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Crippsma Place 2020



SUBMITTED BY KATE AMON

The ever-popular Crippsma Place is returning to Fremont this holiday season featuring a cheerful neighborhood display of Christmas lights and unique decorative lawn displays.

Centered along Cripps Place in north Fremont, the colorful, fun and family-friendly displays have been delighting visitors for decades and have spread to neighboring streets. This year to ensure a happy and healthy holiday, organizers are asking visitors driving to Crippsma Place to stay inside their vehicles.

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Traditional Las Posadas goes virtual!

BY ARATHI SATISH

The COVID -19 pandemic has disrupted life all over the world, but the tradition of Las Posadas continues in Fremont – this time in a unique way! It is going to be kept alive with nine nights of virtual celebrations. As Knuti VanHoven aptly said, “This has been an example of Fremont at its best. People have banded together to create an entirely different sort of community gathering... Las Posadas is different, but our tradition survives.”

Las Posadas is a nine-day celebration of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, co-sponsored by Fremont Cultural Arts Council, Old Mission San Jose and The Mission San Jose Chamber of Commerce. This local tradition has celebrated advent for the past thirty-eight years.

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Ballet Petit debuts 42nd Nutcracker via Zoom!



SUBMITTED BY PEGGY PEABODY

During these challenging times, Ballet Petit has found a way to keep its 42-year Nutcracker tradition, alive in spite of Covid. Ballet Petit would like to invite anyone who would like to attend to share its Zoom 42nd Anniversary Nutcracker. The performance will be done in a webinar format on Saturday, December 12 at 2 p.m.

After 41 years of full stage productions, with lavish costumes and lovely dancing from all ages and levels of training from Twinkle Toes to Pre-professional, for 2020, Ballet Petit (BP) decided to take this Nutcracker season in a special direction. It was important that dancers were challenged, but not overwhelmed, as distance learning had students on their computers for so much of the day.

2020's virtual production will open with a gracious message from Hayward Mayor Barbara Halliday. Peggy Peabody, BP's Artistic Director, (aka Miss Peggy) will also thank supporters of Ballet Petit's 42nd Annual Nutcracker.

The performance will follow the schedule below:

In Act 1, the Party Scene, Fight Scene, and Snow Scene, dancers were offered the opportunity to “Cast Yourself,” allowing them to take on dreams and challenges in new ways. The Zoom production will share the 2019 video with overlays of performances from dancers who took the “Cast Yourself” challenge.

In Act 2, the familiar Tea, Coffee, and Licorice dances have begun the experimentation process for 2021. Dancers were cast in the familiar Divertissements in The Land of Sweets and Flowers. BP's creative staff choreographed Zoom/home safe dances for this year while looking forward to more changes in the future. The most advanced dancers adjusted challenging solos for safe home execution. Families worked together on DIY costumes, while a small group of dancers came in for socially-distanced fittings in Ballet Petit's treasured soloist costumes.

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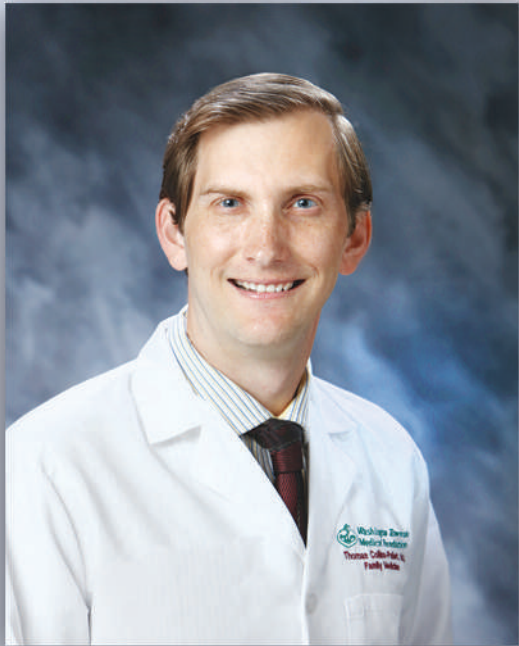
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Community Physician With Global Experiences

Washington Township Medical Foundation (WTMF) Welcomes Dr. Collins



New Family Medicine Physician in Warm Springs and Union City, Dr. Thomas Collins-Pallett

Thomas Collins-Pallett, MD, who generally goes by the simpler name of Dr. Collins, is a relatively young physician. Nevertheless, this board-certified family medicine specialist has a broad range of life experiences that reflect his world view and his passion for providing comprehensive medical care to patients with varied backgrounds and medical conditions.

Growing up in the small town of Milton, which is near Toronto, Canada, gave him an appreciation for close-knit relationships and a sense of community. Earning his Bachelor of Science degree in health studies and gerontology from the University of Waterloo (Ontario), inspired him to pursue a career in medicine. In between college and medical school, however, Dr. Collins spent three months exploring Europe.

“I rode Eurail trains and stayed in youth hostels as I made my way through Ireland, England, France, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Croatia, Italy and Spain,” he recalls. “I was fascinated by the history and the different cultures.”

Returning to the Western Hemisphere in January 2012, he enrolled at St. George’s University School of Medicine in Grenada, West Indies, where he earned his medical degree, graduating magna cum laude.

Throughout college and medical school, Dr. Collins had a variety of jobs, including running his own business as a cello teacher; becoming a ski coach training 10- to 14-year-old, high-level athletes; and converting patient records from paper to computer formats for a family medicine physician in his

hometown of Milton. He also served as a tutor at St. George’s University, teaching biochemistry and physiology. One of his more memorable summer work experiences was as a camp counselor at Halton Children’s Aid Society camps in Ontario.

“My mom is a children’s attorney, and she worked for this organization that helps children from troubled families,” he explains. “They offer summer camps for children and teens who would not otherwise be able to have a camp experience. My work as a camp counselor was extremely rewarding, and it is one reason why I am so fond of working with children in my medical practice.”

After earning his medical degree, Dr. Collins completed a residency in family medicine at Stamford Hospital-Columbia University in Connecticut. “I chose to specialize in family medicine because primary care is my passion,” he notes. “One of the great aspects of family medicine is that we get to know the patients in depth as people, not just as a particular medical symptom or disorder.”

As a family medicine resident, his duties included supervising fourth-year medical students from various schools in their clinical rotations. Dr. Collins was named Chief Resident at Stamford Hospital-Columbia University. During his time there, he was involved in a variety of research studies. But he also became involved in an extracurricular activity—meeting and marrying his wife, Annie Chen.

“Oddly enough, Annie also was from Ontario,” Dr. Collins says. “We first met in New York, even though we both came from the same area in Canada. She had earned her law degree at Cornell

University and was an attorney in New York City. Then Annie got a job offer from Lam Research here in Fremont, so we decided to move from one coast to the other.”

The couple made the cross-country trip during this past summer and in October, Dr. Collins joined WTMF. He works Mondays at Nakamura Clinic in Union City and at Warm Springs Clinic in Fremont Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

“I may have followed my wife here,” he admits, “but I have found the Bay Area and Washington Township Medical Foundation to be where I belong. This group is known for its focus on our patients’ needs and providing exceptional care. The group also encourages physicians to pursue their medical interests. With my background in sports—including skiing, soccer and volleyball—I am interested in sports medicine and medical treatment of obesity. I think there are ways to treat obesity from a holistic outlook, helping patients make lifestyle adjustments to manage their weight. I hope to take the exam for board certification in obesity medicine next February.”

In his spare time, Dr. Collins enjoys hiking and skiing with his wife, and he continues to play the cello when time allows. “I don’t get to play as much as I’d like,” he confesses, “but it can be a great source of stress relief.”

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	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
	12/8/20	12/9/20	12/10/20	12/11/20	12/12/20	12/13/20	12/14/20
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	Gastrointestinal Disorders	Ortho Overuse Injuries: Prevention and Treatment	The Signs and Symptoms of Sepsis
12:30 PM 12:30 AM	WHHS Fremont Bank: Staying Healthy In 2020		Early Detection and Prevention of Female Cancers	Hernias: Causes Symptoms and the Latest Treatment Options			
1:00 PM 1:00 AM	Don't Let Hip Pain Win		Mental Health Education Series: Mental Wellness	Metabolic Disorders	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting November 11, 2020	How to Prevent Financial Elder Abuse/Fraud	Weight Management: Stopping the Madness
1:30 PM 1:30 AM							
2:00 PM 2:00 AM	Intro to Radiation Oncology Therapy	Diabetes Health Fair 2019: Diabetes & Stroke: What's the Connection?	Vitamins & Supplements: How Useful Are They?	Anxiety: Stop Negative Thoughts		Preventive Care: What You Need To Know	
2:30 PM 2:30 AM						Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting November 11, 2020	Mental Health Education Series: Understanding Mood Disorders
3:00 PM 3:00 AM							
3:30 PM 3:30 AM	Diabetes Matters: Dining Out Around The World	Sports Medicine Program: Why Does My Shoulder Hurt?	Strategies to Reduce the Risk of Cancer Recurrence	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting November 11, 2020	Emotional Wellness During the Holidays	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting November 11, 2020	Solutions for Weight Management
4:00 PM 4:00 AM	Women's Health Conference: Reclaiming Your Confidence						
4:30 PM 4:30 AM	Family Caregiver Series: Mindfulness Meditation for the Caregiver	Sidelined by Back Pain? Get Back in the Game	FB Live: Staying Fit While Working From Home		Advancements in Lung Cancer Detection and Treatment	Colon Cancer	Mental Health Education Series: Family Support
5:00 PM 5:00 AM		Aortic Valve Disease: Treatment Options Including TAVR	Diabetes Matters: Latin Foods		Caregiver Series: Caring for Someone with Dementia or Other Medical-Related Memory Loss	Caregiver Series: Securing Care Preferences Through AHCD	Emotional Wellness During the Holidays
6:00 PM 6:00 AM	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting November 11, 2020	Women's Health: Planning for Pregnancy	Suffer From Sinus Problems?		Women's Health through the Years: Screening is Key to Aging Well	Healthy Gut, Healthy You	Learn the Latest Treatment Options for GERD
6:30 PM 6:30 AM		Peripheral Vascular Disease: What You Need to Know					
7:00 PM 7:00 AM		How To Stop Disease Before It Starts	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting November 11, 2020	Wildfire Smoke and Your Lungs: Do You Need to Worry?	Diabetes Matters: Filipino Food Made Healthy	Keeping Your Brain Healthy	
7:30 PM 7:30 AM				Food Pharmacy: Prescription for Colon Health	Diabetes Matters: Asian Indian Cooking		
8:00 PM 8:00 AM	Sick Feet?	Mental Health Education Series: Understanding Psychotic Disorders	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting November 11, 2020	How to Sleep Your Way to Better Health	Chronic Kidney Disease: FAQ	Caregiver Series: Codependency and the Caregiver	Advance Care Planning: Five Wishes
9:00 PM 9:00 AM					Endometriosis: Causes, Symptoms, Diagnosis and Treatment	Understanding HPV: What You Need to Know	
9:30 PM 9:30 AM	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes and Your Heart	Strategies to Help Lower Your Cholesterol and Blood Pressure	Healthy Eating: Prescription for Health	FB Live: Reduce Your Risk When Phasing Out of Shelter In Place	Diabetes Health Fair 2019: Diabetes and Foot Care	Laugh without Leaking: Understanding Female Urinary Incontinence	Diabetes Matters: Heart Healthy Eating
10:00 PM 10:00 AM				Shoulder Pain: Causes and Treatment Options	Hepatitis B and Liver Cancer: Prevention and Treatment		
10:30 PM 10:30 AM	FB Live: Noontime in the COVID-19 Kitchen	Fall Prevention	Mental Health Education Series: Anxiety Disorders	Hepatitis B and Liver Cancer: Prevention and Treatment	Wound Care: The Latest Treatment Options	Oh My Aching Feet! Recognizing Common Foot and Ankle Problems	FB Live: Maintaining Your Mental Wellness During the COVID-19 Pandemic
11:00 PM 11:00 AM							Women's Health Conference: Quality of Life Before and After Cosmetic Surgery
11:30 PM 11:30 AM				Women's Health: Depression, More Than a State of Mind	Diabetes Health Fair 2019: Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes	FB Live: Reduce Your Risk When Phasing Out of Shelter In Place	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes and Kidney Health

The District has Spoken: Bond Measure XX Passes

Washington Hospital To Get Funding for Vital Upgrades and Construction

This year, Washington Hospital solidified its strong relationship with the community it has served for more than six decades. Measure XX on the November 3 general election ballot – which will fund Phase 3 of Washington Hospital Healthcare System's Facility Master Plan – was approved by the voters in the Washington Township Health Care District.

This endorsement of Measure XX is much more than a vote to address seismic safety concerns. Support of the measure is evidence that the owners of Washington Hospital, the District residents, care deeply about their not-for-profit Hospital and are willing to make the necessary investments to ensure that high-quality health care is available locally. The entire Washington Hospital Healthcare System family, which includes staff and physicians, sincerely appreciate the trust and support demonstrated by the community it serves.

“We are thrilled that Measure XX passed and tremendously grateful for the unwavering support of people in the District,” said Kimberly Hartz, Chief Executive Officer of Washington Hospital Healthcare System. “This win, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, validates that our community values the high-quality programs and services we provide and stands by us in our mission to meet their health care needs now and long into the future.”

Measure XX approved a general obligation bond in the amount of \$425,000,000. Passage of the measure:

- Enables the Hospital to meet the needs of the community now and into the future, allowing the Hospital to offer local access to the most advanced diagnostic and treatment options for conditions like heart disease, stroke and cancer.
- Fulfills state-mandated requirements for earthquake safety by building a new seismically safe, state-of-the-art building adjacent to the Morris Hyman Critical Care Pavilion and completing the build-out of the Pavilion's unfinished shell space.
- Allows the Hospital to be available to the community in the event of a public health emergency or national disaster such as a pandemic or major earthquake.
- Ensures local access to high-quality health care services so patients utilizing the Hospital's emergency department, critical care, and medical-surgical units have access to lifesaving operating and catherization rooms and other essential resources when they need it most.
- Supports Washington Hospital becoming the first designated trauma center in Southern Alameda County. By building a seismically safe facility for key clinical services and expanding its surgical suites and catherization labs, Washington Hospital would be ever better prepared to provide the highest level of emergency care for trauma cases.
- Ensures proper controls are in place so every penny of Measure XX stays in our community to benefit local residents. No funds can be taken away by the state or be used for other purposes like administrators' salaries. An independent Bond Oversight Committee will ensure every dollar is spent as intended by the voters.



With the passing of Measure XX, community members have shown their support for a new seismically safe building.

Washington Hospital's Facility Master Plan: Next Steps

The Washington Township Health Care District Board of Directors developed the Hospital's long-term Facility Master Plan in 2000. Phase 1 of the plan was completed in 2012 and included construction of the Hospital's Central Utility Plant and Center for Joint Replacement building. Phase 2 included building the parking garage and Morris Hyman Critical Care Pavilion.

To date, Washington Hospital has been successful in fulfilling what was promised by the Facility Master Plan with all major construction projects completed on budget and on schedule. “The Morris Hyman Critical Care Pavilion, featuring its state-of-the-art Emergency Department and private critical care rooms, was built and operational just in time to help us better manage the COVID-19 pandemic,” says Michael Wallace, president of the District's Board of Directors. “That alone stands as a testament to the Healthcare System's outstanding foresight and execution of necessary construction and improvement projects.”

Proceeds from the newly approved Bond Measure XX will directly fund the third phase of the Master Plan which includes construction of the new 200,000-square-foot building next to the Morris Hyman Critical Care Pavilion and completion of the build-out of the Pavilion's unfinished shell space—all to be completed by the state-mandated seismic deadline of 2030.

Primary clinical operations and services that are currently located in the Main Hospital patient tower (which does not meet state seismic standards) will be moved into the Pavilion and the new building. Functions moving into the Pavilion will include the pharmacy; operating rooms, including the addition of advanced hybrid ORs; and imaging, including CT, MRI, nuclear medicine, ultrasound and X-ray.

Like the Pavilion, the new building will feature a progressive patient-focused design including spacious, all private medical and surgical rooms with abundant natural light for safety and comfort. Functions moving into the new building will include the Birthing Center and Special Care Nursery; Catheterization Laboratory; the Clinical Laboratory; Pediatrics; Physical and Occupational Therapy Rehabilitation; and Vascular Imaging.

“The 2020 approval of Bond Measure XX will ensure Washington Hospital Healthcare System can provide critically needed health care in case of natural disaster or pandemic. It assures this community a safe, state-of-the-art, patient and family-focused medical campus for many generations to come,” added Wallace. “We sincerely thank the residents of the District for their ongoing support.”

Read more about Washington Hospital's construction and improvement plans in the Hospital's newly posted HealthSigns 2020 Annual Report Edition which can be viewed online at www.WHHS.com/Annual-Report.



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Decorations will be up by Saturday, December 12, and will be lighted from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. every day through Christmas Day, December 25. Because of coronavirus pandemic concerns, the usual candy cane handout will be suspended this year. However, visitors will still be able to donate to various charities supported by Crippsmas Place. Donations can be made by visiting the Crippsmas Place website at www.CrippsmasPlace.org.

Located off Nicolet Avenue, Cripps Place is a neighborhood where residents celebrate and give back to the community through the annual Crippsmas Place display. It was started as a small event in 1967 by former neighbor Robert "Spider" Cantley. Over the years it has grown in size and popularity and today includes many unique plywood cutout decorations featuring classic and new children's cartoon characters. Every year new decorations are made by neighbor volunteers -- look for characters from the movies "Coco" and "Onward" -- along with nostalgic favorites like cartoon Scooby Doo and video game Sonic the Hedgehog.

Donations to Crippsmas Place will benefit:

- Leukemia Lymphoma Society
- SAVE (Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments)
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This holiday season, stay positive but test negative



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GRAPHIC BY PRATIK PARIKH

On November 30 alone, the TSA reported that 1.17 million Americans passed through their checkpoints en route to holiday destinations. This massive diaspora has raised a myriad of local and statewide concerns as all but five of California's 58 counties have been relegated to the "Purple Tier." As Governor Newsom rolls out stricter stay-at-home and curfew ordinances to hinder the spread, it prompts the question: Is there still a way to celebrate the holidays safely in the era of COVID-19? One local professor hopes so.

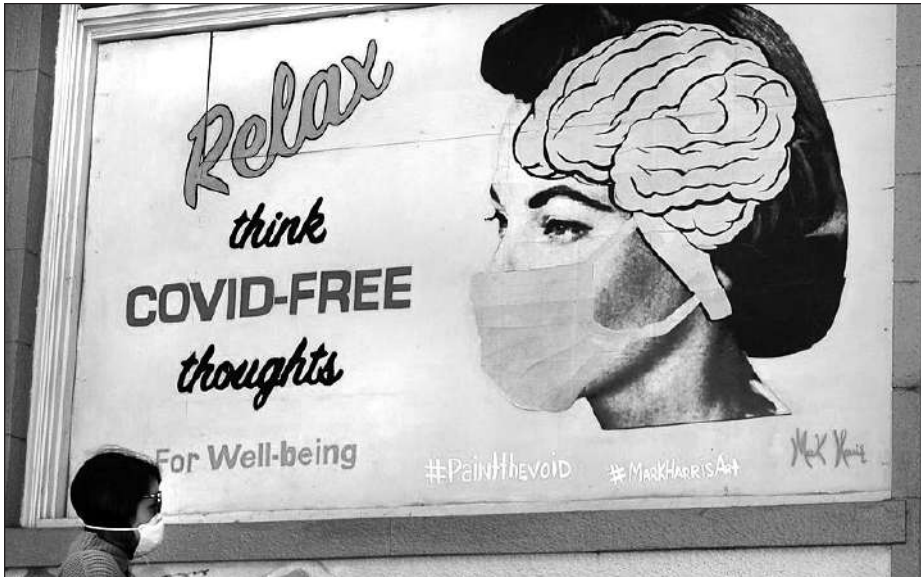
"Obviously the safest way to have holidays right now is to just not travel," says Cal State East Bay associate professor, Dr. Michael V. Stanton, Ph.D. Having studied clinical psychology and behavioral medicine at Duke (and later)

Brown Universities, Stanton fully understands that despite the evidence before their eyes, it's just human nature that others will want to travel for the holidays – pandemic or not.

"The 9/11 attacks were some of the most devastating in our country. We lost about 3,000 that day and now we're experiencing a 9/11 just about every other day with the virus having killed 200,000 Americans since March and counting," states Stanton. "However, people still rely on each other for their own spiritual and psychological well-being. They might be missing getting to hug family members and share meals, so the task now is how do we do that while also preventing the spread?"

Stanton is one of the 85 educators from 29 countries working on the "PsyCorona" Study. The PsyCorona Study monitors the psychological and cultural impact that the virus has on the global community, and this international team has a series of recommendations (aside from self-quarantine) to mitigate the spread this winter. These tips include limiting family gatherings to no more than a dozen people, having meals outside if possible, facilitating frequent ventilation, social distancing, wearing face coverings and not sharing utensils.

While all these precautions can go a long way in terms of containing the spread, Stanton's preliminary studies have



given him a greater perspective and hence a broader message to share with a fatigued American public.

"We all want to share holiday moments with those we love, but we also have to remember that if we're not cautious, we risk losing our loved ones, which defeats the purpose altogether," says Stanton. One of the main factors that Stanton attributes to the general public's growing unwillingness to adhere to local orders is a condition he calls "Zoom fatigue."

"What I'm seeing with a lot of people and especially my students, is a loss of hope for the situation as well as those who develop a false sense of security just because they're young," adds Stanton. "People want life to revert from Zoom calls and classes back to in-person and normal life, but I know of at least one student who was perfectly healthy before the pandemic and now the virus has left him with lifelong complications."

Despite the ongoing controversy of incidents such as Governor Newsom

violating his own stay-at-home order to attend a birthday party in Napa and the fluctuating reopening/closing of local businesses and facilities, Stanton's work with the PsyCorona Study suggests that the human spirit may ultimately be what saves us this holiday season.

"One of the ways to overcome this pandemic is just to look at how people have overcome similar crises before. If history has shown us anything, it's that Americans are resilient. A complete eradication of the virus is possible; we've seen it be done in countries such as New Zealand," concludes Stanton. "If we can adjust our cultural norms and think in terms of utilitarianism instead of our individual needs, we can beat this thing so that this time next year we can celebrate the holidays to the fullest."

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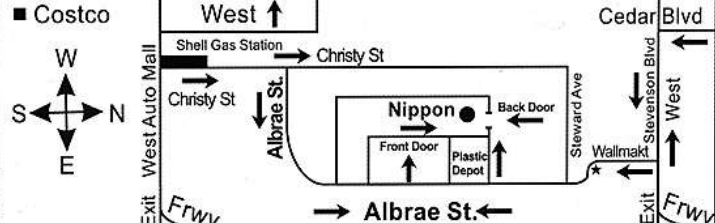
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Chanukah Lighting and Concert



SUBMITTED BY CHAYA FUSS

Chabad of Fremont Jewish Center will organize a Drive-In Chanukah on Monday, December 14, the fifth night of the eight-day holiday. Chabad of Fremont will light a 9-foot Chanukah Menorah; the event will feature a concert by Israeli Rock Band Moshav, swag bags for all attendees, and the kindling of the giant Menorah.

This year's Menorah lighting is done with the recognition of the crucial need for a message of hope during what for many is a difficult time. Chabad of Fremont will also distribute Menorahs, candles, and Chanukah-at-home kits to those celebrating at home.

"The Menorah serves as a symbol of light and hope for us today amidst the darkness of the pandemic, as it did for generations before us," said Rabbi Moshe. "The flames of the Menorah shine out into the night, reminding us that even when confronted with much darkness, a tiny light can

dispel it all. Another act of goodness and kindness, another act of light, can make all the difference."

To ensure everyone's safety, the event will have limited space, and attendees will remain in their cars. To reserve a spot, visit www.chabadfremont.com/drivein. For more information about Chanukah and a schedule of local events, visit www.chabadfremont.com/chanukah.

Menorah Lighting Drive-In
4 p.m.: Gates Open; 5:30 p.m.: Drive-In Concert; 6:15 p.m.: Menorah Ceremony
Monday, Dec 14
Central Park Sports Complex
1110 Stevenson Blvd, Fremont
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Register: www.chabadfremont.com/drivein
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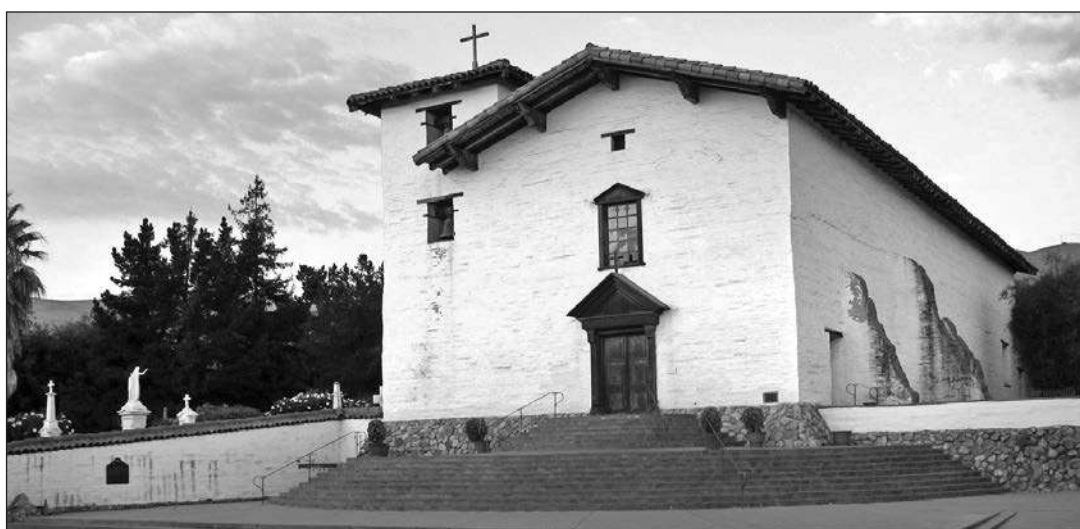
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Cub Scout receives national award

SUBMITTED BY
EVE RUHLMAN

A group of neighborhood kids were hanging out and eating some candy together when Austin Ruhlman noticed that one of the younger kids had begun to choke on a small treat. Austin, a Webelo Cub Scout, asked the little boy if he was okay, but the little boy just kept coughing repeatedly. Without missing a beat, Austin quickly started to aggressively pat his back and yelling for help. Luckily, the next-door neighbor came rushing out to the situation and took over, getting the candy out of the boy's mouth.

When asked about how he knew what to do with choking victim, Austin stated that he had learned it when he had done the Webelo First Responder training through Newark Cub Scout Pack 441 last year. "We had discussed what to do about spider bites, sprained ankles, heart attacks, and other stuff along with choking in this class," stated Austin, "I even got a new first aid kit from the class."



Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Golden Gate Area Council heard about this great news and nominated Austin as a candidate for a national award for his quick thinking and immediate action. Austin was awarded the BSA National Meritorious Action Award, a prestigious award given to scouts who perform a recognized notable act of service where they were able to put into practice Scouting skills/training or ideals.

When asked about the big award, Austin said, "I don't want

to be famous or anything. I am just glad that I was able to help out my friend. Plus, everyone needs some good news in 2020."

Newark Cub Scout Pack 441 is part of BSA and is chartered by Viola Blythe Community Services. To learn more or to join Pack 441, email the Pack Committee Chairperson at jenniferciraolo@gmail.com.



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Ohana Health Walk

SUBMITTED BY BAY AREA COMMUNITY HEALTH

Aloha! Bay Area Community Health (BACH) and Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) invite you make memorable moments of movement with us during our Ohana Health Walk – a combination of our Walk for Wellness and annual Ohana Health Fair.

Our weeklong event will tie in the best from our Walk with the informative nature of our Health Fair. We will host daily videos featuring a different type of movement to help you live a healthy life before finishing with a celebration on December 19. And you'll have a chance to get out and walk on your own time for a good cause!

Schedule of events:

Dec 14: Hula-Hooping
Dec 15: Dance
Dec 16: Stroll of Mindfulness
Dec 17: Yoga
Dec 18: Hula Dancing
Dec 19: Celebration

Register and choose your donation amount at <https://bach.health/health-walk/>. For more information contact Jeremy Loader at jloader@bach.health or call Desrie Campbell at (510) 252-6819.

Ohana Health Walk
Monday, Dec 14 – Saturday, Dec 19

Celebration
Saturday, Dec 19
11 a.m. – noon
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One-Day Flu Shot Clinic

SUBMITTED BY PAUL SANFTNER

City of San Leandro, Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan, and Alameda County Public Health Department are co-sponsoring a free flu shot clinic on Wednesday, December 16.

Older adults who have not yet received a flu vaccination are strongly encouraged to participate in this opportunity. The regular dose vaccine is available to individuals who are 3 years and older, including pregnant women. Children under age 3 should be seen by their pediatrician. Each flu shot recipient will receive a free ready-to-heat frozen turkey meal.

"We are amid flu season and another wave of COVID-19 cases. This year it is more critical than ever for everyone to get a flu shot," said San Leandro Mayor Pauline Cutter. "We must avoid a 'twindemic' and surges that compromise our hospital and health care system along with flu symptoms that mimic COVID-19."

COVID-19 safety guidelines and procedures will followed at the clinic to maintain proper safety protocols. Call (510) 577-3462 to register for a flu shot appointment.

Free Flu Shot Clinic
Wednesday, Dec 16
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BUSINESS

SAVE welcomes new executive director

SUBMITTED BY SAFE ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENT ENVIRONMENTS (SAVE)

SAVE's Board of Directors and staff are extremely delighted to announce that Jennifer Dow-Rowell has joined the SAVE family as our new Executive Director. Jennifer comes to SAVE with a long and impressive history of accomplishments and leadership in the field of intimate partner violence (IPV). Most recently, she was the Director of Development at Communities Organized to end Relationship Abuse (CORA) in San Mateo. Jennifer has held multiple leadership positions at other Bay Area IPV organizations, including Director of Domestic Violence Services at Tri-Valley Haven and Executive Director of the Berkeley Women's Daytime Drop-in Center. She has served on the board of the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence and is currently actively involved in their work on the intersections of IPV and homelessness. Jennifer has also

been a champion for people experiencing homelessness as the CEO of the Tracy Community Connections Center and currently serves as the co-chair of the Tracy Community Homeless Taskforce. Jennifer holds a Masters Degree in Business Administration and a Bachelors Degree in Anthropology and Women's Studies. She has earned the prestigious Certified Fund Raising Executive designation. Throughout her career, Jennifer has worked tirelessly to develop and sustain programs that are inclusive, intersectional, and survivor-centered - values that are at the core of our work at SAVE. Her desire to reduce the barriers faced by survivors in gaining safety and long term stability, make her an excellent fit to lead SAVE's innovative work. We believe SAVE will deepen its services and expand its impact under Jennifer's bold and compassionate leadership. It is our honor and pleasure to welcome her on board.



HOLIDAY DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Many organizations are helping those in need this holiday season. Get involved!

Building Futures
Gift cards, Amazon wishlist, online campaign
www.bfwc.org/holiday

SAVE Gift Card Drive
Donate gift cards for abuse survivors and their families
<https://save-dv.networkforgood.com/projects/117251-holiday-gift-card-drive>

LOV Adopt-a-Family
Sign up to sponsor a family, shop online, and

deliver or drop off gifts at LOV
<https://lov.org/about-adopt-a-family/>

Davis Street Holiday Basket Program
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<https://castrovalley.news/holiday-cards-for-seniors/>

Correction:

Below is a correction to our profile of NASA Ambassador Kailash Kalidoss, which ran in the December 1, 2020 issue on page 11. Unfortunately, several details concerning his career and family were stated incorrectly. Below is the correct information.

1. Kalidoss began his career at a design and manufacturing firm in Sunnyvale, and later enrolled in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), a U.S. Air Force Auxiliary. At CAP he was a senior member and a second lieutenant.
2. Kalidoss' seventh-month-old child is a son.
3. Kalidoss' preferred URL is kailashkalidoss.com.

Electric Vehicles Virtual Workshop

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF FREMONT

Join presenters and residents from across the Bay Area for an Electric Vehicles (EV) 101 workshop on Wednesday, December 9, to learn about the benefits of driving all-electric. The workshop will discuss the wide variety of vehicles on the market today and their respective ranges. Other topics of discussion include home and public charging, available rebates and incentives, special programs for income-qualified drivers, buying and leasing opportunities, and tips for finding the right plug-in car for your lifestyle. Time will be provided for questions and answers at the end of the presentation. The workshop is open to all, whether you are ready to swap out your old vehicle for a new one or just interested in learning more about electric vehicles in general. The workshop is presented by the cities of Albany, Berkeley, and San Francisco; and by 350 Bay Area and the Ecology Center. Register at www.eventbrite.com/e/electric-vehicles-ev-101-tickets-126899464715 to join the event.

Online EV 101 Workshop
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec 9
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INDUCTION Cooking Party

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF FREMONT

BayREN is co-hosting a free webinar with Kitchens to Life on Tuesday, December 15, to bust myths about electric cooking. Rachelle Boucher, who is a professional chef and electric kitchen expert, will teach participants about electric induction cooking: a new safer, healthier, and higher-performance cooking alternative to natural gas—for cuisines of all kinds.

Participants will

- Learn how to make the transition to electric induction cooking.
- Learn about the health and safety benefits of eliminating natural gas.

• Get information about rebates from local government to help you go electric in your kitchen.

Register for this webinar at <https://www.kitchenstolife.com/> under “Upcoming Events” and help fight climate change while making your kitchen a safer place to create meals year-round.

Electric Cooking Webinar
12 noon
Tuesday, Dec 15
<https://www.kitchenstolife.com/>
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Downtown Hayward Holiday Giveaway

SUBMITTED BY HAYWARD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Just in time to help busy shoppers, gift cards and prizes will be offered through December 24, for those who follow, click, share or comment online as part of the Downtown Hayward Holiday Giveaway. The event is sponsored by the Downtown Hayward Improvement Association. The promotion is an extension of the annual downtown holiday passport program, but this year will emphasize safe shopping, gifting, and dining during the season by showcasing different Downtown Hayward businesses. The effort will encourage placing online, phone and to-go orders, and news about how to safely visit businesses in person.

The event website is DowntownHaywardGiveaway.com. Links for participating merchants and news about toy collection by the Hayward fire and police departments are still in development and will be updated shortly. Participating businesses will be featured on the Downtown Hayward Holiday Giveaway's Facebook and Instagram platforms where they have the opportunity to share a promotion, coupon or flier. Their online platforms and social media will be highlighted as well. Anyone who follows, likes, comments and shares, on those sites will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift card or prize to that business. Additional prizes have been added by Hayward merchants, including winter varsity jackets from Tom Luzod of Sorensen's Chapel.

Each action on Facebook or Instagram will count as an entry for that day's giveaway, with winners throughout the week. A grand prize will be awarded on January 4 that will include a basket of gift cards and products from participating businesses. To qualify for the grand prize, participants must have at least one eligible entry for each participating business. The promotion is presented in association with the Hayward Chamber of Commerce and all downtown businesses within in the DHIA assessment district boundaries are welcome to participate. Those interested in joining should contact penny@downtownhayward.com.

Jennifer Ott named next assistant city manager

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF HAYWARD

On December 4, Hayward City Manager Kelly McAdoo announced the promotion of Deputy City Manager Jennifer Ott to the position of assistant city manager for the City of Hayward. The appointment will be effective December 21, following the retirement of Assistant City Manager Maria Hurtado. Since joining the City of Hayward as deputy city manager in September 2018, Ott has led major redevelopment strategy and negotiation, has overseen the Community Services, Housing, and Economic Development divisions of the City Manager's Office, and has served as a member of McAdoo's executive team. Ott has a Master of Public Policy from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Bachelor of Arts in history and Spanish from the University of California, Davis.



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Small Businesses Assistance

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The credit is equal to \$1,000 per qualified employee, up to \$100,000 for each small business employer. SB 1447 tax credit is available for the 2020 tax year only that allows a small business hiring credit against California state income taxes or sales and use taxes to certain California qualified

small business employers that receive a tentative credit reservation. The state is requesting credit reservation from interested businesses now. To complete the application, visit www.taxcredit.cdta.ca.gov/. For more information, visit www.gov.ca.gov/2020/11/30/.

COVID Relief Grant

Governor Gavin Newsom recently announced the creation of a \$500 million COVID Relief Grant administered by the California Office of the Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA) for small businesses that have been impacted by the pandemic. Funds would be awarded to selected intermediaries with established networks of Community Development Financial Institutions to distribute relief through grants of up to \$25,000 to underserved micro and small businesses throughout the state by early 2021. Nonprofits would also be eligible for these grants. CalOSBA is establishing the program and will make it available to small businesses as soon as possible. Visit www.business.ca.gov/ for updates on availability.

Winter's dry start prompts low California water allocation

AP WIRE SERVICE

California's water managers on Tuesday preliminarily allocated just 10% of requested water supplies to agencies that together serve more than 27 million Californians and 750,000 acres of farmland.

The state Department of Water Resources cited the dry start to the winter rainy season in California's Mediterranean climate, along with low reservoir levels remaining from last year's relatively dry winter. Winter snow typically supplies about

30% of the state's water as it melts.

Last year's initial allocation also was 10% and climbed only to 20% when the final allocation was made in May. Most areas that depend on the state-supplied water also have other sources including groundwater, streams, and their own reservoirs.

The department's eight precipitation measuring stations scattered across Northern California collected a record-low 0% of average rainfall in October and 53% in November.

Meanwhile, the state's major reservoirs are lower than they were at this time a year ago.

Lake Shasta, the federal Central Valley Project's largest reservoir, is at 75% of its historical average, down from 119% a year ago. Lake Oroville,

the State Water Project's largest reservoir, is at 61% compared to 90% last year.

"While we still have several months ahead of us, dry conditions persist," department Director Karla Nemeth said in a statement urging the state's nearly 40 million residents to conserve water. "As communities throughout California prepare to support their environment and economies through times of extended dry periods, state agencies plan together to support those communities."

The initial allocation uses conservative assumptions and is updated monthly as conditions change based on snowfall and water runoff. The department will conduct this winter's first snow survey south of Lake Tahoe on Dec. 30.

WANT TO ADOPT A PET?

SUBMITTED BY ALYSE LUI

Hayward Animal Shelter is organizing a virtual adoption event from Wednesday, December 9, to Saturday, December 12. The shelter is offering \$20 adoptions, sponsored by Bissell Pet Foundation, to qualified homes. A dog license fee of \$17 still applies to Hayward residents.

Pets of the week:

• Jayden is a 10-week-old male kitten, who is sweet and curious. He is still learning the ropes for

being around people, but he is picking it up quickly.

• London is a 9-week-old female medium/long haired kitten, who is sweet but a little skittish. She allows handling but is still getting used to people.

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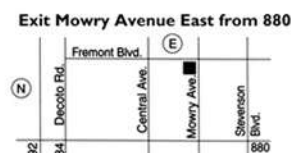
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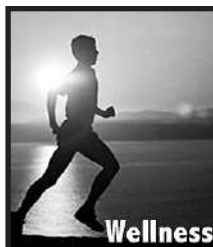
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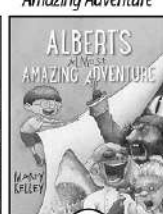
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Below are the covers of some of them. **Can you number these books in alphabetical order?**



Molly Mac

Kayley

Marty Kelley does school visits via Zoom these days. Learn more about this and his books at www.martykelley.com

Standards Link: Language Arts: Recognize and use adjectives



Name: Wally Mai

People in my family: Mom

Dad

Directly funny brother Alex

My best friend: KAYLEE!!!!

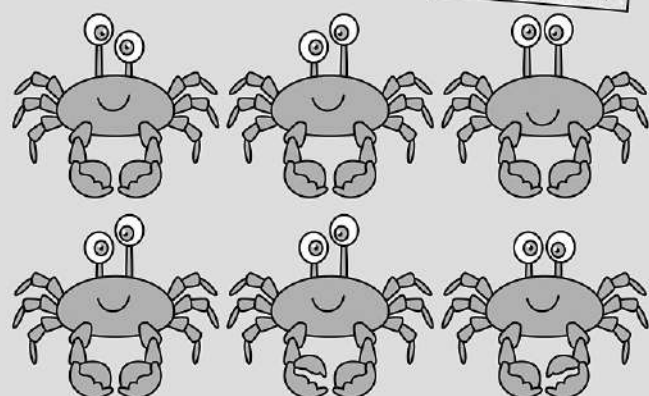
A picture of me!

I really like: Cheesy delicious food!
But not if it's have tomatoes on them.
Yuck! They are soggy and wet.

When I grow up I want to be:
An artist. And a famous animal trainer.
And a professional taste tester. And a teacher
And a super hero. And a lunch lady. And a pirate!

My special memory: Kaylee and I camped in my
yard we made s'mores with cheese. They
were surprisingly delicious.

A special memory:

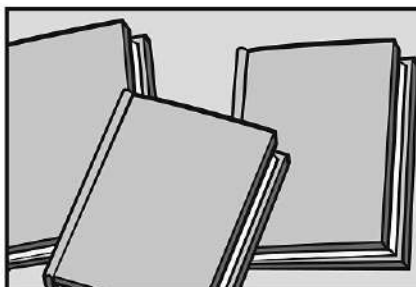


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A H E R L I R Y E D
F C E L D O O D S S

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

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

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Students write phrases that describe concepts.



When is a blue school book not a blue school book?

ANSWER: When it is red (read)!

Who is your favorite author? Learn three significant things about that person and write about them.



City of Fremont Participates in United Against Hate Week



On November 10, 2020, the Fremont City Council proclaimed the week of November 30 through December 6, 2020, as United Against Hate Week in the City of Fremont. Designed to bridge divisions and bring communities together, this week seeks to find solutions for eliminating hate and intolerance, while promoting justice, fairness, and equal treatment for all.

As part of the United Against Hate week campaign, Compassionate Fremont, a local grassroots organization dedicated to compassion and equity, produced and distributed 5,000 posters across Fremont as part of an effort to combat hate and foster respect and inclusivity. In addition, Compassionate Fremont, the Tri City Interfaith Council, and

Tri City Brady, among other organizations, are sponsoring United Against Hate Week virtual activities.

To ensure the ideals of United Against Hate Week are observed all year long, the City of Fremont will continue to stand firmly with leaders and community members from half a dozen other cities across the Bay Area who believe in fairness, justice, and equal treatment of all, and will work with our community to eliminate hatred and intolerance. The City continues to support the efforts of Compassionate Fremont, the Tri City Interfaith Council, Tri City Brady, and the Human Relations Commission to create an inclusive city, welcoming of diversity.

COVID-19 Testing Sites and Dates



Given recent increases in the COVID-19 case rate in Alameda County, and the rise in cases across the Bay Area and the state, Alameda County has now moved back to the Purple Tier. The next several weeks could place us at high risk for even more COVID-19 transmission with the upcoming holidays and more people gathering indoors as the weather changes.

The City of Fremont Community Services Department has partnered with the Alameda County Public Health Department and local agencies to provide COVID-19 testing sites at Fremont parks:

- Asian Health Services continues to provide COVID-19 testing and outreach to the community at the Los Cerritos Community Park, 3377 Alder Avenue on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the following days:
 - December 12
 - December 19
 - December 26

Testing is by appointment only and can be scheduled by visiting www.color.com/AHS or by calling the COVID-19 Helpline at 510-735-3222.

- Bay Area Community Health (BACH) is scheduled to provide COVID-19 testing at two (2) additional park sites in December from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the following days:
 - Central Park – December 7, 8, 9, and 10
 - Centerville Community Park – December 15, 16, 17

Appointments are required. Visit <http://bach.health/covid>

Remember, to protect our families, friends and communities, especially those loved ones who may be at high risk for severe illness and death, please wear face coverings whenever you leave home and stay at least six feet away from people you don't live with. Stay home when ill and wash your hands frequently.

Help Make 2020 Brighter for Those in Need

2020 has been catastrophic for many households, particularly those that have lost jobs or businesses and are barely keeping roofs over their heads, and for many older adults on fixed incomes who have become socially isolated. To help ease some of the stress 2020 has brought to many, please consider partnering with the City of Fremont's Human Services Department to support families, individuals, seniors, and their beloved pet companions.

Make a gift to Giving Hope this holiday season and help ease the burden of those in need. While this is the 21st year of Giving Hope, it will be the most urgent for participation. We look forward to partnering with you during this unprecedented time.

There are three ways you can support your neighbors in need this holiday season:

1. Sponsor a family by fulfilling a gift card wish list. By giving gift cards, you empower the recipient to determine the best way to use them. You can request to sponsor a wish list for an individual, a senior, or a family or individual, senior or family with pet companions.
2. Donate gift cards. Donated gift cards will be combined to support wish lists that don't have sponsors or will be distributed equitably among those with urgent needs after the holidays.

3. Make a financial contribution. Financial contributions build our urgent needs fund. Emergency expenses happen all year long. Your donation helps cover unforeseen expenses of those in need regardless of the season.

For more information visit www.Fremont.gov/GivingHope or contact Paula Manczuk-Hannay at 510-574-2049 or pmanczuk-hannay@fremont.gov.





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Home & Garden

Gardening Gifts that Provide Years of Enjoyment

BY MELINDA MYERS

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The popularity of gardening is at an all-time high, and people are discovering its many benefits. Some want to grow safe and nutritious food while others are boosting the beauty of their landscape, and many are turning to gardening to relieve stress. With the holidays right around the corner, it's the perfect opportunity to support new and experienced gardeners with a thoughtful garden-related gift.

Help small space gardeners expand their growing space and reduce maintenance with self-watering elevated cedar planters. Elevated gardens add garden space to a balcony, deck, or patio while raising the garden bed to a comfortable and easily accessible height. The self-watering system makes gardening easy with proper, less frequent watering to ensure success.

Do the same for indoor plant enthusiasts with stylish terrariums, plant stands, and lighting features. Terrariums are still popular, creating a decorative means for providing the moisture and humidity tropical plants need. Copper and rot-resistant mango wood terrariums (www.gardeners.com) add a new and decorative twist to this traditional growing system.

Plant stands allow your favorite indoor gardener to maximize any available space. Shelves filled with greenery help improve indoor air quality, reduce stress, and elevate one's mood. New modern metal plant stand designs add a modern vibe to the indoor garden display.



When space is at a premium, give the gift of vertical gardening accessories. Birdcage planters provide a unique way to display tropical or seasonal flowers. Lower them to tabletop level to use as a centerpiece or decorative element in seasonal indoor displays.

Don't overlook the cooks in your life that may be intrigued by moving their garden indoors. Keep them stocked with fresh herbs and vegetables. Increase their



Don't forget the stocking stuffers! Who doesn't need extra plant tags, ties, and gloves? Consider replacing the stocking with a colorful Tubtrug. These flexible lightweight tubs are perfect for harvesting garden produce, collecting weeds, or transporting anything from one space to another.

The gift of gardening provides lifelong benefits. Supporting family and friends with useful tools and equipment can increase their gardening enjoyment and success. And don't forget to add a few of your favorite garden-related items to your gift list. You will eliminate the stress and guesswork for the giver, and you both will appreciate a gift that provides years of function, beauty, and memories.

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



growing space and needed light with a gift of energy efficient LED grow lights in an attractive stand like the Oslo customizable LED Grow Lights. For those with very limited space, consider an organic kitchen caddy planter kit. A windowsill or countertop herb garden is a great way for anyone to add garden-fresh flavor to winter meals.

Make gardening a fun and accessible experience with the help of a deep seat kneeler that when flipped over, converts into a comfortable seat. Add storage and mobility with a Deluxe Tractor Scoot with Bucket Basket. The handle allows you to easily take your tools and garden scoot with you to every corner of your landscape.



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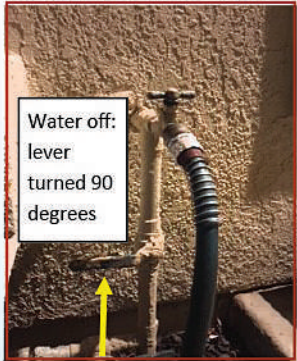
Getting to Know Your House Valve

Learn the location of your house valve and how it operates! This valve controls water flow inside the home.

- The house valve is normally located near the hose bib in the front yard.
- Turn it on and off routinely to exercise the valve, helping to prevent corrosion and to ensure it is functioning properly.
- If the water in your home will not turn on, you should first turn on your hose bib and check for water flow, and then check your house valve to make sure it is on.
- It is the responsibility of the homeowner to operate and maintain the house valve, including repairing leaks, or replacement.
- To shut off water at the meter to **both your home and irrigation**, call our 24-hour emergency line at 510.668.6500 and a technician will be sent out to provide assistance.
- ACWD maintains the water meter, however the water service lateral from the meter to the home is the homeowner's responsibility.



Water on:
lever in
line with
pipe



Water off:
lever
turned 90
degrees



Wheel valve knob on right or left is a gate valve. Turn it clockwise to shut off water and counter clockwise to turn water on

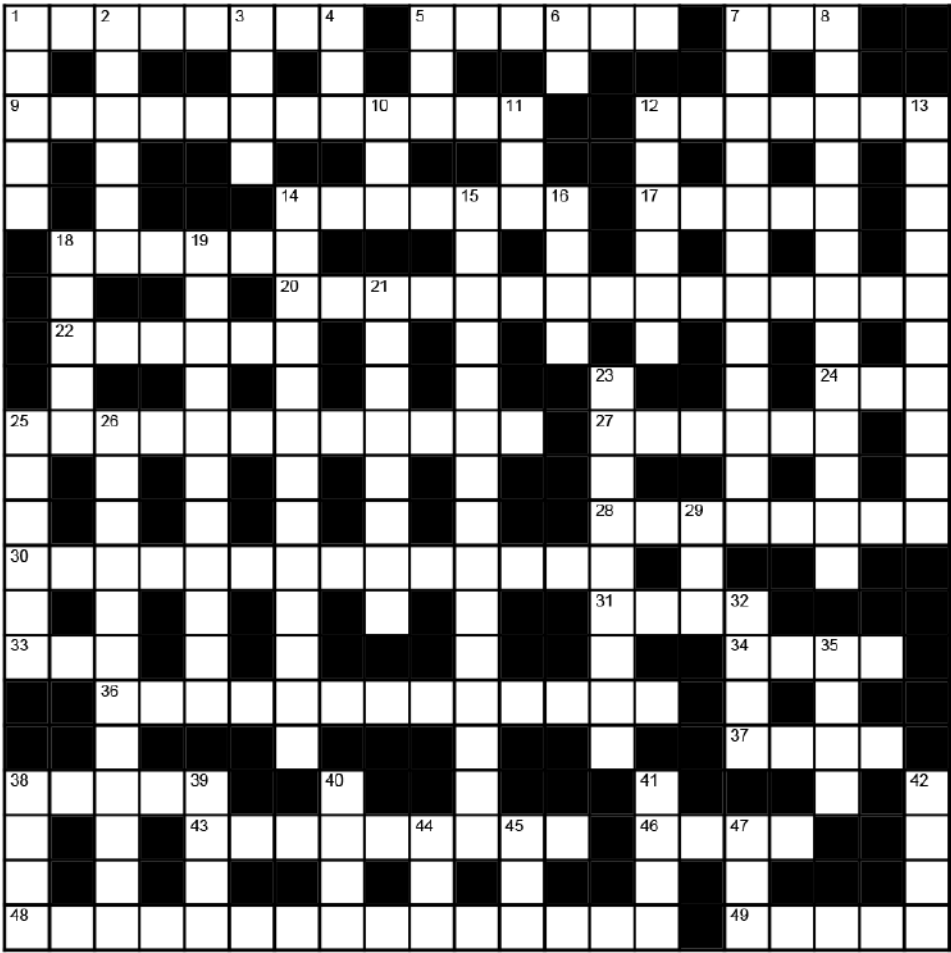


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Mind Twisters

Crossword Puzzle



- Across

1

Daydreamer (8)

5

Shot (6)

7

Go up and down (3)

9

Anemic (5-7)

12

Alert (5-2)

14

Geometric figure (7)

17

Marveled aloud (5)

18

Within reach (6)

20

Picture starring 11D/55D (5,4,6)

22

Drop (6)

24

Office no. (3)

25

Just so you know (3,3,6)

27

Beards (6)

28

Glassworker, at times (8)

30

Black eye (4,10)

31

Rikki-Tikki-___ (4)

33

"As if!" (3)

34

Jam-pack (4)

36

Old-fashioned (5-3-5)

37

Bit attachment (4)

38

Strikes out (5)

43

Teatime tools (9)

46

BMW competitor (4)

48

See circles (9,6)

49

Johnny ___, "Key Largo" gangster (5)

Down

1

Astronomer Hubble (5)

2

"The Count of Monte ___" (6)

3

Part of a nuclear arsenal, for short (4)

4

However, briefly (3)

5

Craze (3)

6

... (2)

7

Nonsense (12)

8

How this answer is situated (6,7)

10

Antipoverty agcy. (3)

11

Joanne of "Red River" (3)

12

Jeered (6)

13

Leader of the pack (10)

14

Student's worry (8,5)

15

Shock (4,4,3,4)

16

Buttonhole, e.g. (4)

18

Sponge (5)

19

Substitute (11)

21

Menu option (1,2,5)

23

Good tennis score (9)

25

Cooking utensil (6)

26

Mediocre (12)

29

Part of U.S.N.A.: Abbr. (3)

32

Bakery employee (4)

35

Score after deuce, in tennis (2,2)

38

Pat on the back? (4)

39

Army N.C.O. (4)

40

Spanish appetizer (4)

41

1968 British comedy "Only When I ___" (4)

42

Pro ___ (4)

44

Pen part (3)

45

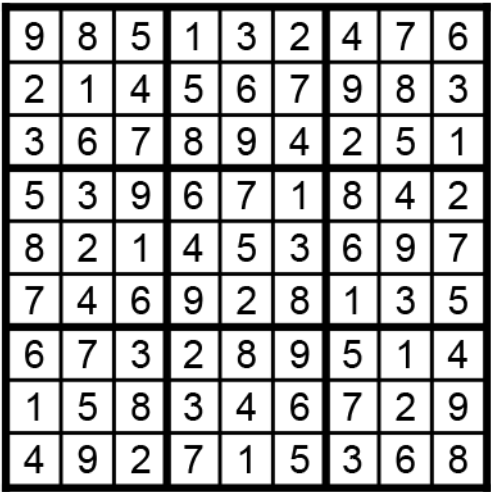
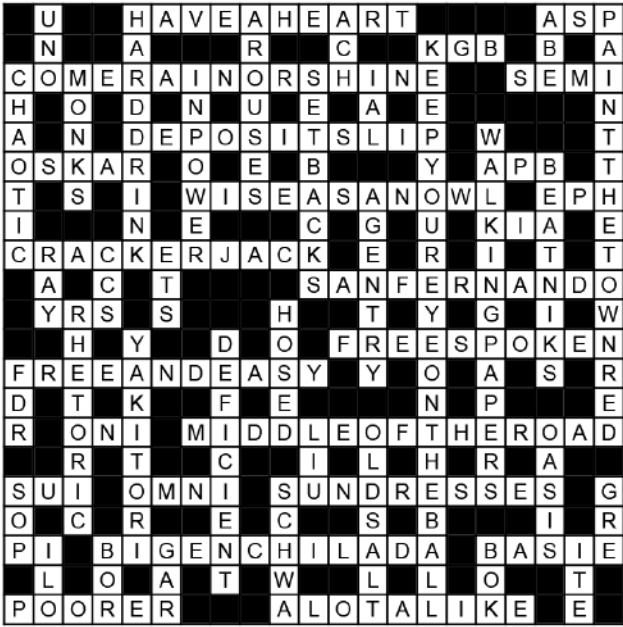
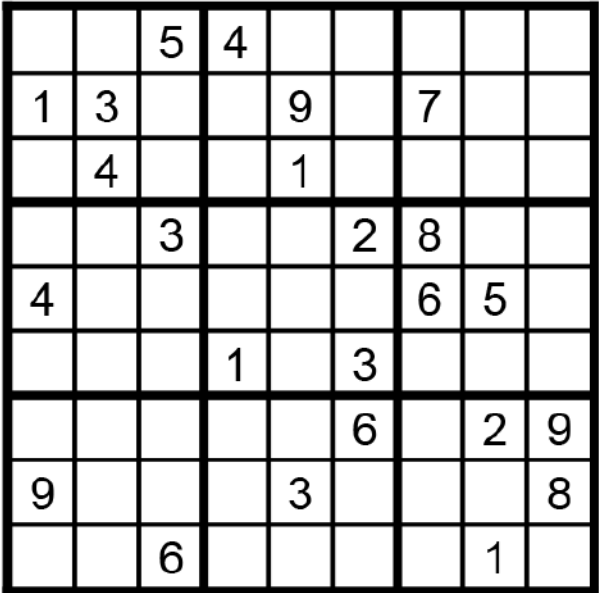
Bill of Rights subj. (3)

47

Patriotic org. (3)

Sudoku:

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



Tri-City Stargazer

FOR WEEK: DECEMBER 8, 2020

All Signs: For the last 200 years, Jupiter and Saturn have lined up in Earth signs, which describes society’s values for the last two centuries. Now, we are at the cusp of a new 200-year cycle of Air, which is egalitarian.

Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20): This might be a frustrating time for you because the planets indicate that you would love to travel. You feel frustrated to be trapped in a rut or routine. Well, it’s possible to learn something new, which is probably your best option to expand your world. Meanwhile, this week, you can benefit from the wealth of your partner or the resources of others, which means doors will open for you if you need a loan or a mortgage. Some of you might inherit. This a favorable week to ask for anything that you want because you just might get it.

Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20): Your strong emphasis on banking, mortgages, loans, insurance issues and shared property continues to be your focus. As the financial wizard of the zodiac, you will be on top of your game. With Venus opposite your sign this week, all your dealings with partners and close friends will be excellent. Be aware of the potential for something that is unrealistic, which is based on either deceit or poor judgment.

Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20): The Sun is still opposite your sign, which means you need more sleep than usual. This also means your focus on partners and close friends is particularly useful. Interaction with friends and groups will be particularly vigorous, even

competitive, this week. Your relations with others at work are excellent right now. This is a good time to discuss agreements. Even your health feels particularly vigorous and solid.

Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21): This week you are still keen on getting better organized and figuring how to work smart so that you are efficient and productive in everything you do. This determination to work hard is a wise choice to deal with the willy-nilly confusion of this year. On the upside, Venus is travelling through one of the most fun parts of your chart, which means it will attract amusing diversions, romance, and fun with children into your world.

Leo the Lion (July 22-August 22): This week, the Sun is in one of the most playful parts of your chart, which makes you want to enjoy vacations, romance, arts, and all kinds of exciting diversions. It will be a rewarding experience for you to express your creativity through any kind of hobby, musical talent, drawing, painting, etc. It is important to identify a way for you to enjoy yourself because in your chart, the Sun is travelling through “your home.”

Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22): Home and family continue to be your focus. In fact, you are more invigorated than usual to get

things done where you live. You are relaxing and seeking refuge in your own solitude, while at the same time, conversations with parents and family members are important. Because you are thinking a lot about your past, this is a good time to talk to a counsellor or a friend to sort things out.

Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22): You have a busy “To Do” schedule full of errands, appointments, possible short trips as well as increased reading, studying, and writing. This week you are keen to communicate to others more than normal. This is a good week to reach out and let others know what you think. You can attract money to you this week. In turn, you will likely shop for beautiful things for yourself and loved ones.

Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21): You have a fine, penetrating mind and this week, your thoughts are on money and your values. You want to know where you are headed and how to handle what you already have, which is practical and realistic. Meanwhile, something that you own might please you and you want to show it off. Possibly, you will have to defend your values this week, which is something you are always ready to do. Venus in your sign, you will be diplomatic and charming.

Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21): Another powerful week because the Sun is in your sign, which makes you energetic, proactive, and competitive. Working with others might be a tad challenging but this only happens you once a year for four weeks. Obviously, you have a great need to express yourself. Secret love affairs might be happening for some of you. You might also be called upon to take care of a loved one. You will demonstrate grace under pressure.

Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19): You are still in limbo because your year is ending but your new year has not yet begun. Nevertheless, it is a good week to plan for what you want in your year ahead. You know that goals will make future decision-making easier – no question. This is a good week to enjoy the company of others by Zoom or in any way that you can because you feel very loving and affectionate to friends and eager for some involvement with groups.

Aquarius the Water Bearer (January 20-February 18): A stimulating, friendly week. Enjoy interacting with friends and groups. Friendships are important to you and this week they are especially important. Examine your friendships to see how well they fulfil your

needs – or not. Are these your people? Is your life enriched by knowing them? Do they inspire and encourage you or do they bring you down? Meanwhile, this is the perfect time to impress bosses, teachers, and parents.

Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20): This is another week where you look fantastic in the eyes of bosses, parents, and teachers, which means it is the perfect time you to make your pitch and advance your agenda. Ask for that raise. Ask for that promotion. Ask for what you want. However, check the Moon Alert in my daily column before doing so. Quite likely, you cannot travel, which is what you would love to do; however, you might be attracted to someone new who is strange or different from you.



By Georgia Nicols
www.georgianicols.com.

CASTRO VALLEY TOTAL SALES: 7							
Highest \$: 1,267,000		Median \$: 1,088,000					
Lowest \$: 725,000		Average \$: 1,016,429					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
2252 Farley Street	94546	725000	2	996	1947	9/21/20	
19212 Center Street	94546	810000	3	1344	1941	9/22/20	
19547 Eagle Street	94546	925000	3	1345	1955	9/21/20	
18334 Joseph Drive	94546	1088000	4	1588	1956	9/22/20	
18530 Carlwyn Drive	94546	1100000	2	2449	1954	9/22/20	
20228 West Ridge Court	94546	1200000	4	2575	2001	9/22/20	
19523 Mount Jasper Dr	94552	1267000	4	3022	1988	9/22/20	

FREMONT TOTAL SALES: 21							
Highest \$: 2,800,000		Median \$: 1,240,000					
Lowest \$: 750,000		Average \$: 1,272,619					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
40846 Ingersoll Terr	94538	750000	3	1188	1987	9/21/20	
37303 Maple Street	94536	827000	0	0		09/22/20	
35787 Gissing Place	94536	870000	4	1830	1970	9/22/20	
37469 Southwood Dr	94536	925000	3	1119	1954	9/22/20	
36318 Frobisher Drive	94536	935000	4	1675	1956	9/22/20	
37842 3rd Street	94536	975000	2	848	1908	9/21/20	
4025 Randy Common	94538	1075000	3	1665	1990	9/22/20	
39519 Stevenson Pl	94539	1196000	3	1660	2018	9/22/20	
34325 Portia Terrace	94555	1200000	3	1688	1987	9/21/20	
5721 Via Lugano	94555	1210000	4	1969	2014	9/21/20	
4215 Raindeer Road	94555	1240000	3	1496	1977	9/21/20	
2819 Sterne Place	94555	1240000	4	1400	1969	9/22/20	
38060 Logan Drive	94536	1265000	3	1980	1955	9/21/20	
3242 Darwin Drive	94555	1271000	4	1679	1969	9/21/20	
1535 Barlow Court	94536	1288000	0	1675	1977	9/22/20	
3124 Bruce Drive	94539	1332000	3	1294	1958	9/21/20	
1287 Vuelta Olivos	94539	1425500	4	1951	1964	9/22/20	
432 Chardonnay Dr	94539	1485000	3	2044	1985	9/22/20	
4718 Norris Road	94536	1510500	3	2023	1952	9/21/20	
41522 Chadbourne Dr	94539	1905000	3	2398	1958	9/22/20	
2780 Woodside Terr	94539	2800000	4	3366	1997	9/21/20	

HAYWARD TOTAL SALES: 4							
Highest \$: 1,079,000		Median \$: 685,000					
Lowest \$: 570,000		Average \$: 754,750					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
2013 Oak Creek Place	94541	570000	2	1225	1972	9/22/20	
27896 East 11th Street	94544	635000	2	896	1946	9/21/20	
250 Eastman Street	94544	735000	5	1466	1952	9/21/20	
25983 Abbington Place	94542	1079000	4	2173	1960	9/22/20	

MILPITAS TOTAL SALES: 21							
Highest \$: 2,600,000		Median \$: 1,110,000					
Lowest \$: 455,000		Average \$: 1,166,143					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
1183 North Abbott Ave	95035	455000	2	863	1979	10/28/20	
1917 Landess Avenue	95035	680000	2	1005	1971	10/30/20	
1096 California Circle	95035	825000	2	1236	2018	10/29/20	
1461 Currant Rd #41	95035	840000	2	1243	2018	10/27/20	
1090 California Circle	95035	865000	2	1236	2018	10/28/20	

1995 Trento Loop #1901	95035	925000	2	1416	2017	10/30/20	
1437 Ashland Drive	95035	940000	3	995	1955	10/28/20	
19 Jacklin Circle	95035	1025000	3	1657	1982	10/29/20	
1361 Coyote Creek Way	95035	1050000	3	1668	2013	10/28/20	
1092 California Circle	95035	1075000	3	1859	2018	10/29/20	
1252 Olympic Drive	95035	1110000	3	1058	1970	10/30/20	
1886 Joshua Tree Circle	95035	1134000	3	1727	2020	10/26/20	
407 Bayberry Way	95035	1160000	3	1536	1997	10/30/20	
335 Duarte Court	95035	1192000	5	1634	1964	10/30/20	
1606 Hidden Creek Ln	95035	1230000	3	2413	2017	10/29/20	
1882 Joshua Tree Circle	95035	1263000	4	1881	2020	10/26/20	
1897 Crater Lake Ave	95035	1330000	4	1528	1967	10/26/20	
2254 Seacliff Drive	95035	1500000	4	2074	1970	10/28/20	
228 Silverlake Drive	95035	1625000	4	2598	1993	10/28/20	
899 Canada Drive	95035	1665000	4	2566	1979	10/26/20	
3454 Spring Creek Ln	95035	2600000	0	0	010	09/29/20	

NEWARK TOTAL SALES: 2							
Highest \$: 1,075,000		Median \$: 997,500					
Lowest \$: 920,000		Average \$: 997,500					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
6405 Potrero Drive	94560	920000	3	1766	1990	9/21/20	
8531 Preserve Avenue	94560	1075000	4	1886	2017	9/21/20	

SAN LEANDRO TOTAL SALES: 9							
Highest \$: 910,000		Median \$: 681,000					
Lowest \$: 465,000		Average \$: 711,222					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
757 Majestic Way #27	94578	465000	2	918	1987	9/22/20	
655 Macarthur Blvd	94577	635000	3	1732	2008	9/22/20	
768 Sybil Avenue	94577	650000	2	1053	1940	9/22/20	
1934 Sundberg Ave	94577	680000	3	1092	1953	9/21/20	
15977 Windsor Drive	94578	681000	2	969	1947	9/22/20	
1077 Martin Blvd	94577	735000	4	1741	1942	9/22/20	
16904 Los Reyes Ave	94578	745000	3	984	1944	9/21/20	
1450 Glen Drive	94577	900000	2	1951	1940	9/22/20	
302 Broadmoor Blvd	94577	910000	2	1921	1917	9/22/20	

SAN LORENZO TOTAL SALES: 1							
Highest \$: 675,000		Median \$: 675,000					
Lowest \$: 675,000		Average \$: 675,000					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
15538 Usher Street	94580	675000	1	864	1926	9/22/20	

SUNOL TOTAL SALES: 2							
Highest \$: 1,727,000		Median \$: 1,343,500					
Lowest \$: 960,000		Average \$: 1,343,500					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
2383 Fern Trail	94586	960000	3	2016	1928	9/21/20	
12181 Foothill Road	94586	1727000	0	3151	0	9/22/20	

UNION CITY TOTAL SALES: 2							
Highest \$: 1,050,000		Median \$: 935,000					
Lowest \$: 820,000		Average \$: 935,000					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
2472 Aptos Court	94587	820000	0	2300	1969	9/21/20	
2733 Cormorant Court	94587	1050000	3	1351	1988	9/21/20	

Home Sales Report

Pat Kite’s Garden



PAT KITE

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

Aloe Vera

BY PAT KITE

It is hard to kill aloe vera (*Aloe barbadensis*). Of course, you can always overwater it. The leaves store water, and a batch of water makes them soggy. The reason many folks like this hardy aloe vera is the plant’s preference for being ignored. Give it a sunny or mostly sunny spot outdoors and this variety is happy growing wide but not too tall. If you have a sunny window, you can try it there too. Most folk “borrow” an offset or “pup” from a friend, let it dry or callus for a day, then put it in garden soil perhaps with a bit of sand, and just leave it be. It will put down roots from the base. I have been taking aloe vera for granted and was amazed to find out there are almost 600 aloe

varieties, ranging from 6 inches to over 10 feet tall. Aloe ciliaris is a climbing form with light green leaves. Tiger Aloe has dark green 5-inch banded leaves. Soap Aloe has thick fleshy white-spotted leaves, which, according to reference, can be used as a soap alternative. A lot of aloe references chat about flowering. The aloe vera in my garden has never flowered. But references mention bright yellow, scarlet, and orange flowers. With all the varieties, I was hoping there was an aloe plant society. No such luck. But there seem to be a zillion references to aloe for medicinal uses, skin lotions, ointments, and cosmetics. Ancient Chinese and Egyptian texts mention it. When embalming the dead, aloe vera juice was used because of purported anti-bacterial and anti-fungi qualities. However, to quote Wikipedia: “There is little clinical evidence for the effectiveness or safety of aloe vera extract as a cosmetic or medicine.” Just be aware that there are aloes and lookalikes, which can cause allergic reactions. Christopher Columbus grew aloe vera in armada ship pots. Spanish Jesuit Monks in the 1500s spread wild aloe vera wherever they traveled. In Indian Ayurvedic medicine, aloe is regarded as the balancing plant between pita, kapha, and vata, a rare honor. Native Americans employed aloe as a wood preservative, among other uses. Adventurer Marco Polo carried back news of aloe vera from China to Europe. The earliest documents on aloe date back to 2,200 B.C. where aloe might eliminate the demons believed to cause illness. Amazing to me. It just looks like a small, sort of inconspicuous and hardy plant. So interesting.

Park It

BY NED MACKAY

A reader who uses a wheelchair asked if I could write something about accessibility in the East Bay Regional Parks. Although there’s always room for improvement, the regional parks do offer many opportunities for wheelchair recreation. Much is on hold now because of the coronavirus pandemic, but many district parks have barrier-free parking, picnic areas, restrooms, drinking fountains, trails, and visitor centers. Roberts Regional Recreation Area in the Oakland hills has a barrier-free, wheelchair accessible children’s play area, so kids with all levels of disability, or none, can play together. **Some other suggestions:** The park district’s paved, inter-park regional trails are generally wheelchair-friendly. These include Big Break Regional Trail in Oakley, Iron Horse Trail between Concord and Pleasanton; Contra Costa Canal Trail, which follows the canal from Martinez through Walnut Creek and Concord; Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail; sections of trail along the

East Bay shoreline at McLaughlin State Park in Albany and Berkeley; Crown Beach in Alameda; and Alameda Creek Regional Trail in Fremont. The George Miller Jr. Regional Trail on Carquinez Scenic Drive between Martinez and Port Costa is paved for a mile and a half and free of motor vehicles. There are beautiful views of Carquinez Strait. Those square concrete pads you will see at intervals alongside the trail are designed so wheelchair users can roll aside to rest. Parking may be problematic, though. Parking is roadside at the east end; there is a small lot at the west end. Castle Rock Regional Recreation Area in Walnut Creek is wheelchair accessible, as is its swimming pool in season. Also accessible are the pools at Roberts and Contra Loma Regional Park in Antioch. When the swim season resumes, beach wheelchairs are available at the park district’s swimming lakes and at Crown Beach. Point Pinole Regional Shoreline in Richmond is a good bet. The park is mostly flat, and there is a paved trail from the entrance parking lots out to the pier, which is disabled accessible. It is a great place to go on hot summer days. Speaking of piers,

disabled accessible fishing piers are located at Lake Temescal in Oakland and Quarry Lakes in Fremont. Though currently closed due to the coronavirus pandemic, several park district visitor centers are normally disabled accessible. These include Environmental Education Center at Tilden Nature Area near Berkeley and Crab Cove in Alameda. For more information about accessible facilities in the regional parks visit, www.ebparks.org. At the top of the home page, click on “Parks & Trails.” When the list appears, click on “Accessibility ADA.” The website also features adventures suggested by Bob Coomber, aka 4WheelBob, a wheelchair hiker-extraordinaire and motivational speaker, who has not let his wheelchair use slow down his explorations of the regional parks and other public open spaces. To access Bob’s stories, click on “Activities” at the top of the home page. Click again on “Hiking.” Then click on “Bob Coomber” on the left side of the hiking page. Before you visit any park, check the top of any page at park district website for up-to-date information on COVID-19 closures.

Tri-City Band Corp launches GoFundMe

SUBMITTED BY TBC OFFICERS

To continue funding their programs in the harsh time of a pandemic, Tri-City Band Corps started a GoFundMe at <https://tinyurl.com/fundEband21>. The money will be used to buy equipment such as instruments, pay for teachers, and acquire SmartMusic. As the only band program for elementary schools still around, Tri-City Band Corps continues providing a musical community for 150 elementary schoolers. Building off their successes from the past season, Tri-City Band Corps hopes to raise enough money to continue their gram for the year. Speaking on last season’s success, TA Harshini Karthikeyan said, “It was a great experience and

helped me stay connected to music during a time when music seemed to be fading from my life. Working with young students was an amazing experience and allowed me to refresh my sight reading skills. Furthermore, it caused me to reflect on my growth as a musician and think about how I’ve improved and what I’m looking forward to improve. The experience was very therapeutic in that it reminded me of my progress as a musician and took me back to my time as a member of elementary band myself.” To find out more about the program, visit <https://www.tricitybandcorps.org> or reach out to tbc@tricitybandcorps.org. **Tri-City Band Corps GoFundMe** <https://tinyurl.com/fundEband21>

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Ballet Petit debuts 42nd Nutcracker via Zoom!



SugarPlum Fairy, Diana Barbacioru

Before Covid, Ballet Petit was excited to share a special milestone. BP's graduate Jenna Anderson, now a professional tutu designer, has created a one-of-a-kind Sugarplum tutu for Senior Ballerina Diana Barbacioru, who first danced the role in 2019, including the Grande Pas de Deux. Ms. Anderson's creation will make its debut in BP's Virtual Nutcracker.

Since a performance of the Grande Pas de Deux would be dangerous health-wise, Senior Ballerinas Alexandra Yakimova and Cynthia Zhan requested to dance what is typically the Cavalier's Variation, the solo dance for the male partner of the Sugar Plum Fairy. In the year of 2020, when everything is looking a little different, their request was welcomed gladly. Miss Peggy even mentioned that she is a little envious of this opportunity. When she was a young dancer, she always loved to take on the challenges of the Male Variations, with jumps being her favorite (and strong suit).

Ballet Petit would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Holiday season. It is so sad and challenging to be dealing with serious health concerns in our communities. Ballet Petit looks forward to when the arts and other aspects of our normal lives again can thrive safely. In the meantime, please be safe.

A "Household Ticker" to Ballet Petit's 2020 virtual performance can be purchased for \$25-100 on Venmo by searching @Ballet-Petit-Inc. You may also email misspeggy@balletpetit.com and mail a check to the school at Ballet Petit, 2501 Industrial Parkway West, Hayward, CA 94545. Miss Peggy will send the Zoom links out accordingly.

Happy Holidays!



Mila Fortner



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Ballet Petit 42nd Anniversary Virtual Nutcracker
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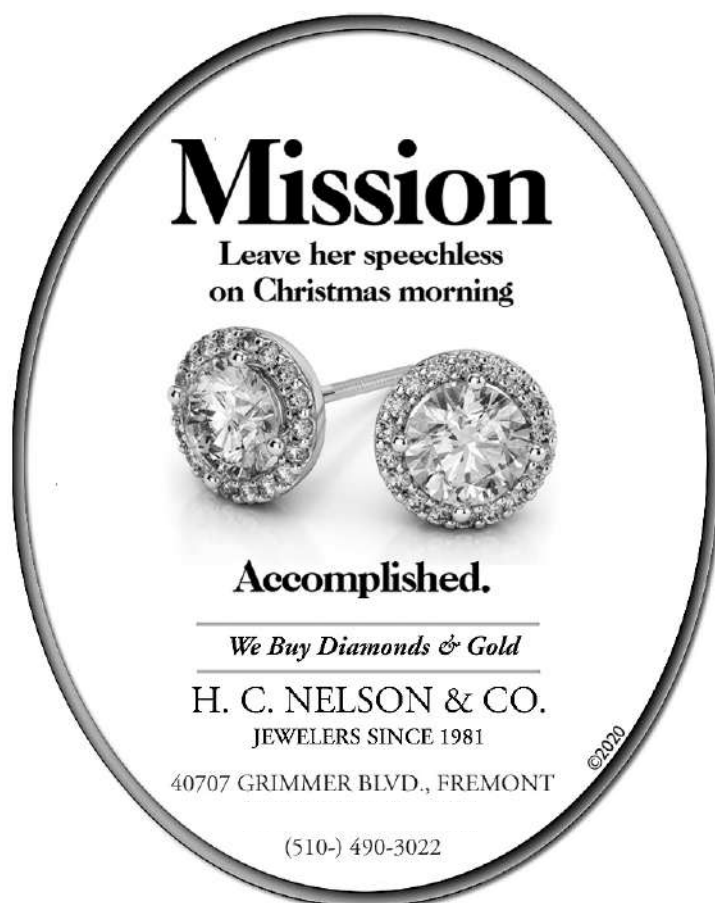
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Monday – Saturday

Free COVID-19 Testing

M-F: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Sa: 9 a.m. – 12 noon

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

Bay Area Community Health

39500 Liberty St., Fremont

(510) 770-8040

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

Mondays and Wednesdays

Parenting During COVID R

Tue: 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Wed: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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

To register:

www.fremont.gov/3060/Caregiver-Support

Support

(510) 574-2100

Tuesdays

Free Virtual Sing-Along

7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

*Zoom choir meeting hosted by Mission
Peak Chamber Singers*

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

Contact: info@chambersingers.org

Wednesday - Saturday

Free COVID-19 Testing

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

*Drive through and walk-up testing
by appointment*

Make appointment at: <https://ac.fulgentgenetics.com/>

Glad Tidings Church

1000 Glad Tidings Way, Hayward

Wednesdays and Sundays

McNevin at The Mudpuddle

6 p.m.

*Dinner time tunes, oddservations, and
bad jokes*

Via Facebook Live:

www.facebook.com/mudpuddlemusic

Thursdays

First Presbyterian Church of Newark Virtual Youth Group

6:30 p.m.

*Youth and young adults, students
welcome*

Contact: brian@newarkpress.org for

Zoom Meeting ID#

www.newarkpres.org

Sundays

Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church Family Service

10 a.m.

Via ZOOM

For link, call (510) 471-2581

<https://sacbc.org/>

Sundays

First Presbyterian Church of Newark Virtual Sunday School

11:00 a.m.

Sunday School, Ages K – 6th grade

Contact: office@newarkpres.org for

Zoom Meeting ID#

www.newarkpres.org

Saturdays

Virtual Town Hall

3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

With Supervisor Dave Cortese

Via Facebook Live:

www.facebook.com/davecortese

Saturdays

Virtual Telescope Viewing R

9:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

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Saturdays

Online Comedy Shows R\$

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Th: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Grief group hosted by SAVE

Via Zoom

W: <https://bit.ly/2KkGwa9>

Th: <https://bit.ly/2UFJdcX>

(510) 574-2250

Thursdays, November 12 – December 10

Virtual 4-Part Book Series \$

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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

Register by 11/10:

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Friday, November 20 - Sun- day, January 17

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

Saturdays, November 21 – December 26

Free COVID-19 Testing

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Los Cerritos Community Park

3377 Alder Ave., Fremont

Call (510) 735-3222 for appoint-
ment or visit

<https://www.color.com/AHS>

Sunday, November 29 – Sat- urday, January 16

FirstPres Advent StoryWalk

*Follow a guided trail featuring lami-
nated pages of a children's Christmas
book*

FirstPres Church Hayward

2490 Grove Way, Castro Valley

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Castro Valley Farmers' Market
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Year-round
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Thursdays
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Niles Farmer's Market
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Year-round
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Hayward Farmers’ Market
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9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Year-round
Hayward City Plaza
777 B. St., Hayward
415-472-6100
www.agriculturalinstitute.org

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Saturdays
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Year-round
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Tuesday
4:30 – 5:20 Weibel School,
45135 South Grimmer Blvd.,
FREMONT
5:50 – 6:40 Booster Park,
Gable Dr. & McDuff Ave.,
FREMONT

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

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

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

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

Wednesday
1:00 – 2:00 Del Rey School,
Via Mesa & Via Julia.,
SAN LEANDRO
2:30 – 3:00 Eden House
Apartments, 1601 165th Ave.,
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Saturday, December 12 – Friday, December 25
Crippsmas Place
Drive through Christmas display
www.Crippsmasplace.org

Sunday, December 15 – Monday, December 23
Las Posadas - Virtual
Admittance: 6:45 p.m.
Performance: 7 p.m.
Musical program to celebrate Mary and Joseph’s journey
Reservation required by noon, day of performance
Zoom link will be emailed to registered attendees
Email: LasPosadasFCAC@earth-link.net
www.fremontculturalartscouncil.org
www.missionsanjose.org

UPCOMING Events

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
ccccconfer.zoom.us/meeting/register

Tuesday, December 8
Energy Efficiency and Solar for Homeowners R
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Experts from the Center for Sustainable Design answer home upgrade questions
https://bit.ly/33KQhFx

Wednesday, December 9
Alameda County Teacher of the Year Awards
7 p.m.
Virtual ceremony recognizing excellence in distance learning instruction
acoe.org/teacheroftheyear

Wednesday, December 9
Final Cocktails & Conservation of 2020
6 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Make a custom cocktail and learn about Centre ValBio in Madagascar
https://www.oaklandzoo.org/programs-and-events/cocktails-conservation

Wednesday, December 9
Electric Vehicles 101 R
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Workshop on finding the right electric vehicle, special programs, charging options, and more!
https://bit.ly/37zVaCy

Wednesday, December 9 – Saturday, December 12
Bissell Holiday Hope Virtual Adoption Event \$
By appointment. \$20 adoptions to qualified homes
Hayward Animal Shelter
16 Barnes Ct., Hayward
(510) 293-7200
www.haywardanimals.org

Thursday, December 10
Heart to Heart Conversations R
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
How to respond during difficult family discussions
Via Zoom
https://bit.ly/3kMpHRZ

Thursday, December 10
Donut Pop-Up \$
5 p.m.
Outdoor Chanukah bakery
Order @ chabadfremont.com/donuts
Chabad of Fremont Jewish Center
220 Yerba Buena Pl., Fremont
(510) 300-4090

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

Friday, December 11 – Sunday, December 13
What Had Happened Was... \$R
CSUEB play on understanding white supremacy, Zoom discussion afterward
Fri/Sat: 7 p.m.
Sun: 2p.m.
https://www.csueastbay.edu/theatre/uts-in-the-u.s..html

Friday, December 11
Drive-in Movie Night for Teens: Home Alone \$R
6 p.m.
For ages 12 -17 (family members may join too)
www.unioncity.org/crs
Activity Code: WI21TN-100
Union City Parking Lot 2
34800 11th St., Union City
(510) 675-5329

Saturday, December 12
Talkin’ Dirt: A LEAF Gardening Chat
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Interactive virtual meeting with gardening Q&A
Via Zoom
https://bit.ly/3mj2ORm
Meeting ID: 955 4716 6934
Passcode: 005112

Saturday, December 12
Toys For Tots Drive-Thru Toy Drive
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Drop off new, unwrapped toys
Spin-A-Yarn Steakhouse
45915 Warm Springs Blvd., Fremont

Saturday, December 12
Latke Masterchef
7:30 p.m.
Teens compete to create the most delicious latke. Gifts for all. Ages 12+
Chabad of Fremont Jewish Center
220 Yerba Buena Pl., Fremont
(510) 300-4090

Saturday, December 12
Ballet Petit's 42nd anniversary Nutcracker Ballet \$R
2 p.m.
Dancers cast themselves in dream roles and perform a socially distanced dance; message from Mayor Barbara Halliday
Tickets: \$25-\$100 by Venmo to @Ballet-Petit-Inc
Email misspeggy@balletpetit.com for Zoom link
https://www.balletpetit.com/

Monday, December 14
Milpitas Rotary
12 noon
Giuliana Brahim-Adult Ed Principal at Ayer and Corrections. Christmas party at 5pm
Via Zoom
https://bit.ly/33mfczA
Meeting ID: 896 1186 2310
Passcode: 760442

Monday, December 14
Chanukah Lighting & Concert R
5:30 p.m.
Drive-in event featuring music, swag, and kindling of the Giant Menorah
Central Park Sports Complex
Stevenson Blvd
www.chabadfremont.com/drivein

Tuesday, December 15
Induction Cooking Party
12 noon
Workshop by Professional chef Rachelle Boucher on electric induction cooking
https://bit.ly/37CIWsQ

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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
Via Zoom
https://bit.ly/36T94Px

Wednesday, December 16
Music & Movement For Kids
3:30 p.m. - 4:30pm
Holiday theme
Via Zoom
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http://www.musicforminors2.org

Wednesday, December 16
Holiday Social Hour
11 a.m. – 12 noon
Join the Age Well Center for a virtual holiday social hour
Via Zoom
Email njordan@fremont.gov or call (510) 790-6602 for link

Thursday, December 17
Ohlone College Information Session R
10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Learn about support services for students, plus Q&A session
Via Zoom
https://bit.ly/37MGwYP

Thursday, December 17
Ohlone College Information Session (Spanish) R
6 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Learn about support services for students, plus Q&A session
Via Zoom
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Saturday, December 19
An Afternoon at the Opera \$
4 p.m.
Music at the Mission presents a virtual concert: Michael Graham, cello, and Bill Everett, double bass
www.musicatmsj.org

Saturday, December 19
Ohana Health Walk R
11 a.m. – 12 noon
Walk on your own time. Daily videos.
https://bach.health/health-walk/

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

Thursday, December 24
Paskuhang Pinoy: A Filipino Christmas Festival
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
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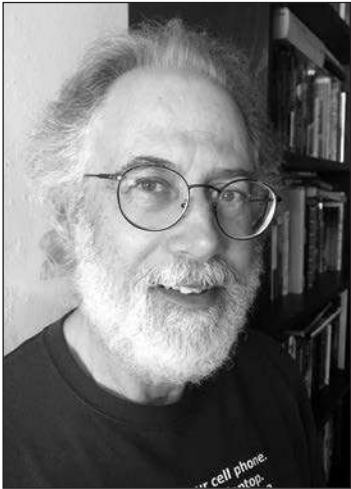
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Auto Review



Over the past 28 years, Steve Schaefer has tested and written about more than 1,300 cars. Since training as a Climate Reality Leader in 2018, he has transitioned to testing only electrified vehicles with plugs, including all-electric cars and plug-in hybrids. He is also exploring electric micromobility, including e-bikes, scooters, and mopeds.

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Hyundai Sonata Hybrid: New and Efficient

BY STEVE SCHAEFER

In a world dominated by crossover SUVs in all sizes and price levels, there's still a market for good old-fashioned four-door sedans, such as the 8th-generation Hyundai Sonata. It offers an alternative to the ubiquitous Toyota Camry and Honda Accord sedans, and as hybrid, averages up to 52 miles per gallon.



Hyundai likes to name its style themes, and this all-new exterior design is called "Sensuous Sportiness." The car has bold, flowing lines and proportions and boasts a coupelike roofline. It even sits an inch lower than the previous generation.

The new "Digital Pulse Cascading Grille" dominates the front end and looks nothing like the face of the 7th generation car. The new theme debuts here but is now on the latest compact Hyundai Elantra, too. The rest of the car avoids the oddball aggressive shapes now finding their way onto many new vehicles.

A smooth car moves less air, and the Sonata has a low.24 Cd (coefficient of drag). Airflow-enhancing updates over the gas-only Sonata include a bumper lip, front- and rear-wheel deflectors, and undercovers below the car. The car employs numerous noise-reducing techniques, too, including sound-absorbing glass and increased insulation.

The Hybrid uses a 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine, mated to a 39-kilowatt electric motor powered by a 270-volt lithium-ion polymer battery pack. The total system horsepower comes to 192. You can watch it all in action on the

10.25-inch center screen or in an abbreviated version on the instrument panel.

The Hybrid's six-speed automatic transmission uses active shift control technology, which monitors shifts 500 times per second to reduce shift time and smooth the shifts themselves. This means better acceleration and improved fuel economy.

My tester, a top-of-the-line Limited model, was awarded miles-per-gallon ratings of 45 City, 51 Highway, and 47 Combined by the U.S. EPA. The entry-level (but well equipped) Blue model rates a better 50 City, 54 Highway, and 52 Combined. I averaged just 38.6 mpg, but it was over a shorter test.

My tester, in a somber Hampton Gray with black interior, was easy to like, if not love. There's enough power to boost confidence, but not enough to get into trouble. When driving with only the electric motor running, it's bliss.

The Sonata has always offered top-ranked interior room, and the leather seats in my tester were comfortable for the few trips I made. Hyundai has dubbed its new interior design "Beautifully Smart." Materials are of high quality and precisely assembled, and the switchgear is sturdy and

satisfying to operate. The Hyundai-specific Bose audio with 12-speakers and subwoofer is sublime.

Plenty of electronic driver support is available, including standard forward collision avoidance assist, lane keeping assist, and advanced smart cruise control. Highway driving assist is optional. It helps with lane centering and maintaining appropriate speed and distance, reducing driver fatigue.

The roof has a solar panel. Hyundai says you pick up a couple of miles of range a day from it—or about 700 miles a year. Likely these rooftop panels will provide more power in a few years. You can monitor the roof panel charging in the center panel display.

Also exciting is the rearview camera that appears in either of the two-gauge circles on the configurable instrument panel—right when turning right and left when turning left. I used the Qi charging pad in the console to add electrons to my phone as I drove.

Pricing for the Hyundai Sonata Hybrid is, by today's standards, quite reasonable. The Blue model starts at just \$27,750, midline SEL begins at \$29,900, and Limited base prices at \$35,300. Add \$975 for shipping

to each price. There are numerous extras to distinguish each level—visit www.hyundaiusa.com/us/en for details. My tester, with everything included except carpeted floor mats (\$155), came to \$36,430.

This car is a hybrid—not a full electric or plug-in model. While the move to electrified transportation is inevitable, there is still a case for driving a regular hybrid that doesn't plug in but gets 50 miles per gallon, if you are not set up for home charging.

Owners of all-electric cars without home charging may be willing to rely on public charging stations, but part of the charm of a plug-in hybrid is that you can use regular, low-voltage household current in your garage to top off your car's relatively small battery pack overnight and then do all your local driving gas-free. Then, when you do take an occasional long trip, it's range-anxiety-free. No expensive equipment or inconvenience required.

That being said, with a good hybrid vehicle you are still doubling your fuel economy, essentially taking half a car off the road when you swap a standard sedan for a hybrid like the lovely Sonata Hybrid.

Holiday Hope: Adopt-A-Family

BY CHARLENE DIZON
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SHARON SLAYTON

This year, the effects of the pandemic have taken a financial toll on many homes. The negative strain experienced by low-income families ranges from the loss of a job, mental and emotional stress, and concerns about maintaining and protecting living situations. Thankfully, the annual League of Volunteers (LOV) Adopt-A-Family program brings essentials to those in need.

LOV is a non-profit organization that has provided various programs to the Tri-City communities of Fremont, Union City, and Newark since 1979. The services offered are typically low-cost and year-round, with each program or event prioritizing quality of life improvement for local citizens. LOV was founded due to the passing of Proposition 13 in 1978 – a property tax cap that reduced revenue to local governments. This placed the City of Newark in a financial dilemma as funds became limited or were eliminated for schools, recreational purposes, and even libraries. Local citizen Shirley Sisk grew concerned with these

restraints and created LOV in order to help. Since its establishment, LOV has provided services such as the Emergency Food Pantry, Annual Toy Drive, Summer Recreation, Thanksgiving Day Meal, and many others to supplement the daily lives of those who may struggle to make ends meet.

Many organizations have their own Adopt-A-Family program, focusing on providing families basic necessities and gifts during the holiday season. LOV's Adopt-A-Family program began about 20 years ago. What first began as helping 40 to 50 families has now grown to provide over 100 families with toys, food, and any other supplements requested. Donations come from both individual and corporate sponsors. This year, LOV hopes to help a total of 250 families who meet low-income eligibility requirements. The Adopt-A-Family sponsors page gives online access to families' information and wish lists. Once a family is chosen, the sponsor can either shop directly for the family or add the family to a virtual cart and shop through an Amazon registry. Gifts must be packaged, labeled, and delivered to LOV by December 15th. Adopted families will receive their



packages no later than December 18th.

Families that are helped through this program come in diverse forms: full families, single parents with children, grandparents or seniors, unemployed adults, and even children who are homeless, disabled, in foster care, or emancipated. Each eligible family who applies receives the following: one holiday turkey or ham, one new age-suitable toy for every child in the family, and other holiday donated items as available. League of Volunteers member Sharon Slayton says, "It's hard to give but it's even harder to receive. To see this outpouring of love and support from other families, individuals, and businesses is amazing."

In previous years, families have received items as simple as food or clothes, and

even more luxurious presents such as a bed or a puppy. By accepting such aid, parents have the opportunity to fulfill their children's wishes. Homeless families can satisfy their hunger. The unemployed or laid off can still provide their families a Christmas meal. To contribute during strenuous times not only provides stability, but hope that help is always available and gladly given.

For more information on becoming an Adopting Sponsor or Adopted Family, please contact Sherrie at (510) 793-5683 or email sherrie@lov.org. Access the Sponsor page at www.lov.org.

LOV Adopt-a-Family
Deliver gifts to LOV by: December 15
www.lov.org

Ohlone Student Engineers Her Way to NASA and Social Change

SUBMITTED BY TINA VOSSUGH

Tinise Lee is a non-traditional student but not in the traditional way. She came to Ohlone after receiving her B.A. from UC Santa Cruz in Feminist Studies where she focused on law, politics, and social change. Yet, despite completing a four-year degree, Lee was inspired to search for more ways to contribute to solution-making.

"I knew I wanted to make a positive change in the world but I just didn't know how," says Lee.

After working in different industries, Lee relocated to Fremont where she decided to enroll in Ohlone's Intro to Engineering course taught by Professor Rose-Margaret Ekeng-Itua. "Dr. Itua taught that engineering shouldn't just be about design but also about the social implications of how that design serves humanity," says Lee. "That's when I recognized the need to bridge my passion for social change and engineering."

With Dr. Itua as a mentor and inspiration, Lee enrolled in two semesters at Ohlone but personal difficulties caused her to drop out. After losing touch over the years, Lee reconnected with Professor Itua in 2018 and was, again, inspired and decided to revisit her curiosity in engineering.

That same year, she took a trip down to Florida and visited NASA's Kennedy Space Center. "It was life-changing," says Lee. "Seeing all the different kinds of space suits, the Saturn 5 rocket. It was incredible—the rovers and the rocks brought back from the moon," says Lee. "It blew my mind that they were just right in front of me. That was when I truly saw the impact of science and of engineering in particular."

Lee enrolled at Ohlone that year and followed the mechanical engineering track. Little did she know that



Ohlone would lead her right back to what re-sparked her journey—NASA.

Ohlone's partnership with NASA provides students an opportunity to be a part of the NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS) program. Lee applied to the program, was accepted, performed well on the final project, and was invited by NASA to their onsite experience at the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

During the NCAS program, Lee spent a week working on a simulated rover project using the LEGO MINDSTORMS EV3 kit. "We built it and had to program it within three days with a team of ten people from across the country," says Lee.

But Lee wasn't the only Ohlone College student at NCAS. She met former Ohlone student turned Stanford transfer, Shadi Elaridi, at the same on-site program. Both students received the most valuable player (MVP) awards for their team and were invited back by NASA to serve as student assistants for the next cohort of NCAS attendees at the Johnson Space Center.

Now, Lee plans to enhance her studies and the field of engineering by bringing disciplines such as ethnic and

feminist studies that challenge knowledge production and encourage social justice transformation into her work.

"Becoming an engineer is a purpose much larger than myself. There are so many issues we are facing as a society, and we have to pull through as a global community if we're going to survive as a people. I'm determined to be part of the collective solution."

Tinise Lee is currently the President of Ohlone's Society of Women Engineers Collegiate Interest Group (SWE CIG). Since beginning her studies at Ohlone for engineering, she has interned with Evolve Manufacturing, where she supported the manufacturing of COVID-19 test kits and ventilators. There, she co-created several iterations of a prototype for a COVID-19 test tube counting system that were used in the production lines and was hired back as a Quality/Manufacturing Engineering Apprentice.

For more information about Ohlone Society of Women Engineers and other special interest groups at Ohlone College, visit: www.ohlone.edu/studentlife/studentclubs

Toy donations needed

SUBMITTED BY ALAMEDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

It's never too late to add fun and magic to a needy child's holiday season. With that in mind, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) Crime Prevention Unit is asking the public to help with its annual toy drive.

Donations of new unwrapped toys are being accepted through Friday, December 11 at various ACSO locations. Toys for children ages 6 to 12 are most needed. Donations can be dropped off at these ACSO sites:

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15001 Foothill Blvd., San Leandro

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1401 Lakeside Dr., 12th Floor, Oakland

Santa Rita Jail Alcove
5323 Broder Blvd., Dublin



Office of Emergency Services
4985 Broder Blvd., Dublin
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OPINION



WILLIAM MARSHAK

At 7:55 a.m., on the morning of December 7, 1941, "a date which will live in infamy", 2,403 service members and civilians died in a Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii that initiated the United States' entry into World War II. The catastrophic loss of life and naval armament shocked the nation and world allies into action that had been incipient for many months. Prior to the attack, ambivalence had ruled the national conscience and attitude toward atrocities committed by authoritarian, expansionist goals in Europe and Asia. The direct attack on the United States made it clear that tyrants, even in other parts of the world could no longer be ignored or tolerated. Action was immediate, swift and determined. Following four years of strife, hardship and determination, the United States and allied forces finally achieved victory. The cost was great, but the defeat of cruel dictators and their minions realigned and tempered conflicts in Europe and Asia for decades.

Fortitude

Authoritarian regimes, whether foreign or domestic, are catastrophic for their citizens, neighbors and world populations. Rule through fear and repression is seldom beneficial for anyone except a chosen, favored few.

In this year of 2020, we have also faced a disastrous and shocking attack, but not by a foreign or authoritarian power... rather a biological entity that, similar to despots, has no respect for national boundaries, citizenship or political persuasion. We are facing in excess of the Pearl Harbor death toll [2,802 Coronavirus deaths on December 4, 2020] that is both shocking in its enormity and mind-numbing relentlessness. Again, citizens and residents of the United States are being asked to endure the deprivation of normal daily life to defeat an enemy that is relentless and flaunts rules of civilized behavior. Again, we are asked to sacrifice comfort, livelihoods and even some sacred liberties to protect our families, friends, neighbors and nation.

By the close of WWII, tens of millions died; over 400,000 U.S. civilian and military deaths have been attributed to the war. The cumulative total of deaths from COVID-19 in the United States this year is approaching 300,000; some speculate that the number is underreported!

Human history is replete with existential challenges to national, regional and worldwide populations. In most cases a galvanized response has met and eventually repelled the threat, but with great sacrifice. It is our turn to meet such

a threat with the understanding that although a vaccine is on the horizon and the war will eventually be won, battles and casualties to come remain. In some ways, it takes more determination and fortitude to engage in the waning moments of a long conflict than at its inception. It is tiring to wage this war day after day, often with no immediate reward. However, it is the nature of living in a linear timeline that we can't simply skip to an endpoint without enduring the interval between start and finish.

We are currently being asked to do a few basic things to weather this storm of adversity. It is, in many cases, financially distressing and psychologically debilitating. No one chooses to do this; it is not a pleasant experience. However, the alternative is to continue to suffer through day after day of tragic Pearl Harbor attacks. It is time to pull together and display the fortitude that others have shown when faced with adversity. Soon our health care providers will be able to find a bit of relief through inoculations. It will be a longer wait for the rest of us, but it will come.

Fortitude = strength of mind that enables a person to encounter danger or bear pain or adversity with courage.

William Marshak
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SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Ask Rusty - No Simple Answer to "When to Claim Benefits?"

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

Dear Rusty: I'm almost 59 and hope to retire from working soon. Should I take Social Security as soon as possible, or wait for the maximum amount? Signed: Planning Ahead

Dear Planning Ahead: I'm afraid there's no simple answer to your question, except "it depends." It depends on your health; it depends on your need for the money when you retire; and it depends on your life expectancy. Plus, your marital status may also influence your decision on when to claim.

First of all, you cannot claim your Social Security retirement benefit until you are at least 62 years old. But if you claim at 62 your benefit will be cut by 30 percent from what it would be if you waited until your full retirement age (67). You actually have an eight-year window starting at age 62 and lasting until age 70 to

claim your Social Security benefit. The earlier in that window you claim, the smaller your benefit will be. And the longer you wait to claim (up to age 70), the higher your benefit will be.

At age 70, your benefit will reach maximum at 24 percent more than it would be at age 67, and 76 percent more than it will be at age 62. Essentially, if you are in good health, don't urgently need the money earlier, and expect to enjoy at least "average" longevity (about 85 for a man your age today), you will not only get a much higher monthly benefit, but also collect much more in cumulative lifetime benefits by waiting until age 70 (or as long as you can) to claim. Of course, no one knows how long they will live, but there are online tools, which can assist you with estimating your life expectancy. One relatively simple and user-friendly tool is available from Social Security at www.ssa.gov/oact/population/longevity.html.

Conversely, if you are not in good health and don't expect at least average longevity, or if you urgently need the money when you retire from working, claiming earlier may also be a prudent choice. If you are married and you predecease your wife, her survivor benefit will be based upon the benefit amount you are actually receiving, so by waiting to get a higher benefit for yourself you are also enhancing your wife's eventual benefit as your widow, should

you pass before her.

Be aware too that, should you decide to go back to work, until you reach age 67, you'll be subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits how much you can earn before Social Security takes back some of your benefits (the 2021 limit is \$18,960 and if that were exceeded, they'd take back benefits equal to half of the amount it was exceeded by). The earnings limit changes annually but goes away at your full retirement age.

So, these are the things you should consider in deciding when in that eight-year window to claim your benefits. I cannot directly answer your question for you, but I hope the above gives you what's needed to make an informed decision on when to claim your Social Security benefits.

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During its first year in operation The City of Hayward’s Housing Navigation Center for people experiencing homelessness has successfully placed into permanent housing almost half of the 91 individuals it has served. The Navigation Center marked its one-year anniversary on November 18 amid a global coronavirus pandemic that limited the number of people who could participate in the program but which didn’t derail its mission of helping people off the streets. Of 91 clients served through the first 12 months, 45 transitioned to permanent housing and 26 are still enrolled. Sixteen individuals exited into a COVID-19 isolation shelter offered through the County of Alameda, and four left the program for other reasons.

The Hayward City Council authorized establishment of the Navigation Center as a pilot project in January 2019 following declaration of a shelter emergency in the city and with homelessness on the rise in Hayward and regionally. From 2017 to 2019, homelessness across Alameda County jumped 43% and in Hayward by 23% from 397 to 487 people, according to the findings of biennial point-in-time counts of unhoused people in the Bay Area. Under its original configuration at opening, the Navigation Center, located at Whitesell Street and Depot Road, was providing short-term housing for up to 45 people at a time in dormitory settings with one meal a day, on-site restroom, shower, laundry and kitchen facilities, and intensive case management geared toward long-term housing placements. Because of COVID-19, officials were forced to decrease

operational capacity from 45 beds in two residential trailers to a total of 25 beds. In October, however, four recreational vehicle-style trailers were added to increase capacity to 32 beds. Soon, a third residential trailer, acquired through the city’s federal Community Development Block Grant funds, will be installed to allow for the center’s capacity to be restored to 45 through the remainder of the pandemic. Under the program, outreach workers visit encampments and other locations in Hayward, and work with other social service groups, police officers, paramedics and city maintenance crews to identify people in need who may be suitable participants. The center does not accept walk-ins, and all residents have to complete an intake process. A hallmark of the Hayward Navigation Center, which is operated for the city by the

nonprofit Bay Area Community Services, is a commitment to racial equity, whereby it seeks to serve a population reflective of the racial and gender makeup of the overall population of people experiencing homelessness in Hayward. The center was developed and furnished through a combination of state and local funding, and donations. To learn more about the Navigation Center -- and donation opportunities -- visit the City of Hayward webpage at www.hayward-ca.gov, then type “Housing Navigation Center” into the search box and follow the prompts.

Fremont City Council

December 1, 2020

Announcements:

- Commission and Board vacancies; City Clerk accepts applications throughout the year.

Consent Calendar:

- Approve additional \$1,100,000 for loan to Allied 34320 Fremont, L.P. for family apartments.
- Implement an Employee Funded Retirement Health Savings Plan.
- Award construction contract for the Water Park Emergency Vehicle Access Concrete Conversion Project in the amount of \$137,841 to Kerex Engineering, Inc.
- Accept State of California Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) grant.

Public Communications:

- Support for School Resource Officer program.
 - Comments on South Bay Connect project and high-speed rail.
 - Thank you to Vinnie Bacon for his service.
 - Indoor vs. outdoor gatherings during pandemic. Encourage opening of hiking trails at Mission Peak.
 - Congratulate successful election results for mayor/council.
- Items Removed from Consent Calendar:**
- Renew contract with Verizon Wireless for wireless, voice and broadband services, accessories and equipment.

Scheduled Items:

- Public Hearing to certify Final Environmental Impact Report and permanently close middle Morrison Canyon Road to vehicular traffic with some exemptions.

Council Referrals:

- Keng: Evaluate the establishment of two police substations – north and south portions of Fremont. REJECTED

Council Reports:

- Alameda County Transportation Commission – consider the future of transit and public transportation.
- Installation of new councilmembers at December 8, 2020 meeting.

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

Distinguished Community Service

SUBMITTED BY JACQUI DIAZ

Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (H.A.R.D.) is accepting nominations for the Board of Directors' Awards for Distinguished Community Service during 2020.

The awards are an opportunity for the board to formally recognize individuals and organizations whose efforts exhibit the district’s mission of providing high quality leisure activities and/or programs to its residents on a voluntary basis. The public is encouraged to nominate those individuals or organizations who exemplify important volunteer service.

H.A.R.D Board President Paul Hodges said, “The 2020 pandemic has been a very challenging year to provide services, and yet we’ve had businesses, organizations and individuals who have contributed and connected with us and we want to show our appreciation.”

The deadline to submit nominations is Friday, December 31. Winners will be recognized on Friday, January 22. To download the nomination form, visit www.HaywardRec.org. For details, contact Jim Wheeler at (510) 881-6704 or WheJ@HaywardRec.org.

Nominations for H.A.R.D. Community Awards

Deadline: Friday, Dec 31

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California announces Regional Stay-at-Home Order

SUBMITTED BY GOVERNOR'S PRESS OFFICE

As COVID-19 case rates and hospitalizations continue to rise, California health officials have announced a Regional Stay-at-Home Order that will be triggered if Intensive Care Unit (ICU) capacity drops below 15 percent in a given region. State health officials are tracking the state by five regions: Northern California, Bay Area, Greater Sacramento, San Joaquin Valley, and Southern California. Alameda and Santa Clara counties fall under the Bay Area region.

No regions currently meet this threshold, but some are projected to soon. Residents are required to stay at home as much as possible and minimize mixing to reduce unnecessary exposure, while still being able to do important things like go to the doctor, buy groceries, pick up take out, go on a hike, or worship outdoors. K-12 schools that are already open can remain open, and the order does not modify existing state guidance regarding K-12 schools.

The public health order took effect on December 5. Thereafter, if a region falls below the 15 percent ICU threshold, it will have 24 hours to implement the stay-at-home order. Regions will remain in the that status for at least three weeks once triggered. Counties are eligible to come off the stay-at-home order after three weeks if their hospital ICU capacity projected four weeks out reaches 15 percent. Counties will return to the Blueprint for a Safer Economy tier determined by their case rate and test positivity after they are eligible to exit the Regional Stay at Home Order.

“We are at a tipping point in our fight against the virus and we need to take decisive action now to prevent California’s hospital system from being overwhelmed in the coming weeks,” said Governor Gavin Newsom. “By invoking a stay-at-home order for regions where ICU capacity falls below 15 percent, we can flatten the curve as we’ve done before and reduce stress on our health care system.”

In any region that triggers a Regional Stay-at-Home Order, all operations in the following sectors must be closed:

- Indoor and Outdoor Playgrounds
- Indoor Recreational Facilities
- Hair Salons and Barbershops
- Personal Care Services
- Museums, Zoos, and Aquariums
- Movie Theaters

- Wineries
- Bars, Breweries and Distilleries
- Family Entertainment Centers
- Cardrooms and Satellite

Wagering

- Limited Services
- Live Audience Sports
- Amusement Parks

The following sectors will have additional modifications in addition to 100 percent masking and physical distancing:

- Outdoor Recreational Facilities: Allow outdoor operation only, without any food, drink, or alcohol sales. Additionally, overnight stays at campgrounds will not be permitted.
- Retail: Allow indoor operation at 20 percent capacity with entrance metering and no eating or drinking in the stores. Additionally, special hours should be instituted for seniors and others with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems.
- Shopping Centers: Allow indoor operation at 20 percent capacity with entrance metering and no eating or drinking in the stores. Additionally, special hours should be instituted for seniors and others with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems.
- Hotels and Lodging: Allowed to open for critical infrastructure support only.

- Restaurants: Allow only take-out or pick-up.
- Offices: Allow remote work only except for critical infrastructure sectors where remote work is not possible.

- Places of Worship: Allow outdoor services only.
- Entertainment Production including Professional Sports: Allow operation without live audiences. Additionally, testing protocol and “bubbles” are highly encouraged.

The following sectors are allowed to remain open when a remote option is not possible with appropriate infectious disease preventative measures including 100 percent masking and physical distancing:

- Critical Infrastructure
- Non-urgent medical and dental care

- Child care and pre-K

Non-Essential Travel Lodging

Except as otherwise required by law, no hotel or lodging entity in California shall accept or honor out-of-state reservations for non-essential travel, unless the reservation is for at least the minimum time period required for quarantine and the persons identified in the reservation will quarantine in the hotel or lodging entity until after that time period has expired.

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Ruth Mildred Cotton
Resident of Rohnert Park
March 16, 1933 – November 15, 2020
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Ramon Iñiguez
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Leonard Patchen
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Marcus Wilson
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November 25, 1969 – November 25, 2020

Dinkar Bindu
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January 1, 1938 – November 25, 2020

Penny Trant
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March 2, 1957 – November 25, 2020

Chao Chiang Chiu
Resident of Fremont
May 28, 1928 – November 25, 2020

Colleen Peters
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1940-2020

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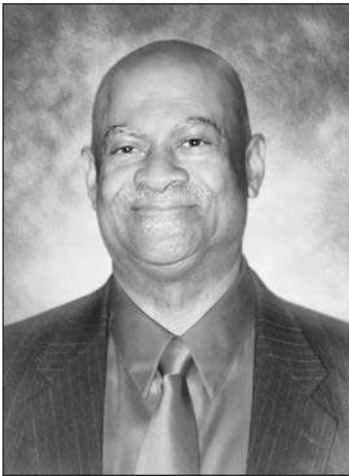
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Thomas Luther Dixon Sr

November 04, 1935 – November 27, 2020

Resident of Fremont



Thomas Luther Dixon, Sr. was born on November 4, 1935 in West Point, Mississippi, and passed away on November 27, 2020 in Fremont, CA, at the age of 85.

Thomas is survived by his beloved children Thomas Dixon Jr, Michael Anthony Dixon (Cecilia Vega), Leroy (Melba) Dixon, and Terry Zuber (Rowena) Dixon. Adoring grandfather to Victoria Lee England, Tiffany Monique Dixon, Elizabeth Ann Wood, Terrah Joy Dixon, Jordan Andrew Dixon, Tyler Brendan Dixon, Elijah R. Dixon, Ethan Zuber Dixon, and Aeden Thomas Dixon. Loving great-grandfather to Church England and Rowyn

England. Caring brother to Alice Z. Dunston, Dorothy Dismuke, and Charles Henderson.

Thomas is preceded in death by his parents Thomas L Zuber and Hester Bell Dixon. Wife Brenda Joy Dixon and daughter Lori Ann Dixon. Partner Janet Ann Robinson. He also preceded in death by sisters Elmetra A. Perry, Marcheta Z. David, Marlene Z. Johnson and Verneice Hensley.

Thomas Dixon was a very kind man, hardworking and loved his family. He worked so hard to make a better life for his family and made sure that his sons followed in his footsteps. In his spare time if he wasn't listening to the radio, working in the garden or watching TV then he was telling his sons and grandkids stories of him growing up in Mississippi. He loved to sit around and reminisce about his life and would often show his family pictures and give them a lot of family history. He was so proud of where he came from and how he grew up and he would light up when he talked about it.

Services were held.

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Amber Russell

Amber Russell tragically passed away in a car accident on Wednesday, Nov 18th, 2020. She was a beautiful, intelligent, funny, and kind young woman who embodied a lovely and chaotic energy like no other. We miss her more than we can describe.

Amber was born in San Jose, CA and lived in Milpitas, CA her short 20 years. Amber enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, thriftig, painting, going to the beach, ashion/makeup, and listening to a wide variety of music. She recently discovered her green thumb and love for growing and nurturing plants. She was a mamma to multiple dogs and a rabbit.

Amber is survived by her mom Diane, brother Andrew (Savanna), niece Hazel, maternal grandparents Domingo and



Aquilina; multiple great-aunts, great-uncles, aunts, uncles, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her dad Tom, brother David, and paternal grandparents Roy and Shirley.

Celebration of Life Service and interment is scheduled for December 10th, 2020 at Cedar Lawn Cemetery, Fremont CA.

Drinking and driving? Not a good idea

SUBMITTED BY SGT. JOSEPH A. HEYLEN

Officers from the Milpitas Police Department (MPD) are gearing up for increased holiday patrols to look for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Starting Wednesday, December 16, officers will be keeping an extra keen eye out for errant drivers from 9:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. daily, continuing through Friday, January 1, 2021. The public is also asked to help: anyone who sees a drunk driver should call 911. Failing to stay between the lines, swerving, driving without headlights, taking wide turns and unnecessary braking can all be signs of an impaired driver.

MPD officials are reminding the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol; prescription medications and over-the-counter drugs can also interfere with driving abilities. Before getting behind the wheel, police are asking drivers who take medications to follow directions and read the warning labels. Although medicinal and recreational marijuana are legal in California, driving under the influence of marijuana is illegal.

Impaired drivers caught and charged with a DUI can pay stiff fines and penalties: an average of \$13,500, and possible suspension of driver's license privileges. Anyone planning to drink during the holiday season is asked to take precautionary measures like utilizing ride-share apps, having a designated driver or just staying at home.

Funding for the increased patrol holiday program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Gail Carol Peterson

1943–2020

Gail Carol Peterson passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 8, 2020 at Aegis Living in Fremont, California. She was born on December 9, 1943 in Oakland California to William James Peterson and Agnes Elvira Skonovd Peterson. December 9thof that year was a very stormy day with gale force winds – which is why she was named Gail.

She spent her early years in Castro Valley and moved with her parents to Fremont in 1958 where she had lived ever since. After high school, she graduated from San Jose State University, following in the tradition of her mother and two aunts, Julia and Adelyn.

Gail taught in the Fremont Unified School District for over 35 years – mainly at the kindergarten and first grade level.



She spent summers at her home in Incline Village, Nevada. An avid traveler, she made numerous trips throughout the United States, South East Asia, the outh Pacific, Latin America and Europe.

Her most intense interest after retirement was genealogy and she made several trips to Norway,

Sweden and Ireland in search of her family's roots. One of the highlights of her genealogical research was locating Norwegian relatives who the family had lost contact with and visiting Skonhovd, her grandfather's ancestral farm outside Gjovik, Norway.

She was preceded in death by her mother in 1981, her father in 1999, and her brother and only sibling in 2007. She leaves behind her nephew, Ross Peterson of Petaluma, California, numerous cousins, extended family and many friends.

A memorial service will be held for family and friends next year.

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Milpitas City Council

December 1, 2020

Consent Calendar:

• Authorized the execution of the Subdivision Improvement Agreement between the City of Milpitas and Robson Homes, LLC for Residential Development at 1005 N Park Victoria Drive.

• Added Parcel 5 to Community Facilities District No. 2008-1 (Annexation No. 20) for 355 Sango Ct.

• Approved the execution of the First Amendment to the 2019 State Homeland Security Grant Program Agreement.

• Re-appointed current Commissioner Patti Sexton to a new 3-year term on the Energy and Environmental Sustainability Commission.

Community Development:

• Approved the Staff report on Unhoused Response and Prevention in Milpitas. Supported Dignity on Wheels program for 6 months.

• Endorsed the 2020-2025 Santa Clara County Community Plan to End Homelessness.

• Endorsed the Railroad Quiet Zone process.

Leadership and Support Services:

• Approved the update of the Municipal Code Section on purchasing.

Other Business:

• A proposal to discontinue the City Council Housing Sub-Committee, brought up by Councilmember Dominguez, generated public comments. This was followed by contentious discussions among the Councilmembers. However, there were no consensus on any changes to present arrangements.

Mayor Rich Tran

Aye

Vice Mayor Bob Nunez

Aye

Carmen Montano

Aye

Karina Dominguez

Aye

Anthony Phan

Aye

Ramon Iniguez

Resident of Modesto, CA

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 Tepatiltan, 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 Tepatitan, 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.

Family Services were held.

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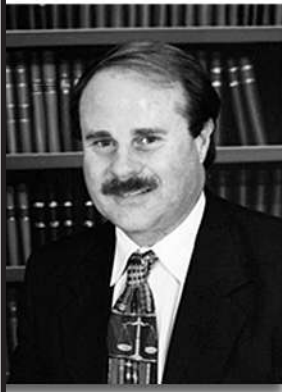
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Bay Area Health Officers Move to Implement the State's New Regional Stay Home Order, Not Waiting Until Local Hospitals Are Near Crisis to Act

On December 4, Bay Area Health Officers moved to implement the State's new Regional Stay Home Order, not waiting until local hospitals are near crisis to act.

On Thursday, December 3, Governor Newsom announced that all sectors other than retail and essential operations would be closed in regions of the State where less than 15 percent of ICU beds are available under a new Regional Stay Home Order. Although health officials throughout the Bay Area are glad to see the State take action in light of the rapidly escalating surge in hospitalizations statewide, many believe even more aggressive action is necessary in the Bay Area to slow the surge and prevent our local hospitals from being overwhelmed. Rather than waiting until Intensive Care Unit (ICU) bed availability reaches critical levels and delaying closures that are inevitable, the Health Officers for the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, and Santa Clara as well as the City of Berkeley are jointly announcing that they will implement the State's Regional Stay Home Order now.

"It takes several weeks for new restrictions to slow rising hospitalizations and waiting until only 15 percent of a region's ICU beds are available is just too late," said San Francisco Health Officer Dr. Tomás Aragon. "Many heavily impacted parts of our region already have less than 15 percent of ICU beds available, and the time to act is now."

"We are seeing a surge in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations here in Contra Costa County and across our region," said Contra Costa County Health Officer Dr. Christopher Farnitano. "The number of patients hospitalized with COVID-19 in our county has doubled in just the past couple of weeks, and we are at risk of exceeding our hospital capacity later this month if current trends continue."

"We cannot wait until after we have driven off the cliff to pull the emergency break," said Santa Clara County Health Officer Dr. Sara Cody. "We

understand that the closures under the State order will have a profound impact on our local businesses. However, if we act quickly, we can both save lives and reduce the amount of time these restrictions have to stay in place, allowing businesses and activities to reopen sooner."

"Rising hospitalization rates across the region threaten not only our community members with severe COVID-19, but anyone who may need care because of a heart attack, stroke, accident, or other critical health need," said Alameda County Health Officer Dr. Nicholas Moss. "By acting together now we will have the greatest impact on the surge and save more lives."

"Each of us can fight the spread," said Dr. Lisa B. Hernandez, the City of Berkeley Health Officer. "Keep your family safe by avoiding even small gatherings outside of your household and not traveling. We don't want holiday gatherings and travel to create a spike of cases on top of the surge we're already seeing."

"Although Marin has fared better than some other counties in our region over the last few weeks, we know it is only a matter of time before rising case and hospitalization put pressure on our hospitals too," said Marin County Health Officer Dr. Matthew Willis. "We must act now, and must act together to ensure all hospitals in the Bay Area have the capacity they need to care for our residents."

Consistent with the State framework, the six jurisdictions are working to ensure that all sectors have at least 48-hour notice of these closures. Most of the Bay Area Health Officers will implement the State's Regional Stay At Home Order as of Sunday December 6, 2020. In Alameda County, it is scheduled to take effect on Monday, December 7, 2020, and Marin County's order will take effect Tuesday, December 8. The new restrictions will remain in place until January 4, 2021.

The sector closures and restrictions on activity under the State's Regional Stay Home Order are described at the California Department of Public Health website (www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/12.3.20-Stay-At-Home-Order-ICU-Scenario.pdf).

Use Safe and Efficient Holiday Lights

SUBMITTED BY TAMAR SARKISSIAN

Holiday lights and decorations are already popping up around many communities in California—offering a dash of much-needed cheer in 2020. As those lights go up indoors or outside, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) reminds customers to use energy efficient bulbs, which are the safest option and can help save money.

"Holidays are a great time to remind our customers about how to practice holiday lighting safety. First and foremost, be aware of your surroundings to avoid electric hazards," said Aaron August, PG&E vice president of Business Development & Customer Engagement. "Second, Light-Emitting Diode (LED) lights are a great way to save energy and money on your bill this time of year."

Use LED lights to lower your energy costs. LED lights are 75 percent more energy efficient and last up to 25 times longer than traditional incandescent lights such as C4 and C9 bulbs. They can last up to 40 holiday seasons. LED lights are shatterproof and shock resistant. LEDs produce almost no heat, so they are safe to touch and greatly reduce the risk of fire.

Customers can connect up to 25 strings of LEDs end-to-end without overloading a wall socket.

When not used properly, decorations—particularly lights—can create safety hazards or cause fires. By taking the proper precautions both inside and outside of the home, customers can prevent hazards and focus on friends and family during the holidays.

Holiday Lighting Safety Tips

• Check for overhead power lines before hanging outdoor lights and keep at least 10 feet away from lines.

• Never place yourself or any object near a power line.

• Make sure lights are approved for outdoor use. Never use indoor lights outdoors.

• Check strands for cracked or broken plugs, frayed insulation, or bare wires. Discard damaged strands to help avoid a fire.

• Use a timer or turn off lights before going to bed or if you are away from home.

PG&E also reminds customers to periodically check lights and decorations throughout the season to ensure they continue to operate safely. For more PG&E holiday safety and energy efficiency tips, visit www.pge.com.

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Longtime police chief to bid city farewell

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF MILPITAS

After a three-decade career with the department, Milpitas Police Chief Armando Corpuz recently announced his retirement, effective December 30.

“It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as Milpitas’ chief of police,” Corpuz said in a news release, dated December 2. “I consider it a blessing to be given the opportunity to serve a city where I was raised and a place where my parents still reside. It is a bittersweet decision, but I leave with a heart of gratitude for a rewarding career.”

Under Corpuz’s leadership, the city established significant partnerships with local community-based organizations such as the Milpitas Unified School District Parent Teacher Association, Rotary and various faith-based institutions among many others. This translated to a high-level of public safety support and service to a very diverse community. During his time as chief, Corpuz led a Police Recruitment Team that helped advance police satisfaction ratings and increase staff retention and new talent acquisition rates.

“I am very grateful for Armando’s leadership in our city,” said Milpitas Mayor Rich Tran. “He has always been focused on transparency and open communication and genuinely cared for the community in which he was raised. He will leave big shoes to fill.”

Milpitas City Manager Steve McHarris agreed: “Chief Corpuz is a devoted public servant who is deeply committed to the community, the police department and the entire city organization. He has been an outstanding member of the leadership team especially as we respond to the community’s needs and seek to retain the public’s confidence during



challenging times such as the current COVID-19 crisis.”

To ensure continued leadership of the police department, McHarris will be appointing Assistant Police Chief Jared Hernandez to serve as Acting Police Chief starting December 31.

As a police officer Jared served in a variety of roles including Crisis Negotiator, Field Training Officer and Detective in the Special Investigations Unit. Hernandez was promoted to a Lieutenant in 2016, Captain in 2019 and Assistant Police Chief in 2020.

Hernandez began his career with the City of Milpitas in 1991, as a volunteer in the Police Department’s Explorer program. Hernandez has deep roots in the community, having attended Curtner Elementary School, Thomas Russell Middle School and Milpitas High School.

Police officer opportunities available

SUBMITTED BY UNION CITY PD

The Union City Police Department is looking for interested applicants for various officer positions, including:

- Police Officer Trainee
- Police Officer Trainee (Academy attendees only)
- Police Officer Lateral
- Police Officer Recruit II

Applications can be filed online at www.calopps.org/city-of-union-city. For more information, or to ask questions, send an email to the Personnel & Training Supervisor at UCPDHiring@UnionCity.org. If positions are filled, text JOINUCPD to (510) 422-4001 and you will be notified when positions open

Milpitas Police Log

SUBMITTED BY MILPITAS PD

Friday, November 27

• Shortly after 11:00 p.m. officers responded to a report of a domestic violence incident at a hotel on the 900 block of E. Calaveras Boulevard. Upon arrival, officers spotted a man brandishing a gun outside the building. The suspect fled into the hotel and attempted to discard the firearm, but officers quickly took him into custody. The suspect, later identified as a 37-year-old San Jose resident, was booked into jail and faces charges of making felony criminal threats, resisting arrest, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and public intoxication.

Wednesday, December 2

• At about 7:50 a.m. a traffic officer found a Honda Accord that was recently reported stolen in San Jose near the 300 Block of Ranch Drive. The driver, identified by police as a 28-year-old Fremont resident, was arrested. A record check showed he was on parole for burglary. When arrested, he was in possession of illegal prescription medication and drug paraphernalia.

At about 1:06 p.m. a dayshift sergeant spotted a recently stolen Honda Accord from Milpitas near the 270-Block of W. Calaveras Boulevard. The car was stolen earlier in the day after a set of keys were left inside it during a warm-up. The suspect, identified by police as a 28-year-old San Jose resident, was arrested and booked into jail and faces charges of possessing a stolen vehicle and drug paraphernalia

Fremont Police Log

SUBMITTED BY GENEVA BOSQUES, FREMONT PD

Wednesday, November 25

• At about 5:20 p.m. two people returned to their apartment at 37950 Fremont Blvd. in the Centerville area to find an unknown man inside. Police were called and identified the man as Francisco Vera, 22, a transient from Hayward. Police said Vera was under the influence and had a bolt cutter, latex gloves and a black mask with eye holes cut out. He was arrested on suspicion of residential burglary and possession of burglary tools.

Thursday, November 26

• Officers responded to a report of an assault by someone with a metal object at the Food Maxx store, 39441 Fremont Blvd. in Central Fremont. At the scene, officers identified the suspect as Alan Periquet, 40, a transient from Fremont. He was arrested on suspicion of assault and possession of a collapsible baton. The assault victim was treated at the scene for injuries

and taken to Washington Hospital for further evaluation.

Friday, November 27

• Officers were dispatched to a report about a family disturbance on the 4700 block of Serra Avenue in Central Fremont. Arriving officers found a suspect, identified by police as Lavelle Botelho-Dent, 19, of Fremont being restrained by a family member. Botelho-Dent was arrested on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon and making criminal threats.

• A commercial burglary occurred at the Weddings and Dreams Bridal store at 40530 Albrae Ave. Access was gained by smashing a window. This is the fourth burglary at this location since March.

Tuesday, December 1

• Detectives conducting a surveillance in Livermore on a suspect connected with a November 16 commercial burglary in Fremont made an arrest based on an outstanding warrant. The suspect, identified by police as Jeremy Ferreira, 37, of Livermore, is believed to be

one of two men that used a stolen pickup truck to smash through the doors of Meadow Square Liquors in the Irvington area of Fremont to steal merchandise and lottery tickets. When he was arrested, police said Ferreira had a loaded firearm in his backpack along with an additional loaded magazine and loose ammunition. Ferreira faces charges of being a felon in possession of a firearm, and possession of a concealed firearm in public/vehicle. He was arraigned in court December 3 and ordered to be held in custody until his next court hearing January 5. The second suspect, identified by police as a 30-year-old Hayward resident, was arrested November 20 after he was seen on video cashing one of the lottery tickets in Hayward. He was released pending additional charges. Fremont Police Detectives are still working on the case. Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call Det. Tyler Layfield at (510) 790-6900 or email tlayfield@fremont.gov.

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Hayward Police Log

SUBMITTED BY HAYWARD PD

Monday, November 23

• At 8:00 p.m. a shooting occurred in the 900 block of Douglas St. Property damage was reported, but there were no injuries. An investigation is continuing.

• At various time during the day HPD Vice/Intelligence Unit, with the assistance of five minors, tried to purchase alcohol at various locations. A total of 39 retailers were tested, with two being cited for selling alcohol to a minor.

Tuesday, November 24

• At 6:30 p.m. officers made a traffic stop in the area of Silva and Ramos avenues. The driver ran away, and after a short pursuit was caught by officers. While searching the suspect’s car officers found a handgun.

Friday, November 27

• At 1:33 p.m. an officer took a report of a stolen vehicle in the 26000 block of Gading Road. While searching the area, officers found the car with an occupant inside. The suspect was arrested and car returned to the owner.

Saturday, November 28

At 4:59 p.m. a robbery occurred in the 24000 block of Southland Drive. Two suspects took items from the victim and fled before police arrived. An investigation is continuing.

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Ohlone College presents “Parrhesia 2020”

SUBMITTED BY OHLONE COLLEGE SMITH CENTER

Join Ohlone College Theatre & Dance Department’s fall production online from the convenience and safety of

your home. “Parrhesia 2020 - A Community of Voices Identities & Diversity,” a pre-filmed show, will be available to watch for free from Friday, December 11, to Saturday, December 12.

Ohlone College students have developed a project using Johnny Saldaña’s Ethnotheatre approach for devising an original work. The company interviewed dozens of people in the Fremont community to better understand COVID-19, its implications, and the societal injustices that have come to the foreground because of this unprecedented time. Using these interviews, the students have created a theatrical piece, which has been turned into

a film that shares the stories and perspectives of their community.

To receive the production link, fill out the form at www.ohlone.edu/theatre-and-dance/parrhesia-2020.

“Parrhesia 2020 – A Community of Voices, Identities & Diversity”
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Alameda County educators to be honored online

SUBMITTED BY LAURA FORREST

Officials from the Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE) recently announced that the annual 2020 Teachers of the Year program will be streamed online for the first time in its more than 30-year history.

In a statement released December 2, ACOE said the annual program honoring teachers from school districts throughout Alameda County is moving online in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent school closures. The program is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, December 9. To watch the program, visit https://www.acoe.org/teacheroftheyear.

District-level honorees were selected by the 10 districts that have chosen to participate this year. The honorees are recognized for their individual dedication and excellence in the classroom, and they collectively represent the thousands of educators doing amazing work across Alameda County every day. The event will include videos featuring each teacher, and honorees will be presented with an award.

“As County Superintendent, it is my honor and pleasure to uplift and celebrate our Teacher of the Year honorees for their dedication and efforts on behalf of students,” said Alameda County Superintendent of Schools L. Karen Monroe. “This year it feels particularly important and healing to shine a spotlight on educators who perform such a critical service in our community.”

During the event ACOE will not be naming county-level Teacher of the Year honorees. In 2021, ACOE will name two county-level honorees from the combined 2020 and 2021 cohorts to be considered for

California Teacher of the Year in 2021.

Here are the 2020 Teacher of the Year honorees:

- **Bray Roman**, Fremont Unified School District
Physical Education teacher at John F. Kennedy High School
- **Christopher Skrocke**, Mission Valley Regional Occupational Program
Culinary Arts teacher at Mission Valley ROP
- **Ji-Yun (Jane) Kim**, Oakland Unified School District
Biology/AP Biology teacher at Fremont High School
- **Jose Tañada**, Hayward Unified School District
English Language Arts and Puente teacher at Anthony W. Ochoa Middle School
- **Starla Colburn**, San Leandro Unified School District
Special Education teacher at Bancroft Middle School
- **Brian Dodson**, Alameda Unified School District
Second and third grade teacher at Maya Lin School.
- **Nicole Meyer**, Dublin Unified School District
English and AVID teacher at Eleanor Murray Fallon Middle School
- **Miguel Baez**, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District
Computer Arts and IT teacher at Granada High School
- **Phoebe Diamond**, Oakland Unified School District
Third grader teacher at Chabot Elementary School
- **Ji-Yun (Jane) Kim**, Oakland Unified School District
Biology/AP teacher at Fremont High School
- **Josh Hill**, Pleasanton Unified School District

Biomedical Science teacher at Foothill High School

In addition, ACOE will present Bridging the Distance Awards to teachers who have demonstrated innovation, creativity, compassion, care and a commitment to equity during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Here are this year’s honorees:

- **Shereen Raber**
August Schilling Elementary, Newark Unified School District
- **Huong Giang**
Sunol Glen School, Sunol Glen Unified School District
- **Maestra Lourdes Luy**
Valley View Elementary, Pleasanton Unified School District
- **Maestro Greg Martin**
Sylvia Mendez Elementary, Berkeley Unified School District
- **Kyle Moss**
Montclair Elementary, Oakland Unified School District
- **Emily Rubin**
Glenview Elementary, Oakland Unified School District
- **Andy Thomas**
John Muir Elementary, Berkeley Unified School District

Alameda County Teacher of the Year awards livestream
Wednesday, Dec 9 - 7 p.m.
(510) 887-0152
https://www.acoe.org/teacheroftheyear

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Safeguarding public health

On November 28, we hiked to Vargas Plateau Regional Park via Morrison Canyon Road. We saw many people walking and biking on the wooded path, and the parking lot at the Regional Park was full. The community clearly appreciates the hiking trail through the canyon. Parks help protect public health during the pandemic, by offering recreation and exercise.

The park and hiking trail were delayed for eight years, after two residents of

Vargas Plateau sued East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) in 2008. Their environmental lawsuit alleged that EBRPD had not mitigated the dangerous access roads at the park. The lawsuit mentioned safety 64 times, and it established that both Vargas and Morrison Canyon Roads are narrow, dangerous, and substandard. They also claimed that “a public entity is liable for injury caused by a dangerous condition of its property if the dangerous condition created a reasonably foreseeable risk of the kind of injury which was incurred.”

Our city officials agree. They closed the road to motor vehicles in 2018. Hans Larsen, director of Public Works stated, “There is still a significant safety issue there. And, you know ... that’s a liability

for the city to operate a roadway and a recipe for a problem.”

Fire Chief Jacobson said, “The road does not meet current roadway standards.” Harvey Levine, the City Attorney, explained, “You have conflict between people walking up and down, and people driving in vehicles.”

The people of Fremont asked themselves two questions. Would we rather take on an unneeded and risky liability or safeguard public health? Would we rather have an unsafe road on a steep cliff or sponsor a first-class hiking trail in a scenic canyon? We thank the city council for making the correct choice on December 1 in voting to close Morrison Canyon Road to through vehicular traffic.

The city must be vigilant to excessive development of large event centers, breweries, and wineries on Vargas Plateau. These developments do impact the environment, and overburden the narrow, dangerous, and substandard roads. Dedicating a new bike/pedestrian trail on Morrison Canyon Road will mitigate this danger.

We thank city staff for recognizing the liability risk of the substandard road. We look forward to adding another scenic path to the 39 miles of existing multi-use trails in the city.

William Yragui
Mission Peak Conservancy
Fremont

PUBLIC NOTICES

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. HG20078571
Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA
Petition of: LAKSHMI BALASUBRAMANIAN for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner LAKSHMI BALASUBRAMANIAN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
LAKSHMI BALASUBRAMANIAN to NITHYA PRABHAKARAN
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 01-08-2021, Time: 11AM, Dept.: 17, Room: --
The address of the court is 1221 OAK STREET, OAKLAND, CA 94612
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: TRI CITY VOICE
Date: OCT 13, 2020
JUDGE DESAUTELS
Judge of the Superior Court
12/8, 12/15, 12/22, 12/29/20

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NAME STATEMENT

File No. 574523
Fictitious Business Name(s):
DESIGN MASTERS, 4444 CENTRAL AVE APT 207, FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
CAROLINE HOSKEN MASTERS, 4444 CENTRAL AVE APT 207, FREMONT, CA 94536
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/ CAROLINE HOSKEN MASTER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on NOV 16, 2020
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 574738
Fictitious Business Name(s):
ANGEL ISLAND SPA, 24463 MISSION BLVD, HAYWARD, CA 94544, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
KE WANG, 4017 DAVIS ST., FREMONT, CA 94538
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 574506
Fictitious Business Name(s):
SAFE DRIVERS SCHOOL, 38930 BLACOW RD. SUITE E4, FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
SUKHIJT SINGH, 32430 CELESTE CT., UNION CITY, CA 94587
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/s/ SUKHJIT SINGH
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CNS-3421006#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 574437
Fictitious Business Name(s):
HEALSCAPE HOLISTICS, 4463 HYDE CUMMON UNIT 112, FREMONT, CA 94538,

County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
KAUSARFATEMA SAIED, 4463 HYDE CUMMON UNIT 112, FREMONT, CA 94538
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ KAUSARFATEMA SAIED
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on NOV 12, 2020
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/8, 12/15, 12/22, 12/29/20

CNS-3420408#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 574576
Fictitious Business Name(s):
G AND S PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS, 36000 FREMONT BLVD, APT 100, FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
SERGIO RODRIGUEZ ARCNAS, 36000 FREMONT BLVD. APT 100, FREMONT, CA 94536
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/ SERGIO RODRIGUEZ ARCNAS
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on NOV 17, 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.
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12/8, 12/15, 12/22, 12/29/20

CNS-3420402#

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.
RENEW MOTORS, 3675 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.
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12/8, 12/15, 12/22, 12/29/20

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

CNS-3415439#

GOVERNMENT

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
UNION CITY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission of the City of Union City for the purpose of considering the following:
Notice of Public Hearing Review (SD-20-002) & Use Permit (UP-20-004)
The applicant, Amit Barn, is seeking approval for the development of a Circle K convenience store and 76 gasoline dispensing facility at the site of an existing convenience store, repair shop, and gasoline dispensing facility (Project No. SD-20-002 and UP-20-004). The project will consist of an approximately 282 square foot addition and converting the existing 1,047 square-foot repair shop and 293 square-foot convenience store to create a 1,857 square-foot retail store. The existing two (2) fuel dispensing islands with a 1,238 square-foot canopy will remain and receive cosmetic upgrades to match the proposed building. Additional on- and off-site improvements (e.g., landscaping, paving, trash enclosure, etc.) are also proposed. The property is located at 31901 Alvarado Blvd, Union City, CA (APN 483-73-12-8) in the Community Commercial (CC) Zoning District.
NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that staff is recommending that this project is categorically exempt under Section 15301, Existing Facilities, of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
This item will be heard at a public hearing by the Planning Commission at the meeting listed below. In Person Participation Prohibited due to Public Health Emergency, comments may be submitted in writing prior to the hearing or at the hearing consistent with the Teleconference Guidelines. The project planner, Brandon H DeLucas, can be reached at (510) 675-5385 or via email at BrandonB@unioncity.org.
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, December 17, 2020
Said hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m.
Via Teleconference The Planning Commission meeting packet and instructions on how to virtually attend the meeting and provide your comments can be found at <https://www.unioncity.org/1199/City-Meetings-Video>.
Meeting packets which includes the meeting agenda and staff report are generally available on-line the Friday before the meeting.
If you challenge the above described project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Planning Commission public hearing for this project or the City Council public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission or to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.
CARMELA CAMPBELL, AICP

Economic & Community Development Director
12/8/20

CNS-3421881#

City of Fremont
Human Services Department
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Notice of Amendment to FY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan
Para información en español, por favor llame a Leticia Leyva a (510) 574-2072.
若您需要中文的訊息, 請撥510-574-2046與翁子詠聯絡。謝絕。
The City of Fremont announces a five (5) day public comment period on amendments to FY 2019-2020 CDBG Annual Action Plan associated with the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act or the CARES Act funding.
The City Council will discuss the Amendment to the CDBG FY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan and projected use of the additional CARES Act funds at their virtual Council meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2020. The staff report will be available for view at <http://www.fremont.gov/agendacenter> on Thursday, December 10, 2020.
The FY 2019-2020 Amended Action Plan will be available for review at <http://fremont.gov/CDBG> on Thursday, December 10, 2020. If you would like hard/electronic copies of the documents, please write or email Shanti Jayakumar, City of Fremont Human Services Department, PO Box 5006, Fremont, CA 94537, Email: sjayakumar@fremont.gov. Comments may also be sent via email to Shanti Jayakumar.
12/8/20

CNS-3420610#

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 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: 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#

TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Title No. 8759071
ALS No. 2019-4571 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT OF A LIEN, DATED 01/13/2020. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT: On 01/06/2021, at 12:00PM, ASSOCIATION LIEN SERVICES, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to a certain lien, recorded on 01/15/2020, as instrument number 2020-009276, of the official records of ALAMEDA County, California, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR LAWFUL MONEY OF THE UNITED STATES, OR A CASHIERS' CHECK at: At the Fallon Street emergency exit to the Alameda County Courthouse, 1225 Fallon St., Oakland, CA 94612. The street address and other common designations, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 118 LURENE DRIVE, FREMONT, CA 94539 Assessor's Parcel No. 513-0702-015 The owner(s) of the real property is purported to be: HOMER JOHN LILLIE, JR., AND MARGARET ANN LILLIE, JR. TRUSTEES OF THE HOMER JOHN LILLIE, JR. AND MARGARET ANN LILLIE LIVING TRUST DATED NOVEMBER 19, 1990 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designations, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of a note, homeowner's assessment or other obligation secured by this lien, with interest and other sum as provided therein: plus advances, if any, under the terms thereof and interest on such advances, plus fees, charges, expenses of the Trustee and trust created by said lien. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$13,394.40. Payment must be in cash, a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state bank or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings & loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. The real property described above is being sold subject to the right of redemption. The redemption period within which real property may be redeemed ends 90 days after the sale. 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 consider either of the 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 in 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 contact Nationwide Posting and Publication for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit its website www.nationwideposting.com or call 916.939.0772 for information regarding the sale of this property. 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 website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the schedule sale. The beneficiary of said Lien hereto executed and delivered to the undersigned, a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell has been recorded. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. Date: 11/13/2020 Association Lien Services, as Trustee P.O. Box 64750, Los Angeles, CA 90064 (310) 207-2027 By: MEGAN PAMULA, TRUSTEE OFFICER NPP0372316 To: TRI-CITY VOICE 12/08/2020, 12/15/2020, 12/22/2020
12/8, 12/15, 12/22/20

CNS-3422089#

Govt accuses Facebook of
discriminating against US workers

AP WIRE SERVICE

The Trump administration is accusing Facebook in a lawsuit of discriminating against U.S. workers in favor of foreigners with special visas to fill more than 2,600 high-paying jobs.

The Justice Department announced the suit Thursday, alleging that the tech giant refused to recruit,

consider, or hire qualified and available U.S. workers for the positions that the social media giant reserved for temporary visa holders. Facebook sponsored the visa holders for “green cards” authorizing them to work permanently.

“Facebook intentionally created a hiring system in which it denied qualified U.S. workers a fair opportunity to learn about and apply for jobs” that it instead sought to

channel to temporary visa holders, the Justice Department said in a news release.

The positions at issue offered an average salary of around \$156,000. The department is seeking unspecified civil penalties and back pay on behalf of U.S. workers denied employment.

BART to Close Downtown Hayward Station Garage most of December

SUBMITTED BY HAYWARD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The BART station parking garage in downtown Hayward will be closed for approximately four weeks beginning Monday, December 7, to allow a contractor to retrofit and upgrade lighting. Surface parking will remain available. Riders should use the entrance at C Street to access the fee and permit lots and the entrance from B Street for accessible parking.

According to BART’s Hayward Chamber of Commerce liaison Kerry Hillis, this is part of a larger lighting improvement project that will upgrade and improve the lighting in 14 station garages throughout the system.

Health Insurance or Personal ID Required at Hayward COVID-19 Testing Center

SUBMITTED BY HAYWARD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The City of Hayward 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 collected by the center—a driver’s license or California ID card number or Social Security number—will be used only for seeking test cost reimbursement from private health plans or public health insurance systems, such as Medicare and Medi-Cal. The center, at the former Skywest Golf Course at 1401 Golf Course Road, has provided more than 43,000 tests since opening March 23. It operates 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays, except holidays. More information is available at <https://www.hayward-ca.gov/>.

Free COVID-19 Testing at Glad Tidings Church Adds to Hayward Test Locations

Glad Tidings Church at 1027 Tennyson Road in Hayward will offer free COVID-19 testing from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Drive-through and walk-up service will be provided, but appointments are required. Participants do not need proof of insurance. For more information call 510-783-9377.

Free testing is also offered by La Familia Counseling Center at the Eden United Church of Christ, 21455 Birch St., Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., and at the Cherryland Testing Center, 20095 Mission Blvd., Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To make appointments for all sites go to <https://covid-19.acgov.org/testing.page>

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A RECIRCULATED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DELCARATION

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A RECIRCULATED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DELCARATION - Alameda County Water District’s (ACWD) Driscoll Road Main Renewal Project. Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and the “Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970” as amended to date, this is to advise you that in June 2020, ACWD has prepared and circulated for a 30 day public review a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Driscoll Road Main Renewal Project (Project) located in the City of Fremont, CA. Since the release of the original IS/MND, ACWD has determined that limited night work may be conducted to minimize impacts to traffic circulation. ACWD is recirculating the IS/MND to clarify the proposed project and its associated environmental impacts. The proposed project involves replacement of approximately 7,400 feet of existing water main, associated fittings, valves, fire hydrant laterals, connections with other pipelines and water service laterals along Driscoll Road and a portion of Paseo Padre Parkway. Implementation of the project would reduce the number of leaks and breaks in the future that could take place and result in unplanned water service outages. The IS/MND report describes the proposed project, analyzes whether the project would result in any potential significant environmental impacts, describes measures that would mitigate any potential significant impacts to a less than significant level, and determines that the project, incorporating a number of mitigation measures, will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

The IS/MND is available for public review and can be viewed online at the following link: www.acwd.org under About Us > News & Information > Public Notices. The period for accepting comments on the adequacy of the environmental documents is from December 8, 2020 through January 8, 2021. Any comments must be in writing and be submitted to the following address: Alameda County Water District, 43885 South Grimmer Boulevard, Fremont, CA 94538, attn.: Dorota Budzynska, or email address: dorota.budzynska@acwd.com. The proposed IS/MND will be considered for adoption by the ACWD Board of Directors at the regularly scheduled board meeting. Those interested in attending the meeting should refer to the District’s website for direction on how to attend.

Fremont Fire Department Log

SUBMITTED BY
FREMONT FIRE
DEPARTMENT

Thursday, November 26

• At 7:07 p.m. firefighters responded to a report about a fire in a two-story apartment building at 350 Franciscan Court

in the Warm Springs area. The two-alarm blaze impacted nine units and displaced 17 people. There were no injuries reported and the cause of the fire is under investigation.

Saturday, November 28

• At 11:51 p.m. a neighbor reported smoke coming from a residential garage on the 41000

block of Meiggs Street in the Irvington area. Responding firefighters extinguished the blaze, which was contained to the garage of the single-story home. There were no reports of injuries to firefighters, but one resident from the home was taken to a hospital with a medical complaint unrelated to the fire.

BART Police Log

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Friday, November 27

• At 4:01 p.m. a man

identified by police as Taj Malik Green, 27, of Oakland was arrested at the Bay Fair station in San Leandro on an outside agency warrant. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Tuesday, December 1

• At 4:27 p.m. a man identified by police as Demarco Wiles, 20, of Antioch was arrested at the Bay Fair station in San Leandro

on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail and issued a prohibition order.

• At 5:45 p.m. a 50-year-old man was the victim of a robbery at the San Leandro station. He sustained minor injuries and was taken to an area hospital for treatment. An investigation is continuing.

Can Instagram use help stem climate change?

EARTHTALK

BY SOPHIA JACOBS

Dear EarthTalk:
What are the best Instagram feeds to follow lately if I’m into environmental activism and fighting climate change?

-- Bill S., New Orleans, Louisiana

It’s amazing how dominant Instagram has become in the world of social media. Eco-advocates would be remiss to not make use of it to raise awareness and spur action on behalf of the planet. Given Instagram’s limited functionality, activists and groups have to be creative to make the most of the photo-dominant platform to stand out from the crowd. Here are a few of our favorite sustainability-oriented accounts:



Instagram is helping turn our cell phones into portals to activism on behalf of the planet. Credit: Jeremy Levin, Pexels

Indigenous Climate Action uses its @indigenousclimateaction account to motivate and empower both youth and adults on climate activism by reminding them of the human connections to land, water, community, culture and the sense of responsibility towards future generations exemplified in Indigenous communities. Recent posts featured celebrations of indigenous knowledge, art and culture, and the group also hosts “virtual visits” and information-packed livestreams on Instagram.

Another enlightening account is @intersectionalenvironmentalist, which spreads awareness about how and why injustices happening to marginalized

communities and planet health are connected. Posts focus on social justice, environmental justice, art, and community-building around inclusion and sustainability. The producers of the account also platform inspirational speakers on IGTV, Instagram’s video network.

If you’re looking for informative posts displayed in eye-catching styles, check out @futureearth, which cites all its sources and will keep you updated via a variety of different post styles. Their periodic Climate Talks feature informative videos with activists, educators, scientists and green business pioneers.

Meanwhile, activist Isaías Hernandez populates his @queerbrownvegan account with aesthetically-pleasing posts on environmental justice, veganism and zero-waste. One recent post defined the term “conscious consumerism” while another addressed why climate activists tend to burn out so young.

Another timely account to follow is @sunrisemvmt, the Instagram outlet for the Sunrise Movement. Organizers have used Instagram to spread their message to millions of young people who have in turn showed up at rallies, marches, sit-ins, Congressional visits and other direct-action events designed to lever those in power to make smart decisions

with climate change, green jobs, sustainability and equity in mind.

Finally, @climemechange uses humor to lighten the mood within the climate movement. After all, laughter has been proven to boost antibody-producing cells, reduce stress and increase blood flow, all important to make sure we keep ourselves healthy while fighting the good fight. Following this account is a good way to fight the eco-depression and climate anxiety we all suffer from, even if just a little.

One way to be an eco-activist on Instagram is to share these accounts’ posts on your own stories, an easy way to spread awareness about the issues made possible by the social platforms we have today.

Also, be sure to follow our own new Instagram account @e_the_environmental_magazine. We post updates on upcoming Earthtalk Q&As and sneak peeks into a range of informative and diverse articles on environmental issues. We also spotlight other environmental accounts and important work and information they are doing/sharing on our story.

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LEAF president to be honored

SUBMITTED BY EDDIE TURNER, LEAF

Mia Mora, president of LEAF (Local Ecology and Agriculture Fremont) will be recognized by the Fremont City Council on Tuesday, December 8 for her years of volunteer service to the Tri-City communities.

The ceremony will be telecast live on Cable Channel 27 and can also be seen on the City of Fremont’s website at <https://fremont.gov/agendacenter>. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

LEAF is a nonprofit organization that manages three gardens and hosts many educational activities. The LEAF Center is a community garden located in the California Nursery Historical Park in Fremont’s Niles area and rents planters. At the C.R. Stone Garden, volunteers grow vegetables for donation to food banks. A third site is being developed, testing regenerative agriculture techniques and growing veggies for a county-operated food-as-medicine program.

For details, email info@fremontleaf.org or write a letter to LEAF P.O. Box 2816 Fremont, CA 94536.



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Traditional Las Posadas goes virtual!

In Spanish the word posada means inn or shelter. Las Posadas commemorates the journey that Joseph and Mary undertook from Nazareth to Bethlehem searching for a safe place so that Mary could give birth to baby Jesus. The celebrations span nine days represent the nine months of Mary's pregnancy. This tradition is celebrated in different ways all over the world. Spanish Augustinian friars brought this traditional Christian celebration to Mexico during the 16th century, and the tradition of celebrating Las Posadas in Mission San Jose started in 1982.

In Fremont, people assembled on the porch of the Old Mission San Jose every evening. The celebrations would begin with a procession in which the attendees held flash lights and sang Christmas carols. Light sticks provided by Tri-City Voice during the last few years made the procession a festive and bright experience. A volunteer

would carry a beautiful image of the Holy Family and walk up to a pre-designated local business. Their request for shelter would be initially turned down but would eventually be accepted.

Traditionally a musical program would be followed by light refreshments courtesy of the hosts. As Nancy Dorigi, Mission administrator helping coordinate this event said, "We are grateful to the local businesses who year after year have graciously hosted us. People love singing the traditional Christmas carols along the way and experiencing each site's hospitality. And this year they can take part without a coat or umbrella."

This year, Las Posadas will be celebrated virtually from Sunday, December 15 through Monday, December 23. The program will include Master of Ceremonies Brandon Sass, of Stage 1 Theatre. The Zoom event will be hosted by Technical Director Paul K.

Davis with understudies Drew Wilson and Steve Walcave. Music will be provided by JoAnn Schriener, visuals by Srinidhi Sampath and Veda Jadaprolu, and publicity by Arathi Satish and Micayla Posse.

The event is free but advance registration is required by noon of the day of the performance. Once registered, participants will be registered for all performances and can attend any or all evenings.

Las Posadas 2020 Schedule

Master of Ceremonies: Brandon Sass of Stage 1 Theatre

December 15 "The Bethlehem Radio's Musical Mystery Theatre" - Mike, Kathleen, Leah & Rea Ellen Keating, with Knuti VanHoven

December 16 "Christmas Carols You Grew Up With" - The Peak Performers, directed by Shauna Pickett- Gordon

December 17 "Winter Wonderland" - The Center Stage Singers

December 18 "Holiday Blessings" - Kristen Del Rio and Merry Band Kristen Del Rio, Adam Miller and Mike Schmit.

December 19 "A Country Christmas" - Knuti VanHoven

December 20 "Songs of Hope and Joy" - Connie Chew. Al Minard will do a special reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

December 21 "Another Elfish Christmas" - Mike, Kathleen and Leah & Rea Ellen Keating with Knuti VanHoven and Paul K Davis

December 22 "A Capella Christmas" - Jim Burris & Ahhhh!

December 23 Mission San Jose's

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