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9/11: As the decades pass, the act of remembering evolves

AP WIRE SERVICE
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SHANKSVILLE, Pa. (AP), Aug 28 – The hills in Shanksville seem to swallow sound. The plateau that Americans by the millions ascend to visit the Flight 93 National Memorial, to think of those who died in this southwestern Pennsylvania expanse, sits just above much of the landscape, creating a pocket of quiet precisely where quiet needs to be.

It is a place that encourages the act of remembering.

Twenty years have passed since United Flight 93 made its final descent, chaos unfolding aboard as buildings burned 300 miles to the east. Nearly one-fifth of the country is too young to remember firsthand

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AP Photo/Chuck Burton

Kintsugi: Picking up the pieces

By MADHVIKA SINGH
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"There is a crack, a crack in everything
That's how the light gets in." - Leonard Cohen from the song "Anthem"
Curtis Kotake, a Newark resident, has been practicing an art form known as Kintsugi. It involves taking broken pieces of pottery and putting them back together. To Kotake, the art form creates deeper meaning – "Let's gather up the pieces and move forward, mending what is broken and fixing it at the broken lines, relays a powerful message about developing resilience." The broken bowls are a metaphor for

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JESSICA CHENG

Teen-led backpack drive helps students get back to school

Over eighteen months into a global pandemic, a team of five Fremont high school juniors from American, Irvington and Washington high schools are ready to finally get back to campus — and looking out for those who may have a hard time doing so. Conscious that some families might struggle with the

financial burden of the back-to-school season, including purchasing backpacks and mandatory supplies, particularly after the challenges of the last year, the team (Ariel Chang, Athena Chew, Hope Lin, Kira Lau and lead organizer Jessica Cheng) made it their mission to help students access crucial resources for the school year ahead.

Their plan included a backpack drive, held in partnership with 11 different local churches, that elected to sponsor the effort. The team also coordinated with local businesses, including Raley's, Target and Lucky supermarkets, and found community partners including Fremont-based tech company SYNnex Corporation and diasporic non-profit Taiwanese American Federation of Northern California (TAFNC). "We know today's students are the future," says TAFNC president Cleo Chiang, "and we want to set them up for success."

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As a leading resource for health care services in Southern Alameda County, Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation has made the difficult decision to cancel the 35th Annual Top Hat Gala, originally scheduled for October 9. While everyone was looking forward to an in-person celebration, the safety of the community and the risk of COVID-19 transmission prevailed.

For the last 34 years, Top Hat has brought people together in support of Washington Hospital. First held at the Top of the Mark in San Francisco in 1986, the dinner dance has grown into an elegant celebration in Fremont, raising funds for clinical services in the Tri-City Area. Thanks to the support of the community, Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation continues to play a key role in ensuring Tri-City

residents have access to the highest quality health care. Generous Top Hat donors have contributed millions of dollars to support the Hospital's most vital programs and services, including: the Special Care Nursery, Prenatal Diagnostic Services, the Radiation Oncology Center, the Emergency Department and many more over the years.

This year, in lieu of a traditional Top Hat Gala, the Hospital is asking for community support to help take the next step forward to providing a full continuum of quality care locally for the community. Funds raised by this year's Top Hat drive will help create an Acute Rehabilitation Center at Washington Hospital. This center will fill a critical gap in rehabilitation care in our local district and surrounding communities by providing intensive, specialized treatment for patients with stroke, limb amputation and other major medical conditions. Through clinical collaboration and advanced technology including specialized lifts, tracking systems and equipment, patients will

A History of Fundraising by Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation

Support Needed for New Inpatient Acute Rehabilitation Center



receive daily individualized physical, occupational and speech therapy from Washington Hospital's team of certified rehabilitation nurses and therapists.

Support Options

Community members can support this critical community need in one of three ways:

- Make a gift directly to the Inpatient Acute Rehabilitation Center fund. Donations are 100% tax-deductible.
- Bid on silent auction items beginning September 20. (Find

details on the Foundation website.)

- Purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win a \$2,500 gift card to Dale Hardware. (\$75 buys three chances to win!)

“Although we are not able to celebrate together this year, I encourage you to support the Inpatient Acute Rehabilitation Center,” Gary Charland, President of the Foundation, said. “This center will fulfill a need for our community now and into the future, helping patients reclaim their independence.” He continued, “Washington

Hospital is committed to providing the highest quality of care in our community, and your support can help fill this critical gap in care in our local district and surrounding communities.”

To make a direct donation, purchase raffle tickets, find out more about the silent auction, or ask questions about Washington Hospital's philanthropic Foundation, call, email, or check the website: 510.818.7350, foundation@whhs.com (email), whhs.com/foundation (website).

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

	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
	9/7/21	9/8/21	9/9/21	9/10/21	9/11/21	9/12/21	9/13/21
12:00 PM 12:00 AM	Advanced Treatments for Knee Pain	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting August 11, 2021	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes Complications and Amputation	Diabetes Matters: Asian Fusion	Solutions for Weight Management	Ortho Overuse Injuries: Prevention and Treatment	Mental Health Education Series: Understanding Psychotic Disorders
12:30 PM 12:30 AM	Gastrointestinal Disorders		Stress Management	Medicare: What You Need to Know			
1:00 PM 1:00 AM				Deep Venous Thrombosis	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting August 11, 2021	Updated Treatments for Knee Pain & Arthritis	Mental Health Education Series: Anxiety Disorders
1:30 PM 1:30 AM	Mental Health Education Series: Mental Wellness		Mental Health Education Series: Crisis Intervention	Preventive Screenings: When and Why are They Important?			
2:00 PM 2:00 AM	Prostate Cancer: What You Need to Know		Nerve Compression Disorders of the Arm	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting August 11, 2021		Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting August 11, 2021	Shingles
2:30 PM 2:30 AM					Relieving Back Pain: Know Your Options		
3:00 PM 3:00 AM	Chronic Kidney Disease: FAQ		Family Caregiver Series: Legal & Financial Affairs				
3:30 PM 3:30 AM	Diabetes Matters: Latin Foods	Mental Health Education Series: Family Support	Good Fats vs. Bad Fats	From One Second to the Next	Diabetes Matters: Glucose Monitoring	Sports Medicine Program: Think Running is a Pain? It Doesn't Have to Be	Women's Health Conference: Reclaiming Your Confidence
4:00 PM 4:00 AM	How to Prevent Financial Elder Abuse/Fraud						
4:30 PM 4:30 AM	The Signs and Symptoms of Sepsis	How to Sleep Your Way to Better Health	Active Living: Yoga Exercises	How To Stop Disease Before It Starts	Peripheral Vascular Disease: What You Need to Know	Aortic Valve Disease: Treatment Options Including TAVR	Diabetes Matters: Filipino Food Made Healthy
5:00 PM 5:00 AM		Preventive Care: What You Need To Know					
5:30 PM 5:30 AM	Intro to Radiation Oncology Therapy	Managing Diabetes During Challenging Times	Family Caregiver Series: Driving Safety & Alternative Transportation Resources	Fun Fresh Summer Cooking Demonstration	Latest Treatments for Cerebral Aneurysms	How to Talk to Your Doctor	
6:00 PM 6:00 AM	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting August 11, 2021	When Your Heart Needs A Little Help	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting August 11, 2021	Diabetes Matters: Heart Healthy Foods & Diabetes	Enlarged Prostate: Causes, Symptoms and Treatment	FB Live: Staying Fit While Working From Home	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting August 11, 2021
6:30 PM 6:30 AM		Chronic Venous Disease: Causes, Symptoms & Treatment				Strategies to Help Lower Your Cholesterol and Blood Pressure	
7:00 PM 7:00 AM		Don't Let Hip Pain Win		Breathe Easier with Pulmonary Rehab	Hernias: Causes, Symptoms and the Latest Treatment Options		
8:00 PM 8:00 AM	Diabetes Matters: Managing Diabetes During Adverse Conditions	Family Caregiver Series: Loss, Grief & Recovery	Early Detection and Prevention of Female Cancers			FB Live: Noontime in the COVID-19 Kitchen	Colon Cancer
8:30 PM 8:30 AM	Shoulder Pain: Causes and Treatment Options	Fremont Bank Staying Healthy in 2021	Food Pharmacy: Prescription for Colon Health	Sick Feet?	Impact of Obesity: Why You Need to Get and Keep a Healthy Weight	Family Caregiver Series: Recognizing the Need to Transition to a Skilled Nursing Facility	
9:00 PM 9:00 AM			Suffer From Sinus Problems?				Women's Health Conference: Quality of Life Before and After Cosmetic Surgery
9:30 PM 9:30 AM		Treating Neck and Back Pain from Home		Hepatitis B and Liver Cancer: Prevention and Treatment	Fall Prevention		
10:00 PM 10:00 AM	Interventional Radiology (IR) for Vascular Disease	Sidelined by Back Pain? Get Back in the Game	Endometriosis: Causes, Symptoms, Diagnosis and Treatment			COVID-19: The Road Ahead	Minimally Invasive Options in Gynecology
10:30 PM 10:30 AM				Palliative Care, an Extra Layer of Support	Mental Health Education Series: Understanding Mood Disorders		
11:00 PM 11:00 AM	Impact of Obesity: Why You Need to Get and Keep a Healthy Weight	Advancements in Lung Cancer Detection and Treatment	Women's Health: Depression, More Than a State of Mind	Learn the Latest Treatment Options for GERD	Diabetes Matters: Asian Indian Cooking	Breathe Easier with Pulmonary Rehab	

September 6 Begins National Suicide Prevention Week

Local Psychiatrist Notes Correlation
Between Pandemic
and Increase in Mental Health Issues

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK



National Suicide Prevention Week runs from September 6 through 12 this year, and comes at a time when mental health concerns are high across the country. The COVID-19 virus, the natural disasters and the worldwide political turmoil are taking their toll on millions of people's mental health and well-being.

In a recent study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 40 percent of U.S. adults reported struggling with mental health or substance abuse. The study further determined that essential workers, unpaid adult caregivers, racial and ethnic minorities, and younger adults are suffering disproportionately worse mental health outcomes. Moreover, these populations are more likely to engage in substance abuse and suffer from elevated suicidal ideation, which is when someone is thinking about or planning to commit suicide.

Board-certified psychiatrist with Washington Township Medical Foundation, Catalina Villa, MD, says that among her patients, there is an increase in anxiety, depression, drug overdoses, and both attempted and successful suicide. "Even in the general population," she adds, "anxiety and depression are much more common now."

Among those who are contending with higher levels of suicidal ideation are health care professionals treating COVID-19. "Front-line medical staff caring for COVID-19 patients are particularly vulnerable to increased depression," says Dr. Villa. "For these caregivers, in addition to the usual challenges of caring for the very sick, is their never-ending worry that they themselves could be exposed to COVID-19 and inadvertently infect their families or friends."

Over the past several months, Dr. Villa has treated a number of patients hospitalized because of drug overdoses. Individuals with a history of substance abuse are more likely to self-medicate when they are feeling anxious or depressed. Since the onset of the pandemic, patients who are dependent upon opioids, painkillers, or heroin have had a greater chance of overdosing, accidentally or intentionally.

In addition to patients with substance abuse issues, Dr. Villa is seeing an escalation in suicide attempts among elderly patients. For seniors, isolation and difficulties managing their ailments can compound their feelings of low self-esteem and helplessness.

Men, more than women, from families or cultures that expect them to be the stronger sex may be reluctant to admit to feeling hopeless or anxious. As a result of the public health crisis, many people who were the primary breadwinners in their families are now experiencing unemployment, which is causing them enormous distress and feelings of guilt. Similarly, young people expecting that they would be working and independent or studying at college, are now struggling to address their dependence, disappointment and isolation. Young women especially are suffering increased degrees of depression. "It is not just sadness," she says. "More women in their teens and early 20s are clinically depressed and need treatment."

Dr. Villa notes that there are identifiable risk factors that make individuals more susceptible to suicidal thoughts and behavior. These include mental health preconditions such as depression, bipolar disorder or substance abuse. Environmental and historical

factors can also play a role, such as stressful life events, exposure to another person's suicide, or a family history of suicide attempts.

During these challenging times, depression and anxiety are becoming more common, but that does not make them any less serious. If you know someone who has spoken about feeling helpless, hopeless, or wishing to die, or who has expressed feeling that he or she is a burden to others, it is important to take their distress seriously and inquire further. "When people are depressed, they need to talk about their emotional state," explains Dr. Villa. "It is vital that they have someone to talk to about how they are feeling." She encourages people to contact their primary care physician, or a psychiatrist or psychologist, to ask for support.

If you yourself are feeling low, there are steps you can take that may help. Dr. Villa recommends having a structured routine, getting at least seven hours of sleep each night, eating healthy foods, and doing daily exercises. Regularly socializing online or in-person (while wearing a mask and keeping socially distanced—especially if others are not vaccinated) are also important. "But if you find yourself in bed watching television all day, abusing alcohol or drugs, or thinking about suicide—seek help," urges Dr. Villa. "And if you know someone who is not doing well emotionally, talk to them about it. The most valuable thing is to listen to them. If you continue to be worried about them, try to convince them to call their primary care physician or a crisis hotline."

Your concern and intervention could prevent someone from taking his or her own life. The National Institute of Mental Health says that there are certain behaviors

that may be warning signs that someone is thinking about suicide. These include the following:

Expressing:

- A desire to die
- Feelings of guilt or shame
- Concerns about being a burden to others
- Hopelessness, feeling trapped, or without reason to live
- Anxiousness, agitation, or rage
- Physical or emotional pain

Changes in behavior, such as:

- Researching ways to die, making a plan to die
- Withdrawing from friends, saying goodbye, giving away important items
- Taking dangerous risks such as driving extremely fast
- Displaying extreme mood swings
- Eating or sleeping more or less
- Using drugs or alcohol more often

If some of these warning signs apply to you or someone you know, especially if the behavior is new or has increased recently, please seek help as soon as possible. To speak with a trained crisis counselor, call the Crisis Support Services of Alameda County at 800.309.2131, or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800.273.TALK (800.273.8255). Another option is to text "HELLO" to the Crisis Text Line at 741741. However, if you fear you or someone you know is about to engage in self-harm, call 911 immediately.



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Livermore Arts is celebrating the return of live performances with Grammy Award-winning entertainer Vanessa Williams headlining the annual Brilliance at the Bankhead fundraising gala on September 11, 2021. Known for her powerful voice and gracious stage presence, she is one of just a few artists who have topped the charts in a full range of genres from pop, dance, R&B, and adult contemporary, to holiday, Latin, gospel, and jazz. Ms. Williams will be accompanied by the Livermore-Amador Symphony at what is the largest fundraising event of the year for Livermore Arts. Proceeds support activities at both Bankhead Theater and Bothwell Arts Center, as well as the independent non-profit organization's broad educational and cultural arts outreach activities.

Vanessa Williams is one of the most respected and multi-faceted performers in the entertainment industry today with her own star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Her albums have sold over 25 million records worldwide with such popular hits as "Dreamin'," "Running Back to You," "Save the Best for Last," and "Colors of the Wind" from Disney's Pocahontas, for which she was honored with a Golden Globe, Grammy and Academy Award for Best Original Song. William's critically-acclaimed work also includes films and television shows such as "Desperate Housewives" and "Ugly Betty," as well as the Broadway stage, where she starred alongside Cicely Tyson and Cuba Gooding Jr. in "The Trip to Bountiful."

"Brilliance at the Bankhead" includes dinner provided by On The Vine and live music featuring Spencer Sussman and Company on the plaza before the show, as well as live and silent auction items.

Sponsors for the 2021 Season Gala include Priem Family Foundation, Jean King, Lynn and Joan Seppala, Denise Watkins, Phillip and Muriel Dean, Jean Shuler, Lance Cavalieri Jewelers, Fremont Bank, Topcon, ThoughtSpot, Livermore-Amador Symphony, Uncle Credit Union, Wente Vineyards, and Chestnut Hill Vineyards. Media sponsorships provided by The Independent, Pleasanton Weekly, Bay Area News Group, and KKIQ.

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Teen-led backpack drive helps students get back to school

In total, they managed to collect and pack 547 backpacks filled with supplies for students in grades K-6, with over half of these delivered directly to elementary schools across Fremont, Newark and Hayward. They also donated backpacks to the City of Fremont's Family Resource Center and Davis Street's annual backpack program, which benefits residents in San Leandro, San Lorenzo and Castro Valley.

Among the recipients were students of 5th-grade teacher and Fremont native Denise Kuo, who is teaching in person for the first time. "Because of Covid, every student has experienced at least one trauma in their lives," Kuo says. "So, anything we



can provide, whether it's free lunch, school supplies or backpacks to support their well-being is crucial to helping them adjust back to learning in person." Now, as the team members join their peers heading back to school, they are hopeful that despite the shared challenges of an uncertain year ahead, they have enriched their communities to make the best of it.

"We hope the backpacks are useful," says Cheng, "and that [their] impact will last throughout the school year."



BY JOHN GRIMALDI AND DAVID BRUCE SMITH

The greatest show

P.T. Barnum made a fortune selling fantasies under his eponymous Grand Scientific & Musical Theater, American Museum, and the circus, which was reputed to be "The Greatest Show on Earth." Often entrepreneurial, he also invented the "Big Top" and filled it with side shows that featured dwarfs, conjoined twins, and other imagination-stretching anomalies.

Once, while he was touring Europe with the not-quite three-foot tall Tom Thumb, Barnum encountered Miss Jenny Lind, the celebrated "Swedish Nightingale." She was an operatic singer with a great following on the continent. Barnum quickly signed her for a national tour of America, and on September 1, 1850, he showed the world just how far his tastes reached. The trip was a triumph. As someone once said of him, P.T. Barnum was "Disney before Disney."

For more information the Grateful American Book Prize recommends "The Life of P.T. Barnum" by Phineas T. Barnum, himself.

It's all in a name

Allegedly, Peter Minuit purchased New York City from the Algonquin Indians for a few baubles in 1626, and then renamed it New Amsterdam to honor its newly acquired Dutch heritage.

Then, 38 years later – on September 8, 1664 -- Peter Stuyvesant, Governor of New Netherlands, surrendered the territory to an English naval squadron, and changed the name to venerate the Duke of York. According to History.com, "in 1686 it became the first city in the colonies to receive a royal charter. After the American Revolution, it became the first capital of the United States."

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends "The Island at the Center of the World," by Russell Shorto.

War and victory

In 1845 the U.S. government annexed Texas, which set a feud in motion with Mexico. President James K. Polk ordered General Zachary Taylor to occupy the disputed territory along the Rio Grande River; meanwhile, the Mexican army at-

tacked Taylor's troops, and America declared war.

Eventually, General Winfield Scott invaded Mexico with an army of 10,000 -- including 400 Marines -- and won the day. He landed near Vera Cruz on the Gulf of Mexico and defeated their forces. Then, he moved on to Mexico City, and won his final victory at a fortified military academy known as the Halls of Montezuma; there, he raised the American flag on September 14, 1847, and declared victory.

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends "The Mexican War, 1846-1848" by K. Jack Bauer.

This feature is courtesy of The Grateful American Book Prize, which is an annual award given to authors who have created outstanding works of historical fiction or nonfiction for seventh to ninth graders.

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Yom Kippur at Chabad of Fremont

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Chabad of Fremont is continuing their High Holiday services with an observation of Yom Kippur on Wednesday, September 15 and Thursday, September 16, 2021. Jewish High Holidays begin with Rosh Hashanah, the beginning of the Jewish year when G-d reinvents himself in creation. Yom Kippur is the Day of Atonement, where participants pray in the synagogue and fast for 25 hours.

No affiliation is necessary to participate, and family-friendly services will be held at the new Center for Jewish Life on Peralta Boulevard. There is no charge for seats. RSVP at www.chabadfremont.com/highholidays.

Yom Kippur Eve
Wednesday, September 15
6:45 p.m. Candlelighting
7:00 p.m. Kol Nidrei + children's program
7:45 p.m. Evening services

Yom Kippur
Thursday, September 16
10:00 a.m. Services begin
10:30 a.m. Children's program
12:30 p.m. Yizkor & Mussaf

5:15 p.m. Torah discussion with Rabbi Eli
6:15 p.m. Guided meditation
6:45 p.m. Neilah & children's show
7:58 p.m. break-fast buffet

High holidays continue with Sukkot and Simchat Torah, held Monday, September 20 – Wednesday, September 29 2021.

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<https://www.chabadfremont.com/>

TRASH TALK

BY THE PICKUP ARTIST

This is the eighth edition of Trash Talk, a column devoted to cleaning up our neighborhoods. This week's column focuses on my "trashing inventions."

The bag ease

One of the fun things about a new project for me is to find a way to do it better, be resourceful, and create a new method or tool. When starting to



gather trash, it became obvious that the bag itself was an issue. You have one hand holding the bag and the other using the grabber. It was annoying to try to keep the bag open, especially if it was even a little bit windy. I needed something that was light, yet strong enough to carry a bag and hold it open. One solution was the Bag-Ease (thanks to my wife for the clever name). It is simply a 5-gallon plastic bucket with the bottom cut out. Pull the bag up through the opening, fold it over the sides of the bucket, and hold in place with bungee cords. Now, not only does the bucket hold the bag open, but also provides a handle.

The trash stasher

The inventor in me was motivated. I wanted something more, so I also created the Trash Stasher. The frame is made with PVC pipe and has three sections: one for trash (large orange trash bag), one for recyclable cans and bottles (smaller green bag), and a third for extra trash bags and a place to put items worthy of keeping or donating (smaller black



bag). Since I'm going all out, I also put in a sleeve to hold my water bottle. The long handle on top provides some leveling for balance if either end gets too heavy. A few spring-loaded clamps make for ease of changing bags.

Feel free to share your ideas, and I will consider them for printing in a future edition of Trash Talk.

Volunteer trash collector title

Poll Results: The favorite name for a group of volunteer trash collectors has been decided! The winner is:

"Garbologists." Thanks to all who participated.

The quote for today:

"You win or you learn. You never lose."
Ne-Yo, on The World of Dance

Answer to the last Trash Talk Question:

Why do dog-owners pick up poop, bag it, and put it back on the ground? My sincere thanks to one reader who asked a dog owner, and got this answer:

- 1) "Some bags are biodegradable." (Faster than the organic matter?)
- 2) The culprit had every intention of collecting the bag on the return trip.

The Trash Talk Question for today: Have you found money on any of your pick-up routes? Answer in the next edition.

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

Support Local Restaurants

SUBMITTED BY CINDY BONIOR

Show your support and get rewarded for dining at Fremont restaurants this month!

The Fremont Chamber of Commerce and City of Fremont are launching the first Dine Out in Fremont program for the entire month of September. This new program encourages the community to support local restaurants by rewarding customers with a chance to win gift cards and a grand prize for dining at participating restaurants. The program offers a win-win model for both restaurants and customers.

Entering in the drawing is simple: After customers dine at a participating restaurant, email receipts to DineOut@FremontBusiness.com or drop receipts off at Fremont Chamber of Commerce office (39488 Stevenson Place, Suite 100, Fremont CA, 94539). Every \$25 in receipts earns an automatic entry into a daily drawing for prizes, including a chance to win the grand prize at the end

of the month. Check out the most up-to-date list of participating restaurants at www.fremontbusiness.com/dine-fremont.html.

Select restaurants will also offer exclusive promotions and meals. The program is a fantastic opportunity to support your favorite local restaurants or try delicious new cuisine. Customers are encouraged to share their meals, restaurant adventures, and dining fun on social media. Simply snap a photo, share your compliments, tag the restaurant (if applicable), and use the hashtag: #DineFremont.

As these businesses continue to overcome pandemic-related challenges, the Dine Out in Fremont program acts as a fun way to support our City's local restaurants (one that we hope becomes an annual City-favorite event for years to come!).

For questions about Dine Out in Fremont and to learn more about the program, visit the Dine Out in Fremont webpage at www.fremontbusiness.com/dine-fremont.html for complete details.

Zoom Social write-in

SUBMITTED BY TISH DAVIDSON

*Why did you move to California?
What is your favorite food?
Tell us about a teacher that changed your life.*

These are some examples of the writing prompts you might get if you join the Fremont Area Writers Zoom social write-in on Saturday, September 11. The social write-in allows you to explore your creativity in a fun, non-judgmental environment. This free event is open to all. Past write-ins have attracted everyone from high schoolers to a 91-year-young senior citizen. This is not a writing critique session. Your writing will not be judged, just enjoyed by your fellow writers. The idea is to explore your creativity and meet some new people in the Fremont-Newark-Union City area.

How the Write-In works:

After you sign in, the computer will randomly assign you to a virtual room with several other writers. Once everyone is gathered, you will get three writing prompts. Choose one prompt and free write for eight minutes. You can write memoir,

fiction, or poetry, but the writing prompts have been chosen to encourage you to write about yourself so that participants can get to know each other.

After you write, there is time for everyone in the room to read their response to the prompt and exchange ideas and experiences in a relaxed, supportive atmosphere. Then everyone will be reassigned to a different room, the prompts will change, and the process will repeat.

To participate in the Write-In, please request the Zoom meeting link from Scott Davidson at scottfrombayside@yahoo.com.

Zoom Social Write-In
Saturday, September 11
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In Support of Afghan Students

California State University, East Bay, proudly serves the largest Afghan community in the United States, which is based in Hayward, Fremont, Union City, and Newark. As a humanitarian crisis unfolds in Afghanistan, our hearts go out to our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and other community members with ties to Afghanistan. The withdrawal of U. S. and allied forces from Afghanistan, and subsequent takeover by the Taliban, has caused great pain to the people of Afghanistan, Afghan immigrants, Afghan Americans, veterans, and those with loved ones remaining in Afghanistan.

We acknowledge your suffering and we care. At this time, many Afghans and Americans are in great danger, unable to get safely to the airport in Kabul. Many Afghans are unable to get their Special Immigrant Visas (SIVs) processed. These include Afghan journalists, interpreters and others who worked with U.S. and NATO forces, and women who have been active in government, business, and civil society.

The immediate crisis calls for the U.S. to honor its promises to Afghan allies by expediting Special Immigrant Visa processing, increasing quotas for Afghan refugees, and using other methods to facilitate Afghan immigration to the U.S. Providing safe haven in the U.S. for Afghan Special Immigrant Visa holders and refugees will require swiftly making changes to our current anti-refugee, Islamophobic immigration policy and standing up to xenophobic reactions to new arrivals. We pledge

to partner with organizations supporting refugee academics and students.

An estimated 6 million people have been displaced due to the war in Afghanistan. Over 47,000 civilians have died. Tragically, nearly one third of the civilian casualties in Afghanistan have been children.

We unequivocally support the human rights of the people of Afghanistan to have access to clean water, food, shelter, and health care. We support the right for all children to be educated, and for all girls and women to be educated and to contribute to society through engaging in meaningful work and careers. All people should be able to live free of gender-, religion-, ethnic-, and war-based violence. We support people from Afghanistan who seek a better life by migrating to other nations, and we welcome with open arms those who come to the United States.

The Academic Senate of California State University, East Bay

Resources:

Donate to Afghan refugees
<https://fremont.gov/arhelp>

Office of Eric Swalwell immigration/refugee resources
<https://swalwell.house.gov/resources>

Afghan Coalition
<https://www.afghancoalition.org/>

UC Berkeley Afghan Student Association
<https://linktr.ee/UCBASA>

TINA CHEN-NEWMAN
CASTRO VALLEY

News and Notes FROM AROUND THE WORLD

SUBMITTED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF MATURE AMERICAN CITIZENS

A story you can milk

Bernie was on his way home from the fair near Marshfield, Wisconsin recently and felt a bit peckish. So, he stopped off at a McDonald's for a burger on his way home. After all, you can work up quite an appetite shopping for livestock, says the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC], especially if you have to pack the three calves you just purchased in the backseat of your sedan.

Another patron in the drive-through line, Jessica Nelson, spotted what she thought was a decal of a cow's face staring at her from the rear window of Bernie's car and quickly realized that it was the real thing when she saw it "moo-ving." She quickly reached for her cell phone and captured a video of the not-so-little critter. She found out later that two of the calves were lying down while the third calf was pressing its face against the window doing a little sightseeing.

Weird but true

There's a town near Tampa, Florida with the official motto: "Keep Gulfport Weird." How weird? AMAC says weird enough to have a house that was built around a very big, very old and very mighty oak tree. The tree is centuries old. Its roots are beneath the kitchen; its hefty trunk grows through the kitchen floor and up through its roof. Realtor

Stacey Purcell didn't give up when she tried to sell the property recently. Prospective buyers would walk in and walk out, according to Stacey. But, as she put it, "We have a lot of tree-huggers here." And, sure enough, one of those tree-huggers made a bid on the property. Sold!

Another way to say thanks

The struggling employees of an eatery in Gainesville, Florida that was hard hit by the coronavirus epidemic got a lift recently when a patron paid his \$144.66 dinner tab, adding a \$10,000 tip, according to AMAC. When the unnamed philanthropist, his wife and son finished their meals he asked the owner of the Wahoo Seafood Grill if he would gather his staff so he could have a word with them. The diner thanked the restaurant's 10 employees, informing them of the big tip each of them had earned -- \$1,000 each. Shawn Shepherd, who owns the Wahoo Grill, took to Instagram to express his thanks, writing: "I'm not usually an emotional guy, but this really got me. I'm blown away. We're all blown away by his generosity. The last year and a half hasn't been easy on this industry. We're hurting and we're exhausted, but this incredible act of kindness has restored our faith in humanity."

-- *The Association of Mature American Citizens is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization representing membership in Washington, D.C. and in local congressional districts nationwide. More information is available on its website at www.amac.us.*

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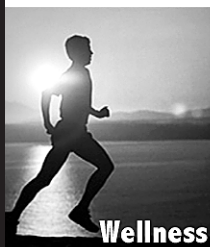
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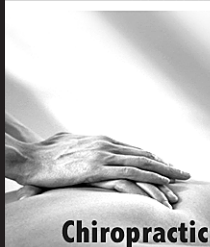
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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for New Age Well Center

SUBMITTED BY THE CITY OF FREMONT

The City of Fremont is hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, September 8, at 2 p.m. to celebrate the opening of the new Age Well Center at South Fremont. The Center features a grand central lobby, meeting rooms, large multi-service/dining area with a

full-service kitchen, an outdoor covered plaza, bocce ball court, a vegetable garden and more for visitors ages 55 years and older.

The ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. hosted by Master of Ceremonies Suzanne Shenfil, Human Services Director. Media will have the opportunity to take photos of the new Center and elected officials during

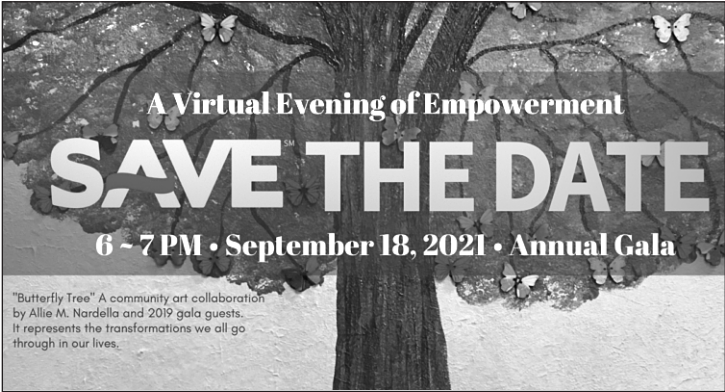
the ribbon cutting. For the safety and protection of all attendees, masks are required regardless of vaccination status.

The Age Well Center at South Fremont will officially open to the public on Wednesday, September 15, as the City's second center serving our growing older adult population. With the help of Fremont Human Services Department, the Center will be a place to gather for fun, community connection, and a multitude of classes, activities and services, as well as continue Fremont's commitment to being an age-friendly community. City of Fremont spokespeople will include: Mayor Lily Mei
Mark Danaj, City Manager
Suzanne Shenfil, Human Services Director

Karen Grimsich Aging and Family Services Administrator
Aisha Jasper, Age Well Center Manager

For additional information on the Age Well Center at South Fremont, please visit <https://fremont.gov/agewellcenters>.

Wednesday, September 8
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for New Age Well Center
2:00 p.m.
Ribbon cutting, speakers, live music and light refreshments
Age Well Center at South Fremont
47111 Mission Falls Ct., Fremont



SUBMITTED BY SAVE

Our 2021 Virtual Evening of Empowerment Gala is scheduled for Saturday, September 18, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. We were looking forward to meeting you and thanking you in person. However, your safety is our paramount concern, we hope you are staying safe and healthy.

Last year, due to the global pandemic, we had to cancel what would have been the 5th year as SAVE's signature fundraiser event. However, in the past, the event was such a huge success that we decided to host it again.

Our 2019 event raised close to \$200,000! During the pandemic, the funds we raised in the past helped to provide survivor-centered care to more than 1,900 clients and their dependents, answer 1,709 calls to our 24/7 crisis line, safely house 7206 bed nights in our safe house and motels, and provide 1,017 counseling sessions to individuals, family, and support group.

We couldn't have done it without the help of our support community. Your generosity means the world to us, and we cannot wait to see you — and thank you virtually.

Our 2021 sponsors include: The Beck Family Foundation, Fremont Bank, Washington Hospital, Safety National, Senator Bob Wiecekowsky, Robson Homes, Haller's Pharmacy, and Sisters of the Holy Family.

Register for the event online at <https://save-dv.networkforgood.com/events/29218-a-virtual-evening-of-empowerment>.

SAVE virtual Evening of Empowerment
Saturday, Sept 18
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
<https://save-dv.org/>

SHAPE OUR FREMONT

Here Come More Housing Proposals

After a year and a half with very little new development activity, the floodgates have opened and a batch of new housing proposals have been submitted to city staff for a Preliminary Review Procedure (PRP). Although a PRP is not required, it provides comments and issues the city has regarding the preliminary plans. Developers pay a substantial fee to the city for this service. This information can help developers determine whether to go forward with the process and how to shape the Development Application if they decide to proceed. Here are some of the most recent PRPs:

Union Street Apartments

The developer has submitted plans for 8 apartments in a pair of two-story buildings at 3277 Union Street. This property is within the Irvington BART Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Overlay, which encourages multi-family housing. Staff had several comments, but their primary concern was that part of the property is within the Hayward Earthquake Fault Zone, which means that habitable structures must be no closer than 50 feet from the fault. This would restrict the size and location of the proposed buildings and may also affect many other aspects of the development. Residents may send their comments to City Staff Team Lead Mark Hungerford at mhungerford@fremont.gov

Irvington Arches

The project proposes building 16 three-story townhouses in the parking lot of the former YMCA recreation center at 41811 Blacow Road, opposite Irvington High School. The existing building, which currently houses a child day-care center and tutoring center, would remain. Fremont staff noted this property is within a designated seismic hazard area and would require an outside consultant review. Other staff comments include issues with parking, traffic, and surface water runoff. Residents may send their comments to City Staff Team Lead Mark Hungerford at mhungerford@fremont.gov

Mission Homes

The proposed plans are for 7 detached three-story townhouses at 38765 Mission Boulevard near Pickering Avenue. The existing structures would be demolished. Some of the initial comments from staff were the need for studies of possible earthquake-induced ground liquefaction on the site, as well as noise and vibration caused by passing trains on the adjacent rail line. The PRP continues to be reviewed. Residents may send their comments to City Staff Team Lead Mark Hungerford at mhungerford@fremont.gov

Maple Village

The developer wants to build a five-story building at 37220 Maple Street with 24 housing units above commercial space on the ground floor. The existing Montessori school would be demolished. The property is within the Centerville Town Center and the Centerville TOD. Initial comments from staff concern the type of units being proposed, parking, and other issues. Residents may send their comments to City Staff Team Lead James Willis at jwillis@fremont.gov

Osgood Apartments South

Maracor Development has just submitted a PRP for 100 affordable housing apartments in a six-story building at 41911 Osgood Road in the Irvington BART TOD. All existing structures would be demolished. This development would be directly adjacent to Maracor's Osgood Apartments affordable housing project, which was approved in June. This PRP has been tentatively assigned to City Staff Team Leader Courtney Pal at cpal@fremont.gov

Residents' comments, questions, and concerns about these proposals are an important part of the PRP process and can potentially help avoid problems and improve the final development. To follow up on these and other proposals, visit www.ShapeOurFremont.com

Melodia String Ensemble

SUBMITTED BY PAUL IANNACCONE

Fremont Youth Symphony Orchestra (FYSO) is pleased to announce open enrollment for the Melodia string preparatory ensemble. The young musicians enrolled in Melodia receive weekly string pedagogy, theory, musicianship and ensemble experience which prepares them to advance into the larger Bravi and Virtuosi ensembles of

FYSO. The FYSO experience includes concerts, as well as side-by-side performances with the professional musicians of Fremont Symphony Orchestra.

Conductor Marcella Schantz is a professional violinist, actively performing with many Bay Area orchestras, and in addition to her own busy teaching studio (all string instruments, plus piano), Marcella has over 20 years of experience

conducting youth orchestra ensembles and coordinating musical showcase performances.

The FYSO Melodia String Ensemble is for preparatory level string players, with weekly rehearsals on Mondays from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., starting on Monday, September 13, 2021 and running through Monday, May 23, 2022. Audition is not required, and we accept applications year round.

For safety, everyone will be required to wear face masks while on the FYSO campus. Outdoor space will be utilized, and string and wind ensembles will meet on different days to maximize social distancing.

FYSO Melodia String Ensemble
Mondays, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
First United Methodist Church
2950 Washington Blvd., Fremont
<https://fremontyouthsymphony.org>
Registration: \$525



Honor Roll

- University of Alabama
Summer 2021 graduate
- Meena Abdelsayed of Hayward

University of the Cumberland, Kentucky
Summer 2021 graduates

- Radhakrishna Nakka of Milpitas
- Shrenika Reddy Ellalwar of Fremont
 - Arbaaz Khan of Fremont
- Anunay Kondugiri of Fremont
- Sreeharsha Devoji of Fremont
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- Raja Gopal Dowrae of Hayward
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Embrace Unity Starts With U

SUBMITTED BY OHLONE COLLEGE

Ohlone College invites you to a lunchtime community conversation via Zoom on Monday September 13th from noon to 1 p.m. featuring Ohlone President Dr. Eric Bishop and city leaders from Fremont, Newark, and Union City. Find out what the College and our Tri-City leaders are doing to initiate open conversations on culture and race, bridge the gap between groups, and increase community collaboration between residents of various races and cultures.

Embrace Unity Starts With U
Monday, September 13
Conversation on culture and race, hosted by Ohlone College
Noon – 1 p.m.
<https://bit.ly/3yNEDWV>

Gifted Assistant Conductor Joins Mission Peak Chamber Singers

SUBMITTED BY SHIRLEY GILBERT

Dr. Corie Brown, Assistant Professor of Choral Music Education at San Jose State University (SJSU) will join the artistic team of Tri-City's Mission Peak Chamber Singers (MPCS) and sister ensemble East Bay People's Choir (EBPC) as Assistant Conductor according to Ofer dal Lal, the choral groups' Artistic Director.

While Dr. Brown will work predominantly with MPCS, she will also be available to offer assistance to Sid Quinsaat, conductor of EBPC.

"I'm excited for the opportunity to work with Dr. Brown," said dal Lal. "While we hold similar views on the importance of choir in the community and have similar values on making music relevant, Dr. Brown brings new ideas and teaching methods to our artistic team. She is a charismatic and engaging leader."

Currently Dr. Brown leads the SJSU Concert and Treble Choirs and teaches music education courses at the university. She has extensive conducting experience in both community and academic environments and has taught music to students in Michigan, the south side of Chicago and Bogota, Colombia.

Dr. Brown has a passion for integrating social justice and music education. She believes in the power of choral music to connect people, to help us heal and to help begin larger conversations around justice and equality. "What's exciting to me," said Dr. Brown, "is that social justice is written into the mission statements of both choirs. They have inspired the community with transformational music and I want to be a part of that."

As contralto, she has sung with the University of Colorado Boulder University Singers, the University of Oregon Chamber Choir and award-winning Chicago Chorale. "I love to sing," she said, "and am comfortable both on the podium as a conductor



and off the podium as a performer."

She holds degrees from Alma College, University of Oregon (she has sung at the prestigious Oregon Bach Festival), and a Doctor of Musical Arts in Choral Conducting and Literature from the University of Colorado Boulder.

Dr. Brown was grateful for the ability to zoom during the Pandemic to keep choirs singing and engaged, but is happy that choral groups are now beginning to meet in person with strict compliance to CDC safety precautions. Both Mission Peak Chamber Singers and East Bay People's Choir are planning to open up to in-person singing very soon.

"Zoom rehearsals allowed choir members to stay connected," said Dr. Brown, "but there are so many limitations. We couldn't listen to each other, breathe together, or glean energy from those beside, behind and in front of us. I'm so delighted that we are beginning to meet in person and will sing masked, but in a true group setting once more. Singing together brings such joy and a sense of interconnectivity that you just simply can't recreate. I can't wait to get the chance to make music with the voices of the MPCS."

Walk, Run, or Yoga to support HERS Breast Cancer Foundation

SUBMITTED BY TINA FERNANDEZ STECKLER

We're looking forward to kicking off Breast Cancer Awareness Month with our Walk/Run/Yoga fundraiser, a much-loved community event that benefits our under-served patients. We've extended our participation period so you can now complete your virtual 5k walk or 5k/10k run any time between September 25 and October 31.

We'll get the fun and fundraising rolling on Saturday, September 25 with our only in-person component of this fundraising effort—a limited-registration outdoor kick off in Pleasanton. Guests will enjoy a Bollywood dance warm up with Shameem, a dynamic stretch, a delicious boxed breakfast, and generous giveaway bags thanks to sponsors and donors like Renee Huber (State Farm Insurance) and Ron Sutton (Accusplit). Masks will be required.

Don't wait to sign up; the in-person event will be limited to 50 participants. Full details are on our registration page.

Can't join us in person? We'll live stream our kick off via our YouTube channel from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. And remember, once our live streamed in-person gathering ends, registrants are welcome to complete their 5k walk or 5k/10k run where and when they wish through October 31.

Registrants will be mailed a commemorative bib as well as a white paper dove made with love by Melody Pitruzello, a dedicated HERS volunteer. Every registrant, including pets, will also be eligible to win prizes. Pet registration is just \$10.

Prefer Yoga? We're offering Zoom classes! Join Sherri Plaza on Saturday, September 25 or Anjali on Saturday, October 16. Zoom links will be emailed once registration is completed.

Post your walk, run or yoga pics and tag @hersbreastcancerfoundation on Facebook and @hers_bcfoundation on Instagram.

HERS Walk/Run/Yoga fundraiser

In-person kickoff

Saturday, Sept 25

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

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Saturday, Sept 25 – Sunday, Oct 31

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<https://hersbreastcancerfoundation.org/walk-run/walkrun-about-the-event/>



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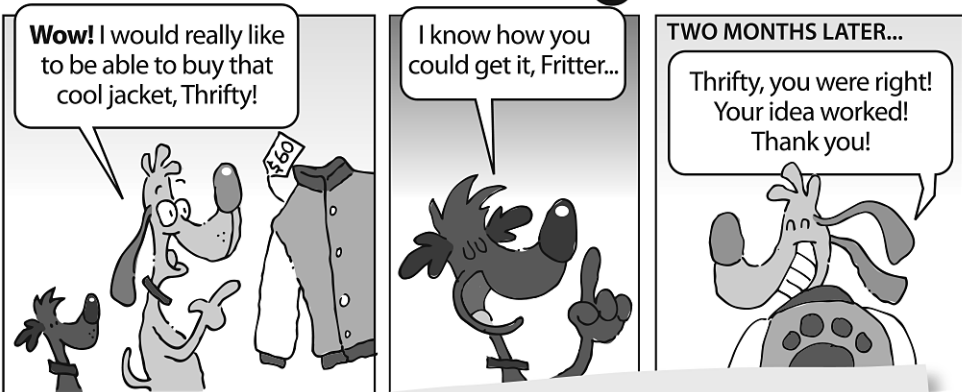
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Reaching a Goal



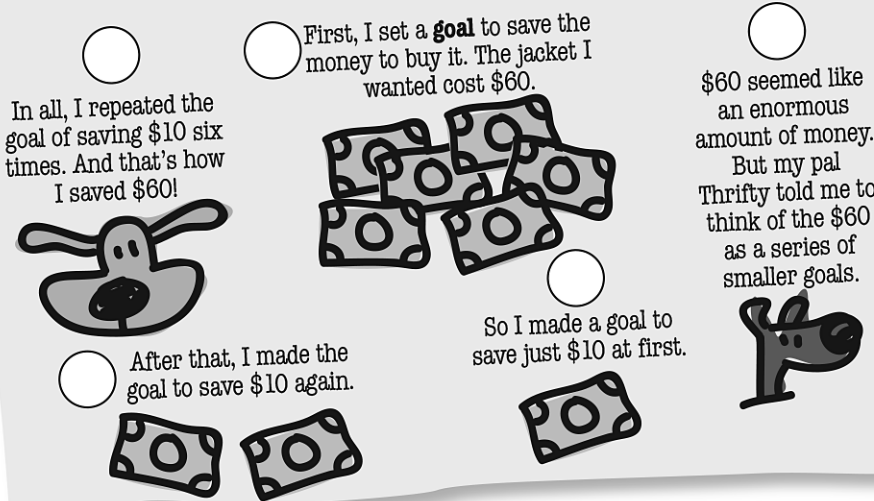
Which jacket did Fritter choose?

Fritter's jacket doesn't have a zipper. It has stripes, but not on the sleeves. It has less than seven buttons.



How I Got My Jacket by Fritter

Number the steps Fritter followed in order.



Put a check next to each job Fritter did to earn \$10 to put in his piggy bank each week.
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| ☐ Mowed the lawn: \$3 | ☐ Took out the trash: \$1 | ☐ Sold lemonade: \$4 |
| ☐ Fed our neighbor's bird: \$1 | ☐ Recycled bottles and cans: \$3 | ☐ Raked leaves: \$2 |

You Can Do It!

What is a big goal you would like to achieve?
Is it saving money, improving how well you play a sport or completing a big homework project?

My Goal: _____

Break your goal into smaller goals:

First:	Second:	Third:	Fourth:
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

It might take more than four steps, or repeating some steps, to reach a bigger goal. Don't give up!

Extra! Extra!

The Money Round Up

Look through the newspaper for five or more numbers that show a price. Cut out each price and glue onto a sheet of paper in order from smallest to largest. Round each number to the nearest 100 and write that number next to each price.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Add sums up to 100.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Without using any of the coins below twice, circle the coins that add up to:

28¢ 29¢ 31¢ 36¢



Standards Link: Math: Students compute money sums.

Double Double Word Search

REMEMBER ENORMOUS THRIFTY ACHIEVE CREDIT MONEY TRASH PIGGY BREAK BANKS THINK GOAL SAFE SAVE JOB

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



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

Kid Scoop Together:

Funny Fill-in

Ask a family member to give you:

- 4 nouns
- 2 adjectives
- 1 verb
- 10 plural nouns

Use these words to to fill in the blanks in this story. Then, read the silly story you created aloud together for lots of laughs!

Roger is a collector of _____ ADJECTIVE
As you _____ PLURAL NOUN
can imagine, such a collection is quite expensive.

To save money, Roger always looks for the best _____ NOUN
when shopping. He'll often compare _____ PLURAL NOUN
between products to see which one is a better _____ NOUN.

At the grocery store, he doesn't just fill his basket with a lot of _____ PLURAL NOUN
Instead, he writes a _____ NOUN and brings it with him. He clips _____ PLURAL NOUN
out of the newspaper to save money. He checks the newspaper's website for special _____ PLURAL NOUN, too.

Roger buys _____ PLURAL NOUN in bulk. He will _____ VERB them with his friends and family if he has extras. He saves money by choosing _____ ADJECTIVE
instead of more _____ PLURAL NOUN expensive _____ PLURAL NOUN.

Roger also checks the classified ads for _____ PLURAL NOUN when he needs new ones. He bought a very reliable car that way that doesn't use a lot of _____ NOUN.

"Thanks to the money I've saved with the newspaper, I am about to start a new collection of rare _____ PLURAL NOUN!" says Roger happily.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **FRITTER**

The verb **fritter** means to waste time, money or energy.

Don't fritter away your hard-earned money on junk food.

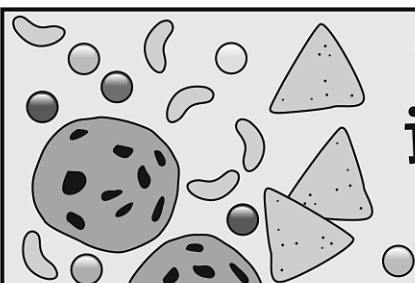
Try to use the word **fritter** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Places to Save Money

Look through the newspaper to find the names of banks and credit unions in your community. Make a chart with their names, addresses and the interest rates they offer on their savings accounts.

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



Which snack is the richest of them all?

ANSWER: Cashews.

Write On!

Safety Tips

What are three safety tips for kids to remember?

Continued from page 1

9/11: As the decades pass, the act of remembering evolves

the day that changed everything. Yet at the memorial's overlook, near the patch where the plane hit, remembering is the whole joint.

Remembering is not merely a state of mind. As those who beseech us to never forget the Holocaust have long insisted, it is an act. And when loss and trauma are visited upon human beings, the act of remembering takes many forms.

Remembering is political. Those who disagree about the fate of Confederate statues across the American South demonstrate that, as do those who dispute how much the war on terror and its toll should be part of discussions about 9/11 memories.

Remembering arrives in ground zero ceremonies and moments of silence and prayers upon prayers, both public and private. It shows itself in folk memorials like those erected at the sides of lonely roads to mark the sites of traffic deaths. It is embedded in the names of places, like the road that leads to the Flight 93 memorial – the Lincoln Highway. It surfaces in the retrieval of “flashbulb memories” – those where-were-you-when-this-happened moments that stick with us, sometimes accurately, sometimes not.

There are personal memories and cultural memories and political memories, and the lines often blur.

And for generations, remembering has been presented to us in monuments and memorials like Shanksville's, fine-tuned to evoke memories and emotions in certain ways.

Yet while monuments stand, remembering itself evolves. How 9/11 is remembered depends on when 9/11 is remembered. What, then, does remembering come to mean on a 20th anniversary of an event like 9/11, even as its echoes are still shaking the foundations of everything?

“Our present influences how we remember the past – sometimes in ways that are known and sometimes in ways that we don't realize,” says Jennifer Talarico, a psychology professor at Lafayette College in Pennsylvania who studies how people form personal memories of public events.

Evidence of that is obvious in the past five weeks in Afghanistan, where a 20-year war waged in direct response to 9/11 ended pretty much where it began: with the repressive and violent Taliban in charge once more.

But even within more static forms of memory, such as the Flight 93 National Memorial, the question of how remembering evolves hangs over so much.

In the visitors' center, visceral, painful artifacts of the moment still bring back the past with astonishing efficiency; twisted, scarred cutlery from in-flight meals is particularly breathtaking. But the variety of remembering that is presented yards away at the quiet overlook and its thoughtful memorial feels more permanent, more eternal.

Paul Murdoch of Los Angeles, the lead architect on the memorial, says it was carefully calibrated to resonate across multiple stages of memory about the event and its implications.

“You can imagine a memorial approach that sort of freezes anger in time, or freezes fear. And that can be a very expressionistic piece of art. But I feel like for something to endure over a long period of time, I think it has to operate a different way,” says Murdoch, who co-designed the memorial with his wife, Milena.

“Now we have a generation of people who weren't even alive on 9/11,” Murdoch says. “So how do you talk to people of this new generation – or of future generations?”

That question is particularly potent on this anniversary. Society tends to mark generations in two-decade packages, so there's an entire one that has been born and come of age since the attacks. That hardly means they haven't been paying attention, though: They “remember,” too.

Krystine Batcho, a psychology professor at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, New York, studies how nostalgia works. She found something interesting a couple years ago when she was researching how young people encountered stories that resonated with them – both personally and through the news.

Even those who lacked living memories of 9/11, Batcho says, responded with stories about the event. It was remembering as shared experience.

So many first encounters with 9/11 were, in the tradition of an information age, both separate and communal. People in different parts of the country and world, under vastly different circumstances, watched the same live camera angles on the same few feeds and saw the same, now-indelible views of the destruction in the same way. They experienced it apart, but together.

That formed a communal memory of sorts, even if sometimes people who saw the same things didn't remember them the same way – a specific camera angle or vantage point, a key figure's comments, the exact sequence of events. Remembering can be like that, experts say.

“You would think that the memories would be more cohesive and homogeneous,” Batcho says. “It turns out that it's much more complicated than that.”

The fundamental tension of this kind of remembering – it feels like yesterday but is also becoming part of history – confronts us in the coming days. Memory becomes history. And history – shared history – is held onto tightly, sometimes rabidly. It's why so many people grasp tightly to comforting, nostalgic historical narratives – even when they're shown to have been destructive.

When memory does become history, it can become more remote, like a Revolutionary War memorial for people whose passions and sacrifices have been sanded down by time. With distance, it can calcify.

That's not going to happen with 9/11 for a long time, of course. Its politics are still roiling. The arguments that it produced – and the ways they sent society hurtling in a different direction – are just as intense as in those early days.

And when a nation pauses to remember the morning 20 years ago when it was attacked, it is not only looking over its shoulder. It is also looking around and wondering: What does this mean to us now?

Alameda County honors 20th anniversary of 9/11



SUBMITTED BY SAYEH AHMARI

The Office of Alameda County District 1 Supervisor, David Haubert will host a 9/11 20th Anniversary Memorial Ceremony on Saturday, September 11 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. There will be speakers and performers including Chief of Alameda County Fire, Sheriff of Alameda County, 395th Ar741y Band, and more.

Deborah Llyod, one of our speakers, is a Dublin resident and will share a story from that tragic day.

“Twenty years ago, Amy King, a United Airlines flight attendant, left her home in the early morning hours to start her workweek. Her story, her life, is just one of the thousands creating a ripple effect of impact on family, friends, and the world. Yet, telling her individual story reminds us of how precious life is. Amy was 29 years old, and she was my sister.”

Jim McGuirk, our last speaker, was born and raised here in Pleasanton.

Jim grew up in Pleasanton, CA, where he attended Lydixsen Elementary, Pleasanton Middle School, and Foothill High School. After graduating in June 2001, McGuirk left for the Army on September 5th, 2001. He had just begun basic training when 9/11 happened. McGuirk will speak about his deployment in Iraq and Baghdad, as well as his continuing education and career after returning to the States in 2007. As a student at Las Positas Community College, he saw an immediate need for retaining Veterans in education, and began working to help build their Veterans First Program with the administration and staff.



Jim McGuirk

September 11 events:

9/11 Virtual Remembrance

Thursday, Sept 9

11 a.m. – 12 noon

Dr. Nicole B, Simpson, World Trade Center survivor, shares her story

Register: <https://bit.ly/38AiUar>

<http://www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans/>

20th Anniversary Memorial

Saturday, Sept 11

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Alameda County Fairgrounds Amphitheater
4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton
(Enter at Yellow Gate)

Flight 93 Memorial

Saturday, Sept 11

10 a.m.

Sugar Mill Landing Park

(In back of Union Landing Shopping Center)

RSVP to laurens@unioncity.org

Candlelight Vigil

Saturday, Sept 11

6:30 p.m.

Heritage Plaza

835 C. St., Hayward

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www.hayward-ca.gov/911-memorial



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resident Jon Kerpel. Kerpel, a longtime Sun gallery member and artist, will soon have his sculptures displayed at the Taipei Embassy in Taiwan. Sculptures by local artists Peter and Maureen Langenbach add their usual eclectic flair and whimsy.

This is the third exhibition at Sun Gallery since its doors reopened in April 2021, and not only is membership growing, but also the amount of work coming in has been uplifting for Gallery staff. Fighting through the pandemic to survive has been difficult with substantial funding cuts to grants and almost no income for the last year and a half. Director Dorsi Diaz says, "I am so excited to see so many artists come out and show up, including new ones, coming in with work that they have been creating over the last year, despite the tough



so visitors have been asked to wear masks inside and continue to social distance. Receptions have been held outside, and snacks for receptions are prepackaged for safety.

The 'Anything Goes' exhibit opens Friday, September 10 and will run through Saturday, October 16. An Artists Reception will be held outdoors in the Gallery's courtyard on Saturday, September 18 from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. The public is invited, and admission is free. All Statewide and Alameda County health and safety regulations will be in place, along with hand sanitizer stations.

The Sun Gallery Call for Art for its next show "Day of the Dead – Dia de los Muertos" will be going out soon. To submit your work early, email to Curator Nina Starr at sungallerycurator@gmail.com. The Day of the Dead Show runs from October 22 – November 13.

Anything Goes Members Show
Friday, Sept 10 - Saturday, Oct 16

Artists Reception
Saturday, Sept 18
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Sun Gallery
1015 E. St., Hayward
Friday – Saturday
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
(510) 581-4050
sungallery@comcast.net
www.sungallery.org



Anything Goes

SUBMITTED BY SUN GALLERY

The Sun Gallery has risen from the ashes like a Phoenix with a stupendous amount of art for its next showing at the Sun Gallery. With over 35 exhibiting artists, the Annual Members show "Anything Goes" is packed to the gills with everything from woven baskets by member Laura Mattos to large sculptures created by Tom Hird. It includes canvas paintings produced with a variety of mixed media, oils and acrylic, along with photography, ink and pencil drawings. A large whimsical sculpted giraffe by artist Suzanne Pershing resides alongside spectacular environmental pieces by Alameda

times we have all endured. It just goes to show all of us that the creative spirit is strong, and can never be taken away, beaten or silenced. If anything, out of tragedy can arise greatness, both in creativity and in spirit."

Because of grant cuts, Diaz's work hours have been reduced by half, and Board Member Nina Starr and her husband Lawrence Cotham have stepped forward to volunteer and fill the gaps by curating shows. Volunteers have been difficult to find during the pandemic, but Diaz has come up with work arounds, by asking volunteers to do some gallery tasks from home if possible.

Despite the exciting turn of events for the gallery, staff are aware that the Delta variant is still running rampant,

Home & Garden

Saving significant sums of water in the garden

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY
DANIEL O'DONNELL

The Spanish philosopher George Santayana wrote, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." He might not have been inspired by the repeated droughts in California, but the saying can be applied to people living in the

golden state. Stopping obvious water waste is an action that can be taken immediately. Irrigation systems should be checked regularly for leaks and to make sure their run times are correct. Gardeners that rely on hand watering should check the hose connection to the faucet and nozzle and change the washer if there is a leak. If there is no hose nozzle, purchasing one



golden state. There have been multiple droughts in California over the past 1,000 years, with some lasting 2 to 5 years, others 10 to 20 years, and mega-droughts that have ranged from 180 years to 240 years, as seen from studying tree rings. It is almost certain that there will be many more dry years to come. Measures can be taken to minimize the detrimental effects of the current drought on Bay Area gardens as well as the complications associated with future droughts.

A person must eat right, get plenty of sleep, and exercise to be healthy. Using less water in the garden has the same multipronged approach. There are actions that can be taken that are stronger working together to save water than one working alone. Some measures can be applied to existing gardens and some will require modifications.

will save water by making watering more efficient. Upgrading an older irrigation timer to a weather-based controller and/or replacing pop-up sprinklers with drip irrigation will also conserve water.

Weed control is another action that can be done at once. Pulling unwanted weeds away from plants will reduce the competition for water and make it easier to determine the minimal amount of water a plant will need.

Choosing when to water will also save water immediately. Watering plants in the early morning is ideal. This can easily be done if there is an automated irrigation system. The earlier the better, but if hand watering, even up until 10:00 am will reduce the water lost to evaporation. Watering at night can increase fungal diseases and root rot,



especially in drought-tolerant plants.

The type of material the container is made of is just as important as the timing of watering. Terracotta and coconut coir planters are porous. They dry out much more quickly than glazed ceramic or stone pots. Darker colored pots, especially plastic ones, heat up faster than brighter colored pots making soil moisture evaporate faster.

Enriching the soil around plants with compost can increase water retention in the soil by 30% or more. Spreading a 2-inch layer of wood mulch on top of the soil can significantly slow the moisture in the compost from evaporating. The fibrous wood debris absorbs and retains water that is slowly released into the soil. Rock or gravel mulches can help reduce evaporation, but do so less effectively.

The later an irrigation system can be turned on or a hand-watering schedule begun after the last rainfall, the more tap water that can be saved. Collecting shower water in a bucket to water plants is one way



to delay the need for irrigation for potted plants or small beds. Collecting rain water can help defer turning on the irrigation system for larger areas. Williams Brewing (www.williamsbrewing.com) in San Leandro is selling used 56-gallon plastic drums, which are great for storing rainwater for \$10 in their online store clearance section.

Installing a laundry to landscape system that diverts washing machine water

regions in California, Mexico, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, and around the Mediterranean Basin have adapted to a watering cycle that provides very little water in the summer months.

Grouping plants in hydro-zones with other plants that have similar water requirements makes watering more efficient. Planting low water use trees which shade the ground and arranging plants in dense groupings will keep the ground cooler and reduce water evaporation as well.

People tend to ease off on water restrictions once a drought is over, only to condemn their garden to suffer during the next drought. Remembering to take as many water saving precautions as possible before, during, and after a drought to spare your garden from the devastating drought cycle.

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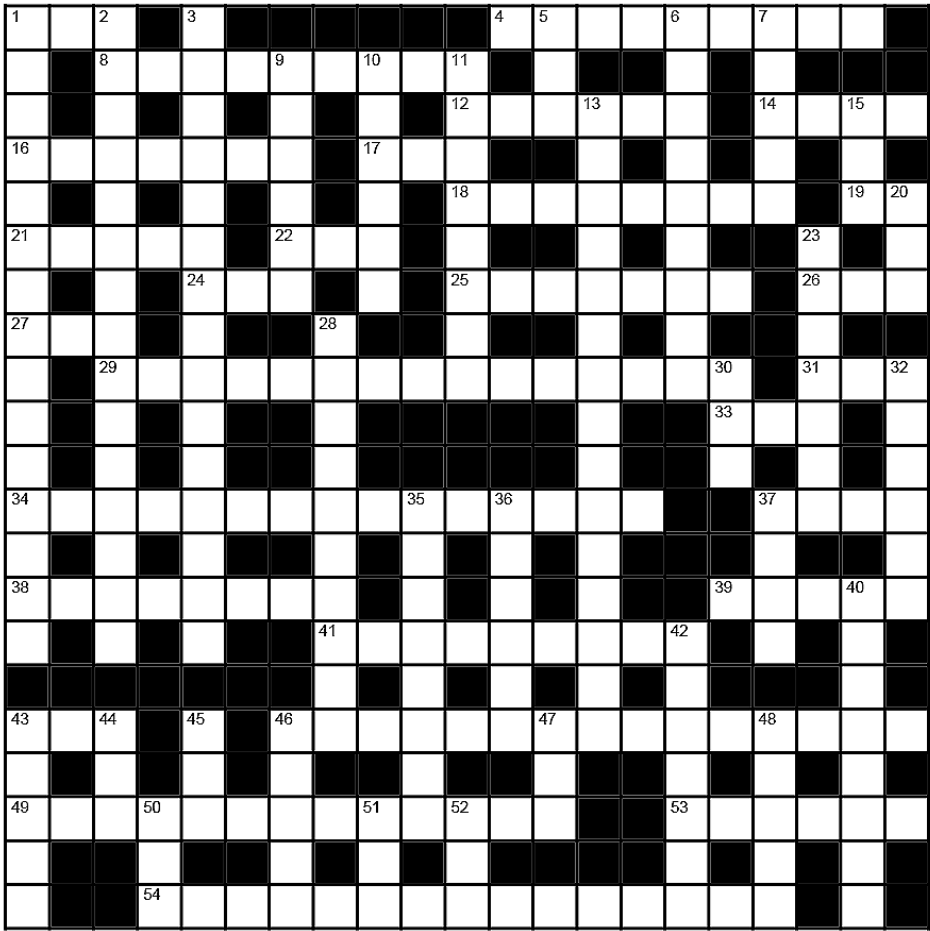


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Mind Twisters

Crossword Puzzle



- Across

1

Big bird (3)

4

Emerge (4,5)

8

Indistinguishable (9)

12

Damage (6)

14

"House of Frankenstein" director
___ C. Kenton (4)

16

Strengthen (7)

17

Irritation (3)

18

Daydreamer (8)

19

... (2)

21

Four Holy Roman emperors (5)

22

Windsor, for one (3)

24

Brian of rock (3)

25

Realizes (7)

26

___ Solo of "Star Wars" (3)

27

Dissenting votes (3)

29

Was hot (3,1,11)

31

Fairy queen (3)

33

Actor Vigoda (3)

34

Momentous (15)

37

Flimsy, as an excuse (4)

38

Much less (3-5)
- 39

Reins in (5)
- 41

Amazing (9)
- 43

Capt.'s inferiors (3)
- 46

Some noncoms (6,9)
- 49

"Faster!" (3,3,4,3)
- 53

Consider (4,2)
- 54

Disregard (5,4,4,2)

Down

1

Bolt (4,2,4,5)

2

Cole Porter classic (4,4,7)

3

Let go (7,4,4)

5

"Alley ___!" (3)

6

"Feels Like the First Time" band
(9)

7

Butler at Tara (5)

9

Address (4,2)

10

Syndicate (6)

11

Free (8)

13

Choice words (2,2,11)

15

Calculus calculation: Abbr. (3)

20

Yang's counterpart (3)

23

Idle fancy (7)

28

Zoroastrian scriptures (4-6)
___ de toilette (3)

30

Inclines (6)

32

Stymied (8)

35

Cad (6)

36

Extol (4)

40

Regatta (4,4)

42

Ladies' men (7)

43

Theme of this puzzle (5)

44

Atl. crosser (3)

45

"Well, ___-di-dah!" (3)

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Double agents (5)

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Undertake, with "out" (3)

48

As much as you like (5)

50

Middle X or O (3)

51

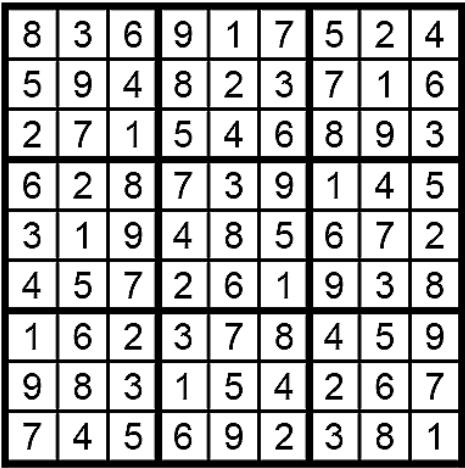
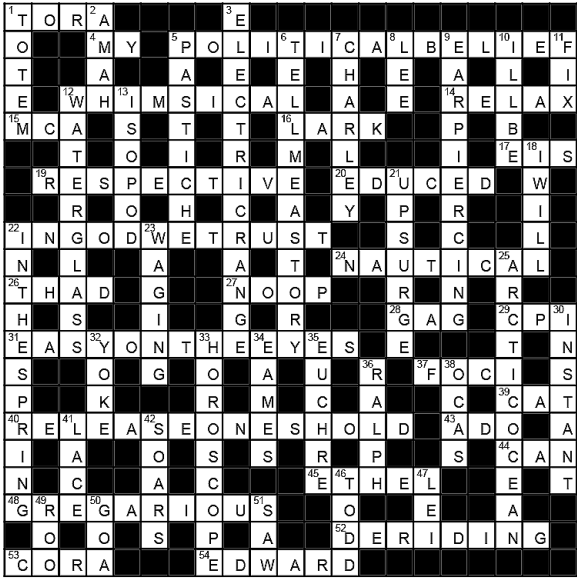
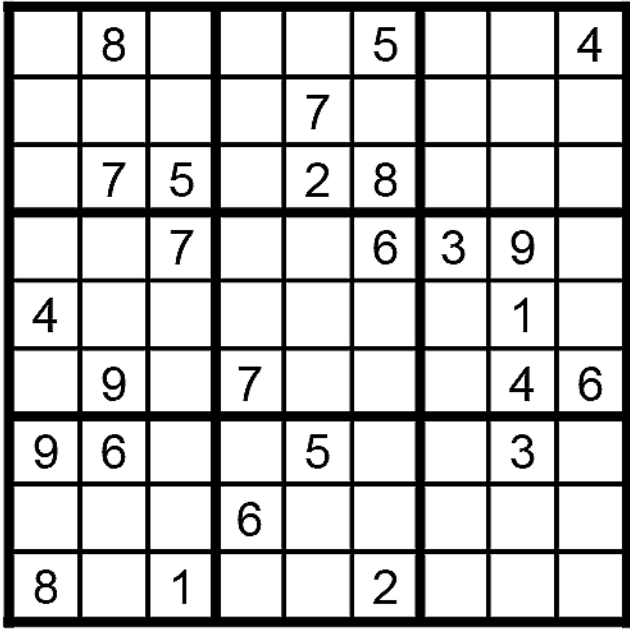
___ system (3)

52

Expose, poetically (3)

Sudoku:

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



Tri-City Stargazer FOR WEEK: SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

All Signs: We have excellent chances for a positive week ahead! First, there is a strong emphasis on work and getting better organized. For many, this ambition will lead to a desire to improve their health. Meanwhile, Mercury, Venus and Jupiter will encourage warm, social gatherings or meetings for professional reasons. This is guaranteed because Mercury and Venus are in the social sign of Libra; and Jupiter is in the friendly sign of Aquarius. Both are Air Signs. Enjoy good times and remember to grab every chance for physical activity.

- Aries the Ram**
(March 21-April 19)

Work hard, party hard. You're still in work mode with a strong desire to get organized and accomplish as much as possible. Many of you are delegating. Nevertheless, Mercury and Venus are opposite your sign, which promotes socializing! Make time to enjoy fun conversations with partners and close friends. You might also be involved in group activities, clubs or classes. It's important to find a happy compromise between being available for others, and maintaining your own independence.
- Taurus the Bull**
(April 20-May 20)

This is a fabulous week for you because both the Sun and Mars are in a playful part of your chart, giving you opportunities to socialize. Enjoy sports events. Accept invitations to party. Grab every chance to express your own creative talents. Fun activities with children will delight. Nevertheless, this lovely dance mentioned in All Signs above between Mercury, Venus and Jupiter will promote wonderful opportunities in your job, along with work-related travel. A work-related romance might blossom!
- Gemini the Twins**
(May 21-June 20)

So much positive energy is happening this week between three planets: Mercury and Venus dancing with Jupiter. Mercury and Venus are in Libra and Jupiter is in Aquarius, two Air Signs. Meanwhile, you are an Air Sign! This means things will flow easily for you.
- Despite your focus on home and family, this is a social week with travel opportunities and chances to enjoy fun outings, the arts, sports events and playful times with kids. Increased chaos on the home front will require your attention.

Cancer the Crab
(June 21-July 22)

Life is fast-paced now because of your busy schedule. Many of you are reading and studying more than usual. You have appointments, errands and increased time spent with siblings. Short trips are likely. It's an excellent week for important communications because you will be persuasive and articulate. Home and family are blessed this week, which is why it's a great time to entertain at home as well as tackle home repairs and enjoy family discussions.

Leo the Lion
(July 23-Aug. 22)

This is a charming week because your communications will be pleasant, informative and profitable. With the Sun and Mars in your Money House, your focus on cash flow and earnings is strong. Not only are you working hard to earn money, you're spending it! However, the lovely play of energy in the Air Signs (see All Signs above) takes place in your House of Communications and your House of Partnerships. This means conversations with others will be smooth, entertaining and mutually beneficial.

Virgo the Virgin
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You continue to be empowered with the Sun and fiery Mars in your

sign. Make the most of this, because the Sun is in your sign for only four weeks a year and Mars is in your sign for six weeks every two years. Right now, it's a double whammy! The delightful dance of Mercury and Venus with Jupiter takes place in your Money House and affects your job, your work and your health. These are all areas that will get a lovely boost of positive energy!

Libra the Scales
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You are still in limbo because the Sun and Mars are "hiding" in your chart. Mars will enter your sign on September 14, and the Sun on September 22. When this happens, you will have an amazing boost of energy! Note: Mars will stick with you until the end of October. Meanwhile, this is a wonderful time to talk to children, explore the arts and enjoy schmoozing with others. It's also a great time to be on a vacation or to make vacation plans.

Scorpio the Scorpion
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

This continues to be an excellent time to formulate goals. It's also a good time to get feedback on your hopes and dreams. Coordinate your needs with those of others to establish a teamwork. Physical activity with others will appeal. Meanwhile, something going on behind the scenes will benefit home and family. Family plans are ambitious but exciting. And yes, a secret love affair is still percolating in the wings.

Sagittarius the Archer
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

The Sun is still at the top of your chart, making you look fabulous in

the eyes of bosses, parents and VIPs. This happens only once a year for four weeks so make the most of it. This is the time to make your pitch or advance your agenda. Fortunately, with Mars at the top of your chart, you have the ambition to act. Interactions with friends, especially younger, creative people will be rewarding. Enjoy gatherings; these might influence your future goals.

Capricorn the Goat
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

In All Signs above, I mention a supportive dance between three planets: Mercury and Venus relating to lucky moneybags Jupiter. For your sign, this is a financial blessing. Discussions with bosses might lead to increased earnings, a promotion, or a better paying job. Bosses, parents and VIPs are impressed with you. Explore anything that looks like a good possibility because you have the advantage this week. Meanwhile, travel continues to appeal along with opportunities in higher education, medicine, the law, publishing and the media.

Aquarius the Water Bearer
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

All this fabulous activity in the Air Signs affects you because both lucky Jupiter and Saturn are in Aquarius! The last time Saturn was in your sign was 1991-1993; the last time Jupiter was in your sign was 2009. This means things tend to go your way. This week in particular, opportunities to travel or expand your world might occur. You might meet people from other cultures, explore higher education, medicine, the law or publishing. This energy will boost your confidence and help

you in disputes, especially shared property and inheritances.

Pisces Fish
(Feb. 19-March 20)

Discussions with others will benefit you this week and give you a financial advantage or practical support. In disputes about shared property or an inheritance, things will go your way. This is also a passionate week, especially for lovers! Ironically, confrontations with partners might also take place, because both the Sun and Mars are opposite your sign. This means things are blowing hot and cold for you in your closest friendships and partnerships. Tread carefully. Make no important decisions until you know for sure what you want.

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2933 Lake Chabot Lane	94546	935,000	3 1802	1981	6/10/21	
20032 San Miguel Aven	94546	940,000	3 1280	2016	6/7/21	
3547 Teeling Way	94546	1,085,000	3 1684	2019	6/8/21	
4312 Seven Hills Road	94546	1,132,000	3 1833	1969	6/8/21	
21278 Sweet Lane	94546	1,150,000	4 2008	1955	6/8/21	
5030 Ray Avenue	94546	1,200,000	4 1492	1949	6/9/21	
21297 Justco Lane	94552	1,200,000	3 1652	1990	6/11/21	
18708 Dubin Court	94546	1,266,000	3 1763	1957	6/8/21	
4718 James Avenue	94546	1,280,000	3 1383	1948	6/11/21	
3511 Arcadian Drive	94546	1,310,000	3 1823	1957	6/8/21	
18757 East Cavendish Dr	94552	1,360,000	4 2078	1978	6/10/21	
5918 Charter Oaks Dr	94552	1,580,000	3 2700	1985	6/8/21	
4945 Seaview Avenue	94546	1,600,000	4 3252	1993	6/11/21	

FREMONT TOTAL SALES: 54						
Highest \$: 2,925,000		Median \$: 1,365,000				
Lowest \$: 277,500		Average \$: 1,307,722				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
3454 Bridgewood Terrace #113	94536	277,500	2 990	1986	6/7/21	
38500 Paseo Padre Parkway #207	94536	520,000	2 950	1970	6/10/21	
3391 Foxtail Terrace	94536	540,000	2 840	1986	6/11/21	
35204 Noel Place	94536	550,000	5 3314	2004	6/9/21	
38627 Cherry Lane #53	94536	588,000	2 938	1974	6/8/21	
3517 Birchwood Terrace #103	94536	600,000	2 981	1984	6/7/21	
47165 Male Terrace #74	94539	630,000	2 926	1987	6/10/21	
37155 Aspenwood Common #101	94536	655,000	2 1083	1986	6/10/21	
34740 Tuxedo Common #81	94555	660,000	2 930	1987	6/7/21	
37378 Parish Circle #18g	94536	660,000	2 942	1989	6/11/21	
38700 Tyson Lane #204a	94536	700,000	2 1124	2000	6/9/21	
46970 Lundy Terrace	94539	700,500	3 1096	1981	6/11/21	
38627 Cherry Lane #104	94536	730,000	3 1199	1974	6/8/21	
93 Shaniko Common #24	94539	800,000	3 1214	1987	6/9/21	
37938 Vallejo Street	94536	853,000	2 891	1982	6/11/21	
45128 Warm Springs Blvd #504	94539	975,000	2 1300	2020	6/7/21	
4730 Nicolet Avenue	94536	1,020,000	3 1154	1955	6/11/21	
32976 Great Salt Lake Dr	94555	1,055,000	3 1148	1971	6/9/21	
4740 Quadres Court	94538	1,100,000	3 1473	1959	6/9/21	
4656 Montmartre Park Court	94538	1,250,000	4 1684	1964	6/11/21	
4488 Bidwell Drive	94538	1,275,000	3 1204	1964	6/8/21	
4816 Seneca Park Aven	94538	1,300,000	3 1265	1962	6/11/21	
4566 Todd Street	94538	1,300,000	3 1148	1959	6/11/21	
3638 Monmouth Place	94538	1,306,000	3 1151	1958	6/11/21	
34186 Gannon Terrace	94555	1,310,000	3 1324	1988	6/7/21	
5940 Via Lugano	94555	1,320,000	4 1969	2012	6/7/21	
619 Ravenna Terrace	94536	1,340,000	3 1740	1997	6/10/21	
4345 Eggers Drive	94536	1,390,000	4 1800	1957	6/9/21	
3539 Piazza Common	94538	1,395,000	- -	0	6/7/21	
2332 Abaca Way	94539	1,400,000	2 1230	1971	6/11/21	
35564 Roca Drive	94536	1,405,000	3 1176	1958	6/8/21	
428 Sandstone Drive	94536	1,420,000	3 1416	1989	6/7/21	
413 Ohlones Street	94539	1,475,000	3 1202	1953	6/8/21	
35658 Ballantine Place	94536	1,485,000	3 1523	1970	6/11/21	
36418 Laredo Drive	94536	1,500,000	4 2124	1962	6/8/21	
4723 Mildred Drive	94536	1,500,000	4 1424	1961	6/9/21	
4444 Faulkner Drive	94536	1,528,000	3 1544	0	6/11/21	
35609 Purcell Place	94536	1,530,000	3 1669	1967	6/8/21	
37763 Alta Court	94536	1,530,000	3 1682	1954	6/9/21	
4454 Calypso Terrace	94555	1,550,000	3 1988	1993	6/9/21	
44516 Kadi Court	94539	1,555,000	- 1827	1978	6/8/21	
5262 Waller Avenue	94536	1,571,000	4 1655	1962	6/11/21	
304 Merrill Avenue	94539	1,584,000	5 2555	1968	6/9/21	
309 Horsetail Fern Common	94539	1,605,000	3 2006	2008	6/10/21	
37034 Shasta Street	94536	1,650,000	4 1587	1962	6/8/21	
34363 Eucalyptus Terrace	94555	1,680,000	3 1593	1993	6/9/21	
35923 Blair Place	94536	1,800,000	3 2167	1972	6/10/21	
47650 Hoyt Street	94539	1,820,000	3 1821	1969	6/8/21	
219 Lippert Avenue	94539	2,001,000	5 2105	1960	6/11/21	
683 Chardonnay Drive	94539	2,023,000	4 2286	1987	6/10/21	
2415 Lockwood Avenue	94539	2,200,000	3 1146	1960	6/11/21	
5501 Tan Oak Drive	94555	2,410,000	4 3308	2007	6/11/21	
1701 Sioux Drive	94539	2,670,000	5 2614	1978	6/11/21	
570 Lower Vintners Circle	94539	2,925,000	5 3019	1997	6/8/21	

HAYWARD TOTAL SALES: 43						
Highest \$: 1,580,000		Median \$: 910,000				
Lowest \$: 365,000		Average \$: 903,674				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
26088 Kay Avenue #309	94545	365,000	1 606	1985	6/8/21	
25143 Del Mar Avenue	94542	390,000	3 1094	1960	6/7/21	
22527 Center Str #107	94541	485,000	2 914	1994	6/9/21	
2294 D Street	94541	600,000	3 1347	1975	6/8/21	
22748 1st Street	94541	600,000	1 875	1918	6/9/21	
1044 Shelley Lane	94544	607,000	3 1254	1955	6/10/21	
27519 Ponderosa Court	94545	610,000	3 1254	1971	6/9/21	
21109 Gary Drive #304	94546	655,000	3 1245	1981	6/10/21	
2309 Bermuda Lane	94545	671,000	3 1215	1957	6/8/21	
393 Redbud Lane	94541	675,000	2 835	1950	6/7/21	
26108 Jane Avenue	94544	688,000	3 1086	1952	6/8/21	
21678 Montgomery Str	94541	700,000	2 1197	1936	6/10/21	
688 Macabee Way	94541	735,000	2 1227	2011	6/10/21	
22729 Yolo Street	94541	740,000	3 766	1905	6/11/21	
979 Leonardo Way	94541	760,000	3 1070	1951	6/10/21	
27400 Ponderosa Court	94545	760,000	4 1474	1970	6/11/21	
26250 Underwood Aven	94544	780,000	3 1041	1952	6/9/21	
1056 Martin Luther King Dr #D9	94541	782,000	3 1845	2010	6/8/21	
1251 George Circle	94541	790,000	3 1809	2013	6/7/21	
345 Dutchess Lane	94544	820,000	3 1134	1955	6/9/21	
25836 Spring Drive	94542	905,000	3 1374	1951	6/11/21	
935 Malcolm Lane	94545	910,000	3 1600	1958	6/11/21	
632 Moss Way	94541	915,000	4 1999	2012	6/8/21	
27677 Miami Avenue	94545	931,000	3 1119	1955	6/11/21	

2602 Darwin Street	94545	933,000	3 1128	1956	6/7/21	
24610 Willimet Way	94544	940,000	3 1780	1956	6/9/21	
1276 Gomer Street	94544	955,000	3 1488	1956	6/11/21	
23870 Saklan Road	94545	1,000,000	4 1876	2017	6/8/21	
1768 Osage Court	94545	1,000,000	4 1387	1965	6/11/21	
2038 Continental Aven	94545	1,025,000	3 1723	1991	6/11/21	
243 Poplar Avenue	94541	1,050,000	5 2198	1930	6/11/21	
1149 Palisade Street	94542	1,065,000	- -	0	6/7/21	
1973 Gerald Way	94545	1,072,000	4 1896	1991	6/9/21	
1355 Denton Avenue	94545	1,075,000	- 2541	1979	6/11/21	
679 Woodland Avenue	94544	1,108,000	4 1748	1960	6/11/21	
3390 Pinewood Court	94542	1,116,000	4 2137	1971	6/9/21	
27742 Autumn Court	94542	1,220,000	- 2650	1968	6/10/21	
2513 Admiral Circle	94545	1,325,000	4 2194	2017	6/8/21	
2563 Highland Trail Lane	94541	1,335,000	4 2790	2012	6/8/21	
2567 Hillcrest Avenue	94542	1,350,000	- -	0	6/8/21	
22694 Valley View Drive	94541	1,375,000	3 2520	1947	6/8/21	
2836 Baumberg Avenue	94545	1,460,000	5 2400	1906	6/10/21	
26913 Halifax Place	94542	1,580,000	4 2658	1971	6/10/21	

MILPITAS			TOTAL SALES: 19			
Highest \$: 3,060,000			Median \$: 1,100,000			
Lowest \$: 680,000			Average \$: 1,291,684			
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDSSQFT	BUILT	CLOSED	
150 Marylinn Drive	95035	680,000	2 1378	1983	7/26/21	
700 South Abel Str #209	95035	740,000	2 1108	2007	7/30/21	
56 Hemlock Court	95035	750,000	3 1150	1971	7/26/21	
1421 Nightshade Rd #40	95035	837,000	1 1220	2018	7/28/21	
1435 South Milpitas Blvd	95035	860,000	2 1065	2018	7/30/21	
800 South Abel Str #418	95035	895,000	3 1421	2007	7/27/21	
874 Fire Walk	95035	1,030,000	2 1353	2000	7/28/21	
1457 Coyote Creek Way	95035	1,040,000	2 1258	2013	7/30/21	
1824 Snell Place	95035	1,050,000	3 1450	2010	7/27/21	
45 Butler Street	95035	1,100,000	3 1235	1956	7/28/21	
1249 Coyote Creek Way	95035	1,200,000	3 1464	2013	7/30/21	
1938 Trento Loop	95035	1,201,000	3 1709	2016	7/27/21	
1034 Dempsey Road	95035	1,204,000	3 1742	1977	7/27/21	
1520 Hidden Creek Lane	95035	1,475,000	4 2405	2016	7/30/21	
1023 Courtland Avenue	95035	1,570,000	2 1517	1977	7/29/21	
1561 Portola Drive	95035	1,690,000	5 1900	1966	7/28/21	
1106 North Hillview Dr	95035	1,750,000	4 2566	1979	7/26/21	
889 Glenview Court	95035	2,410,000	4 2460	1994	7/30/21	
3547 Vista Norte Court	95035	3,060,000	3 6075	1996	7/27/21	

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Kintsugi: Picking up the pieces



Kotake. To join two pieces together, he layers the epoxy mixture on the edges and holds them together for two to three minutes. The process is then repeated for the rest of the pieces, and the bowl is mended.

A landscaper-gardener by profession, Kotake finds connection with Kintsugi in

his career as well. “Just like every bowl or piece of pottery, every garden is unique. It is like putting together a beautiful creation from everything that exists in a garden or yard,” shared Kotake. Before starting his work in the morning, he spends some time on his Kintsugi projects, and sometimes after dinner before going to bed as well. “It’s therapeutic,” says Kotake.



loss and grief, and putting them back together represents overcoming that pain.

The art form Kintsugi originated in Japan. “One theory of the origin of this art form is when a shogun (military dictators of Japan) in the 15th century didn’t quite like the way one of his bowls was mended using ugly staples, and he asked his own artisans to create a new way of putting it back together.” It is also connected with the philosophy of embracing the flawed and imperfect, and finding inspiration in them. Kintsugi highlights the cracks and repairs simply as events in the life of the object rather than reasons to discard it

Kotake was introduced to Kintsugi after watching a movie. The more he researched it, the more therapeutic he found it to be. Having lost dear friends, this became his way of dealing with the loss and finding deeper meaning.

“The art is started by taking broken pieces of a pot or a bowl or a similar piece of pottery. Anywhere between five to ten pieces is ideal,” shared Kotake. Although any material can be used, Kotake likes to use ceramic bowls over porcelain. “The pieces are then put back together using epoxy [a glue-like resin] mixed with gold mica powder,” he added. The next step is to find the arrangement of pieces to re-create the original shape. “I figure out which pieces I put back together first. It’s like a puzzle, if you get it wrong you can’t put it back together,” described



Kotake also likes to give bowls to people who can empathize with them. “I found it as a way to channel what we’ve all gone through in the past year,” shared Kotake. He has found that going through the process of repairing and giving a bowl away has been helpful to both him and the recipient. “When I was playing golf the other day, there was this guy whose wife is going through chemo, and [she] was sitting in the golf cart with him, and I sent her a bowl. I know most people can relate to it because they’ve gone through something similar,” Kotake says.

At this point, he is pursuing Kintsugi as a personal passion, but his family has been suggesting to him to start an online business so that his art and message can reach a wider audience. “I don’t want to be bound by ‘orders’, I want to keep it personal at the moment and think about business in the future,” says Kotake. Kintsugi has become an integral part of who Kotake is and he hopes to pass this on as his legacy.

We are thankful to Kathy Kimberlin for introducing Tri-City Voice to Kotake, and we would like to encourage our readers to reach out to us with suggestions for stories they would like to see featured. We at Tri-City Voice wish Kotake all the best as he puts the pieces together and helps others mend their lives in the process.



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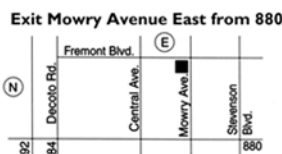
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Call to confirm activities shown in these listings.

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Mondays, August 2 – September 27

Let's Keep It Moving!

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Via Zoom; Exercise while seated or standing
To register: <http://bit.ly/AgeWell-Classes>
(510) 790-6602

Tuesdays

Practice Your Spoken English

4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Talk with native English speakers about everyday topics in a friendly, welcoming setting
Via Zoom
<https://aclibrary.bibliocommons.com/events/search/index>

Thursdays

First Presbyterian Church of Newark Youth Group

7 p.m.
Youth and young adults, students welcome
Contact: brian@newarkpress.org
www.newarkpres.org

Thursdays

San Lorenzo Street Eats

5 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Food trucks
500 Via Mercado, San Lorenzo
<https://www.thefoodtruckmafia.com>

Fridays

Fremont Street Eats

5 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Food trucks and live music
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
<https://www.thefoodtruckmafia.com>

Saturdays

Virtual Telescope Viewing R

9:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.
Free on Facebook Live
Join resident astronomers live from Chabot's observation deck
<https://chabotspace.org/calendar/>

Saturdays in September

Puppet Shows at Ardenwood

10:30 a.m.
Naturalists put on shows with a colorful cast of characters
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
<https://www.ebparks.org/parks/ardenwood>

Saturdays

Comedy Shows R\$

8 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Improv by Made Up Theatre's comedy troupe – Live and Online!
Proof of vaccination or negative Covid test required for entry
4000 Bay St., Suite B, Fremont
(510) 573-3633
<https://madeuptheatre.com/>

Mondays – Saturdays

Grab & Go Craft Kits

Fremont Main Library, Centerville Library, Union City Library
Check library for hours
Crafts are a fun way to let kids be creative
<http://www.aclibrary.org>

Monday – Saturday, Sept. 1 – 30

Vistas and Vignettes

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Exhibition of oil paintings by Alice Weil
75 Arbor Rd., Menlo Park
www.portoalartgallery.com

Second Saturdays, July - December

Talkin' Dirt

9/11, 10/9, 11/13, 12/11
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Free webinar on gardening, hosted by LEAF
Via Zoom
<https://bit.ly/3hsOGKG>

Sundays

Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church Family Service

10 a.m.
Via ZOOM
For link, call (510) 471-2581
<https://sacbc.org/>

Arts & Entertainment

Sundays

First Presbyterian Church of Newark Worship Services

9:30 a.m.; Worship Service In-Person or Online
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9NxtzVaehQJHwLlpwPWlw>
35450 Newark Blvd., Newark
www.newarkpres.org

Sundays

St. Anne's Episcopal Church Service

10 a.m.
In person or via Zoom
2791 Driscoll Rd., Fremont
www.stanneschurch.org

Third Thursday each month Chronic Pain Support Group

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Request link: njordan@fremont.gov

Thursday, July 8 – Sunday, October 3

Olive Hyde Art Guild Members Juried Show

Virtual juried show of local artists
Virtual exhibit: <https://www.fremont.gov/3871/2021-Exhibition-Calendar>
In-person Gallery Dates:
July 29 – October 3
Thursday – Sunday, 12 noon – 5 p.m.
<https://olivehydeartguild.org/>

Friday, July 23 – Saturday, September 18

The Art of Change virtual exhibit
Mixed media art on drought, species extinction and other issues
www.haywardartscouncil.org

Sundays, August 15 – September 19

11th Annual Summer Concert Series

1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Concert Schedule:
9/12: Gravity+4, Deane, Margaret & Kristoph, Alrighy Then
9/19: East Bay Youth Orchestra's Pop Concert
Hayward Memorial Park
24176 Mission Blvd., Hayward
www.HaywardLodge.org

Wednesdays, September 15 – November 17

2021 Citizen Police Academy

5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
A free look at how the Newark Police Department operates
Deadline to apply is 8/25
www.newark.org/departments/citizen-police-academy
Questions: Beverly Ryans,
(510) 578-4352 or
beverly.ryans@newark.org
37101 Newark Blvd., Newark

UPCOMING Events

Wednesday, September 8

Age Well Center, South Fremont – Ribbon Cutting

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Tour the facility, enjoy refreshments
47111 Mission Falls Ct., Fremont
(510) 790-6600
agewellcenters@fremont.gov

Thursday, September 9

Fall Gardening Essentials

4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Learn why fall is the best time to plant
Free webinar via Zoom
<https://bit.ly/3sOIeTr>
www.cleanwaterprogram.org

Thursday, September 9

9/11 Virtual Remembrance R

11 a.m. – noon
Keynote Speaker Dr. Nicole B, Simpson, World Trade Center survivor, shares her story
Register: <https://bit.ly/38AiUar>
<http://www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans/>

Friday, September 10

Black Business Roundtable

12 noon
Media Perception vs. Reality

Via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/38GoB6A>
Meeting ID: 831 0692 4600
Passcode: 886138

Friday, September 10

SAVE Meet the Speakers

10 a.m.
Hear from Lucy Rodriguez, author of Rebirth of a Lotus: Escaping Domestic Abuse
Facebook Live
<https://www.facebook.com/events/861281814812489/>

Friday, September 10

Libertarian Party of Alameda County

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Planning and meet & greet
Market Broiler
43406 Christy St., Fremont
<http://www.LPAC.us>
(510) 828-2281

Saturday, September 11

Beyond the Resume: Career Tips Nobody Talks About R

3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Virtual career workshop – learn about self-branding, networking, and more!
Via Zoom
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/166190378897>

Saturday, September 11

Zoom Social Write-In

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Via Zoom
Request Zoom link:
scottfrombayside@yahoo.com

Saturday, September 11

Cougars on the Loose \$

8 p.m.
Comedy night
Dark Horse Lounge
24018 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward
<https://www.eventbrite.com>

Saturday, September 11

9/11 Memorial Candle Light Vigil R

6:30 p.m.
Candles will be provided while supplies last
RSVP: www.hayward-ca.gov/911-memorial
Heritage Plaza (across from the downtown branch of the library)
835 C St, Hayward
Zach.ebadi@hayward-ca.gov
(510) 583-3911

Saturday, September 11

20th Anniversary Observance of Flight 93 R

10 a.m.
RSVP to Lauren Sugayan:
laurens@unioncity.org or
(510) 675-5400
Flight 93 Memorial
Sugar Mill Landing Park
Corner of Alvarado-Niles St. and Dyer St.

Saturday, September 11

9/11 Memorial

10 a.m.
Hosted by Alameda County District 1 Supervisor David Haubert
Alameda County Fairgrounds Amphitheatre
4501 Pleasanton Ave, Pleasanton

Saturday, September 11 & Sunday, September 12

Niles Canyon Railway \$

10:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.
Diesel Trains. 1 hour 20 minutes roundtrip
Sunol Depot
6 Kilcare Rd., Sunol
www.ncry.org

Sunday, September 12

Opera in the Vineyard \$

5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Enjoy wine while listening to professional opera singers
Retzlaff Vineyards
1356 South Livermore Ave., Livermore
www.LVOpera.com

Monday, September 13

Milpitas Rotary

12 noon
District 5170 Governor Richard Flanders
Via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/364zWgd>
Meeting ID: 830 1305 6992
Passcode: 113524

Monday, September 13
19th Annual Ghirardelli Chocolate Golf Classic
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Fundraiser tournament to benefit Boys and Girls Clubs of San Leandro
Ruby Hill Country Club
3400 W Ruby Hill Dr., Pleasanton
https://ghirardelligolf.com/
Contact Kimberly Pace (510) 483-5581

Monday, September 13
Embrace Unity
12 noon – 1 p.m.
Online community conversation featuring Ohlone College President Dr. Eric Bishop
Via Zoom: https://bit.ly/3kLQmR3
www.ohlone.edu

Tuesday, September 14
Caring for Elders: Ask the Experts
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Info and resources for caregiving
Via Zoom: https://bit.ly/3m7WZ2o
For info, call (510) 433-1115 x8860

Tuesday, September 14
Intro to Women’s Council of Realtors
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Info session about the benefits of this organization
Via Zoom: https://bit.ly/3t8o8np
wcralamedacounty@gmail.com

Wednesday, September 15
Intro to the Restaurant Business for Spanish Speakers
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Key steps to minimize errors. Free webinar by the SBDC.
https://nc.ecenterdirect.com/events/48461

Thursday, September 16
Hayward Nonprofit Alliance
10 a.m.
Via Zoom: https://bit.ly/3mYoGLm
Meeting ID: 823 8148 0428
Passcode: 147350

Saturday, September 18
Milpitas Cleanup Day
Clean up your neighborhood park, street, or yard
Pick up a free litter kit:
9/16: Milpitas Sports Center, 1325 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas
9/17: Milpitas Community Center, 457 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas
9/17: Barbara Lee Senior Center, 40 N. Milpitas Blvd., Milpitas
#MilpitasCleanUpDay21

Saturday, September 18
An Evening of Empowerment
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Virtual fundraising event for Safe Alternatives To Violent Environments Inc (SAVE)
https://save-dv.org/2021gala/
(510) 574-2250

Saturday, September 18 & Sunday, September 19
Niles Canyon Railway \$
10:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.
Diesel Trains. 1 hour 20 minutes roundtrip
Sunol Depot
6 Killcare Rd., Sunol
www.ncry.org

Sunday, September 19
Fables & Feet
2:30 p.m.
Explore fables of India in this introductory workshop to kathak
DC Dance Center
1555 Washington Ave., San Leandro
https://leela.dance/resound/

Sunday, September 19
Before Bollywood
4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Introductory workshop to kathak, a classical dance from North India
DC Dance Center
1555 Washington Ave., San Leandro
https://leela.dance/resound/

Monday, September 20
Milpitas Rotary
12 noon
Milpitas Police Chief, Jared Hernandez
Via Zoom: https://bit.ly/364zWgd
Meeting ID: 830 1305 6992
Passcode: 113524

Tuesday, September 21
Public Hearing Meeting
7:15 p.m.
Learn about redistricting and share your input
Via Zoom:
https://zoom.us/j/92566745156
1-833-430-0037

Wednesday, September 22
A Better Way to Grow Revenue with a CRM
12 noon – 1:30 p.m.
Learn about Client Relationship Management (CRM) software. Free webinar by the SBDC
https://nc.ecenterdirect.com/events/48641

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Non-native bullfrogs pose a threat to repopulation effort

Threatened yellow-legged native frogs haven’t much of a chance until the state’s non-native American bullfrog problem is addressed. California annually imports two million commercially-raised American bullfrogs for human consumption, plus an estimated 300,000 freshwater turtles, all taken from the wild. All are diseased and/or parasitized, though it is illegal to sell such products. These frogs are routinely released into local waters, where they prey upon and displace the native species.

The majority of the market bullfrogs test positive for a chytrid fungus (Batrachochytrium

dendrobatidis, or Bd), which has caused the extinctions of some 200 amphibian species worldwide in recent years. The bullfrogs’ continued presence in California poses a major threat to the yellow-legged frogs and others.

Despite 3,000+ letters since the mid-1990’s, the California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) continues to issue import permits for these animals, imperiling our native species and the public health. The permits should cease immediately. The Fish & Game Commission has twice voted unanimously to stop the permits, but were ignored by the Department.

WRITE: DFW Director Chuck Bonham, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814; email - director@wildlife.ca.gov

ERIC MILLS, COORDINATOR ACTION FOR ANIMALS

Autumn Moon Festival

SUBMITTED BY MOONFESTIVAL.ORG

Chinatown Merchants Association is bringing back the Autumn Moon Festival on Saturday, September 11 and Sunday, September 12, 2021. Festivities will be held on Grant Avenue, between California and Broadway from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Aaron Peskin, of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors writes, “Traditionally, the Autumn Moon Festival celebrates the bounty of summer harvest where festivities embody the spirit of gratitude and familial unity. After more than eighteen months of challenges brought on by the pandemic and anti-API sentiments, this year’s festival will also be a display of the community’s resiliency and strength and offer a much-needed space for the community to reflect and heal.”

The festival will start with an opening parade at 11 a.m. on Saturday and conclude with the White Crane Dragon finale at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. A complete list of singers, rappers, and martial arts performers can be found on the website at www.moonfestival.org. Throughout the weekend, enjoy food vendors, mooncakes, kids’ activities, and more.

Autumn Moon Festival
Saturday, Sept 11 – Sunday, Sept 12
11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Chinatown SF
www.moonfestival.org

PG&E to remove trees cut down after wildfire

SUBMITTED BY TAMAR SARKISSIAN

In response to customer and community requests, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) will soon start dispatching crews to gather wood that was cut down following the SCU Complex Fire in 2020.

After the SCU Complex Fire, PG&E crews and contract vegetation management crews worked to restore power safely and quickly to customers. This included inspecting and cutting down hazardous trees that posed a potential safety risk to work crews or electric equipment. This work was done in coordination with CAL FIRE

and other agencies responding to the wildfires.

After completing tree work, crews chipped wood that was less than four inches in diameter and spread the chips on-site, where possible. Because wood is considered the property of the landowner, any wood larger than four inches in diameter was left onsite. There is no legal or regulatory requirement to remove large-diameter wood, since it is the property of the landowner.

In response to customer and community feedback, crews will return to those sites and dispose of the large-diameter wood that PG&E crews cut down for safety following the 2020 wildfires, if safely accessible and approved by

the property owner. Cut trees targeted for removal are in Alameda, Contra Costa and Santa Clara Counties.

PG&E has already completed the inventory portion of this work, which included contacting and working directly with customers who have wood that qualifies for the program. PG&E plans to begin removing wood in mid-August, with the goal of completing work this summer.

PG&E contractor crews will be performing this work and will carry identification to provide upon request. Customers who have questions about the Wood Management Program in 2020 wildfire areas should call 1 (877) 295-4949.



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UNION CITY TOTAL SALES: 15							
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Lowest \$: 466,000		Average \$: 1,244,300					
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BD	SS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
2265 Medallion Drive #3	94587	466,000	2	903	1973		6/8/21
2139 Canary Court #4	94587	520,000	2	798	1972		6/7/21
33400 Eileen Terrace	94587	915,500	2	1479	2019		6/7/21
33410 Scarlett Terrace	94587	980,000	2	1479	2019		6/11/21
35031 Clover Street	94587	993,500	4	1550	1971		6/8/21
1836 Tulane Street	94587	1,100,000	3	1315	1960		6/9/21
32455 Joyce Way	94587	1,175,000	4	1862	1972		6/9/21
34541 Windflower Lane	94587	1,400,000	3	1772	1999		6/9/21
2154 Farrol Avenue	94587	1,412,000	3	1627	1965		6/9/21
34947 Kinglet Court	94587	1,415,000	4	1967	1978		6/9/21
4853 Cheryl Court	94587	1,455,000	-	1880	1977		6/8/21
32780 South Belami Loop	94587	1,475,000	3	1851	1998		6/11/21
35026 Clover Street	94587	1,506,000	5	2406	1978		6/8/21
32217 Condor Drive	94587	1,750,000	5	3056	2003		6/11/21
32567 Carmel Way	94587	2,101,500	-	2814	1998		6/7/21

BART halves Clipper fares during September

SUBMITTED BY BART

As a welcome back to riders, BART is offering a 50% discount on all clipper fares during September. The discount is stackable with other Clipper discounts, meaning that 50% off will be given on top of already discounted Clipper cards such as Youth, Senior, Regional Transit Connection (RTC), Clipper Start, and Gator Pass.

The reduced fare will be automatically deducted when using Clipper at the fare gates. The BART online Trip Planner and Fare Calculator pages have been updated to show discounted fares during September. Printed fare charts at vending machines in each station will not be changed for the month of September but a large decal will be posted noting there is 50% off the published fares.

BART’s ridership continues to grow each week, following the downturn during the COVID-19 pandemic. Current weekday ridership is at 100,000 trips, representing 25% of pre-COVID weekday ridership. Weekends are recovering at a faster rate. Weekend ridership is at 45K-65K trips, representing 40% of pre-COVID weekend ridership.

As of September 1, the various transit agencies that connect with BART will have new schedules in place that offer improved connections between systems. Many agencies are also offering discounts and other special promotions during September. Transit riders can visit www.AllAboardBayArea.com for details on how all twenty-seven Bay Area agencies are collaborating to deliver services that will help jumpstart the region and get people where they need to go.

The discount is only available when using Clipper on BART and is not available on magstripe paper tickets. BART officials report that 98.6% of BART riders use Clipper cards. There is a one-time \$3.00 fee to purchase a new Clipper card from BART station vending machines.

Clipper is currently offering free Clipper cards when setting up a new Clipper card using the new Clipper app. The card is also free if users order it online and set up automatic reloading. Proof of eligibility is required for discount Clipper cards and therefore are not available at BART station vending machines. Visit the Clipper website at www.clippercard.com for details.

- Youths 5-18 years old get 50% off BART with a youth Clipper card.
- Seniors 65 and older get 62.5% off BART with a Senior Clipper card.
- Qualifying low-income adult riders get 20% off BART with Clipper START.

Youth, senior, and START cards are all free.

Meanwhile, riders with qualifying disabilities get 62.5% off BART with the RTC Clipper card. BART does not charge for RTC cards when obtained at its customer service window at the Lake Merritt Station in Oakland. For details, visit the BART website at www.bart.gov, then enter “RTC Clipper” in the search field and follow the link.



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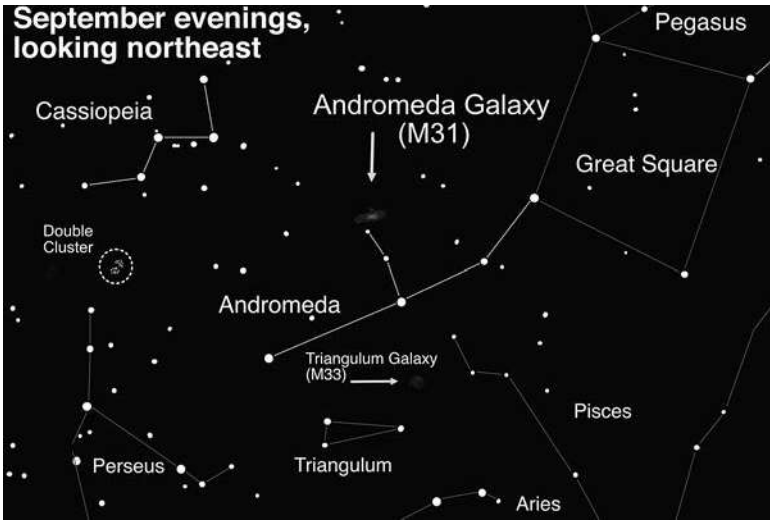
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NASA NIGHT SKY NETWORK

Catch Andromeda rising



By DAVID PROSPER

If you're thinking of a galaxy, the image in your head is probably the Andromeda Galaxy. Studies of this massive neighboring galaxy, also called M31, have played an incredibly important role in shaping modern astronomy. As a bonus for stargazers, the Andromeda Galaxy is also a beautiful sight.

Have you heard that all the stars you see at night are part of our Milky Way galaxy? While that is mostly true, one star-like object located near the border between the constellations of Andromeda and Cassiopeia appears fuzzy to unaided eyes. That's because it's not a star, but the Andromeda Galaxy, its trillion stars appearing to our eyes as a 3.4 magnitude patch of haze. Why so dim? Distance! It's outside our galaxy, around 2.5 million light years distant - so far away that the light you see left M31's stars when our earliest ancestors figured out stone tools. Binoculars show more detail: M31's bright core stands out, along with a bit of its wispy, saucer-shaped disc. Telescopes bring out greater detail but often can't view the entire galaxy at once. Depending on the quality of your skies and your

magnification, you may be able to make out individual globular clusters, structure, and at least two of its orbiting dwarf galaxies: M110 and M32. Light pollution and thin clouds, smoke, or haze will severely hamper observing fainter detail, as they will for any "faint fuzzy." Surprisingly, persistent stargazers can still spot M31's core from areas of moderate light pollution as long as skies are otherwise clear.

Modern astronomy was greatly shaped by studies of the Andromeda Galaxy. A hundred years ago, the idea that there were other galaxies beside our own was not widely accepted, and so M31 was called the "Andromeda Nebula." Increasingly detailed observations of M31 caused astronomers to question its place in our universe - was M31 its own "island universe," and not part of our Milky Way? Harlow Shapley and Heber Curtis engaged in the "Great Debate" of 1920 over its nature. Curtis argued forcefully from his observations of dimmer than expected nova, dust lanes, and other oddities that the "nebula" was in fact an entirely different galaxy from our own. A few years later, Edwin Hubble, building on Henrietta Leavitt's work on Cepheid variable stars as a

"standard candle" for distance measurement, concluded that M31 was indeed another galaxy after he observed Cepheids in photos of Andromeda, and estimated M31's distance as far outside our galaxy's boundaries. And so, the Andromeda Nebula became known as the Andromeda Galaxy.

These discoveries inspire astronomers to this day, who continue to observe M31 and many other galaxies for hints about the nature of our universe. One of the Hubble Space Telescope's longest-running observing campaigns was a study of M31: the Panchromatic Hubble Andromeda Treasury (PHAT) (bit.ly/m31phat). Dig into NASA's latest discoveries about the Andromeda Galaxy, and the cosmos at large, at nasa.gov.

Spot the Andromeda Galaxy! M31's more common name comes from its parent constellation, which becomes prominent as autumn arrives in the Northern Hemisphere. Surprising amounts of detail can be observed with unaided eyes from dark sky sites. Hints of it can even be made out from light polluted areas.

While M31's disc appears larger than you might expect

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Cooperation brings new campground

A new campground near Dumbarton Bridge opened at the end of August, with hiking trails that link Don Edwards Shoreline on the south side of the bridge approach to Coyote Hills on the north side. The new Fremont campground has plenty of parking for cars, and can also accommodate dozens of RVs.

The opening ceremony brought the general manager and board directors of the park district together with the mayor, members of Fremont city council, the city recreation department and DeSilva Gates Construction. The campground is the product of 20 or 30 years of planning and negotiations. The public-private partnership began at a former open-pit quarry, more than 300 ft deep, that excavated more than five million cubic yards of concrete aggregate for local roads and buildings. Dumbarton Quarry Associates (DQA) is still the largest supplier of concrete asphalt in the Bay Area.

Quarry reclamation and the first phase of campground construction both began around 2013, funded by tipping (dumping) fees from nearly 10 million cubic yards of dirt fill and construction debris. But critics on the planning commission were fearful of urban development, and wrung their hands over possible noise, urbanization, light pollution, and petty crime. They would be apoplectic if another possible development scenario had come to pass, considering that the DeSilva Group has built more than 5,000 housing units around Bay Area quarries.

The new campground took nearly a decade of cooperation between city and park district planners and DQA. The campground project demonstrates that cooperation between the city and park district requires vision, funding and leadership, and brings amazing benefits.

This is the kind of cooperation that will be required to resolve the parking conflicts between the city, neighboring residents and the park district at Mission Peak Regional Preserve. Instead of restricting street parking and handing out thousands of parking tickets, the two agencies need to work together to enhance parking inside our parks.

WILLIAM YRAGUI
MISSION PEAK CONSERVANCY

(about 3 Moon widths wide), its "galactic halo" is much, much larger - as you can see in the image. In fact, it is suspected that its halo is so huge that it may already mingle with our Milky Way's own halo, which makes sense since our galaxies are expected to merge sometime in the next few billion years. The dots are quasars, objects located behind the halo, which are the very energetic cores of distant galaxies powered by black holes at their center. The Hubble team

studied the composition of M31's halo by measuring how the quasars' light was absorbed by the halo's material.

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Park It

BY NED MACKAY

East Bay Regional Park District is taking a two-pronged approach this year to annual California Coastal Cleanup Day.

The district will host in-person volunteer cleanup efforts on Saturday, September 18 at six regional parklands: Martin Luther King in Oakland, Crown Beach in Alameda, Point Isabel in Richmond, Radke Martinez, Del Valle south of Livermore, and Hayward Regional Shoreline.

These parklands will have starting times at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon with a maximum of 15 participants per hour. The parks will be open for regular use, but only registered Coastal Cleanup participants will be given cleanup gear.

Pre-registration is required. Information and registration are available at <https://www.ebparks.org/about/getinvolved/volunteer/events.htm>.

In addition, the district is encouraging self-guided neighborhood coastal cleanup efforts. Volunteers are encouraged

to assemble their own gear and host a cleanup in their neighborhood or local park.

Report your Coastal Cleanup hours and receive a Coastal Cleanup patch and/or sticker. For information, visit ebparks.org/coastalcleanup or call (510) 544-2515.

Hayward’s farming and pioneer past will come to life on Saturday, September 11 during the Garin Apple Festival at Garin Regional Park. From noon to 4 p.m., activities will include ice cream making, old-fashioned games, crafts, blacksmithing demonstrations, and tours of Garin’s apple orchard, where volunteers tend trees that grow heritage apple varieties no longer available in stores. Masks are required and social distancing between participants must be maintained.

This is a drop-in program; no registration is required. The festival is free of charge, though Garin Regional Park has a parking fee of \$5 per vehicle when the kiosk is attended. Garin is located at the end of Garin Avenue off Mission Boulevard in Hayward. For information, call (510) 544-3220.

There are plenty of other activities on schedule the same weekend in the regional parks.

For example, there’s a “Fire on the Mountain” hike from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 11 at Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve in Antioch.

Meet naturalist Ashley Adams in the parking lot at the south end of Somersville Road for a moderate 1½ - mile hike through the chaparral to see how fire is impacting California. Ashley will describe how wildlife lives with fire, and how the district is working to protect parklands. Bring plenty of water and sun protection.

The program is free, but registration is required. If air quality is bad, the program will be virtual. Black Diamond Mines has a parking fee of \$5 per vehicle when the kiosk is attended. For registration and information, call (888) 327-2757, option 2.

And at Big Break Regional Shoreline in Oakley, it’s “Trash Talk” time from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and noon to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 11. Through enjoy-

able and safe hands-on activities, learn how plastic trash enters the waterways and harms our environment.

The program is geared for children 6 through 13 and their caretakers, though all ages are welcome. Chaperones are required for everyone under 18 years.

All visitors over two years must wear face coverings while participating, and all group members must arrive together. Late arrivals may not be admitted. Plan to come five minutes early. The program repeats at the same time on Sunday, September 12. It’s free, but registration is required. Call (888) 327-2757.

Big Break is at 69 Big Break Road off Oakley’s Main Street.

Or you can join a naturalist for a walk from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, September 11 at Reinhardt Redwood Regional Park in Oakland. It’s a three-mile mostly flat stroll though the beautiful redwoods.

Meet at the Wayside staging area, which is reached via the park entrance on Redwood Road, about two miles down the hill from the intersection with Skyline Boulevard in Oakland.

The hike is free of charge and registration is not necessary. Just show up. There’s a parking fee of \$5 per vehicle when the kiosk is attended.

For information, call (510) 544-3187.

The nectar garden at Coyote Hills Regional Park in Fremont is a great place to find out about native plants and the importance of insects that pollinate them. There’s a program at the nectar garden from 11 a.m. to noon on Sunday, September 12. It’s drop-in, registration is not required, and all ages are welcome. Masks, social distancing, and parental participation are necessary.

Coyote Hills is at the end of Patterson Ranch Road off Paseo Padre Parkway. The program is free; there’s a parking fee of \$5 per vehicle.

For information, call (510) 544-3220.

These are just a few of the programs scheduled. For a full list, visit the park district website at www.ebparks.org and click on “Activities” at the top of the home page.

Injuries mar Gladiators’ season opener

FOOTBALL

SUBMITTED BY STEVE R. WATERHOUSE
PHOTO BY JARED DARLING

This wasn’t the kind of restart the Chabot College football team was looking for. Coming off a canceled season due to COVID-19, the Gladiators fell 41-7 to visiting Fresno City Saturday afternoon, September 4th, in their long-awaited nonconference opener. It marked Chabot’s first game since a loss to Laney on Nov. 16, 2019. While the rust was obvious, it wasn’t the first thing that troubled the Gladiators (0-1). That came in the injury department. In the first play of the game, 6-foot-6 offensive lineman Shively Fua went down with a leg injury. “Lose a Division I tackle right there,” Chabot head coach Eric Fanene said. “He’s our best guy.” On Chabot’s next offensive series, another starting offensive lineman, 6-7 Christopher Pole, went down with a leg injury. “Lose our other tackle,” Fanene said. “Another top guy.” To make matters worse, starting quarterback L.T. Beck departed with a concussion with 11:08 left in the second quarter. “That just changes your game plan,” said Fanene. And while offensive struggles seemed imminent after that trio of injuries, it was still a competitive game in the first half. The Gladiators (ranked 25th in the Junior College Athletic Bureau poll) featured a stingy defense, despite a lopsided final score. Chabot held an explosive Fresno City (1-0) offense to just 154 yards of (104 passing) and a hard-earned 14 points in the first half.

But the cards were ultimately stacked against Chabot. It was almost fitting that the only score for Chabot came from the defense. With just over four minutes left in the game, Fresno quarterback Isaiah Robles hit wide receiver Tabari Rollins near the left hash mark, but a streaking Jaymin Galios dashed in and punched the ball loose. An alert Kingston Sapoi scooped up the ball at the 22 and raced into the end zone. It was especially gratifying for Sapoi, a newcomer to the program who moved here from Utah two months ago; only a phone call to Fanene led him to the Gladiators.



Electric boats making waves without the noise

BY JOHN MARSHALL ASSOCIATED PRESS

The auto industry has raced ahead on an electric wave with more manufacturers joining the race seemingly every day. The boating industry has sputtered far behind, bogged down by low-horsepower engines and batteries that take up nearly half the boat. That’s in the process of changing. Bolstered by new technology, the electric boats are now faster, have smaller batteries with longer ranges and are still zero emission.

“Electric boats used to be good for just cruising around,” said Alex Mongeon, CEO of Montreal-based Vision Marine Technologies. “Now they have more power and last a long longer.” Vision Marine has helped lead the charge in more powerful electric boats. Other companies riding the electric motor wave include Swedish luxury boat builder X Shore and Arc, started by former SpaceX employees. An avid boat racer and electrician by trade, Mongeon and Vision Marine began working in 2015 on developing a more powerful yet still efficient electric outboard motor. They created the E-Motion 180, the first electric boat engine to use lithium batteries. The electric outboard boasts 180 horsepower and can reach speeds of 60 mph, a first in electric boating. The E-motion 180, which costs about \$5,000 more than a standard internal combustion engine, can be used with any boats that use a 180 HP outboard gas engine, typically between 18 to 26 feet. The engines can fully charge overnight and all that’s needed is a 220-volt outlet _ a boating version of plug and play. Maintenance is far less than ICE engines because there are fewer moving parts. The electric engines are noiseless, odorless and smokeless, so there’s no more yelling at each other while onboard or leaving a layer of smoke in your wake.

Sales of the E-Motion 180 started in May with delivery expected later this year. “It is so cool because nobody has gone to this comparable horsepower,” said Randy Trusedale, chief operating officer of SBX Marine, a Florida-based custom boat builder and brokerage company. “You see some of the electric motors, you might get one that says it’s, you know, 50 to 70 horsepower equivalent, but nobody’s done what we’re doing with the new 180.” Electric boating has been embraced by celebrities like Drake, Robert De Niro and Greta Thunberg, according to Vision Marine. Many tour operators have turned to electric boats, and so have cities for rental and water taxis. Many waters have been designated marine protected areas _ 26% in the United States, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration _ which ban motorized boats. Many allow electric boats because they are cleaner and emit no sound. “The only sound you’ll hear is the water hitting the hull and people enjoying themselves,” Mongeon said. And a lot more people have been enjoying themselves on the water during the pandemic. According to National Marine Manufacturers Association, sales of powerboats were up 12% in 2020 with more than 310,000 new sales, the highest numbers since before the recession of 2008. Boat rental companies have seen their numbers soar as well, including a 700% growth year-over-year growth for GetMyBoat, the world’s largest boat rental company. “In the rental cycle, it has become hugely popular because of the great activity for people who don’t necessarily want to buy a boat,” Trusedale said. “You can kind of relate to what’s going on with COVID and allowing people to get outside. Boats are kind of like the perfect tool for social distancing.” The new era of electric boats, with the added power and limited environmental impact, are making it even more enjoyable.

Ohlone Volleyball beats pandemic on and off the court

SUBMITTED BY OHLONE COLLEGE

Ohlone College’s Volleyball team is among 1,281 collegiate and high school teams that have earned the United States Marine Corps and American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award for the 2020-2021 season. The award honors volleyball teams that maintain a year-long grade-point average of 3.30 on a 4.0 scale. “I’m amazed and incredibly proud of our athletes and team for this achievement, especially in such a tough environment that the pandemic presents,” said Head Volleyball Coach Jeremy Penaflor. For years, the ladies of Ohlone College Volleyball have achieved high marks in the classroom, regularly transferring student-athletes of the program to the university of their choice. In fact, each year at least one graduating sophomore graduates with highest honors. That record was put to the test this past 2020-21 academic year. With question marks looming during a year of a pandemic learning, student-athletes all over the state and nation were put to the test to try and learn in ways they likely had never done before. But the Renegades Volleyball student-athletes took on those challenges and thrived together as a team. “I know each of the girls had many other difficulties to deal with aside from what I knew about,” adds Coach Penaflor, “and, despite all the stuff going on around them they were still able to kill it in the classroom while developing their game on the court.” The Renegades achieved a program high 3.747 grade point average for the spring semester and cumulative GPA of 3.621 for the 2020-21 academic year. With 5 of the 10 athletes achieving a 4.000 GPA this past spring it’s no wonder the team achieved such high marks.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Recall election comment

In July 1993, I faced a Republican-led attempt to recall me from my seat on the City Council of the City of Union City. I beat the recall by ONE vote. The cause of the recall was Governor Pete Wilson’s inability to balance the 1992 state budget, until he stripped billions of dollars from cities, counties, and special districts, right after all of us had adopted our own balanced budgets. This cost my city \$1.2 million, which we tried to backfill by raising our Landscape and Lighting District’s annual fee by \$32. Our alternative was to turn off our streetlights, close all our parks, and layoff police and other city employees. Every Republican California governor since Wilson has failed to adequately fund our schools, road maintenance, and so many other vital governmental responsibilities. Remember that Arnold was going to “blow up the boxes” in order to shrink our government. I think that the only boxes that he blew up were the ones his cigars came in. He left a huge deficit, even after borrowing \$5B one year. Please VOTE NO on the republican run recall.

Bob Garfinkle
Union City

OPINION



WILLIAM MARSHAK

Over the course of our lives, there are moments indelibly etched within us. Details of where, when and what happened are permanently seared in our psyche without diminishing, even as time works its will on other aspects of existence. Each person's particular life cycle and context of awareness determines the importance and lasting image of a memorable event. For some, historical perspective is personal... they lived through and experienced elation, trauma or attendant emotions first-hand. For others who either were too young or not born yet, the impact is felt as related by others – visual, oral and/or written.

September 11, 2001 is one of those moments when memories flood in for

those who experienced the horror, disbelief and realization of a major external, lethal attack on the United States of America. At the time, such major invasive events were few and far between, bolstering confidence that the insulation of oceans and distance was enough to minimize such things. Although terrible internal and external conflicts existed, the belief that our nation could and would survive relatively intact - warts and all – was widely believed.

In modern history, internal strife over civil rights, foreign wars, sporadic bomb threats, air hijackings, the cold war, even assassinations and more, were unnerving, unsettling and divisive, but a full and successful frontal attack by a foreign adversary on American soil was largely unknown except for a dwindling senior population that experienced the assault on Pearl Harbor in 1941. It happened again... and those who experienced the shock and horror of that day will never forget it!

Unfortunately, such personal memories only last for a generation. With an average U.S. lifespan of approximately 79 years, political influence and institutional memory is limited through choice or age. As a consequence, many similar patterns, often pockmarked with grievous mistakes, are repeated with disastrous results. Those who live through these recurrent cycles recognize their emergence and

consequences, but transferring the information is difficult when personal experience of others is lacking.

The haunting melody of “Memory” from Andrew Lloyd Webber (lyrics by Trevor Nunn) in the 1981 hit musical production of Cats captures a sense of a lost past that asks for validation and remembrance. The play, based on the poems of T.S. Eliot (1888-1965) in Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats (1939), written though his alter ego of “Old Possum”, creates the cat, Grizabella, who recalls a glorious past during a night of remembrance and request for acceptance even as the present and future slide away to become the past. Grizabella sings yearns to “Let the memory live again” but understands that:

When the dawn comes

Tonight will be a memory too

And a new day will begin

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GM, Ford halt some production as chip shortage worsens

BY TOM KRISHER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The global shortage of computer chips is getting worse, forcing automakers to temporarily close factories including those that build popular pickup trucks.

General Motors announced Thursday that it would pause production at eight North American plants during the next two weeks, including two that make the company's top-selling Chevrolet Silverado pickup.

Ford will stop making pickups at its Kansas City Assembly Plant for the next two weeks. Shifts will be cut at two more truck plants in Dearborn, Michigan, and Louisville, Kentucky.

The cuts will compound an already short supply of cars, trucks and SUVs on dealer lots nationwide that have pushed prices to record levels. Automakers reported that U.S. dealers had just under a million new vehicles on their lots in August, 72% lower than the 3.58 million in August of 2019.

“It now appears to be accelerating in the wrong direction,” said Jeff Schuster, president of global vehicle forecasting for LMC Automotive, a consulting firm.

Industry analysts say the delta variant of the novel coronavirus has hit employees at chip factories in southeast Asia hard, forcing some plants to close. That's worsened a chip shortage that was starting to improve earlier in the summer.

“Now the prospects for new sales for the rest of the year continue to dim with the reality that tight inventory will last well into 2022,” said Kevin Roberts, director of industry insights for Cargurus.com.

Demand for trucks, SUVs and other autos is strong, but buyers are growing frustrated due to lack of inventory and high prices. U.S. light vehicle sales fell nearly 18% in August compared with a year ago, while the average vehicle sale price hit over \$41,000, a record, according to J.D. Power.

Sales of Ford's F-Series trucks fell nearly 23% for the month.

The August sales dip and inventory shortages prompted Schuster to cut his U.S. sales forecast for the year to 15.7 million. Until the pandemic hit, sales had been running around 17 million per year.

Consumers who need a new vehicle don't have many choices with dealer supplies so short, Schuster said. Some have left the market because they can't find anything that meets their needs. For others, “pricing is through the roof, so they can't afford it and aren't willing to spend what it's going to cost to get that vehicle.”

GM is shutting down pickup truck plants in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Silao, Mexico, for a week starting Monday. A plant in Wentzville, Missouri, that builds midsize pickups and big vans will close for two weeks. Other plants that make small and midsize SUVs will be idled for two weeks or longer.

“These recent scheduling adjustments are being driven by the continued parts shortages caused by semiconductor supply constraints from international markets experiencing COVID-19-related restrictions,” GM said in a statement.

The GM and Ford cuts come on top of temporary plant closures announced previously by Toyota, Nissan and Stellantis, formerly Fiat Chrysler.

Stellantis shut down its Ram truck assembly plant in Sterling Heights, Michigan this week due to the chip shortage. The company's Belvidere, Illinois, small-SUV plant and a minivan plant in Windsor, Ontario are down for two weeks.

Toyota said it would slash production by at least 40% in Japan and North America for the next two months, cutting production by 360,000 vehicles worldwide in September alone.

Nissan, which announced in mid-August that chip shortages would force it to close its huge factory in Smyrna, Tennessee, for two weeks until Aug. 30, now says the closure will last four weeks, until Sept. 13.

There is a little good news. Ford said its overall production rose 76% from July to August, although it's not clear how long that would last.

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California moves slowly on water projects amid drought

By Adam Beam
Associated Press

In 2014, in the middle of a severe drought that would test California's complex water storage system like never before, voters told the state to borrow \$7.5 billion and use part of it to build projects to stockpile more water.

Seven years later, that drought has come and gone, replaced by an even hotter and drier one that is draining the state's reservoirs at an alarming rate. But none of the more than half-dozen water storage projects scheduled to receive that money have been built.

The largest project by far is a proposed lake in Northern California, which would be the state's first new reservoir of significant size in more than 40 years. People have talked about building the Sites Reservoir since the 1950s. But the cost, plus shifting political priorities, stopped it from happening.

Now, a major drought gripping the western United States has put the project back in the spotlight. It's slated to get \$836 million in taxpayer money to help cover it's \$3.9 billion price tag if project officials can meet a deadline by year's end. The Biden administration recently committed \$80 million to the reservoir; the largest appropriation of any water storage scheduled to receive funding next year. And the

project could get some of the \$1.15 billion included in an infrastructure bill that has passed the U.S. Senate.

Still, the delay has frustrated some lawmakers, who view it as a wasted opportunity now that the state is preparing to cut of water to thousands of farmers in the Central Valley because of a shortage. “The longer you don't build, the more expensive it gets,” said Republican state Sen. Brian Dahle, whose rural Northern California district includes farmers.

Storage was once the centerpiece of California's water management strategy, highlighted by a building bonanza in the mid-20th century of a number of dams and reservoirs. But in the more than 40 years since California last opened a major new reservoir, the politics and policy have shifted toward a more environmental focus that has caused tension between urban and rural legislators and the communities they represent.

The voter-approved bond in 2014 was supposed to jump-start a number of long-delayed storage projects. But some experts say the delays aren't surprising, given the complexities and environmental hazards that come with building new water projects.

“We have about 1,500 reservoirs in California. If you assume people are smart -- which they kind of are most of the time -- they will have built reservoirs at the 1,500 best reservoir sites already,” said Jay Lund, co-director of the Center for Watershed Sciences at the University of California-Davis. “What you have left over is more expensive sites that give you less water.”

California's Mediterranean climate means it gets most of its rain and snow in the winter and spring, followed by hot, dry summers and falls that see rivers and streams dry up. The largest of California's reservoirs are

operated by the state and federal governments, although neither has built a new one since the 1979 New Melones Lake near Sonora, about 50 miles northwest of Yosemite National Park.

That could change with the Sites Reservoir project, which would flood what's left of the town of Sites, located in a valley amid California's coast range mountains. The town's roots go back to the 1850s, when John Sites, a German immigrant, settled there. At its peak in the late 1800s and early 1900s, it was known for a sandstone quarry that provided building materials throughout the state, including the iconic Ferry Building in San Francisco.

But when the quarry closed shortly after World War I, the town slowly dwindled. Fire destroyed many of the buildings, leaving behind about 10 houses on unirrigated land that can only be used for agriculture during the rainy season. Officials would have to eventually buy those properties from residents to build the reservoir. With only two ways in and out of the valley, it's an ideal spot to flood and turn into a massive lake to store water.

But unlike most California reservoirs, Sites would not be connected to a river or stream. Instead, operators would have to pump water from the Sacramento River whenever it has extra to give. The idea is to take advantage of wet years like 2018, when California got so much rain and snow in the Sierra Nevada mountains that reservoirs were filled beyond capacity.

“We're really redefining how water is developed in California,” said Jerry Brown, executive director of the Sites Project Authority, who has no relation to the former governor of the same name.

Pumping the water is expensive, which, along with concern from environmental groups, is one reason the reservoir

has been talked about for more than 60 years but never built. Many environmental groups argue the reservoir would do more harm than good because they say operators would have to pull way more water than is environmentally safe from the Sacramento River to make the project feasible.

“Fundamentally, it is a deadbeat dam, a pretty marginal project, or else it would have been built years ago,” said Ron Stork, a senior policy advocate for Friends of the River, an environmental advocacy group.

Gov. Gavin Newsom's administration, which included the Sites Reservoir in its water plan, sees the reservoir as a way to prepare for a future impacted by climate change. California's reservoir system is designed to capture water from melted snow in the mountains. But climate change could mean less snow and more rain, which the state is not as equipped to capture.

“We are going to start swinging to more extremes, (a) dry, deep drought or big flood,” said Karla Nemeth, director of the California Department of Water Resources. “I do think there is some value to those kinds of projects.”

It will cost \$3.9 billion to build the Sites Reservoir, and that's after project leaders made it smaller to shave about \$1 billion off the price tag. Most of the money will come from customers who will buy the water, the federal government and bank loans. California taxpayers have pledged about \$836 million to the project from a bond voters approved in 2014.

But to use that money, project leaders have to meet a deadline by the end of the year to show the idea is feasible. “I'm absolutely confident,” Brown said. “It's going to be close, but it's going to make it.”

Senate approves Wieckowski debt collection bill

Submitted by Jeff Barbosa

With no opposition, California State Senate approved legislation by Senator Bob Wieckowski (D-Fremont) on September 1 to give consumers more protection when dealing with assigned debt collectors who operate with fewer restrictions than those governing debt that is sold. SB 531, which was approved with bipartisan support earlier in the week in the Assembly, next heads to Governor Gavin Newsom for his consideration.

“SB 531 will raise the standards for collectors working with assigned debt and make them more accountable to consumers, just as we do with collectors working with debt that is sold,” said Wieckowski, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee. “It will eliminate the lax oversight of collectors who do not operate under the Fair Debt Buying Practices Act. Abusive collection tactics must be eliminated and providing consumers with more transparency about their debt will address the complaints about collectors that legal service providers are hearing from their clients.”

After numerous complaints of collections against the wrong person, targeting debt that had already been paid and attempts to collect incorrect debt amounts, the Legislature enacted the Fair Debt Buying Practices Act in 2013. The act addressed these issues by requiring debt buyers, who have debt sold to them, to have proof of their ownership and it allowed consumers to request that proof. The law also required disclosure of how much debt is owed, any fees or interests and the date of the last payment.

The Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection found that one of the top nationwide complaints it received from consumers were collectors attempting to collect on debt that was not owed. It was also a top complaint among California consumers.

SB 531 requires collectors who have debt assigned to them to have proof that they have authority to collect the debt. The consumer could request the proof and other basic information about the debt.

“It will allow debtors to better understand the debt collection process,” said Leigh Ferrin, director of litigation and pro bono at the Public Law Center. “It is common for hospital and medical debts to be assigned to a third-party collector rather than sold. But unfortunately for consumers, the protections of the Fair Debt Buying Practices Act do not apply and the collector is not required to give them basic information about their debt. SB 531 will change that and give people the information they need to resolve their debt issues more quickly.”

The bill is also supported by the California Low-Income Consumer Coalition, Center for Responsible Lending, Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County and the Western Center on Law and Poverty.

Wieckowski represents the 10th District in the State Senate, which includes southern Alameda County and parts of Santa Clara County. Constituents who need information or assistance on state issues can call the senator’s district office at (510) 794-3900 or send an email to <https://sd10.senate.ca.gov/contact/email>.

Redistricting Public Hearing Meetings

Submitted by The City of Fremont

Every 10 years, local governments use new data from the Census to redraw their district lines to reflect how local populations have changed. State law requires cities and counties to engage communities in the redistricting process by holding public hearings and doing public outreach, including to underrepresented and non-English-speaking communities. The City of Fremont is asking for your help to plan, draw, and redivide new City districts.

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 February 15, 1996 – August 29, 2021

David Garcia
Resident of Fremont
 August 21, 1963 – August 27, 2021

William Beaton
Resident of Union City
 January 17, 1945 – August 27, 2021

Cho Misook
Resident of Union City
 April 24, 1959 – August 27, 2021

Joan Turner
Resident of Union City
 November 24, 1946 – August 28, 2021

David Garcia
Resident of Fremont
 August 21, 1963 – August 28, 2021

Hrh Prince Edem Efiong Nsefik Eyo III
Resident of Lathrop
 October 4, 1983 – August 21, 2021

Rosa Valiente
Resident of Fremont
 March 28, 1953 – August 24, 2021

Hong Li
Resident of Union City
 March 16, 1935 – August 23, 2021

Niranjan Oza
Resident of Union City
 January 13, 1932 – August 23, 2021

Michael Boyd
Resident of Fremont
 July 9, 1957 – August 23, 2021

Satya Arora
Resident of Fremont
 January 14, 1936 – August 19, 2021

Yaeko Yasuhiro
Resident of Fremont
 January 18, 1923 – August 18, 2021

Janice Hidalgo

Resident of Fremont

March 5, 1946 – August 14, 2021

Janice Kazuye Hidalgo, dedicated mother, sister, and grandmother, 75 of Fremont, California, passed away on August 14, 2021, from lung cancer. She was born March 5, 1946 in Berkeley, California to Yoshiye and James Komatsu.

Those left to cherish her memory include her son, Devin Hidalgo and daughter, Danielle Johnson; her brother, Rodney Komatsu and sister Cynthia Komatsu; and her 5 grandchildren Jolie Johnson, Sofia Hidalgo, Mateo Johnson, Maddox Hidalgo and Adrianna Hidalgo.

Janice was very passionate about reading, education, civic duties, volunteering and spending quality time with her family and friends. She lived in



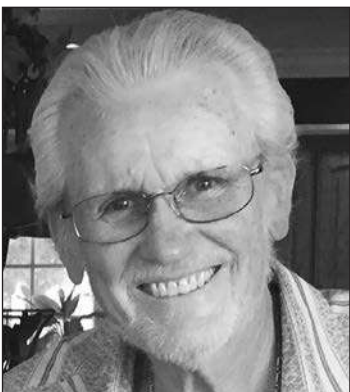
Fremont, California for most of her adult life while traveling domestically and abroad in her later years.

Funeral Services were held on September 3, 2021 at 1:30 PM at Berge Pappas Smith Chapel Of The Angels, 40842 Fremont, Blvd., Fremont, California 94538.

Norman D. Butler

July 31, 1935 – August 23, 2021

Resident of Pleasanton CA



Norman Dean Butler passed away Monday August 23,2021. Born July 31,1935 to the late Lillian Elizabeth Butler in Palm Springs, CA on an Indian Reservation. As a boy, he was called “Deanie” after Dean, the name of their Cherokee Tribe. He was the eldest of 7 brothers and 2 sisters. He married the love of his life, Judy Ann at 19 years of age, Judy was 16. They were married 63 years until Judy’s passing March 2018. They raised their sons, Kenny and Kerry and daughter Shari in Fremont CA.

Norman was an incredible person. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, brother, and a fun-loving loyal friend to many. He and Judy instilled love and caring family virtues that will continue through generations. He touched many lives with his kind, generous and loving soul. Quite the jokester through-out his life, always ready for a good laugh and a fun time.

Norman was an entrepreneur as a young boy, standing on the street corner shining shoes. As a teenager he was a truck driver, working for his stepfather’s trucking company. In 1967 he started his own business South Bay Welding Supply in Hayward, CA. He built a successful business with 5 bay area locations and 2 in Redding CA. He ran his

family business for 33 years, throughout employing his whole family and many dedicated employees. He earned the respect of the Welding Supply community and Bay Area businesses. He was a personal and fair employer. He retired in 2000, living in Pleasanton CA for 24 years.

Norman loved adventure. He enjoyed boating and waterskiing, as well as anything with wheels, sport cars, motorcycles, sand rails, etc. The faster the better. He also had fun camping with family and friends. He adored his beloved dogs.

Norman had a wonderful life, enjoying each day to it’s fullest. His family and friends meant the world to him. He was positive, always looking for the WIN/WIN situation for all those involved. His legacy will live on through the hearts of lives he touched. Although he will be terrible missed, we know that he is dancing in Heaven with his girl, watching over us. Until we see you again, we love you.

Norm is survived by his son Kerry Butler (Jill), daughter Shari Schanen (Tim), Granddaughters Jessica Butler Roberts (Matt), Danielle Meader (Zack), Karalee, Grandson Ryan Schanen and Great-Grandson Westen Meader. Among those, he has also left behind Sister Linda Orinyak (Steve), loving cousins, nieces, nephews, and many friends. Proceeded in death by his son Kenneth and wife Judy.

Visitation Friday, Sept 10, 9-10;30am, with Services at 10:30 am at Chapel of the Roses, 1940 Peralta Blvd, Fremont. Burial to follow at Los Gatos Memorial Park, 255 Los Gatos-Almaden Rd. San Jose, CA.

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William “Bill” Daniel Beaton

William “Bill” Daniel Beaton was born in Oakland, CA in 1945. He worked as a Tool & Die Maker/Machinist at Reynolds Metals/Ball Corporation in Hayward until the plant closed and he retired. He lived in Union City, CA for over 52 years. He enjoyed watching football, especially the 49ers and Raiders! He followed politics from local to national. But Bill got the most joy from attending his grandchildren’s sports games and talking with his family and friends.

He is survived by his daughters Kim Marshall from Fremont, CA, and Tamie Beaton from Oakhurst, CA, as well as 3 granddaughters, 2 grandsons, 1 great-grandson, 1 great-grand-



daughter, and a sister, Colleen Burke, from Crescent City, CA. He was preceded in death by his parents James Abel Beaton and Marjorie Barnes O'Brien Beaton. In honor of Bill, spend time with your family watching a football game, fishing, or just making happy memories.

Joan M. Turner

November 24, 1946 – August 28, 2021

Resident of Union City, CA



Our hearts are heavy with the loss of our beloved Aunt and friend, Joan Turner. Joan, a 50 year resident of Union City was one of the most loving, giving souls on earth, who lived life to the fullest and always gave her family and friends her devoted attention, love, guidance and support.

She never lost sight of the important things in her life; God, philanthropy, the church, her family and friends. One of the happiest days of her life was when she married her beloved husband, Harold.

Joan worked as an Electrical Engineer, in Training and Development for 32 years. She was one of 5 siblings, born in Binghamton, NY. She was loved by her many loving nieces, nephews, siblings, and friends. Rest in peace with your beloved Harold, a reunion we would have loved to see. We will love and miss you forever.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, September 13th @ 10:30am at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 703 C Street, Union City, CA. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Union City.

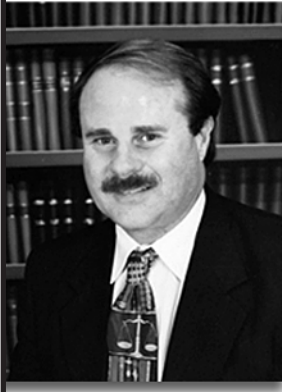
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AC Transit offers free fares on Fridays

SUBMITTED BY ROBERT LYLES

As a thank-you to its riders for their support during the pandemic months, Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit) is offering free fares on Fridays during September.

On September 10, 17, and 24, riders may board any AC Transit local and Transbay route without fare payment from 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. At boarding, farebox and Clipper card readers will be covered. Additionally, Tempo Line 1T platform ticket vending machines, and mobile fare payment systems will also be deactivated each Friday in September.

Despite the pandemic-induced closures of most schools and many offices over the past 17-months, AC Transit never stopped rolling. AC Transit officials said reliable service was made possible by the development of new and industry-leading enhancements designed to safeguard commutes, including the installation of the highest-level filters for heating, air conditioning, and ventilation systems of every bus; daily antiviral fogging and cleaning; new contactless payment options, and free facemasks and hand sanitizer on every bus.

Riders are responding by steadily returning to transit, according to AC Transit officials. At the close of July, there were just over 70,500 daily weekday riders across the system. As of August 16, average weekday ridership rose to 83,900, a positive 6.5% week-over-week increase.

With more employees returning to offices and schools reopening, AC Transit has boosted bus services to meet increased commuter needs. In early August, it launched a service restoration and expansion plan, which restored supplementary 600-bus lines to schools, Early Bird Express bus lines to support BART, All-Nighter 800-bus lines, and select Transbay bus lines.

AC Transit recently lifted physical distancing requirements and returned to pre-pandemic bus capacity limits, but is continuing to enforce federal mandates, which require public transit riders to wear face coverings at all times. For more information about the agency's health and safety efforts, visit the AC Transit COVID-19 Information Center at www.actransit.org/covid-19.

Behind on energy bills? New PG&E program can help

SUBMITTED BY TAMAR SARKISSIAN, PG&E

As part of ongoing efforts to provide help and assistance for customers to manage their bills, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) will auto-enroll eligible customers in new extended payment arrangements by the end of September 2021. The new program coincides with the ending of the service-disconnection moratorium which is part of the COVID-19 emergency customer protections in place since March 2020.

“We are here to help customers during these times of increasing financial hardships. We want as many customers who are eligible to take advantage of these programs. Even as COVID-19 customer protections come to an end, our support won’t. The new payment plans were

created to assist customers pay down their past-due balance over time and protect them from disconnection of service due to non-payment,” said Marlene Santos, PG&E executive vice president and chief customer officer.

Residential and small business customers with a PG&E bill at least 60 days past due will automatically be enrolled over the next few weeks starting with their September bill.

The monthly payment plan amount for residential customers will be their outstanding balance equally divided over 24 months. For example, if a residential customer owes \$1,200 the payment arrangement would be \$50 a month. Payment installations for small business customers will be calculated based on no more than 10% of their average bill (5% for customers in disadvantaged communities) over the past 24 months.

To view the amount of their payment plan installations customers can sign into their PG&E account online. It will also be on their monthly energy statement under the Account Summary section.

Residential customers who miss more

than two payments, and small business customers who miss one payment within a 12-month period, will be removed from the payment plan. As a last resort, gas and/or electric service may be disrupted approximately 45 days later unless payment is received. Disconnection of service is an action that PG&E does not take lightly. Customers having a hard time paying their bills should contact PG&E immediately at (800) 743-5000.

Automatic enrollment in the new payment plan program will not change enrollment in existing financial assistance programs. PG&E encourages customers struggling to pay their bills to learn more about the following programs:

- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) offers up to \$1,000 to pay eligible household energy costs.
- Relief for Energy Assistance through Community Help (REACH) Program offers one-time financial assistance to qualified customers with past-due bills.
- Arrearage Management Plan (AMP) offers up to \$8,000 in unpaid balance forgiveness, if a customer is enrolled in the California Alternate Rates for Energy

Program (CARE) or Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) Program (FERA), owes a specific bill amount and are more than 90 days past due.

• PG&E’s Medical Baseline Program as well as various external programs such as the California COVID-19 Rent Relief Act helps income-eligible households pay rent and utilities, both for past due and future payments. Renters and landlords are eligible to apply.

PG&E remains committed to providing support for customers during this transition, and we want customers to know we are here to help. To learn more about additional resources and financial assistance programs visit pge.com/covid19 or call 800-743-5000.

Information about financial resources for business customers is available by visiting the PG&E website at www.pge.com, and then selecting the “Help for Customers During the Pandemic” link in the Current Alerts box and selecting the “Business Customers” link in the pop-up box.

SpaceX launches ants, avocados, robot to space station

BY MARCIA DUNN
AP AEROSPACE WRITER

A SpaceX shipment of ants, avocados and a human-sized robotic arm rocketed toward the International Space Station on Sunday, August 29. The delivery – due to arrive Monday, August 30 – is the company’s 23rd for NASA in just under a decade.

A recycled Falcon rocket blasted into the predawn sky from NASA’s Kennedy Space Center. After hoisting the Dragon capsule, the first-stage booster landed upright on SpaceX’s newest ocean platform, named “A Shortfall of Gravitas.” SpaceX founder Elon Musk continued his tradition of naming the booster-recovery vessels in tribute to the late science fiction writer Iain Banks and his Culture series.

The Dragon is carrying more than 4,800 pounds (2,170 kilograms) of supplies and experiments, and fresh food including avocados, lemons and even ice cream for the space station’s seven astronauts.

The Girl Scouts are sending up ants, brine shrimp and plants as test subjects, while University of Wisconsin-Madison scientists are flying up seeds from mouse-ear cress, a small flowering weed used in genetic research. Samples of concrete, solar cells and other materials also will be subjected to weightlessness.

A Japanese start-up company’s experimental robotic arm, meanwhile, will attempt to screw items together in its orbital debut and perform other mundane chores normally done by astronauts. The first tests will be done inside the space station. Future models of Gitai Inc.’s robot will venture out into the vacuum of space to

practice satellite and other repair jobs, said chief technology officer Toyotaka Kozuki. As early as 2025, a squad of these arms could help build lunar bases and mine the moon for precious resources, he added.

SpaceX had to leave some experiments behind because of delays resulting from COVID-19. It was the second launch attempt; Saturday’s try (August 28) was foiled by stormy weather.

NASA turned to SpaceX and other U.S. companies to deliver cargo and crews to the space station, once the space shuttle program ended in 2011.

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Hayward Police Log

SUBMITTED BY HAYWARD PD

Wednesday, August 25

- At 12:18 a.m. a male entered a business near the 300 block of W. Tennyson Road and used force to take items. Officers responding to the scene located the suspect nearby and took him into custody on suspicion of robbery.
- At 9:40 p.m. officers spotted an occupied stolen vehicle near the 600 block of Sycamore Ave. They made a traffic stop and arrested the driver.

Former police sergeant sentenced in embezzlement case

SUBMITTED BY ALAMEDA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND CITY OF SAN LEANDRO

Robert Frank Sanchez, a former sergeant with San Leandro Police Department, was sentenced September 1 to two years' felony probation and 240 hours of community service for falsely claiming overtime hours in the police department's payroll system.

Officials from the Alameda County District Attorney's Office said Sanchez also has been ordered to pay a maximum of \$46,815.88 in restitution stemming from grand theft from the police department.

An investigation done by the DA's office showed that between August 2019 and March 2020, Sanchez had claimed overtime and compensatory time while not working, including while he was on family trips or vacation, and in other instances he erased vacation, sick and compensatory time he had taken. The total loss due to fraud was determined to be \$16,702.88.

The case was referred to district attorney's office in April 2020, and the 19-year veteran was placed on administrative leave and later retired from the

Newark Police Log

SUBMITTED BY NEWARK PD

Sunday, August 15

- At 1:16 a.m. Officer Johnson responded to a report about a solo vehicle collision into a gate in the area of Enterprise Drive and Wells Avenue. Upon arrival, no one involved in the collision was there. Soon, Officer Smith and K-9 Tio arrived to assist. K-9 Tio tracked the scent of a person and led officers nearly three quarters of a mile away where they found two people hiding inside a vehicle. The suspects, a 19-year-old Fremont man, and a 20-year-old Newark woman, admitted to officers they were involved in the collision. The vehicle was towed.
- Tuesday, August 17**
- At 5:11 p.m. Traffic Officer Johnon saw a vehicle being driven recklessly in the intersection of Birch Street and Robertson Avenue. Johnson made a traffic enforcement stop and cited the driver, an 18-year-old man from San Jacinto, for reckless driving. The vehicle was impounded for 30 days.

Friday, August 27

At 3:38 p.m. a person was approached by an unknown assailant near the 21000 block of Hesperian Blvd. The suspect forcibly took items from the victim and fled the scene in a vehicle. The incident is being investigated as a robbery.

Saturday, August 28

- At 3:23 p.m. a female was approached by an unknown person who then attempted to kidnap her and chased her as she ran away near the 800 block of Southland Drive. Arriving officers took the suspect into custody. The incident is being investigated as an attempted kidnapping.

department. After its investigation, the DA's office charged Sanchez with embezzlement and misappropriation of funds. In June, Sanchez pleaded no contest to felony grand theft in a negotiated disposition. According to the DA's office, Sanchez has repaid \$16,702.88 to the city; the remaining restitution amount covers the cost of an independent forensic audit and legal fees incurred by the city's attorney.

In the wake of the investigation, San Leandro officials said the city has instituted new safeguards, including bi-weekly audits of payroll conducted by its Finance Department, to ensure an incident such as this never happens again.

"This was clearly a violation of the public trust," said Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter, "but it is important to remember that it was our own women and men of the San Leandro Police Department that stopped this violation and made possible the justice we see today. I am confident the proper steps have been taken to protect our hard-earned taxpayer dollars from a repeat of what was a painful and sad event."

- At 8:25 p.m. officers responded to a report of an assault in the 7000 block of Enterprise Dr. The suspect fled the scene before officers arrived, but was found nearby. The suspect, a 37-year-old Fremont man, was arrested on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon (not a firearm) and booked at Santa Rita Jail.
 - At 11:06 p.m. Officer Loiser saw a vehicle being driven recklessly in the area of Cedar Boulevard and Thornton Avenue. When Loiser tried to make a traffic stop, the driver initially failed to yield, but eventually stopped at Cedar Boulevard and Edgewater Drive. The driver, a 20-year-old Newark man, was arrested on suspicion of evading a peace officer, and the vehicle was impounded. Two 19-year-old passengers were released at the scene.
- Friday, August 27**
- At 4:24 p.m. Officer Warren saw a man inside a vehicle injecting a substance into his arm with a syringe in the 5000 block of Thornton Ave. Warren contacted, and later arrested the 28-year-old Hayward man on suspicion of possessing a narcotic controlled substance. The man was booked at Santa Rita Jail and the vehicle was impounded.

Union City Police Log

SUBMITTED BY UNION CITY PD

Sunday, July 11

- At about 12:28 a.m. officers responded to a call about a fight in the 32200 block of Cabello Street. Dispatchers heard what they believed were gunshots while on the 911 call, but callers were dismissing the sounds as being fireworks. Officers arrived, and approximately 100 people fled the area and into a home on Lisa Drive. While canvassing the area, officers did not locate any gunshot victims. However, they did find multiple spent shell casings on the church lawn. Later, a witness admitted he saw someone in the large crowd fire a gun into the air, but he had no description of the suspect.

Wednesday, July 14

- At about 9:41 p.m. officers responded to an armed robbery report at a Union Landing business. The victim told officers that he parked his vehicle on the red curb and left it running as he walked into the lobby to the business. While waiting in the lobby, two masked men entered. Both of them produced handguns and pointed them at the victim, taking his cell phone, car key fob, and a gold chain from his neck. They also took his Louis Vuitton pouch, containing a substantial amount of cash. Both suspects fled in the victim's vehicle. The victim described both suspects as Black males.
- Friday, July 16**
- At about 9:10 p.m. officers responded to a call about a residential burglary on Jamaica Circle. The caller told police that the front door was open when he arrived at the home, and a light was on inside one of the rooms. While on the scene, officers heard movement inside the house. They entered and found a female inside and subsequently placed her under arrest on suspicion of burglary.
 - At about 10:21 p.m. officers responded to a residential burglary report in the 32700 block of Jean Drive. The property owner told police that he had recently evicted a group of individuals who had forced their way back into the residence just days prior. Officers detained five people as they exited the front door of the residence. During a search, officers found an unregistered firearm and more than 100 credit cards and driver licenses belonging to other people. Officers arrested four adults on suspicion of burglary.

Fremont Police Log

SUBMITTED BY GENEVA BOSQUES, FREMONT PD

Tuesday, August 24

- A carjacking occurred when a male left his vehicle running on the 3700 block of Pennsylvania Ave. while he spoke to a friend. Another car pulled up alongside and a man exited from the passenger side and got into the running vehicle. When the owner of the vehicle attempted to stop the suspect by running in front of the vehicle, the suspect fled striking the man in the arm.
 - A woman was sitting on the curb of the parking lot at a 7-Eleven store at 39450 Fremont Blvd when a man rode into the parking lot on a scooter. He walked up to the woman and pepper-sprayed her, then took her bag containing her cell phone and fled. The suspect, identified by police as Carvel Roque, 34, a Fremont transient, was located near the BART station and arrested.
- Sunday, August 29**
- Officers responded to a report about a robbery at Metro PCS, 37383 Fremont Blvd. Two men entered the store asking to purchase a phone; while the employee retrieved it, they attempted to rob him. The employee saw that one suspect was armed with a handgun, but continued to fight back and eventually removed the magazine from the firearm. The suspects fled, leaving the employee with injuries. He was taken to a hospital for medical treatment.
- Monday, August 30**
- At about 4:30 p.m., officers responded to a report about a home invasion robbery on the 47000 block of Rancho Higuera Road. A 16-year-old male was home alone when he heard banging noises. He locked himself in his room and called 911. The suspects kicked open the door and demanded money before fleeing.

Tuesday, August 31

- At 5:10 p.m. a man identified by police as Joshua Krieger, 21, of San Lorenzo was arrested at Bay Fair station in San Leandro on suspicion of possessing methamphetamines and drug paraphernalia. A record check showed three warrants from Alameda County

with various drug charges totaling \$15,001. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail

BART Police Log

SUBMITTED BY LES MENSINGER AND BART PD

Friday, August 27

- At 1:55 p.m. a man identified by police as Shane Dosange, 35, was arrested at Fremont station on suspicion violating a court restraining order. He was booked at Santa Rita Jail.

Saturday, August 28

- At 10:10 a.m. a man identified by police as Damion Smith was stopped at Union City station on suspicion of fare evasion. A record check showed a \$10,000 warrant charging vandalism. He was arrested and booked at Santa Rita Jail.
- At 7:43 p.m. a man identified by police as James Cartmill, 49, of Berkeley was arrested at Bay Fair station in San Leandro on suspicion of assault. He was

booked into Santa Rita Jail and issued a prohibition order.

Monday, August 30

- At 6:34 a.m. a man identified by police as Maurice Henderson, 28, of Oakley was stopped at San Leandro station on suspicion of fare evasion. A record check showed a warrant issued by the California Department of Corrections. He was arrested and booked into Santa Rita Jail.



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Las Positas College to Honor and Remember 20th Anniversary of 9/11

SUBMITTED BY LAS POSITAS COLLEGE

Las Positas College (LPC) is hosting its annual 9/11 Remembrance ceremony this year on September 9, 2021 at 11 a.m. The virtual ceremony will begin with the traditional singing of the national anthem as the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Air Force honor guard presents the colors. Keynote speaker Dr. Nicole B. Simpson, a 9/11 World Trade Center survivor, will then share her story of resilience and healing in the years since the terrorist attack, which killed more than 2,970 Americans and injured an estimated 6,000 more. Simpson worked on the 73rd floor of Tower II.

Since then, Simpson has had to walk the long road to recovery and learn how to heal from the horrific events of that day. She now serves as a motivational speaker, author

and certified financial planner, who has been featured on CNN Live and BBC World News. This event is co-sponsored by Las Positas College Office of the President.

Students, alumni and the general public are invited to attend the virtual event. The observance is sponsored by the LPC President's Office, the LPC Veterans First Program and the college's Student Veterans Organization. The Veterans First Program provides former service members and their families with resources to help them achieve their educational goals. This past academic year, more than 500 veterans, military members and their family members were enrolled at the college.

Veteran support services at LPC include a team of full-time staff which includes a program supervisor, a Veterans counselor and Veterans Specialist who provide

assistance and services, such as priority registration, Veteran's scholarships, a book loan program, a study/drop-in Veterans Resource Center, work-study program and an active Student Veterans Organization. This year the Veterans First Program will be launching a new program Veterans First: Mission READY. For more information, please visit the website at www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans

Remembering September 11, 2001
Thursday, September 9
11 a.m. – noon
Via Zoom
<https://bit.ly/3tf1PPy>

Milpitas Police Log

SUBMITTED BY MILPITAS PD

Friday, August 20

• At 10:36 p.m. an officer found a stolen vehicle from Manteca near the 270-Block of S. Abbott Ave. and arrested a 29-year-old Stockton resident and 37-year-old Livermore resident associated with it. The 29-year-old was booked into jail on suspicion of possessing a stolen vehicle, possession of drug paraphernalia, a restraining order violation, and a \$25,000 warrant for resisting arrest. A criminal complaint was requested through the Santa Clara County District Attorney’s Office on the 37-year-old for possession of a stolen vehicle.

Friday, August 27

• At 10:29 a.m. officers responded to a report about a robbery at a store near the 550-Block of E. Calaveras Blvd. Upon arrival, officers spotted a 39-year-old transient from Milpitas fleeing the scene. After a brief foot pursuit, the suspect was arrested and booked him into jail on charges of robbery and resisting arrest.

CHP Log

SUBMITTED BY CHP HAYWARD

Wednesday, September 1

• At about 1:59 p.m. California Highway Patrol, Hayward Area units were dispatched to a call about a freeway shooting that occurred on I-880 Southbound, north of Auto Mall Parkway, in Fremont. Units arrived at about 2:10 p.m. and located the victim vehicle, a green Honda Accord, with a single bullet hole in the right front fender. The suspect vehicle fled the scene and was described as an early 2000s, burgundy-colored Chevrolet pickup truck, with the front bumper also painted burgundy. CHP officials are asking that if anyone has information about the incident, or video footage of it taken between 1:55 p.m. and 2:05 p.m. on I-880 Southbound between Stevenson Boulevard and South Fremont Boulevard, to call them at (510) 489-1500.

Nobody's Perfekt Dogs



SUBMITTED BY KAREN SILVA

Nobody's Perfekt Dogs was a dream that became reality when executive director and founder, Rick Hollander, created an organization that specializes in finding homes for "imperfect" dogs that can still offer a lifetime of love and devotion. Although the pandemic shut down the rescue center for a year, dogs that were discarded in

shelters in the area, and had no other options received a second chance at Nobody's Perfekt Dogs.

After moving into Bayfair Mall in July 2017 and quickly outgrowing the site, Nobody's Perfekt Dogs is celebrating a new storefront at Bayfair Mall near the food court. Triple the size of their previous store, the new location provides a much larger center, a community area, a larger store, that even has Halloween costumes for dogs,

cat toys, aquarium features and equipment, and a new section for local cat rescues and adoptions. And, each weekend from noon to 4 p.m., you can stop by and meet our dog celebrities looking for a new home.

This is a "rescue of last resort," not a shelter, and only dogs are pulled from local community shelters. Shelters that call about a dog in need have exhausted all other options, leaving no choice but to consider euthanizing. While many of the dogs are seniors or have special needs, some have been rejected due to neglect. Rick Hollander stated, "Simply taking them out of the shelter and putting them into a stable foster home often makes all the difference in the world."

Nobody's Perfekt Dogs adopts to people and families that are seeking more than just a pet. Adopters are truly interested in saving a dog's life by giving it a forever home. When people adopt from Nobody's Perfekt Dogs, two lives are being saved: the dog being adopted and the next shelter dog on the euthanasia list that we now have room to foster.

Foster homes, future adoptees, and volunteers are being sought. Located in storefront #330 at Bayfair Mall, the organization can be reached at (510) 459-0396, via email, or Facebook.

Imperfection is exchanged for a lifetime of love and devotion. And you never know, you might just find your next "perfekt dog!"

Nobody's Perfekt Dogs
Tues – Thurs: 12 noon – 3 p.m.
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