing permanently. They were given until July 15 to remove toys, books, and supplies from their classrooms. Some teachers holding volunteer summer sessions were given permission to break the news to parents the following day. Parents were devastated to hear that their beloved school would close.

An official communication from POP administration did not explain that teachers were being laid off or that the school was closing permanently, only that it would be closed for the fall semester. OSL students would not be added to the waitlist for POP.

One parent, Lily Toy, organized a core group to reach out to Tom Zelt, Senior Pastor at Prince of Peace Church, for more information and, if possible, find a way to keep OSL open. Their communication of July 17 was answered by Zelt on July 22 stating that the decision was final. Requests for an in-person Zoom meeting were denied.



An OSL teacher commented: “We’d been carrying on. We’d been sending material out to the students. We’d also been holding zoom meetings with the kids and trying to continue as normal, as normal as you could get.” She stated, “No one was expecting to hear what we heard.”

Parents and the teacher interviewed agreed that the pain of the school closing could have been mitigated if administration had allowed parents and teachers access to the decision-making process. Toy explained, “They didn’t believe that a play-based preschool could be run virtually, and it was costing the school money to keep the teachers employed which we completely understand.” However, parents were willing to pay more in tuition to compensate for under-enrollment, and teachers were researching ways to hold in-person learning safely.

One parent shared, “It’s a church for us, not just a business.” At OSL, Parents and teachers saw themselves as members of a community, not merely customers and

employees. The abrupt change in attitude has caused some to question POP’s motives in acquiring OSL - whether POP had alternate plans for the property, even pre-COVID.

The teacher interviewed reflected on the OSL’s play-based philosophy: “How can you be an engineer if you haven’t played with Lego, or a civil engineer if you haven’t dug in the sandbox?”

Closure of OSL is a loss for local families seeking holistic early childhood education. Speaking for the entire OSL community, one of the teacher’s commented, “I miss them all. It was a good time.”

[Tri-City Voice reached out to Prince of Peace administration for comments but did not receive a response.]

HISTORY COLUMN

Native Plants

By Phillip Holmes
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Pioneer farmers had their share of difficulties trying to earn a living from the soil. The soil was rich, but it sometimes sprouted plants that created special problems. Wild mustard made it hard to harvest grain because all the stalks had to be separated.

There was a market for mustard seed so Erastus Johnson decided to gather and thresh it. He got a canvas, hired a man, hauled the mustard after grain harvest and separated the seed with horses and a roller. He shipped the seed to New York and netted about \$1,000. His success became known, and neighbors saved their own seed after that. His brothers, Charles and George, came from the mines the next year and, needing something to do, joined the mustard harvest.

They decided to try harvesting mustard on the uncultivated prairie lands owned by non-residents. They took a team and reaper and began harvesting mustard. In about three weeks all the mustard in reach had been harvested. The price had fallen, so they only netted about \$600.

Erastus got lost one night in “the mustard forests.” Even when he stood up in the saddle he could not see lights from settler’s houses. His pony finally

groped his way out of the mustard about midnight. The pony was apparently in no hurry because he nibbled at the grass along the way.

About this time, Rufus Denmark and his wife came from the East to Irvington. Mrs. Denmark had procured a package of mustard seed to plant here because “mustard was so good for greens after the snow melted.” The mustard seed was ruined when it got wet while they were crossing the Isthmus, and Mrs. Denmark deeply mourned her loss. The party reached San Francisco, crossed the Bay and rode the stage 30 miles to the “Corners” through the most luxuriant wild mustard ever seen. The stage road wound through mustard so tall one could not see the stage.

The authors of the History of Washington Township wrote in 1904 that in pioneer days, the country was covered with acres and acres of wild oats, tall enough to tie over the head of a man on horseback. Wild mustard from six to fifteen feet high rolled in golden billows over the valley and up the hillsides, and birds nested and sang among the blossoms. They decorated the Town Hall for their “Golden Jubilee” in 1904 with great branches of golden mustard blooms, California poppies and wild oats in luxuriant profusion.

The writers observed some changes in the 1950 edition. “Wild poppies and



Mustard at silva home

mustard still color uncultivated places, but the mustard and wild oats no longer can be tied above a man’s head.”

Mustard continued to appear in writings. The first students at Centerville School noted that they “cheerfully walked three long miles of lonely road with tall mustard growing high above their heads on either side.” Another writer wrote about a lost gravel yard. “Wild mustard grew like the veritable tree of the Bible and covered everything with its rank growth,” until destroyed by fire.

A few native plants became part of local government. Fremont’s original City Seal was designed with a poppy on the left side, but at the suggestion of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Marks, the Fremontia was chosen as the city’s flower. The Fremontia with five petals, just as Fremont had five communities, is a golden native California plant discovered by John C. Fremont.

Charles Shinn wrote that the Todd and Proctor flower gardens were the most noted of pioneer days:

“Grandma” Todd’s garden had roses, lilacs, oleanders, jasmines, spring bulbs and English irises. All family members were proud of the garden which furnished seeds and cuttings to hundreds of gardens. People sent flowers to them and it became a mass of lovely old-fashioned flowers.

Mrs. Proctor’s garden had the finest collection of native wild flowers in California. She gathered flowers and shrubs from canyon and hillside, and they grew for her as never before or since. There were plenty of gardens all over the broad valley by 1890, but no successor to that marvelous collection of wild California violets, lilies, irises, vines and shrubs of Mrs. Proctor.

Shinn noted that these two gardens belong together in valley history as “a sweet and royal memory.” Glenmoor residents carried on this tradition in later years.

Niles was a favored spot for gardens but also became known for its flower shows. The Niles School students staged wild flower shows in the late twenties and the Chamber of Commerce sponsored their first wild flower show in 1929 to encourage conservation of the 76 varieties they displayed. The family of George Roedings, Jr. started an annual outdoor bulb show in 1932. Thousands of friends and customers came from all over to see the flowers in bloom. Workers planted 164 varieties of tulips and there were over 200 varieties in the rose garden. The Niles Wildflower and Art Festival, sponsored by the Main Street Association, continues the tradition which now includes a quilt show.



Mabel Breitweiser in her rose garden in Warm Springs



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Thanksgiving



WILLIAM MARSHAK

There is one holiday that is distinctively American, carrying with it, substance and style. It sends a message of charity and selflessness at least once a year. A unique American writer, William Sydney Porter (September 11, 1862 – June 5, 1910), better known under his pen name, O. Henry, captured the charitable aspects of the Thanksgiving holiday and its irony as well.

Porter led a checkered life that illustrated the vagaries of life and was well positioned to understand the nostalgia and contradictions of an annual observance filled by many with generosity and plenty, segregated by hundreds of days of neglect.

The short story, Two Thanksgiving Day Gentlemen (1907 collection, The Trimmed Lamp), focuses on the traditional aspects of a relationship between destitute Stuff Pete and an

acquaintance - "the Old Gentleman" – who, every Thanksgiving Day for the past nine years, provides a lavish restaurant meal. The main character's name is appropriate as the yarn unfolds and, with a characteristic O. Henry twist; adherence to a well-meaning tradition leads to an ironic conclusion. For the curious, the story can be read online at: <https://americanliterature.com/author/o-henry/short-story/two-thanksgiving-day-gentlemen>.

As introduction to the story, O. Henry narrates that Thanksgiving is a day of reminiscence, going back home to "eat saleratus [baking powder] biscuits and marvel how much nearer to the porch the old pump looks than it used to." He pokes a bit in reference to the Puritans who initiated the tradition, saying that although we may not remember who they were, "Bet we can lick 'em anyhow if they try to land again." Tongue in cheek, he adds a barb at the self-absorbed City of New York and, by extension, others: "The big city east of the cranberry bogs has made Thanksgiving Day an institution. The last Thursday in November is the only day in the year on which it recognizes the part of America lying across the ferries."

Many individuals and organizations do address the needs of less fortunate fellow residents throughout the year. O. Henry recognizes this and illustrates the contrast between a tradition, its practices and its origin. Although the characters in Two Thanksgiving Day Gentlemen are

filled with well-intentioned thoughts and actions, the results are a dramatic contrast. Bound by tradition, Stuff, usually hungry and ignored, suffers from overindulgence while the Old Gentleman suffers from starvation. The friendly Thanksgiving Day gesture reveals a flawed result and an important lesson... strict adherence to tradition without reasonable reflection can lead to undesirable results.

Traditions are important. They pave a path from past accomplishments toward future goals. We have just celebrated an important component of our American heritage and, even in troubling times of pandemic and political chicanery, paused to reflect on the blessings of our existence and humanity. In the midst of this holiday season, it is important to consider what we can do throughout the rest of the year. Although this season of holidays is muted by COVID-19, there is light in the darkness. As solutions to our trials and tribulations emerge, hope and optimism can replace fear and negativity. It is in that spirit that upcoming holidays and those just past, including Thanksgiving and Diwali, guide our thoughts and actions toward a sensible and bright future.

William Marshak
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Outdoor Parks can Slow the Pandemic

The onset of colder weather has accelerated the pandemic, and Fremont residents are not immune. Though a quarter million Americans have died since last spring, health officials have been able to learn some important lessons.

In an interview with NPR, an epidemiologist at Boston University (<https://bit.ly/3kdPLWO>) says the most

important lesson is that the virus spreads easily through the air. Indoor gatherings at workplaces, prisons, retirement homes, restaurants and bars present the highest risk. While the virus can survive on surfaces, surfaces do not appear to be a major mode of transmission.

The epidemiologist also says that local governments can encourage safer gatherings. "Outdoor gatherings, especially ones that are really outdoors in the fresh air — we're not talking those tents or bubbles — and people have space to spread out, that is the lowest risk possible situation. And that should really be the last thing that we're putting regulation in place to stop."

"Furthermore, a lot of governments in the summer were closing beaches and closing parks, and those are actually where we should

be encouraging people to go instead of restaurants and stores and things like that."

This demonstrates that city officials were wrong to demand closure of the hiking trails at Mission Peak last spring. The city politicized the park closure. We'd urge city officials to listen to our County Health Dept, and keep parks like Mission Peak open to give people a place to walk outdoors. City officials should rely on science to slow the current surge, instead of politics.

Wm. Yragui
Co-Founder, Mission Peak Conservancy

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City Hall, Bldg A
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www.fremont.gov

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2nd Thursday @ 6:00 p.m.
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2nd/4th Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.
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Government Briefs

City Council summaries do not include all business transacted at the noted meetings. These outlines represent selected topics and actions. For a full description of agendas, decisions and discussion, please consult the website of the city of interest: Fremont (www.fremont.gov), Hayward (www.hayward-ca.gov), Milpitas (www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov), Newark (www.ci.newark.ca.us), Union City (www.ci.union-city.ca.us).

Five-year contract okayed by Union City and Alameda County Fire Department

SUBMITTED BY LAUREN SUGAYAN

The City Council unanimously passed a resolution on Tuesday, November 24 authorizing the Mayor to execute a five-year agreement between the City of Union City and the Alameda County Fire Department (ACFD) for continued fire and emergency response services.

The new contract includes, but is not limited to:

- A commitment by the ACFD to explore a new model for providing emergency medical services with the aim to create added efficiency in response to medical calls for service, a majority of all calls.
- The operation of three fire stations in Union City staffed by three personnel per shift and two and half positions that administer fire inspections, prevention and code compliance.
- A response time standard to arrive on scene after dispatch within 8 minutes and 30 seconds at least 90% of the time.
- A continued minimum payment by the City to the ACFD of \$201,688 annually to help pay down about \$9.1 million in retirement liability costs. As of today, the

City has contributed just over \$1.5 million towards this liability.

This signing of the contract marks a major achievement between the City and ACFD; ACFD has been operating on a month to month basis since September 2015 when the previous contract expired. The City first entered into a contract with ACFD in July 2010 and ACFD has provided outstanding service to the Community since contract inception. A couple notable achievements include successful property conservation and rapid suppression at the Gem Street apartment fire, and swift, effective containment and perimeter control of a 30-acre grass fire. The regional approach to the fire service has provided the promotional opportunity of Battalion Chief for two personnel serving Union City.

When the City began facing a long-term structural deficit to its General Fund, it became a top priority of the City’s strategic plan to significantly reduce all departmental costs within the City including the contract with ACFD, as a fiscal responsibility measure. Both the City and ACFD are satisfied with how far they’ve come in their negotiations and are confident that the residents and

businesses of Union City will continue to receive a high-quality service, while keeping costs down.

City Manager Joan Malloy commented: “This is a great display of how two sides can work through the tough issues and ultimately, bring forward a solid plan to continue the exemplary services provided by the ACFD. We are truly thankful for our partnership with the ACFD and we know that the residents and businesses of Union City deeply appreciate their professional services.”

In response, ACFD Chief McDonald stated: “On behalf of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, I am pleased that we may continue providing services to the Union City community. As a partner in service, the ACFD recognizes the need to be innovative and collaborative despite the fiscal obstacles we all face. Our regional service model is the backbone of the Department’s ability to provide cost-effective and comprehensive services which would not be possible for an independent city to do on their own. Thank you for entrusting this important civic duty to the ACFD for another five years.”

COVID-19 testing center requires health insurance or personal identification

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF HAYWARD

City of Hayward’s COVID-19 Testing Center is now requiring people to provide health insurance or other identifying information to allow the center to seek third-party reimbursement for its testing costs. The change has been made so Hayward can continue to afford providing COVID-19 testing for everyone 12 years of age and older, regardless of place of residence or immigration status and without charging a fee.

Insurance and other identifying information—a driver’s license or California ID card number or Social Security number—collected by the center will be used only for seeking test cost reimbursement from private health plans or public health insurance systems, such as Medicare and Medi-Cal. As a Sanctuary City, Hayward does not gather, maintain, or share any information with other governmental agencies for or participate in the enforcement of U.S. immigration laws.

While the center does not require a physician referral or private health insurance coverage to be tested, it does recommend conferring with health insurance plan administrators regarding individual plan requirements before making a COVID-19 test appointment.

Advance registration and appointments are available through the city’s testing partner, Avellino Labs of Menlo Park, at www.avellinocoronatest.com/info-patient/. For more information on health insurance coverage and COVID-19, visit State of California COVID-19 website at www.covid19.ca.gov.

COVID-19 Testing Center
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City receives recognition in environmental action

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF HAYWARD

Hayward is among just 88 cities worldwide and only three in the San Francisco Bay Area to receive a grade of A in 2020 for leadership on environmental action from the nonprofit organization CDP.

The designation recognizes the city for moving Hayward electricity customers to entirely carbon-free sources of power; for municipal investment in on-site renewable energy generation and recycled water infrastructure; for commitment to zero-net-energy facilities development; strategic planning to respond to rising sea levels; and for new building standards to phase out reliance on natural gas.

CDP, formerly the Carbon Disclosure Project, is based in the United Kingdom and runs a global disclosure system for investors, companies, cities, states, and regions to manage their environmental impacts. Every year, more than 600 cities report their climate data through CDP’s environmental disclosure platform and in so doing demonstrate commitment and transparency in climate protection.

In 2018, CDP began to score cities from A to D based on their disclosures for how effectively they are managing, measuring, and working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and for adapting to climate risks. All disclosed data available on CDP’s Open Data Platform -https://data.cdp.net/.

Results of zero-emission Tesla Patrol Vehicle Pilot Program

SUBMITTED BY KAYLA HARPER

On November 19, 2020, the Fremont Police Department (FPD) released the results of one of the nation’s first Electric Patrol Vehicle Pilot Program that tested a Tesla Model S 85 electric vehicle (EV) customized for patrol operations from March 2019 to March 2020. Results found that the pilot vehicle exceeded performance and operational objectives, withstood the rigors of police use requiring minimal maintenance, and proved cost-effective when factoring in overall cost of vehicle with maintenance and fuel savings.

Not only did the Tesla Model S 85 result in a lower total annual cost of energy/fuel, maintenance, and repair, it also demonstrated the effectiveness of electric vehicles in helping the City of Fremont meet its goals to reduce 2005 levels of greenhouse gas emissions by 55% by 2030 and achieve long-term carbon neutrality by 2045.

It is also expected that the Tesla’s average annual maintenance and repair costs will decrease over time as more data is available and the sample period is extended, with a roughly 50% reduction (approximately \$2,910).

Additionally, initial statistics from the City of Fremont’s Electric Patrol Vehicle Pilot Program have indicated that the reduced maintenance needs of electric vehicles will likely result in an expected lifespan of longer than five years (the expected lifespan for patrol vehicles), leading to additional cost savings.

In terms of performance, the Tesla Model S 85 met or exceeded expectations. The 265-mile range of the Tesla easily accommodated the 40-70 mile range that patrol vehicles drove on average per day.

“The final results from the one-year Electric Patrol Vehicle Pilot Program have been encouraging as the City of Fremont continues to look for cost-effective ways to help make Fremont more sustainable,” said Fremont Police Captain Sean Washington. “With an average of 27 fewer days of downtime per year, a savings of \$2,147 in the total annual cost of energy/fuel, maintenance, and repair, and no operational carbon dioxide emissions, the pilot program results have prompted Fremont PD to move forward with plans to expand its fleet of electric patrol vehicle alternatives.”

To date, the Fremont Police Department has acquired two out of the three additional electric/hybrid patrol vehicles it has budgeted for

the last two fiscal years: the 2020 Tesla Model Y (purchased for \$57,126.83) and the 2021 Ford Hybrid Explorer (purchased for \$48,223).

The newly purchased Tesla Model Y has many advantages over the Tesla Model S 85, including a lower starting price, an increased range of over 300 miles, more rear cargo and storage space for police equipment, and higher ground clearance to allow the vehicle to traverse a wide variety of terrain.

Comprehensive TCO calculations derived from the 388 City vehicles studied in the City of Fremont Municipal Fleet Electrification Study from May 2020 indicated EV replacement results in \$3,156,000 of savings to the City over the next 20 years, with \$2,457,000 of these savings directly related to Police vehicle replacement.

Additionally, the current City fleet’s greenhouse gas emissions impact is approximately 2,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide annually, more than half of which comes from Police vehicles alone. If the City were to electrify according to the above parameters, it could reduce its greenhouse gas impact from fleet vehicles by 53% by 2030.

To download the full-length report for the Tesla pilot project, visit http://www.fremont-police.gov/ElectricVehicle.

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Colleen Peters
Resident of California
1940-2020

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Elizabeth 'Betty' Perry
Resident of Fremont
May 25, 1940 – November 14, 2020

Ramon Iniguez

Resident of Cicero, IL

September 10, 1933 - November 12, 2020

Ramon was born on September 10, 1933 and passed on November 12, 2020 at 87 years of age.

Ramon is predeceased by his parents, Luis and Remedios Iniguez of Tepatitlan, Jalisco, his grandmother whom he adored, Maria Oropeza of Chihuahua, and his older brother Rafael of Blythe, California.

Loving, devoted husband, father and grandfather, Ramon is survived by his wife of 65 years, Lucy Garcia along with his seven children, Ramon Jr., Delia (Amado) Barajas, Christina (Jose) Flores, Gilbert, David (Alecia), Daniel and Louis (Kimberly) Iniguez. He is also survived by fifteen grandchildren and three brothers of Guadalajara and Tepatitlan, Jalisco, Mexico.

Ramon was born in Jerome, Arizona. In his early years, he grew up in El Valle de Guadalupe and Tepatitlan, Jalisco. Ramon later returned to the United States as a young adult. He lived and worked in California where he met his lifetime partner, Lucy from Niles, California and they were married in the early 1950's. Ramon and Lucy moved to Indiana in the late 1950's when he was offered a stable job opportunity in the Midwest where the American steel industry was thriving. He made Gary/East Chicago, Indiana his home and worked at Inland Steel as a railroad switchman for 22 years. He took annual, summer family trips driving cross country to California and Mexico to visit grandparents and relatives. The trips to Mexico were important as he wanted his children to learn the traditional Mexican culture and language. Ramon and his family lived in the Midwest until the early 1980's, then returned to live in Fremont, CA. Ramon retired from his second career job as a groundskeeper at the Pinnacles National Park after 10 years. He loved nature and the outdoors, and his job at the Pinnacles was the perfect way to end his working career. In the 1980's, he also built his dream retirement home on the hillside of Tepatitlan, Jalisco. He took family and friends regularly to entertain and vacation. He was very proud of the home that he and his eldest brother Rafael



designed and had built from the ground up! He and Lucy spent many summers at their beautiful home in "Tepa".

Ramon "Ray", was a quiet and simple man who loved reading the newspaper each morning with a cup of coffee. He liked driving his red, Ford F-150 truck, sporting his personalized license plate "Iniguez 1". Barbequing in the comfort of his backyard provided him tranquility. He was an avid boxing fan, tuning in regularly to watch Mexican boxing matches, he was also fond of old, classic John Wayne western movies, Chicago Cubs baseball games, Sunday Bears football, and listening to his favorite Ranchera and Mariachi, Vicente Fernandez music. The song "El Corrido de los Perez" was always on his playlist, a telling story about his family history from the early 1900's. As an aficionado of fine tequilas and Mexican brandy, Ramon always looked forward to family gatherings and holidays to share his finest reserves with those closest to him.

Rest in peace dear father, Ramon, we love you eternally and you'll be forever in our hearts.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 2, 2020, from 5: 30 to 7:30 PM, with a Rosary at 6:30 PM, Fremont Chapel of the Roses, 1940 Peralta Boulevard, Fremont. Funeral Mass will be held Thursday, December 3, 2020, at 12:30 PM, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, 41933 Blacow Road, Fremont, burial to follow at Chapel of the Chimes Memorial Park, Hayward.

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After a year lost in the woods, dog reunites with owner

AP WIRE SERVICE

Nearly a year after Walter the dog went missing in suburban St. Louis, apparently wandering the woods behind an industrial park, the golden retriever is back with his owner.

KSDK-TV reports that Kate Olson of New Hampshire was in Arnold, Missouri, visiting relatives last Thanksgiving when Walter slipped out of his collar and took off. Olson stayed in Missouri for weeks searching for the dog and printing and distributing fliers.

She eventually returned to New England but got calls about sightings. She returned in January to

search again. No luck, so she created a "Where's Walter?" Facebook page and enlisted animal rescue groups in the search.

Finally, on Friday, Olson got the call she had been waiting for. A group based in Belleville, Illinois, called Lost Paws Trapping was able to capture Walter. Olson immediately got on a plane and was reunited with Walter Friday night.

"He has been such a little love," Olson said. "He is the same sweet boy he was before and maybe even sweeter because he has missed getting loved on!"

Rudolph, Santa figures soar to sale of \$368,000 at auction

AP WIRE SERVICE

And how the bidders loved him!

A buyer shouted out with glee that they would pay \$368,000 for the Rudolph and Santa Claus figures used in the perennially beloved Christmas special "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer."

Bidding for the figures soared past the projected sale price of between \$150,000 and \$200,000 on Friday at the Icons & Legends of Hollywood Auction held in Los Angeles by Profiles in History.

The buyer was not identified. The seller was Peter Luttrario, 65, of New York, who told The Associated Press before the auction that he thought he would never part with the dolls but wanted to be able to take care of his children and grandchildren with the money.

The figures were among several used to make the 1964 stop-motion animation television special.

The 6-inch-tall Rudolph and 11-inch-tall Santa were made in Tokyo of wood, wire, cloth and leather, and are still malleable. Rudolph's nose still lights up. Santa's beard is made from yak hair.

Other highlights from the two-day auction include Marilyn Monroe's tiger-striped gown from "The Seven Year Itch," which sold for a whopping \$593,750. Another Monroe gown that she wore when she met Queen Elizabeth II at a London film premiere went for \$294,400.

A Scarlett O'Hara dress that Vivien Leigh wore in "Gone With the Wind" and Gene Kelly's rain suit from "Singin' in the Rain" sold for \$150,000 apiece.

Colleen Janis (Cech) Peters

Resident of California

1940-2020

After 80 years, friends and family will say goodbye to Colleen Peters at services to be held at Irvington Cemetery in Fremont, California on December 2nd. Colleen entered into rest on Sunday, November 22nd, 2020, in Arizona. Colleen was born in Hendricks, Minnesota, to Joseph and Ione (Olson) Cech. After graduating from Canby High School in 1958, she attended Mankato State University. Colleen and Charles (Chuck) Peters were married in 1961 at St Peters Catholic Church in Canby, Minnesota. Colleen loved the outdoors and was an avid horsewoman. Colleen worked for Annabelle Candy Company and retired as Vice President after 30 years. For the past two years, Colleen and her daughter Carie have resided in Arizona. Colleen was devoted to her family and friends. She is preceded in death



by her parents, her brother, Joseph Cech, and her husband, Charles Peters. Colleen is survived by daughter Carie Peters, her sister, Sandra Eberle, and her brother, Jon Cech. She will be greatly missed! For more information, please contact Berge Pappas Smith Chapel of the Angels.

Donations Needed for the Winter Shelter and CleanStart

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF FREMONT HUMAN RESOURCES

A variety of items is needed to prepare for the Winter Shelter, opening on December 1st, and for the CleanStart mobile hygiene unit:

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

Dear Rusty: I am 66 now and will be 67 in December and my question is this: Should I take Social Security now or wait? I am still working full time and plan to work for a few more years, at least until I'm 70 but maybe longer. I was told by a friend that I should take my Social Security now and put the money into savings, invest it or use it. And, since I'm still working, I'm still contributing to Social Security, so that when I reach 70, I should get the full amount. I am not sure if this is accurate so would like to hear your advice. Signed: Uncertain Lady

Dear Uncertain Lady: By taking your Social Security benefit now you will be locking into a benefit amount that is smaller than it would otherwise be if you wait longer to claim. You've already reached your Social Security full retirement age (FRA) of 66 and, since then, have been earning delayed retirement credits (DRCs) at the rate of 0.667 percent per month of delay past your FRA. You will continue to earn those DRCs – an 8 percent higher benefit for each year you delay - until age 70 when your benefit will be 32 percent more than it would have been at 66 and 24 percent more than at age 67. Can you do better than that by taking a smaller benefit now and investing it? That depends upon what type of investing you intend to do. I cannot answer that for you, but a guaranteed 8 percent increase in your benefit amount for each year you delay, resulting in a much higher benefit for the rest of your life, is hard to beat.

It is true that continuing to work now may help increase your Social Security benefit, but that is true regardless of when you claim. Your benefit will be based upon the 35 highest earning years over your lifetime (adjusted for inflation) at the time you claim. If, after your benefits start, your current earnings are higher than any of those used to originally compute your benefit, you will get credit for those higher

earnings and your benefit will increase. Even after you claim benefits, Social Security examines your new earnings every year to see if you're entitled to a higher benefit. And you will get credit for your current earnings even if you wait and continue to earn those DRCs for a much higher benefit later.

In the end, when to claim Social Security is a decision that should consider your current and future financial needs, and your health and estimated longevity. If you are working and don't need the extra money right now, and like the idea of a higher benefit later, after you are done working, then waiting to claim makes sense, especially if you're in good health and expect at least average longevity. Average life expectancy today for a woman your age is about 87, and if you attain at least the average, you will collect much more in cumulative lifetime benefits by waiting longer to claim. Conversely, if your longevity outlook is less than average and you need the money now, claiming earlier is a perfectly good strategy.

One last thing to consider: if you are married and your husband is collecting benefits, you are eligible to file a "restricted application for spousal benefits only" which would let you collect a spouse benefit equal to half of your husband's FRA benefit amount, while allowing your own benefit to continue to grow until age 70. You can do this because you were born in 1953, before the cutoff date of January 2, 1954. The option was eliminated for anyone born after that date.

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Police stumped by theft of rare tree in Wisconsin capital

AP WIRE SERVICE

Police are stumped by the theft of a rare pine tree from the University of Wisconsin Arboretum.

The 25-foot Algonquin Pillar Swiss Mountain pine was sawed down sometime between Nov. 5 and Nov. 9, University of Wisconsin-Madison police said Thursday.

The stolen tree was about 30 yards (30 meters) from a street that runs through the arboretum, which is a popular spot for walkers, joggers, bicyclists, and nature lovers.

The tree was planted in 1988, and a twin tree next to it was left unharmed.

However, a company white fir located nearby that was planted in 1981 had a 12-foot section cut from its top, police said. That was left behind.

Arboretum staff estimated the cost of the stolen and damaged trees to be at least \$13,000, police said.

Police said they are hoping for help from the public in identifying the thieves, given the size of the tree and the manpower it would take to remove it. They urged people to call if they "witnessed a large tree being transported from this area – or noticed a large tree that's now part of someone's holiday display."

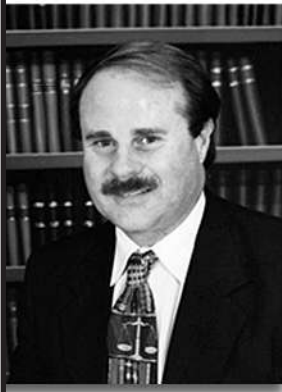
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East Bay Regional Park District looks toward 2021

BY DENNIS WAESPI

As 2020 winds down, the East Bay Regional Park District looks toward 2021 with optimism that it will be a better year. That's not a high bar to clear.

Overall, the mission of the East Bay Regional Park District is to preserve natural and cultural resources, and provide open space, parks, trails, recreation, and environmental education for 2.7 million residents in Alameda and Contra Costa counties and over 25 million annual visitors from the Bay Area and beyond.

The district is now working on next year's proposed budget. The new budget includes a variety of projects that were necessarily delayed because of the coronavirus pandemic. The 2021 Budget recommends \$232.1 million in total appropriations, which is \$11.6 million (4.8%) less than the 2020 adopted budget of \$243.7 million. It is balanced, taking into account challenging financial circumstances and uncertainty surrounding the future economic outlook. The proposed budget presents a balanced financial plan to guide the agency during the coming year and maintain support in areas of importance to the public.

The 2021 budget includes a variety of goals, several carried over from 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Among them are the openings of some new facilities: Brickyard Cove in McLaughlin Eastshore State Park; Dumbarton Quarry Campground at Coyote Hills Regional Park; Lone Tree Point extension of the San Francisco Bay Trail, and the remodeled Rocky Ridge Visitor Center at Del Valle Regional Park.

Environmental restoration-related goals include restoration of McCosker Creek in Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve; completion of the Jewel Lake sediment reduction feasibility study; planning for Hayward Marsh improvements; and continued studies to improve the water quality of Park District swimming lakes.

You can look through the entire document at the park district website,

<http://www.ebparks.org/about/budget#budget-docs>. The park district board of directors is scheduled to discuss and approve it at its meeting on Dec. 15, which is open to the public online.

Ira Bletz and Mark Taylor are now each marking 40 years of employment at the park district.

Ira began his career at the district as a temporary naturalist aide in 1979, and was hired as a regular employee seven months later. He served as a naturalist at Tilden Regional Park, Coyote Hills Regional Park and Ardenwood Historic Farm. In 1990 he was promoted to supervising naturalist at Ardenwood. In 2015 he became interpretation and recreation services manager, his current position. Ira's profile on LinkedIn has him listed as "Grand Poobah" at East Bay Regional Park District. As a nationally recognized interpreter, inspirational leader, and beer aficionado (he has organized home brewing workshops), this is a very fitting and well-deserved title!

Mark Taylor began his career at the district in 1977 as a three-month seasonal park worker at Redwood Regional Park. He then transferred to Coyote Hills and became a regular six-month park worker in 1980. Three months later he moved to Hayward Regional Shoreline. He has been park supervisor there since 1987.

Congratulations and many thanks to Ira and Mark for all their years of service to the district and the public.

White pelicans have been spotted at Quarry Lakes in Fremont, Lake Del Valle south of Livermore, and other park district waterways. White pelicans nest in saline lakes of the intermountain west, then migrate to the coast to overwinter.

Brown pelicans catch fish by diving. The white ones catch them by surrounding and herding them in a tightening ring. Keep an eye out; you may see these beautiful birds in action.

Bison plan for California's Catalina Island stirs debate

AP WIRE SERVICE

The nonprofit organization that owns a majority of California's Santa Catalina Island plans to boost eco-tourism by adding more bison to existing herds, recharging a debate over the environmental impacts of the shaggy beasts.

The Catalina Island Conservancy said there has not been a bison calf born on the island in seven years and the herd size has dwindled to 100, The Los Angeles Times reports.

The conservancy board is working with the Laramie Foothills Bison Conservation Herd to bring two pregnant bison to Catalina Island, about 22 miles (35 kilometers) south of Palos Verdes Peninsula.

The descendants of 14 bison left by a movie crew in 1924 attract eco-tourists roam Catalina's 76 square miles (197 square kilometers) of mountains, valleys and grasslands. Homes in the community of 4,000 permanent residents are festooned with painted bison images and gift shops sell bison figurines.

The conservancy runs eco-tours priced at \$79 for two hours and \$119 for three hours. The Catalina Island Company also offers "Bison Expedition" tours priced around \$90 for adults.

"The number one thing that tourists want to see when they come to Catalina is bison and people want to see them running wild rather in a fenced enclosure," Catalina Island Conservancy President Tony Budrovich said.

Bison sighting has been increasingly difficult since 2009 when the conservancy launched a \$200,000, five-year program to limit the population. The program aimed to use inoculation to reduce herd size to about 150, which would be healthier and less environmentally damaging.

A 2003 study, when there were 350 bison, concluded the animals trampled native plant communities, altered tree canopies by rubbing against tree trunks and dispersed nonnative grasses through their droppings.

Conservancy officials said bison health improved after the herd was reduced significantly in 2005 by sending some bison for slaughter or to breeding programs. The program was supposed to have been reversible once inoculations ceased.

Former conservancy biologist Calvin Duncan said the island's bison remain in poor health, which may contribute to their inability to produce calves. Blood analysis revealed nutritional deficiencies, while there were observations of broken and brittle horns and emaciated animals.

Eco-tourism customers follow the same assigned routes each day, but bison herds stay on remote, isolated patches of grass, Duncan said.

"Simply adding more bison will not result in more bison sightings," Duncan said.

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\$50k Reward Announced in Unsolved Homicide

SUBMITTED BY GENEVA BOSQUES, FREMONT PD

A \$50,000 reward is being offered after new details in the 2007 homicide investigation of Emerson Zuniga have recently become available. Detectives believe that a new sketch of the suspect as well as details regarding an involved vehicle, may help solve this case.

On January 25, 2007, at approximately 2:15 p.m., Emerson Zuniga, was found suffering from a life-threatening injury in the front yard of a house located on the 4300 block of Stevenson Blvd. During the initial investigation, witnesses told officers they had witnessed Zuniga fighting with two other men just before finding him. Witnesses indicated the fight was brief and ended with one male suspect embedding a large metal object into the top of Zuniga’s head.

Following the altercation, the two suspects left the area in a late 1980's or early 1990's metallic blue minivan with factory rims, that was possibly two-toned in color. This information has never been shared with the public, and a photograph of a similar matching vehicle is attached.

Emerson Zuniga was transported to a trauma center and later succumbed to his injuries.

The suspects that had been seen fighting with Zuniga were described as two Hispanic males, late teens or early 20's, both approximately 5'8" to 5'10" with medium builds. The suspects were wearing baggy t-shirts and slightly loose fitted pants, possibly jeans. One of the suspects was wearing a black ball cap that said Raiders. Both suspects had medium to short dark colored hair. One of the suspects possibly had facial hair, described as a goat-tee and thin mustache. A third in-

volved suspect, and driver of the vehicle, was described as a Hispanic male in his early 20s.

In recent months, new investigative tips have prompted the Department’s Cold Case Detective, Jacob Blass, to re-open and examine the evidence in this case. The new leads have provided the ability to develop a composite sketch of the primary suspect who caused Zuniga’s fatal injury.

Over the last several years, the Department’s Cold Case Detective, Jacob Blass, has re-opened several investigations. Although we have some information based on witness accounts, this case has remained unsolved for almost 14 years. We believe that there are people who have information about this case and are hopeful that by re-sharing the details, someone will come forward.

On November 24, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the availability of a \$50,000.00 reward for information

leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspects wanted in connection with the murder of Emerson Zuniga. The reward is being made available as part of the Governor’s crime tip reward program. <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/11/24/governor-newsom-announces-reward-for-unsolved-murder-in-fremont/>

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to please contact the Fremont Police Department’s Cold Case Homicide Detective, Jacob Blass at 510-790-6900 or via email at coldcasedetective@fremont.gov. The Fremont Police Department also accepts anonymous tips.

To remain anonymous:

- Text: Please text TIP FREMONTDPD followed by your short message to 888-777
- Phone: Silent Witness Hotline 510-494-4856
- Web: <https://local.nixle.com/tip/alert/6216337>.

Fremont Police Log

SUBMITTED BY GENEVA BOSQUES, FREMONT PD

Grand Theft

On 11/18 officers responded to a report of a grand theft at Dick's Sporting Goods, 43923 Pacific Commons Blvd.

On 11/22 Latrell King (23) out of Fairfield was identified, located and arrested in Solano County.

Mail Theft

On 11/19 officers responded to a report of a man and woman breaking into an apartment mailbox at 39639 Leslie St. The reporting party was able to take a picture of the vehicle involved. Officers located the vehicle a short time later and arrested Christopher Summerill (26) out of Fremont.

Robbery

On 11/17 a man and woman were interrupted attempting to steal mail from the Pathfinder Apartments, 39800 Fremont Blvd. When confronted by the victim a man pointed a pistol at the victim which led to struggle. The man

eventually fled the scene, the victim was uninjured.

On 11/17 officers responded to the 7-11, 39450 Fremont Blvd for a robbery. A man had initially stolen a pack of cigarettes, after approximately 20 minutes the same man re-entered the store in attempt to steal beer. The clerk blocked his escape, at which time the man pushed the clerk out of the way and fled. Antonino McCormick (56) homeless out of Fremont was located, identified, and arrested.

On 11/18 a man stole items from Lowe's, 43612 Pacific Commons Blvd. An employee asked to validate the receipt after noticing merchandise in the cart had security devices affixed. The man grabbed the employee cell phone from her hand and fled.

On 11/23 a man broke into a vehicle parked in front of Chik-Fil-A, 5245 Mowry Ave. The victim walked out to find the man taking a bag from his car, the victim chased the man and a struggle ensued. The man was able to break free from the victim and fled.

Stolen Vehicle

On 11/23 officers responded to the 37000 block of Fremont Blvd, after a Door Dash delivery driver reported his vehicle was stolen while dropping off food. The victim's vehicle was located on 11/24 in San Bruno, CA.

Reward for Unsolved Murder in Fremont

SUBMITTED BY GOVERNOR’S OFFICE

Governor Gavin Newsom has announced the availability of a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators of an unsolved murder in Fremont.

The money is being made available as part of the Governor’s crime tip reward program under Penal Code § 1547. This law allows the Governor to offer a reward of up to \$50,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of perpetrators for certain unsolved crimes, and up to \$100,000 for certain crimes against first responders or for arson upon a place of worship. The Governor may issue the reward only upon a recommendation from law enforcement officials.

A \$50,000 reward is being offered for information leading to an arrest and conviction for the murder of Emerson Zuniga. On January 25, 2007, Mr. Zuniga, 20, was attacked by three suspects while walking down the street. One of the suspects impaled Mr. Zuniga with a metal object, fatally injuring him. The Fremont Police Department has exhausted all investigative leads and requested that a reward be offered to encourage any individuals with information about this murder to contact law enforcement.

Anyone with information on this case is requested to contact Fremont Police Department Cold Case Detective Jacob Blass at jblass@fremont.gov or 510-790-6900. An anonymous hotline is also available: 510-494-4856.

BART Police Log

SUBMITTED BY LES MENSINGER AND BART PD

Monday, November 23

• At 5:49 p.m. a man identified by police as Therren Carmichal was found at the Fremont Station. Carmichal was found to have five outstanding warrants. He was arrested on the warrants and booked into Santa Rita Jail.

November 23

At 5:49 p.m. Officers contacted Carmichal, Therren (12/01/78, Oakland) at the Fremont Station. Carmichal was found to have five outstanding warrants. Carmichal was arrested on the warrants and booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Fatal collision involving bicyclist: investigators seeking witnesses

SUBMITTED BY SAN LEANDRO PD

On Tuesday, 11/24/2020 around 5:20 am, the San Leandro Police Department received 911 calls regarding a vehicle collision involving a white van and a bicyclist at the Davis Street overpass; near Interstate 880.

Officers arrived and located an adult male laying on the ground. Life-saving measures were attempted; however, the paramedics pronounced the male deceased. The driver of the van remained at the scene and cooperated with our investigators. During the initial phases of this investigation, it appears that after the first collision with the van, two additional vehicles may have struck the bicyclist as he lay on the roadway.

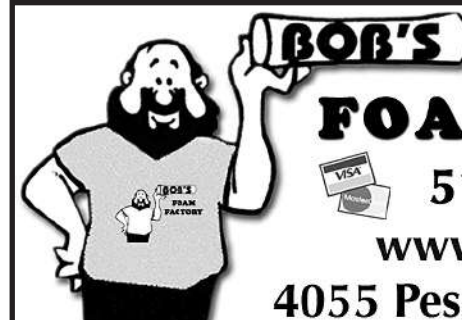
We are looking for any witnesses who may have been in the area, including a Good Samaritan who stopped to deter other motorists from hitting the bicyclist but left before our officers arrived.

We would also like to speak with the driver of a dark-colored early 2000’s Ford or Chevrolet pickup and a driver of a dark-colored sedan who was in the area moments after the collision.

If you have any information you can provide, please contact Traffic Investigator, Officer Daryl Pasut at 510 577-0464 or Djpasut@sanleandro.org

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Here comes Santa Claus - with face masks and plexiglass

By JOSEPH PISANI
AP RETAIL WRITER

Santa Claus is coming to the mall – just don't try to sit on his lap. Despite the pandemic – and the fact that Santa's age and weight put him at high risk for severe illness from the coronavirus – mall owners are going ahead with plans to bring him back this year. But they are doing all they can to keep the jolly old man safe, including banning kids from sitting on his knee, no matter if they've been naughty or nice. Kids will instead tell Santa what they want for Christmas from six feet away, and sometimes from behind a sheet of plexiglass. Santa and his visitors may need to wear a face mask, even while posing for photos. And some malls will put faux gift boxes and other decorations in front of Saint Nick to block kids from charging toward him. Other safety measures include online reservations to cut down on lines, workers wiping down holiday-decorated sets, and hand sanitizer aplenty. Santa's hours are also getting cut to give him a break from crowds. Macy's canceled its in-person visits this

year, saying it couldn't provide a safe environment for the more than 250,000 people that show up to see Kriss Kringle at its New York flagship store. But malls, which have struggled to attract shoppers for years, are not willing to kill a holiday tradition that is one of their biggest ways to lure people during the all-important holiday shopping season. “You have to give them a reason to come or they'll stay home and shop online,” says Michael Brown, who oversees the retail team at consulting firm Kearney. More than 10 million U.S. households visited Santa in a mall or store last year, according to GlobalData Retail's managing director Neil Saunders. Nearly 73% of them also spent money at nearby restaurants or stores, he says. “Santa is the magnet that attracts people to malls and without that attraction, malls will struggle more to generate foot traffic,” says Saunders. Mall operator CBL, which filed for bankruptcy earlier this month, plans to bring Santa to nearly 60 malls at the end of November, about three weeks later than last year. The company decided against a plexiglass barrier because it didn't look right in photos. But Santa will be socially distanced and wear a face mask. He may also put on a plastic shield to protect his face. “We're doing everything possible so that he stays healthy,” says Mary Lynn Morse, CBL's marketing vice president. Mall owner Brookfield started planning in-person Santa visits at 130 of its shopping centers in April, opting for sleighs and gift boxes where visitors can sit

away from Santa. At one of its malls, The SoNo Collection in Norwalk, Connecticut, a round piece of plexiglass will be placed in front of Santa so it looks like he's inside a snow globe. But the precautions may not be enough to convince some shoppers. “It just seems like such a bad idea, just being in a mall,” says Emma Wallace of Alexandria, Virginia, who decided against taking her toddler to his first visit with Santa this year. “We're just so sad,” she says. “We were really looking forward to that picture that seems like every parent has, where they're sort of terrified or just bemused by the whole Santa thing.” Malls realize many people may stay home. Cherry Hill Programs, which will bring Santa to more than 700 malls, is also offering Zoom calls with him for the first time in its 60-year history. And Brookfield teamed up with virtual Santa company JingleRing, giving people a way to chat with Santa from home. Ed Taylor, a Santa who typically spends several months in Los Angeles filming TV spots and making mall appearances, will stay at home in southern Oregon this year. “When you think about the high risk profile for COVID, you're kind of drawing a picture of Santa,” Taylor says. He'll be doing video calls with families and has been holding online classes to get other Santas camera-ready. Meeting kids virtually means getting them to speak up more, since the calls usually run seven minutes – about twice as long as mall visits, where the main objective is to snap a good picture.

Going online gives Santa a chance to experiment with his attire. Some may ditch the formal red suit for vests and rolled up sleeves, since Santa is presumably calling from the North Pole and running a toy workshop full of busy elves. “Up at home, we're working,” says aylor. “We have presents to make. We've got reindeer to feed.” But there's some parts of Santa's look that can't change. JingleRing, which has signed up more than 400 Santas, held online training sessions on how to use at-home bleaching kits to transform gray hair and beards into Santa's snow white hue. They were also advised to buy teeth whitening strips. “Santa can't have smoker's teeth,” says Walt Geer, who co-founded JingleRing this year after realizing people may need a new way to meet Santa. Stephanie Soares is sticking to the old way. She brought her daughter, Gia, to a Bass Pro Sports store last week in Bridgeport, Connecticut, to take a picture with Santa, who wore a clear plastic face shield and sat behind a glare-free acrylic barrier that sometimes made it hard to hear what the kids were saying. A worker sprayed down the barrier after each visit. “Even though we're in a pandemic, it's important that the kids are still able to be kids and still keep up with the regular traditions,” says Soares.

Associated Press video journalist Ted Shaffrey and staff writer Anne D'Innocenzio in New York contributed to this report.

Report: Millions of full-time US workers get government aid

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP ECONOMICS WRITER

Millions of Americans who are working full-time jobs still rely on federal health care and food assistance programs because of low wages, a bipartisan congressional watchdog says. A report from the Government Accountability Office found that about 70% of adult workers participating in Medicaid, which provides health care to low-income Americans, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as food stamps, are working full time. The report was requested by Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vermont, who said its findings show an urgent need to raise

the federal minimum wage. “At a time when huge corporations like Walmart and McDonald's are making billions in profits and giving their CEOs tens of millions of dollars a year, they're relying on corporate welfare from the federal government by paying their workers starvation wages,” Sanders said in a statement. “This is morally obscene.” He said it was long past time to increase the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 an hour to \$15. In the report issued Wednesday, the GAO analyzed data from 15 state agencies covering 11 states, with each agency reporting the employers in their states with the largest numbers of Medicaid and food-stamp beneficiaries. Among the 15 agencies overseeing the Medicaid and food-stamp programs,

Walmart was among the top four employers with beneficiaries in each of the 15 programs. McDonald's was among the top five employers whose workers received federal benefits from 13 of the 15 state agencies. Other companies that appeared frequently were Dollar Tree and Dollar General. Sanders said an analysis of the GAO data showed that across nine of the states reviewed – Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Nebraska, North Carolina, Tennessee and Washington – the largest number of recipients of foods stamps were employed at Walmart and McDonald's. Asked for comment on the GAO report, Anne Hatfield, a Walmart spokesperson, said, “If not for the

employment access Walmart and other companies provide, many more people would be dependent on government assistance.” She said that a small percentage of Walmart's workforce is on public assistance when hired by Walmart. The company strives to “remove employment barriers and create opportunities for individuals that too many overlook,” she said. McDonald's USA said in a statement, “The average starting wage at U.S. corporate-owned restaurants is over \$10 per hour and exceeds the federal minimum wage.”

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CITY OF FREMONT

ART REVIEW BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ART REVIEW BOARD OF THE CITY OF FREMONT WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL. SAID PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY AT 3:00 P.M., ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020, AT WHICH TIME ALL PARTIES AND INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE VIA TELECONFERENCING TO PROMOTE SOCIAL DISTANCING UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-25-20, AS AMENDED. INFORMATION ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON THE MEETING AGENDA POSTED ONLINE AT FREMONT.GOV/AGENDACENTER/ART-REVIEW-BOARD-1 AT LEAST THREE DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

DOWNTOWN EVENT CENTER AND PLAZA ART - To interview selected artists for the design, fabrication, and installation of new artwork for the Downtown Event Center and Plaza, determine a first and second choice, and make a recommendation to the Fremont City Council for approval; and to find that no further environmental review is required pursuant to Sections 15183 and 15168 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines as the project would not result in new or substantially more severe significant environmental effects than what was analyzed in the General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (State Clearinghouse No. 2010082060) and the Downtown Community Plan (DCP) Supplemental EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2010072001), which adequately addressed the potential impacts of the proposed project.

Project Planner- Courtney Pal, (510) 494-4532, cpal@fremont.gov

* NOTICE *

If you challenge the decision of the Art Review Board 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 Secretary, Art Review Board at, or prior to, the public hearing.

LUCIANA TORRES
FREMONT ART REVIEW BOARD



CNSB#3420087

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 548561

The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name(s):
The Fictitious Business Name Statement filed on 08/21/2018 in the County of Alameda.
REINOWN MOTORS, 3575 GILMAN COMMON, FREMONT, CA 94538, County of: ALAMEDA.
Registered Owner(s):
WASEEM SUBHAN, 3575 GILMAN COMMON, FREMONT, CA 94538
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/ WASEEM SUBHAN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda County on NOVEMBER 5, 2020.
11/24, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15/20

CNS-3417304#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 574290

Fictitious Business Name(s):
IBEAUTY, 39210 STATE ST. 206, FREMONT, CA 94538, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
A&M BEAUTY GP. LLC, 25111-F NEWARK BLVD #33, NEWARK, CA 94560
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/ A&M BEAUTY GP LLC
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on NOV 3, 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).
11/24, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15/20

CNS-3417184#

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
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).
11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 12/8/20

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
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/ DAPINDER BHAGRATH
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on OCT 22, 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).
11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 12/8/20

CNS-3416020#

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.
11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 12/8/20

CNS-3416016#

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
ONESOURCE 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
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on OCT. 26, 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).
11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 12/8/20

CNS-3415439#

GOVERNMENT

CITY OF FREMONT PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City of Fremont City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the following proposals. Said public hearing will be

held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 15, 2020, Council Chambers, 3300 Capitol Ave., Bldg. 4, Fremont, CA, at which time all interested parties may attend and be heard:
HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT MASTER PLAN SCHEDULE UPDATE
Public Hearing (Published Notice) to Consider Modification to Human Services Department Fees for Mental Health, Case Management, and Age Well Center services.
Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, a publicly accessible location may 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
12/1/20

CNS-3420043#

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
This virtual Planning Commission special meeting will be conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with State of California Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20, the public may only view the meeting on television and/or online. The City Council Chambers will not be open to the public.
Details on how to participate in the meeting will be set forth in the meeting agenda which is anticipated to be posted by 5 pm on December 10, 2020 at <https://www.newark.org/departments/city-manager-s-office/agendas-minutes> If you have any questions regarding viewing or participating in the meeting, after reviewing the posted agenda, then contact the Planning Department at planning@newark.org.
Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 6061, 65090, 65091, 65094, 65095 and 65905, on December 15, 2020, at or after 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission will hold a special meeting for a public hearing to consider:
An Ordinance amending Newark Municipal Code Chapter 17.14 (Standards for Specific Uses) to comply with amendments to State Law regarding Accessory Dwelling Units. Specifically, the proposed Ordinance will amend Section 17.14.040 with various changes relating to placement, size, parking, impact fees and other development standards. All proposed changes the Ordinance will update the City's General Plan. The purpose of the zoning text amendments are to amend various design standards related to Accessory Dwelling Units. Over the last few years, the State legislature has been very active changing the laws relating to Accessory Dwelling Units, specifically reducing impact fees, parking standards and various design standards, which were perceived to inhibit the construction of accessory dwelling units. The proposed zoning amendments will update the City's Accessory Dwelling Units to conform with current State laws relating to Accessory Dwelling Units along with changes the City deems appropriate to clarify or address any inconsistencies.
Please refer any questions or comments regarding the subject item to the Planning Department, 37101 Newark Boulevard, Newark, CA, 94560, and by calling (510) 578-4330.
If you challenge a City action 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 Newark Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ARTURO INTERIANO
Deputy Community Development Director
12/1/20

CNS-3419867#

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
This virtual Planning Commission special meeting will be conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with State of California Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20, the public may only view the meeting on television and/or online. The City Council Chambers will not be open to the public. Details on how to participate in the meeting will be set forth in the meeting agenda which is anticipated to be posted by 5 pm on December 10, 2020 at <https://www.newark.org/departments/city-manager-s-office/agendas-minutes>. If you have any questions regarding viewing or participating in the meeting, after reviewing the posted agenda, then contact the Planning Department at planning@newark.org.
Pursuant to California Government Code §6061, §65090, §65091, §65094, §65095 and §65905, on December 15, 2020, at or after 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission will hold a special meeting for public hearing to consider approval of the following at 37503 and 37511 Cherry Street (APNs 092-0075-004-02; 092-0075-005-02):
P-20-02, establishing a Planned Development Overlay District and considering a Planned Development Plan; and TTM-20-03, Vesting Tentative Map 8531 to allow a 5-lot subdivision for the construction of 4 single-family homes on a 0.38-acre project site.
The applicant for the proposed project, Sawart S. Fahmy, is requesting to subdivide Lots 13 and 14 of Block 56 in Map Book 17, page 10 filed in the Alameda County records on May 6, 1878 into a five-parcel subdivision consisting of four single-family residential lots and one common lot, which

would serve as a private street to access the four residential lots. The proposed residences are two-story, detached structures that provide between 1,500 to 1,700 square feet of living area and a two-car garage.
This project is categorically exempt from CEQA as per §15332 (In-Fill Development Projects). Interested members of the public may request additional project information or submit written correspondence to the project planner, Mayank Patel, via email at: mayank.patel@newark.org prior to the hearing or express any comments or concerns at the scheduled hearing. If you challenge a City action 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 of Newark at, or prior to, the public hearing.
Mayank Patel
Assistant Planner
12/1/20

CNS-3419862#

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 15, 2020, Council Chambers, 3300 Capitol Ave., Bldg. 4, Fremont, CA, at which time all interested parties may attend and be heard:
A. AMENDMENT TO THE CDBG FY 2019/20 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
Public Hearing (Published Notice) on the Use of Federal Community Development Block Grant CARES Funds for FY 2019/20; Adopting a Resolution approving the Substantial Amendment to the FY 2019/20 Action Plan incorporating CARES Act Round 3 Funding; and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and CDBG Grantees and Programs. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, a publicly accessible location may 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
12/1/20

CNS-3419499#

PUBLIC NOTICE APPLICATION FOR FOREIGN TRADE SUBZONE EXPANSION LAM RESEARCH CORPORATION, FREMONT, CALIFORNIA
SAN JOSE FOREIGN TRADE ZONE #18
The City of San Jose, Grantee of Foreign Trade Zone #18, has applied to the U.S. Foreign Trade Zones Board for a Foreign Trade Subzone expansion for Lam Research Corporation. The application was filed on November 12, 2020 pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act and the regulations of the Board. Subzone #18F consists of sites in Fremont, Hayward, Livermore and Tracy, California. The proposed Subzone expansion is to establish a new 3.62-acre site at 4405 Cushing Parkway, Fremont, California. If approved, this would be designated as Site 19.
Public comment is invited from interested parties. The closing period for public comment is December 28, 2020. Submissions shall be addressed to the Foreign Trade Zones Board Executive Secretary and sent to ftz@trade.gov. A copy of the application is available in the "Reading Room" section of the Board's website, www.trade.gov/ftz. A notice of the application was published in the Federal Register on November 18, 2020, FR Doc. 2020-25447.
12/1/20

CNS-3419124#

PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DARREN KEONUI YOUNG AKA DARREN K. YOUNG

CASE NO. RP20080724
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **DARREN KEONUI YOUNG AKA DARREN K. YOUNG**

A Petition for Probate has been filed by **DEBBIE K. GREER** in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The Petition for Probate requests that **DEBBIE K. GREER** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on **JANUARY 22, 2021 at 9:45 A.M.** in Dept. 202 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 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: DAPHNE C. LIN, ESQ., 2201 WALNUT AVENUE, SUITE 290, FREMONT, CA 94538, Telephone: 510-790-0900.
12/1, 12/8, 12/15/20

CNS-3420341#

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CAROLYN SALAS
CASE NO. RP20078176
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **CAROLYN SALAS**
A Petition for Probate has been filed by

ALICIA MENDOZA in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The Petition for Probate requests that ALICIA MENDOZA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on **JANUARY 13, 2021 at 9:45 A.M.** in Dept. 202 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: TYLER P. KRUEGER, ESQ., 30 KEYSTONE AVENUE, MORGAN HILL, CA 95037, Telephone: 408-779-2106
12/1, 12/8, 12/15/20

CNS-3419192#

PUBLIC AUCTION/SALES

NOTICE OF AUCTION SELF STORAGE LIEN SALE
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA SELF-STORAGE FACILITY ACT BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE, SECTIONS 21700-21716, THERE BEING DUE AND UNPAID RENT, STORAGE CHARGES, FEES AND COSTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE GOODS WHICH ARE STORED AT Fremont Mini Storage WILL BE SOLD BY UNIT AND PUBLIC AUCTION, AT 45252 Industrial Dr, Fremont, CA 94538, ON WWW.STORAGETREASURES.COM BY ONLINE COMPETITIVE BID ENDING AT **12P M DECEMBER 8T H 2020** AND ANY DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED AT AUCTION UNTIL ALL GOODS ARE SOLD OR UNTIL THE LIEN IS SATISFIED UNLESS THE CHARGES ARE PAID BEFORE THAT TIME. THE PROPERTY CONSISTS OF ARTICLES OF HOUSEHOLD AND BUSINESS PROPERTY STORED BY THE FOLLOWING PARTIES:

NAME: DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS:
Jesse Olivares, Boxes, Battery Charger, Toner Cartridges, Totes, Vacuums, Misc Furniture, Christmas Items
James/ Joann Pick Record Player, Boxes, Books, Garden Tools, Chairs, Lawn Mower
Roberta Esquerra, MANAGER
Fremont Mini Storage
TELEPHONE: (510) 657-1555
AUCTIONEER: WWW.STORAGETREASURES.COM
(480) 397-6503
11/24, 12/1/20

CNS-3419093#

Notice is hereby given pursuant to California Self Storage Act, Business and Professions Code 21700-21716. Three Sixty Storage Center, 6649 Central Avenue, Newark, California in Alameda County, will for the purpose of satisfying lien for storage, on the premises where said property has been stored, **SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION** on December 14th, 2020 at 12:30 PM, the contents of storage spaces named below, which consists of personal property including but not limited to, household furniture, clothing, tools, toys, appliances, stereo equipment, televisions, miscellaneous boxes of household goods and unknown contents.

1. Marlon Diaz
2. George D Bishop
3. Maria Regas
4. Alfred J Rodriguez III
5. Sherrie Martin
6. Ardythe J Daggett
7. Sarah Windberg
8. Barry Ochsenfeld
9. Elise Marie
10. Klendy A Molteni
Auctioneer: John Cardoza, Bond #5860870, Ph:(209) 667-5797. The street address in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party, ALL ITEMS SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS, FOR CASH ONLY.
11/24, 12/1/20

CNS-3419002#

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 06/15/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC AUCTION. 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 Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC 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). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date & Time: 12/11/2020 at 12:00 PM Sale Location: At the Fallon Street emergency exit to the Alameda County Courthouse, 1225 Fallon St., Oakland, CA 94612. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 40233 FREMONT BLVD, FREMONT, CA 94538. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal

PUBLIC NOTICES

sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$491,386.63 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle	you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on	this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call, 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site, www.nationwideposting.com, for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S.# 9462-6650. Information about postponements that are very short in duration	or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Affinia Default Services, LLC 301 E. Ocean Blvd, Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 833-290-7452 For Trustee Sale Information Log On To: www.nationwideposting.com or Call: 916-939-0772. Affinia Default Services, LLC, Omar Solorzano, Foreclosure Associate This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information	obtained will be used for that purpose. However, if you have received a discharge of the debt referenced herein in a bankruptcy proceeding, this is not an attempt to impose personal liability upon you for payment of that debt. In the event you have received a bankruptcy discharge, any action to enforce the debt will be taken against the property only. NPP0372077 To: TRI-CITY VOICE 11/17/2020, 11/24/2020, 12/01/2020 11/17, 11/24, 12/1/20
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Private community camera workshop

SUBMITTED BY FREMONT PD

*Camera Registration
*Surveillance Signs

Join us in a virtual workshop to discuss private community cameras for your neighborhood on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 7 p.m. We will discuss:

- *Effective Placement
- *Storage & Quality
- *Privacy Concerns
- *Cameras as a Deterrent

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7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
www.Fremontpolice.gov/videosurveillance

Home Invasion leads to Pursuit

SUBMITTED BY GENEVA BOSQUES, FREMONT PD

Early morning of November 23, at approximately 4:53 a.m., patrol units responded to a home invasion robbery in progress in the 44000 block of Ibero Wy. A victim reported suspects forced their way into their home and at least one suspect was armed with a handgun. The suspects robbed the victims of personal property including their vehicle. Responding officers located the stolen vehicle northbound on Mission Blvd. and pursued it until it crashed into a building near Mission Blvd. and Mayhews Rd. One suspect was caught after a short foot pursuit. The second suspect was initially believed to be trapped in the vehicle. The vehicle and building sustained significant damage which required police and fire personnel to coordinate a plan to check the vehicle for the outstanding suspect. The second suspect was not located within the vehicle. Shortly after, a community member called dispatch about a suspicious male that was waiting at a nearby bus stop.

Patrol units responded and detained the subject who was then identified as the outstanding suspect. Detectives were called out and responded to assume the investigation. 19 year-old Keshavsharan Virk of San Jose, and a 17 year-old juvenile were arrested for armed home invasion robbery, burglary, possession of a firearm, felony evading, and possession of a stolen vehicle. A loaded handgun was recovered in the stolen vehicle. Detectives learned that the suspects also committed a separate residential burglary and were casing the neighborhood prior to the home invasion. A separate stolen vehicle was also found in the neighborhood. Detectives believe that the suspects arrived in the neighborhood in the stolen vehicle before committing the burglary and home invasion robbery. Detectives are also working with the San Jose Police Department regarding potential related home invasion robberies and burglaries in their jurisdiction. Anyone with information regarding this investigation is encouraged to contact Detective Ryan Lobue at 510-790-6900 or rlobue@fremont.gov.

Police Department Awarded 50K Grant

SUBMITTED BY UNION CITY PD

The safety of everyone traveling is the focus of a grant awarded to the Union City Police Department. The \$50K grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) will assist in Union City Police Department's efforts to reduce deaths and injuries on Union City roads. "These are trying times, and now more than ever, it is important that we are at the forefront of traffic safety," Union City Police Department, Sergeant, Stan Rodrigues said. "This funding allows us to educate and enhance the safety of all residents. We are excited to partner with the California Office of Traffic Safety to provide intervention and enforcement in an effort to keep our community safe. Our goal for these interventions is both a short- and long-term reduction in fatal, serious, and overall number of collisions in Union City," said Chief Jared Rinetti. The one-year grant is for the 2021 federal fiscal year, which runs from Oct. 1, 2020 to Sept. 30, 2021. The grant will fund a variety of traffic safety programs, including:

- Patrols with emphasis on alcohol and drug-impaired driving prevention.
- Patrols with emphasis on awareness and education of California's hands-free cell phone law.
- Patrols with emphasis on education of traffic rights for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Patrols with emphasis on awareness and education of primary causes of crashes: excess speed, failure to yield, failure to stop at stop signs/signals, and improper turning/lane changes.
- Community education presentations on traffic safety issues such as distracted driving, DUI, speed, bicycle and pedestrian safety.
- Officer training and/or recertification: Standard Field Sobriety Test (SFST), Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) and Drug Recognition Expert (DRE).

"Through education and behavior changes, we hope to create an environment that is safe and equitable for all road users in our community," Sergeant Rodrigues said. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Will social distancing weaken my immune system?

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In short, no. Some worry a lack of contact with others will weaken their immune system by reducing its active contact with germs. But even when we are staying 6 feet from others or spending most of our time at home, our bodies are continuously responding to plenty of bacteria and other germs that inhabit indoor and outdoor environments. "We're constantly exposed to microbes," said Akiko Iwasaki, an immune system researcher at Yale University. "Our immune system is always being triggered." The effects of childhood vaccines and other built-up immunity are also long-lasting, Iwasaki said, and will not disappear overnight because we're keeping our distance from others during the pandemic. Experts say anyone looking to boost their immune health during the pandemic should practice habits such as stress management, healthy eating, regular exercise and getting enough sleep. "These are the things that actually affect the immune system," Iwasaki said. A seasonal flu shot will also help protect you from one more potential illness.

Newark Police Log

SUBMITTED BY NEWARK PD

Sunday, November 1, 2020
5:49 p.m.: Officer Quinonez and Officer Riddles responded to the 200 block of Newpark Mall Rd for a report of a shoplifter in custody. Officers contacted and arrested a 49-year old female out of San Jose for theft. The subject was cited and released.
Tuesday, November 3, 2020
12:05 p.m.: Officers investigated two package thefts that occurred in the south end of Newark.
Wednesday, November 4, 2020
4:54 a.m.: Officer Slavazza investigated a burglary that occurred in the 34000 block of Newark Blvd. Loss was an empty cash register.
7:58 a.m.: Officer Damewood investigated a burglary in the 39000 block of Cedar Blvd. Loss was two boxes and cash.
3:42 p.m.: Officer Johnson on-viewed a vehicle weaving in and out of traffic on northbound Cherry Street near Central Ave as well as excessively speeding. Office Johnson made contact and arrested a 25-year old male out of Newark for reckless driving. He was booked at Fremont Jail and his vehicle was towed.
9:52 p.m.: Officer Hernandez made contact and arrested a 26-year old male out of Newark in the area of

Sycamore Street and Beutke Dr for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was cited and released.
Thursday, November 5, 2020
6:33 p.m.: Officers investigated a burglary that occurred in the 6000 block of Fair Ave. There was no loss.
Friday, November 6, 2020
3:04 p.m.: Officer Palacio made contact and arrested a 40-year old female out of San Jose in the 200 block of Newpark Mall Rd for shoplifting. She was cited and released.
10:15 p.m.: Officers responded to a report of a single vehicle collision in the area of Cedar Blvd and Thornton Ave. Upon arrival officers made contact with a 36-year old male out of Union City for DUI. He was booked at Fremont Jail.
Saturday, November 7, 2020
1:48 a.m.: Officer Herrera made contact and arrested a 28-year old female out of Patterson in the area of Thornton Ave and Magnolia St for DUI, driving with no license and no proof of insurance. She was booked at Fremont Jail.
9:18 a.m.: Officers investigated a cold residential burglary that occurred within the last week in the 5000 block of Lake Blvd. Loss is currency and jewelry. This incident is being investigated by Officer Kapu.
9:11 p.m.: Officers responded to the 36000 block of Newark Blvd for a report of a subject trespassing. Upon arrival officers made contact and arrested a 26-year old male out of Newark for loitering on private property. He was cited and released.
Sunday, November 8, 2020
2:28 a.m.: Officer Riddles made

contact and arrested a 27-year old female out of Union City in the area of Thornton Ave and Birch St. for DUI. She was booked at Fremont Jail.
7:52 a.m.: Officers responded to the 35000 block of Newark Blvd for a report of a battery that had just occurred. Prior to officer arrival, the subject fled. Officers located the subject near-by and placed a 32-year old male out of Fremont under arrest for felony battery. He was booked at Santa Rita Jail.
Monday, November 9, 2020
2:41 a.m.: Officers investigated a report of a stolen vehicle in the 6000 block of Joaquin Murieta Ave. Victim vehicle was a 1998 Honda Civic. Shortly after, officers located and recovered the vehicle in the 7000 block of Mowry Ave.
9:25 p.m.: Officers responded to a report of a robbery at knife point in the area of Cedar Blvd and the railroad tracks. Loss was cash.
Tuesday, November 10, 2020
7:28 a.m.: Officer Fredstrom investigated a burglary that occurred in the 36000 block of Newark Blvd. Loss is unknown at this time.
9:08 a.m.: Officer Frentescu investigated a burglary to a storage unit in the area of Brush Rabbit Ave and Cherry St that occurred overnight. Loss was tools.
10:18 a.m.: Officers investigated two thefts of catalytic converters that occurred in the south end of Newark. Both incidents occurred overnight.

Double stabbing in the Ardenwood neighborhood

SUBMITTED BY GENEVA BOSQUES, FREMONT PD

On November 23, shortly after 6:00 p.m., Fremont Police Dispatch received a report of a stabbing in the 5000 block of Amberwood Drive. When officers arrived, they located two juvenile boys in their teens with stab wounds. One boy was transported via ambulance in stable condition to a trauma center with a major injury, while the second boy was taken to a local hospital for an injury to the hand. Officers are currently gathering evidence and taking statements from witnesses and those involved to understand the circumstances that led to this assault. We believe the involved parties are known to each other. No additional information is being released at this time due to the ongoing investigation. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to please contact the Fremont Police Department's non-emergency phone number at 510-790-6800 and select option 3.

LET'S KEEP IT UP LET'S ALL #MASKUP

We know it's tough that we all need to do our part and keep wearing masks. But here's what we also know: The science has not changed. Masks slow the spread of COVID-19. So please join us as we all embrace this simple ask: Wear. Care. Share with #MaskUp.

Together, wearing is caring. And together, we are saving lives.



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