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Local baker and activist participates in competition for charity

After seeing an advertisement on Instagram for a baking competition to help No Kid Hungry, Bland-Boyd became interested in the opportunity, as she had a lot of time at home due to COVID-19. She instantly signed up. Since then, she found that this competition "brought out the competitiveness in [her]."

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SUBMITTED BY KLAUDIA SIMON

There's nothing better than giving a homeless pet a home sweet home for the holidays! Give a Humane Society of Silicon Valley (HSSV) animal the gift of a forever home and adopt this season.

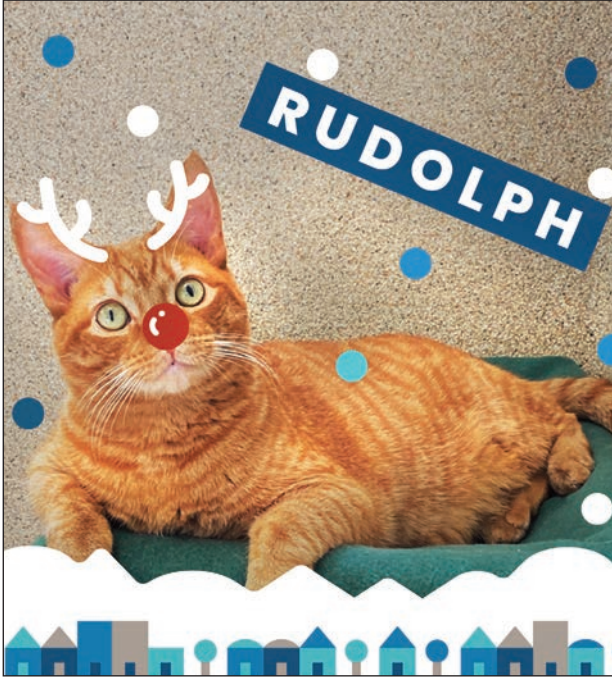
In partnership with the WeCare Alliance — which includes HSSV and a group of five other Santa Clara County shelters — HSSV is once again celebrating Home for the Holidays, a promotion aimed at connecting pets with forever homes. HSSV is offering \$50 adoptions for any adult animal (6 months or older) through January 3, 2021. Last year, the Home for the Holidays program found homes for 290 pets. This year's promotion features adorable cats and bunnies styled as Santa's reindeer and Mr. and Mrs. Claus!

With pandemic safety in mind, HSSV is offering a virtual spin on their well-loved and incredibly successful Home for the Holidays adoption program. Adopt through HSSV's Virtual Adoption Appointment process ([hssv.org/adopt/#virtual](https://www.hssv.org/adopt/#virtual)), or apply to meet adoptable animals through their Diamond in the Ruff program (hssv.org/adopt/#diamond).

HSSV Home for the Holidays
Until January 3, 2021

Sign up for a virtual adoption
<https://www.hssv.org/adopt/home-for-the-holidays/>
<https://sheltersfirst.org/wecare-alliance/>

Give pets a home for the holidays



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Maintain a Healthy, Pain-free Back During the Holidays

This holiday season is looking a bit different than previous years. Like so many other celebrations in 2020, December activities have changed. While plans to travel or get together with friends have decreased, many people have focused on extensive outdoor decorations.

In addition to holiday activities, working from home and helping children with online education has created extremely high stress levels. Increased activity and stress can lead to back pain and injuries. Urgent Care clinics and hospital emergency rooms around the country see thousands of holiday-related injury patients every November and December. The most common accidents are falls—including falling off ladders while putting up lights or decorating a

tree—and slipping on walkways. Strained backs or limbs are also more prevalent due to lifting heavy packages or boxes.

“During the holidays, people rush around trying to get a lot done in a short period of time and that’s how injuries can occur,” said Director of the Washington Outpatient Rehabilitation Center (WORC) Sharmi Mukherjee, PT, MPT, DPT. “In addition to that, many people are working from home and their workspaces may contribute to strain or injuries.”

Avoiding Holiday Accidents

Mukherjee who holds a doctorate in physical therapy, offers suggestions to avoid accidents and maintain an injury- and pain-free holiday season:

- Work smarter not harder, by using your body’s larger muscle groups to lift heavy things. This means bringing things closer to your body before lifting and keeping elbows close to your body as well. When lifting things from the floor, bend your knees to lift and keep your back straight. This engages the abdominal muscles and protects the back.
- Stretch regularly for improved flexibility—not just during the holidays but all year long.
- Exercise regularly to build and maintain strength. It is very important to listen to your body and stick to weights or resistance bands that you are comfortable with.
- Recognize your limits and get help. Ask neighbors, friends or family members

for assistance with cooking, decorating and running errands.

Help for a Hurt Back

No matter how careful we are, accidents still happen. Sometimes the symptoms of a pulled muscle or sprained back are obvious right away and other times the pain comes on slowly. Over-the-counter pain management solutions such as ice packs, heat wraps and medicated patches can help ease discomfort. “When back pain persists for more than a couple of weeks, visit your physician or a physical therapist to rule out something more serious,” advises Mukherjee. “It’s important to get treatment sooner than later, before things become chronic.

The Washington Outpatient Rehabilitation Center is an excellent local resource for people experiencing chronic back pain or recuperating from an injury. The center provides outpatient orthopedic physical therapy and occupational therapy. Depending on your insurance, you may not need a physician’s referral to be seen. For more information or to schedule an appointment call 510.794.9672.

Washington Hospital maintains a YouTube channel with hundreds of health-related videos. Sharmi Mukherjee, director of the Washington Outpatient Rehabilitation Center, offers general health advice on safe stretching programs, how to stay fit while working from home, how to strengthen your back, and many others. Visit www.YouTube.com/whhsInHealth and search “Sharmi.”

InHealth broadcasts on Comcast Channel 78 in Fremont, Newark and Union City and online at www.inhealth.tv



The full schedule of InHealth programs listed below can also be viewed in real time on the Washington Hospital website, www.whhs.com

	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY				
	12/22/20	12/23/20	12/24/20	12/25/20	12/26/20	12/27/20	12/28/20				
12:00 PM 12:00 AM	Medicare Open Enrollment: What You Need to Know	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 9, 2020	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes Complications and Amputation	Preventive Care: What You Need To Know	Early Detection and Prevention of Female Cancers	Ortho Overuse Injuries: Prevention and Treatment	Gastrointestinal Disorders				
12:30 PM 12:30 AM	The Signs and Symptoms of Sepsis		Metabolic Disorders	Emotional Wellness During the Holidays							
1:00 PM 1:00 AM	Solutions for Weight Management		Don't Let Hip Pain Win	How to Prevent Financial Elder Abuse/Fraud	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 9, 2020	WHHS Fremont Bank: Staying Healthy In 2020	Weight Management: Stopping the Madness				
1:30 PM 1:30 AM				Anxiety: Stop Negative Thoughts		Diabetes Health Fair 2019: Diabetes & Stroke: What's the Connection?					
2:00 PM 2:00 AM	Active Living: Yoga Exercises		Diabetes Matters: Asian Fusion				Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 9, 2020	Mental Health Education Series: Mental Wellness			
2:30 PM 2:30 AM	Diabetes Matters: Dining Out Around The World		Intro to Radiation Oncology Therapy	Strategies to Reduce the Risk of Cancer Recurrence							
3:00 PM 3:00 AM	Caregiver Series: Caring for Someone with Dementia or Other Medical-Related Memory Loss	11th Annual Women's Health Conference: Patient's Playbook	Updated Treatments for Knee Pain & Arthritis								
3:30 PM 3:30 AM	Mental Health Education Series: Understanding Mood Disorders	Chronic Kidney Disease: FAQ			Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 9, 2020	Diabetes Matters: Latin Foods	Strategies to Reduce the Risk of Cancer Recurrence				
4:00 PM 4:00 AM	Digestive Health: What You Need to Know			Women's Health Conference: Women & Stroke: Are You at Risk?				Vitamins & Supplements: How Useful Are They?			
4:30 PM 4:30 AM		Aortic Valve Disease: Treatment Options Including TAVR	Caregiver Series: Securing Care Preferences Through AHCD						Caregiver Series: Codependency and the Caregiver	Hernias: Causes Symptoms and the Latest Treatment Options	Sports Medicine Program: Why Does My Shoulder Hurt?
5:00 PM 5:00 AM	Sideline by Back Pain? Get Back in the Game				Colon Cancer	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes & Eyes	Preventive Screenings: When and Why are They Important?				
5:30 PM 5:30 AM	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 9, 2020	Learn the Latest Treatment Options for GERD		Healthy Gut, Healthy You				Oh My Aching Feet! Recognizing Common Foot and Ankle Problems			
6:00 PM 6:00 AM			Healthy Gut, Healthy You						Diabetes Matters: Filipino Food Made Healthy	Women's Health through the Years: Screening is Key to Aging Well	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes Conversations
6:30 PM 6:30 AM					How To Stop Disease Before It Starts	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 9, 2020	FB Live: Staying Fit While Working From Home				
7:00 PM 7:00 AM	Sick Feet?	Keeping Your Brain Healthy		Understanding HPV: What You Need to Know				Advancements in Lung Cancer Detection and Treatment			
7:30 PM 7:30 AM			Advance Care Planning: Five Wishes						Diabetes Matters: Exercise IS Medicine		
8:00 PM 8:00 AM					Endometriosis: Causes, Symptoms, Diagnosis and Treatment	Diabetes Matters: Basics of Insulin Pump Therapy	Food Pharmacy: Prescription for Colon Health			Laugh without Leaking: Understanding Female Urinary Incontinence	Healthy Eating: Prescription for Health
8:30 PM 8:30 AM	Mental Health Education Series: Psychotic Disorders	Diabetes Matters: Italian Foods		Wound Care: The Latest Treatment Options				Diabetes Matters: Diabetes and Your Heart			
9:00 PM 9:00 AM			Hepatitis B and Liver Cancer: Prevention and Treatment						Diabetes Matters: Heart Healthy Eating		
9:30 PM 9:30 AM					Shoulder Pain: Causes and Treatment Options	Diabetes Health Fair 2019: Diabetes and Foot Care					
10:00 PM 10:00 AM	Strategies to Help Lower Your Cholesterol and Blood Pressure	Diabetes Health Fair 2019: Diabetes and Foot Care									
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COVID-19 Vaccine Arrives at Washington Hospital



Vaccinations for COVID-19 have begun with essential workers at Washington Hospital.

Last week, the first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, which received Food and Drug Administration emergency use authorization (EUA) and approval by the CDC, were delivered to 636 hospitals and public health systems in all 50 states. Washington Hospital was one of them. You may have questions about the vaccine. Is it safe? How effective is it? Are there side effects? When can I get it? Will I still need to wear a mask afterward?

Washington Hospital received their first shipment of 975 doses of COVID-19 vaccine last Thursday. Following federal, state and county public health guidelines, the Hospital began administering these first doses to their employees and physicians who have direct COVID-19 patient contact, regardless of their specific role. These essential workers will be followed by other patient care and support personnel, then the balance of Healthcare System employees who choose to receive the vaccine.

“The incredibly fast development, approval and distribution of the COVID-19 vaccines represents a landmark moment in medicine, and Washington Hospital’s participation at this early stage is a gift this holiday season,” said Kimberly Hartz, Chief Executive Officer of Washington Hospital Healthcare System. “As our COVID-19 numbers surge, our heroic frontline

staff and physicians who have selflessly cared for those impacted by COVID-19 this year, will have much-needed protection. I enthusiastically await the approaching day when we receive enough of the vaccine to begin extending that defense to the community we are here to serve.”

Vaccine Facts

The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine was the first to ship to medical facilities last week. This vaccine requires two doses to be administered – an initial vaccination, followed by a booster shot 17-21 days later. Moderna’s vaccine is expected to receive EUA approval soon, with a possible shipment later this week. Due to limited supplies, the first wave of vaccines was intended for frontline health care workers and long-term care facility residents. As availability increases, this will expand to more groups. The goal is for everyone to be able to easily get a COVID-19 vaccination as soon as there are plentiful quantities.

Both vaccines have shown to be 94-95% effective, and their safety has been demonstrated in tens of thousands of trial participants. They have also been approved as safe and effective by two independent advisory committees.

“We are encouraged that these vaccines represent a major impact in controlling the COVID-19 crisis,” said Dianne Martin, MD, an internal medicine and infectious

disease specialist who is a part of Washington Hospital’s COVID-19 Vaccine Taskforce. “The safety and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccine has been demonstrated and I strongly recommend everyone get vaccinated at their first opportunity when the supply becomes available.”

Some people may experience side effects, such as flu-like symptoms, after receiving the vaccination. If and when this occurs, it is a normal sign that the body is building immunity against the virus and it should abate after a day or two.

Once an individual receives the vaccine, they will not be immediately protected and must continue wearing a mask, practicing social distancing and washing their hands regularly. Even after they have been inoculated, those around them may not have been, so it is critical to continue safe practices to protect others. Further scientific studies are needed and are ongoing to assess the effect of vaccination on one’s ability to transmit the disease.

Washington Hospital will post more information about the vaccines and their availability to the public at www.whhs.com/covid as soon as the information becomes available. In the meantime, visit www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19 for general information and national updates from the CDC.

Hospital Food on Dec. 25—Not What You Might Think

Patients at Washington Hospital May Enjoy a Gourmet Meal

Being in the hospital is difficult at any time and certainly much more so now—especially during the holidays.

“Washington Hospital is acutely aware of the impact that being in the Hospital during the holidays has on our patients and their families,” says Kimberlee Alvari, Washington Hospital’s director of Food and Nutrition Services and chief of Patient Experience. The Hospital’s food service staff is working to make holiday season meals for patients as tasty and cheerful as possible with special dishes and treats, according to Alvari.

“The holidays traditionally are a time spent with family and friends and these celebrations often include special meals and traditional dishes but this year it’s different. This year there’s an uninvited guest, COVID-19, which has put a whole different spin on the holidays. The time normally spent with friends and family will have to be done differently,” Alvari adds.

“Food is much more than a nutritional need for our patients,” she says. “While it nourishes and heals the body, it also is beneficial on an emotional level; food is used to connect with others and solidify relationships. Necessary restricted visitation for patients during COVID-19 and eating a holiday meal in the hospital simply doesn’t align with traditional holiday experiences.”

Among the special offerings for the holiday are a rotation of warm and comforting holiday soups: curry pumpkin, butternut squash, creamy leak and roasted sweet potato. These soups are not the usual Hospital fare, Alvari notes, but rather something the patients might find on their own holiday tables.

Each day through the holiday season, the meal trays also will contain a card of warm holiday greetings and a small appropriate treat. Alvari’s hope is that the patients will be surprised and delighted by the treats and greeting cards. “We have planned it to be a warm connection along with the food we know they need during a difficult time.”

- On Dec. 25, patients can expect to be served:**
- Soup:**
 - Homemade Creamy Potato Leek Soup**
 - Entree:**
 - Holiday Crispy Chicken with White Wine Butter Sauce**
 - or**
 - Stuffed Baked Squash**
 - Sides:**
 - Scalloped Potatoes**
 - Roasted Seasoned Vegetables**
 - Desserts:**
 - Mini Red Velvet Cake**
 - or**
 - Light Eggnog Pudding**

While the number of patients being cared for at Washington Hospital has increased this winter season, community members can be assured that the Patient First Ethic is still the driving force among Hospital staff.

CURRIED PUMPKIN SOUP

½ pound mushrooms
½ cup chopped onion
2 tablespoons oil, margarine or vegan spread
2 tablespoons unbleached flour
1 teaspoon curry powder
3 cups of vegetable broth
1 can pumpkin or fresh roasted pumpkin puree equal to 2½ cups
1 cup milk
½ cup light sour cream
1 tablespoon honey
Salt and pepper to taste—optional

In a large saucepan, sauté mushrooms and onion in margarine until tender. Stir in flour and curry powder until blended. Gradually add the broth. Bring to a boil and cook while stirring until thickened. Add pumpkin, milk, sour cream, honey and seasonings; heat through. Garnish with a dollop of sour cream, if desired.

Washington Hospital Director of Food and Nutrition Services and Chief of Patient Experience, Kimberlee Alvari shares a holiday recipe.

Local homes show off holiday flair in decorating contest



Valiant Way 1



Ruth Way 2



Ruth Way 1



Goshen Street



Queen Anne Court 2



Santa Sophia Way



San Luis Court

SUBMITTED BY RAFAEL CASTILLO

Since we're stuck at home this holiday season anyway, why not bring the holiday spirit to where you are? In 2020, Union City ran their second annual Best Home for the Holidays Decorating Contest, and received many fabulous submissions from community members. The contest was judged by Union City Community & Recreation Services staff, and winners were announced on the city website and social media. Union City extends a thank you to all the families who participated this year, and hopes more will join in 2021.

Below are the different categories and winners.

- Best Home for the Holidays**
1st Place – Valiant Way
2nd Place – Whitehall Lane
3rd Place – Santa Sophia Way

- Best Themed Decorations**
1st Place – Goshen Street
2nd Place – Queen Anne Court
3rd Place – San Luis Court

- Best Use of Inflatables**
1st Place – 9th Street
2nd Place – Ruth Way
3rd Place – San Luis Court

View all submissions, videos, and house map at <https://ucbesthomefortheholidays2020.myportfolio.com/work>.

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Kwanzaa:

A celebration of family, community and culture

SUBMITTED BY THE AFRO-AMERICAN CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

For the African-American community, the remaining days of December turn into a holiday celebrating family, community, and culture. Kwanzaa occurs from December 26 to January 1. Kwanzaa – derived from “matunda ya kwanza” meaning “first fruits” in Swahili – is symbolic of the first harvest celebrations of Africa.

The holiday was founded in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, professor of Africana Studies at California State University, Long Beach. In his Kwanzaa message published in the Los Angeles Sentinel in 2012, Dr. Karenga stated: “[Kwanzaa] is a time of appreciative remembrance of our ancestors, great and ordinary, of the models of human excellence, achievement and possibility they offer, and of the enduring legacy of the good they left in the world.”

Kwanzaa is also a time for reflecting the “Nguzo Saba” or the Seven Principles: Umoja (unity), Kujichagulia (self-determination), Ujima (collective work and responsibility), Ujamaa (cooperative economics), Nia (purpose), Kuumba (creativity), and Imani (faith).

Symbolic items such as mazao (crops), mkeka (mat), kinara (candle holder), muhindi (corn), mishumaa saba (seven candles), kikombe cha umoja (unity cup), and zawadi (gifts) represent values and concepts of African culture.

Mishumaa saba consists of one black candle representing the people; three red candles on the left for the peoples’ struggles; and three green candles on the right for the future and hope that comes from their struggle. A candle is lit each day, starting with the black candle placed at the center, followed by the remaining candles from left to right.

During the celebration of Kwanzaa, it is customary to greet friends and family with the Swahili phrase, ‘Habari gani (hah-BAR-ee GAH-nee),’ meaning, ‘What is the news?’ A typical response is the principle of the day.

The Afro-American Cultural and Historical Society usually offers an open invitation to join a Kwanzaa celebration so participants learn more about the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa - promoting, reinforcing and reaffirming rituals of communion, of sharing and renewal, and of bonds which strengthen mutual concern and commitment. Unfortunately, due to current



circumstances, the Society will not have a formal celebration for Kwanzaa this year. In place of the in-person celebration, a video will be shown each day of Kwanzaa on its website: aachstricity.org

To learn more about Kwanzaa, visit www.officialkwanzaawebsite.org

Safety Tips for Seasonal Decorating and Cooking

SUBMITTED BY TAMAR SARKISSIAN

Trees, Candles and Lights Make for a Festive Celebration, but Can Represent a Fire Hazard If Not Handled Properly

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) encourages customers to use caution and put safety first when decorating this holiday season to reduce the risk of a fire in the home. Lighting equipment, candles, menorahs, and Christmas trees can become holiday hazards and spark a devastating fire.

“We know home fires increase during the holidays, so we encourage our customers to slow down, take the right precautions, and stay safe this holiday season,” said Laurie Giammona, PG&E senior vice president and chief customer officer.

By having a plan and making minor adjustments to decorating and cooking, you can make the holiday season safe for everyone.

Candle and Cooking Safety

- Never use lit candles to decorate a tree.

- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Never leave a lit menorah or candles unattended.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop. Start with a clean oven to reduce the risk of a grease fire.

Christmas Tree Safety

- Before placing a fresh tree in the stand, cut 2 inches from the base of the trunk to help it absorb water.
- Make sure the tree is at least 3 feet away

from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents, or lights.

- Purchase flame-retardant metallic or artificial trees. For real trees, make sure they have fresh, green needles that aren’t easily broken. Keep live trees as moist as possible by giving them water daily.

PG&E also encourages residents to create a household emergency preparedness plan and share it with the entire family. For more ways to stay safe this holiday season, visit www.pge.com/safety.

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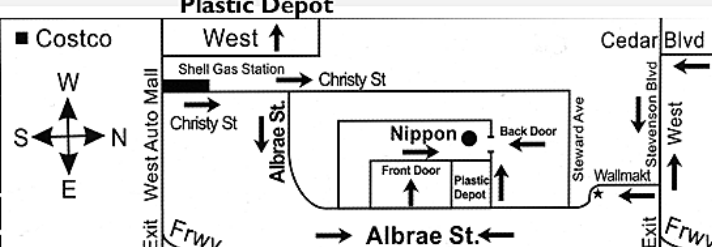
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Abi Shiva Eagle Scout Rank

SUBMITTED BY FAMILY OF ABI SHIVA

Boy Scouts of America is a journey for many boys, including Abi Shiva, a senior at Washington High School. Abi started his Cub Scouts journey with seven other Cubs when he was in elementary school. Outdoor activities, camping trips, and community service projects with fellow scouts all provided personal growth for Abi as he advanced from one level to the next. The advancement methods also provided him with community spirit, responsibility, and leadership skills.

As he loves learning about insects, the environment, and nature, for his final Eagle Scout project Abi decided to create educational panels to benefit LEAF Garden (Local Ecology and Agriculture Fremont). He is fortunate to have received a grant from the Tri-City Ecology Center to financially support the project. The educational panels designed and constructed by Abi and his team for LEAF include: The Carbon Cycle, Photosynthesis, Life Cycle of a Monarch Butterfly, Pollination, Anatomy of a Honeybee, The Water Cycle, Vermiculture, and Garden Friendly Pollinators. LEAF Garden visitors can read these panels and learn about the garden and nature. They will also benefit students who regularly visit the garden for educational purposes.

Abi Shiva is proud and honored to have successfully completed his Eagle project over the summer and earned his Eagle Rank. He would like



to thank his Troop 269, Scoutmaster Mr. James Parker who guided him over the years, and other Scoutmasters who made the journey meaningful. Abi also thanks LEAF garden coordinator Elaine Owyang and the Tri-City Ecology Center for their support. Abi Shiva proudly adheres to the Scout Oath: "On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times."



Abi Shiva & Elaine Owyang

Cub Scout Pack 441 collects over 1,000 items in Scouting for Food Drive

SUBMITTED BY JENNIFER CIRAOLLO

COVID has affected our daily lives, and the annual food drive hosted by Cub Scout Pack 441 is no exception. Thanks to the Newark Silliman Center allowing the Scouts to use their outdoor location, Newark Pack 441 Scouts were able to gather over 1,000 food items for the Viola Blythe Community Center. The Scouts enjoyed helping pick up items out of donors' trucks and organizing them in crates for sorting and drop-off.

Established in 1985, the Scouting for Food Drive has been an annual BSA (Boy Scouts of America) food drive throughout the United States. Traditionally, scouts will drop off flyers about the food drive, return the following week to pick up items from their local neighborhoods and donate them directly to a local food bank.

However, due COVID, leaders of Pack 441 had to plan a safe and socially distant alternative. "We still wanted to host our annual food drive, but wanted to make sure everyone was able to follow the current county social distance guidelines," stated Pack 441 Cubmaster Brian Wynn. The solution was a drive thru drop-off location.

Debbie Carvalho-Rodriguez, Executive Director of the Viola Blythe Center, said she is blown away with how dedicated and helpful the scouts are throughout the year and how much they help the community. She also stated that there is still a chance for additional donations of new items at their warehouse at 7730 Enterprise Drive from 10a.m. to 3 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

Newark Cub Scout Pack 441 is involved in community activities such as official "Horse Poop Cleaners" in the Newark Days Parade, the Scouting for Food drive, Rocket Launching, Masonic Homes Tree Decorating, Pinewood Derby Racing and so much more. Even through this COVID pandemic, they are having monthly Zoom meetings and socially distanced activities.

For more information about Pack 441, or to join, email the Pack Committee Chair at jenniferciraolo@gmail.com.



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Library Program Celebrates Reading and Community Discussion

SUBMITTED BY CHRIS SELIG

"Alameda County Reads" kicks off its first year on Sunday, January 11. The program seeks to get thousands of community members to read and discuss the same book. We celebrate reading and great books, and we build community through a thoughtful exchange of ideas.

According to Deputy County Librarian Deb Sica, "The vision of the AC Library is 'Kind, Connected Humans.' In our rapidly changing world, we know that it is more important than ever to build both human and humane connections with one another. AC Reads is our first One County, One Book Celebration! Bon livre, bon appétit!"

Our selection is *Eat Joy: Stories & Comfort Food from 31 Celebrated Writers* edited by Natalie Eve Garrett. This collection of personal, illustrated stories and recipes by American literary writers offers insight into how food can provide comfort in hard times – whether the loss of a loved one, homesickness in a new place, or family breakups. The essays are divided into four themes: Growing Pains, Loss, Healing, and Homecoming.

Natalie Eve Garrett is an artist and writer who also edited *The Artists' and Writers' Cookbook: A Collection of Stories with Recipes* (2016) and the forthcoming *Lonely Together: 20 Celebrated Writers on the Joys & Perils of Being Alone* (2022). She and her husband live with their two children in a town outside Washington DC near the Potomac River.

The January 11, 2021 Kick-Off features a video of County Librarian Cindy Chadwick interviewing Natalie Eve Garrett. The celebration continues from February through April with many book discussion sessions and other special Alameda County Reads programs.

After the Kick-Off, you may sign up online for a discussion and arrange to pick up the book at your

local library. Free copies of *Eat Joy* are available while supplies last.

Alameda County Reads is generously funded by the Alameda County Library Foundation and the Albany, Castro Valley, and Fremont Friends of the Library.

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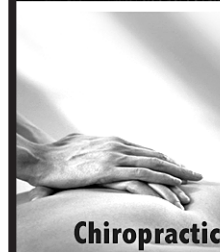
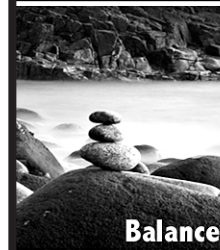
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Emergency text to 911 service goes live in Alameda County

SUBMITTED BY JO LEAL, ALAMEDA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Alameda County Regional Emergency Communications Center (ACRECC) has officially launched its text to 911 campaign. Mobile users now have the ability to send text messages to 911, allowing deaf, hearing and speech impaired residents, or those in situations where it is too dangerous to make a voice call to 911, a potentially lifesaving option.

“Call if you can -- text if you can’t” is the slogan developed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and adopted by several California jurisdictions. ACRECC is now equipped to receive and respond to mobile phone SMS Text to 911 messages, joining other dispatch centers across the state.

A Division of the Alameda County Fire Department, “ACRECC delivers regional communications through dispatching fire and emergency medical services that optimize the deployment and coordination of emergency resources while providing superior customer service to several agencies within Alameda County,” said Dispatch Manager Rosa Ramos. “Our ability to deploy an alternate method in receiving emergency communications from our residents is another tool in keeping our communities safe.”

The FCC has established guidelines for how to contact 911 via text:

- If you can, always make a 911 voice call – “Call if you can -- text if you can’t.”
- If you are deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech disabled, and Text to 911 is not available, use a TTY

or telecommunications relay service, if available.

- Text to 911 is not available if the device is “roaming.”
- If you text 911 and text is not available in your area, you will receive a bounce back message advising “Text is not available, please make a voice call to 911.”
- Location accuracy varies by carrier and should not be relied upon. Be prepared to give your location.
- Text to 911 service will not be available if the wireless carrier cannot ascertain a location of the device sending the message.
- A text or data plan is required to place a text to 911.
- Photos and videos cannot be sent to 911 as they cannot be received at this time.
- Text messages should be sent in plain language and not contain popular abbreviations (SMH, LOL, ICYMI) or emojis, which will not be recognized.
- Text to 911 cannot be sent in a group message.
- Texts must be in English only. There currently is no language interpretation for text available. This is still in development.

ACRECC serves the Cities Fremont, Newark, Union City, San Leandro, Dublin, Emeryville, Livermore, Pleasanton, and the unincorporated communities of Ashland, Castro Valley, Cherryland, San Lorenzo, and Sunol. Also served are the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratory, and Camp Parks Combat Support Training Center. ACRECC is also the dispatch center for Falck Northern California Ambulance Services in Alameda County.

Tri-City conservatives largely pan new social media app

BY ANDREW CAVETTE

A large, social media swap-out is taking place among conservatives. Nationally, they are moving away from Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, to join niche apps like Parler. New accounts on Parler increased after the general election in November.

Parler is similar to Twitter: allowing short, text-based messages to reach a large audience. Parler claims they will not remove users for any reason. This stance appeals to conservatives touting free-speech. Parler is also attractive to members of the far-right. Many controversial, far-right, public figures use Parler exclusively. Investigative journalists have logged onto Parler and reported how hate speech thrives there.

Parler has a well-documented reputation for harboring far-right ideas, hate speech and even calls to violence, but many new accounts are being set up by people who are merely conservative. Invitations to join Parler have, similarly, increased as new users recommend the app to friends and family.

Many who are switching apps say they simply want information that lacks the bias they feel is present in mainstream news. They claim this bias is also present on major social media platforms.

Our reporting shows that many conservatives in the Tri-City area are displeased with this perceived news bias. Locals shared a belief that social media promotes bias for liberal ideas and against conservative ones. While this viewpoint was strong, and often strongly worded, we did not find a desire to switch over to apps like Parler.

R.H. lives in Fremont.

“I don’t know anything about Parler,” R.H. said, “A Facebook friend was getting a little tired of Facebook and told me he is headed there... and that I could follow.”

R.H. said he sees a lot of bias on Facebook, but he is not going to join Parler. His reasons for not following his friend were practical. “I don’t want to be bogged down by my screen,” R.L. said. “I rarely post and mostly keep track of family. I am not likely to look into this (new app).”

L.N. is 33 and has lived in Fremont her entire life.

An acquaintance suggested Parler before the election in November. When we spoke with her in November, L.N. said she did not believe the election results shown on TV and posted on Facebook. She wanted the news to focus on the legal suits filed by President Trump’s campaign. She also thought that news coverage around Covid-19 should change. For her, the lockdown is worse than the virus and she felt this viewpoint is not being given equal coverage.

L.N. often spoke of the news media and Facebook interchangeably. “You can’t get real news. Facebook should stop with news reporting and go back to what it was originally set up for...Bringing people together to share pictures.” she said, “Because news has infiltrated it, it is splitting people apart.”

“Facebook is completely biased, and ruins friendships,” L.N. added. L.N. and her best friend had started arguing because of political articles each of them had been posting on Facebook. “She called me a racist and won’t even be in my wedding anymore. She was a bridesmaid,” L.N. said.

L.N. did not say she wanted to join Parler. When asked what she thought about the larger trend of people moving further into isolated corners of information, she expressed concern. “There are two totally different viewpoints via the media. It has caused people to not know what to believe,” L.N. said. “Yeah, it’s a problem.”

C.R. lives in Fremont.

“I definitely swing more to the right, but I support neither party right now because of all the divisiveness,” C.R. said. He was invited to join Parler in November. C.R.’s app invitation followed a national trend, coinciding with President Trump’s unsuccessful bid for a second term.

“I was invited a day after the election” C.R. said. He dislikes the top social-media platforms because of a political bias he perceives. “I deleted Twitter over a year ago, and I am very close to deleting my Facebook account because of how obvious their party preference is,” C.R. said. “It’s only because I’m so far away from my family that I keep it.”

C.R. also expressed apprehension about any trend to switch apps completely. He called limiting your information intake a bad thing, and thought Parler might be an echo chamber. “I need to hear the other side’s opinion, to keep myself in check now and again,” C.R. explained. While conservative, dissatisfied with news bias and actively ridding himself of his current social media apps, he does not plan to accept an invitation to join Parler.

“My understanding is that it’s full of far-right wing people,” C.R. said. He also noted “I need another social media app like I need a brain tumor.”



SUBMITTED BY LYANNE MENDEZ

Assemblymember Bill Quirk (D-Hayward) recently helped direct a donation of 10,000 N-95 facemasks and face shields to St. Rose Hospital. This donation would not have been possible without the generosity of Plastikon Industries and its partner company ICU Health.

At a socially distant donation hand-off event, Quirk stated, “I’ve said this before and I’ll say it again, we are so lucky to have great community partners in Assembly District 20. This donation will go to protect workers at St. Rose, who are working every

day to save lives and help everyone that comes through their doors regardless of ability to pay.”

He added, “During the spring there was a lack of personal protective equipment (PPE), so I am very proud to have a company like Plastikon Industries, who is manufacturing these much-needed facemasks and face shields in my district and is donating them to those who need them most.”

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San Francisco's iconic Cliff House restaurant that has served tourists and locals for more than a century from atop a hill overlooking the Pacific Ocean is closing its doors at the end of the year.

Dan and Mary Hountalas, the restaurant's proprietors since 1973, said in a post Sunday on the restaurant's website they are closing Dec. 31 because of losses brought on by the pandemic and not being able to renew a long-term operating contract with the National Park Service.

Built in 1863, the seaside restaurant has been a San Francisco institution and a top tourist attraction that has gone through several transformations. The first modest, wood-frame structure was destroyed in a fire in 1894. It was rebuilt and fashioned after a French chateau that survived the 1906 San Francisco earthquake but burned down the following year. The third and present Cliff House, neoclassic in design, was built in 1909.

The National Park Service bought the property in 1977, four years after the Hountalas began leasing it. Their last long-term contract with the Park Service expired in June 2018, and the restaurant had been operating since then under short-term contracts, the couple said.

The Hountalas said the National Park Service should have selected an operator on a long-term basis “to ensure the continued operation of this national treasure.”

“This is certainly not the way to thank us, a local small business owned and operated by native San Franciscans, for taking care of this San Francisco treasure this past year at a significant financial loss,” they said.

The couple said 180 employees will lose their jobs and encouraged customers to show their support by sending an email to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area's superintendent.

Officials with the Golden Gate National Recreation Area did not immediately answer an email seeking comment Monday.

The Cliff House first closed in March due to the pandemic. They reopened in June to offer takeout service but closed again after 10 weeks because of “unbearable losses.”

“It costs tens of thousands of dollars every month to maintain and guard the massive Cliff House building,” the Hountalas wrote.

New member joins
Hayward City Council



SUBMITTED BY CITY OF HAYWARD

Angela Andrews, a former member of the Hayward Planning Commission is now the

city's first African-American female city councilmember.

Andrews won a seat on the City Council in the November 3 municipal election, replacing outgoing

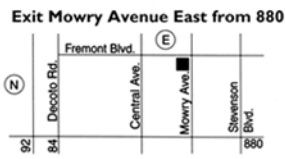
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councilmember Al Mendall, who retired. At the City Council's Tuesday, December 15 meeting, Andrews took the oath of office to become the city's newest councilmember. Returning councilmembers Elisa Márquez, Mark Salinas and Francisco Zermeno also were sworn in to new four-year council terms following their re-elections in last month's election.

In other council actions, councilmember Aisha Wahab was voted Mayor Pro Tempore by her colleagues and will serve in the vice mayor role on the seven-member council for the next year.

Andrews works as Capital Program Manager for the West County Wastewater District based in Richmond, and holds a Masters in Planning degree from University of Southern California and a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and sociology from University of California, Los Angeles.

Prior to her appointment to the Planning Commission in September 2018, Andrews served as an appointed member of the Keep Hayward Clean and Green Task Force. The City Council is expected to appoint a new Planning Commissioner to complete the remainder of Andrews' four-year term in early 2021.

Before stepping down Tuesday, outgoing councilmember Mendall was recognized for his contributions and accomplishments by numerous Hayward residents, elected and appointed government officials, and members of other Bay Area boards and agencies on which he has served.

A recurring theme was Mendall's leadership on environmental action -- which is credited with helping to transform Hayward into a recognized municipal leader in environmental protection and climate protection. Mendall will continue to serve Hayward by representing the city on the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency.

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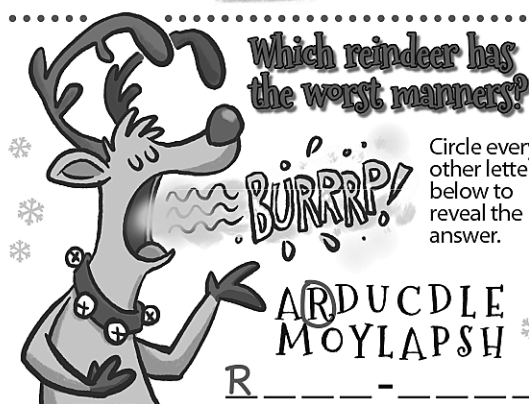
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The letters on the correct path to the snowman's hat spell the answer!



Which reindeer has the worst manners?

BURRRP!

Circle every other letter below to reveal the answer.

ARUDCDE
MOYLAPSH

R

How do Santa's helpers learn to read?

Circle every other letter:

ABDOMLOEVATRSN
AIQNRGBTANJECE
PLZFTAQBLEPT

BY



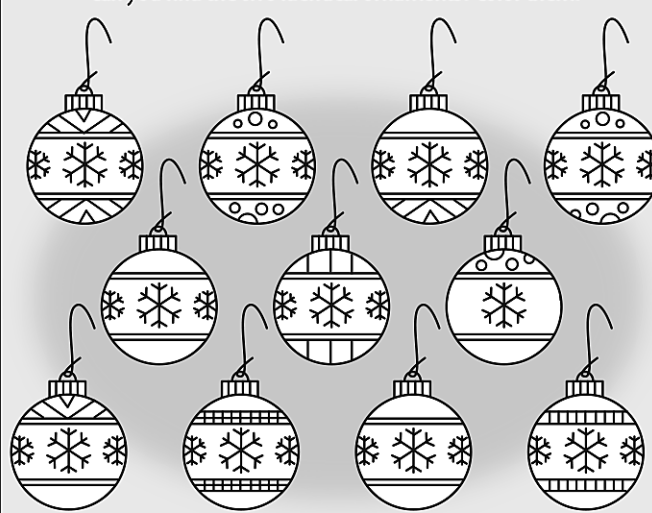
Extra! Extra!
Superlative Fun

Look through the newspaper for three happy pictures. Label one HAPPY, one HAPPIER and one HAPPIEST. Repeat this game with other words.

Standards Link: Understand comparative and superlative words and phrases.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Can you find the two identical ornaments? Color them!



Double Double Word Search

SNOWFLAKES

NEWSPAPER

REINDEER

PRESENTS

HOLIDAY

MIRROR

CANDY

HAPPY

COLOR

READ

GIFT

COWS

JOKE

VISIT

HAT

Find the words in the puzzle.

How many of them can you find on this page?

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E I P T T O C R O A
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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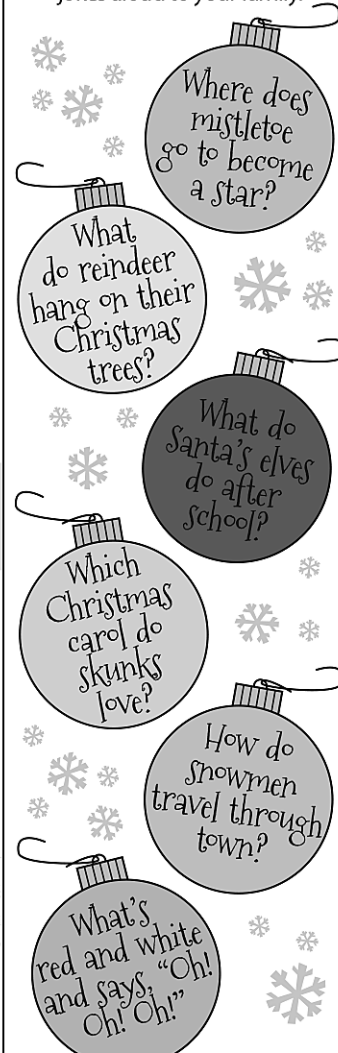
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City of Fremont Holiday Closure Scheduled December 24, 2020 to January 1, 2021

Police and Fire services not affected



During the COVID-19 pandemic, many City offices are closed to the public or are operating at reduced physical staffing. As in years past, the City of Fremont will be implementing a Holiday Closure for many non-public safety City services. Most City offices will remain closed from Thursday, December 24, 2020 through Friday, January 1, 2021. City Holidays are observed on December 24, 25 and 31, 2020 and January 1, 2021, while limited City services will be offered December 28, 29, and 30, 2020. This closure will not affect police and fire services

Offices that are taking part in the Holiday Closure and continue to remain closed due to the pandemic include:

- City Hall, 3300 Capitol Ave., Building A and Building B (Administrative offices)
- Fire Administration, 3300 Capitol Ave., Building A
- Development Services Center, 39550 Liberty St.
- Maintenance Center, 42551 Osgood Rd.
- All Community Centers and Recreation Buildings
- Age Well Center at Lake Elizabeth (formerly called Fremont Senior Center)
- Tri-City Animal Shelter, 1950 Stevenson Blvd.

During the Holiday Closure:

• Parks and Recreation Registration Desk will be responding to calls (510-494-4300) and emails (Regerec@fremont.gov) for all recreation programs from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on December 28, 29, and 30.

- Parks and Recreation Division will offer camps and other programs at some facilities following our COVID-19 Safety Plan. Visit www.RegeRec.com for more info.
- Human Services will provide limited services for Youth & Family Services, Family Resource Center, and Healthy Start Program.
- The Fremont Police Department and Fremont Fire Department will continue to provide public safety services.
- Afghan Elderly Association will provide limited services. Clients should contact their Health Promoter for additional info.
- Youth & Family Services will have on-call crisis counselors to respond to youth referred from the Alameda County Crisis Receiving Home.
- A minimum number of City staff will be available in an on-call status to provide emergency maintenance services such as responding to storm-related issues.
- Regularly-scheduled street sweeping will occur on December 28, 29, and 30, 2020; weather permitting. No street sweeping on City-observed holidays. (We will make every effort to provide service on a different day.)
- Animal Field Services will be limited.
- On Friday, December 25 and Friday, January 1, there will be no trash, recycling, and yardwaste collection. Service will be delayed one day for customers serviced on Friday, December 25 and Friday, January 1. Pickup will occur on Saturday. Call 510-657-3500 for more information.
- The Fremont Tennis Center will be open for public play, weather permitting. There will be some limited holiday public hours; call 510-790-5510 for more info.
- The Winter Shelter will operate within the Teen Center.
- Covia/Home Match will provide appointments by video call or phone. Call 510-574-2173 or email cfuchshuber@covia.org for more info.

Many City facilities and programs experience a reduction in service demand during the Holiday Closure dates. The City anticipates a further reduction in demand in some areas due to the pandemic.

For more information on the Holiday closure, visit www.Fremont.gov/HolidayClosure or call 510-284-4093.

City of Fremont Seeking Community Input for Climate Action Plan Update

The City of Fremont is in the process of updating Fremont's Climate Action Plan (CAP) to create a healthier, safer, and more livable community for all. The City is planning for a future that addresses climate change, improves quality of life, promotes equity, and bolsters resiliency throughout Fremont.

Over the last several months, City staff has been engaging with Fremont residents and businesses about past climate action successes and current efforts to update Fremont's CAP. As the planning process moves forward, the City is seeking additional community input.

A new online forum is available at www.Fremont.gov/CAPConsiderIt. The City is inviting community members to use the forum to weigh in on preliminary ideas for climate action measures. City staff has identified short and long term measures—many of which will require partnership and support from other agencies to achieve. Using the forum, community members can comment on suggested measures, propose new ideas, and respond to feedback submitted by other participants.

Gathering this type of community input is key to defining and prioritizing measures for the CAP update, reaching climate action goals, and creating a vibrant future for Fremont!

Participate in the CAP update process and provide input at www.Fremont.gov/CAPConsiderIt. Instructions on how to use the forum are included in the introduction. The forum will remain open until the end of January 2021.

For more information about the CAP update, please visit www.Fremont.gov/ClimateActionPlan.

City of Fremont Launching Safe Parking Strategy and Seeking Community Input



To better address the needs of people living in their vehicles, the City of Fremont is launching a Safe Parking Strategy. The Strategy will describe and recommend different programmatic options that the City could pursue to offer safe and sanitary areas where homeless residents residing in vehicles could park.

According to the 2019 Alameda County Point-in-Time Count (<https://everyonehome.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Fremont-Final-Report-2019.pdf>), the total number of people living in vehicles in Fremont increased by 266% between 2017 and 2019. "Safe parking" is a crisis response to provide services and support to the growing number of people living in their vehicles. The idea is to provide people living in their vehicles with a designated place to park that is secure and provides access to health and safety amenities. Safe parking offers program participants greater stability so they can focus on finding reliable permanent housing.

To start the process of developing a Safe Parking Strategy, the City is seeking the community's input. To learn more and access the community survey, visit our safe parking webpage at www.Fremont.gov/SafeParking. The survey should take approximately 5 minutes to complete and will remain open through December 2020.

The opening of the City of Fremont's Housing Navigation Center in September 2020 was a significant step forward in addressing homelessness in the Fremont community. Now that the Navigation Center is operational and at capacity, the City is prioritizing the development of programs that serve a different portion of the homeless population: people living in vehicles.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan Needs Assessment Survey

The City of Fremont is seeking community input to help update its Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The City has conducted extensive community outreach thus far, including interviewing community stakeholders, holding several virtual public input meetings, and sending out a statistically-valid survey to thousands of randomly selected residents. This survey is now available online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/inventfremontparks.

The survey is asking Fremont residents what is important to include in the Master Plan and what the future of Parks and Recreation should include in Fremont. The Master Plan will provide guidance on how to meet the demands for future recreational, programming, environmental, and maintenance needs, as well as to establish priorities for facility improvements, future park and trail development, and land acquisitions.

The survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes and will be available online until January 17, 2021. The results will be available at www.InventFremontParks.com in the coming months. Join us and contribute to the future of parks and recreation in Fremont!



City of Fremont's Christmas Tree Composting Guidelines



The City of Fremont's Environmental Services Division is encouraging residents to compost their Christmas trees this holiday season. From Dec. 28, 2020 through Jan. 8, 2021, single-family homes can place their Christmas trees in the gutter on collection day. Trees over 6 ft. tall should be cut in half before being placed in the gutter. Alternatively, residents can also cut the tree into pieces and place in the green organics cart with the lid closed on collection day.

If living in a multifamily complex, residents are encouraged to contact their property manager to learn how trees can be properly composted. Trees are only compostable if they are free of all decorations, tinsel, nails, and tree stands (including wooden stands nailed to the bottom of the trunk).

As a last resort, trees with flocking or decorations that cannot be removed can be cut into pieces and placed in the black garbage cart on scheduled collection days.

For more information, visit www.Fremont.gov/Environment, or contact the City's Environmental Services Division at 510-494-4570 or environment@fremont.gov.



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Home & Garden

Beat the winter blues with red hot heaters

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DANIEL O'DONNELL

One of the reasons people live in the Bay Area is because of the year-round warm weather. However, Bay Area residents do expect it to get cold every now and then. People might notice a cold snap for a few days, but might not realize that nights after warm winter days were also cold because social and family functions were held inside. COVID-19 restrictions and recommendations have changed that. Having to meet and socialize outside has exposed people to nights that are chillier than expected. One way Bay Area residents and business owners are coping with cool nighttime temperatures and sometimes colder daytime temperatures, is by using patio heaters.

It is estimated that humans and their ancestors have used fire to keep warm for almost two million years. Wood, turf, and animal dung were among the energy sources that fueled fires. Thousands of centuries later, coal would also become a fuel. Today, because of technological achievements over the past three hundred years, natural gas, propane, and electricity are all options that can be used to create heat not only inside the home, but outside. When determining which patio heater to buy, all three newer fuels have advantages and drawbacks that should be considered.

Electric patio heaters have the advantage of producing zero on-site emissions. Plug in ones are usually lightweight and portable if there is an outlet nearby. They require nothing more to turn off and on than a switch or button. There are some that can be hardwired, avoiding the need for an outlet. However, once in place they cannot be moved. Cords can pose a trip hazard. This style of heater is unusable in a blackout.

Propane patio heaters are the least clean burning of the three kinds of patio heaters, but they are the most mobile. Although they are easy to use, there is a little more to igniting them than turning a switch. Propane patio heaters also require frequent refilling of tanks.

Natural gas heaters are not as clean burning as electric ones but produce fewer emissions than propane heaters. They will need to be connected to a gas line by a professional and cannot be moved once in place. They will not be affected by a power outage.

There are five basic styles of patio heaters. Free-standing patio heaters are tall, thin, portable units that primarily use propane. Their height ranges from five to eight feet tall. These heaters are placed in close proximity and become focal points to the people they are keeping warm, so manufacturers have produced many attractive shapes and stylish finishes to choose from.



Tabletop patio heaters come in many of the same shapes, styles, and finishes that free-standing ones do. The difference is, they are much smaller and are meant to be placed on tables and countertops. There is a wide range of both propane and electric models available. Table top patio heaters are an affordable option for heating smaller areas. A subset

of this style is the floor heater. It basically has the same characteristics as the tabletop heater with the exception that it is made to sit on the floor.

Mounted patio heaters are ideal for small spaces because they can be attached to a wall, post, or even a tree trunk. Most are electric; however, there are natural gas models available as well. Most models are rectangular with not much emphasis placed on their aesthetic appearance because they are commonly placed high up a wall or on

overhead beams. Mounted patio heaters tend to be more economical because of these two reasons.

Hanging patio heaters are good options for seating areas under pergolas, pavilions, gazebos, and covered porches. There are electric and natural gas models available. Hanging patio heaters have an advantage over mounted patio heaters in that their distance to the floor can be adjusted. They are highly visible so many attractive styles have been created.

The best patio heater is the one that gives a proper amount of heat to everyone it is intended to serve. A patio heater's heat range can be figured by looking at its British Thermal Units (BTUs). The BTUs refer to the amount of heat that a unit can produce. There are BTU guides online that list the appropriate power for the square footage to be heated.

Fire is a risk with any patio heater. All, whether mounted or mobile, should be placed away from flammable materials and objects. Every heater purchased should also have a safety shutoff that shuts off the fuel supply and extinguishes the flame on demand, as well as a tip-over-switch that automatically turns the unit off when tilted past a certain angle.

Patio heaters are in high demand right now with good reason. They not only heat our bodies, but allow us to meet safely outside with friends and family, which warms our hearts.

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Area in Square Feet	Recommended BTUs
100-150 sq. ft.	5,000 BTUs
150-250 sq. ft.	6,000 BTUs
250-300 sq. ft.	7,000 BTUs
300-350 sq. ft.	8,000 BTUs
350-400 sq. ft.	9,000 BTUs
400-450 sq. ft.	10,000 BTUs
450-550 sq. ft.	12,000 BTUs
550-700 sq. ft.	14,000 BTUs
700-1,000 sq. ft.	18,000 BTUs
1,000-1,200 sq. ft.	21,000 BTUs
1,200-1,400 sq. ft.	23,000 BTUs
1,400-1,500 sq. ft.	24,000 BTUs
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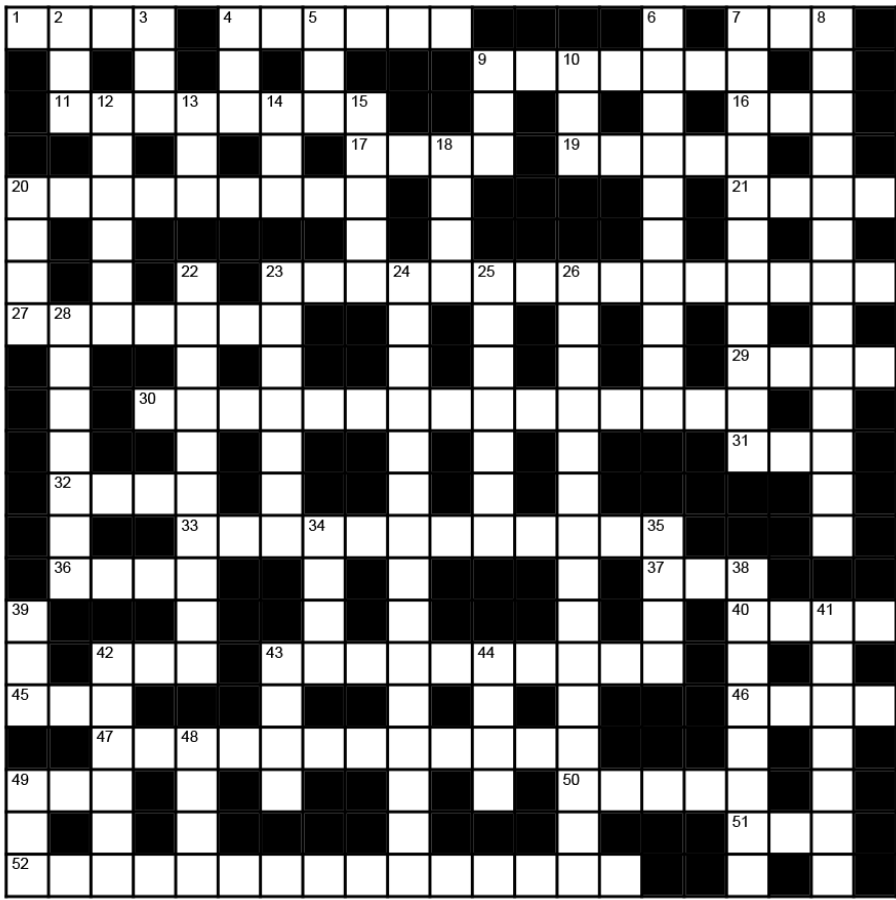
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- Across

1

Roll up (4)

4

Charge (4,2)

7

Dog's warning (3)

9

Court sport (3,4)

11

Exactly (5-3)

16

Anatomical duct (3)

17

M.I.T. grad: Abbr. (4)

19

Bead material (5)

20

Review unfairly (9)

21

Munich's river (4)

23

Went off the beam? (4,4,7)

27

Mosaic piece (7)

29

"Baseball Tonight" channel (4)

30

Dictionary features (15)

31

End (3)

32

Bermuda, e.g. (4)

33

"Forget about it!" (7,5)

36

Embellish (4)

37

D.C. summer setting (3)

40

Couturier Cassini (4)

42

Blackguard (3)
- 43

Hardly ordinary (10)
- 45

John, to Ringo (3)
- 46

Cheat (4)
- 47

Move (4,2,6)
- 49

"___ won't be afraid" ("Stand by Me" lyric) (3)
- 50

Marriott rival (5)
- 51

Adept (3)
- 52

It can take your breath away (7,8)

Down

2

German pronoun (3)

3

Hawaii's Mauna ___ (3)

4

"That wasn't nice!" (3)

5

N.Y.C. airport (3)

6

Bad spelling? (5,5)

7

"Lighten up!" (4,2,1,4)

8

Student's worry (8,5)

9

Dad's namesake: Abbr. (3)

10

Son of, in Arabic names (3)

12

House keepers (6)

13

Beetle, e.g. (3)

14

Domingo, e.g. (3)

15

Attention-getters (5)

18

Copter's forerunner (4)

20

Condo, e.g. (4)

22

Got close to (10)

23

Case (7)

24

Come into one's own (4,6,5)

25

Tablet (7)

26

Signal receivers (9,6)

28

Quip, part 4 (7)

34

Axed (4)

35

Boomers' kids (3,1)

38

Some Bach pieces (8)

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Feverish (3)

41

Put out (7)

42

Office machine (6)

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Coin word (4)

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Go backpacking (4)

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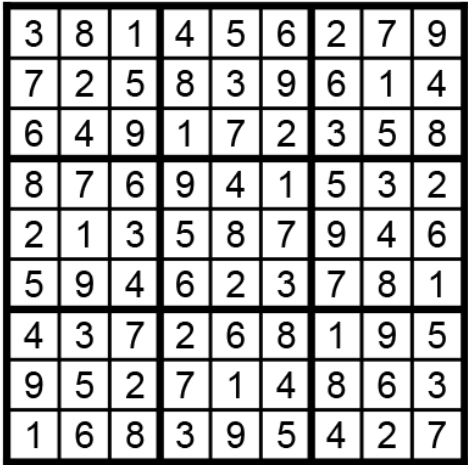
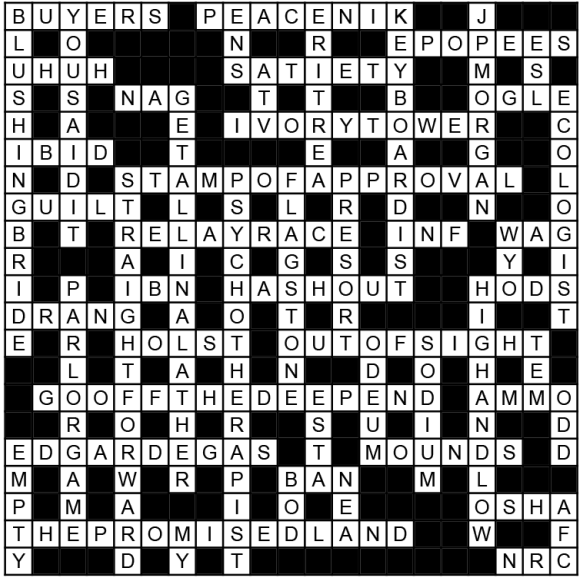
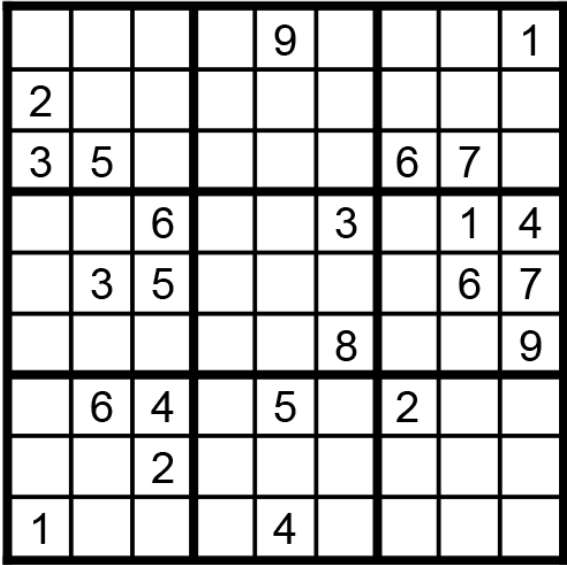
Arm or leg (4)

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Gun grp. (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 22, 2020

All Signs: On this Winter Solstice - Monday, December 21 - Jupiter and Saturn were the closest they have been since 1623. This great conjunction marks the end of a 200-year era and the beginning of a new one. But really, it is more of a constant flow of subtle changes.

Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20): Bosses, parents, VIPs and even the police will think you are wonderful in the next four weeks. That is because you will impress others without even doing anything special. This is the only time all year that the Sun is at the top of your chart acting like a spotlight on you -- and this spotlight is flattering. Travel opportunities appeal but can you travel? Meanwhile, this great conjunction mentioned in All Signs above will begin a new kind of popularity for you. New friends, new groups and new associations are all waiting for you to appear.

Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20): The next four weeks are interesting because three planets make you want to explore your world and do something different. If you can't travel, which would be ideal, then make every effort to learn something new so that you are stimulated by new ideas, new knowledge and fascinating discussions with others. Meanwhile, this great conjunction (see All Signs above) takes place at the top of your chart, which certainly bodes well for your career and reputation with your peers. Great things await you.

Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20): You will be intense and passionate in the next four weeks. Whatever happens, you will not be casual about things. Everything will matter. Issues will be black and white, or good or bad. However, in the bigger picture, you want to get out because you need a change of scenery. It's in your nature to

thrive on variety and stimulation, and many of you are getting cabin fever. Personally, relations with partners and close friends will be warm and supportive.

Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21): The next four weeks are the only time all year when the Sun is opposite your sign. Because the Sun is your source of energy (symbolically speaking in your chart) it means it is now as far away from you as it gets all year, which means you will have less energy. Mercury is also opposite your sign now, which means you will have lively discussions with partners and close friends. Meanwhile, the great conjunction mentioned in All Signs above takes place in one of your Money Houses. It means that the universe is going to give you favors.

Leo the Lion (July 22-August 22): Suddenly, you have decided to swing into work mode. You want to be better organized and efficient during the next four weeks. Hence, you will do everything within your power to pull your act together so that your world is running smoothly around you. When you achieve this, then you have more freedom to do the things you really want to do or deal with certain challenges. Nevertheless, Venus is in a part of your chart dealing with parties, fun activities with kids, sports, and the arts so you will still have some fun.

Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22): You are entering a wonderful four-week window that

encourages you to enjoy life. Playful activities with children, exploring the arts, enjoying sports, and just feeling good about life will be your theme for the next month. Family relations will be warm and friendly. You will enjoy redecorating where you live. If you can entertain at home in some way – you will. You might dramatically improve your health in the coming year, you might also get a better job or certainly, improve your existing job.

Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22): This Winter Solstice marks a time when you will start to focus on home, family, and your private life much more than usual. In fact, in the next four weeks, you will welcome opportunities to cocoon at home and be more involved with a parent or family members. You might address certain home repairs. Family discussions will be important. Quite likely, you will feel more peaceful. This conjunction mentioned in All Signs above might lead to a more rewarding relationship with your kids. It will also encourage you to value your creative talents.

Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21): The next four weeks will be busy because your schedule will be full of appointments, errands, time spent with siblings and work plus increased studying, reading, and writing. If you can, you will also travel or take short trips. You might get a raise or boost your earnings. You also want to spend money on beautiful things for

yourself and loved ones. The great conjunction mentioned in All Signs above will bring about improvements to family and home.

Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21): You are going to give more thought to cash flow, money, and earnings in the next four weeks. Many of you will have excellent moneymaking ideas. Furthermore, with Venus in your sign, you will be charming and diplomatic with everyone. This will also be a time where you will enjoy playful banter with your kids, sports, and competitive activities. The great conjunction mentioned in All Signs above is a signal that you are heading into a year full of change – but it's positive change.

Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19): This is your hour. The Sun is now in your sign where it will stay for the next four weeks giving you a chance to recharge your batteries for the rest of the year. You are going to feel fulfilled, regenerated and rejuvenated. Secret love affairs are taking place for some of you. Some stress on the home-front is likely due to chaos. Meanwhile, your financial fortunes are getting ready to improve.

Aquarius the Water Bearer (January 20-February 18): Your personal year is ending very soon; however, your new year has not yet begun until your birthday arrives. That's why you are in a state of limbo for the next four weeks. Many of you will choose to play things

low-key and hide behind the scenes. Others will get cozy with friends, clubs, and organizations. Despite your low-key approach, your communications with others will be direct and strong. Meanwhile, the great conjunction mentioned in All Signs above happens in your sign. This means you're moving into a new area where you will feel more relevant.

Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20): You are entering a lovely, four-week window where you will be more popular and enjoy the company of others. You will create favorable impressions on bosses and people in business, and anyone connected to your professional life. Regardless of what you do for a living, others will want your input about design, layout, redecorating or PR decisions. Some of you might begin a romance with someone older or more established. You will also start to explore your private and your spiritual values more.



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REAL ESTATE NOTEBOOK

‘Tis the Season for ... Real Estate

BY DAVID STARK
PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIRECTOR,
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As 2020 comes to an end, a lot of people in the Tri-Cities are busy shopping ... for homes.

This is a surprise in a year full of surprises because interest in real estate typically slows during the end of the year.

“It feels like time of the year does not affect the market this year,” said Steve Medeiros, a Fremont resident, REALTOR® and 2020 treasurer of

Bay East Association of REALTORS®.

“There are multiple viewings and multiple offers on properties across Fremont, Union City, and Newark.”

A limited number of choices for homebuyers is accelerating the pace of real estate. Not only fewer choices are available since homes for sale peaked during June and July, but also fewer homes are on the market compared with this time last year. During November 2020, there were 64 single family detached homes listed for sale in Fremont compared with 94 during November 2019. In Union City, there were 10 homes for sale compared with 25 homes last November. In Newark, there also were only 10 homes for sale.

Demand for home ownership in the Tri-Cities coupled with limited supply drove prices to record levels. The median sales price for a single-family detached home in Fremont increased 17 percent from \$1.053 million during November 2019 to \$1.235 million November 2020.

Price increases were even more significant in Union City, rising 20 percent from \$875,000 to \$1.05 million. In Newark, prices rose 25 percent from \$929,000 in November 2019 to \$1.163 during November 2020.

Medeiros said the homebuyers he works with are not waiting for real estate markets to change. “Knowing that the demand is so high is forcing their hand to be more aggressive,” he said.

Homebuyer enthusiasm is resulting in homes selling quickly. A home in Fremont was on the market an average of 22 days during November 2020 compared with 33 days during November 2019. Homes sold even faster in Newark: 18 days this November compared with 39 days during last November. Union City had the quickest sales: a home was on the market an average of nine days compared with 41 days during November 2019.

Alison Hull, a Fremont REALTOR® and member of the Bay East Board of

Directors said, “Some of my clients feel their jobs are secure so they are ready to buy and think prices will only continue to rise.”

Real estate activity during December and January could be unseasonably busy as well. Homebuyers made more offers on properties for sale in Fremont and Newark during November than they did this time last year. In Fremont, there were 82 pending sales during November 2020 compared with 73 during November 2019. In Newark, there were 29 pending sales compared with 18 from last November, an increase of more than 60 percent. These pending sales late in the year could mean 2021 will have equally unique real estate seasons.

FACES OF OHLONE

Holmes brings it on and off the court

SUBMITTED BY TINA VOSSUGH

Sherman Holmes joined the Ohlone College Athletics Department in 2020 to lead our men’s basketball program as the head coach. Holmes has worn many hats on and off the field. Originally from Chicago, he’s a former high school athlete and went on to play college ball at Kings River Community (known today as Reedley College), and at the University of Alaska Fairbanks from 1990 to 1992. In 2009, Holmes was inducted into the Chicago Basketball Hall of Fame. His success on the court has inspired him to create success in his personal life and to share that path with others.

A little from Holmes:

“I am excited to be the new Head Men’s Basketball Coach here at Ohlone College. My goal is to build a foolproof basketball program that educates, graduates, and develops young professional men.

“Playing the game has inspired me beyond the court. Because of my training, my focus on personal development and personal growth has taken off. Because of my dedication, I have worked to acquire two master’s degrees, one in Business Administration and Educational Counseling. The lessons I have learned through basketball have motivated me to be more. I believe in giving back—helping student athletes by using my own experiences as a student athlete and as a college basketball coach and transferring that knowledge to them.

“I have written three books: *Black in America: The Importance of getting an Education*; *Deception: Inside the Lines of College Basketball*; and most recently, *Damaged Goods: A Message on Undiagnosed Anxiety, Stress and Mental Health Disorders in Today’s Adolescents*. I am currently finishing up my fourth book, *Corruption in the Hall: Surviving the Fruit of the Poisonous Tree*, which is set to



release in January 2021. The book is about my eleven-year experience working with at-risk and delinquent youth at the Fresno County Juvenile Hall.

“My role is one of a coach, mentor, and role model. When I was a child, I was blessed to have great men who came into my life to help navigate me down a meaningful pathway. I needed them so much, and because of them I reached extraordinary success. Today, let’s just say that I am paying it forward and I’m trying to be a great role model and man in the lives of my student athletes and those I work with.”

National Attention on local tiny homes project

SUBMITTED BY HAYWARD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A nonprofit foundation addressing the housing crisis that originated at First Presbyterian Church of Hayward was on a national stage when it was featured in a webinar originating in Washington D.C. by US Housing and Urban Development Secretary Dr. Ben Carson.

“We’re going to refuse to let anybody sleep or die on our streets,” said Rev. Jake Medcalf, lead pastor at 125-year-old “Hayward Pres,” which earlier this year opened six “tiny homes” as part of a transitional housing program in a corner of its parking lot at the northeast corner of Grove Way and Redwood Road.

More than 70 participants from across the US were on the Zoom webinar and learned that the local church had developed the tiny homes project as an extension of its prior work providing the homeless with warming shelters, food, showers, pandemic response, and other services. Medcalf explained that, critical to the project, was \$200,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds, with another \$270,000 in costs covered by six home-builders and support of 25 trade organizations.

The details of zoning, entitlements, and community meetings took two years, but when asked by Carson if “you had to cajole” local government leaders, Medcalf said the public and private partnerships helped the process work smoothly. He said support from Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, CoBuild Construction Services, and HomeAid Northern California was critical for success.

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SUBMITTED BY JOEY CAMINS

JS Camins Productions is presenting its 10th year anniversary of the Paskuhang Pinoy "A Filipino Christmas Festival" on December 24, 2020. To be in sync with the current Covid-19 Pandemic, we found a way to be creative while adapting to the "new normal."

Paskuhang Pinoy is beloved by the Filipino American community in the Bay Area and globally. This year's festival will be co-presented by GMA7 PINOYTV, which is also celebrating its 15th anniversary in the USA and globally. You can watch the virtual Paskuhang Pinoy through our Facebook page and social media.



Paskuhang Pinoy is a multi-stage entertainment! It will spotlight on top-rate talents and US-based Filipino artists. A few names to appear are: Mika Gorospe, finalist of the CLASH/GMA7 season 1; Angel Ram, finalist of the CLASH /GMA7 season 2; Bay Area singing sensation Maddie B; and Sony recording artist Marc Velasco.

Aside from nonstop entertainment, Paskuhang Pinoy presents the annual Dessert (Kakanin) Competition and the Lantern (Parol) Competition. This year's Kakanin participants are: Luisa's & Son Bakery, Kabayan Cuisine, Tuk Tuk, Mama's Lumpia, Aurelio's pastries, Linda's Sweets.

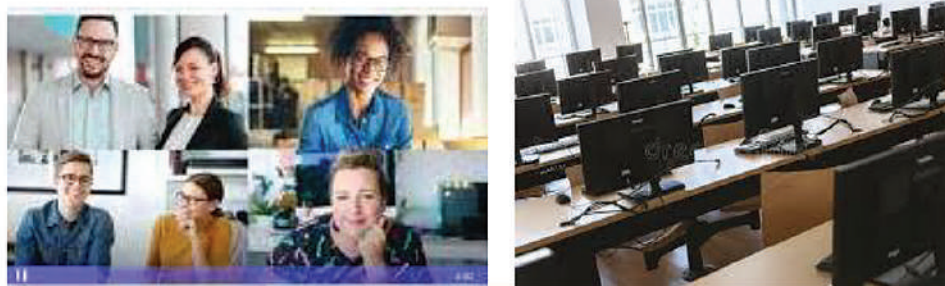
Philippines TV Personality/Chef Donita Rose will be judging the Kakanin Contest, while the Lantern (Parol) contest will be judged by Luchie Marte.

Paskuhang Pinoy
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(510) 770-8040

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

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Tue: 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Wed: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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Tuesdays

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7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

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10 a.m.

Via ZOOM

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Sundays

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11:00 a.m.

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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 CITY
4:15 – 4:45 Contempo Homes, 4190 Gemini Dr., UNION CITY
5:15 – 6:45 Forest Park School, Deep Creek Rd. & Maybird Circle, FREMONT

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

Wednesday
1:00 – 2:00 Del Rey School, Via Mesa & Via Julia., SAN LEANDRO
2:30 – 3:00 Eden House Apartments, 1601 165th Ave., SAN LEANDRO
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UPCOMING Events

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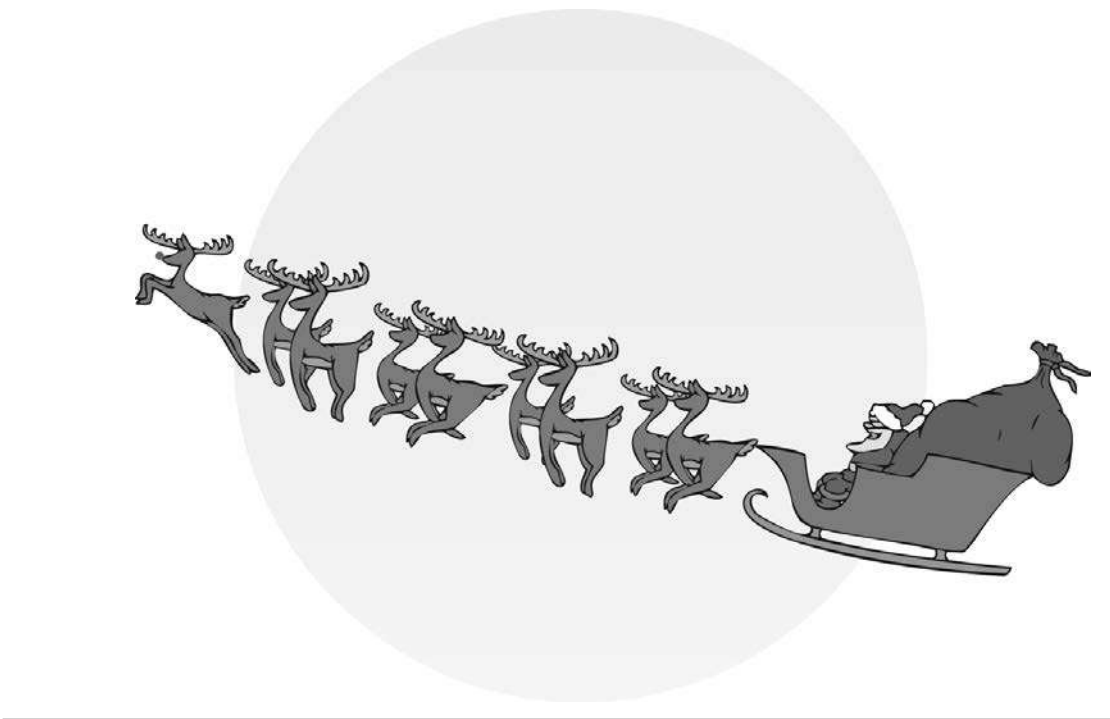
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Saturday, January 23
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www.nhsfoundation.org

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SUBMITTED BY JACQUI DIAZ

Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (H.A.R.D.) recently announced that the improvements to the tennis and pickleball courts at Southgate Community Park in Hayward and Castro Valley Community Center Park have been completed. The improvements made to the courts at both sites were part of the Measure F1 Bond capital improvement projects.

The scope of work included improvements to three tennis courts at Castro Valley Community

Center Park on Lake Chabot Road in Castro Valley and the conversion of two tennis courts into six pickleball courts at Southgate Community Park on Chiplay Avenue in Hayward. These are the first outdoor pickleball courts in the district. Renovations included replacement of asphalt pavement, nets and posts, fencing and gates, benches, and signs. The projects were

combined for efficiency and cost approximately \$266,000 from Measure F1 bond funds.

The courts are open for play, and players must follow Alameda County Public Health Department orders and social distance guidelines. At this time, single play games are allowed; doubles play is prohibited. For additional information about the capital bond projects around the district, visit www.HaywardRec.org or call the H.A.R.D. District Office at (510) 881-6700.

Chabot-Las Positas Community College board appointments

SUBMITTED BY MUJEEB DADGAR

At its December 15 meeting, Chabot-Las Positas Community College (CLPCCD) board elected Trustee Genevieve Randolph as the new board president. Randolph represents Trustee Area 3, which includes South Hayward and Union City. She has served on the board since 2017.

Linda Granger was named board secretary. She represents Area 2, which includes City of San Leandro. Granger has served on the board since 2018. Three re-elected board members and one new board member were sworn in as members of the CLPCCD board of trustees.



Genevieve Randolph



Linda Granger

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Park It

BY NED MACKAY

With the arrival of winter rains, which we can only hope is an encouraging trend, walking in the regional parks can be an invigorating experience, with lots of fresh air and woodland aromas.

However, it can also be a bit squishy underfoot, given the East Bay's legendary clay soil. Although the advantages for health and well-being outweigh the inconvenience, I can suggest some routes for people who prefer to remain mud-free.

All the park district's inter-park regional trails are paved and open to hikers and cyclists. These include Marsh Creek Regional Trail in Brentwood, Iron Horse Regional

Trail between Concord and Pleasanton, Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail, San Francisco Bay Trail, and Alameda Creek Regional Trail, among others.

Another very enjoyable paved trail is the George Miller Jr. Trail at Carquinez Regional Shoreline between Martinez and Port Costa. It extends for a mile and a half along Carquinez Scenic Drive, with great views of the strait and Benicia across the water. It's mostly flat, too.

Remember that dogs are supposed to be on leash on all the park district's paved trails.

Of course, there are relatively mud-free trails within the parks as well. The Chaparral Loop Trail at Black Diamond Mines in Antioch is on sandstone bedrock. It's a steep climb to the ridge top, but the views from up there are worth the effort.

You can also walk the Stage

Road Trail at Castle Rock/Diablo Foothills in Walnut Creek. Park at the end of Castle Rock Road, past Northgate High School, and head up Pine Canyon for views of the imposing Castle Rocks. There are some wet spots, but it's mostly firm underfoot. Be advised, there are four stream crossings within the park, though the water probably isn't very high yet.

Nimitz Way at Tilden Regional Park near Berkeley is a favorite for its panoramic views, east toward Mt. Diablo and west to the Golden Gate. Park at Inspiration Point on Wildcat Canyon Road. Nimitz Way can be crowded, especially on weekends. Parking is sometimes difficult; please do not block fire gates. Dogs must be leashed on Nimitz Way.

A nearby option where dogs need not be leashed is the Sea View Trail. The trailhead is about

200 yards west of Inspiration Point on Nimitz Way. It's unpaved, and a lot of it is on rocky soil and has great panoramic views.

Stream Trail at Reinhardt Redwood Regional Park is another possibility. It's paved for part of the way, and dogs have to be leashed, because of the sensitive environment of Redwood Creek. Enter the park from Redwood Road about 2 miles east of the intersection with Skyline Boulevard in Oakland. Park at Canyon Meadows at the end of the road and head on up the canyon.

Lake Chabot in Castro Valley is always a pretty walk, and you may even spot a bald eagle – a pair of them often nest in the eucalyptus groves. The entrance is on Lake Chabot Road -- just north of town, and there are paved trails along the lake's east and west shorelines. Again, dogs

must be on leash.

Another paved path is the Bayview Trail at Coyote Hills Regional Park in Fremont. Starting at the visitor center, you can circle the hills on the Bayview for a walk of several miles and beautiful vistas of the south bay. Coyote Hills is at the end of Patterson Ranch Road off Paseo Padre Parkway.

These are just a few suggestions. Though park district visitor centers are closed because of the pandemic, the trails are open and available. Don't forget your mask and social distancing.

For more information on everything the park district has to offer, visit www.ebparks.org. You can download park maps that include information about dog leashing and other park rules. Make enjoyment of the regional parks part of your happy holidays.

A Virtual Community Education

SUBMITTED BY GENEVA BOSQUES, FREMONT PD

The Fremont Police Department opens registration for a limited series of virtual meetings about the inner-workings of the organization. While some

components will be similar to our Community Academy, this mini 4-session version has been designed based on direct community feedback received during the Engage Fremont dialogues that took place during the summer of 2020.

The four two-hour sessions will focus on department services, policing roles and responsibilities, policies and provide an in-depth overview of police training. All sessions will provide community members with the opportunity to ask questions and to have an open dialogue with our staff.

The sessions will be held virtually on Zoom and hosted by a moderator. Interested community members are invited to register beginning December 17, 2020 at 10:00 am. This virtual community academy will have a maxi-

mum attendance of 50 participants and registration will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. During this registration process you will be registering for the entire series. There will not be individual registrations per session.

Session Dates: The sessions will be held from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on Tuesdays: 01/05/2021, 01/12/2021, 01/19/2021, and 01/26/2021.

Eligibility: We are accepting attendee ages 16 and above. If you are under the age of 18 you will need a parent/ or guardian signature.

For more information and registration please visit www.Fremontpolice.gov/FPD360

Winter holiday closures

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF HAYWARD

Hayward is planning the closure of non-emergency services and certain service

adjustments from the end of December 2020 until the first week of January 2021.

Non-emergency services and Hayward City Hall
Closed: Until Friday, Jan 1
Resume: Monday, Jan 4

COVID-19 Testing Center
Closed: Thursday, Dec 24; Friday, Dec 25, Thursday, Dec 31; and Friday, Jan 1

1401 Golf Course Rd, Hayward
www.hayward-ca.gov/covid-19

Hayward No-Contact Food Distribution
Adjusted Schedule: 12 noon Tuesday, Dec 22
Resume: Thursday, Dec 31
Chabot College
25555 Hesperian Blvd, Hayward
www.hayward-ca.gov/fire-department/disaster-preparedness/covid-19-updates-and-resp

onse-information/no-contact-food-distribution

Street sweeping
Closed: Thursday, Dec 24; Friday, Dec 25; and Friday, Jan 1
Resume: Each street's next scheduled service day

Seeking Citizen’s Advisory Committee members

SUBMITTED BY JACQUI DIAZ

To obtain a CAC application or to get more details, call the HARD District Office at (510) 881-6700 or visit www.HaywardRec.org/cac. To learn more about the Citizens’ Advisory Committee, contact Nicole Roa at RoaN@HaywardRec.org or (510) 881-6723.

Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (H.A.R.D.) is accepting applications for committee positions on the district’s Citizen’s Advisory Committee (CAC). Residents of Hayward, Castro Valley, San Lorenzo, and unincorporated Alameda County are welcome to apply. The deadline to submit the application is Thursday, December 31.

Currently, five positions are open on the CAC. The committee makes advisory recommendations to the board of directors in the areas of district programs, operations, park design projects as well as specific board-directed projects that serve the community. The CAC meets four times a year; members serve a two-year term. Current vacancies will serve during 2021-2022.

Citizen’s Advisory Committee Application
Deadline: Thursday, Dec 31
(510) 881-6700
(510) 881-6723
www.HaywardRec.org/cac
RoaN@HaywardRec.org

California's growth rate at record low as more people leave

BY ADAM BEAM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

More people are leaving California than moving here, continuing a trend that coupled with fewer births has slowed the growth rate in the nation's most populous state to a record low amid a pandemic that is reshaping its future.

Officially, California added 21,200 people from July 1, 2019, to July 1, 2020, increasing the state's population a paltry 0.05% to 39.78 million people – still by far the most of any state.

But the bigger news from Wednesday's new population estimate was that 135,600 more people left the state than moved here. It's only the 12th time since 1900 the state has had a net migration loss, and the third largest ever recorded.

California became a state in 1850 after a gold rush spurred a massive migration of people moving west to seek their fortune. The state boomed again following World War II because of the aerospace and defense industry, and again in the 1980s and early 1990s as technology companies made Silicon Valley a household name.

That growth slowed for the first time in the mid-1990s after the U.S. cut back on its aerospace spending following the end of the Cold War. It happened again during the buildup to the Great Recession in the late 2000s. New population estimates released Wednesday by the state Department of Finance show it's now happening a third time, as California recorded its third consecutive year of net migration loss.

The reasons why aren't yet fully understood. In recent weeks, a string of high-profile business leaders have announced they are leaving California for states with lower taxes and fewer regulations – including Tesla CEO Elon Musk and the headquarters of tech giants Oracle and Hewlett-Packard, whose roots trace back to the founding of Silicon Valley.

A niche industry has emerged around the trend, with real estate agents starting websites like “exitcalifornia.org” and “leavingthebayarea.com” as the state's median home price hit a record high of more than \$712,000 in September.

“With COVID and a lot of tech companies allowing people to work remotely, it's certainly opened up the door for a lot of people to consider making the move out of California,” said Scott Fuller, a real estate agent whose business is aimed at helping people leave California – something he did in June when he moved his family to Arizona.

“We're seeing a lot more high-income earners who are actively planning an exit strategy.”

Matt Frinzi carried out his exit strategy on Tuesday, when he finished packing up his BMW X3 and left his home in San Francisco for Reno, Nevada – a state that does not have an income tax. Frinzi has lived in California for 25 years, saying when he moved to San Francisco in the 1990s he thought it as “the premiere city in the United States.”

“I wouldn't give you a nickel for it now,” he said. Frinzi said he came from a working-class immigrant family in New Jersey, building a nice life in the medical business. Now, with some in the state Legislature pushing for a new “wealth tax” on the state's highest earners, Frinzi said it was time to leave. The coronavirus pandemic furthered his resolve to move, he said, because of “government over-reach, “including the state ordering businesses like restaurants and hair salons to close.

“You're going to think I'm a right-wing kook. I'm really not. I'm a reasonable Republican,” he said. “I believe in the Constitution of the United States, and it's unrecognizable in the state of California, particularly in San Francisco.”

But while it's fashionable to blame California's taxes and policies for its recent exodus, state officials say the more likely culprit is the pandemic and the migration patterns of the state's large community of international immigrants.

Walter Schwarm, a demographer with the state Department of Finance, said California's net increase from international immigration has fallen every year since 2017, shortly after President Donald Trump took office and put in place policies that made it more difficult and expensive for people to legally move to the United States.

Plus, people who move to the United States from other countries often come to California first, but don't settle here, Department of Finance spokesman H.D. Palmer said.

“They have migrated to other states and other regions in the country because of either family ties or because there have been larger communities in certain areas of the country that reflect the home countries from which they came,” he said, pointing to the large Hmong population in Minnesota as an example.

But immigration and emigration are not the sole reasons for California's slowing growth. The data shows more people are dying and fewer people are having children. That's partly because California's population is getting older, leaving fewer people who are more likely to have kids.

“We're missing 100,000 people that would normally be there every year because the birth rate has slowed down,” Schwarm said.

But it's also likely more people are dying because of the pandemic. From 2017 to 2020, the number of deaths in California grew by an average of 4,800 deaths per year. But this year, California's deaths increased by 12,800.

State officials base their population estimates on a number of sources, including birth and death counts, the number of new driver's licenses and address changes, school enrollments and federal income tax returns.

This year's estimate is shakier than usual because several of those data sources were affected by the response to the coronavirus pandemic, including changing or extending deadlines for some taxes and license renewals. The state will likely revise this estimate next year based on new information.

Volunteers needed for VITA program

SUBMITTED BY RICHARD VALLE,
ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERVISOR

Volunteer tax preparers are still needed for the Alameda County Social Services Agency's (SSA) 2020-2021 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. The SSA participates in Earn It! Keep It! Save It! (EKS), a coalition of Bay Area organizations that provide free tax preparation to taxpayers in households earning less than \$56,000 a year.

The volunteer training sessions led by SSA are almost full, but it's not too late to sign up for the training offered by EKS! The EKS-hosted online training series for new volunteers is set for three Saturdays (January 9, 16, and 23, 2021) from 10 a.m. to 12 noon via webinar.

Tax preparation will be completed through a combination of customer document drop-off/pick-up and virtual appointments. Social distancing, face masks, and workspace sanitation will be used to protect customers and volunteers.

For questions or to express your interest in volunteering, send an email to SSA/VITA Program Coordinator Jacqueline Jacobs at Jacqueline.jacobs@acgov.org. For more information about the VITA program, visit their webpage at <https://alamedacountysocialservices.org> and type “VITA volunteers” into the search field, then scroll to the link.

Apple's app stores open new privacy window for customers

AP WIRE SERVICE

Apple will begin spelling out what kinds of personal information is being collected by the digital services displayed in its app stores for iPhones and other products made by the trendsetting company.

The additional disclosures will begin to appear in apps made for iPads, Mac computers and Apple's TV streaming device, as well as its biggest moneymaker, the iPhone. Apple announced the changes were coming six months ago as part of an effort to help its customers gain a better understanding of how apps monitor their habits, tastes, and whereabouts.

In many instances, the data scooped up by apps is used to sell ads targeted at a particular person's interest and location, especially if their services are being offered for free.

The increased transparency about the collection and handling of personal information is designed to help people make more informed decisions about which apps they choose to install on their phones and other devices.

The changes were worked out with European regulators and mesh with Apple's efforts to position itself as a trustworthy guardian of its customers' privacy – an issue CEO Tim Cook has been framing a “fundamental human right.” In the process, Cook has been taking veiled shots at Google and Facebook, which make most of their money from digital ads that are driven by the mining of personal information.

Apple also has plans to impose a new mandate that will require all iPhone apps to obtain permission before tracking a person's activities on the device. That surveillance is currently done automatically by many apps, forcing people to go to the time and trouble to block the tracking in the settings of each app.

The anti-tracking feature was supposed to be released in September, but Apple delayed after Facebook and many other app makers protested. Apple is vowing to oust apps from its stores if they try to bypass the new anti-tracking rule when it becomes effective next year.

Police lieutenant bids department farewell

SUBMITTED BY MILPITAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

After a more than 20-year career with the Milpitas Police Department (MPD), Lieutenant Abbie Serrano retired on Thursday, December 10. The day before she walked out the door, Serrano was feted by colleagues and congratulated by Police Chief Armando Corpuz, who also will be retiring from MPD on December 30.

Prior to joining MPD, Serrano was employed as an Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic with American Medical Response. In July 2000, she joined MPD as a Patrol Officer and a year later was promoted to Police Officer. During her MPD career, she served in a variety of capacities, which included Patrol, Detective, Field Evidence Technician, Life Support Instructor, DUI Enforcement Officer, Hostage Negotiator, Field Training Officer, Criminal Investigations Sergeant, Homeless Outreach Team member, Designated Infection Control Officer and Peer Support Team member.

Rising through the ranks, Serrano was promoted to Sergeant in December 2011 and on January 28, 2018 she was promoted to Lieutenant. In that capacity, she was responsible for managing the Mobile Field Force, Honor Guard, Life Support Team, Homeless Outreach Team,

Major Accident Investigation Team, and Crime Reduction Team.

Over the years, Serrano volunteered at many community events including the Tip-A-Cop Fundraiser, Relay for Life, Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, Knights of Columbus Awards Ceremony. She also attended many memorial services on behalf of MPD. Some of the most significant commendations Serrano received were for saving the lives of several community members during her career.

Serrano is a graduate of the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute Class 375. In 2016, she received a Chief's Letter of Commendation for three high profile cases including receiving a confession from a suspect that kidnapped a child, receiving a confession from a suspect who stabbed and murdered his girlfriend, and investigating major felony crimes and bringing criminal offenders to justice.

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Santa Claus is alive and well

DEAR EDITOR: I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, If you see it in THE SUN its so. Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

VIRGINIA O'HANLON
115 WEST NINETY-FIFTH STREET

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might

get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

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EARTHTALK

Less Wasteful Holidays

FROM THE EDITORS OF
E - THE ENVIRONMENTAL MAGAZINE

Dear EarthTalk: The holidays are so wasteful given all the consumerism and decorations. Do you have any tips for making this year's celebration less wasteful?
--Shelly R., New York, NY

The holidays are indeed a hugely wasteful time of the year, but there are many ways we can reduce our impact and still enjoy this special season.

Gift wrap is a great place to start. Much of the wrap we buy in stores cannot be recycled because of its mixture of paper with glitter, plastic, dyes, laminate, and other materials, so it goes straight to the landfill after we use it once. Wrapping gifts in brown grocery bags or parcel paper makes use of an everyday item that you may already have in your home while keeping your wrapping recyclable. Cut open paper bags from the grocery store, wrap up your present like you would with any

other kind of paper, and tie it up using recyclable twine, paper ribbon or a shoelace (you can even put it back in the shoe later).

To decorate your gifts, use stamps and leafy embellishments to make for a cute or sophisticated look. Go out into your neighborhood to forage for flowers or shoots of leaves to slip under your ribbon or twine. Another alternative to wrapping with brown paper is wrapping your gift with a scarf (two presents in one)!

The debate over which kind of Christmas tree (real or artificial) is better for the environment has been raging for a long time, but the real right answer is a live tree that you can plant in the ground outside after the holidays. If you decide to get a cut tree, look for one that's grown sustainably and pesticide-free. Going to the closest tree farm lowers the carbon footprint of buying a tree that was imported. If you want to get an artificial tree, most experts agree that you would need to reuse it for about 18 years to keep the environmental impact lower than that of a real tree.

There are plenty of ways to decorate your home festively for the holiday seasons without being wasteful. First, if you already have decorations, use them. If you do not, try DIYing your decorations this year. You can use recycled paper or salt dough to make

ornaments for your tree, and collect branches, holly, and leaves outside to create a wreath to hang on your door. Additionally, if you enjoy advent calendars for December, try investing in a reusable wooden one this year so that you can fill it up with your own favorite treats, toys, or surprises for years to come.

It is also important to be conscious consumers while we shop for holiday gifts. Be sure to think (and think again) before buying something this season. Try to buy long-lasting gifts and shop at small, sustainable and/or local businesses to make your shopping greener. Etsy is a great place to find small businesses that sell ethical and sustainable products. Finally, if you enjoy unwrapping your creative side over the holidays, making your own gifts (upcycling thrifted clothes, jams or chutneys, knitting, painting, pickling or whatever you want to do) is another way to reduce waste. Cheers for the holidays and have a crafty one.



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www.sanleandro.org
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www.ci.union-city.ca.us
- WATER/SEWER**

Alameda County Water District
2nd Thursday @ 6:00 p.m.
43885 S. Grimmer Blvd., Fremont
(510) 668-4200
www.acwd.org

East Bay Municipal Utility District
2nd/4th Tuesday @ 1:15 p.m.
375 11th St., Oakland
(866) 403-2683
www.ebmud.com

Santa Clara Valley Water District
2nd/4th Tuesday @ 6:00 p.m.
5700 Almaden Expwy., San Jose
(408) 265-2607, ext. 2277
www.valleywater.org

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5072 Benson Rd., Union City
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4400 Alma Ave., Castro Valley
(510) 537-3000
www.cv.k12.ca.us

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2nd/4th Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.
4210 Technology Dr., Fremont
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2nd/4th Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.
24411 Amador Street, Hayward
(510) 784-2600
www.husd.k12.ca.us

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34200 Alvarado-Niles Rd., Union City
(510) 471-1100
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5715 Musick Ave., Newark
(510) 818-4103
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835 E. 14th St., San Leandro
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15510 Usher St., San Lorenzo
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www.slzusd.org

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11601 Main Street, Sunol
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Complete clean energy by 2030

SUBMITTED BY EAST BAY COMMUNITY ENERGY

On December 16, East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) board of directors approved a policy to set a target of providing its nearly 1.7 million East Bay customers with 100 percent clean power by 2030 - a

full 15 years before the state’s energy standard. This policy also recognizes the need for bold action to fight climate change while addressing the needs of our community.

“By setting itself on an aggressive path to meet 100 percent clean renewable energy by 2030, East Bay Community Energy is demonstrating that the future can be fully powered by renewable energy. This type of leadership is more critical than ever as we work to decarbonize California’s economy and as the United States seeks to re-engage globally on climate action,” said Angelina Galiteva, California Independent System Operator Board of Governors

Alameda County Water District

December 10, 2020

- Consent Calendar:
Ratification of Payment of Audited Demands dated November 6, November 13, November 20, and November 25, 2020
- Action items:**
- In recognition of the financial impact to many residents and businesses during COVID-19, the board of directors voted to forgo a proposed 2% water rate increase in 2021.
 - Adoption of the 2021 Calendar of Regular Board Meetings and Board Workshops/Special Board Meetings.
 - Authorization of Professional Services Agreement for Arc Flash Study.
 - Authorization of Annual Payments for Cayenta Utilities Software Support and Maintenance.

- Authorization of Amendment to Professional Services Agreement for the Curtner Road Booster Station and Canyon Heights Booster Station Upgrade Projects.
- Authorization of Time Extension and Resolution Accepting Completion of the Board Chambers and Multi-Purpose Room Audiovisual Upgrades Project.
- Authorization of Professional Services Agreement for Engineering and Environmental Services for the Alameda Reservoir Roof Replacement and Decoto Reservoir Improvements Projects.
- Resolution Adopting Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Program for Clean Energy Program: Multi-Site Solar Photovoltaic Project -- Whitfield Reservoir Site Project and Approving the Project.

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Fremont City Council

December 15, 2020

- Consent Calendar:**
- Award contract to P.C. Inc. in the amount of \$634,900 for Police Department generator replacement.
 - Approve cooperative agreement with AC Transit for design, construction, operations and maintenance of Dumbarton Bridge Corridor Transit Travel Time Improvement Project.
 - Update Human Services Department Master Fee Schedule update.
- Public Communications:**
- Comment that bike emblems at Sullivan Underpass are confusing and should be removed.
 - Left turn from Fremont Hub at Argonaut Way presents a hazard but being addressed.
 - Idea of a centralized train station.
- Items Removed from Consent Calendar:**
- Approve plans and award contract to Grade Tech, Inc. in

- the amount of \$1,605,513.10 for Niles Boulevard and Rancho Arroyo Parkway Safe and Complete Streets Project. PASSED 6-1 (Nay, Keng)
- Scheduled Items:**
- Approve amendment to FY 2019/20 Federal Community Development Block Grant funds incorporating CARES Act Round 3 funding.
- Council Communications:**
- Referral by Mei regarding appointments and reappointments to Advisory Bodies.
 - Referral by Salwan regarding an update of Mission Peak lease renewal. Place item on agenda of future council meeting.

Mayor Lily Mei	Aye
Vice Mayor Jenny Kassan (District 3)	Aye
Teresa Keng (District 1)	Aye,
1 Nay	
Rick Jones (District 2)	Aye
Yang Shao (District 4)	Aye
Raj Salwan (District 5)	Aye
Teresa Cox (District 6)	Aye 1
Abstention (Minutes of prior meeting)	

Newark City Council

December 10, 2020

- Presentations:**
- Declare results of November 3, 2020 General Municipal Election.
 - Commend Police Officers Shawn Torres and Corey Swadener for life saving actions to revive a resident suffering from a heart attack.
 - Presentation of Newark Library programs, website, upgrades and response to COVID-19.
- Consent Calendar:**
- Accept Measure GG Transaction and Use Tax Oversight Committee 2018/2019 report.

- Approve 2021 local appointments list.
- Approve City Council meeting dates for 2021.
- Confirm continuing COVID-19 local emergency.
- Approve final map and subdivision agreement for Filbert Villas – 8-lot, 16-unit residential subdivision – at 37243 and 37257 Filbert Street.
- Approve solid waste collection, recycling and organics services maximum rates for 2021.
- Approve allocation of \$75,000 of Measure B COVID-19 funds for Jarvis Avenue Class II buffered bike lanes.
- Authorize first amendment to Contractual Services Agreement with EMC Planning Group Inc. regarding NewPark Place Specific Plan. This amendment is to increase scope of the work to include an approximately

- 160,000 square foot Costco Warehouse with 32-pump gas station in the area currently occupied by the former Burlington Coat Factory and JCPenny plus a portion of the in-line mall area. There is no financial impact to the City of Newark.
- Approve amendment to City’s salary schedule to amend hourly rate for part-time, seasonal and temporary positions.
 - Accept annual report on Newark Development Impact Fees for FY 2019-2020.
- Other Business:**
- Adopt Urgency Ordinance to establish temporary 15% limit on third-party delivery fees for food service providers.
 - Update on the 2020—2022 Biennial Budget.
 - Approve side letters with employee groups to provide

- one-time opportunity to receive pay for accrued vacation, compensatory time earned or accrued general leave.
- Authorize five-year agreement with Alameda County Fire Department for fire and emergency services.
- City Council Matters:**
- Reappoint Karen Bridges to Planning Commission.
 - Appoint Mike Buccì as Vice Mayor.
 - Appoint city councilmembers to agencies, boards, commissions and committees.

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

New Climate Action Plan Community Forum

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF FREMONT

City of Fremont has launched a new online forum to gather community feedback on the Climate Action Plan (CAP) update. Over the last several months, the city staff has been engaging with Fremont residents and businesses about past successes and current efforts to plan for a future that addresses climate change, improves quality of life, promotes equity, and bolsters resiliency throughout Fremont.

The new forum—available at www.Fremont.gov/CAPConsiderIt—provides the public an opportunity to weigh in on preliminary ideas for climate action measures, propose new ideas, and respond to feedback received by other participants. Instructions on how to use the forum are included in the introduction. The forum will remain open until the end of January 2021. For more information about the city’s CAP update, visit www.Fremont.gov/ClimateActionPlan.

**Feedback on Climate Action Plan
Deadline: end of January 2021
www.Fremont.gov/CAPConsiderIt
www.Fremont.gov/ClimateActionPlan**

Union Sanitary District

Virtual Board Meeting Dec. 14, 2020

- The USD Board unanimously approved the following at its regular Monday, December 14, 2020 virtual board meeting:
- Resolution to accept sanitary sewer easement for Tract 8384 – Ursa Drive (Ursa Drive and Plomosa Way, in Fremont). Developer Robson Homes, Inc., is constructing 17 single-family residences on the west side of Ursa Drive at Plomosa Way, in the city of Fremont. Robson has constructed 8-inch sewer mains at the site and granted the District a sanitary sewer easement for access and maintenance of the new sewer mains.
 - Execute agreements and task orders No. 1 with Tanner Pacific, Inc. for construction management services: \$258,800 for the aeration blower No. 11 project and centrifuge building improvements Project; and \$43,200 for the primary digester No. 2 rehabilitation project.
 - Awarded transportation and beneficial reuse and/or disposal of biosolids 18-month contract to Synagro Inc.
- General Counsel Karen Murphy provided updates on Assembly Bill 992 amendments to the Brown Act and Social Media Use. Members of a legislative body may not use social media, such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Nextdoor, to discuss among themselves business within the jurisdiction of their local agency. Also, the Brown Act now provides that legislative body members may not respond directly to any communication on a social media platform regarding a matter within their jurisdiction that is made, posted, or shared by any other member of the legislative body. Any social media posts pertaining to District business are public records and can create a public forum that has to allow for comments from the public.
- The Board also heard information-only reports: October 2020 monthly operations, fiscal year 2021 first quarter managed investment portfolio report, a legislative update, East Bay Dischargers Authority October 15, 2020 meeting summary, and a COVID-19 update (details in online packet).

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

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Resident of Union City
March 12, 1929 – December 14, 2020
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Luis C. Rosa
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August 25, 1958 – December 14, 2020
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Resident of Newark
October 29, 1928 – December 9, 2020
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Resident of Fremont
June 15, 1934 – December 6, 2020

Ernest Talavera
Resident of Newark
July 14, 1944 – December 5, 2020

Sudesh Sharda
Resident of Fremont
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Cresencia Dahlgren
Resident of Fremont
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James Costello
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Donice Mitchell
Resident of Newark
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Ramesh Phadnis
Resident of Fremont
December 30, 1924 – November 30, 2020

Kenneth Butts
Resident of Fremont
October 15, 1934 – November 30, 2020

Maria Covarrubias
Resident of Fremont
September 9, 1936 – November 29, 2020

Rudy Rodriguez
Resident of Fremont
April 27, 1944 – November 27, 2020

Richard Vigil
Resident of Fremont
May 23, 1941 – November 27, 2020

Luis C Rosa

Resident of Santa Clara

August 25, 1958 – December 14, 2020



Luis is survived by his sister Eva and his two brothers John and Rui. Luis was a devoted uncle to Paul, Chris, Evan, Jon Paul and Natalia. Although he was born in Azores - Portugal, he grew up in Santa Clara, California. As an adolescent and teenager, Luis spent countless conditioning hours on the football field. He was an exceptional athlete, excelling in football and running track. After he earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering and Architecture from San Jose State University, Luis made his career as a successful engineer and Director of Construction for multiple restaurant groups such as Ruth Chris, Mimi’s Café, Claim Jumper, and Black Angus. He was an avid reader and always wanted to educate himself in all different subject areas. While living in Southern California, he loved spending time at the ocean and prided himself in the beautiful home that he built San Clemente. Intimate services will be held for immediate family only. A celebration of life will be scheduled for a later date.

If you would like to make a charitable donation, and in lieu of flowers, the Rosa family asks that you please consider making a donation to one of the following: The Patrick Risha CTE Awareness Foundation (www.stopcte.org), or The Concussion Legacy Foundation (www.concussionfoundation.org) in memory of Luis Rosa.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, December 18, 2020 at 2:30 PM, Fremont Chapel of the Roses, 1940 Peralta Blvd., Fremont.

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Kenneth P. Butts

October 15, 1934 – November 30, 2020

Resident of Fremont

On Monday morning November 30, 2020 Kenneth P. Butts of Fremont CA, passed away at age 86.

Ken was quiet and shy, but loved by many. He loved his work as a civil engineer, he liked trains, he enjoyed watching NASCAR on Sundays, but most of all he loved his family. Whether a trip to the pumpkin patch or the Christmas tree farm, Girl Scout events, Indian Guides events, school dances, model rocket launches, or weekend snow trips; during the time their three children were growing up, Ken and his wife Martha spent most of their weekends in their station wagon filled with kids half of which were not even their own but rather friends of Cynthia, David, and Glenn. On one occasion Ken even missed out on watching the Super Bowl; because he was needed to pick up all the girls in his daughter’s girl scout troop from a camping trip, when none of the other fathers were willing to volunteer.

During his career as a civil engineer, Ken did the detailing for everything from gas stations to government buildings. Two notable projects he worked on are the federal courthouse in Oakland and the Dublin BART station. One cannot readily see Ken’s contribution by looking at these buildings, but without it these structures could not have been finished.

Between driving Girl Scout troops home from their camping to his unsung professional contributions we can see the kind of man Ken really was. He was always the first to give and the last to take, but he never once complained of his burdens or bragged of his goodness.

Ken was proceeded in death by his wife Martha of 56 years in September of 2015. He also lost his son Glenn in March of 2011.

Ken is survived by his brother Charles in Maine and sister Louise in Connecticut. Ken is also survived by his daughter Cynthia, her husband Mark, their son Matthew, and Ken’s grand dog Atlas. Ken is survived also by his son David.

He was dearly loved and will be missed tremendously.

There is no ceremony planned at this time.

Shelby Anne Steele

April 10, 1987 – December 20, 2020

Resident of Pleasanton



Shelby passed away peacefully on December 20th, 2020 at the age of 33. She was born on April 10th, 1987, to Don and Zoe Ann Steele Jr., at Washington Hospital in Fremont, CA. She grew up in Fremont and the family later moved to Pleasanton. Shelby enjoyed long days at the baseball and soccer fields and maintained her lifelong obsession with Raffi until the end. She is survived by her parents, siblings Don Steele III and Sarah Garcia, and Dakota the family dog. A celebration of Shelby’s life will be held outdoors next summer. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to rettsyndrome.org in Shelby’s name.

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Esperanza Eliza M. Atienza

Resident of Union City

March 12, 1929 – December 14, 2020



Esperanza Eliza M. Atienza, resident of Union City for 30 years, died on Monday, December 14, 2020. She was 91. Eliza was born on March 12, 1929 in Manila, Philippines. She graduated with a degree in pharmacy, embarked on a career in pharmaceutical sales, and then took a long hiatus to raise her four children with her husband, Amado B. Atienza. They emigrated from Manila to Union City, CA in 1985, where she resumed her career as a laboratory technician for Genentech, Inc. until she retired. She enjoyed reading, traveling with her husband, discussing spirituality and the Bible, and playing the piano for her friends and family. She was a devout Catholic, a member of St. Anne’s parish in Union City, a former President of Catholic Women’s League in Manila, and a generous benefactor to many charities. The loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, and friend is survived by her children Daniel and Molly (Doyel) Atienza of Suffolk, VA, Regis and Annabelle (Lagasca) Atienza of Stockton, Eric Atienza of Union City, and Sr. Christina Atienza, OP of San Rafael; grandchildren Enrico and Shannon (Jensen), Katrina and Jimmy (Zenger), Matthew, Erin, Martin, Rebecca, and Alexis; great grandchild Winnie; brother-in-law Romeo and Edna (Villareal) Atienza; and many cousins, nephews, and nieces. Family Services were held.

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Richard Arsenio Salangsang

Resident of Fremont

December 6, 1961 – December 5, 2020

On Dec 5, 2020 Richard Arsenio Salangsang age 58 passed away in his childhood home in Fremont, CA after suffering for almost 2yrs from complication of a stroke.

Rick was born at Washington Hospital in Fremont, Dec 6, 1961. He lived most of his life in Fremont and Hayward. Rick was an accomplished Iron Worker for over 15yrs, was also published in the San Francisco Chronicle and National Geographic for his help in the design of the earthquake proofing isolators in the Oakland City Hall. However, his real passion was being a mechanic, if it had wheels he could fix it. He had his own auto shop in Hayward for a while. Rick enjoyed riding his Harley, fishing, cooking, playing the harmonica and listening to music.

Rick was preceded in death by his mother Elaine (Johnson) Salangsang his father Romeo Mar Salangsang and brother Romeo Jr. He is survived by his son



Arsenio Salangsang, daughters Raina McVey, Nadine DelaRosa and Juanita Balcita, sisters Michelle Salangsang and Midge Benavidez and many nieces and nephews, 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Rick is being cremated and there will be no services at this time because of the Pandemic.

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Achi (Julia) Yu



she became a family business administrator. God took her on this international journey where she would eventually come to know Him in a personal way; she was baptized on 6 October 1990.

Over the years, her faith became stronger and she was an evangelist to friends, relatives, and strangers alike, planting seeds and allowing many to see the Kingdom of God. She was also a blessing to multiple church home groups, and is remembered for her Taiwanese desserts and dishes by many. In walks around Central Park in Fremont, she would sense a stranger in distress, walk up to them, and share the love of God with them. She served in nursing homes and Sunday school nursery, and used overseas travels as opportunities for evangelism. She was a spiritual encouragement even in her final weeks, encouraging her family to look above, even as her physical condition was deteriorating.

Achi is survived by her husband (Song), four sisters and one brother in Taiwan, son (Mandel), daughter (Jenny) and five grand kids (Jonathan, Joshua, Josiah, Quinn, Colin). Multiple generations have been blessed by her cooking, and impacted by her training as an educator as well as by her faith.

Achi (Julia) Yu, was born on 25 December 1946, in Taipei, Taiwan. A long-time resident of Fremont, CA and an active member of the Forerunner Christian Church community, she went home to be with Jesus at age 74 on Tuesday morning, 7 July 2020. She endured Sjogren's Syndrome for more than two decades, and was prayed for by her family with laying on of hands. God heard the prayers, and allowed her to live a full life, to see her son and daughter get married, and to be a grand-mother to five grandkids.

Achi attended Taipei First Girl High School, followed by Taiwan National Normal University, a training ground for educators. She married Song Horng Yu in 1972, and served as a high school teacher before living overseas in Italy, Saudi Arabia, and in 1984, in Rockville, MD, USA. There

GM's Cruise to deploy fully driverless cars in San Francisco

BY MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER

General Motors' self-driving car company is sending vehicles without anybody behind the wheel in San Francisco as it navigates its way toward launching a robotic taxi service that would compete

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Milpitas City Council

December 15, 2020

City Council changes:

• Vice Mayor Bob Nunez lost re-election and left the Council

• Evelyn Chua was elected as Councilmember

• Carmen Montano appointed Vice Mayor

Measures:

• Measure F, authorizing an additional 0.25% sales tax passed.

Retirements:

• Armando Corpuz, Chief of Police, will retire at the end of December after 30 years of service.

• Mary Lavelle, City Clerk, will retire at the end of December.

Chief Corpuz and Ms. Lavelle were presented with Keys to the City of Milpitas

Consent Calendar:

• Granted acceptance of Creighton Park Renovation Project.

• Authorized purchase of four Caterpillar Portable Generators from Peterson Power System.

• Authorized the execution of agreements with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration for implementation of Measure F.

• Authorized the execution of the Agreement with Raimi & Associates to provide consulting services related to the preparation of Objective

Design Standards in accordance with California Senate Bill 35.

• Authorized the agreement with the Milpitas Police Officers Association (MPOA) to extend the existing labor agreement through December 31, 2023.

• Authorized the execution of a five-year General Services Agreement with BMI Imaging Inc., for document digitization and microfiche services for various City departments.

• Appointed Kristal Caidoy to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) for a two-year term.

Community Services and Sustainable Infrastructure:

• Rejecting a bid protest from a competitor awarded the construction contract to Sausal Corporation, for the Fire Station No. 2 Replacement Project. Vote: Aye 3 (Tran, Montano, Chua), Nay 1 (Phan), Abstain 1 (Dominguez)

Public Safety:

• Authorized funding of the City's mobile COVID testing unit and County testing sites through February 14, 2021.

Rich Tran (Mayor)

Carmen Montano (Vice Mayor)

Anthony Phan

Karina Dominguez

Evelyn Chua

Aye

Aye

Aye, 1 Nay

Aye, 1 Abstain

Aye

District forgoes water rate increase proposal

SUBMITTED BY SHARENE GONZALES

In recognition of the financial impact to many residents and businesses during COVID-19, Alameda County Water District (ACWD) board of directors voted during its December 10 meeting to forgo a proposed water rate increase.

“The ACWD Board recognizes the effects the pandemic has on our customers, and our community, during these unprecedented times,” said ACWD Board President Aziz Akbari. “We felt the right thing to do, at this time, is to hold off on a rate increase. It’s a way to express to our community that we truly are in this together,” he added.

ACWD held four financial workshops in 2020 – two focused on budget and two focused on rates and charges. ACWD staff proposed water rate increases based on discussions during the workshops. While the proposed rate increase will not proceed, ACWD remains committed to the 24/7 delivery of high-quality drinking water.

ACWD has suspended water shutoffs and late fees during COVID-19 while billing for service continues. For low-income residents who have difficulty paying their water bills, ACWD’s customer assistance program, Help on Tap, provides relief. The board recently increased the bimonthly bill credit to \$35 for income-qualified customers. To learn more, visit www.acwd.org/HOT.

against Uber and Lyft in the hometown of the leading ride-hailing services.

The move announced Wednesday by GM-owned Cruise comes two months after the company received California's permission to have fully driverless cars in the state.

Like dozens of other companies testing the robotic technology, Cruise's self-driving cars have been allowed on California public streets for several years with humans poised behind the wheel to take over in an emergency. Now, Cruise is confident enough to send out its self-driving cars without that safety net, although they will still be monitored by humans from remote locations instead of inside the vehicle.

“We believe self-driving has the potential to upend transportation,” Cruise CEO Dan Amman said Wednesday.

California regulators also recently approved new rules allowing ride-hailing services to pick up passengers in self-driving cars, but Cruise isn't going down that road yet.

Instead, Ammann pledged the company will move cautiously while dispatching up to five fully driverless cars into parts of San Francisco initially. Cruise's employees most likely will be the only passengers initially riding in the fully driverless cars, just as they were when the company was testing the vehicles with a human backup behind the wheel.

Amman declined to provide a timeline when asked if Cruise planned to use its driverless cars in ride-hailing service within San Francisco next year. But he said Cruise remains on a clear path toward “a commercial product that everyone can use.”

Cruise, which GM bought in 2016, had initially set a goal of using driverless cars in a ride-hailing service by the end of last year, but perfecting the required technology has proven far more challenging than some of the world's top robotic engineers envisioned when they are working on their driverless technology anywhere from five to 10 years ago.

Waymo, a self-driving car pioneer spun out of a Google project, also has had to move more slowly with a robotic ride-hailing service it launched in the Phoenix area two years ago. That service, though, has been able to steadily expand since its debut, and Waymo also has a permit to deploy fully driverless cars in California, although the company hasn't yet indicated when it might do that.

Three other companies have California permits to operate fully driverless cars in the state: AutoX Technologies, delivery service Nuro and Amazon's Zoox, which recently posted a video promoting a Dec. 14 announcement about its future direction.

Cruise has spent the past five years testing its technology that has been used in 2 million miles of self-driving to reach this point in its evolution.

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Car thefts rise slightly in Milpitas

SUBMITTED MILPITAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officials from the Milpitas Police Department (MPD) are reporting a slight increase in thefts from cars throughout the city.

According to a MPD report released Wednesday, December 16, there were 38 thefts from cars reported in November compared to 29 in October. A re-emerging trend is thefts from cars in shopping center parking lots. The top three methods of entry into victims’ cars were: 15 cars with window(s) shattered; 13 cars left unlocked; three cars pried open and another three cars entered by unknown methods. The report, which covered November 1 through 30, listed unlocked cars as 34%

of the cars broken into.

Creating the report is a team effort starting with a MPD Crime Analyst gathering and analyzing data regarding the theft from cars crime trend. The information is then provided to the Patrol Services Division, Crime Reduction Team and Criminal Investigation Bureau. This allows MPD to deploy the necessary resources and/or conduct extra patrols within shopping centers, hotels, and residential neighborhoods to prevent thefts from cars and arrest those responsible. Detectives also collaborate with law enforcement partners throughout the Bay Area regarding thefts from cars.

While officers are conducting extra patrols within the city’s various shopping centers and residential neighborhoods,

MPD officials are reminding residents to remain vigilant and take extra steps to reduce the chances of someone breaking into their car. They offer these tips:

- Park in well-lit areas.
- Ensure the interior of your car is clean and free of valuables visible from a passerby.
- Consider storing items of value in the trunk of your car.
- Take any item of value with you if it’s easy to carry.
- Don’t store items in your car overnight, bring them inside your home.
- Ensure your windows are rolled up and your car is locked before going shopping or you leave it unattended for any period of time.

- Make sure all spare keys and main keys are accounted for.
- If possible, park your car(s) in your garage.
- Consider adding surveillance cameras to your home.
- Double check that you've locked all car doors and the windows are completely rolled up before going to bed.
- Be a good neighbor and if you notice anything suspicious in your neighborhood, call 911.

MPD officials would like to remind the public that their highest priority throughout the year is to provide excellent service to the community and keep local families safe.

Alameda County Fire Department Log

SUBMITTED BY ACFD

Monday, December 14

- At 11:07 p.m. firefighters responded to a report about a big rig truck fully engulfed in flames that struck an industrial building at Alvarado Niles Road and Central Avenue in Union City. Occupants inside the building safely evacuated and the fire never extended into the building. Fremont Fire Department personnel also assisted. There were no injuries.

Union City Police Log

SUBMITTED BY UNION CITY PD

Wednesday, December 2

- At about 9:53 p.m. officers responded to a shooting report on the 33700 block of Fourth Street. Upon arrival, officers found one shooting victim who was taken to a trauma center for treatment and was expected to survive. Detectives are investigating the incident and are asking anyone who witnessed the shooting or who has information about it to call Sgt. Matias Pardo at (510) 675-5267 or send an email to matiasp@unioncity.org. Information can be left anonymously at (510) 675-5207 or via text at Tips@unioncity.org.

Thursday, December 3

- At about 11:24 p.m. officers responded to a report about a fight on the 34500 block of Alvarado-Niles Road. The victim told arriving officers he was walking toward BART when his eyes started burning, and he was knocked to the ground and assaulted. A witness later told police that she saw two males assaulting the victim while yelling racial slurs. The victim sustained severe trauma to his face and was likely sprayed with a chemical agent similar to pepper spray. The suspects, both Hispanic males in their 30s, then fled the area on foot. Officers checked the area but did not locate the suspects.

Saturday, December 5

- At about 1:40 p.m. Officer Lings was conducting follow-up for a burglary at the Crowne Plaza Hotel that occurred the day before. Lings spotted the suspect vehicle during the original incident and attempted to pull it over, but it fled at a high rate of speed into traffic. Through her investigation, Lings identified the driver of the vehicle that escaped. While conducting additional follow-up the next day, Lings saw the burglary suspect at the hotel in the same car, but he fled on foot after officers tried to detain him. A woman identified by police as Carla Welch, 41, remained in the vehicle and was detained. A record check showed Welch had several arrest warrants, including a felony no-bail warrant for narcotics violations. A search revealed Welch was in possession of three baggies containing 25 grams of suspected methamphetamine. Lings arrested Welch for the warrants and on drug charges and impounded the vehicle. The burglary investigation case is ongoing.

BART Police Log

SUBMITTED BY LES MENSINGER AND BART PD

Friday, December 11

- At 7:03 p.m. a man identified by police as Rodolfo Aguilar, of San Leandro was arrested at the Bay Fair station in San Leandro on a \$5,000 warrant for probation violation issued in Alameda County. He was booked at Santa Rita Jail.

Wednesday, December 16

- At 6:53 p.m. a man identified by police as George Thornton, 67, of Berkeley was arrested at the Bay Fair station in San Leandro on suspicion of trespassing on railroad property. He was booked at Santa Rita Jail.

San Leandro police investigating sixth homicide of the year

SUBMITTED BY SAN LEANDRO PD

An Oakland man was killed and a San Leandro woman was injured in an afternoon shooting on Monday, December 14 on E. 14th Street in San Leandro.

San Leandro Police Department (SLPD) officials said that officers heard and responded to the sound of multiple gunshots coming from the 600 block of East 14th Street. Upon arrival, they found two people suffering from gunshot wounds. A man, identified by police as Amari Matthews, 23, of Oakland sustained multiple gunshot wounds to his torso. He was taken to a hospital where he died. An uninvolved San Leandro woman sustained a gunshot wound to her lower extremity and was also taken to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Preliminary information from an investigation by SLPD detectives showed there was some type of physical confrontation between the victim and the suspect right before about 30 gunshots were fired from multiple firearms. SLPD officials said Matthews’ death is the sixth homicide of the year in San Leandro.

“We are in the early stages of this investigation and the motive for this homicide remains unclear,” said San Leandro Police Lieutenant Ted Henderson. “Anyone with any information they feel may be valuable in helping us solve this homicide is urged to contact the San Leandro Police Department at (510) 577-2740,” he said.

Fremont Police Log

SUBMITTED BY GENEVA BOSQUES, FREMONT PD

Friday, December 11

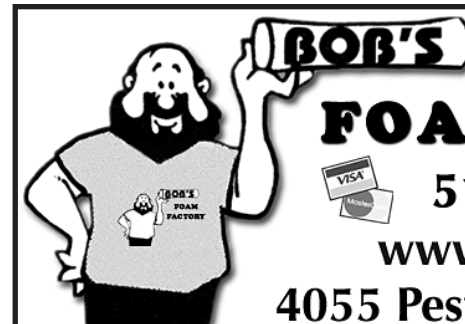
- At about 1:50 a.m. officers responded to a report about a man cutting a chain link fence at Newcomb Tree Experts near Fremont Boulevard and Auto Mall Parkway in the Irvington/Warm Springs area. Upon arrival, an officer stopped the suspects while they were still inside their vehicle. A man identified by police as Jose Perez Romo, 37, of San Jose was arrested.

Saturday, December 12

- At about 1:00 a.m. a person smashed the front glass door of Zorba’s Deli at 46505 Mission Boulevard in the Warm Springs area. The person fled the scene before officers arrived; chunks of concrete were located near the door. An investigation is continuing.

Thursday, December 17

- At 1:33 p.m. officers responded to a report of a strong-arm robbery at the Fremont Hub shopping center. Two victims, ages 63 and 64, were approached by a man and robbed of their purses. The victims were not injured. Undercover detectives nearby spotted the suspect in a vehicle fleeing the area and followed it onto northbound I-880. After the vehicle exited at Fremont Boulevard North, detectives attempted to stop the vehicle, but the suspect fled and detectives lost sight of it. Later, other detectives spotted the suspect vehicle traveling northbound I-880 toward Oakland where it exited at 98th Avenue. The suspect vehicle stopped near a jewelry store and a passenger exited with the driver waiting. When detectives detained the passenger inside the jewelry store, the waiting driver left the scene. A man identified by police as Leon Robinson, 26, of Oakland was arrested on suspicion of robbery and booked into Fremont City Jail. An investigation is continuing. Anyone with information about the robbery is asked to call the Fremont Police Department Investigations Unit at (510) 790-6900.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

City Council Meddles in Lease Negotiations

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Unfortunately, we are still in 2020, and local grinchies are trying to restrict access to our local parks.

Anti-park activists have asked the city council to meddle in lease negotiations for Mission Peak Regional Preserve. Normally, these lease negotiations are the purview of professionals on the city and EBRPD staff. The Brown Act prohibits the council from negotiating the lease behind closed doors. Only the "price and terms of payment" may be cloaked in secrecy

(https://bit.ly/3r9EqLh). Having long ago embraced parking corruption, the city council could next embrace lease corruption.

The anti-park activists live in large homes on gated streets and want to keep out the other 90% of our community who don't have politicians at their beck and call. This faction wants to restrict street parking, while proudly walking to the park themselves. They don't want to allow curb parking in front of their homes, and they complain about crime, noise and litter. The crime rate near Mission Peak is among the lowest in the city and the gated community has its own private security. They sued the park district in 2016 under an environmental pretense, to block park-

ing inside the park.

They want to limit visitation to the park, amid the worst pandemic in the last 100 years. Health professionals disagree, because access to nature is important for exercise and recreation. Mission Peak is the city's top-rated visitor attraction, receiving over 150,000 visitors per year. The visitor count has dropped sharply since 2014, when the park had over 275,000 visitors. Then, park operating hours were cut by 30%, and the city restricted street parking. More than 4,300 parking tickets were handed out during 2016–2020, with nearly \$300,000 in fines.

Losing over 750,000 unique visitors over six years has cost our local businesses a fortune. The council should be helping businesses, not hurting them. For example, Costco announced plans for a new store in Newark to better serve their customers, after our city council approved installation of red-light cameras that target shoppers near their store.

The city council should stop meddling at Mission Peak, and instead serve local businesses. We urge the city council to reconsider their priorities, by putting Fremont first. The city council should collaborate with EBRPD, to ensure people from all over the city have equitable access to our regional parks.

william yragui
Mission Peak Conservancy

Newark Police Log

SUBMITTED BY NEWARK PD

Friday, December 4

- At 12:21 p.m. officers were dispatched to the 7000 block of Thornton Avenue on a report of a person holding what appeared to be an assault rifle. Arriving officers met and detained the suspect, identified by police as a 42-year-old transient. After investigation, officers determined the weapon was an assault style airsoft gun. Once identified, the suspect was released and the airsoft gun was taken for destruction.

Saturday, December 5

- At 11:49 a.m. Officer Taylor arrested a 27-year-old Newark man in the 36000 block of Ruschin Drive on suspicion of battery. He was booked at Santa Rita Jail

Sunday, December 6

- At 5:27 a.m. Officer Herrera arrested a 42-year-old Newark man in the 35000 block of Newark Boulevard on an outstanding warrant. He was booked at Santa Rita Jail.
- At 7:13 p.m. Officer Riddles arrested a 54-year-old San Francisco woman in the 200 block of NewPark Mall Road on an outstanding felony warrant, grand theft, possession of burglary tools, and bringing controlled substance into a jail. She was booked at Fremont Jail.

Local teachers receive donation for learning supplies

SUBMITTED BY SONIC® DRIVE-IN

SONIC® Drive-In donated \$1.3 million to fund public school teacher requests across the country as part of its annual Limeades for Learning Fall Voting Campaign. In partnership with nonprofit teacher crowdfunding platform DonorsChoose and with the help of SONIC fans, they were among the community heroes up voted to receive donations for essential materials to create an engaging learning environment in both physical and virtual classrooms.

“Celebrating public school teachers through our Fall Voting Campaign feels special every year, but especially this year, as our incredible public-school teachers are going the extra mile to keep their students inspired, regardless of where their classroom may be,” said Christi Woodworth, vice president for public relations for SONIC. “From cleaning supplies to humidifiers and technology needs, we were able to fulfill thousands of teachers’ wish lists for necessary teaching materials to keep their students safe and learning.”

From September 28 through October 25, SONIC fans voted for

teacher requests that moved them at LimeadesforLearning.com, and the requests with the most votes nationwide received funding. The following exceptional teachers earned funding for their much-needed learning materials as part of the annual Fall Voting Campaign:

In Fremont, two teachers received a total donation of \$1,448:

- Kayo Kim, Blacow Elementary School, for the project “Versatile Instrument for Teaching”
- Julie Nguyen-Ebadi, Blacow Elementary School, for the projects “Connecting Students to Online Learning” and “Books To Help Tap Into Our Inner Selves”

In Newark, one teacher received a total donation of \$2,364:

- Jenny Situ, Newark Junior High School, for the projects
- “Engaged Science Students 2020!”
- “Healthy Teacher!”
- “Improve Student Communication and Learning!”
- “Ready Classroom”

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provide such delivery services, restaurants that do not operate their own delivery service resort to contracting with third-party delivery service providers as means to complete the delivery service, and two-thirds of the delivery service per-order fees at 15% will achieve the public purpose of ensuring the continued operation of local restaurants and third-party platform during the period of emergency; the 15% limit or fees charged to restaurants is based on the findings and experience of other California cities; the 15% limit or fees is based on the findings of a cap among cities establishes a temporary, imminent and new competitive environment for Newmarket restaurants, and adoption of the 15% fee limit by adjacent cities may lead to a competitive disadvantage for Newmarket restaurants; restaurants are already struggling; and WHEREAS, California, Constitution, Article XI, Section 7, provides cities and counties with the authority to enact ordinances to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare, of their citizens; and WHEREAS, both the State and local governments have been successful in Newmarket are cancelling or being postponed due to the County's and State's Orders and recommendations at all levels of government to cancel large gatherings amid concerns over the spread of the virus. These cancellations and postponements cause loss in revenue for the businesses; and WHEREAS, the businesses, including eating and drinking establishments that rely on such events to bring in patrons to their businesses; and WHEREAS with modified capacity, many restaurants are seeing an increase in carry-out and delivery offerings, placing a sudden and severe financial strain on the industry; particularly on restaurants that are small and typically already operate on thin margins; and WHEREAS, restricting restaurants to takeout or delivery offerings, and limited to outdoor dining with decreased capacity as a result of physical distancing, has placed a sudden and severe financial strain on many restaurants, particularly small businesses; and WHEREAS, based on the financial pressures in the industry that predates the COVID-19 crisis; and WHEREAS, based on public input received by City staff, many restaurants and food establishments within the City have been relying on delivery and pick up to generate both revenue and new customers, and to serve existing customers; and WHEREAS, in order to maintain a manner where social distancing can be maintained in accordance with guidance from the State of California and local health officials; and WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to take action to ensure the delivery of essential food services to residents of Newmarket and to maximize restaurant revenue from the takeout and delivery services; and WHEREAS, the primary operations, are currently one of the primary sources of revenue for these businesses to enable restaurants to survive this crisis and remain a source of employment and neighborhood vitality in the City; and WHEREAS, Alameda County's reversion to the purple tier "widespread" status, and the City's reversion to the yellow tier "moderate" status, infections, further places a strain on Newmarket local restaurants; and WHEREAS, as restaurants return to modified lower capacity restaurant service, it is still unclear how restaurants will fare as restaurants must create new, physically-distanced dining areas and implement increased training of staff; and WHEREAS, the City's temporary in nature and only intended to promote stability and safe and healthy operations within the restaurant and food markets in the City during the businesses in transitional and uncertain times and to prevent avoidable business closures thereby serving the public peace, health, safety, and public welfare and ensuring jobs and economic vitality within the City, while also preventing further spread of the virus; and WHEREAS, the City Council has taken action to avoid the continuing and immediate threat to public peace, health, and safety as failure to adopt this urgency ordinance would result in the avoidable displacement or exposure to COVID-19 of the City's restaurant and food service industry; and to the amplification of the factors that lead to the spread of the virus; as these are the reasons the City Council and the City Council have taken action to approve this Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §§ 21000 et seq., CEQA).

PUBLIC NOTICES

and 14 Cal. Code Reg. §§ 15000 et seq., ☐CEQA Guidelines:☐) under Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines. This is an emergency response measure aimed at capping delivery services fees on existing restaurants. No new development will result from the proposed action and the regulation is temporary. No impact to the physical environment will result. NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: SECTION 1. Findings The City Council of the City of Newark finds that all of the above Recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference. SECTION 2. Urgency Findings The City Council of the City of Newark hereby finds that there is a current and immediate threat to the public health, safety and/or welfare and a need for immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety that warrants this urgency ordinance, which finding is based upon the facts stated in the recitals above, and in the staff report dated December 10, 2020 and considered during the December 10, 2020 City Council meeting as well as any oral and written testimony at the December 10, 2020 City Council meeting. The adoption and implementation of this Ordinance is an urgency measure necessary for the immediate preservation and protection of the public peace, health and safety as detailed above and as this Ordinance is an emergency response measure aimed at ensuring the recovery and vitality of the restaurant industry after the closure, and limited operations. The facts constituting such urgency are all of those certain facts set forth and referenced in this Ordinance and the entirety of the record before the City Council. SECTION 3. Ordinance The City Council hereby makes the findings contained herein and hereby adopts the unmodified Ordinance as follows: A Temporary Limit on Charges by Third-Party Food Delivery Services Section 1. Definitions. For purposes of this Ordinance, the following definitions apply: A. ☐Covered Establishment☐ means a restaurant that offers, in a single commercial transaction over the internet, such as Online Order, or over the telephone, such as a Telephone Order, whether directly or through a third-party food delivery service, the sale and same-day delivery of food to customers from one or more retail locations within the City. B. ☐Third-party Food Delivery Service☐ means any website, mobile application or other internet service that offers or arranges for the sale of food and beverages prepared by, and the same-day delivery or same-day pickup of food and beverages from a Covered Establishment. C. ☐Online Order☐ means an order placed by a customer through a platform provided by a Third-party Food Delivery Service for delivery or pickup within the City. D. ☐Purchase Price☐ means the menu price of an online order. Such term theretofore excludes taxes, gratuities, and any other fees that may make up the total cost to the customer of an order. Section 2. Temporary Limit on Third Party Food Delivery Service Charges. A. Fee Limit. It shall be unlawful for a Third-Party Food Delivery Service to charge a Covered Establishment a fee that totals more than 15 percent of the Purchase Price of an Online or Telephone Order for the use of its services. Section 3. Enforcement. A. A Third-Party Food Delivery Service shall not be found in violation of this Ordinance if between the Effective Date of this Ordinance and December 24, 2020, it imposes a fee per Online or Telephone Order for the use of its services that is less than the Purchase Price of such order, provided it refunds the portion of the fee that exceeds the fee percentage set forth in this Ordinance to Covered Establishment no later than 15 days after the purchase. B. If a Third-Party Food Delivery Service charges a Covered Establishment fees that violate this Ordinance, the Covered Establishment shall, within seven calendar days, provide written notice to the Third-Party Food Delivery Service requesting a refund; the refund shall be paid within seven calendar days. If the Third-Party Food Delivery Service does not provide the refund requested after seven days of this Ordinance, the Covered Establishment may charge fees in violation of this Ordinance after the initial notice, a Covered Establishment may enforce this Ordinance by means of a civil action seeking damages and injunctive relief. The prevailing party in any such action shall be entitled to an award of reasonable attorney fees. C. Violations of this Ordinance shall constitute an infraction that can be enforced solely through an administrative citation pursuant to Chapter 7.18 of the Newark Municipal Code. Section 4. Guidance and Rules. A. The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to implement this Ordinance and issue any guidance or rules necessary to implement this Ordinance. Section 5. Duration. A. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and remain in effect until such time as the Newark City Council terminates the declared local emergency, as affirmed by the Council on March 17, 2020. SECTION 4. Severability If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, provisions of this Ordinance are severable. The City Council of the City of Newark hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase hereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases be held unconstitutional, invalid, or unenforceable. SECTION 5. Effective Date Following adoption by at least a four-fifths vote of the City Council, this Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption pursuant to Newark Municipal Code Section 2.08.180. The City Clerk shall certify as to the adoption of this Urgency Ordinance and shall cause it to be published within fifteen (15) days of the adoption and shall post a certified copy of this Urgency Ordinance, including the vote for and against the same, in the Office of the City Clerk, in accordance with California Government Code Section 36933. I HEREBY CERTIFY this urgency ordinance was read at the regular meeting of the Newark City Council held on December 10, 2020. Council Member Buccì moved that it be adopted and

passed and ordered published within 15 days of the date of adoption in the Tri-City Voice, a newspaper of general circulation published and printed in the County of Alameda and circulated in the City of Newark, which motion was duly seconded, and said ordinance was passed and adopted by the following vote: AYES: Council Members Buccì, Hannon, Vice Mayor Freitas, and Mayor Nagy RECUSED; Council Member Collazo ABSENT; None SECONDED; Council Member Hannon APPROVED; s/ANIL L. NAGY ATTEST: Mayor s/SHEILA HARRINGTON City Clerk APPROVED AS TO FORM: s/KRISTOPHER J. KOKOTAYLO Interim City Attorney 12/22/20

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Title No. 8759085 ALS No. 2019-4572 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 01/20/2021, 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 2020-009275, and thereafter amended lien that recorded 3/25/2020 as instrument number 2020-0699113 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 CASHIER'S CHECK, 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: 114 Lurene Drive, FREMONT, CA 94539 Assessor's Parcel No. 513-0702-014 The owner(s) of the real property is purported to be: HOMER JOHN LILLIE, JR., and Margaret Ann Lillie, 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 \$18,844.10. 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 consult 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

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T.S. No.: 2015-05383-CA A.P.N.: 543-0458-046-00 Property Address: 34329 Xanadu Terrace, Fremont, CA 94555 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 03/02/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Trustor: DALIA G VIRAY, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC Deed of Trust Recorded 03/14/2006 as Instrument No. 2006094326 in book ---, page -- and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Alameda County, California, Date of Sale: 02/09/2021 at 12:00 PM Place of Sale: AT THE FALLON STREET EMERGENCY EXIT OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1225 FALLON STREET, OAKLAND, CA 94612 Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 898,949.03 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as: More fully described in said Deed of Trust. 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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: \$ 898,949.03. Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S 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. 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Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: December 10, 2020 Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary C/o 1500 Palma Drive, Suite 237 Ventura, CA 93003 Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299 <http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx> Trustee Sale Assistant WESTERN PROGRESSIVE, LLC MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 12/15, 12/22, 12/29/20

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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 CASHIER'S 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, 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 consult 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 on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (866)-960-8299 or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx> using the file number assigned to this case 2020-01372-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: November 1, 2020 Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary C/o 1500 Palma Drive, Suite 237 Ventura, CA 93003 Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299 <http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx> Trustee Sale Assistant WESTERN PROGRESSIVE, LLC MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 12/15, 12/22, 12/29/20

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T.S. No.: 2020-01372-CA A.P.N.:501-0965-036-00 Property Address: 39714 PLUMAS WAY, FREMONT, CA 94538 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/16/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Trustor: Mander Singh and Baljinder K. Grewal, Husband And Wife as Joint Tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC Deed of Trust Recorded 11/29/2006 as Instrument No. 2006438634 in book ---, page --- and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Alameda County, California, Date of Sale: 01/19/2021 at 12:00 PM Place of Sale: AT THE FALLON STREET EMERGENCY EXIT OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1225 FALLON STREET, OAKLAND, CA 94612 Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 18,679.40 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as: More fully described in said Deed of Trust. 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Warner Bros. to release all 2021 films on HBO Max, theaters

By JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

In the most seismic shift by a Hollywood studio yet during the pandemic, Warner Bros. Pictures on Thursday announced that all of its 2021 film slate – including a new “Matrix” movie, “Godzilla vs. Kong” and the Lin-Manuel Miranda adaptation “the Heights” – will stream on HBO Max at the same time they play in theaters.

Among the myriad release plan changes wrought by the pandemic, no studio has so fully embraced streaming as a lifeline. But after disappointing domestic ticket sales for “Tenet,” and with the majority of U.S. theaters currently closed, Warner Bros. will turn to a hybrid distribution model. Films will debut simultaneously in theaters and on HBO Max in the U.S. After one month, they will stop streaming and continue to play only in theaters.

The move follows Warner Bros.’ decision to put “Wonder Woman 1984” on HBO Max next December, in addition to in theaters. If that pivot sent shockwaves through the industry, Thursday’s announcement was likely to rattle Hollywood to the core. It amounts to an acknowledgement that any full rebound for theaters is still a year or more away.

“No one wants films back on the big screen more than we do,” said Ann Sarnoff, chief executive of WarnerMedia Studios in a statement. “We know new content is the lifeblood of theatrical exhibition, but we have to balance this with the reality that most theaters in the U.S. will likely operate at reduced capacity throughout 2021.” Warner Bros. called it a one-year plan. The studio has generally ranked among the top two studios in market share over the past decade – most recently dwarfed only by Walt Disney.

Warner Bros.’ 2021 slate includes many of the expected top movies of the year, including “Dune,” “The Suicide Squad,” “Tom & Jerry,” “The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It,” “King Richard” and “Judas and the Black Messiah.”

HBO Max is only available in the United States. Internationally, the studio’s 17 films planned for 2021 release will roll out in theaters.

NASA: Mystery object is 54-year-old rocket, not asteroid

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

A mysterious object temporarily orbiting Earth is a 54-year-old rocket, not an asteroid after all, astronomers confirmed Wednesday.

Observations by a telescope in Hawaii clinched its identity, according to NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

The object was classified as an asteroid after its discovery in September. But NASA's top asteroid expert, Paul Chodas, quickly suspected it was the Centaur upper rocket stage from Surveyor 2, a failed 1966 moon-landing mission.

Chodas was proven right after a team led by the University of Arizona's Vishnu Reddy used an infrared telescope in Hawaii to observe not only the mystery object, but – just on Tuesday – a Centaur from 1971 still orbiting Earth. The data from the images matched.

“This conclusion was the result of a tremendous team effort,” Reddy said in a statement. “We were finally able to solve this mystery.”

The object formally known as 2020 SO entered a wide, lopsided orbit around Earth last month and, on Tuesday, made its closest approach at just over 31,000 miles (50,476 kilometers). It will depart the neighborhood in March, shooting back into its own orbit around the sun. Its next return: 2036.

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Local baker and activist participates in competition for charity



BY FATEMA BHAIJI
PHOTOS COURTESY OF BRITTANY BLAND-BOYD

What began as watching the popular television show Cake Boss with her mom turned into baking for the No Kid Hungry Charity Foundation and raising awareness for social justice movements such as Black Lives Matter (BLM) through professional baking. When Brittany Bland-Boyd was in high school, she started her baking career by selling cake pops to peers at school. Selling cake pops as an adolescent was only the start of her professional baking career, as she now is the owner of her home-based bakery “Sweet Stop Bakery.”

After more than ten years of baking, Bland-Boyd’s favorite item to bake is called the “Sock it to me” Cake, which she says is, “a yellow cake with brown sugar, cinnamon, and pecan streusel... it is pretty popular in the black community.” One of her most highly requested delicacies is red velvet cake, a dessert that she has been perfecting since adolescence.

Bland-Boyd recently competed in the Greatest Baker competition, raising money to support the No Kid Hungry Foundation, which is close to being completed as of mid-December... she placed 6th in the quarterfinals. Bland-Boyd’s friends and family members always told her that she should go on baking competitions like Cake Boss on TLC or Cupcake Wars on Food Network, but she originally didn’t have much interest in competing.

But, after seeing an advertisement on Instagram for a baking competition to help No Kid Hungry, Bland-Boyd became interested in the opportunity, as she had a lot of time at home due to COVID-19. She instantly signed up. Since then, she found that this competition “brought out the competitiveness in [her].”

Prior to the competition, Bland-Boyd was required to build a profile on a site for contestants to showcase her work. She had already posted many of her desserts on social media, however the opportunity for a wider audience was new to her.

The baking competition was held virtually starting in October, and contestants were ranked by voting. People who supported each baker had to vote for them by a specific deadline... the number of votes determined if the baker made it to the next round. Bland-Boyd recalls how nerve-wracking it became when she started fluctuating between first and second place in one round, and in one situation, she dropped to second place two minutes before the deadline; her friends all started donating money and voting in order to get her back into first.

Votes keep bakers in the contest, and Bland-Boyd is grateful that her “community, family, and friends is what kept [her] in there” for so long. This competition and her experience in it were overall positive, albeit very stressful, and it has sparked her interest in looking for other in-person competitions to participate in after COVID-19.

Bland-Boyd doesn’t just use her baking skills for competitions, however. She has also used them to raise money and awareness for the BLM movement. She felt like “that was where [she] had to really combine her baking and her activism sides.” She baked BLM cupcakes with the faces of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, and proceeds collected went to various organizations to help fund the cause.

Bland-Boyd continues to run Sweet Stop Bakery, where she makes desserts and cakes for events. You can order from her by going to the link in the biography of her Instagram and Facebook or by visiting her website.

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