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Blind School box

Make public art that could be enjoyed without sight

BY STEPHANIE GERTSCH
PHOTOS COURTESY OF BIRVA NAYAK

“Like sky, art has no limits,” says artist Birva Nayak. Her recent work for City of Fremont has shown how art can truly be without barriers – a traffic control box created to be enjoyed by sighted and blind alike in honor of California School for the Blind. On the corner of Walnut Avenue and Gallaudet Drive, the box incorporates raised edges, bright colors and braille words in a cheery design of birds and flowers.

Growing up in India, with an artistically inclined father and grandmother, Nayak was drawn to art since childhood – although not always at the most appropriate times. In school, she says, “I remember I had been in trouble many times for doodling in the textbook.” The teacher was not a fan of her work. Nayak recalls, “He showed my textbook in the whole class. ‘You see everyone that there is a drawing on each page. Is it an art class? No!’” Many times, her teacher would kick her out of class for her doodling. “I took it as a positive because it kept me close to nature. I could observe outside.”

When Nayak was growing up in India, STEM fields were pushed – parents wanted their kids to be doctors or engineers (not so different from the Bay Area). But Nayak struggled with math, and her parents came to support her in pursuing her strengths. She began taking art exams in 11th grade and went on to complete a Diploma of Fine Arts in India.



Some of Nayak’s artistic inspirations are American abstract artist Mark Rothko, who works with thin layers of color, and Sabyasachi Mukharjee, an Indian jewelry and textile designer who uses gold embroidery in a unique color palette. But of course, nature is also a favorite theme, especially since moving to the Bay Area. She says, “In India of course we have flowers and birds, but the colors that I have seen here, oh my god they’re unique.”

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LUNAR NEW YEAR

BY STEPHANIE GERTSCH
PHOTOS VIA PIXABAY

Many were glad to see the end of 2020, but another New Year is on the horizon! While Western countries traditionally use the sun-based Gregorian Calendar, many Eastern countries traditionally used the moon; a new year begins on the second new moon after the winter solstice. 2021’s Lunar New Year is Friday, February 12.

Lunar New Year is also a celebration of spring, beginning the growing season—an important time in agricultural societies. The holiday dates back to at least the 14th century B.C.E. in China. According to legends, a mythical beast called Nian, with the body of a bull and the head of a lion, would come down from the mountains searching for crops, livestock, and even young children to devour. Villagers would appease the beast by placing offerings of food on their doorsteps. However, people also discovered that Nian was afraid of three things: fire, noise, and the color red. Thus, began the custom of firecrackers, red lanterns and scrolls for New Year.

One of the most popular aspects of Lunar New Year is the 12-year cycle of animals, often called the “Chinese Zodiac.” Which year you’re born in determines your personality, lucky colors and numbers, and even dating compatibility. 2021 is the year of the hard-working Ox, the second animal in the cycle.

According to legend, the Buddha invited all the animals to a special banquet, and the order of their arrival determined the order of the 12-year cycle. Although the Ox was the fastest, the Rat was the most cunning—it hitched a ride on the Ox’s back and hopped off just in time to arrive first. The story also says the Dragon should have been the winner, as it could fly, but it stopped on the way to help villagers cross a flooded river. Apparently, nice Dragons finish fifth.

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The Heart of the Matter

Feb. 5 is Go Red for Women, a Day to Increase Heart-health Awareness

Many people mistakenly assume that heart disease is only a men’s health issue. Yet heart disease also is a major health concern for American women.

Educating women about the significance of heart disease is the primary objective of the American Heart Association’s (AHA) annual “Go Red for Women” campaign observed the first Friday in February. “Women often aren’t aware of their risk factors for heart disease, but the more you know about heart disease, the more you can do to reduce your risks,” says Sangeetha Balakrishnan, MD, a cardiologist with Washington Township Medical Foundation (WTMF).

Know Your Risk Factors

“Overall, women’s risk factors are similar to those for men – including age, family history, obesity, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, lack of exercise and smoking,” she explains. “There are some risk factors that are unique to women. For example, before menopause, women’s own estrogen helps to reduce ‘bad’ cholesterol and increase ‘good’ cholesterol, helping to make heart disease in women more unusual before menopause.”

Dr. Balakrishnan notes that some risk factors, such as age and family history, are beyond a woman’s control. Risk factors related to a woman’s lifestyle are another matter.



“You really can control risk factors associated with lifestyle choices,” she emphasizes. “First, get tested for your numbers that relate to heart disease risk: blood pressure, cholesterol levels, body mass index (BMI), and blood sugar levels. Then you can target areas that need improvement. For example, to reduce high blood pressure, you can stop smoking, reduce alcohol consumption, lose weight and reduce salt intake.”

Because cholesterol plays a major role in heart attacks and other heart conditions, Dr. Balakrishnan stresses the importance of managing cholesterol levels. “Lifestyle changes to reduce ‘bad’ cholesterol numbers could include a diet that is low in calories, saturated fats and transfats,” she says. “You do need some fat in your diet, but I recommend the ‘good’ fats found in foods such avocados and nuts.”

Another way to reduce cholesterol levels and blood pressure is to eat a high-fiber diet, such as the Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) diet. The DASH diet, developed by the National Institutes of Health, advocates eating more fruits, vegetables and whole grains.

“The Mediterranean diet – which also emphasizes fresh fruits, vegetables and whole grains – can be good for lowering cholesterol,” Dr. Balakrishnan says. “Following the DASH or Mediterranean diet also can help with losing weight and controlling your blood sugar.”

Knowing your BMI also can be useful in helping you reduce your risk for heart disease, according to Dr. Balakrishnan. The normal range for BMI is between 18.5 and 24.9. A person is considered overweight with a BMI between 25 and 29. Someone with a BMI of 30 or above is considered obese. “Being overweight or obese can make the heart work harder,” she says. “Plus, it can increase your blood pressure and your cholesterol levels, as well as your risk for type 2 diabetes.”

Since diabetes also can contribute to heart disease, controlling blood sugar (glucose) levels is an important step in reducing your heart disease risks.

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	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
	2/2/21	2/3/21	2/4/21	2/5/21	2/6/21	2/7/21	2/8/21
12:00 PM 12:00 AM	Preventive Care: What You Need To Know	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting January 13, 2021	Active Living: Yoga Exercises	Diabetes Matters: Asian Fusion	The Signs and Symptoms of Sepsis	Gastrointestinal Disorders	Ortho Overuse Injuries: Prevention and Treatment
12:30 PM 12:30 AM	Metabolic Disorders		Early Detection and Prevention of Female Cancers	Intro to Radiation Oncology Therapy			
1:00 PM 1:00 AM				Mental Health Education Series: Mental Wellness	Sideline by Back Pain? Get Back in the Game	How to Prevent Financial Elder Abuse/Fraud	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting January 13, 2021
1:30 PM 1:30 AM	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes Complications and Amputation						
2:00 PM 2:00 AM	Diabetes Matters: Dining Out Around The World	Diabetes Health Fair 2019: Diabetes & Stroke: What's the Connection?	Healthy Gut, Healthy You	Mental Health Education Series: Understanding Psychotic Disorders	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting January 13, 2021	Aortic Valve Disease: Treatment Options Including TAVR	Solutions for Weight Management
2:30 PM 2:30 AM	Caregiver Series: Securing Care Preferences Through AHCD	Caregiver Series: Caring for Someone with Dementia or Other Medical-Related Memory Loss					
3:00 PM 3:00 AM	Preventive Screenings: When and Why are They Important?	Mental Health Education Series: Understanding Mood Disorders	Strategies to Reduce the Risk of Cancer Recurrence	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting January 13, 2021	Chronic Kidney Disease: FAQ	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting January 13, 2021	Diabetes Matters: Filipino Food Made Healthy
3:30 PM 3:30 AM	11th Annual Women's Health Conference: Patient's Playbook						
4:00 PM 4:00 AM		Sports Medicine Program: Why Does My Shoulder Hurt?	Family Caregiver Series: Nutrition for the Caregiver				
4:30 PM 4:30 AM	Women's Health Conference: Reclaiming Your Confidence	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes: Is There an App for That?	Advancements in Lung Cancer Detection and Treatment		Food Pharmacy: Prescription for Colon Health	Women's Health Conference: Women & Stroke: Are You at Risk?	Understanding HPV: What You Need to Know
5:00 PM 5:00 AM	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting January 13, 2021	Learn the Latest Treatment Options for GERD	Mental Health Education Series: Family Support	Women's Health through the Years: Screening is Key to Aging Well	Suffer From Sinus Problems?	Women's Health: Planning for Pregnancy	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting January 13, 2021
6:30 PM 6:30 AM		Stress Management				Family Caregiver Series: Mindfulness Meditation for the Caregiver	
7:00 PM 7:00 AM			How To Stop Disease Before It Starts	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting January 13, 2021	Diabetes Matters: Asian Indian Cooking		
7:30 PM 7:30 AM		Family Caregiver Series: Advance Health Care Planning & POLST					
8:00 PM 8:00 AM	Minimally Invasive Options in Gynecology	Mental Health Education Series: Anxiety Disorders	Diabetes Matters: Italian Foods	Advance Care Planning: Five Wishes	Family Caregiver Series: Understanding Healthcare Benefits	Inside Washington Hospital: Advanced Treatment of Aneurysms	How to Sleep Your Way to Better Health
8:30 PM 8:30 AM	Endometriosis: Causes, Symptoms, Diagnosis and Treatment				Diabetes Matters: Basics of Insulin Pump Therapy	Family Caregiver Series: Managing Family Dynamics in Caregiving	
9:00 PM 9:00 AM			Diabetes Health Fair 2019: Diabetes and Foot Care	Strategies to Help Lower Your Cholesterol and Blood Pressure	Family Caregiver Series: Loss, Grief & Recovery	FB Live: Staying Fit While Working From Home	Diabetes Matters: Heart Healthy Eating
9:30 PM 9:30 AM	Laugh without Leaking: Understanding Female Urinary Incontinence						
10:00 PM 10:00 AM		Oh My Aching Feet! Recognizing Common Foot and Ankle Problems	Weight Management: Stopping the Madness	Diabetes Health Fair 2019: Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes	Diabetes Matters: Straight Talk About Diabetes Medications	Women's Health: Depression, More Than a State of Mind	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes and Kidney Health
10:30 PM 10:30 AM	FB Live: Maintaining Your Mental Wellness During the COVID-19 Pandemic						
11:00 PM 11:00 AM	FB Live: Noontime in the COVID-19 Kitchen	Fall Prevention					
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World Cancer Day Focuses on Reducing Cancer Deaths

Washington Hospital Surgeon Stresses Importance of Screenings for Early Diagnosis

Cancer is a scary word to most people. Everyone impacted by cancer remembers the moment they heard the news. World Cancer Day on Feb. 4, aims to raise awareness about the steps we can all take to reduce the toll cancer takes on our lives and communities. While there have been many advances in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer in the 20 years since World Cancer Day was launched, it is still a leading cause of death worldwide.

According to the National Cancer Institute (NCI), there were an estimated 1.8 million new cancer cases in the U.S. and 606,520 deaths in 2020. The NCI estimates that nearly 40% of men and women in the U.S. will be diagnosed with cancer at some point in their lifetimes.

NCI numbers show that for men, prostate, lung and colorectal cancers are most common, accounting for an estimated 43% of all cancer diagnoses in 2020. For women, breast, lung and colorectal cancers accounted for an estimated 50% of all new cancer diagnoses in 2020.

“One of the most effective ways to prevent cancer and reduce its impact is through screenings,” said Dr. William



Cancer screenings, such as 3D mammograms are critical to cancer prevention and treatment.

Dugoni, a general surgeon and member of the Washington Township Medical Foundation who specializes in cancer. “Cancer screenings like mammograms and colonoscopies help us diagnose cancer at an earlier stage when there are better treatment options. This is true for all cancers – it’s always better to find it in the early stages. Cancer screenings save lives.”

Colonoscopies can actually prevent colorectal cancer, he added. The screening tool detects precancerous polyps that can often be removed before they turn into cancer.

“The incidence of colorectal cancer has fallen off dramatically due to aggressive screening,” Dr. Dugoni noted. “Other screening tools can help us find tumors early when treatment options like surgery and radiation are more effective.”

State-of-the-Art Technology

Tri-City residents benefit from a wide range of diagnostic services available at Washington Hospital with imaging technology that has the ability to detect tumors and other abnormalities while they are still small.

For example, the Washington Women’s Center, where Dr. Dugoni is medical director, offers state-of-the-art 3D mammography. The advanced diagnostic tool takes multiple pictures of the breast, which can be viewed as a three-dimensional image, allowing radiologists to see signs of breast cancer earlier than with traditional two-dimensional mammograms.

Some screenings like mammograms for breast cancer and PSA tests for prostate cancer are routine screenings aimed at catching cancer early. Other screening tools like endoscopies and biopsies can be used when cancer or some other medical issue is suspected.

Dr. Dugoni emphasized that people should not let the fear of COVID-19 keep them from getting cancer screenings or avoid medical care.

“Washington Hospital is following strict protocols, including sanitizing surfaces, limiting the number of people in a room, and wearing masks,” he added. “There is no reason to delay care.”

Surgeons like Dr. Dugoni play a significant role in cancer care because surgically removing cancer is often the first step in treating it. Surgeons at Washington Hospital have a wide range of expertise in nearly all types of cancer.

“We can diagnose and treat just about every cancer with the exception of a few very rare cancers,” Dr. Dugoni said. “Tri-City residents have access to the highest quality of cancer care available today. Washington Hospital continues to push forward as a center of excellence, particularly when it comes to the management of cancer.”

For more information about cancer programs at Washington Hospital, visit <https://www.whhs.com/cancer>.



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Turn **TRASH** into **Fashion**

BY ANDREW CAVETTE
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SUNOL GLEN PARENTS

Sunol Glen Elementary school held their 11th annual “Trashion Show” fashion show on Friday, January 29. After canceling this environmentally-conscious fashion show in 2020, Sunol Glen created an online catwalk this year.

Students submitted an impressive range of fashion creations including: a surfboard and flip flops made from goldfish wrappers; a delicate, open-structure head piece, made from scraps of cardboard punch-out; a “Baby Yoda” costume, formed head-to-toe from used masking paper and old shopping bags; and a princess dress, cape included, crafted from discarded rolls of raffle tickets.

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For the first few years of Trashion at Sunol Glen, students who participated took their creations to this level of seriousness. They showed their work at the flagship Maker Faire in Santa Clara. More recently for Sunol Glen students, Trashion isn't about going to Maker festivals or seeing judges. It has become a chance to learn creative ways to keep materials out of the waste-stream.

Diana Rohini is a parent at Sunol Glen, and both her children made something for this year's up-cycled fashion show. "Personally, I grew up with parents who lived through the Great Depression. Both of them had tendencies to keep and reuse

everything they possibly could," Rohini said.

Rohini's eldest daughter showed some wisdom right at the beginning of this year's crafting project. "The base of (my daughter's) fashion outfit is home improvement store boxes. When I tried to help - by suggesting she cover up the box shape - she told me that removing the evidence of the materials being trash really misses the point," Rohini said. "It needs to look like trash or people won't learn about sustainability."

Allison Guerrero and her granddaughter have participated in Sunol Glen's Trashion event for several years, but they decided not to make anything this year. "I just put all the stuff we had collected (for the build) in the recycle bin," Guerrero said. "My creative juices are kind of stagnant."

Annie Bonderson is also a parent at Sunol Glen. She has been running the school's Trashion Show event for four

years. While COVID19 and the lockdown have impacted every aspect of schooling – a desire to join one-time, extracurricular fashion shows included – Bonderson is used to not knowing exactly who will participate until rehearsals begin.

“If we influence anyone to spend some time being creative ... I’m going to call that a win,” Bonderson said two weeks before the event was streamed over Zoom. “It’s a great way to have kids think outside box of what our normal consumerism looks like.”

Bonderson enjoys seeing the fashion, but her favorite thing about this event is finding out how much thought students put into their creations. "I'm not suggesting that anyone is going to make themselves a dress from of old garbage bags and wear it out to the grocery store," Bonderson said. "I think it does open kids' eyes to all the things that we discard and what kind of trash to we really need to generate."



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The Heart of the Matter

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“Most doctors consider the A1C test the best indicator of diabetes because it measures average blood glucose over the past two to three months,” Dr. Balakrishnan observes. “A normal A1C level is below 5.7. The higher your A1C level, the higher your risk of diabetes complications, including heart disease.”

The other side of the equation is to get plenty of exercise. “On average, you should get 30 to 45 minutes of exercise on most days of the week,” she explains. “Because of COVID-19, many people are avoiding crowded exercise facilities, but you can still take a brisk walk to get your heart rate going. You also can do workouts at home, using YouTube lessons or other videos. People who are working from home should be sure to get up from their chairs frequently to walk around. If you have not been exercising regularly, consult your doctor before starting any new exercise program.”

Recognize Heart Disease and Heart Attack Symptoms

Women’s symptoms of heart disease, including heart attacks, may differ from men’s in some cases. The classic symptom of a heart attack is crushing pain in the center of the chest that lasts for more than a few minutes or that goes away and comes back.

“With a heart attack, women may have the same symptom of chest pain as men, but women don’t always experience a crushing pain in the chest,” she notes. “Women are more likely to experience fatigue with shortness of breath, gastric reflux, dizziness, nausea, and pain in the shoulders and upper back.”

A study published in the American Journal of Cardiology showed that many

women who had heart attacks described their chest pain as more sharp and burning, accompanied by other pain in the neck and throat. Women suffering a heart attack also may experience other symptoms unrelated to chest pain, such as:

- Atypical pain in the stomach or abdomen
- Unexplained weakness or overwhelming tiredness
- Cold, sweaty skin and paleness
- Swelling of the ankles or lower legs

“There is no explanation, so far, as to why women may have different symptoms of heart disease and heart attacks than men,” Dr. Balakrishnan admits. The important thing is that if a woman experiences any of these symptoms, or chest pain or an irregular heart beat, she should consult a doctor right away.

“As women, we often tend to downplay our symptoms because we’re so busy taking care of others,” she adds. “When we are fatigued, instead of considering heart disease as a possibility, we might say, ‘I’m a little tired, I just need to suck it up.’ Instead, go get tested for heart disease. It’s your heart – and your life.”

NEW LOCATION:

Dr. Balakrishnan has relocated her office to 734 Mowry Ave. in Fremont. To learn more about her practice, visit www.mywtmf.com or call 510.248.1670.

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Disconnected, she begins a journey of self-discovery and decides to seek answers to her questions by reaching out and interviewing the people in her community. Along the way, she speaks with a diverse group of people from different backgrounds and points of view and finds connections she never had before.

Ohlone College students have developed a project using Johnny Saldaña’s Ethnotheatre approach for devising an original work. The company interviewed dozens

of people in the Fremont community to better understand COVID-19, its implications, and the societal injustices that have come to the foreground as a result of this unprecedented time in our history. Using these interviews, the students have created a theatrical piece which has been turned into a film that shares the stories and perspectives of their community.

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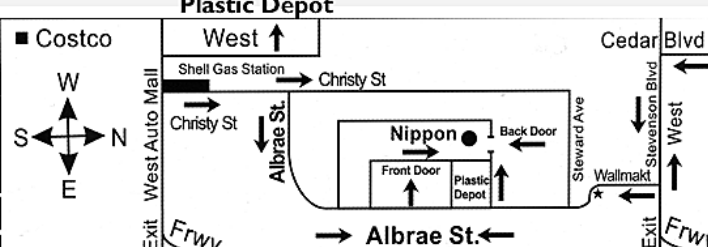
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Find resilience in World Interfaith Harmony Day



SUBMITTED BY CINCY SOUJOURNER CHAIRPERSON, INTERFAITH HARMONY DAY PLANNING COMMITTEE

The local eighth annual and free World Interfaith Harmony Day Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, February 6, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. via ZOOM. The program will highlight the harmony found in models and stories of resilience shared by a wide range of faith communities. Pre-registration is required at <https://bit.ly/2021ihd>. Joy Barnitz, the new Tri-City Interfaith Council president, will provide the welcome. Barnitz says, "The vibrant diversity of faith communities in the Tri-Cities area is very important to me. As a Christian and a life Scientist, I am fascinated by the connections that can be found when we open our hearts and minds to something new. This Tri-City Interfaith event, like all our activities, opens up a safe space for curious people to come together and discover commonalities that provide greater understanding, empathy, and compassion for our neighbors."

Robert Hoffman, member of the Fremont Baha'i Faith and Tri-City Interfaith Council, is this year's emcee. Hoffman says, "Last year was my first time to attend the Harmony Day Celebration. I was impressed with the number of faiths represented, the variety of information exchanged, and all the interest and caring shown. This event and joining the Council keep increasing my faith in the goodness in humanity and life." Moira Shaiq, Tri-City Interfaith Council member and Founder of Meet A Muslim, says, "This year's program on Zoom will be both different and the same as our past programs. We will have our usual peace music, interfaith speakers, and the small groups that

everyone loves. Because of the ZOOM platform, we will miss having our personal interactions at the faith information booths, but we will have a fun polling game instead."

Six speakers have been confirmed to talk about the resilience they find in their faith or cultural traditions: Robert Hoffman (Baha'i Faith), Shari Gent (Buddhism), Dianne Barnett (Christian), Avi Shuman (Jewish), Hina Mukhtar (Muslim), and Soni Kaur (Sikh Religion). Jeff Spencer, former Tri-City Interfaith Council president and pastor of Niles Discovery Church says, "I believe that by sharing how our various spiritual traditions help us build resilience in these challenging times, we will embolden compassion, unity, and hope as we address the pressing justice issues of our day. That's why the focus of our Interfaith Harmony Day event connects to the United Nations' Interfaith Harmony Week theme of 'The Diaspora -- a Force for Positive Change.'"

People with or without any faith or cultural tradition are welcome to attend this annual event for the first time or once again. Sponsors for this event include Compassionate Fremont, and the Fremont, Union City and Alameda County Human Relations Commissions.

To learn more about Tri-City Interfaith Council, visit TCICouncil.Weebly.com or look for them on Facebook.

World Interfaith Harmony Day
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Exploring African-American genealogy

SUBMITTED BY MARCESS OWINGS

Researching your family tree can be a fascinating journey. For African-Americans researching their ancestral roots, the paths to uncovering and documenting family stories may be hard to find. In many cases, key documents and information may never have been recorded in the first place, or even been actively suppressed over time. Nonetheless, the strength and beauty of Black family heritage shines down through generations.

In honor of the 2021 Black History Month theme, "The Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity," Alvis Ward, Jr. and Felicia Addison, both of the African-American Genealogical Society of Northern California (AAGSNC), will offer guidance and expertise on how to help crack the code in researching Black family history and genealogy.

This Zoom program will be presented on Satur-

day, February 6, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. The free program will last for one hour, then will include time afterwards for a Q&A session with the speakers. To register, visit <http://bit.ly/AfAmGenealogy2021>. Suggested donation is \$10.

Alvis Ward, Jr., a genealogist of 22 years, is Acting Co-president of the African American Genealogical Society of Northern California (AAGSNC) and a sought-after DNA/Genetic Analyst. Felicia Addison, as well as holding memberships with many Genealogy Societies around the country, is currently the Chairperson of the Board of AAGSNC.

Founded in March 1996, AAGSNC exists to preserve and promote the study of records of a genealogical and historical nature relating to African American ancestry, and to explore and share about the ripples of impact created by the Atlantic Slave Trade throughout the world.

This program is presented by the Hayward Area Historical Society, in partnership with the Women's Ministry of Palma Ceia Baptist Church and the Eden Rose (CA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Rodeo Legislation Authors Needed

Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) claims that there are some 10,000 rodeos held annually in the U.S., few of which require on-site veterinarians to care for injured animals. The PRCA has done so only since 1996, after five animals suffered and died at the 1995 California Rodeo/Salinas.

Three bills needing an author:

1. Amend state rodeo law, Penal Code 596.7, to require an on-site veterinarian or Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT) at all rodeos - the "on call" option is not working, and animals are suffering needlessly
2. Ban the Mexican charreada's brutal "steer tailing" event (outlawed in Alameda & Contra Costa Counties in 1993)
3. Ban the rodeo's non-sanctioned "wild cow milking contest," children's "mutton busting" event, and all

animal "scrambles" - cruel and dangerous for all concerned

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Trash Talk



BY JIM CAUBLE

This is the first edition of Trash Talk, a column devoted to cleaning up our neighborhoods.

Littering and illegal dumping have become more obvious recently. There are cups and wrappers scattered all about. In addition to casual littering, there are larger piles of illegally dumped items that need proper disposal. Perhaps there is more of that going on now because people are home more and are cleaning out closets and garages. Whatever the reason, I, for one, want to see it end, and I'm asking for your help. To achieve that goal, I am writing this column to increase public awareness of the problem and possible solutions.

If you found used food containers in your yard, wouldn't you pick them up to avoid foul odors or the possibility of attracting rodents? What about keeping your home and yard attractive? Why not

extend your efforts to your neighbor's yard? Down the street? Around the block? Let's keep our neighborhoods clean and attractive.

My personal goal to improve the cleanliness and appearance of the neighborhood I live in began as I noticed trash lying about while on my daily walks. Instead of passing it by, I began collecting it so I could dispose of it in a better way. Soon after I started my trash walks, I learned about the City of Hayward's Keep Hayward Clean and Green (KHCG) project. It sponsors several clean-up events each year. Volunteers meet at a designated neighborhood to pick up trash for proper disposal. KHCG provides gloves, grabbers, vests, and trash bags.

In fiscal year 2019, we collected 5,018 cubic yards of trash! To give a good idea of how much that is, a minivan has a capacity of 144 cubic feet. It would take nearly one thousand minivans to hold all that trash! Hayward also responded to 3,946 dumping and graffiti incidents in fiscal 2019. That is almost 11 requests per day! We need to reduce that.

Besides working with the group of KHCG volunteers on event days, I do clean-up runs 2-3 times per week on my own. I use the Access Hayward app on my cell phone to notify them of the location. They provide great service, usually picking it up within 24-48 hours. I am the self-proclaimed Pickup Artist (pun intended); you may have seen my Day-Glo vest with PICKUP ARTIST printed on the back. For more information on KHCG, call (510) 881-7745 or email Kimberly.Deland@hayward-ca.gov.

Later I learned about and signed up for Hayward's Adopt-a-Block program. Volunteers are able to "adopt" an area for two years. They commit to ridding that block or area of litter four times per year. Contact them at (510) 881-7745 or through their web site: adoptablock@hayward-ca.gov.

By now you may be asking, "What does he get out of doing all that?" Read my third edition and find out!

The quote for today: "It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit." - Harry Truman.

The Trash Talk Question for today: What is the heaviest dumped item I've found? (Hint: it wasn't an appliance.) Answer in the next edition.

Send comments or questions to ThePickupArtist-KHCG@outlook.com.



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Singer to be honored

SUBMITTED BY SRINI VEERARAGHAVAN

The international film festival Jharkhand (India) has nominated Indian-American singer Aditi Sri for the International Icon Award, which will be presented at the Jharkhand International Film Festival award ceremony to be held June 12, 2021. There will also be a live broadcast of her performance at the same time. Festival chairman Rishi Prakash Mishra and director Ranu Sinha will be present at the occasion.

California may prioritize age above all for COVID-19 vaccine

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Advocates for farmworkers, teachers, grocery store clerks and other essential workers are worried they will have to wait until this summer to be vaccinated against the coronavirus as California considers giving priority to older residents.

State officials said the move makes sense given older people have a much higher rate of hospitalization and death from COVID-19. But with California struggling to get and give the vaccine, it could take until June to vaccinate all Californians 65 and older, the Sacramento Bee reported Sunday.

That could mean teachers and school workers will probably not be vaccinated until this summer, said Debra Schade, a school board member at the Solana Beach School District in San Diego County and a director at the California School Boards Association.

"It will be a heavy lifting to get those districts open ... without risk mitigation that the vaccine would provide," she said.

Some local governments have already started vaccinating essential workers and Fresno County said it will begin offering vaccines on Monday to about 3,000 farmworkers. But Noe Paramo, an advocate at the California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, said without clear guidance from the state to prioritize vaccinating farmworkers, counties could decide to leave them to fall by the wayside.

Three-quarters of those who died from COVID-19 in California were 65 or older, according to data recently presented to a state vaccine advisory committee.

By vaccinating older adults first, the state could push down the number of those hospitalized, which could benefit the community as a whole, California Department of Public Health Director Dr. Tomas J. Aragon

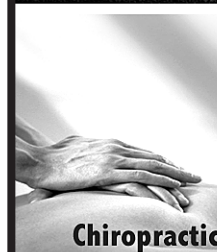
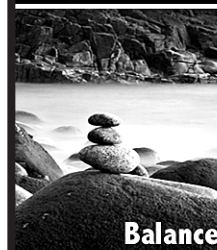
said at the meeting.

The rates of new coronavirus infections and hospitalizations are dropping across California, but health officials warn those trends are tempered by very high death rates.

The state reported 429 deaths on Sunday, two days after reaching a one-day record of 764, according to the Department of Public Health. California's death toll since the start of the pandemic rose to 36,790, while total cases reached over 3.1 million.

Meanwhile, the number of people in the hospital with COVID-19 was 17,810 statewide, a drop of 17% in two weeks.

The positivity rate for people being tested has dropped by 10% statewide in the last week, which means fewer people will end up in hospitals.



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1st private space crew paying \$55M each to fly to station

By **MARCIA DUNN**
AP AEROSPACE WRITER

The first private space station crew was introduced Tuesday: Three men who are each paying \$55 million to fly on a SpaceX rocket. They'll be led by a former NASA astronaut now working for Axiom Space, the Houston company that arranged the trip for next January. "This is the first private flight to the International Space Station. It's never been done before," said Axiom's chief executive and president Mike Suffredini, a former space station program manager for NASA. While mission commander Michael Lopez-Alegria is well known in space circles, "the other three guys are just people who want to be able to go to space, and we're providing that opportunity," Suffredini told The Associated Press. The first crew will spend eight days at the space station and will take one or two days to get there aboard a SpaceX Dragon capsule following liftoff from Cape Canaveral. Russia has been in the off-the-planet tourism business for years, selling rides to the International Space Station since 2001. Other space companies like Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic and Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin plan to take paying customers on up-and-down flights lasting just minutes. These trips – much more affordable with seats going for hundreds of thousands versus millions – could kick off this year. Axiom's first customers include Larry Connor, a real estate and tech entrepreneur from Dayton, Ohio, Canadian financier Mark Pathy and Israeli businessman Eytan Stibbe, a close friend of Israel's first astronaut Ilan Ramon, who was killed in the

space shuttle Columbia accident in 2003. "These guys are all very involved and doing it for the betterment of their communities and countries, and so we couldn't be happier with this makeup of the first crew because of their drive and their interest," Suffredini said. Each of these first paying customers intends to perform science research in orbit, he said, along with educational outreach. Lopez-Alegria, a former space station resident and spacewalking leader, called the group a "collection of pioneers." Tom Cruise was mentioned last year as a potential crew member; NASA top officials confirmed he was interested in filming a movie at the space station. There was no word Tuesday on whether Cruise will catch the next Axiom flight. Suffredini declined to comment. Each of the private astronauts had to pass medical tests and will get 15 weeks of training, according to Suffredini. The 70-year-old Connor will become the second-oldest person to fly in space, after John Glenn's shuttle flight in 1998 at age 77. He'll also serve under Lopez-Alegria as the capsule pilot. Axiom plans about two private missions a year to the space station. It also is working to launch its own live-in compartments to the station beginning in 2024. This section would be detached from the station once it's retired by NASA and the international partners and become its own private outpost.

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California proposal would extend eviction rule through June

By **ADAM BEAM ASSOCIATED PRESS**

California plans to extend eviction protections through the end of June while using federal money to pay off up to 80% of most tenants' unpaid rent, according to an agreement announced Monday between Gov. Gavin Newsom and the state's top two legislative leaders. The proposal, which must be approved by the state Legislature, would extend a state law scheduled to expire next Monday that prevents landlords from evicting tenants who could not pay their rent between March and August because of the coronavirus pandemic. To be eligible for that protection, tenants must sign a "declaration of hardship" that they have been impacted by the pandemic and must pay at least 25% of their rent due between Sept. 1 and Jan. 31. This new proposal would extend those protections until June 30. But it would also use \$2.6 billion Congress recently approved for California to pay off some of that unpaid rent. The state would pay landlords up to 80% of their unpaid rent – but only if landlords agree to forgive the remaining 20% and pledge not to evict tenants. If landlords refuse that deal, the state would pay them 25% of their tenants' unpaid rent. That would ensure those tenants qualify for the state's eviction protections and could not be kicked out of their homes until after June 30. The agreement is between Newsom, Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon and Senate President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins – all Democrats. The state Legislature, which is dominated by Democ-

rats, is scheduled to vote on the bill on Thursday. In a statement, the three leaders said the proposal "maintains California's COVID eviction protections as the strongest statewide rules in the nation." "But we have more work to do, together, to tackle the structural housing cost crisis in California," the statement read. "The pandemic exacerbated these issues, it did not create them. And our work to address these fundamental issues must continue with urgency and resolve." Assemblyman David Chiu, a Democrat from San Francisco, said it was "troubling" that the amount of debt renters will have paid off is "determined solely by the cooperation of their landlord." But he praised the proposal for extending "critical eviction protections through the end of June." "I expect there will be a need to revisit this legislation to address gaps and provide relief to additional tenants," Chiu said. "I stand ready and willing to continue that work until all California tenants are debt free and in secure housing." The federal rent relief money would only be available to people who meet certain federal eligibility requirements, including household income 80% or less of the area median income. It would prioritize relief for households at 50% or less of the area median income and those that have been unemployed for at least three months. That would exempt some moderate to higher-income renters. State Sen. Scott Wiener, a Democrat from San Francisco and chair of the Senate Housing Committee, fears the proposal will leave some tenants out. And he worried

the Newsom administration might bungle the distribution of the money, "given California's logistical problems during the pandemic" with unemployment benefits and vaccines. But Wiener said the state "must pass this proposal by the end of the week to avoid mass evictions." "This proposal is a step toward the critical goals of housing stability and economic and health recovery," he said. California lost more than 2.6 million jobs in March and April because of the coronavirus pandemic. The state has regained more than 44% of those jobs but is still down 1.4 million jobs compared to this time last year. But it's been difficult to measure the impact this has had on renters. An analysis by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia in October estimated California renters had accumulated \$1.7 billion in unpaid rent. The nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office said federal unemployment benefits – which Congress has increased and extended throughout the pandemic – have reduced that number to about \$400 million. That represents 2% of all renters, or about 90,000 households, with an average debt of \$4,500. Housing advocacy groups have disputed that, saying the actual number is much higher. An analysis by Bay Area Equity Atlas and Housing NOW! California found as many as 1.1 million renter households were behind on their rent in December, facing an estimated \$3.6 billion in debt.

Cal State won't hike tuition amid pandemic hardships

AP WIRE SERVICE

The California State University says it won't increase tuition this year amid pandemic-related hardships and adequate funding from the state, according to a newspaper report Tuesday. Chancellor Joseph Castro said at a meeting of the board of trustees that Gov. Gavin Newsom's budget proposal as well as CSU's cost-cutting efforts led to the decision, the Los Angeles Times reported. In addition, Castro said that he would not support a systemwide employee furlough program and officials will do "everything we can to avoid additional layoffs," the Times said. Newsom's budget proposal for next year includes \$144.5 million in recurring funding for the CSU – nearly half of the \$299 million that was cut last year. The budget also includes \$225 million in one-time funding for the CSU. The Cal State system has about 485,000 students at 23 campuses. The CSU announced in December that it planned to return to in-person instruction and activities in the fall 2021 term. Castro said Tuesday that it was still the plan – although he acknowledged that if public health circumstances change, the university would adjust.

Disneyland ending annual pass program

AP WIRE SERVICE

Looking to buy an annual pass at Disneyland Resort? You are out of luck. The California theme park resort said last week that it's ending its passholder program. Disneyland Resort in California made the announcement last week after it allowed county health officials to use its parking lot for a large-scale coronavirus vaccination site. California's Disneyland closed in March and has not reopened since because coronavirus metrics in the county where the park is located have not declined to the levels required by the state. Existing passholders at the California parks will be given refunds, company officials said.

"We are currently developing new membership offerings that will utilize consumer insights to deliver choice, flexibility and value for our biggest fans," Ken Potrock, Disneyland Resort's president, said in a statement last Thursday. Disney officials would not say how many people hold these passes or how much the move will cost the company, adding it would begin issuing pro-rated refunds to eligible passholders. In Florida, Walt Disney World reopened in July after nearly four months with new rules in place to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 including mandatory masks and social distancing. The Florida resort implemented a moratorium on new annual passes last summer, though it will honor those from existing passholders.

Californians to vote on banning sale of flavored tobacco

By **KATHLEEN RONAYNE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Californians will vote in 2022 on whether the state should ban the sale of flavored tobacco products, including flavored vaping cartridges. Lawmakers approved the ban in 2020, but a referendum qualified Friday, meaning voters will have their say in November 2022. In the meanwhile, the law won't take effect. Major tobacco companies backed the referendum in hopes of overturning the law. The flavored tobacco ban restricts sale of the products but does not criminalize possession. It also exempts loose-leaf tobacco, premium cigars and shisha tobacco used in hookah. It bars the sale of flavors including – but not limited to – "fruit, chocolate, vanilla, honey, candy, cocoa, dessert, alcoholic beverage, menthol, mint, wintergreen, herb, or spice." Violators who sell the products would be fined \$250. Supporters of the law cast the referendum as "a battle between the people of California and Big Tobacco over the health, lives and future of our kids." "Big Tobacco is going to use every deceptive trick in their playbook just so they can continue to market and profit from hooking young kids on their candy-flavored products," Matthew L. Myers, president of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, said in a statement. A group backed by the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company and Philip Morris USA, called the California Coalition for Fairness, supported placing the referendum on the ballot. "The California Coalition for Fairness will focus on educating voters about why this law is unfair and goes too far," the group said in a statement. "We agree that youth should never have access to any tobacco products, but this can be achieved without imposing a total prohibition on products that millions of adults choose to use." The ban on menthol flavor has been a particular point of contention. Supporters of the ban, including doctors and groups fighting cancer, said the minty flavor has been marketed to low-income youth and Black and Latino communities. Opponents of the ban say it unfairly takes away products preferred by those groups while allowing the continued sale of products flavored by the wealthy, like cigars. Turning to the ballot can be an effective way for opponents to resist state laws. In 2020, voters through a referendum rejected a law that would have eliminated cash bail.

BART to add denser air filters

Submitted by **BART COMMUNICATIONS**

After a successful pilot, BART will install denser filters throughout its fleet of train cars, part of a multilayered plan for stepped-up system safety as the pandemic plays out. Air filtration has an important role in preventing transmission of

the coronavirus, along with vigilant mask-wearing. Filters on BART are in the heating and air conditioning unit underneath each train car. They are rated by their ability to block different-sized particles, a rating known as their minimum efficiency reporting value (MERV) on a scale from 1 to 20. The old MERV-8 filters could

trap particles between 3 and 10 microns in size; the new MERV-14's can capture much smaller particles between .3 and 1 microns. BART engineers sent the pilot filters out for pressure-drop testing to measure their effectiveness. "We've completed the evaluation and gotten the numbers back," said Ben

Holland, manager, Vehicle System Engineering. The pilot took about six months for the testing to occur after a train car had gone through its full preventative maintenance cycle of real-world operations. "We feel really confident about moving forward with the MERV-14s. We've set up stock numbers for them to be implemented fleet-wide."

The MERV-14 filters are being incorporated into inventory and purchasing systems. They will be installed on every car as it goes into the shop for its scheduled preventive maintenance. "As each car comes in, they'll pull out the MERV-8s and put in MERV-14s," he said.

San Leandro appoints acting police chief

SUBMITTED BY PAUL SANFTNER

Captain Luis Torres, a 22-year veteran with the San Leandro Police Department (SLPD) has been tapped to serve as the Acting Police Chief, effective March 26. Torres was selected by Interim City Manager Fran Robustelli following the retirement announcement of current Police Chief Jeff Tudor, who has served SLPD for the past 31 years.

After joining SLPD in 1998, Torres worked a variety of assignments including patrol, crime scene technician, school resource officer, sexual assault and juvenile crime, backgrounds investigator, personnel and training. In the rank of captain, Torres served as the commander overseeing the K-9 Program, Hostage Negotiations Team, Honor Guard, Professional Standards & Training and Patrol Division.

“Captain Torres’ two decades of community-building and law enforcement experience in our city were key factors in my choice to appoint him to this acting position,” said Robustelli. “Captain Torres’ vision for the department is inspiring. He is fully aware that the police department must grow and adapt to the current societal environment by continuing to build community trust, work with scarce resources, and implement new approaches to complex situations.”

In response to his appointment, Torres added, “I am excited and honored for the opportunity to continue moving this department forward -- one where we focus on community-based and data driven policing best practices. I look forward to working with the women and men of the San Leandro Police Department in the ongoing work of bridging the gap between law enforcement and the community. I am also actively listening. It is my mission to ensure that our personnel from every



corner of the agency serve those who live, work, and visit San Leandro with dignity, respect, and integrity.”

Torres received a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice from Chapman University and a Master of Science in Law Enforcement and Public Safety Leadership from the University of San Diego. He has also received leadership training from the POST Supervisory Leadership Institute, the Police Executive Research Forum’s Senior Management Institute for Police, and the California Police Chief’s Executive Leadership Institute from the Drucker School at Claremont Graduate University.

City officials said the process for determining the permanent Police Chief is now underway and that Torres’ service in this acting assignment is expected to continue until the next chief is selected.

Governor Swears in Dr. Shirley Weber as California Secretary of State



SUBMITTED BY GOVERNOR’S PRESS OFFICE

Governor Gavin Newsom swore in San Diego Assemblymember and Chair of the California Legislative Black Caucus Dr. Shirley N. Weber as California Secretary of State on January 29. Dr. Weber is the first-ever African American to serve as Secretary of State in California history.

First elected to the California State Assembly in 2012, Dr. Weber has been a voice of moral clarity in the Legislature, providing leadership on issues of social justice. She authored the California Act to Save Lives, landmark legislation signed by Governor Newsom in 2019 setting new, higher standards on the use of deadly force by police. Her ambitious legislative agenda has also included bills on education, civil rights, public safety, food insecurity, protections for persons with disabilities and voting rights. She previously served as President of the San Diego Board of Education and as an Africana Studies Department professor at San Diego State University for 40 years.

Samsung promises new phones will deliver more for less money

BY MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER

Samsung's next crop of smartphones will boast bigger screens, better cameras, and longer-lasting batteries at lower prices than last year's lineup that came out just before the pandemic toppled the economy.

The three Galaxy S21 phones unveiled Thursday at a virtual event will face some of the same challenges in an economy still hobbled by a crisis that has left millions of people unemployed and forced millions of others to do their jobs or attend school from their homes.

But this time Samsung has made some pricing adjustments that reflect the hard times.

All three phones will be less expensive than last year's comparable models, with the reductions ranging from 7% to 20%. Part of the price drops stems from the falling cost for making devices compatible with faster 5G wireless networks, but Samsung also is trying to make its devices more affordable to consumers struggling to make ends meet, said Drew Blackard, the

South Korean company's vice president of product management.

“We are always looking at what is happening in the market and try to be responsive of that,” Blackard said.

Apple also has been offering cheaper versions of the iPhones in recent years, a trend that was amplified last year with the April release of a model selling for \$400 and another scaled-down device released last fall that sells for \$700 compared to \$1,100 for its latest top-of-the-line model.

Samsung quickly learned about how the pandemic might reshape the smartphone market when last year's Galaxy S20 models hit the stores in the U.S. last March just as lockdowns were shutting down wide swaths of the economy and unemployment rates were soaring to their highest levels since the Great Depression nearly a century ago.

The downturn curtailed demand for the Galaxy S20 lineup, contributing to a 29% drop from the previous year in Samsung's smartphone shipments for the April-June period, according to the research firm International Data Corp.

The plunge temporarily knocked Samsung from its perch as the world's leading seller of smartphones, but the company reclaimed the mantle from China's Huawei after its shipments rebounded during the July-September period.

But the slump prompted Samsung to release a lower cost phone, called the Galaxy S20 FE, in October that wasn't in the company's original plans last year, Blackard said. That model sold for \$700, down from the \$1,000 price that Samsung had set for its lower-priced standard Galaxy S20.

In this year's lineup, the standard Galaxy S21 phone will start at \$800, a 20% markdown from last year's comparable model. The latest Galaxy fine will feature a new design for the camera modules, with more photography options, increased privacy controls and a battery that Samsung promises will last at least a day before it needs to be recharged.

The two other phones have slightly bigger screens in addition to a few other bells and whistles not offered on the basic model. The Galaxy S21 Plus will sell for

\$1,000, a 17% reduction from last year's comparable model while the Galaxy S21 Ultra will sell for \$1,300, down by \$100 from last year's comparable model.

And the Ultra model will become the first Galaxy S phone capable of working with a Samsung pen that will be sold separately to allow users to digitally draw on the display the screen. Previously, Samsung has only designed the pen for its Galaxy Note models that are aimed for buyers who use those devices primarily for getting work done rather than for entertainment and leisure. The standard S Pen costs \$40.

Samsung also announced it is teaming up with Audi, BMW, Ford and Genesis to enable the Galaxy S 21 phones to be used as digital keys that can unlock vehicles made by those automakers. That is something Apple already started to do last with on a more limited basis with BMW.

Samsung didn't specify when the digital car key feature on its new phones will be enabled.

All three phones will be available in stores Jan. 29, although they can be preordered beginning Thursday.

California to impose statewide rules for winery wastewater

AP WIRE SERVICE

California will impose statewide guidelines for how wineries dispose of wastewater, ditching a long-held regional approach, according to a newspaper report Saturday.

The new order was finalized this week by the State Water Resources Control Board, the Santa Rosa Press Democrat reported.

It will bring about half of the state's 3,600 bonded wineries into a uniform regulatory framework for the first time, the newspaper said.

The rules are meant to safeguard waterways and groundwater from harmful contaminants, including excess nitrogen, salinity and other compounds that deplete oxygen levels.

Industry leaders backed the move even though it could

increase compliance costs for some winemakers, according to the newspaper.

The order ramps up reporting requirements and caps the amount of processed water wineries can dispose of through land application and subsurface disposal. It specifies requirements for water treatment systems and ponds and requires extensive groundwater monitoring for the state's largest wineries.

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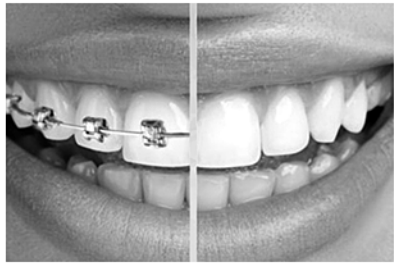
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Philanthropy

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Kid Scoop regularly features topics related to money and financial literacy. Financial literacy means knowing how to spend, invest and save your money carefully. It also includes donating your time and treasure to make your community a better place. This is called philanthropy.

Read the article about a six-year old girl who became a philanthropist and helped her local zoo!

COVID Project: Save a Zoo!

In March of 2020, California's Oakland Zoo had to close its gates to _____ because of the coronavirus. By July, the zoo was still closed and it was in trouble.

A Castro Valley six-year-old named Andy learned that the Oakland Zoo was running out of _____ and might have to shut its doors forever. It made Andy sad, but it also made her think. An idea came to her.

How a little girl raised big bucks to help save her favorite zoo.

"My brain just told it to me," said Andy. "I thought I could make and give bead bracelets to people who _____ \$25 or more. My goal was to raise \$200."

Andy and her mother, Kelly, sent messages to friends and family who quickly donated and asked for bracelets.

Big Idea Gets Bigger

Their friends and family did more than donate. They _____ Andy's project information to their friends and families. Those people sent the message to their friends and families. And so on, and so on until more than 4,000 people sent in donations.

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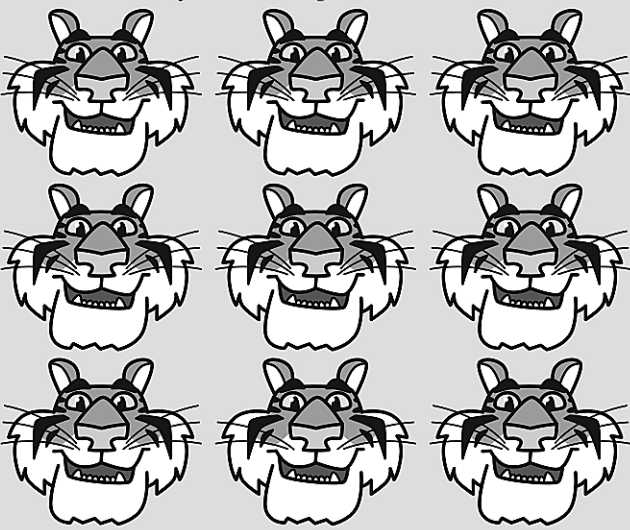
A Letter is a Gift

Look through the newspaper for people who are working hard to care for others in your community. Write a letter to the editor thanking them.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple, written directions.

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Can you find the tiger that's different?



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

FROM THE Kid Scoop® LESSON LIBRARY

Find a Philanthropist

Look through the newspaper for three people who help others. Cut out and glue the articles onto a piece of paper. Under each, write what they gave and tell whether it was time, talent, treasure or more.

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



Why did the clown donate his piggy bank to charity?

ANSWER: It was a nice Jester.

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Kid Scoop Together: I'm a Philanthropist!

Are there ways you can help in your community? Work with a family member to complete the following:

My Time

I have time during the week when I could do something kind for another person or help out the community. Check the boxes to show when you might have time to help.

- ☐ Recess
- ☐ Before School
- ☐ After School
- ☐ Saturday Mornings
- ☐ Saturday Afternoons
- ☐ Sunday Mornings
- ☐ Sunday Afternoons

My Talent

What is your talent? Can you play a musical instrument? Can you sing or dance? Paint? Do you enjoy talking to people? There are many kinds of talents that help others. Make a list of your talents.

My Treasure

Treasure isn't only money. You might have some toys, books or clothing you have that are in good condition and that you don't want anymore. Someone else may really treasure those! Make a list of items that you can donate.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: TALENT

The noun **talent** means a natural skill or ability.

Vivien showed her **talent** for watercolor painting by creating a portrait of the teacher.

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

Write On!

Start a New Business

If you could start a business, what would it be? How do you know if people need what your business offers? Explain why you would start this business.

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LUNAR NEW YEAR

Below is a guide to all 12 animals. But consider carefully: If your birthday is in January, it may fall before the Lunar New Year. In that case, your zodiac sign is the animal for the previous calendar year. (For example, 2021 babies born before February 12 are Rats rather than Oxen.)

Rat

1936, 48, 60, 72, 84, 96, 2008, 2020

Hardworking. Rats are very creative, sociable people who have a flair and charm. They're also hard workers, and – out of all the signs – have the best chance of being wealthy and professionally successful. Most compatible with: Dragon, Rabbit, Ox. Avoid: Goat, Horse, Rooster.

Ox

1925, 37, 49, 61, 73, 85, 97, 2009

Dependable. If you're an ox, then your friends, family, and co-workers are probably very, very grateful for you. You're the dependable one, and you're known for your honesty and patience. The Ox will pursue their goals with great determination, and won't be deterred. Most compatible with: Rat, Snake, Rooster. Avoid: Dragon, Horse, Goat, Dog.

Tiger

1926, 38, 50, 62, 74, 86, 98, 2010

Passionate. Tigers are the most passionate and confident of the bunch. They have a strong spirit, love a good challenge, and are natural born leaders. They're also endlessly ambitious and very trustworthy. Most compatible with: Horse, Dog. Avoid: Snake, Monkey.

Rabbit

1927, 39, 51, 63, 75, 87, 99, 2011

Sensitive. If you're looking for someone who is sensitive and empathetic, look no further than the Rabbit. The Rabbit is a kind soul who dislikes conflict and values strong bonds with family and friends. Most compatible with: Goat, Dog, Rat, Pig. Avoid: Ox, Dragon, Rooster, Horse.

Dragon

1928, 40, 52, 64, 76, 88, 2000, 2012

Powerful. Unsurprisingly, Dragons are fierce leaders who are chock full of adventure, knowledge, and power. They're filled with energy, and they've got plenty of charm and glamour to boot. Most Compatible with: Tiger, Snake, Rat. Avoid: Ox, Rabbit, Dog.

Snake

1929, 41, 53, 65, 77, 89, 2001, 2013

Wise. Snakes are known for their immense wisdom. They're very intuitive people, great thinkers, and fight hard to achieve their goals. They seek security, and will smooth over conflicts before they start. Most Compatible with: Ox, Rooster. Avoid: Tiger, Pig.

Horse

1930, 42, 54, 66, 78, 90, 2002, 2014

Optimistic. You can count on Horses to bring on the cheer. They're known for being eternally optimistic with a romantic streak. Horses are also very independent and fight hard against injustice. Most compatible: Tiger, Goat, Dog. Avoid: Rat, Ox, Rabbit, Horse.

Goat

1931, 43, 55, 67, 79, 91, 2003, 2015

Creative. Goats are creative, smart, and dependable. They are nurturing, calm individuals who enjoy socializing in groups but don't like being the center of attention. Most compatible with: Rabbit, Horse, Pig. Avoid: Rat, Ox, Dog.

Monkey

1932, 44, 56, 68, 80, 92, 2004, 2016

Curious. Monkeys bring the spunk and the smarts. This zodiac sign represents curiosity, bravery, and positivity. Monkeys are also extremely intelligent and very popular with their peers. Most compatible with: Rat, Dragon. Avoid: Tiger, Snake, Pig.

Rooster

1921, 33, 45, 57, 69, 81, 93, 2005, 2017

Honest. Roosters are blunt—but not because they're trying to be mean. This group just wants to be honest. They're known for enjoying the spotlight, having a ton of confidence, and being extremely loyal. Most compatible with: Ox, Dragon, Snake. Avoid: Rabbit, Dog.

Dog

1934, 46, 58, 70, 82, 94, 2006, 2018

Loyal. Much like their animal counterparts, Dogs are loyal and easy-going. This zodiac sign is cautious, kind, and will do just about anything to help their loved ones. Most compatible with: Tiger, Rabbit. Avoid: Ox, Dragon, Goat, Rooster.

Pig

1935, 47, 59, 71, 83, 95, 2007, 2019

Kind. Pigs are the kindest of the bunch. They're warm-hearted, tolerant, individuals who have lots of friends. They get along very well with others and are happy to share what they have. Most compatible with: Goat or Rabbit. Avoid: Snake, Monkey.

Earth Day Poster and Writing Contest

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF HAYWARD

The City of Hayward is now accepting environmentally-themed works of art from K-12 grade students as a part of its annual Earth Day Poster & Writing Contest. Interested participants can submit an original poster, poem, or essay about Earth Day for the chance to win up to \$200 in gift cards.

The contest gives students an opportunity to express their unique views on water and energy conservation, renewable energy, active transportation, sustainable food, recycling and composting, a litter-free environment, and environmental justice.

Two winners for poster entries and two winners for poem/essay entries will be selected from each grade category. The grade categories are: K-1st Grade, 2nd-3rd Grade, 4th-5th Grade, 6th-8th Grade, and 9th-12th

Grade. Entries will be judged on originality, clarity, and expression of theme. In each category, first place winners will receive a \$200 gift card and second place winners will receive a \$150 gift card. Teachers of the winning students will also receive gift cards. Students who submit winning entries will be invited to attend a virtual City Council meeting in April to receive their prize and a certificate of achievement from Mayor Barbara Halliday.

Poster & Writing Contest submissions are due Friday, March 19. To qualify, all entries must follow the Contest rules, which can be found at www.hayward-ca.gov/your-environment/get-involved/earth-day-events/poster-and-writing-contest.

**Earth Day Poster and Writing Contest
For Hayward students K-12th grade
Deadline: Friday, Mar 19**

Ohlone College Virtual In-Person Services

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF FREMONT HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Ohlone College has suspended all in-person services. Instead, they now offer Virtual In-Person (VIP) Student Services. Meeting with your VIP team will be easy. First you enter the VIP lobby via Zoom where one of our receptionists will greet you and find out what room to direct you to. Next, they will assign you to a breakout room to get the services you need. To enter the VIP Services room, visit <https://www.ohlone.edu/rtc/students>.

Virtual In-Person Student Services

Monday – Thursday

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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Memorial honors lives lost

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF HAYWARD

The City of Hayward will honor the 149 lives lost to COVID-19 in Hayward during the first year of the pandemic with a display of 149 American flags and a special lighting installation starting at sundown Monday, January 25.

The Hayward City Hall rotunda has been wrapped in the flags for the memorial, and the building was bathed in amber light with the message “We Remember” projected for 149 hours beginning at 5:21 p.m. that night.

It was on Jan. 24, 2020, that a City of Santa Clara resident returned to the country from Wuhan, China, and a week later became the first person in the Bay Area to test positive for the then- new coronavirus. The first recorded COVID-19 death in the U.S. occurred 13 days later in Santa Clara County on Feb. 6, 2020.

On March 11, 2020, City Manager Kelly McAdoo

declared a local emergency freeing up resources, providing for greater operational flexibility and putting Hayward municipal government on an emergency footing in response to the virus.

As the City of Hayward honors lives lost to COVID-19, it continues to provide no-fee COVID-19 testing from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at Skywest Golf Course, 1401 Golf Course Road, and weekly no-contact food distribution from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until supplies run out every Thursday at Chabot College, Parking Lot J, 25555 Hesperian Blvd.

To learn more about City initiatives and programs to support and sustain the Hayward community during the pandemic, go online to the COVID-19 Resource Portal on the City of Hayward website.

<https://www.hayward-ca.gov/>

Park It

BY NED MACKAY

A gentle reminder: Castle Rock formation overlooking Diablo Foothills Regional Park near Walnut Creek is closed to public access from now through July 31 to allow peregrine falcons to nest in peace.

The rocks are in Mt. Diablo State Park, but visitors usually access them from the Stage Road Trail in Diablo Foothills. Signs are posted at several access points advising of the closure. In general, the boundary line is Pine Creek.

Peregrine falcons are remarkable birds. About the size of crows, they prey mostly on smaller birds but also on mammals including rodents and bats. They are capable of diving at speeds of more than 200 miles per hour, which makes them the world's fastest animal.

Peregrines are no longer on the federal endangered species list; however, in California they are still fully protected under the state's Fish & Game Code. It is vital to leave them alone during the nesting season, which runs from February 1 to July 31. If disturbed, they can fail to mate or abandon their nests.

An all-volunteer natural history education team keeps watch on the peregrines at Castle Rock during the mating season. In 2020, two pairs of nesting peregrines were seen in the rocks. However, neither pair ever settled into incubation, so no chicks were hatched. Usually there is just one nesting pair up in the rocks; the presence of two may have been distracting. Peregrines are very territorial.

So please do not venture up into the rocks during the peregrines' mating season. Everyone's cooperation is appreciated. Trespassers can be cited, and the fine is expensive.

Few regional parks and facilities still remain closed due to COVID-19-related restrictions. The main examples are Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont, Regional Parks Botanic Garden in Tilden Regional Park near Berkeley, and all visitor centers.

Other parklands can be closed due to adverse weather conditions such as high winds.

To check on park status before heading out, go to the park district website, www.ebparks.org. At the top of the home page, click on “COVID-19 Closures.” Farther down the page, you can put the cursor on “Parks & Trails,” then click on “Park & Trail Closures.”

Also, on the “Parks & Trails” menu is a “Report Incident” option, where you can report non-emergency situations, hazardous trail conditions, etc. For emergencies or park rule violations, call the park district public safety department dispatchers at (510) 881-1121.

The park district is in the process of planning public access for 3.89 acres of new parkland at Robert W. Crown Memorial State Beach in Alameda, next to Crab Cove Visitor Center. The “McKay Master Plan” also includes street improvements along McKay Avenue for better traffic circulation and proposed new recreational facilities.

You can find out more about the project and take an online survey to offer your input on the plan at www.ebparks.org/McKayMasterPlan.



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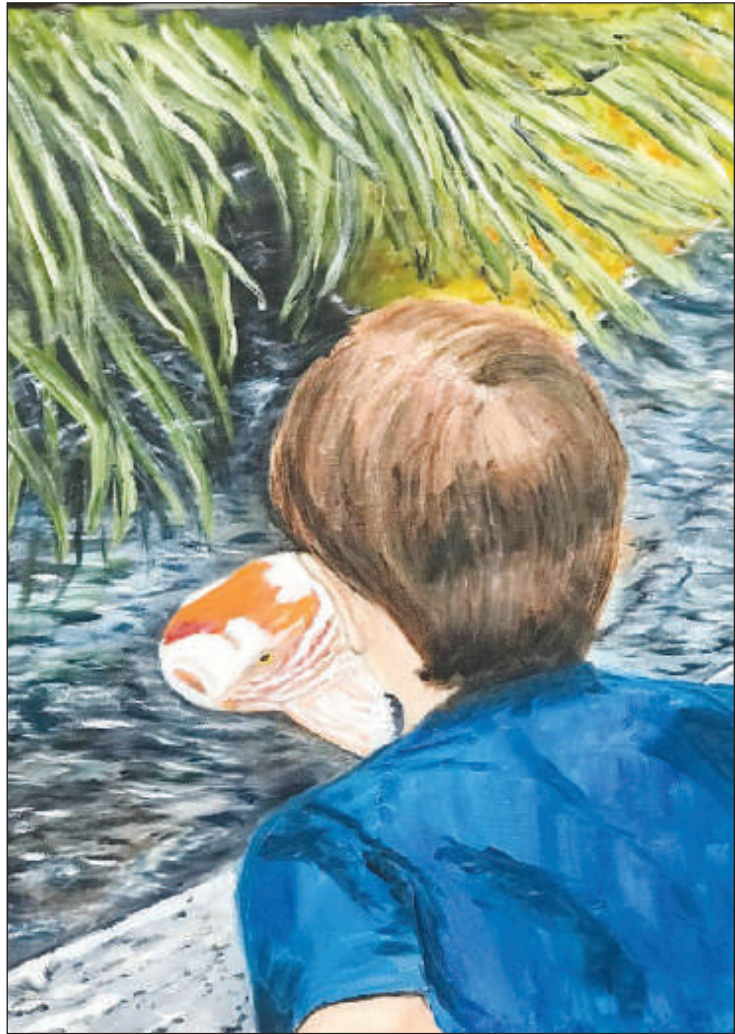
Magical Moments

virtual reception

SUBMITTED BY TEGAN MCLANE

The City of Milpitas is proud to announce its first ever virtual Phantom Art Gallery show, “Magical Moments,” featuring works by members of the Golden Hills Art Association. The exhibit includes more than 30 pieces, by 14 different artists.

A long-standing champion of the arts in Milpitas, Golden Hills Art Association prides itself on being a friendly group of local artists of all



ages dedicated to developing their skills and knowledge of art. The group has hosted regular monthly meetings at the Milpitas Police Station and presented an annual exhibit at the Milpitas Library for many years. The COVID-19 pandemic forced the group to cancel its Spring 2020 exhibit and in person gatherings, but we hope this virtual exhibit will give you an opportunity to enjoy their work and meet the artists featured.

The public is invited to join the artists for a virtual reception via Zoom on Saturday, February 13, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. View the gallery at www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/milpitas/departments/recreation-services/virtual-community-center/pag-ghaa-2021/#1609970413719-5d05e180-9d53

Magical Moments virtual reception
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Home & Garden

Defining garden structures

By DANIEL O'DONNELL

“When I see a bird that walks like a duck and swims like a duck and quacks like a duck, I call that bird a duck,” written by the poet James Whitcomb Riley, makes sense on an observational level. However, take for example the American coot that is seen locally, including at Lake Elizabeth in Fremont and Lakeshore park in Newark. They swim like ducks but when on land, walk more like a chicken than a waddling duck. These birds are more closely related to cranes than they are to ducks. There are many other animals and things that might look similar but are classified quite separately. Garden structures are one of these things.

The use of garden structures can be found as far back as in ancient Egypt, Greece, Rome, Persia, and China. These structures were used in antiquity for fruiting and medicinal plants. Today, garden structures perform several other jobs. They make attractive focal points and can provide infrastructure for hanging lights and lanterns in addition to supporting plants. The walls or posts can also be decorated with garden art or curtains to bring additional color to the garden and provide a barrier from the wind. Larger beams and posts can support bench swings and hammocks.

A handful of outdoor structures that are commonly seen in gardens throughout

the Bay Area are arbors, ramadas, pergolas, patio covers, and gazebos. Although these structures are used interchangeably, each has different features that warrant distinct names. Below are the distinguishing characteristics of common garden structures.

Arbor

Arbors are freestanding structures that support climbing plants and/or serve as walkways. They are constructed with two or four posts, have lateral supports or lattice on two of the sides, and commonly have arched roofs. They can be placed in the landscape or over gates and pathways. They are primarily decorative but can provide shade for one-to-two-person seating areas.

Pergola

Pergolas are larger freestanding structures that typically have four or more posts, open sides, and a flat roof made of equally spaced rafters with nothing covering the spaces between them. They may be used to cover a long walkway, or provide filtered shade over outdoor living spaces, BBQ pits, or next to swimming pools.

Patio Cover

Patio covers are outdoor structures over a patio that work as extensions to the home. Typically, one or sometimes two sides are connected to the roof or wall(s) of a home with posts supporting the nonattached sides. The roofs are usually solid, and

the posts are not generally used as support structures for climbing plants.

Gazebo

Gazebos are freestanding hexagonal or octagonal structures with open sides and solid pitched roofs. They can be placed close to the house to provide shade and shelter from the rain, or far out into the garden to create a quiet retreat. Gazebos can be placed directly on a lawn, a mulched or gravel surface, on a concrete pad, or on their own decking.

Pavilion or Ramada

Ramadas or Pavilions are freestanding structures with open sides much like pergolas, except that they have closed roofs and are usually constructed with housing materials. Pavilions



can accommodate more outdoor luxuries such as outdoor kitchens, sectional couches, and even televisions for outdoor viewing since they have solid roofs.

Greenhouse

Greenhouses are freestanding structures with walls and a roof made from glass or another transparent material. They are ideal for growing out-of-season fruits and vegetables or

subtropical and tropical plants. They differ from conservatories, which are not garden structures, but rather glass extensions to a house. Greenhouses are primarily utilitarian and not for hosting parties but can look attractive from the outside.

Garden Shed

Garden sheds are no longer rickety unappealing structures that get hidden in the far corner of the yard or on the side of the

house. Today there are numerous attractive design choices that include windows, French doors, attractive sidings, and different architectural styles. There are interior options that can elevate them to more than just a room for storing gardening tools. Potting tables, plant stands, sinks with running water, and electrical fixtures and lights are all commonplace in these charming garden suites.

Garden structures can enhance the look of a garden and perform a valuable function. It is important to understand what each structure has to offer when choosing the right one. Just as an American coot might look like a duck and act like a duck but still is not a duck, it is important to remember that some garden structures might look and act like each other but are not the same.

Daniel O'Donnell is the co-owner and operator of an organic landscape design/build company in Fremont. www.Chrysalis-Gardens.com



THE ACWD CONNECTION

Steps to Safely Return Water Service to Your Business

As businesses and facilities re-open following the updated Shelter-in-Place Order, a few measures should be taken to ensure water quality. Following flushing protocols prior to re-opening is recommended as quality can be impacted when water remains stagnant in vacant buildings. Follow the steps below or visit www.acwd.org/COVID19 for more detail. Flushing instructions may vary by structure.



1

Remove or bypass devices like point-of-entry treatment units prior to flushing. Set aside.



2

Take steps to prevent backflow or the siphoning of contaminants into plumbing.



3

Organize flushing to maximize the flow of water.



4

Run enough water through all outlets.



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Flush the cold water lines first, and then the hot water lines.



6

Replace all point-of-use filters, including the filter in refrigerators. Clean and re-install or replace aerator screens.



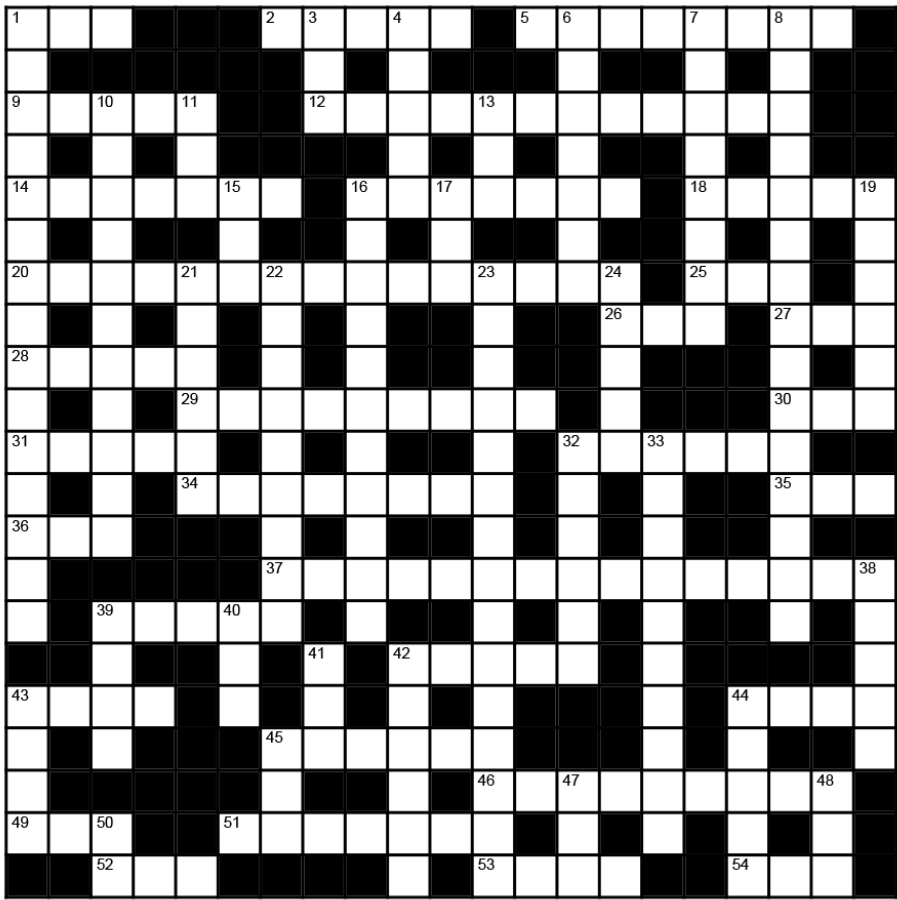
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Mind Twisters

Crossword Puzzle



- Across
- 1 Band aid (3)

2 Enlighten (5)

5 Not many (3,2,3)

9 Safari sight (5)

12 End of the advice (4,4,4)

14 Grind (3,4)

16 Diary (7)

18 Flip-flop (5)

20 High school subject (8,7)

25 CPR expert (3)

26 A abroad (3)

27 Iranian city (3)

28 Extended operatic solo (5)

29 Chump (9)

30 Some M.I.T. grads (3)

31 Archaeological find (5)

32 Wild things (6)

34 Took care of (8)

35 Burden (3)

36 U.S.P.S. delivery (3)

37 Not extreme (15)

39 Chain of hills (5)

42 Jazz genre (5)

43 Digging, so to speak (4)

44 Author Silverstein (4)

45 Evict (6)

46 One-eighty (9)

49 Order between "ready" and "fire" (3)

51 Eliminate (4,3)

52 "That means ____!" (3)

53 Dagger handle (4)

54 Mil. award (3)

Down

1 Meteorological phenomenon (6,9)

3 ____ Jones (3)

4 String bean's opposite (5)

6 Foul (3,4)

7 First Nobel in Physics (8)

8 "Of course" (7,8)

10 Occupying last place (2,3,6)

11 Commercial suffix with Rock (3)

13 Sticker (3)

15 Toronto media inits. (3)

16 Speaker of the quote (4,7)

17 German pronoun (3)

19 Garden decorations (6)

21 Lake ____, source of the Mississippi (6)

22 Then (2,3,4)

23 "Relax!" (4,1,4,6)

24 Buttinsky (5)

32 Strengthen (4-2)

33 Hawaii (5,5)

38 Singer Reese (5)

39 Buzzi of "Laugh-In" (4)

40 "Holy cow!" (3)

41 Away (3)

42 Scams (6)

43 Intestinal parts (4)

44 Composed (5)

45 "Later" (3)

47 Buffoon (3)

48 Teacher's deg. (3)

50 ... (2)
- ## Sudoku:
- Fill in the missing numbers (1 – 9 inclusive) so each row, column and 3x3 box contains all digits.
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- ## Tri-City Stargazer FOR WEEK: FEBRUARY 2, 2021
- All Signs: It is the end of January 2021. As we sail into this new year, with a sense of uncertainty, let us recap where we have come from and where we are headed.
- Once you get a sense of the big picture, you can start to narrow things down to make daily decisions.
- Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20):** When you look over your shoulder, you see that after giving up a lot in the mid-90s, you began to reinvent yourself. Around 2003, you started to put down roots, and by 2008 you were busting your buns for several years to show the world what you could do. By 2018, your success was shining, and cherished dreams came true! Now you need to balance working for others with working for yourself. In about two years, you will start downsizing because by 2026 it will be a new world!
- Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20):** This month you are coming on like gangbusters because fiery Mars is in your sign giving you energy to take charge and get things done. From 1999 to 2005, you redefined who you were in the world. By 2010, you worked hard, and by 2012 you received recognition for your efforts. Relationships were strained from 2012 to 2015; hence, many of you had to get along with less during 2015 to 2018. But you survived. Now is your time of harvest. Expect promotions, accolades, and admiration this year, followed by increased popularity in 2022.
- Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20):** Around the turn of the century, you gave up people, places, and possessions. This set you off on a new journey around 2001. Between 2005-2008, job changes and residential moves kept you hopping. You were busting your buns from 2012 to 2015 to prove your worth. Therefore, 2015 to 2016 was an
- eventful time. Now you need to get performance ready for 2023. This is when you will shine! Prepare for this time by taking courses. Learn new technology.
- Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21):** If you look back, you can see that you virtually reinvented yourself from 2003 to 2010. Since 2018, partnerships have been challenging. Many of you have ended relationships; hence, you are forced to get along with less this year. Fear not, as you learn to stand on your own two feet, you are becoming more independent. This is important because in 2023, you will enter a two-year window where you will prepare yourself for your time of harvest, which will be in 2026.
- Leo the Lion (July 22-August 22):** After giving up much between 2003 and 2005, you entered a new world where you slowly created a new identity by 2012. Since then, despite personal detours and decisions, you worked hard to reach this year. This year you will get recognition for what you have been doing for the past eight years and longer. Personal relationships will be challenging in the next two years. By 2026, you will begin to polish your skills and abilities to get ready to enter your time of harvest.
- Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22):** Ever since 2004-2005, you have undergone change. Initially, you gave up much before entering a new world around 2008. By 2010-2011, job changes and
- residential moves kept you on your toes. By 2015, you wanted security for your home base. In the last few years, you keep asking yourself what you want to be when you grow up, no matter what your age is. Now you are in a window of about two years of hard work. Suck it up and get on with it because your pay off will arrive in 2023.
- Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22):** In 2004-2006, you were admired. You had responsibilities but you saw what was working and what was not. Around 2008, you began to dismantle much of what you had created since 1996, which led to changing your public persona around 2010-2011. This year, you want to play and have fun. Nevertheless, you will enjoy yourself because in 2022, you have marvelous chances to improve your job or get a better job. You will work hard to gain the recognition that comes your way in 2026.
- Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21):** In 2005, you took your power. You saw what needed to be done and you had the courage to act. However, that was related to your external identity in the world. This year, you are grappling more with private, inner issues. You want to secure your home base. Therefore, many of you will do major repairs to where you live or perhaps contemplate a move. Next year promises vacation delights, which might be doable! By 2023, look forward to a better job and better health.
- Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21):** Between 2012 and 2015, your life was a roller coaster. Changing jobs and changing residences created adventure, which is something you like. Now, you are in a two-year window when changing jobs and changing residences are likely. You are optimistic this year, which means you will attract something positive to you. Around 2023, your real estate scene will improve. Your family life will be happier as well! Small wonder that vacations, romance, and fun times beckon to you in 2026.
- Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19):** In many ways, this is a positive year for you because most of you will increase your assets and get richer. (If you are born late in your sign, after January 13, this benefit will come to you in 2022.) This year, you will give a lot of thought to how you want to earn your money. This could lead to a change of residence or a change of jobs between 2023 and 2026. In 2023-2024, you have a marvelous chance to improve where you live or make money through real estate.
- Aquarius the Water Bearer (January 20-February 18):** So much is happening for you for this year because both Saturn and Jupiter are in your sign. In fact, Mercury and Venus are also in your sign right now, which means Mercury is retrograde in your sign. (Expect silly errors, mixed-up
- communications, delays, technological glitches, and transportation breakdowns. Plus, all kinds of people from your past popping up out of the woodwork.) You have survived your life since 2018 when you have been going through the dark night of the soul. That is over. Now you are lucky to have the divine blessing of Jupiter in your sign. In 2022, you will make more money.
- Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20):** Since 2008, you have been more concerned with your external goals in life. In fact, around 2015-2016, many things came to a culmination, which made you proud of your achievements. This year, you are entering a time when your spiritual development will become enriched. You are also casting an eye about you to get rid of what is no longer relevant in your world. Lighten your load so that next year, when lucky Jupiter enters your sign you can make the best of this blessing. And in 2023, you will get richer.
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CASTRO VALLEY TOTAL SALES: 13							
Highest \$: 1,620,000		Median \$: 995,000					
Lowest \$: 500,000		Average \$: 1,094,269					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD	FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
18471 Apricot Way #18475	94546	500000	0	3584	1940	11/2/20	
19495 Yuma Street	94546	765000	3	1203	1958	10/28/20	
19544 Santa Maria Ave	94546	919000	3	1519	1945	10/27/20	
4874 Crow Canyon Rd	94552	935000	3	1578	1950	10/27/20	
4373 James Avenue	94546	950000	3	1832	1948	10/28/20	
18926 Patton Drive	94546	950000	3	1088	1949	11/2/20	
3487 Arcadian Drive	94546	995000	3	1823	1956	10/30/20	
20010 Shadow Creek Cir	94552	1020000	4	2130	1998	10/30/20	
19955 Fern Way	94546	1225000	4	1924	1947	10/29/20	
6318 Boone Drive	94552	1400000	3	3058	1987	10/30/20	
5745 Greenridge Road	94552	1400000	4	1834	1960	11/2/20	
4626 Ewing Road	94546	1546500	5	4773	1963	11/2/20	
5664 Greenridge Road	94552	1620000	4	1842	1960	10/30/20	

FREMONT TOTAL SALES: 31							
Highest \$: 1,751,000		Median \$: 1,060,000					
Lowest \$: 355,000		Average \$: 1,072,581					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD	FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
3663 Oakwood Terr #212	94536	355000	1	714	1984	10/29/20	
5658 Poplar Comm	94538	530000	2	945	1970	10/30/20	
3322 Owen Comm	94536	565000	2	900	1971	10/29/20	
4114 Murray Comm #52	94538	695000	3	1389	1980	10/30/20	
42633 Newport Drive	94538	790000	3	1000	1958	11/2/20	
4379 Westerly Comm	94538	850000	3	1292	2007	10/27/20	
4303 Cahill Street	94538	875000	3	1201	1955	10/30/20	
4543 Alhambra Drive	94536	875000	3	1632	1957	11/2/20	
4463 Hyde Comm #109	94538	886500	3	1540	2009	10/29/20	
42890 Via Oporto	94539	890000	3	1188	1971	10/29/20	
34321 Gadwall Comm	94555	920000	2	1554	1981	11/2/20	
3768 Capitol Ave #309b	94538	968000	0	0	010	29/20	
3658 Capitol Ave #503a	94538	980000	0	0	010	27/20	
32575 Lake Bridgeport St	94555	990000	3	1180	1976	10/30/20	
3888 Invent Terr #400	94538	1025000	0	0	010	30/20	
40109 Paseo Padre Pkwy	94538	1060000	3	1217	1960	10/29/20	
4966 Cappy Terrace	94555	1062500	2	961	1987	10/29/20	
5079 Royal Palm Dr	94538	1098000	3	1620	1964	11/2/20	
39193 State Street	94538	1150000	0	0	010	30/20	
32431 Lake Ree Street	94555	1170000	4	1496	1975	10/27/20	
34712 Teal Common	94555	1195000	4	1863	1988	10/27/20	
3751 Ruskin Place	94536	1215000	4	1503	1976	10/27/20	
4237 Jacinto Drive	94536	1236000	3	1484	1965	11/2/20	
35673 Embassy Comm	94536	1315000	4	2032	2010	10/27/20	
41084 Corriea Court	94539	1360000	4	1647	1972	10/28/20	
34341 Maybird Circle	94555	1400000	3	1812	1990	11/2/20	
2804 Dominici Drive	94536	1410000	3	1671	1986	10/30/20	
3337 Washington Blvd	94539	1430000	3	1758	1985	11/2/20	
808 San Carlos Court	94539	1583000	4	2115	1967	10/30/20	
43628 Skye Road	94539	1620000	4	2071	1988	10/29/20	
502 Enos Street	94539	1751000	4	2172	2005	11/2/20	

HAYWARD TOTAL SALES: 25							
Highest \$: 1,250,000		Median \$: 700,000					
Lowest \$: 300,000		Average \$: 705,720					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD	FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
228 Goodwin Street	94544	300000	3	1086	1952	10/30/20	
25938 Kay Avenue #322	94545	407000	1	840	1989	10/30/20	
22758 Inyo Street	94541	480000	2	900	1940	10/30/20	
24446 Pontiac Street	94544	535000	3	1039	1950	10/30/20	
1124 D Street	94541	560000	3	1257	2005	11/2/20	
24928 Joyce Street	94544	575000	3	960	1952	10/27/20	
2860 Berta Drive	94541	630000	2	1052	1947	10/28/20	
1839 Sally Creek Circle	94541	650000	0	1640	1979	10/27/20	
27746 Tampa Avenue	94544	650000	3	1000	1954	10/28/20	
24675 Joanne Street	94544	675000	4	1407	1950	10/29/20	
1438 Linfield Lane	94545	680000	3	1285	1956	10/28/20	
22291 Victory Drive	94541	680000	2	1236	1943	11/2/20	
27917 Mandarin Avenue	94544	700000	3	1589	1954	10/30/20	
25096 Pleasant Way	94544	750000	2	896	1946	10/29/20	
1239 George Circle	94541	750000	3	1809	2013	11/2/20	
410 Revere Avenue	94544	760000	3	1586	1951	10/29/20	
32283 Amelia Avenue	94544	790000	3	1164	1955	11/2/20	
519 Teasdale Place	94544	790000	4	1580	1956	11/2/20	
24139 Zorro Court	94541	810000	4	1410	1951	10/30/20	
25370 Parklane Drive	94544	810000	0	0	0	11/2/20	
22797 Filbert Street	94541	825000	4	1716	2016	11/2/20	
613 Chevy Chase Way	94544	830000	3	1392	1958	11/2/20	
166 Montevina Way	94545	840000	3	1998	2010	11/2/20	
1654 Welford Circle	94544	916000	5	2230	2004	10/27/20	
2830 Tribune Avenue	94542	1250000	5	3360	2017	10/28/20	

MILPITAS TOTAL SALES: 12							
Highest \$: 1,880,000		Median \$: 1,260,000					
Lowest \$: 860,000		Average \$: 1,227,875					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD	FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
1860 Camphor Court	95035	860000	3	1215	1966	12/23/20	
166 Sagemeadow Ct	95035	940000	2	1280	1994	12/23/20	
441 Coelho Street	95035	982000	5	1634	1965	12/23/20	
316 Garcia Court	95035	1123500	3	1198	1964	12/22/20	
871 Pepper Place	95035	1190000	3	1726	2017	12/22/20	
359 Montague Expyx	95035	1255500	3	2411	2018	12/22/20	
355 Montague Expyx	95035	1264500	3	2411	2018	12/23/20	
363 Montague Expyx	95035	1273000	3	2411	2018	12/21/20	
365 Montague Expyx	95035	1303500	3	2688	2018	12/21/20	
353 Montague Expyx	95035	1312500	3	2688	2018	12/23/20	
1163 Hermina Street	95035	1350000	4	1773	1977	12/22/20	
2353 Glenview Drive	95035	1880000	4	2549	1991	12/21/20	

NEWARK TOTAL SALES: 19							
Highest \$: 1,582,500		Median \$: 960,000					
Lowest \$: 555,000		Average \$: 1,086,868					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD	FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
6198 Civic Terrace Ave #A	94560	555000	2	840	1986	10/28/20	
7136 George Avenue	94560	745000	3	1022	1948	10/29/20	
5374 Port Sailwood Dr	94560	810000	3	1498	1983	11/2/20	
38039 Geranium St	94560	850000	0	1063	1971	10/29/20	
38921 Lemongrass Way	94560	885000	2	1500	2017	11/2/20	
37393 Ezra Drive	94560	895000	3	1300	1992	10/29/20	
6169 Castillon Drive	94560	911000	3	1118	1959	10/27/20	
38757 Quince Place	94560	937500	4	1489	1976	11/2/20	
37613 Masts Cove Way	94560	960000	4	1829	2017	10/28/20	
36845 Hafner Street	94560	960000	4	1127	1954	10/30/20	
7321 Carter Avenue	94560	975000	3	2009	2000	10/27/20	
38940 Spicebush Place	94560	975000	3	1925	2016	10/27/20	
8548 Lookout Way	94560	1316500	4	2154	2017	10/27/20	
35230 Wycombe Place	94560	1328000	5	1963	1971	10/27/20	
36115 Fig Tree Lane	94560	1420000	4	2059	2017	10/27/20	
37584 Marsten Drive	94560	1437500	0	3636	2001	10/30/20	
35588 Cedar Boulevard	94560	1548000	0	0	010	30/20	
39783 Spadefoot	94560	1559500	0	0	010	30/20	
39771 Spadefoot	94560	1582500	0	0	0	11/2/20	

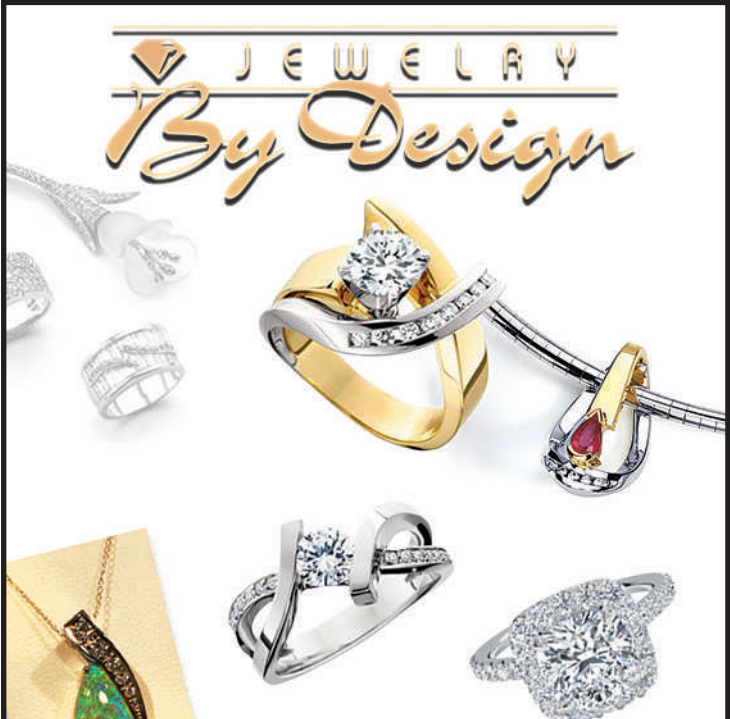
SAN LEANDRO TOTAL SALES: 17							
Highest \$: 1,060,000		Median \$: 770,000					
Lowest \$: 565,000		Average \$: 777,176					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD	FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
1567 Plaza Drive	94578	565000	1	839	1947	11/2/20	
762 Odonnell Avenue	94577	640000	3	1087	1951	10/28/20	
1743 152nd Avenue	94578	650000	3	1282	1946	11/2/20	
3851 Monterey Blvd	94578	681000	3	1096	1954	10/27/20	
14970 Western Avenue	94578	735000	3	1464	1946	11/2/20	
15057 Thoits Street	94579	750000	3	1114	1951	10/28/20	
1337 Dutton Avenue	94577	760000	3	1498	1939	10/27/20	
24 Dorchester Avenue	94577	765000	3	1451	1944	11/2/20	
580 Begier Avenue	94577	770000	4	2158	1932	11/2/20	
562 Mckinley Court	94577	775000	3	1904	1941	10/27/20	
16317 Ridgehaven Dr #1201	94578	780000	0	0	010	30/20	
1742 Dayton Avenue	94579	785000	3	1121	1954	10/30/20	
224 Bellevue Drive	94577	816000	3	1477	1927	10/27/20	
172 Pontiac Street	94577	850000	2	1259	1940	10/29/20	
1434 Kelly Avenue	94577	860000	4	1590	1942	10/27/20	
930 Kenyon Avenue	94577	970000	3	1775	1959	10/30/20	
1225 Sandelin Avenue	94577	1060000	4	2446	1950	10/27/20	

SAN LORENZO TOTAL SALES: 4							
Highest \$: 760,000		Median \$: 625,000					
Lowest \$: 540,000		Average \$: 637,500					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD	FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
15886 Wagner Street	94580	540000	3	1041	1951	10/29/20	
16059 Via Descanso	94580	550000	3	1000	1944	11/2/20	
1720 Via Barrett	94580	700000	3	1465	1956	10/29/20	
15888 Via Cordoba	94580	760000	3	1708	1951	11/2/20	

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Blind School box

Make public art that could be enjoyed without sight

With delays and Covid shutdowns, Nayak wasn't sure when she might be able to complete her most recent two boxes for the city - one for the Blind School and one near Walmart on Osgood Road. An email in May from boxART! program manager Susan Longini came as a blessing, as Nayak had lost her job teaching afterschool art classes. However, she wasn't able to start painting until after the August fires. Nayak

remembers, "When I started the box at Osgood, I had to clean it because it was all ashes on the box."

In particular, the Blind School box presented a challenge Nayak was eager to take on. She brainstormed how to make public art that could be enjoyed without sight. In addition to painting, Nayak loves to work with texture in 3D art, especially hand-worked media like paper mache, which gives a "nice, rough texture" different from smooth pottery made with a wheel.

Nayak decided on a simple design with raised edges that could be felt, and began to experiment with ingredients. "The first time when I tried it was on a dry wall at home. The paint that I used was sticking on it, so I thought, 'Ok this is going to work.' But when I did it on the box. Maybe because it was outside or because it was a metal surface, it didn't stay." The outline actually came off when pulled! "That scared me a lot," Nayak remembers.

In search of solutions, Nayak made a trip to University Art in Redwood City. Anything the staff suggested, she took on the chance it could work. Eventually she came up with a durable paste that stayed on the box. She was elated: "So I made paint and it actually worked! And I'm so happy that after trying so many things, something worked out. It is an achievement!"

Nayak began laying the paste on a light blue background – which confused some onlookers. "I remember when I was doing that white paste, people were so confused! Like, 'What is she... this dull blue color,

and there is this design with white on it? What is she doing?'" Then she added in colorful birds, dahlia and lotus flowers, and an additional accessible design element – large Braille dots.

Working with Elizabeth Hart, librarian for the California School for the blind, Nayak included uncontracted Braille for words like "birds" "flowers" and "creativity." Most Braille texts include some contractions (for example common words are shortened to a single letter), but using a one-to-one translation on the box helps people who aren't as familiar with Braille.

As someone who works with the blind, Hart pointed out several features that help make the box accessible. Simple outlines are easier to interpret than complex textures. A plaque with a guide to the words further helps people identify the designs. Finally, many who meet the definition of legally blind can still distinguish bright colors like the ones Nayak used.

In 2021, Nayak is still looking for work and keeping busy in the meantime. "Right now, I'm trying to learn to become a better teacher. So, I'm taking some classes. [As for] work, I keep checking my emails, so if I get some email from Susan saying 'We have some more projects for you'... At home I keep creating. I also make jewelry out of clay, and I make pottery, and I paint."

Learn more about Birva Nayak's work on her website: birvanayak.com.

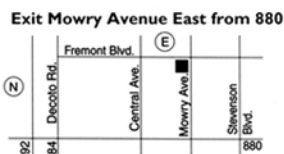
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Drive through, drop-in, and walk-up testing by appointment

Bay Area Community Health
39500 Liberty St., Fremont
(510) 770-8040

Mondays and Wednesdays Parenting During COVID R

Tue: 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Wed: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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

To register:
www.fremont.gov/3060/Caregiver-Support
(510) 574-2100

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acsbd@ohlone.edu
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Tuesdays

Free Virtual Sing-Along

7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Zoom choir meeting hosted by Mission Peak Chamber Singers

<https://www.chambersingers.org/>
Contact: info@chambersingers.org

Tuesdays, January 26 – April 13

Grief & Loss Support Group

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

An online space for individuals experiencing loss

Deadline to join: 1/15/21
(800) 260-0094
jwolfinger@crisisupport.org

Wednesdays, January 27, February 17, and March 10

Never Forget: A Writers Workshop for Japanese-Americans R

10 a.m. – 12 noon

3-part workshop focused on 2nd generation novice Japanese-American writers

To register, email education@haywardareahistory.org
www.haywardareahistory.org

Wednesdays, January 20 – April 14

National Geographic Live Virtual Events \$

7 p.m.

1/20: Life on Other Worlds
2/10: Scientific Exposure
2/24: Reimagining Dinosaurs
3/17: Feats of Filmmaking
3/31: Mysterious Seas
4/14: Women and Migration
LivermoreArts.org
(925) 373-6800
Nationalgeographic.com/events

Wednesday - Saturday Free COVID-19 Testing

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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Wednesdays and Sundays McNevin at The Mudpuddle

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www.facebook.com/mudpuddlemusic

Thursdays

First Presbyterian Church of Newark Virtual Youth Group

6:30 p.m.

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Saturdays

Virtual Telescope Viewing R

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

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Saturdays

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Saturdays & Sundays

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p.m. – 11:30 p.m., 1/24 – 5/16

Public Speaking (2-6): Sundays, 4

p.m. – 5 p.m., 1/24 – 5/16

Bollywood Class (all ages): Every

Day, 1/11 – 5/16

EnActe Voice Acting for Animation

(3-8): Sundays, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30

p.m., 1/24 – 5/16

EnActe Art of Performance (3-8):

Sundays, 11 a.m. – 12 noon, 1/24 –

5/16

<https://www.indiacc.org/programs/enrichment-program-registration/youthprograms@indiacc.org>

youthprograms@indiacc.org

Sundays

Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church Family Service

10 a.m.

Via ZOOM

For link, call (510) 471-2581

<https://sacbc.org/>

Farmers’ Markets

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Castro Valley Farmers' Market
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Year-round
Castro Valley Bart station lot off of Redwood Road
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uvfm.org

FREMONT:

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

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

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

HAYWARD:

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

SAN LEANDRO:

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

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

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

MILPITAS:

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

NEWARK:

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

UNION CITY:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday
1:00 – 2:00 Del Rey School,
Via Mesa & Via Julia,
SAN LEANDRO
2:30 – 3:00 Eden House
Apartments, 1601 165th Ave.,
SAN LEANDRO
3:30 – 4:00 Baywood Court,
21966 Dolores St.,
CASTRO VALLEY
6:00 – 6:30
Camellia Dr. & Camellia Ct.,
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Wednesday
1:50 – 3:00 Foothill School,
1991 Landess Ave., MILPITAS
3:30 – 4:00 Friendly Village
Park, 120 Dixon Landing Rd.,
MILPITAS

Sundays
First Presbyterian Church of Newark Worship Services
8:30 a.m.; Worship Service
12 noon; Sunday School, Ages K – 6th grade
Contact: office@newarkpres.org for Zoom Meeting ID#
www.newarkpres.org

Sundays, January 24 – February 21
Winter Treats Virtual Baking Class
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Cookies, brownies, cupcakes and more! Grades 3 - 6
https://bit.ly/3pWuVNW

Last Thursday of the Month, January – June
Mini MBA in Entrepreneurship
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Self-paced virtual program for early-stage entrepreneurs
https://sv.tie.org/mini-mba-in-entrepreneurship/

UPCOMING Events

Monday, February 1 – Friday, February 5
Fremont Climate Talks
12 noon – 1 p.m.
Community conversations on key areas of the City’s Climate Action Plan
Via Zoom
Fremont.gov/ClimateTalks
sustainability@fremont.gov

Tuesday, February 2
Town Hall on Financial Abuse of Older Adults
2 p.m.
Join AARP, State Treasurer Fiona Ma, and Assemblyman Adrin Nazarian
https://vekeo.com/aarpcalifornia/#event-33273

Wednesday, February 3
Immigration Overview
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Free info session from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
Webex Link: https://bit.ly/35H6igK
Meeting number (access code): 199 356 8874
Meeting password: MJiRunKb

Wednesday, February 3
StartupGrind Fremont R
5:30 p.m.
Introduction to non-dilutive funding
https://startupgrind.com/fremont

Thursday, February 4
Air District Virtual Workshop
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Learn about draft amendments to rules limiting emissions from refineries
Via Zoom:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85296925189
Meeting ID: 852 9692 5189
https://www.baaqmd.gov/reg6rule5

Thursday, February 4
AMC Online Math Contest \$R
For Fremont students. Deadline to apply is 1/5/21
https://bit.ly/3ntTS2D

Saturday, February 6
COVID Vaccines – Perspectives & Expectations
6 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Learn more about the COVID vaccine from a leading expert
Via Zoom: https://bit.ly/35JuajY

Saturday, February 6
African-American Genealogy R
11 a.m.
Guidance on cracking the code when researching Black family history
Via Zoom: http://bit.ly/AfAmGenealogy2021
(510) 581-0223 ext.152

Monday, February 8
Milpitas Rotary
12 noon
Annual Rotary Speech Contest with MUSD Supt. Cheryl Jordan
Via Zoom: https://bit.ly/364zWgd
Meeting ID: 830 1305 6992
Passcode: 113524

Tuesday, February 9
Every Business is Going Online – Part 2 R
3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Free business webinar hosted by the Alameda County Small Business Development Center
https://nc.ecenterdirect.com/events/47680

Wednesday, February 10
AMC Online Math Contest \$R
For Fremont students. Deadline to apply is 1/11/21
https://bit.ly/3nyTAre

Wednesday, February 10
Music & Movement for Kids R
3:30 p.m.
Free program through Music For Minors II
Via Zoom:
https://forms.gle/MJD8MQ9PpVM-fosvH8
www.musicforminors2.org

Thursday, February 11
Show Your Love - Virtual Cooking & Wine Event \$R
6 p.m.
Prepare a decadent, home-cooked meal at home. Proceeds benefit Spectrum Community Services
Register at https://bit.ly/3qdqK0y

Thursday, February 11
Implementation of Business Development Strategies R
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Free business webinar hosted by the Alameda County Small Business Development Center
https://nc.ecenterdirect.com/events/47749

Tuesday, February 16
International Business Guidance R
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Free business webinar hosted by the Alameda County Small Business Development Center
https://nc.ecenterdirect.com/events/47789

Wednesday, February 17
When Your Heart Needs a Little Help R
6:30 p.m.
Virtual Seminar - Learn about advanced techniques in cardiac care
www.whhs.com
(800) 963-7070

Thursday, February 18
Website Development & Optimization Webinar – Part 1 R
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Free business webinar hosted by the Alameda County Small Business Development Center
https://nc.ecenterdirect.com/events/47793

Friday, February 19
14th Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser – At Home Edition
Pick up a delicious dinner of fresh crab to enjoy at home
Pick Up Times: 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Buy tickets (\$60) online at:
https://bit.ly/Crabfeed2021awc
Age Well Center at Lake Elizabeth
40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy, Fremont
(510) 790-6602
agewellcenters@fremont.gov

Monday, February 22
Milpitas Rotary
12 noon
Speaker: Kevin McCormack, California Institute for Regenerative Medicine
Via Zoom: https://bit.ly/364zWgd
Meeting ID: 830 1305 6992
Passcode: 113524

Sunday, February 28
The Call to Action: Climate Change, Pandemic and a Vulnerable World R
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
David Peritz, PhD, explains the “vulnerable world hypothesis”
Via Zoom: RSVP by 2/27/21
https://bit.ly/36iowVV
(510) 933-6360

Wednesday, March 3
Advanced Treatments for Knee Pain Help R
4:30 p.m.
Virtual Seminar - Learn about common causes, symptoms, and treatment options for knee pain
www.whhs.com
(800) 963-7070

Saturday, March 13
Drive-In Concert \$
Gareth Emery: We'll Be OK
3 p.m.: https://bit.ly/2X0zkmM
7 p.m.: https://bit.ly/3pyqCYY
Alameda County Fairgrounds
4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton

Tuesday, March 16
COVID-19: The Road Ahead R
3:30 p.m.
Virtual Seminar – infectious disease specialist on the latest clinical developments
www.whhs.com
(800) 963-7070

Saturday, March 20
Niles Rotary's Spring Fling \$R
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Virtual fundraiser for Fremont schools
https://one.bidpal.net/niles/welcome

Climate Talks Week

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF FREMONT

Join the City of Fremont for Climate Talks Week, a series of five community conversations on key areas of the city's Climate Action Plan update. The talks will take place from Monday, February 1, through Friday, February 5 via Zoom.

Each virtual conversation will include information on potential climate measures and the road ahead, insights from area experts, and an open discussion format where you can voice your questions, ideas, and concerns. The city looks forward to engaging with the community in a series of robust discussions on how Fremont is creating a healthier, safer, and more livable community for all.

For more information and to register for your talks of interest, visit the Climate Talks registration webpage at www.fremont.gov/climatetalks. For details on the Climate Action Plan update, visit www.fremont.gov/climateactionplan or send an email to the city's sustainability team at sustainability@fremont.gov.

Climate Talks Week
Monday, Feb 1 – Friday, Feb 5
12 noon – 1 p.m.
www.fremont.gov/climatetalks
www.fremont.gov/climateactionplan

Apple urges security upgrade to iPhones, iPads

AP WIRE SERVICE

Apple is urging iPhone and iPad users to update their devices to fix security flaws that might have been “actively exploited” by hackers.

Apple made the software upgrades available Tuesday, adding a rare note suggesting it was a serious threat.

The company credited anonymous researchers for pointing out the vulnerability but provided little details about the nature of the threat.

The company said one of the vulnerabilities affects the “kernel,” the nerve center of Apple's operating system, iOS. Two others affect WebKit, the web browser engine used by Safari and other apps.

The upgrade is for several generations of devices, starting with the iPhone 6.

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- 2nd floor (no elevator access)
- Large open space perfect for socially distanced cubicles
- Free Conference room available
- Near BART
- Suite 222
- 812 sq/ft
- Four private offices + waiting room.
- Free Conference room available
- Near BART

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'Isn't It Romantic?' free virtual Valentine opera

SUBMITTED BY HEIDI MASSIE

Isn't it romantic? Yes, it is! Livermore Valley Opera (LVO) will offer a romantic concert for a romantic Valentine weekend.

LVO favorites, soprano Sarah Cambridge and tenor Kyle Van Schoonhoven, former members of both the Merola Opera Program and Adler Fellows, will perform duets from Puccini's TOSCA and Wagner's Die Walküre, plus works by Tchaikovsky and Joseph Marx. The beautiful music and texts are perfect for a Valentine weekend. Listen to this concert with someone you love and allow the music and words to envelop you. The singers will be accompanied by LVO Music Director Alexander Katsman. English subtitles provided.

Make your Valentine weekend extra special with a wonderful dinner from LVO's restaurant sponsor Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard in Livermore. Receive a 10% discount on all take-out orders including a special four-course Valentine Dinner for Two. Mention Livermore Valley Opera when ordering between the dates of February 12 to 18. Call (925) 449-7000.

Though the virtual opera concert is free, donations are always welcome. Visit www.livermorevalleyopera.com/donate.

Isn't It Romantic? A Valentine Concert
Saturday, Feb 13
6 p.m.

<https://www.livermorevalleyopera.com/event/isnt-it-romantic/>



Bay Area exits state's regional stay at home order

SUBMITTED BY ALAMEDA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

On January 25, the California Department of Public Health lifted the Stay at Home Order for the Bay Area Region upon projections that ICU bed capacity will continue to increase. Alameda County now returns to the Purple Tier of California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy.

What does this mean for you?

Gatherings: Large gatherings are still not permitted. Small outdoor limited duration gatherings of no more than three households are allowed under the State guidelines. Those participating in a small gathering should wear a face covering and social distance. Anyone who is at high

risk, or is experiencing symptoms, should not participate.

Schools are not impacted by the lifting of the order, and Alameda County is following the state's newly released framework and guidance on school reopening. Businesses and activities permitted to open include:

Outdoors only, with modifications

- Campgrounds
- Cardrooms and racetracks
- Family entertainment centers and movie theaters
- Gyms
- Museums
- Places of worship and cultural ceremonies
- Restaurants, wineries, and tasting rooms

- Zoos and aquariums
- Indoors, with modifications
- Hair salons and barbershops
- Hotels and lodging (indoor gyms and fitness studios remain closed)
- Personal care services, including massage, nail salons and skin care services
- Grocery stores may increase capacity to 50 percent
- Other retail may increase capacity to 25 percent
- To learn more about the state's industry guidance, visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>.

Oakland Zoo president announces retirement

SUBMITTED BY ERIN HARRISON

After leading Oakland Zoo for almost four decades, President and CEO, Dr. Joel Parrott has announced his retirement, slated for spring 2021. The timing of Parrott’s departure is meant to coincide with the zoo’s reopening and stabilization following the current COVID-19 pandemic closure mandate imposed by State and County Health Departments

Beginning his tenure in 1984 as Assistant Director and Staff Veterinarian, Parrott was appointed Zoo Director one year later. At the time, Oakland Zoo was virtually bankrupt and branded by media as one of the 10 worst zoos in the U.S. for animal welfare. Parrott began by relentlessly, and successfully, rallying the City of Oakland for the financial support needed in order to save the zoo from closure. With just 25 acres and fifteen employees, Parrott quickly began making improvements to the zoo infrastructure that supported his long-term vision of the nationally accredited, award-winning 100-acre zoo it is today.

“Dr. Parrott’s dedication and value to the Conservation Society of California -- Oakland Zoo has been, and still is, incalculable. His guiding principles and tireless vision transformed the zoo into the internationally known, conservation-focused, award-winning organization we know and love today,” said Pamela Schock Mintzer, Chair, Board of Trustees.” We are grateful for his leadership and we look forward to building on his incredible legacy. We’re excited for the zoo’s and Dr. Parrott’s next chapters, and his continued engagement as a Conservation Society of California Trustee Emeritus.”

In 1990, Dr. Parrott made Oakland Zoo the first zoo in the U.S. to adopt an animal husbandry methodology called “protected contact” in caring for the zoo’s African elephants. The trailblazing practice proved very beneficial for elephants -- prohibiting



Oakland Zoo President Dr. Joel Parrott

animal care staff from entering their habitat or space; because entering requires the use of a pain-inflicting instrument called a bullhook against the elephant in order to control them. Eventually, other U.S. zoos began adopting the protected contact husbandry practice, and after 20 years, almost every accredited zoo in the U.S. uses the method. In 2014, Parrott also lobbied politically to have bullhook use banned in circuses, with the outcome that Ringling Bros. soon thereafter closed their doors permanently, sending their elephants to sanctuaries in Florida.

Intent to foster an appreciation for nature and wildlife in zoo guests, rather than viewing animals as entertainment, Dr. Parrott founded an Education department in 1985 and brought it to completion in 1999 with a new 17,500 sq. ft. Education Center, housing multiple classrooms and an expansive auditorium that serves more than 50,000 students annually.

Parrott’s grandest vision took more than two decades of planning, lobbying, fundraising, and construction to make a

reality: a 56-acre expansion bringing the zoo to 100 acres. Opened in 2018, the California Trail focused on respecting and conserving California’s wildlife, both past and present. The transformational project included building a 17,000 square-foot LEED Gold certified, state-of-the-art veterinary hospital, opened in 2012. Accessible by ADA electric gondolas, the California Trail includes a Conservation Habitarium, California Wilds! playground highlighting various eco-zones of the state, and stunning Bay Area views from 450 feet above sea level. The addition of California Trail made Oakland Zoo officially one of the four largest zoos in California.

Nik Dehejia, a 15-year-veteran of Oakland Zoo and currently serving as its Executive Vice President, has been named by the Oakland Zoo’s Board of Trustees as successor to Parrott. He served under Parrott’s mentorship for several years.

Honor Roll

Hofstra University, New York
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Fall 2020 Semester Honors
• Claire Stastka of Fremont

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Fall 202 Dean’s List
• Katlyn Pruitt of Union City

Some Uber, Lyft drivers sue over California ballot measure

By BRIAN MELLEY ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drivers for app-based ride-hailing and delivery services filed a lawsuit Tuesday to overturn a California ballot initiative that makes them independent contractors instead of employees eligible for benefits and job protections.

The lawsuit filed with the California Supreme Court said Proposition 22 is unconstitutional because it limits the power of the Legislature to grant workers the right to organize and excludes drivers from being eligible for workers' compensation.

The measure, which was passed in November with 58% support, was the most expensive in state history with Uber, Lyft and other services pouring \$200 million in support of it. Labor unions, who joined drivers in the lawsuit, spent about \$20 million to challenge it.

“Prop. 22 doesn’t just fail our state rideshare drivers, it fails the basic test of following our state constitution,” said Bob Schoonover of the Service Employees International Union. “The law as written by Uber and Lyft denies drivers rights under the law in California and makes it nearly impossible for lawmakers to fix these problems.”

Drivers bringing the lawsuit have several hurdles to clear, but their arguments are compelling, said Mary-Beth Moylan, associate dean of McGeorge Law School in Sacramento.

The first challenge is getting the California Supreme Court to take the case instead of kicking it to lower courts to weigh the facts, which could delay the case for years. To do so, the high court would have to find the arguments are legal, not factual, and there is urgency to decide the issue, Moylan said.

The second challenge is that courts have generally granted broad deference to voters to pass such initiatives.

“Generally speaking, courts in California don’t like to overturn the will of the people,” Moylan said. “But the petitioners’ claim is that the people did not really have the power to do what they did. There are instances where the California courts have come in and said ... it’s nice that this is what the people wanted to do, but our constitution doesn’t permit the people to do this.”

The lawsuit is the latest round in the high-stakes fight between labor and the titans

of the gig economy, all based in San Francisco.

Proposition 22 was written by Uber and Lyft and supported by DoorDash, Postmates and Instacart to challenge the landmark labor law AB5 passed by Democrats in 2019. The law expanded a California Supreme Court ruling that limited businesses from classifying certain workers as independent contractors.

The measure granted the delivery services an exemption from the law that would have required providing drivers with protections like minimum wage, overtime, health insurance and reimbursement for expenses.

Under the measure, drivers remain independent contractors exempt from mandates such as sick leave and workers' comp but would receive “alternative benefits,” including a guaranteed minimum wage and subsidies for health insurance if they average 25 hours of work a week.

Uber and Lyft did not comment hours after being contacted, but a group that supported the ballot initiative issued a statement criticizing the lawsuit as an effort to overturn the vote.

“Voters across the political spectrum spoke loud and clear, passing Prop. 22 in a landslide,” Jim Pyatt, an Uber driver in Modesto, said in the statement. “Meritless lawsuits that seek to undermine the clear democratic will of the people do not stand up to scrutiny in the courts.”

The lawsuit claims the measure interferes with state lawmakers' authority to establish and enforce a workers' comp system, which would require a constitutional amendment.

“They’re making this argument that this should have been a constitutional amendment, not a statutory amendment,” Moylan said. “I think that argument probably has some legs.”

She said the outcome of that could turn on whether the statute actually changed the workers' comp provisions or did something less.

Another claim in the lawsuit alleges the measure violates a rule limiting ballot measures to a single subject. Moylan said courts have generally interpreted that broadly and have not found violations based on that claim.

“I think it’s an intellectually meritorious argument,” she said. “I don’t think it’s a winner.”

Newsom sets new tone for California, White House partnership

By KATHLEEN RONAYNE ASSOCIATED PRESS

After four years of sparring with President Donald Trump, California is ready for a more productive, friendlier chapter with Democratic President-elect Joe Biden.

Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom outlined his areas of agreement and places where he hopes to collaborate with the new administration Tuesday in a letter to Biden. Among his requests are federal support for California’s efforts to house homeless people in hotel and motel rooms and a restoration of money for the state’s troubled high-speed rail project, which Trump revoked.

“I offer you my full partnership and support as you take office and inherit the tremendous responsibility to restore our nation’s economy and place of leadership on the global stage – all while working to bring the COVID-19 pandemic to an end,” Newsom wrote.

It’s a notably friendlier tone than Newsom often took with Trump, particularly during the first year of his governorship in 2019, when the two sparred over wildfire management, immigration and climate change. California, the nation’s most populous state, was often an easy punching bag for Trump. His administration tried to revoke California’s authority to set its own auto emissions standards, took away \$1 billion for the high-speed rail project and adopted a slew of policies detrimental to the state’s millions of immigrants.

Newsom’s tone was more muted in 2020 as he sought not to anger, and even occasionally praised, Trump amid a scramble for federal help to contain the coronavirus. The federal government fulfilled many of his requests for assistance.

But a Democrat in the White House will automatically improve the relationship. California will have extra clout with Kamala Harris as vice president and potentially Xavier Becerra, the state’s current attorney general, as head of the federal health and human services agency.

Newsom’s letter outlines his support for initiatives Biden has already announced, including more federal resources for vaccinating people and reopening schools. Newsom also supports a proposed \$1,400 relief payment for people. California is using state money to provide a one-time check of \$600 to low-income individuals.

His letter further requests the federal government boost California’s efforts to house homeless people in hotels and motels, a new program during the pandemic. Biden has proposed \$5 billion in aid nationally to purchase and convert hotels and motels. Newsom requested Biden support efforts to make the programs permanent and expand the use of housing vouchers.

Elsewhere, Newsom highlights funding for the high-speed rail project as a top priority. The state has been working to build a high-speed rail line between Los Angeles and San Francisco for more than a decade, but the project has been beset by delays and cost overruns. Most recently, one of the project’s main contractors blasted the pace of work, and even some Democratic lawmakers oppose continuing it. Newsom made no mention of the challenges in his letter.

Newsom further requested Biden restore California’s ability to set its own vehicle emissions standards, a power the Trump administration revoked as it dismantled climate change regulations. On immigration, he’s asking the administration to reverse rules aimed at denying green cards to immigrants likely to access public benefits and eliminate religion-based travel bans. Biden has already indicated plans to undo Trump’s travel ban on majority-Muslim nations and to outline a pathway to citizenship for people living in the country illegally.

“Having a true partner in the White House – and an Administration aligned with so many of our values – is a game changer for Californians,” Newsom wrote.

OPINION



WILLIAM MARSHAK

Recognized in many circumstances – military, political, aviation – the phrase “point of no return (PNR)” is used to indicate a time and position that, when breached, does not allow safe and practical reversal. Once a decision has been made in such situations, the consequences are determined, even if they may be modified in severity.

The current pandemic has rapidly progressed to critical and fatal proportions for a significant percentage of our population even as hope through vaccines and treatment modalities have emerged. Beyond health concerns lies the economic toll on our communities. Some businesses have succumbed while others persevere but are in dire need of support to sustain a modicum of commerce. Most economic sectors – public and private – have spent the past year under a cloud of uncertainty. Along with the damage to startup entrepreneurs and established entities alike, individuals have shared the same fate.

Currently, we have reached our PNR with COVID-19 and the societal stress

incurred. There is no choice but to stay on course, employ protective tactics and trust the resilience of human ingenuity to confront the challenge. In aeronautical terms, it is undesirable and dangerous to attempt landing anywhere besides the original destination. In this case, control and/or eradication of the virus. Several vaccines are welcome additional protection, yet not a total panacea. Continued adherence to health protocols will be with us for the foreseeable future and, just as people adjusted to seat belt restraints in automobiles, we will adjust.

Along with personal and business constraints, governmental constriction is also notable. The Great Recession (2007-2009) taught several lessons that have helped the public sector in the current pandemic crisis. Reserves and “rainy day funds” have been instrumental in retention of services, but are not inexhaustible. As municipalities, schools and other public institutions slowly rebound with control of the virus, the new “normal” will not be business as usual. Instead, some restrictions and attitudinal changes will remain as they did for the generations that suffered through the 2008 Great Recession and Great Depression that began in October 1929 and continued through the 1930s.

Behavioral patterns have emerged from such experiences. Trust in institutions and government erodes if constituents are asked to ignore personal experience in favor of rosy predictions [Hoover claims the worst is over in 1930, Trump often declares the virus will disappear in 2020]. As a result, cynicism runs rampant until a clear and honest explanation and remedy

is given for past failures. State and local governments have, so far, operated in basically pre-Covid fashion, albeit on a remote, virtual basis. Mass municipal layoffs have been avoided. However, the question remains of when government institutions will reach their financial PNR. Cash flow from national coffers is disputed and may or may not be released in adequate amounts to stem and reverse the drain of local resources. With the Great Recession only a little over a decade ago, the lessons learned and followed will be evident as the recovery phase of this crisis begins (hopefully) later this year.

Government revenue loss will not be measured within discrete and distinct economic sectors. The effects of COVID-19, while boosting some businesses, has decimated a much larger percentage of small and entrepreneurial endeavors. The cascading effect of this will impact individual and business tax returns that will add to the burden of a weak economy. Although we may have not reached our collective PNR, without a concerted effort to stem the tide of this virus – masks, social distancing, vaccination, personal hygiene – it could materialize. With determination and a concerted societal response, we can and will use the rearview mirror to recall these days too.

William Marshak
PUBLISHER

AC Transit joins Clipper Start program

SUBMITTED BY ROBERT LYLES

Low-income adults in the East Bay who ride public transit can now get a 20% discount on AC Transit fares thanks to a new Clipper Start Program.

AC Transit introduced the new START Program to its riders on January 25. In partnership with Clipper, START's focus is to avail more of the Bay Area's opportunities to low-income residents by discounting public transit fares.

“We know that more than half of AC Transit's riders have no transportation alternative to our bus service,” said Elsa Ortiz, AC Transit Board of Directors President. “These riders are also frontline workers burdened not only by the high cost of living here, but also the financial challenges of the pandemic, and need some relief.”

To qualify for START, applicants should be ages 19-64, and residents of the Bay Area, with a household income of 200% of the federal poverty level or less -- for example,

\$52,400 for a family of four or \$88,240 for a family of eight.

START applicants may demonstrate eligibility by providing a copy of an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card, Medi-Cal card, a county benefits eligibility letter, or a copy of the applicant's last federal tax return.

By visiting the online link www.clipper-startcard.com, riders will learn how to upload documents necessary for qualification. The secure website will also save each applicants' progress, permitting riders, who need additional time, to return and complete the application process.

Riders may also apply for the START Program in-person at AC Transit's downtown Customer Service Center, located in the lobby of AC Transit's General Offices, at 1600 Franklin Street, Oakland. Center hours are: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Or call Customer Relations at (510) 891-4777, and select option 2.

SMART applications may also be secured at the MUNI-BART Embarcadero station

and the San Francisco Ferry Building's Clipper Customer Service Centers or by calling (855) 614-9149 and requesting a paper application.

Upon approval, a personalized Clipper START card will be issued to the rider. Before use, each rider is responsible for loading the START card with cash value. AC Transit's 20% discount is then automatically applied to a single ride whenever the Clipper START card is tapped when boarding the bus.

AC Transit's Clipper START is a pilot program, operating through the close of December 2021, and not a new transit pass. For enhanced accessibility, the START card enjoys the same benefits as the standard Clipper card and can be used on any Bay Area transit agency that accepts Clipper.

More information about AC Transit's START program is available on the AC Transit website at www.actransit.org.



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\$400,000 in additional grants to San Leandro businesses

SUBMITTED BY PAUL SANFTNER

On January 20, San Leandro City Council unanimously voted to allocate \$400,000 in additional grants to San Leandro businesses that applied to the Alameda County CARES Grant Program. These funds will be awarded to businesses who previously applied to the Alameda County CARES Grant Program but did not receive a grant. The funds will provide \$5,000 grants to 80 businesses. These funds are in addition to the \$150,000 allocation the city contributed

towards the Alameda County CARES Grant Program in December, which was matched by the county to provide \$300,000 in earmarked funds to San Leandro businesses. The city will distribute the latest round of funds, selecting the additional 80 businesses in the same manner as the original grant, which was conducted via lottery. San Leandro businesses who applied to the Alameda County CARES Grant Program do not need to reapply to be eligible; businesses will be chosen from the existing list. Currently, the program is not open to new applicants.

Awardees will be notified via mail in the coming weeks. Alameda County CARES grant prioritizes grants for small, local, and emerging businesses within the county to assist with the costs of business interruption caused by COVID-19. The funds may only be used for unreimbursed costs from March 17, 2020, for rent/lease/mortgage and utility payments, payroll, operating expenses, personal protective equipment, sanitation equipment, and interior and exterior physical adaptations.

Statewide Vaccine Delivery Network

SUBMITTED BY CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Based on findings from the 10-Day Vaccine Challenge, the Newsom Administration detailed a series of vaccine delivery system changes to focus each sector of the health care system on their core competencies and expedite vaccine administration. The vaccine distribution and operations effort will be led by Yolanda Richardson, secretary of Government Operations Agency, in consultation and partnership with Dr. Mark Ghaly, secretary of Health and Human Services, and California Department of Public Health. While vaccines remain extremely limited, the goal is to build a system to administer vaccines equitably and efficiently when supply increases. “Our state and county public health leaders have done the important groundwork to get California’s vaccination plan up, and running and we are grateful to them and will continue to partner with them,” said Governor Gavin Newsom. “We have learned that to accelerate the pace; we need to dial up the scale of our efforts to ensure vaccine supply goes into arms as quickly as it arrives in the state. This collaboration between

secretaries Ghaly and Richardson continues our approach to lead with public health and add Secretary Richardson’s expertise in operations and with the health care delivery system which will be pivotal in implementing these improvements to get all Californians vaccinated safely and swiftly, with equity as our North Star.” Specifically, the state will implement three changes based on the lessons learned from the 10-Day Vaccine Challenge. Simplifying Eligibility: In simplifying eligibility beginning mid-February, the state will implement a statewide standard under which health-care workers, individuals 65+ and education and childcare, emergency services and food and agriculture workers will be eligible to start making appointments to receive the vaccine, pending vaccine availability. These are the groups identified in Phase 1B, Tier 1. Future groups will become eligible based on age. This statewide standard will move in unison across all 58 counties. This will allow the state to scale capacity up while also ensuring the vaccine goes to disproportionately impacted communities. Standardizing Information and Data: Leveraging California’s innovation and technology assets, the state is launching My Turn, a new system for Californians to learn when they are eligible to be

vaccinated, a place to make an appointment when eligible and a mechanism to easily track vaccination data. Through My Turn, individuals can sign up for a notification when they are eligible to make an appointment and schedule one when it is their turn. My Turn will also help track those who have yet to receive a second vaccine dose and need additional outreach. Technology from California companies Salesforce and Skedulo are the foundation for My Turn. Having been piloted in Los Angeles and San Diego counties, individuals can visit https://myturn.ca.gov to register for a notification immediately. Scheduling appointments beyond the pilot counties is expected to be available in February. The My Turn system will also automatically report vaccination information into state data systems. Providers will be required to either administer vaccines via the My Turn scheduling system or an electronic health record with an automatic data feed into the state’s system. This will reduce data lags and give us real time information on how we are doing at the local and statewide levels. Addressing Available Supply by Streamlining Vaccination Process: Based on recent learnings, the state vaccine team will build on the work of counties and health providers to coordinate vaccine delivery statewide, with an eye

toward ensuring safety, equity, and the fastest possible delivery of vaccine. California will build a statewide vaccine administration network to speed the equitable delivery of current supply to eligible Californians. The state, through a Third Party Administrator (TPA), will allocate vaccines directly to providers to maximize distribution efficiency. The vaccine provider network is expected to include public health systems, pharmacies, health systems, public hospitals, community health centers, pharmacies, and pop-up and mobile sites with an immediate focus on allocating to today’s high-throughput providers. The vaccine provider network will expand as vaccine supply grows and vaccine characteristics change, with fixed and mobile sites used to meet the needs of individual communities. The new approach will continue to focus on equity. Vaccines will be allocated to make sure low-income neighborhoods and communities of color have access to vaccines, and providers will be compensated in part by how well they are able to reach underserved communities. Real time data will allow for adjustments to be made if initial equity targets are not met. While the state will drive faster administration of available vaccine supply, overall vaccine supply into California will continue to be dictated by the Federal government.

Two East Bay city leaders re-elected to county commission

SUBMITTED BY MAISHA EVERHART

During their first meeting of the year on January 28, members of the Alameda County Transportation Commission (CTC) unanimously re-elected San Leandro Mayor Pauline Cutter and Emeryville City Councilmember John Bauters as Chair and Vice Chair respectively. “It is a privilege to continue to lead Alameda CTC in partnership with Vice Chair Bauters and all other commissioners as we forge ahead to deliver crucial projects and programs, especially during these difficult and disconcerting times as we navigate Covid-19,” Cutter said. Alameda CTC implements the voter-approved Measures B and BB, as well as the Measure F vehicle registration fee, to improve transportation throughout Alameda County. The Commission is comprised of 22 members, with the following representation: • All five Alameda County Supervisors • Two Oakland representatives • One representative from each of the other 13 cities in Alameda County • One representative from AC Transit • One representative from BART Alameda CTC’s Chair and Vice Chair are elected to serve a one-year term. A complete list of Commissioners can be found online at https://www.alamedactc.org/about-us/commission/.

Arts Commission announces grants program

SUBMITTED BY ALAMEDA COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION

Alameda County Arts Commission is accepting applications for 2021 ARTSFUND Grant Program for Alameda County-based nonprofit arts organizations. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, March 31. Standard grant awards are \$1,000 to \$2,500 each. The ARTSFUND Grant Program supports all types of arts programs, such as dance, music, theater, visual arts, literature, media arts, and other arts forms presented by Alameda County nonprofit organizations. Arts Commission staff will present two webinars to assist organizations in preparing their grant application. The online workshops will be held on Thursday, February 11, and Friday, March 5. Workshops are free, open to the public, and reservations are not required. For details about

how to join the webinars and to learn more about the ARTSFUND Grant Program, visit the Alameda County Arts Commission website at www.acgov.org/arts and click on “Programs.” The Arts Commission staff can also be reached by email at artscommission@acgov.org or phone (510) 208-9646.

ARTSFUND Grant Program Application Deadline: Wednesday, Mar 31

Free Online Workshops Thursday, Feb 11: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Mar 5: 10 a.m.

(510) 208-9646 www.acgov.org/arts and click on “Programs”

San Leandro City Council

January 19, 2021

Recognitions:

- Proclamation honoring Miraglia’s Catering
- Recognition of Employee of the Quarter: Thomas Browning, Park Maintenance Worker III, Public works.

Public comments:

- A citizen from District 1 submitted a comment reiterating the need for the city to discipline the officer involved in the shooting death of Steven Taylor, calling for at the very least his removal from patrol and assigned to desk duty. He also requested that the city recognize Taylor by observing April 18 every year as Steven Taylor Day. Another citizen asked the council to include menthol in the flavor ban it passed in 2017. Another citizen urged the council to adopt a measure that

mandates hazard pay for grocery and drug store workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. Action items: • Council unanimously approved a resolution approving appropriation of \$400,000 of General Fund reserves to address business and community needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter	Aye
Pete Ballew	Aye
Victor Aguilar, Jr.	Aye
Bryan Azevedo	Aye
Fred Simon	Aye
Deborah Cox	Aye
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October 5, 1958 – January 18, 2021

Mary Ellen McGrath

Resident of Fremont

November 09, 1932 – January 15, 2021

Mary Ellen McGrath passed away on the 15th of January, 2021, from complications of Alzheimer's disease in her residence at Fremont Hills Assisted living; she was 88 years old.

She is survived by her husband Arthur McGrath, her son David McGrath, step-children Malinda Hoernis and Stephen McGrath, her brother Michael Wahlheim and his children Dory Rethford and Andy Wahlheim as well as her cousin Janis Pearson. She was a caring grandmother to Forrest Bevineau, Brittany McGrath, Micaela McGrath and Morgan McGrath. She was a great-grandmother, sister-in law and beloved aunt to her extended family. She had a special relationship with her nephew Mark McDaniel, his wife Kyle, and their children Ian and Brenna.

Born in 1932 to Andrew & Esther Wahlheim in Rock Island, Illinois, she was raised there in the Quad Cities, graduating from Moline High School and receiving her nursing degree from Augustana College in Rock Island. She went on to earn a master's degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, but her career and passion was nursing.

After briefly meeting Arthur in Denver, Colorado, their paths would cross again many years later in Baltimore, Maryland, where they would fall in love, eventually marrying in Moline, Illinois, in 1968. Life as a family in the Air Force had them moving around to several locations, but they eventually settled in Fremont, California, after Arthur's retirement in 1979.



Mary Ellen decided to expand her nursing career and became a beloved instructor to her students when she taught nursing at Ohlone College in Fremont throughout the 80's and 90's.

Another important aspect of her life was her spirituality and involvement with her church community. Since arriving in Fremont, Mary Ellen had been very active within Bridges Community Church (formally Fremont EFC), where she led many groups and enjoyed singing in the choir. This community is where she developed some of her deepest friendships. Mary Ellen enjoyed singing, traveling, watching the A's play baseball, her dogs, and making people feel cared for. She had a long, wonderful life, and we will miss her greatly.

Services were held. There will be a celebration of life at Bridges Community Church at a later date.

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Frank J. Hoffman

Resident of Fremont

December 21, 1932 – January 24, 2021



Frank is survived by his beloved wife of 66 years, Rosetta. Loving father to Debbie (Bob). Adoring grandfather to Brandon (Dawn) and Scott (Melissa). Caring great grandfather to Trista (Alex), and Devin. Great-great grandfather to Sophia and Alexander. He was predeceased by his son F. Bradley Hoffman.

Frank was a papermaker for 40 years before he retired in 1997. He enjoyed nature and loved to spend time in his backyard watching the birds.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to St. James Episcopal Church's Memorial Garden fund.

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August 19, 1927 – January 18, 2021

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Darlene Oliveira

Darlene Oliveira passed away peacefully on January 26, 2021 with her beloved daughters by her side after a courageous battle with cancer. In 1941, she was born to William and Helen Rose, who started The Flower Shop that is still located in Fremont. Darlene was raised in Fremont and was a graduate of Washington High School's class of 1959. Upon graduation, she went to work for the Fremont Unified School District as the Secretary to the Head of Personnel, Phil Brazil. It was there that she met the love of her life, Dennis Oliveira. Fremont being such a small place at the time, Darlene and Dennis' grandparents lived across the street from each other, so they had known each other since childhood.

Dennis and Darlene were married in April of 1967 at Holy Spirit Church in Fremont. Darlene loved her family more than anything and always made sure her family always came first. She and Dennis always prioritized education for their girls, instilling the importance of giving to others, integrity, and kindness in everything they did. She will be remembered as a charitable person, frequently baking goodies to deliver to homeless shelters and ordering extra of everything to donate to



those in need. Darlene prided herself on being organized and being the "Chief Mom Officer" to her family. She was a feisty woman who will be remembered as someone that always took a stand for what was she believed in. She was a woman of incredible faith, conviction, integrity, and philanthropy.

Darlene is preceded in death by her beloved husband of 45 years, Dennis, and her parents William and Helen Rose. Darlene leaves behind two adoring daughters, Dana Garaventa and her husband John of Napa; daughter Dawn Oliveira-Maxfield and her husband, Dana; and two granddaughters who were the light of her life, Serena and Gianna Garaventa.

Burial will be private. The family requests donations to Stanford Cancer Center, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, or the charity of your choice.

Maria Alice Moitoso

Resident of Union City

December 3, 1935 – January 21, 2021



Maria Alice Moitoso was born on December 3, 1935 in Capello, Azores and passed away on January 21, 2021 at the age of 85. A loving mother to Ida Marshall, Linda Labarga (Tony), Herold Moitoso, and Daniel Moitoso (Wendy). A caring grandmother to 9 grandchildren and 9 great

grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Manuel Moitoso (2010).

She cared and loved for many....

Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2021, from 5 PM to 8 PM, at Fremont Chapel of the Roses, 1940 Peralta Boulevard, Fremont, with a Vigil Service at 6 PM. Funeral Mass will be on Friday, February 5, 2021, 12 PM, at St Anne's Catholic Church, 32223 Cabello Street, Union City, burial to follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Hayward.

At the family's request please make donations to charity of your choice.

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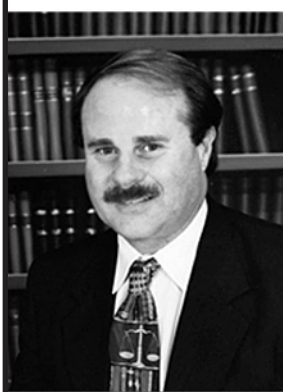
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Natividad Huerta

Resident of Union City

April 4, 1919 – January 23, 2021

It is with the saddest regret that we announce the death of our dear father, grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather Natividad Huerta Escalera who was a resident of Union City, CA. Natividad "Don Tivi" as he was known by those closest to him was born April 4, 1919 in Aguililla, Michoacan in Mexico and died on January 23, 2021 at the young age of 101. He is predeceased by his wife Carmen Huerta Gutierrez and his son Javier Huerta Gutierrez. Don Tivi always enjoyed being around his family which included his 6 children Alicia Huerta, Eliezer Huerta, Herminia Huerta, Armando Huerta and Christina Buiza Huerta, 25 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren and 26 great-great-grandchildren. We



were blessed to have him for so many years and will continue to remember him as we listen to his favorite singers Las Jilguerillas and his favorite song, "Cuando ya mi cuerpo esté junto a la tumba, Lo único que pido como

despedida, En las cuatro esquinas de mi sepultura, Como agua bendita que riegan tequila, Yo no quiero llantos, Yo no quiero penas, No quiero tristeza, Yo no quiero nada, Lo único que quiero es alla en mi velorio, Una serenata por la madrugada". Due to COVID-19 restrictions the viewing and funeral services will be strictly for family. If you would like to send flowers his viewing will be on Thursday, February 11, 2021, starting at 3 PM, at Fremont Chapel of the Roses, 1940 Peralta Boulevard, Fremont, and burial will be on Friday, February 12, 2021, at Alta Mesa Memorial Park, Palo Alto.

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Hilda P. Rodrigues

May 7, 1924- January 27, 2021

Resident of Fremont

Hilda Perry Rodrigues died peacefully on January 27, 2021 at home in Fremont, CA at age 96. She was born May 7, 1924 in Newark, CA.

She was a lifelong member of Holy Spirit Church, S.P.R.S.I., P.E.S.A. and Luso-American. She enjoyed traveling and cruises, she worked as a bilingual aid interpreting for elementary school students. She also helped many community members interpreting at medical

appointments, DMV visits and many other occasions.

Hilda was very active in S.P.R.S.I. for many years. She held many offices throughout the years, from Grand President in 1974 to Dean as a member of councils 2 & 79. She was also an advisor to Jr. Unit 1, and served on the Grand Finance Committee and Grand Board of Directors.

She was predeceased by her husband Alfred Rodrigues, son

Lester Rodrigues and wife Kathy Rustice, sister Mamie Miller and brother John Vierra. Also survived by many godchildren, nieces and nephews.

Hilda will be laid to rest next to her husband at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, CA.

Donations may be made to the Ronald McDonald House Charities at: RMHC Bay Area, Inc., 520 Sand Hill Road, Palo Alto, CA 94304 or a charity of your choice.

Alice "Evon" Garcia (Bettencourt)

JUNE 21, 1930 – JANUARY 24, 2021

"Another soul has made its way to heaven to be part of Gods Army of Angels".

Alice was fondly called Evon her entire life. She passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 24, 2021 in Rocklin California at the age of 90.

She was born in Niles, California to her loving parents Wilbert C. and Alice M. Bettencourt on June 21, 1930. Her younger brother Joseph "Bud" D. Bettencourt was her only sibling and he sadly passed away last year.

Evon lived most of her life in Centerville (Fremont, California). She attended Centerville Elementary School and Washington High School. She later went on to work for the Centerville School District and

followed the Unification of schools to work for Fremont Unified School District.

Evon married the Love of her Life Chris Lago Garcia on December 20, 1947. They both loved and enjoyed gardening, wildlife, travel, fishing and the mountains. They enjoyed 59 wonderful years together until he passed away in 2006.

She is survived by her five children: Ronall W. Garcia, Sandra L. Bubeck, their spouses, Joy S. Clarke, Kathleen A. Garcia and Jeanne M. Castro. She loved and enjoyed spending time with her 4 Grandchildren, 3 Great Grandchildren and 1 Great/Great Grand Child.

In lieu of flowers please make donations in Evon's name to St. Jude at 262 Danny Thomas



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Arrest made in Fremont PlayStation 5 robbery

SUBMITTED BY FREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Following an extensive investigation, police in Fremont said one person has been arrested and another is being sought in connection with an armed robbery involving a PlayStation 5 game console late last year.

In a statement issued January 27, Fremont Police Department (FPD) officials said a suspect, identified as Lucio Soto, 19, of Richmond was arrested January 12 at his home by undercover

officers with the help of Richmond Police. He was booked at Santa Rita Jail.

Soto, and another person who is still at large, are believed to be connected to an armed robbery on November 12 in Fremont. The pair met their victim at 8:30 p.m. in a parking lot on the 35000 block of Fremont Blvd. The victim had offered his PS5 for sale online and agreed to meet the suspect, who was posing as a buyer, near the location.

When the suspect arrived, the victim showed him the game

console in the trunk of his car. Police said another car pulled up and the driver pointed a handgun at the victim. The first suspect then took the PlayStation 5 and left the scene with the other suspect in his car.

Detectives following various leads were able to identify Soto as the first suspect. A record check showed he was on probation for firearms charges, and also had previous arrests for home invasion robbery, robbery, possession of stolen property, and other firearms violations. An arrest

warrant was then obtained for Soto for his involvement in the robbery.

Meanwhile, detectives are working on leads to identify the second suspect. He is described by police as a Hispanic male in his 20s with a light complexion, average build, about 5-feet-11-inches tall and weighing about 170 pounds. He was last seen wearing a blue surgical mask, and a red polo. He was armed with a handgun. Both suspects were seen fleeing in a vehicle described as a newer black sedan, possibly a

black Infiniti Q60 with black rims and tinted windows.

Police are asking anyone who has information about the case, or believe they may also have been victimized by these suspects to contact Detective Troy Roberts at (510) 790-6900 or by email at troberts@fremont.gov.

Officers are also reminding the community that there is a designated “Exchange Zone” in the FPD public parking lot at 2000 Stevenson Blvd. that allows for the safe exchange of items in a safe area under video surveillance.

Fremont Police Log

SUBMITTED BY GENEVA BOSQUES, FREMONT PD

Tuesday, January 19

• At about 5:00 p.m. a man was in his front yard when a vehicle stopped in front of his house. A man and woman exited and began showing him jewelry for sale and let him try items on. After the pair left, the man realized his own necklace and bracelet were missing. Police classified the incident as grand theft.

Wednesday, January 20

• Officers received an electronic license plate reader notification on a stolen Honda Odyssey at a Shell station, 5155 Auto Mall Parkway near Christy Street. Arriving officers arrested the driver and identified him as Yen Gallegos, 40, a homeless Fremont resident.

• A residential burglary was reported on Porter Street in the Irvington area. The front door was forced open to gain access. No injuries were reported.

Thursday, January 21

• Sometime between 7:24 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. a residential burglary occurred on Santos Court, east of Mission Boulevard. Four suspects entered the backyard through a gate and shattered the rear glass door.

Sunday, January 24

• At 3:22 p.m. an arson occurred at Palma Apartments on Mission Falls Court, a multistory complex under construction for people 55 and older in the Warm Springs area. Another arson occurred at about the same time on nearby Carson Falls Common. A closet located under a stairwell was set on fire. The blaze burned the entire closet and compromised the floor above. An investigation is continuing.

• At 7:58 p.m. a robbery occurred at Safeway, 46848 Warm Springs Blvd. A man stealing items inside the store refused to leave when told to go by an employee and store security. Later, while walking out of the store with multiple items, he threatened to shoot a security guard. The man, identified by police as Antione Wallace, 28, a homeless Fremont resident, was located nearby and arrested by officers.

Milpitas Police Log

SUBMITTED BY MILPITAS PD

Monday, January 11

• At 12:00 p.m. a dayshift officer found a stolen Kia Optima near the 360-Block of Cypress Dr. and arrested a 27-year-old Milpitas resident associated with it. The suspect was booked into jail on suspicion of possessing a stolen vehicle with prior convictions, possession of burglary tools, five Santa Clara County warrants with a total bail amount of \$165,000, and a probation violation.

Saturday, January 16

• At 3:41 p.m. a dayshift officer found a stolen Mazda Miata from Castro Valley near the 740-Block of E. Calaveras Blvd. and arrested a 40-year-old Newark resident and 45-year-old San Jose resident associated with it. The San Jose resident had multiple drug-related warrants and was cited and released; a criminal complaint was requested for the Newark resident for possession of a stolen vehicle.

Monday, January 18

• At 2:39 a.m. officers responded to the 1500-Block of California Circle. after receiving an anonymous tip that a 33-year-old San Jose man was selling drugs to minors from his motel room. Officers learned the man was on Santa Clara County probation for the sales of narcotics and possession of drug paraphernalia. A probation search of the man’s hotel room resulted in a large quantity of methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, and documents associated with identity theft. Also in the room was a 29-year-old San Jose man who had an outstanding warrant for drug sales; he was booked into jail for his warrant. Meanwhile, the 33-year-old man was booked into jail on suspicion of possessing drugs with the intent to sale.

Saturday, January 23

• At about 2:52 a.m. a police sergeant spotted a suspicious car driving in the residential area of Evans Road and Poppy Lane and made an enforcement stop to talk with the four occupants inside the car. During the investigation, officers found two freshly cut catalytic converters inside the car along with several power cutting tools. Officers were able to locate one theft victim and returned the catalytic converter to them. They were unable to locate the second theft victim. One of the four occupants, a 31-year-old San Jose woman, had four outstanding felony warrants with a total bail amount of \$115,000. She was arrested and booked into the Santa Clara County Main Jail. The other occupants, described by police as San Jose men, ages 55, 37, and 30, were released at the scene and a criminal complaint will be filed with the District Attorney's Office for grand theft against them.

BART Police Log

SUBMITTED BY LES MENSINGER AND BART PD

Friday, January 22

• At 11:34 a.m. a man identified by police as Sebastian Garcia, 26, of San Francisco was arrested at the Castro Valley station on suspicion of domestic battery, kidnapping, false imprisonment and vandalism. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Sunday, January 24

• At 5:01 p.m. a man identified by police as Dontae Hayes, 27, of Hayward was arrested at the Hayward station on two warrants issued in Alameda County for failure to appear, and burglary with a \$50,000 bail. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Monday, January 25

At 7:25 p.m. a man identified by police as Marco Senegal, 32, of Oakland was arrested at the San Leandro station on three outside agency warrants and booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Thursday, January 28

• At 7:30 p.m. a woman identified by police as Renney Paris, 32, of Oakland was arrested at the Bay Fair station in San Leandro on three outstanding warrants totaling \$45,000 issued by the El Cerrito Police Department. She was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Friday, January 29

• At 3:13 p.m. Alex Woods of Hayward was arrested at the Bay Fair station for resisting an executive officer and booked into Santa Rita Jail.

• At 10:49 p.m. Sidney Jenkins of Sacramento was arrested at the Hayward station for aiding or supervising prostitution. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Alameda County Fire Department Log

SUBMITTED BY ACFD

Thursday, January 28

• Evening shift firefighters responded to a residential structure fire on Lamson Road in Castro Valley and quickly knocked it down. The fire started in a bedroom and extended into the attic. There were no injuries, but six people were displaced and received support from the Red Cross.

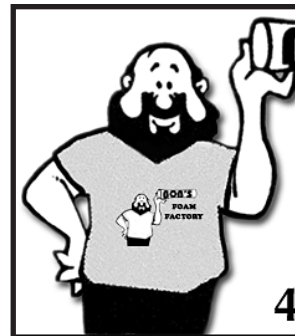
Establishing Urban Forest Management Plan

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF FREMONT

On May 7, 2019, CAL FIRE awarded City of Fremont a grant of \$860,000 under the Prop 68 Urban Forest Management Activities Grant Program. As part of the program, recipients are required to work to reduce net greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

In September 2020, Fremont completed a citywide tree inventory and canopy assessment of Fremont’s approximately 80,000 public and street trees. Based on its findings, the city is now focused on establishing an Urban Forest Management Plan to identify a long-term solution to enhance the Fremont urban forest with meaningful and achievable goals.

The purpose of completing the Urban Forest Management Plan is to create a thriving urban forest; make recommendations on planning, policy, and procedures to achieve targeted Urban Forestry goals, reduction of GHG emissions, management methods, and stakeholder opinions; and to increase community outreach opportunities to engage with residents.



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Are you troubled by someone else's drinking? Al-Anon and Alateen Family Groups are here to help! Al-anon has but one purpose, to help families and friends of Alcoholics. We have Zoom meetings during the Shelter in Place. For a full meeting list, please visit http://alanond17@weebly.com You can also email easyduz@gmail.com or call us at 510.276.2270 for more info.	A-1 Comm. Housing Svcs. A HUD Approved Agency Credit and Money Mgmt. Workshop Presented on Zoom For dates, go to our website Please register at www.a1chs.org call 510.674.9227		
FAW Writers Salon 4th Monday of the Month Zoom Mtg 7:00-9:00 PM Contact Tony for link up.dragonfly.com@gmail.com Read, discuss or just listen Fiction, Non-Fiction, Poetry, Etc. cwc-fremontareawriters.org EVERYONE IS WELCOME!			A-1 Comm. Housing Svcs. A HUD Approved Agency 1st Time Home Buyers Workshop Presented on ZOOM Learn the process of homeownership. Down Payment Assistance Please register www.a1chs.org or call 510.674.9227
	LOVE to WRITE? WANT to WRITE? WRITER'S BLOCK? Fremont Area Writers (FAW) is here to HELP! Zoom meeting 4th Sat. of the month (off July & Dec) 2-4PM Great speakers! * All genres! *Critique groups available! Email scottfrombayside@yahoo.com for Zoom link before the meeting. Writers' Salon meets 4th Mon of the month (occasional exceptions) Join us via Zoom 7:00-9:00 PM Read, discuss or just listen. Email up.dragonfly.com@gmail.com Zoom link before the meeting. Everyone is welcome! www.cwc-fremontareawriters.org	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2950 WASHINGTON BLVD, FREMONT,CA We welcome you and your family into the life of Fremont First, regardless of your skin color, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental capacity, religious background, family configuration, economic means or immigrations status. Check out our website: www.firstchurchfremont.org See our website to meet us on Zoom	

Property taxes paid by PG&E rise 5.5%

SUBMITTED BY
TAMAR SARKISSIAN, PG&E

For the second half of 2020, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) paid property taxes of more than \$268 million to the 50 counties where it owns properties that support gas and electric service to 16 million Californians. In the East Bay, PG&E paid property taxes totaling nearly \$54 million to Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

“Property tax payments are one of the important ways PG&E helps drive local economies and supports essential public services like education and public safety. This year’s payments reflect the substantial local investments we continue to make in our gas and electric infrastructure to create a safer and more reliable system and to better mitigate against wildfires,” said David Thomason, Vice President, Controller and

Chief Financial Officer for PG&E.

PG&E’s payments of more than \$268 million covers the period from July 1 to December 31, 2020. Total payments for the tax year of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 are more than \$537 million -- an increase of nearly \$28 million, or 5.5%, compared with the prior tax year.

The increase in property tax payments reflect PG&E’s continuing investments to enhance and upgrade its gas and electrical infrastructure for safety, reliability and wildfire mitigation across Northern and Central California.

PG&E’s First Installment of Property Taxes Paid on December 10, 2020:

- Alameda — \$32,404,709
- Alpine — \$80,538
- Amador — \$1,108,032
- Butte — \$ 5,667,359
- Calaveras — \$ 1,191,644
- Colusa — \$ 4,137,638
- Contra Costa — \$ 21,497,366
- El Dorado — \$ 1,740,390
- Fresno — \$ 18,276,652
- Glenn — \$ 1,002,342
- Humboldt — \$ 4,106,763

- Kern — \$ 9,771,985
- Kings — \$ 1,706,582
- Lake — \$ 961,632
- Lassen — \$ 51,276
- Madera — \$ 2,510,612
- Marin — \$ 4,750,923
- Mariposa — \$ 318,727
- Mendocino — \$ 1,824,242
- Merced — \$ 3,967,492
- Modoc — \$ 214,875
- Monterey — \$ 4,022,424
- Napa — \$ 3,369,198
- Nevada — \$ 1,357,769
- Placer — \$ 6,606,295
- Plumas — \$ 2,565,430
- Sacramento — \$ 7,024,199
- San Benito — \$ 877,418
- San Bernardino — \$ 1,450,867
- San Diego — \$ 6,446
- San Francisco — \$ 14,835,825
- San Joaquin — \$ 13,167,723
- San Luis Obispo — \$ 10,392,451
- San Mateo — \$ 15,317,959
- Santa Barbara — \$ 1,180,653
- Santa Clara — \$ 33,320,405
- Santa Cruz — \$ 2,016,295
- Shasta — \$ 6,227,812

- Sierra — \$ 124,531
- Siskiyou — \$ 100,917
- Solano — \$ 6,654,033
- Sonoma — \$ 8,764,068
- Stanislaus — \$ 2,904,283
- Sutter — \$ 1,415,569
- Tehama — \$ 1,551,202
- Trinity — \$ 181,612
- Tulare — \$ 610,699
- Tuolumne — \$ 910,615
- Yolo — \$ 2,917,664
- Yuba — \$ 1,474,638

Total payments -- \$268,640,779

PG&E supports the communities it serves in a variety of ways. Last year, PG&E provided \$17.5 million in community grants and investments to enhance local educational opportunities, preserve the environment, and support economic vitality and emergency preparedness. PG&E employees provide volunteer service in their local communities. The company also offers a broad spectrum of economic development services to help local businesses grow.

Habitual Burglary Suspect Arrested

SUBMITTED BY
GENEVA BOSQUES, FREMONT PD

On 11/30/2020, a victim reported that his vehicle was burglarized in a parking lot in the 3900 block of Washington Blvd. The victim was able to locate nearby surveillance video of the suspect vehicle which was found to be a 2003 Mitsubishi Galant. Detectives reviewed Community Camera footage and identified the suspect vehicle's license plate. On 12/8/20, detectives conducted a probation search of the

suspect’s residence and recovered all of the stolen property from the 11/30/20 auto burglary. 39-year-old Jeremy Neist of Fremont was arrested for burglary, possession of stolen property, and possession of a controlled substance. He was booked at the Fremont City Jail but released on a citation due to “zero bail.”

On 01/06/2020, a victim reported that his vehicle was burglarized in the parking lot of Dale Hardware. Video surveillance was recovered and

detectives were able to identify Neist as the suspect. At the time, Neist was driving a 2004 Chevrolet Avalanche.

On 01/21/2020, undercover detectives from the Special Operations Division were conducting surveillance for Neist when they observed him arrive at Dale Hardware. Neist committed an auto burglary in the parking lot before detectives had an opportunity to contact him. Detectives followed Neist until additional personnel and patrol units were able to catch up. Neist

pulled into the Walmart parking lot off Albrae St. where he appeared to be casing for another auto burglary. Detectives and patrol officers conducted an enforcement stop on Neist before he was able to commit another auto burglary.

Neist was arrested and booked at the Fremont City Jail for burglary charges related to the 01/06/20 and 01/21/20 incidents. Neist’s bail was set at \$20,000 which he posted the following day. He was released from custody with a 04/21/21 court

date. Neist also has a 02/05/21 court date to be arraigned for his 11/30/20 auto burglary arrest.

Neist has numerous prior arrests for multiple incidents of burglary, possession of stolen property, possession of stolen vehicles, identity theft, resisting arrest, possession of drugs, and violating parole.

If you have any information regarding this case, please contact Detective Matthew Floresca at 510-790-6900 or mfloresca@fremont.gov

Hayward Police Log

SUBMITTED BY HAYWARD PD

Monday, January 18

- At 9:03 a.m. police reported that a shooting occurred over the weekend in the 900 block of Zephyr Ave. A business reported property damage. No injuries were reported.

Tuesday, January 19

- At 2:12 p.m. officers responded to a call about an indecent exposure involving a man walking down the middle of the street. Officers detained the man and he was taken to a psychiatric facility for evaluation.

Wednesday, January 20

- At 11:02 p.m. about 100 cars were reported doing sideshow activity in the 31000 block of Mission Blvd. Officers responded to the area and arrested one person and towed a vehicle.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF FREMONT
ART REVIEW BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ART REVIEW BOARD OF THE CITY OF FREMONT WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL. SAID PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY AT 3:30 P.M., ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021, AT WHICH TIME ALL PARTIES AND INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE VIA TELECONFERENCING TO PROMOTE SOCIAL DISTANCING UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-25-20, AS AMENDED. INFORMATION ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON THE MEETING AGENDA POSTED ONLINE AT FREMONT.GOV/AGENDACENTER/ART-REVIEW-BOARD-1 AT LEAST THREE DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ART FOR THE WARM SPRINGS PLAZA IN WARM SPRINGS INNOVATION DISTRICT – Intersection of Innovation Way and Lopes Court – To provide feedback (including artists to consider, type of art, and budget) for a new permanent public art installation located within Warm Springs Plaza as part of the Warm Springs Innovation District Art Work Plan, and to consider an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), General Rule, which states that, where it can be seen with certainty that the activity will not have a significant effect on the environment, that activity is not subject to CEQA.
Project Planner – Mark Hungerford, (510) 494-4541, mhungerford@fremont.gov

* NOTICE *

If you challenge the decision of the Art Review Board in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Secretary, Art Review Board at, or prior to, the public hearing.

LUCIANA TORRES
FREMONT ART REVIEW BOARD



CNSB#3436676

CIVIL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. HG20081683
Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA
Petition of: RAUNAK JAHAN for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner RAUNAK JAHAN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: RAUNAK JAHAN to RAUNAK JAHAN CHOUDHURY
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 3/12/2021, Time: 11AM, Dept.: 17, Room: --
The address of the court is 1221 OAK ST., OAKLAND, CA 94612
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: EAST BAY TIMES
Date: NOV 18, 2020
JUDGE DESAUTELS
JUDGE of the Superior Court
2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23/21

CNS-3435818#

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. HG20082336
Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA
Petition of: HUNG NGO HUYNH for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner HUNG NGO HUYNH filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: HUNG NGO HUYNH to HUNG NGOC HUYNH
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 02/19/2021, Time: 11:00 A.M., Dept.: 17, Room: N/A
The address of the court is 1221 OAK STREET, OAKALND, CA 94612
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: TRI CITY VOICE
Date: DECEMBER 23, 2020
JUDGE DESAUTELS
JUDGE of the Superior Court
1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16/21

CNS-3433668#

SUMMONS (Family Law)
CITACION (Decho familiar)
CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DE CASO):
HF20062518
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT (Name): AVISO AL DEMANDADO (Nombre): SUSAN STALEY
You have been sued. Read the information below and on the next page.
Lo han demandado. Lea la información a continuación y en la página siguiente.
Petitioner's name is: Nombre del demandante: GARY STALEY
You have 30 calendar days after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call, or court appearance will not protect you.
If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or

domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs.
For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org), or by contacting your local county bar association.
Tiene 30 días de calendario después de haber recibido la entrega legal de esta Citación y Petición para presentar una Respuesta (formulario FL-120) ante la corte y efectuar la entrega legal de una copia al demandante. Una carta o llamada telefónica o una audiencia de la corte no basta para protegerlo.
Si no presenta su Respuesta a tiempo, la corte puede dar órdenes que afecten su matrimonio o pareja de hecho, sus bienes y la custodia de sus hijos. La corte también le puede ordenar que pague manutención, y honorarios y costos legales.
Para asesoramiento legal, póngase en contacto de inmediato con un abogado. Puede obtener información para encontrar un abogado en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en el sitio web de los Servicios Legales de California (www.lawhelpca.org) o poniéndose en contacto con el colegio de abogados de su condado.
NOTICE—RESTRaining ORDERS ARE ON PAGE 2: These restraining orders are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered, or the court makes further orders. They are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.
AVISO—LAS ÓRDENES DE RESTRICCIÓN SE ENCUENTRAN EN LA PAGINA 2: Las órdenes de restricción están en vigencia en cuanto a ambos cónyuges o miembros de la pareja de hecho hasta que se despidia la petición, se emita un fallo o la corte dé otras órdenes. Cualquier agencia del orden público que haya recibido o visto una copia de estas órdenes puede hacerlas acatar en cualquier lugar de California.
FEE WAIVER: If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party.
EXENCIÓN DE CUOTAS: Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario un formulario de exención de cuotas. La corte puede ordenar que usted pague, ya sea en parte o por completo, las cuotas y costos de la corte previamente exentos a petición de usted o de la otra parte.
1. The name and address of the court are (El nombre y dirección de la corte son): HAYWARD HALL OF JUSTICE, 24405 AMADOR ST., HAYWARD, CA 94544
2. The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney, are: (El nombre, dirección y número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante si no tiene abogado, son): PAMELA ROSS, SBN 282627, ALL FOR THE FAMILY LEGAL CLINIC, INC., 3137 CASTRO VALLEY BLVD. #210, CASTRO VALLEY, CA 94546 510-989-7732
Date (Fecha): MAY 27, 2020
— Clerk, by (Secretario, por) —, Deputy (Asistente)
1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16/21

CNS-3433268#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 575813
Fictitious Business Name(s):
CLARITY MEDICAL SPA, 39277 LIBERTY ST., FREMONT, CA 94538, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
MITANU LLC, 2497 EUCLID PL, FREMONT, CA 94539
Business conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12-15-2020
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares

CNS-3436558#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 575768
Fictitious Business Name(s):
FRESH FRUIT CART, 260 INDUSTRIAL PKWY #6, HAYWARD, CA 94544, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
TILLMAN BUTLER, 260 INDUSTRIAL PKWY #6, HAYWARD, CA 94544
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares

CNS-3431758#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 575441
Fictitious Business Name(s):
FAMILY VISION CARE OPTOMETRICS, 34724 ALVARADO NILES RD., UNION CITY, CA 94587, County of ALAMEDA
FAMILY VISION CARE, 34724 ALVARADO NILES RD., UNION CITY, CA 94587, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
GARY M. LOUIE, O.D., INC. 35148 KING CT., FREMONT, CA 94536
Business conducted by: A CORPORATION
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1995
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ GARY M. LOUIE, O.D.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on DEC 22, 2020
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16/21

CNS-3429699#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 575464
Fictitious Business Name(s):
SIMRAN TRUCKING, 33085 MISSION BLVD., UNION CITY, CA 94587, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
DALWINDER RAI, 33085 MISSION BLVD., UNION CITY, CA 94587, County of ALAMEDA
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12-29-2015
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ DALWINDER RAI
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on DEC 24, 2020
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9/21

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 575421
Fictitious Business Name(s):
FAMILY VISION CARE OPTOMETRICS, 34724 ALVARADO NILES RD., UNION CITY, CA 94587, County of ALAMEDA
FAMILY VISION CARE, 34724 ALVARADO NILES RD., UNION CITY, CA 94587, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
GARY M. LOUIE, O.D., INC. 35148 KING CT., FREMONT, CA 94536
Business conducted by: A CORPORATION
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1995
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ GARY M. LOUIE, O.D.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on DEC 22, 2020
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2/21

CNS-3429699#

PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
VIRGINIA HILBERG
CASE NO. RP20082850
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: VIRGINIA HILBERG
A Petition for Probate has been filed by YUNHUI LIU in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.
The Petition for Probate requests that YUNHUI LIU be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on 02/10/2021 at 9:45 A.M. in Dept. 202 Room N/A located at 2120 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR WAY, BERKELEY, CA 94704.
MANDATORY REMOTE APPEARANCE: The Court requires all parties who wish to attend the hearing on the above date and time, including those who wish to state objections, to appear by audio or video technology. The parties should consult the court's website for the specific telephonic and video applications available. The parties may also contact the probate clerk in the respective department for information concerning remote appearances. Parties must be present at least five (5) minutes before the scheduled hearing time.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state

CNS-3432070#

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
MARSHA LYNN DRUM
CASE NO. RP20083440
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: MARSHA LYNN DRUM
A Petition for Probate has been filed by TRUDY LOUISE LEMA in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.
The Petition for Probate requests that TRUDY LOUISE LEMA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
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If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner: GEORGE M. DERIEG, 2219 SANTA CLARA AVE. #B-1, ALAMEDA, CA 94501, Telephone: 510-355-2747
1/19, 1/26, 2/2/21

CNS-3432707#

SUBMITTED BY MARÍA LETICIA GÓMEZ

Santa Clara County is offering the New Americans Fellowship (NAF) program to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients living, working, or going to school in the county. The fellowship is a 10-week leadership program that runs from June through September and offers a stipend of up to \$10,000 to cover living expenses. The application is due by Monday, March 1.

“The New Americans Fellowship brings to our organization bold, impactful thinkers who enrich so many of the county’s safety-net programs,” said Miguel Márquez, chief operating officer, County of Santa Clara, who has had the privilege

of working with fellows on their projects. “We look forward to learning from the personal, innovative perspectives of our 2021 NAF cohort.”

Fellows receive mentoring and career pipeline support from County leaders and from various mentoring County departments. As part of the Fellowship, participants gain transferable skills and professional development in the areas of research and policy analysis, public communication, group facilitation, and project management. They are also trained to serve as community ambassadors to improve and expand immigrant integration.

Eligibility Requirements (All Must Apply)

- Current recipient of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) with work per-

mit* eligibility through the entire length of the fellowship (June - September)

- Employment authorization card
- Currently working, living, or attending school in Santa Clara County
- Commit to 10 weeks between June - September
- Undergraduate or graduate student, or recent college graduate
- Desire to be involved in social justice for the immigrant community

*A current DACA recipient is an individual with a current grant of deferred action under the U.S. government’s Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

How to Apply

- Complete the application at www.sccoir.org/naf

- Provide 1-2 letters of recommendation from individuals or organizations you have worked or collaborated with that can provide insight to your public service activities and leadership skills
- College transcript(s)
- Analytical or other academic writing sample (3-5 pages long)

New Americans Fellowship (NAF) program

Application Deadline: Monday, Mar 1

Letter(s) of Recommendation Deadline: Monday, Mar 8

Notification of Selection: Tuesday, Apr 6

www.sccoir.org/naf

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Safe Parking Strategy Update

City of Fremont is prioritizing the development of programs that help serve the homeless population living in vehicles.

To better address their needs, the city is launching a Safe Parking Strategy. This strategy will recommend different program options the city could pursue to offer safe and sanitary areas where homeless residents residing in vehicles could park.

To start the process of developing a Safe Parking Strategy, the city asked the

community to provide their input through a community survey. The survey launched in early December 2020 and remained open until January 25. Over 450 responses were received; staff is currently reviewing all the responses.

The next step in the process is for staff to present their proposed Safe Parking

Strategy to the Fremont City Council on February 16. The community will be able to review the proposal and provide input as well. For more information, visit the City's Safe Parking Strategy webpage, www.fremont.gov/3750/Safe-Parking-Strategy.

Governor Extends Eviction Moratorium

SUBMITTED BY GOVERNOR’S PRESS OFFICE

Governor Gavin Newsom signed legislation on January 29 to extend the state’s landmark eviction moratorium through June 30, 2021, protecting millions of Californians struggling as a result of the economic hardships brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. With the passage of SB 91, California leads all states by enacting the strongest renter protections in the nation.

“Once again, California is leading the way by enacting the strongest eviction protections in the nation, which will provide relief for millions of Californians dealing with financial difficulties as a result of COVID-19,” said Governor Newsom. “This law not only provides greatly needed support for tenants, but also provides relief to small property owners in need of assistance to pay for mortgages, thanks to \$2.6 billion in federal stimulus funding.”

On Monday, Governor Newsom, Senate President pro Tempore Toni Atkins and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon announced an agreement on the legislation to extend the eviction moratorium established last year under AB 3088, which was set to expire at the end of the month

The legislation pauses evictions for tenants who declare under penalty of perjury an inability to pay all or part of the rent due to a COVID-related reason. Tenants are still responsible for paying unpaid amounts to property owners, but those unpaid amounts cannot be the basis for an eviction, even after the moratorium ends.

SB 91 also establishes the State Rental Assistance Program to allocate the \$2.6 billion in federal rental

assistance California will receive. The program will target aid to income-qualified tenants most at-risk with unpaid back rent. Assistance will also be extended to property owners who agree to waive 20 percent of unpaid rent. By agreeing to this waiver, property owners will become eligible for 80 percent in rent reimbursements for amounts owed between April 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021.

Approximately \$150 million of the federal funds will be reserved for tenants in counties with populations of 200,000 or less and the additional funds will be available to counties with populations larger than 200,000. The state will directly administer \$1.5 billion through contracted entities, and local governments can either join forces with the state or administer their own programs. The State Rental Assistance Program will begin accepting applications from property owners and tenants in March.

SB 91 prohibits the selling or assigning of rental debt that was accrued from March 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 until the end of the moratorium. However, the prohibition is permanent with respect to the rental debt of people at or below 80 percent of Area Median Income who meet the eligibility requirements of the Rental Assistance Program. Property owners or other housing providers are also prohibited from using COVID-19 related debt as a negative factor for evaluating a housing application, or as the basis for refusing to rent to an otherwise qualified tenant.

Pasqual Lopez Contreras

Resident of Union City

July 6, 1942 – January 10, 2021

Pasqual Lopez Contreras was born on July 6, 1942 in San Fernando Valley CA. He passed away on January 10, 2021 at home in Decoto CA at the age of 78.

Pasqual is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Geraldine. Loving father to Lisa, Theresa, and Letticia. Adoring grandfather to Steve, Hannah, Anthony, Laura, Sarah, Fernando, Maggie, Dillon, and Libby. Caring great grandfather to Adriana, Alijah, Jacob, Mia, Damien, Devin, Gabby, Nova, and Lidia.

Pasqual was the youngest of the family, survived by his sister Sally Rivera. He is preceded in death by Jesus Contreras, Armando Contreras, Joe Contreras, Bobby Contreras, and sisters Senida, Angie, Lydia, and Ruth (Cuca). He has many nephews and nieces.

Pasqual was raised in Decoto California where he retired from Whelan Engineering Co. He loved working on classic cars and



traveling with his wife to Mexico and Oceanside where he had many cousins.

A Celebrate the Life of Pasqual Contreras will be held on February 5, 2021 at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, 703 C Street Union City with a Visitation from 9:30 – 10:30 AM. A Funeral Mass to follow at 10:30 AM. Services will be outside, please wear a mask.

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Arthur Kinson, Jr.

March 2, 1933 – January 28, 2021

Resident of Fremont

Arthur Kinson Jr, age 87 of Fremont passed away the evening of January 28, 2021 due to pneumonia secondary to the COVID virus. Beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

Arthur was born in Akron Ohio on March 2, 1933 to Arthur Kinson Sr. and Elise Huber Kinson. The family relocated to the Bay Area post-WWII, where Arthur Joined the U.S. Air Force after graduating from El Cerrito High School in 1951. Arthur served the major portion of his military service time overseas in England and Germany. After Honorable Discharge from the Air Force, Arthur worked at various jobs at the Oakland Airport as an aircraft electrician, before landing a Union job with General Foods in San Leandro. Arthur worked 30 years as a Teamster at General Foods before retirement.

Arthur enjoyed the outdoors, camping, fishing, boating, the Oakland Raiders AND the 49’ers and he was a big



motorsports - NASCAR/Indy Car/NHRA - fan. He had a tremendous mechanical aptitude and loved working on his own cars (a lot of times out of necessity) and, quite possibly his favorite hobby of all, tinkering around the garage repairing and “improving” anything that he needed repaired or improved.

Arthur is preceded in death by his first wife, Angelita and by his sisters Betty, Reva and Joann. He is survived by his sons Alfonso “Eddy” Sanchez, Carlos Sanchez, Martin Sanchez, John

Kinson and his wife Jillian, and Joe Kinson, 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Arthur is also survived by his wife Hope and his extended family with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Due to current COVID conditions, social distance protocols and the weather, the decision has been made to postpone a Military Honors Memorial Internment and a Celebration of Life until such a time that conditions improve to a point where we feel our friends and family can comfortably and safely gather to remember and honor Arthur.

Every effort will be made to keep friends and family informed of Memorial Services as conditions hopefully improve. Please sign the Guest Book at www.fremontchapeloftheroses.com, so we can more easily contact you.

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Lorraine M Pine

December 1, 1928 - January 26, 2021

Lifetime resident of the Fremont Area



Lorraine M Pine is survived by her husband Ralph Balestra, 2 daughters Karen (Pine) Hand of Hayward and Nancy(Pine) Willmes of Tuolumne and a sister Marie Frades of Henderson NV. 13 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. She is predeceased by her first husband Robert Pine Sr., sons Robert (Bobby) Pine Jr. and David Pine. Daughter

Kathleen Jones and grandson Michael Jones.

She graduated from Washington High School, worked 30 years as a bookkeeper for Robert Pine Trucking, 15 years for Bank of America and 15 year for the Fremont Unified School District. She loved playing bingo, going to garage sales and Thrift Stores.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, 1 PM, at Fremont Chapel of the Rose, 1940 Peralta Boulevard, Fremont, with a Rosary at 3 PM. A Graveside Service will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2021, 11 AM, at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 26320 Mission Boulevard, Hayward. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital.

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How Boston Dynamics’ robots learned to dance

THE ROBOT REPORT

BY STEVE CROWE

By now you’ve likely seen Boston Dynamics’ latest viral video in which its Atlas, Handle, and Spot robots dance to The Contours’ “Do You Love Me?” If you haven’t, or if you want to see it again, watch it at: <https://youtu.be/fn3KWM1kuAw>.

One of the more common questions I received after sharing the video was: how did the robots become such great dancers? Well, we now have more information about Atlas and Spot.

Adam Savage and Tested released a video that dives into the RBR50 company’s Choreographer software. As the Boston Dynamics engineer said in the video, the Choreographer software is similar to video editing or animation software. It works by dragging and tweaking Spot’s pre-programmed movements onto a timeline.

The video described some of the movements Spot can perform, including body, step, dynamic transition and kneeling motions. Within each of those categories, there are sub-cate-



gories of movements that can be dragged onto the timeline.

One example they go over in the video is the “Running Man” move, which we’ve seen Spot do several times now. “Each move is one step,” said Boston Dynamics. “You adjust the variable for that one step, copy and paste it, drag it into your timeline, and then combine it with other things.”

As for Atlas, learning to dance is even more complex. IEEE Spectrum has a great interview with Aaron Saunders, Boston Dynamics’ VP of Engineering, about the challenges and how human dancers were needed.

From IEEE:

“We started by working with dancers and a choreographer to create an initial concept for the dance by composing and assembling a routine. One of the challenges, and probably the core

challenge for Atlas in particular, was adjusting human dance moves so that they could be performed on the robot. To do that, we used simulation to rapidly iterate through movement concepts while soliciting feedback from the choreographer to reach behaviors that Atlas had the strength and speed to execute. It was very iterative -- they would literally dance out what they wanted us to do, and the engineers would look at the screen and go ‘that would be easy’ or ‘that would be hard’ or ‘that scares me.’ And then we’d have a discussion, try different things in simulation, and make adjustments to find a compatible set of moves that we could execute on Atlas.

“Throughout the project, the time frame for creating those new dance moves got shorter and

shorter as we built tools, and as an example, eventually we were able to use that toolchain to create one of Atlas’ ballet moves in just one day, the day before we filmed, and it worked. So, it’s not hand-scripted or hand-coded, it’s about having a pipeline that lets you take a diverse set of motions, that you can describe through a variety of different inputs, and push them through and onto the robot.”

Saunders also described how Atlas’ dance moves are controlled: “Atlas’ current dance performance uses a mixture of what we like to call reflexive control, which is a combination of reacting to forces, online and offline trajectory optimization, and model predictive control. We leverage these techniques because they’re a reliable way of unlocking really high-performance stuff, and we understand how to wield these tools really well. We haven’t found the end of the road in terms of what we can do with them.”

Arizona State University’s Heni Ben Amor, an assistant professor in the Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering, specializes in machine learning and human-robot interaction. He said the technology involved with Atlas dancing isn’t new. But the complexity, in this case, is unparalleled. “In combination with the artistry of the choreography, this results in an impressive showcase of robot capabilities,” he said.

Ben Amor said mimicking the dancers’ choreography has an element of puppetry to it, but maintaining physical stability is a major part of the equation. “The robot has to think about how to actuate the motors so it can generate its own actions in space.”

“They aren’t making long-term autonomous decisions. They are making short-term decisions that enable them to reproduce what they’ve been shown in the space in which they are acting. Even without any learning or AI, it is still difficult to overstate the quality of this achievement,” Ben Amor said. “A humanoid robot of this complexity, being controlled with this level of fluidity and grace, is unparalleled.”

Ben Amor’s research is machine learning methods that enable physical, human interaction. “I envision that the next stage will be developing stunt robots capable of directly interacting with humans. Spiderman jumping in real life will bring robotics closer to humans,” Ben Amor said. “The day will come when the annual Boston Dynamics release will feature partnering with human dancers and performing graceful ballet lifts.”

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