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Train of Lights

SUBMITTED BY NILES CANYON RAILWAY

Train of Lights offers a rare opportunity to experience a train ride through Niles Canyon at night. With one departure from Niles at dusk and a second departure from Sunol after dark, guests can choose their favorite time to ride.

This has been an annual tradition for many Bay Area families for more than a decade. In 2020, the event was on pause, but when tickets went on sale in October this year, the response was amazing. "Because the history is so strong with this event, we really don't have to do too much. The event just sells itself," says Gail Hedberg, director-at-large for Niles Canyon Railway.

Guests ages three and up are required to wear masks while on railway property and on the trains. On Train of Lights, guests can remove masks while eating cookies and drinking hot chocolate

available for purchase. In addition to general indoor and outdoor seating, Train of Lights also has first class parlor and dome cars with luxurious seating and more expansive views.

After a hiatus in January to undecorate the cars, Niles Canyon Railway train rides will be back for the 2022 season starting February. Trains will run on Saturdays and Sundays, the second and third weeks of the month. As with Train of Lights, ticketing will be online. Trains will depart from Sunol Station only.

**Niles Canyon Railway
Train of Lights
Friday, Nov 19 – Tuesday, Dec 28
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A gluttony of trash, turned into treasure

BY ROB KLINDT

For textile artist Charlotte Kruk, it's frustrating to see so much trash in today's society going to landfills instead of being recycled or repurposed. Kruk cites consumer packaging, from candy wrappers and plastic food seals to plastics and double cardboard boxing, as major offenders.

In her newest exhibit, "Consumer Couture; Wrapped in Conversation," at Fremont's Olive Hyde Art Gallery, Kruk puts recycling and repurposing consumer products front and center. The show includes a creative and colorful

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Models Kate Malysheva (left), Skye Dumas (right) 1



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NOVEMBER IS
DIABETES
AWARENESS
MONTH

Washington Hospital
Outpatient
Diabetes
Program Offers
Education and
Support

Managing diabetes is challenging and discouraging at times. Diabetic patients need all the help and support they can get. Fortunately, Washington Hospital provides a comprehensive diabetes educational and support program available to anyone with a physician’s referral.

The Hospital’s Outpatient Diabetes Center offers programs via Zoom, according to Anna Mazzei, a certified diabetes educator and clinical dietitian with the program.

The center’s educational and support programs are an essential component of successful diabetes management, Mazzei emphasizes. No one should feel that, during the current COVID-19 pandemic, they can’t access the support and information they need to stay healthy.

Uncomfortable with online classes? Call the Outpatient Diabetes Center to

arrange for a telephone consultation. The center’s staff will find the right avenue to provide patients with the information they need to manage their disease.

Diabetes affects individuals of all ages. Mazzei says it is important to check in with a diabetes educator yearly, as well as when you are newly diagnosed. It is also important to touch base when you have been ill or hospitalized, or when you are feeling emotionally distressed. These are all conditions that can affect your diabetes and how you should manage it.

Diabetes is a complex condition which can continue to cause physical damage even when you may not have symptoms, she explains. The program’s certified diabetes educators work with patients, explaining what to look for even when you are feeling well, what your numbers mean, and helping you to set appropriate targets

and goals—all information important for successful disease management.

The Diabetes Center’s educational programs include:

Diabetes BASICS Program: a basic education program with individual assessments and group classes for individuals and families who live with diabetes.

Diabetes Matters: an ongoing, monthly meeting with expert speakers every other month and regular group discussions to help increase knowledge about diabetes.

Diabetes Support Group: provides support and shared knowledge with other patients; family members and friends.

Sweet Success: the California Diabetes and Pregnancy Program offers education for pregnant women with diabetes.

Medical Nutrition Therapy: intensive and focused nutrition therapy services that rely on follow-up and feedback to change behavior over time; ideal for patients who struggle with weight management. The program assists patients in fine-tuning diets and with special dietary needs such as low fiber or gluten free.

November 14 is National and World Diabetes Awareness Day and a reminder that now is a good time to sign up for new or refresher diabetes management programs, Mazzei says.

All the programs require referral by a physician and many health plans cover diabetes education. One-on-one sessions can be arranged for those who are unable to sit through longer Zoom meetings. Classes are held both during the day and in the evening for patient convenience.

The program staff includes a physician, registered nurses, registered dietitians and certified diabetes educators. The program manages 200 visits per month, on average.

For additional information or to discuss your particular situation, including the best way to participate in the programs, contact the Outpatient Diabetes Center at 510.818.6556 or online at www.whhs.com/diabetes.

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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
	11/16/21	11/17/21	11/18/21	11/19/21	11/20/21	11/21/21	11/22/21
12:00 PM 12:00 AM	Diabetes Matters: Travel & Disaster Preparedness	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting October 13, 2021	Intro to Radiation Oncology Therapy	Medicare: What You Need to Know	Ortho Overuse Injuries: Prevention and Treatment	Early Detection and Prevention of Female Cancers	Solutions for Weight Management
12:30 PM 12:30 AM	How to Prevent Financial Elder Abuse/Fraud		Mental Health Education Series: Mental Wellness	Healthy Eating: Prescription for Health			
1:00 PM 1:00 AM	Keeping Your Heart on the Right Beat		Nerve Compression Disorders of the Arm	Relieving Back Pain: Know Your Options	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting October 13, 2021	Mental Health Education Series: Understanding Mood Disorders	Anxiety: Stop Negative Thoughts
1:30 PM 1:30 AM				Chronic Pelvic Pain in Women			
2:00 PM 2:00 AM	Good Fats vs. Bad Fats	Pain When You Walk? It Could Be PVD	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting October 13, 2021	Diabetes Matters: Asian Fusion		Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting October 13, 2021	Not A Superficial Problem: Varicose Veins & Chronic Venous Disease
2:30 PM 2:30 AM							
3:00 PM 3:00 AM	Preventive Screenings: When and Why are They Important?	Diabetes Matters: Glucose Monitoring		Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting October 13, 2021	Aortic Valve Disease: Treatment Options Including TAVR	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting October 13, 2021	Respiratory Health and Diseases
3:30 PM 3:30 AM	How to Talk to Your Doctor	Metabolic Disorders					
4:00 PM 4:00 AM	Women's Health Conference: Reclaiming Your Confidence	Peripheral Vascular Disease: What You Need to Know	Preventive Care: What You Need To Know		Stress Management	Diabetes Matters: Latin Foods	Palliative Care Series: Palliative Care Demystified
4:30 PM 4:30 AM	Endometriosis: Causes, Symptoms, Diagnosis and Treatment					From One Second to the Next	
5:00 PM 5:00 AM		Chronic Pelvic Pain in Women	Diabetes Matters: Asian Indian Cooking	Chronic Kidney Disease: FAQ	Surgical Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea	Women's Health Conference: Women & Stroke: Are You at Risk?	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes Complications and Amputation
5:30 PM 5:30 AM							
6:00 PM 6:00 AM	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting October 13, 2021	Colon Cancer	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting October 13, 2021	COVID-19: The Road Ahead	Stroke: Warning Signs and Prevention	Breathe Easier with Pulmonary Rehab	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting October 13, 2021
6:30 PM 6:30 AM		Enlarged Prostate: Causes, Symptoms and Treatment				Wound Care: The Latest Treatment Options	
7:00 PM 7:00 AM				Suffer From Sinus Problems?	Advancements in Lung Cancer Detection and Treatment		
7:30 PM 7:30 AM		Diabetes Matters: Italian Foods	Treating Neck and Back Pain from Home				
8:00 PM 8:00 AM	Medicare: What You Need to Know	Hepatitis B and Liver Cancer: Prevention and Treatment	Women's Health: Depression, More Than a State of Mind	Learn the Signs and Symptoms of Sepsis	Understanding HPV: What You Need to Know	Active Living: Yoga Exercises	Strategies to Help Lower Your Cholesterol and Blood Pressure
8:30 PM 8:30 AM			Family Caregiver Series: Fatigue and Depression				
9:00 PM 9:00 AM	Laugh without Leaking: Understanding Female Urinary Incontinence	Shoulder Pain: Causes and Treatment Options	Oh My Aching Feet! Recognizing Common Foot and Ankle Problems	When Your Heart Needs A Little Help	Minimally Invasive Options in Gynecology	Interventional Radiology (IR) for Vascular Disease	Stroke: Warning Signs and Prevention
9:30 PM 9:30 AM				Women's Health: Planning for Pregnancy	Mental Health Education Series: Understanding Psychotic Disorders		
10:00 PM 10:00 AM	Sidelined by Back Pain? Get Back in the Game	Inside Washington Hospital: Advanced Treatment of Aneurysms	Fremont Bank Staying Healthy in 2021	Diabetes Matters: Managing Diabetes During Adverse Conditions		Healthy Gut, Healthy You	Food Pharmacy: Prescription for Colon Health
10:30 PM 10:30 AM							
11:00 PM 11:00 AM	FB Live: Staying Fit While Working From Home	Impact of Obesity: Why You Need to Get and Keep a Healthy Weight		Palliative Care, an Extra Layer of Support	Hernias: Causes Symptoms and the Latest Treatment Options	Breathe Easier with Pulmonary Rehab	Sick Feet?

When “Breath-taking” is Not a Good Thing

COPD Awareness Month Focuses on Lung Health

Breathing isn't something most of us think about. It just happens naturally. But for those with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), taking a breath can be a real chore. November is COPD Awareness Month, a good time to focus on your lung health.

“If you get breathless easily, have a persistent cough, or experience wheezing or tightness in your chest, you could have COPD,” said Jason Chu, MD, a local pulmonologist and member of Washington Township Medical Foundation. “COPD is a serious condition that can have a big impact on quality of life.”

COPD is a chronic inflammatory lung disease that causes the airways to constrict, blocking airflow. It is a leading cause of disability and the fourth-leading cause of death in the U.S., with more than 150,000 deaths annually, according the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI). Nationwide, an estimated 16 million people have been diagnosed with COPD, and the NHLBI estimates that millions more have it without yet being diagnosed.

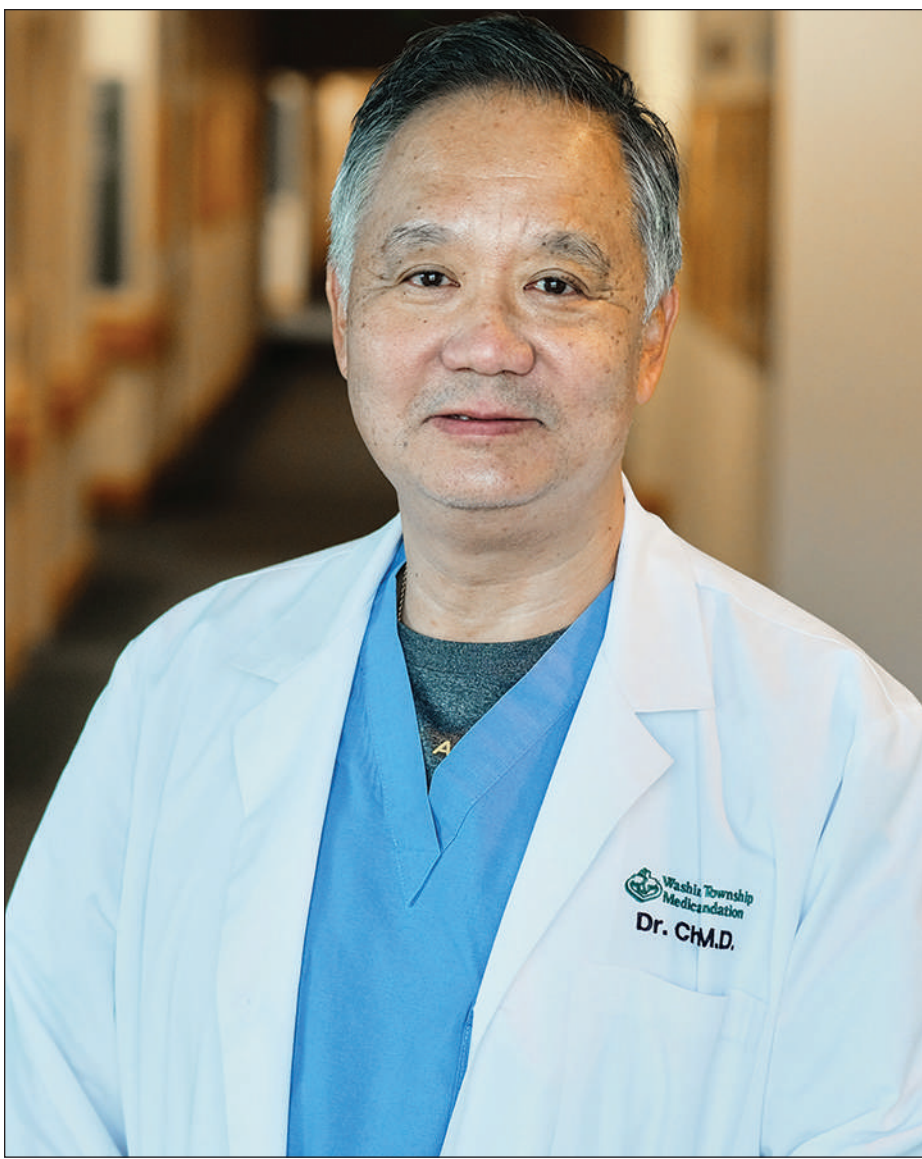
The biggest single risk factor for COPD is smoking. According to the NHLBI, 75 percent of those with COPD were smokers at some point in their lives. Long-term exposure to chemicals, smoke, dust and fumes can also cause COPD.

Dr. Chu encourages anyone who thinks they might have COPD to get a spirometry test. It's a non-invasive diagnostic tool that measures how much air you can breathe in and out of your lungs, as well as how easily and fast you can the blow the air out.

Avoiding Exacerbations

There is no cure for COPD, but you can manage the disease and slow the progression using proper treatment and lifestyle changes like quitting smoking and exercising to build up your strength.

“It's important for people with COPD to avoid exacerbations, which can exaggerate the severity of the symptoms, sometimes resulting in hospitalization,”



Jason Chu, MD

he said. “There are a lot of reasons that exacerbations occur, and that includes gaps in care, lack of support or education, and exposure to diseases that attack the lungs—like the flu.”

According to Dr. Chu, studies show that about 18 to 20 percent of Medicare patients with COPD who were hospitalized were readmitted within a month, and about two-thirds of those readmissions were avoidable.

Washington Hospital implemented a program several years ago aimed at reducing readmissions for COPD called the Reversible Obstructive Airway Disease (ROAD) program. It focuses on providing COPD patients with the support they need in the Hospital and after they are discharged so they can avoid exacerbations. A respiratory therapist works with them while they are still in the Hospital, helping patients understand COPD, explaining their medications and how to take proper care of any equipment they use like nebulizers to avoid infections, and how to measure their oxygen level so they can see when they are getting in the danger zone and prevent problems.

“We know COPD patients are less likely to be readmitted when they see a physician within two weeks of discharge, so we make sure that happens,” Dr. Chu added. “We also have excellent programs that can help people manage their COPD.”

Better Breathing Support

“Washington Hospital has a very strong Pulmonary Rehabilitation program that can help people build their strength so they can actively participate in daily activities,” he added.

Participants work one-on-one with a respiratory therapist, who teaches them breathing techniques and ways to better manage COPD. They use weights and exercise machines to get in shape and increase their endurance.

People with COPD can also benefit from the Better Breathing for Life group at Washington Hospital, a free support group for people with all types of lung disease and their loved ones. It provides education and gives people the opportunity to share their struggles and successes. The program is held on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 12:45 to 2:45 p.m.

“Exacerbations can be mitigated by these types of measures,” Dr. Chu said. “November is a good time to start thinking about lung health. This is when respiratory season begins. It's when we start seeing an increase in diseases like bronchitis, flu and pneumonia, which can all exacerbate COPD. And of course we're still dealing with COVID-19, another respiratory condition. COPD patients are extremely vulnerable to COVID-19.”

As a part of protecting lung health, Dr. Chu recommends vaccination against influenza (flu shot), pneumonia and COVID-19—including booster shots.

For more information about the Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program and Better Breathing for Life Club at Washington Hospital, visit www.whhs.com/services/pulmonary-rehabilitation.



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A gluttony of trash, turned into treasure

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collection of unique clothes, accessories and sculptures made of candy wrappers, food packaging, cloths and plastics.

The goal of the exhibit is to get people to notice, think about and discuss mass packaging and waste in today's consumer culture. "It was a way for me to package my own statement about mass consumption," Kruk explained."

San Jose-based artist's interest in recycling started when she was growing up and watched one grandmother package lavish Christmas gifts while the other grandmother carefully removed the tape on each gift and repurposed paper every year. "It got me thinking about trash and about repurposing and recycling," she said.

Kruk eventually started to save and repurpose her own trash – especially excess packaging -- as much as possible. "It became a narrative for me to talk about how everything we endeavor in our culture is mass packaged and produced in a way that we don't even recognize anymore," she said.

Since 1996, Kruk has been building, refining and growing her collection and had exhibits in numerous Bay Area art galleries, schools and museums. In addition to promoting recycling in her shows, Kruk tries to stimulate conversations about current events, including COVID-19 and racism.

An enthusiastic crowd turned up for the exhibit's gala opening on Friday, November 5 as part of Olive Hyde Gallery's effort to slowly reopen to in-person events following the COVID-19 shutdown. Most of the gallery's recent exhibits have been only available online.

Mingling among the crowd were high school models Kate Malysheva and Skye Dumas wearing two of Kruk's newest creations. Kate, dressed as "Lady Life Saver & The Covid Cure," wore a nurse's dress, stitched together from plastic Life Savers candy wrappers, along with a face mask, stethoscope and topped with a nursing cap covered with printed barcodes.

Skye modeled the second creation, "Caffeinate the Conversation; Racism, Let it Be Gone With the Wind." It featured a bright green hoop dress made from plastic Café La Llave espresso bags stitched together with a Black Lives Matter skirt jutting out from the bottom.

Because La Llave translates to "the key" in English, Kruk felt it was a good starting point to open a dialog about a sensitive topic. "The key to the conversation about racism is to sit down and have a cup of coffee with someone and look at them eye to eye and ask, 'why does this happen in our society?'" she explained.

Rounding out the show in the gallery's two exhibition rooms are dozens of dresses, clothing accessories and items made from common wrappers including M&Ms, Barnum's Animals Cracker boxes, C&H Sugar bags and many more. Figures including Frida Kahlo and Marilyn Monroe are also included.

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The human side of homelessness: Rusty

SUBMITTED BY VEENA KOMMU

This article is a continuation to the series by Veena Kommu, a local high schooler who decided to talk to the homeless people in the Bay Area, and get their stories out to the public. Her goal is to separate their character from their circumstances.

Rusty was born in Newark, California. He doesn't have red hair like his pseudonym would suggest, but says that his dad has red hair, and somehow the name stuck to him. A stocky gentleman in his mid-sixties, he is friendly and loves reading books and talking to people.

As a teen, Rusty was in one of the first batches of students to pass through Newark Memorial High School. He has

seen rapid housing developments taking over fields in the East Bay, and the gap between the haves and have-nots increase with rapid technological developments and rising land prices.

Currently, Rusty is living in a Chevy Suburban parked immobile in a parking lot because of mechanical problems. He doesn't have the few hundred dollars it would take to fix it.

Rusty used to work at a used auto business. His wages were not steady, and depended on business performance. About four years ago, Rusty was unable to pay rent after rates went up substantially. He started living out of his Suburban. The final straw came when his employer went out of business at the onset of

COVID-19. The shop used to buy cars at auction, fix them, and resell them. However, with auctions drying up due to COVID, the shop had to shutter its business.

At the moment, Rusty gets social security benefits, but that is not enough to rent an apartment in the Bay Area. For now, he relies on food stamps, a neighborhood church for food, and a medical mobile unit for his health needs.

According to Rusty, people are like the three monkeys: They don't want to see, hear or talk about the homeless, much less acknowledge the homeless situation. They want to see all homeless people in shelters, but they don't realize that is not the solution. Rusty himself doesn't like going to shelters because of strict rules, which he thinks makes clients feel like kids. He also said that if there are forty homeless people, five would make the life of others very difficult. There could be thefts and other unwanted behaviors.

Furthermore, he doesn't think having a temporary shelter is the solution. He wants

to be able to live in a stable place for a few months while he searches for a job and saves enough to rent an apartment. He is hoping to get his turn for federally subsidized housing in Hayward, and turn his situation around.

Homelessness has taken a toll on Rusty. He has developed a sepsis in his right leg which when inflamed makes it difficult for him to get in and out of the Suburban. It also makes it very difficult for him to walk a few hundred yards to a public toilet. However, it is the mental stress that he finds is excruciatingly difficult to deal with. While he was talking, a mentally disturbed homeless woman was continuously shouting unintelligibly. He said that she has been shouting like this for days and hopes that she will get proper care in a mental health facility.

Rusty hopes that people will recognize that the majority of homeless people are honest and want to have a normal life that includes getting living wages and being able to raise a family.

Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

SUBMITTED BY TRI-CITY INTERFAITH COUNCIL

"Making a Home Together" is the theme for the 60th annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by Tri-City Interfaith Council (tcicouncil.weebly.com). Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the 60th annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held online. It will still be held on the Monday before Thanksgiving – which this year is November 22 – at 7:30 p.m., on the Zoom platform. To register for the service go to bit.ly/interfaiththanksgiving2021. Advanced registration is required.

The service will include prayers, readings, recorded music and dance offered by several different faith and spiritual communities in the Tri-Cities, and brief remarks by President of Tri-City Interfaith Council, Joy Barnitz. Tri-

City Interfaith Council is the sponsor of this event, co-hosted by Niles Discovery Church. Joy is a member of Niles Discovery Church and a longtime member of Tri-City Interfaith Council.

The service is expected to last about one hour. It remains a time for our whole community, regardless of faith or religious tradition, to come together to share the joys of a diverse community and to focus on a common practice and value: gratitude.

Since 1962, when three Protestant Christian churches gathered for Thanksgiving worship, this holiday service has evolved to reflect dramatic historical changes and the spiritual diversity of the Bay Area. Vatican II encouraged interfaith dialogue between Catholics, Protestants, and the Jewish community. Then in the late 1980s representatives

from other faith traditions joined in the celebration. Now, it is common to have people representing the Hindu, Muslim, Ohlone Indian, Unitarian Universalist, Sikh, Bahá'í, Christian, Jewish, Jain, and Buddhist communities share in the Thanksgiving Service.

About Tri-City Interfaith Council

We are a group of people from various spiritual backgrounds and spiritual experiences who envision an inclusive society in which all faiths and traditions respect and appreciate one another. Our mission is to promote respect, understanding, cooperation and appreciation for the many spiritual paths and faith traditions within our community that inspire and teach us to love and support one another more fully.

Monday, Nov 22

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7:30 p.m.

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How to End Procrastination (Now, Not Later)

BY ANNE CHAN, PhD, MFT

My article for Tri-City Voice is always due the first week of the month, rain or shine. Instead of starting early and working steadily at it, I find myself watching a cat video on YouTube, reading that article that popped up in my search browser (somehow it suddenly becomes super important that I read tips on how to look good on Zoom), checking my emails (even though I just checked my inbox an hour ago), cooking that elaborate recipe that takes forever, and re-organizing my kitchen. Does my procrastination story sound familiar?

I know that I’m not alone -- people from all walks of life procrastinate. One research study found that up to 95% of the college students surveyed procrastinated instead of doing their homework.

There is a price to pay for procrastination: One study found higher stress levels and more illness when people procrastinated. Higher stress levels likely act as an adrenaline rush, pushing people to complete a task. However, it’s a myth that people perform better under stress. Psychology researchers have shown that

this is not actually true. You may remember the one time you pulled it off, but you conveniently forget the other times you didn’t. You might also not realize that you did not produce quality work.

The good news is that you can overcome procrastination. Here are some important strategies:

First, recognize that it’s our feelings, not procrastination per se, that get us stuck. Identify these feelings and work with them. Is it fear keeping you from completing your work evaluation? Or self-doubt? Do not feel like you have to conquer procrastination altogether. I do not think that is possible. But it is possible to make peace with yourself and move forward.

Identify roadblocks to the task – is it too time-consuming? Too much research needed? Too exhausting? Examine these roadblocks and think of solutions to get you started.

Break the gigantic task into small, doable chunks and tackle the smallest chunk first. I personally like to tackle the easiest, most achievable task first to give me a boost of confidence. It’s too daunting to think of a vast, complex project with

the many moving parts. Doing so will likely lead to procrastination and avoidance. So, start by thinking small.

Experts recommend taking time to reflect on which small step you could take first. I like to add the adjective “pleasurable” to make that first step an appealing action as opposed to a dreaded one. Say you want to start exercising more. An appealing first step is not a goal of working out three times a week. Instead, think fun and think small. Maybe you might want to choose a cute gym outfit. Or select an irresistible workout drink. Taking this unthreatening first step can actually help you get the ball rolling. Before you know it, you might surprise yourself by working out regularly at the gym.

Celebrate each step accomplished with a meaningful reward. I now tell myself that I can do the desired procrastinating activity (e.g., organize my spice cabinet) after I’ve completed one step of my dreaded task rather than before the task. This feels like a win-win because I feel rewarded and in control of my procrastination.

Prof. Tim Pychyl, an expert on procrastination, advises that you think about your future self. Say you’ve been putting off paying a bill. What would your future self feel and say if you paid the bill right now? Your future self might feel grateful and pleased that this task has been completed.

Having support is vitally important. Get a buddy or support system if you can.

For years, I wanted to learn a new language, but did not get any traction. I recently signed up with a class that meets regularly. Voila! I am now learning the language, thanks to this support system.

Look at the task in a new, meaningful, and more positive light. Say you are putting off cleaning the leaves off your gutter. All you can think about is how onerous and unpleasant it will be to drag the ladder out and grab fistfuls of rotting, slimy leaves while perched on a rickety ladder. Thinking in such a negative way will put anyone off the task. Instead, you might want to think about how good it feels to be taking care of your house and how you’re staying ahead of the next rainstorm. Or how nice it will feel to be outside breathing in the fresh air and saying hello to the neighbors.

Christopher Parker summed it up well when he said, “Procrastination is like a credit card: It’s a lot of fun until you get the bill.” Here’s a revolutionary thought – why not make the process fun and meaningful so you don’t have to procrastinate? Start small with the strategies above and see if you can set aside any guilt over procrastination. Try to do it now, not later!

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Promise Event

SUBMITTED BY BOLDLY ME

It’s almost time for Boldly Me’s very first virtual gala. We can’t wait to see everyone online. It’s been a big year, so who’s ready for a vacation? (Everyone?) The Boldly Me team has always gotten feedback that our guests would like vacation items to bid on, so this year, we’ve got you covered.

We’ve got waves lapping against the sunny beaches of Hawaii, Mexico, or Costa Rica. We’ve got the picturesque beauty of Tuscany – or let your imagination run wild in Bali.

Not into vacation packages? Not to worry: We have some amazing silent auction items. Not into auctions? We’ve got games, entertainment and voices of the individuals who have been impacted by your support, because changing someone’s life for the better is priceless. Puddles Pity Party, the “sad clown with the golden voice” and a two-time contestant on America’s Got Talent, has created a special setlist just for our gala, one that speaks to mental health and wellbeing.

Net proceeds will go toward getting our Social & Emotional Wellbeing program (aka the Boldly Me Academy) into more K-12 schools that can’t afford it.

The event is free to attend and since it’s a virtual event, you won’t need expensive evening wear. The event will be Thursday, November 18, 2021 and you can pre-register at the following link: <https://bit.ly/30eWVEY>. Read more about the event on Boldly Me’s Facebook page.

Boldly Me’s Promise Event
Thursday, Nov 18
6:15 p.m.
Virtual event
Facebook page: @BoldlyMe

EARTHTALK

Are environmentalists happy with Joe Biden?

BY RODDY SCHEER AND DOUG MOSS

Dear EarthTalk: Are environmental advocates happy with the Biden administration so far?

-- B.C., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Overall, environmental advocates are much happier with Joe Biden in the White House than Donald Trump, given his administration’s interest in pursuing sustainability and climate goals. Indeed, on day one Biden wasted no time making good on several environmentally related campaign promises. He signed executive orders rejoining the Paris climate accord (Trump had pulled us out in 2017), revoking the permit for the controversial Keystone XL pipeline (green-lighted by Trump in 2017), and halting construction of Trump’s infamous border wall that among other things restricted the habitat range of wildlife already struggling to hang on in the drought-stricken, warming-addled Southwest.

While Biden couldn’t get everything done in a day, his administration has kept its eye on the conservation ball ever since. In early September, Biden’s Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced it was restoring protections for Alaska’s Bristol Bay. The Trump administration had blocked those protections in a shortsighted effort to pave the way for construction of a massive gold mine threatening the world’s largest sockeye salmon run as

well as ecosystems for hundreds of miles around. The Biden administration has also proposed cancelling controversial Trump-era petroleum drilling leases in Alaska’s Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, but it’s unclear whether this provision will remain in the larger Congressional budget reconciliation bill it’s currently tied to given potential Republican backlash.

Another big move lauded by greens just weeks ago was Biden’s executive order restoring Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments in Utah to their original boundaries; Trump had reduced them by 80% and 50% respectively. Eco-advocates also cheered Biden’s move to restore federal rules designed to guide environmental reviews of major infrastructure projects that the Trump administration had scaled back in order to “fast-track” construction permit approvals. Additionally, Biden has pledged to overturn Trump-era rollbacks of endangered species protections so as to preserve the ability of the federal government to designate lands as critical wildlife habitat regardless of their development potential.

While many are pleased with Biden’s actions so far, others worry they are too little too late. Activists from the grassroots Build Back Fossil Free campaign, which includes Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace and Center for Biological Diversity, among others, decry the Biden White House for not already using executive orders to stop fossil fuel project approvals and declare a climate emergency. According to a recent analysis by research and advocacy organization Oil Change International, Biden could stop at least 24 major fossil fuel

Spotlight on Mary Fuller

SUBMITTED BY NILES ESSANAY SILENT FILM MUSEUM

For their November film offerings, Niles Essanay is putting the spotlight on Mary Fuller, with a couple of rarities from the Michael Aus collection.

According to Imdb, Mary Fuller’s entrance into motion pictures was accidental. She was with a theatrical troupe that was on its way to tour the South in 1908 when, during a short stopover in New York City, the company broke up. Stranded, Mary made her way to Vitagraph film studio looking for a job and, with her experience and attractiveness, was put to work in action and comedy one-reelers. By 1914 she had achieved enough recognition for Edison to give her the lead in a serial, which was a big hit. Universal Pictures took notice of her, and she headed west. However, two years later she just packed up and walked away from Hollywood. She made one picture in 1917, then disappeared. A magazine writer found her in 1924, living in Washington, DC, with her mother. She said that she had tired of the hard work involved in making pictures, that she had invested her money and was living comfortably.

Film Shorts:

A Stage Romance

(1911, Edison Manufacturing Company)

Mary is as stage actress preparing for opening night. Her part calls for her to shoot a Union soldier being played by her beau. Unknown to Mary, another spurned suitor replaces the blanks in the prop gun with real bullets hoping to kill her beau. The story gets more complicated from there.

What Happened to Mary

Episode 9 - A Way to the Underworld

Episode 11 - A Race to New York

(1912, Edison Manufacturing Company)

The forerunner of all serials, What Happened to Mary was a series of twelve monthly one reel episodes, each a complete entity in itself, revolving its immediate dramatic and melodramatic problems within the framework of a single episode and designed more for story and suspense situations than action.

Links to films will become active at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, November 20.

Spotlight on Mary Fuller

Saturday, Nov 20

Links to films available at: nilesfilmmuseum.org

development projects with the stroke of a pen (including the controversial Line 3 and Dakota Access pipelines) and save upwards of 1.6 gigatons of greenhouse gas emissions -- the equivalent of taking all the cars and trucks off U.S. roads for a year.

“We are out of time for the president to take his executive powers off the shelf,” said Jean Su, energy justice director at Center for Biological Diversity. “Anything less is leaving a scorched future for people and our planet.”

CONTACTS:

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League of Volunteers seeks Thanksgiving food donations

SUBMITTED BY SHIRLEY SISK

As Thanksgiving fast approaches, League of Volunteers (LOV) is looking for food donations and volunteers to help feed people who are homebound, in need or alone over the Thursday, November 25 holiday. In 2020 LOV served more than 3,300 free meals to people in the Tri-City area and Hayward, San Leandro, San Lorenzo and Castro Valley.

Because of continuing COVID-19 restrictions, meals will be delivered to those in need. Meals will also be available for pick-up after 12:00 noon at Newark Pavilion, 6430 Thornton Ave., Newark. Drivers, who must stay inside their vehicles, will be directed where to park and volunteers will give them their to-go meals. People who walk in or arrive by bicycle will have a special waiting area. Everyone will receive a full dinner, including pie at no cost.

Among food items urgently needed for this year's 33rd annual LOV Thanksgiving Day Feast are:

- 350 frozen turkeys
- Pre-cooked hams
- 450 pre-baked pies of all flavors
- Instant mashed potato mix
- Stove top stuffing mix
- Chicken broth
- Cranberry sauce
- Canned green beans
- Canned whole corn
- Cooked dinner rolls
- Butter packets
- Mayonnaise packets
- 200 loaves of sliced sandwich bread

- 2,000 Oval aluminum roasting pans
- Aluminum foil
- Large turkey roasting bags
- Large Chinette partitioned dinner plates
- Paper towels
- Large sandwich and lunch bags
- Grocery bags
- Large garbage can liners
- Tablecloth rolls
- Sterno-food take home trays
- Condiment and sliced pie containers
- Dish towels

LOV Community Service Center is open for food and supply donations 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays at 8440 Central Ave., Suites A and B, Newark. Cash and check donations are also welcome. Checks should be made payable to: LOV (League of Volunteers), with "Thanksgiving Feast" marked in the check memo line.

Volunteers are also needed to help to carve turkeys, assemble meal packages, deliver meals, guide parking lot visitors, help with Friday morning cleanup and assist with many other tasks.

LOV Thanksgiving Day Feast
Thursday, Nov 25
12:00 noon until food runs out
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Cyndy Mozzetti's 3rd Annual Shopping Trip & Toy Drive



SUBMITTED BY JOHN SCHINKEL

Back for its third year, lifelong Fremont resident Cyndy Mozzetti and friends are gearing up for the third Annual "The Mo The Merrier Shopping Trip & Toy Drive." This year, Walmart will be matching a percentage of dollars spent in order to help further the impact of the event's efforts.

The annual event, which benefits Toys for Tots, started in 2019 when Mozzetti, friends Jasmine Basrai, Gael Stewart, Sandy Stabile, and John Schinkel went for a spontaneous late night shopping spree after an ugly Christmas Sweater-themed holiday party. "We all had so much fun, I wanted to come back the following year and do it as a toy drive for children in need!" said Mozzetti.

Those interested in participating are encouraged to wear an ugly Christmas sweater and meet the group in the parking lot of Walmart Fremont at 44009 Osgood Road at 7 p.m. on Friday, December 3. Representatives from Toys for Tots, as well as

US Marines will be on site to assist with logistics and to haul away all of the purchases allocated to the toy drive.

As the economic effects of the ongoing pandemic are still being felt by many families in the Tri-City Area, organizations like Toys for Tots are helping to alleviate the financial stress brought on by the holidays. Toys for Tots mission is to "Make sure that all Children experience the magic of Christmas every year." This year, to best foster this mission, the organizers behind the event are hoping to make The Mo The Merrier the biggest one yet, and are looking for support from anyone who wants to participate.

Mo The Merrier Shopping Trip & Toy Drive
Friday, Dec. 3
7 p.m.
Walmart Fremont
44009 Osgood Road
Cyndymoz@yahoo.com

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Fremont's Icon

East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) proposed a 25-year lease agreement for Mission Peak Park that was unanimously rejected by the City Council on November 9. There was a dispute as to whether the City imposed a closure of the park during a critical phase of the pandemic (it did, in front of the Stanford Avenue gate) and whether EBRPD was requesting unchallengeable control of the 900 acres owned by the City (it was not).

The local community around Stanford Avenue presented comments to the council requesting emphasis for the Ohlone entrance, tighter responsibilities and liabilities, and a much shorter lease; like 5 years. With 23 parking spaces for a park that gets close to 250,000 visitors, do we need better access? And will there continue to be a Stanford Avenue gate that welcomes visitors from throughout the entire Bay Area, and even internationally?

Why do we choose to hike the front of Mission Peak? It's the view. It won't go away. It's just not the same from the Ohlone back route, although that route has attractions as well. Mission Peak is a unique attribute for a city adjoining open space and wilderness - more than an icon for computer desk tops - that should remain available to tax paying East Bay residents. Granted, they can come in swarms, especially on weekends - numbers in the thousands. They sometimes cause disturbance, are unwelcomed, and pay \$82 traffic fines if parking illegally. So why not pay \$4 dollars and park at Ohlone and hike from the rear? Something about the view?

Before, during and after the pandemic we'll love nature and the outdoors. Especially young folks who don't have the time or money to head off to more exotic locations. So hopefully a re-negotiation takes place, sparing the City of the \$400,000 cost that EBRPD currently spends maintaining 900 acres. The icon belongs to all of us. Hopefully we continue sharing it with others.

Richard Godfrey
Fremont, CA

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City seeks nonprofit partner

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF HAYWARD

City of Hayward is seeking a nonprofit organization serving people with mental illness, substance-use disorders and experiencing homelessness that can help enhance how the City responds to 911 emergency calls.

Through a new pilot project called Hayward

Evaluation and Response Teams (HEART) Program, Hayward Police and Fire Departments are working to establish an integrated continuum of options allowing for the most appropriate responses to calls to Hayward 911 dispatch center.

The goal of the HEART Program is to improve access to medical, mental health and other support services – and reduce the need for police officers to intervene in calls for service involving people experiencing mental illness, substance-use disorders and homelessness.

The current program approach entails deploying two different mobile response teams: a Mobile Integrated Health Unit (MIHU), which pairs a Hayward firefighter-paramedic with a mental health clinician from a community-based organization, and a Mobile Evaluation Team (MET), which pairs a specifically trained Hayward Police Officer with a behavioral health clinician from Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services.

As a next step, the City seeks to partner with a nonprofit organization equipped to bring to the HEART Program the perspectives of people with lived experiences of mental illness, substance-use disorders and homelessness to help identify and make recommendations to close gaps in the program.

Interested organizations are encouraged to review and respond by Dec. 10 to the formal Request for Information (RFI), which is available on City of Hayward website: <https://bit.ly/3n8GdA4>

Responses to the RFI should be directed to Emily Young, Psy.D., Project Manager, at emily.young@hayward-ca.gov. Questions can be directed to Dr. Young at (510) 293-7048 and by email at emily.young@hayward-ca.gov.

Making 1,865 seed balls in two hours



BY RICHARD SEKAR AND
CHRISTIANA RAJAKUMAR

Trees are a critical part of restoring our climate to its normalcy, and the time to act is now. Project Green Earth (PGE) is a volunteer team founded in Fremont, California. This team of adults and kids are trying to grow millions of trees at almost zero cost.

Project Green Earth uses a simple three-step process. First, the team gathers seeds from local trees when they go for a walk, or whenever they can. Second, they mix mud with water and make a mud ball with a seed in the middle and dry those seed balls. Third, they scatter those seed balls in places where they have acquired the permit to do so. This enables them to grow local trees in approved areas.

On November 6, the group organized a Seed-Ball Making event at Lake Elizabeth in Fremont, where local residents with their children and volunteers from PGE, Fremont Morning Rotary, Mission San Jose Rotary, Niles Rotary and other Rotary clubs, came together to create awareness, teach and make seed-balls.

The group made 1,865 seed balls in under two hours with various types of Oak acorns/seeds. California State Assembly Member Alex Lee joined this community effort to raise awareness about the importance of growing trees and support PGE's initiative.

As part of Socially Responsible Innovation, the team unveiled two different seed-maker-tools. One was built by Johnson Prabagar, Lionel Maximus and Vans Paul Wilfred. This tool allows the team to make 64 seed balls in 5 minutes, instead of 60 in an hour. The second design was from Johan and Ajith Peter. This unique seed ball maker also helped speed up the assembly process.

Seed balls can be scattered throughout the year, regardless of whether there is rain. Seeds germinate and remain dormant until it starts raining. Then seeds start to sprout and grow into trees, all without any further help from humans. This team has scattered over 12,000 seed balls in the last 10 months since kicking off Project Green Earth.

Let us all grow trees to restore and save Earth for future generations. Let us act now so that our kids can live in a greener and cleaner world!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR Mayor of Fremont & City Council

I have been residing in Fremont over the past 25 years and love it for many reasons, such recently being declared the safest and richest city in the United States.

My concern is, Monday through Friday, when I drive onto Paseo Padre Parkway heading towards Grimmer Blvd on the right turn there are two lanes. And of course, what I noticed is there is always heavy traffic, day and night, as drivers enter while others exit towards Paseo Padre Parkway.

Surprisingly, one can notice an unused piece of land where heavy trucks are being parked and drivers taking naps inside. I believe the City mayor and council members have totally ignored it. They can construct asphalt roads, making two more lanes in order to avoid single-lane congestion. I am positive this action would definitely reduce single-lane congestion.

Zafar Yousufzai
Fremont



Tree planting honors lives lost to Covid



SUBMITTED BY KAYLEE WEI

On November 8, 501(c)(3) nonprofit Greenkeepers USA planted over 75 trees at Sabercat Historical Park in Fremont in partnership with Microsoft, a continuation of their Life for a Life COVID-19 memorial tree-planting initiative. The planting was open only to Microsoft employees, over 70 of whom attended the event. Other nonprofit organizations such as Fresh Baked provided free cookies and snacks throughout the morning

and early afternoon as Greenkeepers members demonstrated proper planting techniques and procedures to the employees. A second planting is to be hosted on November 20 to plant about five additional trees that weren't planted November 8 due to time constraints. The event was organized in conjunction with Tri-City Urban Forestry Alliance (TUFA), who provided training classes that were held two weeks prior to the event for planting coaches. The November planting follows the nonprofit's initial memorial tree plantings during the

summer of 2021, where members and volunteers planted over 50 trees and raised over \$5,000 in honor of those who passed away from COVID-19 in Alameda County. Readers can still donate to Greenkeepers' cause at www.greenkeepersusa.org.

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CARPENTERS

What do you want to be when you grow up? Have you ever thought about being a carpenter?

Carpenters have a saying: **Measure twice. Cut once.** What do you think this saying means?

Have you ever sat in a chair or opened a cupboard or closet and wondered how it was made? If so, you can thank a carpenter!

A carpenter is a person who works mainly with wood. They can make cabinets, build houses, make furniture, or do other things with wood throughout your home.

If you like making things and working with your hands, a career as a carpenter might be a good job for you. The pay is very good. And since there is a shortage of skilled carpenters, there are many job opportunities for people who want to learn this craft.

Do you know a carpenter? Ask them about their job.

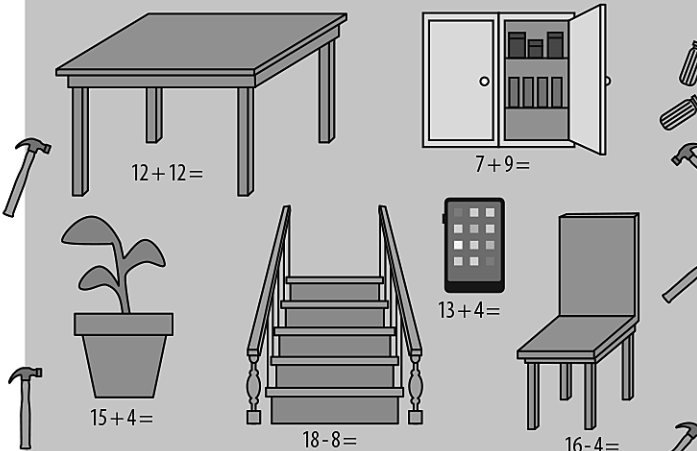


Talk about it with a family member. Is it a saying that can be helpful outside of being a carpenter?

How do I become a carpenter?

Carpenters learn their trade by working in an apprenticeship training program. It takes about four years to learn what is needed to pass the carpenter test. Some people learn enough to pass the test through work experience.

Circle the things below that you think carpenters make. Then, check your answers by doing the math problems below each picture. The ones with even-numbered answers are things made by carpenters.



Carpenters Need to Be Good at Measuring

Whether you are building a doghouse, a bird house, or any kind of building, you need each side to be the same height.



Practice Measuring with the Newspaper!

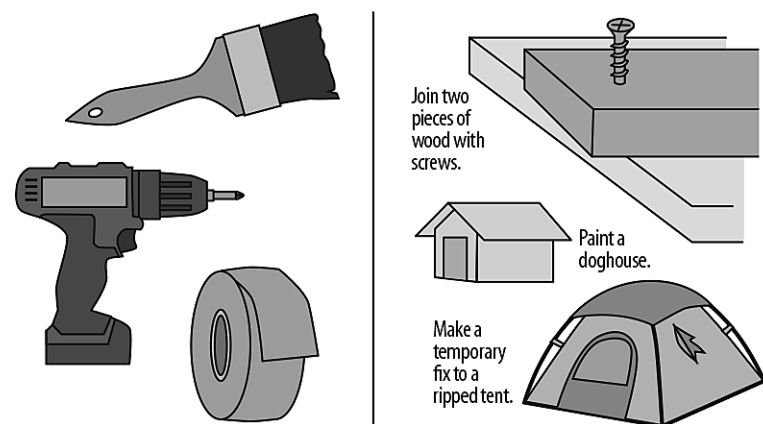
Get a ruler or tape measure and start looking through the newspaper. Find five pictures and measure how tall they are (height) and how wide.

BONUS: Calculate the area of the picture by multiplying the height by the width.

Standards Link: Math: Measure using standard units; calculate area.

The Right Tools Make Work Easier

Look at the three jobs and the three sets of tools. Draw a line to the tool that is best for each job.



Are there more hammers or screwdrivers on this page?

Being a carpenter is a really great job:

- Carpenters get to help people.
- The pay is very good.
- Carpenters touch most everybody's lives.
- There is a shortage of carpenters so there are many job openings.

Extra! Extra! Nail or Nail?

The word nail has more than one meaning. Our fingers and toes have nails. And a nail is a tool used to build things. In both cases, the word is spelled the same, but has different meanings. These are called homonyms. Look through the newspaper for five words that have more than one meaning.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify homonyms.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Choose a newspaper story about a place. Write or paste the headline in this box.

WHEN did the event happen?

What questions did the reporter ask to find out when the event happened?

Standards Link: Reading/Writing: Draw evidence from informational text.

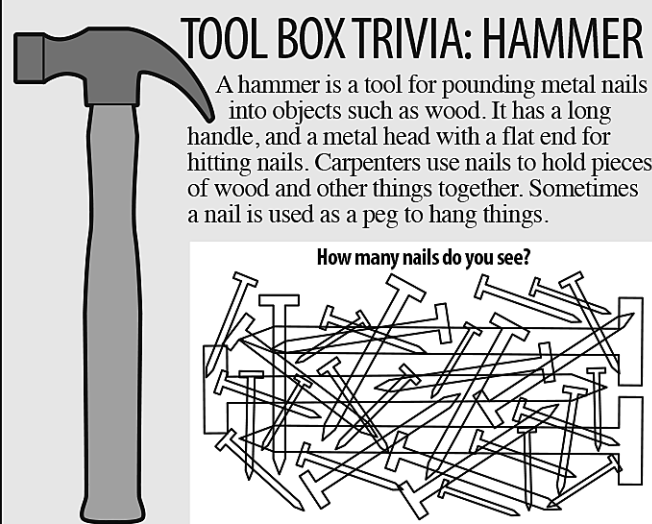
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Kid Scoop Puzzler



Standards Link: Mathematics: Understand base 10 place value.

Double Double Word Search

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DOGHOUSE
CUPBOARD
MEASURE
HAMMER
NAILS
RULER
TWICE
CHAIR
WOOD
WORK
FLAT
CUT
END

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

C R R U L E R B E U
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B H D R O E I A W A
O C O N M O G L T S
A W V M H P W F S U
R C A R P E N T E R
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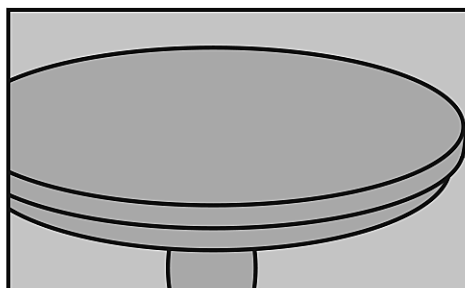
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Carpentry Categories

Look through the newspaper for images that show things a carpenter made. Find 10 images and then group them into categories based on similarities. Come up with a name for each category.

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



Why didn't King Arthur like his round table?

ANSWER: He thought the royal carpenters had cut corners.

Write On!

What do you want to be?

What do you want to be when you grow up? Write a few paragraphs to explain.

Come Home for the Holidays



SUBMITTED BY LIVERMORE ARTS

Livermore Arts has partnered with Firehouse Arts Center to invite the Tri-Valley to “Come Home for the Holidays” this winter. Both companies have

return of the annual Hometown Holiday Celebration including parade and tree lighting on Saturday, December 4. Details are available at www.Hometownholidays.com. On Saturday, December 11,



arranged end-of-year lineups sure to satisfy every holiday appetite, with dual schedules full of “Tri-Valley tidings.” Live arts are returning in full, and local audiences don’t have to look far to find world-class entertainment in their hometown settings.

Bankhead’s season of events in downtown Livermore begins with Irish Christmas in America on Black Friday, November 26. The following weekend, Bankhead will present Joy to the World: A Christmas Musical Journey featuring Damien Sneed on December 5. On December 13, Pink Martini will perform to a sold-out crowd (check closer to the performance for availability); and John Mayall and Walter Trout’s Survivor Blues concert on December 16 is nearly sold out as well. All the beautiful traditions of Christmas Eve in Mexico will be presented at Nochebuena on December 20. Closing out the schedule will be New Year’s Eve with Dirty Cello, a truly special way to ring in 2022 on December 31.

City of Pleasanton promises a holiday season full of events sure to please every audience. Festivities begin the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 27, at Firehouse Arts Center with Holiday Youth Music Festival presented by High School Music Collaborative followed by Creatures of Impulse production, Holiday Shorts, on December 2-3, with a special \$2 preview on November 30.

Residents will light up Pleasanton’s Main Street with the

Golden Follies will perform the hilarious A Very Follies Holiday to a sold-out Firehouse crowd. Concluding Firehouse’s performing arts series on Saturday, December 18 is A Swingin’ Christmas with Jeff Bordes & Friends.

Visitors to downtown Pleasanton will want to see



Pleasanton Art League’s first live showcase since 2019, Above It All, at Harrington Art Gallery through Saturday, December 18. With no overlap of performance dates, patrons are encouraged to frequent events at both theaters and stay local this holiday season.

Follow Firehouse on Twitter @FirehouseArts, Instagram @FirehouseArts, and Facebook www.facebook.com/Firehouse-ArtsPleasanton.

Bankhead Theater continues to keep COVID-19 safety protocols in place with enhanced air circulation, no touch ticketing and masks required in the theater.

Proof of vaccination will be required for entry. Tickets for all shows in 2021-2022 Bankhead Presents season are available on-line, by calling (925)373-6800 or at the box office windows.

Irish Christmas in America
Friday, Nov. 26
8 p.m.
Tickets: \$20-\$58 (\$20 stu-

dent/military personnel)
Bankhead Theater
2400 First St, Livermore

Holiday Youth Music Festival
Saturday, Nov. 27
2 p.m.
Firehouse Arts Center
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Holiday Shorts
Thursday, Dec. 2 – Friday,
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(Special \$2 preview
Tuesday, November 30)
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Firehouse Arts Center
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Hometown Holiday Celebration
Saturday, Dec. 4
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Joy to the World: A Christmas Musical Journey featuring
Damien Sneed
Sunday, Dec. 5
3:00 p.m.
Tickets: \$20-\$98 (\$20 student/military personnel)
Bankhead Theater
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Saturday, Dec. 11
A Very Follies Holiday
2 p.m.
Firehouse Arts Center
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Pink Martini
Monday, Dec. 13
7:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$20-\$95

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Survivor Blues: John Mayall and Walter Trout
Thursday, Dec. 16
7:30 p.m.
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Swingin’ Christmas with Jeff Bordes & Friends
Saturday, Dec. 18
8 p.m.
Firehouse Arts Center
4444 Railroad Ave, Pleasanton

Nochebuena: Christmas Eve in Mexico
Monday, Dec. 20
7:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$20-\$98
(\$20 student/military personnel)
Bankhead Theater
2400 First St, Livermore

New Year’s Eve with Dirty Cello
Friday, Dec. 31
8 p.m.
Tickets: \$20-\$58
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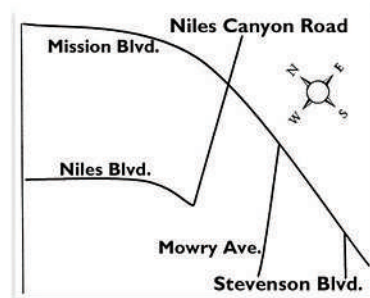
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Friday - November 26th

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Santa Claus

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Home & Garden

Nine wonderful winter gardens to visit

BY DANIEL O'DONNELL

Winter is the season when most public gardens are visited the least. Many trees and shrubs have dropped their leaves, it can be cold and wet outside, and not many flowers are in bloom. However, there are still plenty of things going on in these gardens to make it worthwhile for a winter visit. The lack of visitors means that you might have the gardens all to yourself.

There are plenty of free smaller gardens to visit in the Tri-City area, but there are also numerous larger public gardens dotted throughout the Bay Area that make nice day trips not only in the spring and summer, but fall and winter as well. Some have limited hours while others might extend opening hours into the evenings because they decorated their grounds and added holiday lights. Some are accompanied by an estate house, others with sculptures and works of art, and some with ponds and water features. All are worth seeing, whether it is sunny and hot or cold and rainy.

Cornerstone Art Gardens in Sonoma, cornerstonesonoma.com, is a series of gardens created by local and international landscape designers. Some of the 10 gardens remain for one season, while others may be in place for years. There are also five Sunset test gardens next door which feature the latest varieties of plant grown for habitat and food. Admission is free. Cornerstone, in addition to hosting winter events, is also home to two wine tasting rooms, artisanal shops, a coffee kiosk, and Foltable Restaurant which features seasonal ingredients.

Filoli Historic House & Gardens in Woodside, filoli.org, has 16 acres of formal



gardens, and an additional 654 acres which include fruit tree orchards and five distinct natural ecosystems. Their garden designers use historic photographs to produce a garden that blooms all year long just as it did when it was created by a wealthy couple in 1917. The gardens stay open late in the winter when they are decorated with colorful light pieces. The house, the café, and garden shop stay open late as well.

University of California Botanical Gardens in Berkeley, botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu, is a 34-acre garden on the UC Berkeley campus. The site has a “What’s in bloom section” that lists with photographs everything in bloom for a particular month or what is expected the next month. November will not disappoint anyone who would like to see winter blooms, because the list of flowers is long. Winter does not deter the author talks, workshops, lectures, and other events.



Conservatory of Flowers in San Francisco, conservatoryofflowers.org, is an ornate Victorian style greenhouse that opened in Golden Gate Park in 1879. The botanical gardens inside host a wide variety of rare tropical and exotic plants and a spectacular large pond with brightly colored blooming water lilies. It is one of the few gardens that can be enjoyed comfortably even on the wettest winter days because the plants are inside a warm humid greenhouse.

Luther Burbank Home & Gardens in Santa Rosa, lutherburbank.org, is the site where Luther Burbank, the famous horticulturist, created many new species. The park contains his gardens, greenhouse, Victorian home, and grave site. The website has an up-to-date list of what is in bloom this winter and in December the Holiday Open House event has the home and garden decorated in a Victorian holiday theme.

Ruth Bancroft Garden in Walnut Creek, ruthbancroftgarden.org, has over 2,000 succulents, cacti, and drought tolerant plants and trees on a 3.5-acre site. Something is in bloom every season. There are talks and other events throughout winter with the Garden of D’Lights being their flagship fundraiser. The plants and trees bloom in the night during November and December with the aid of thousands of colorful lights and lasers.

The little-known **Papua New Guinea Sculpture Garden** was created in the early 1990s when sculptors from

Papua New Guinea were commissioned to carve numerous traditional wooden carvings ranging from four-feet-tall to over 15-feet-tall. Many of the plants in the garden are native to Papua New Guinea. Directions can be found online by searching using the garden’s name.

Rodin Sculpture Garden located in front of Cantor Museum [Stanford University] has about 20 bronze sculptures created by French artist, Auguste Rodin. The nice thing about visiting the garden in the winter is that if it gets too cold or wet, you can duck into the museum which is also free of charge.

Hakone Estate and Gardens in Saratoga, hakone.com, is one of the western hemisphere’s oldest Japanese style residential gardens. Many of the grasses, conifers, bamboos and other traditional plants used are evergreen making them just as enjoyable to view in the winter as they would be in the summer.

An Italian proverb states “They who sing through the summer must dance in the winter.” The wonderful spring and summer gardens would not exist without first readying themselves as winter gardens. However, as the proverb implies, there is no reason that visiting a garden in winter would not be just as enjoyable as in summer.

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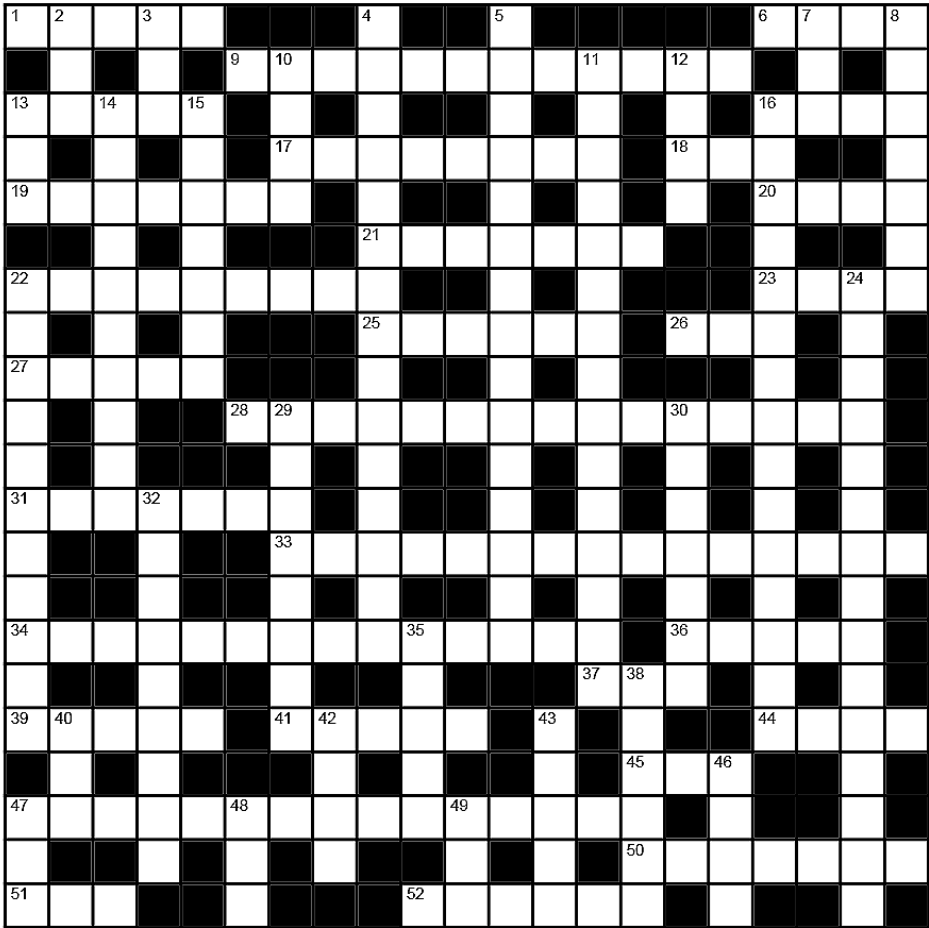


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Mind Twisters

Crossword Puzzle



- Across

1

Russian range (5)

6

Homeless child (4)

9

Speaker of the quote (4,1,7)

13

Gossipy Hopper (5)

16

Almanac tidbit (4)

17

Visionary (8)

18

Mahmoud Abbas's grp. (3)

19

Inconsistent (7)

20

___ Major (4)

21

Puts in order (7)

22

Juliet, to Romeo (9)

23

Sailing ropes (4)

25

Gets smart (6)

26

"Sweet!" (3)

27

Jimmies (5)

28

Opera first performed in 1762 (5,2,8)

31

40A/34D topping (7)

33

Dictionary features (15)

34

End of the definition (6,8)

36

Italian poet Cavalcanti (5)
- Down

2

Comic Charlotte (3)

3

... (3)

4

Low ground (8,7)

5

Shot putter? (10,5)

7

Smaller than AA (3)

8

They're loaded (3,4)

10

Lyrical (4)

11

Unappealing (3,4,3,2,3)

12

Cabinet div. (4)

13

Half a laugh (3)

14

Itch cause (10)

15

Behavior (7)

16

See circles (6,9)

22

Hard (11)

24

International understanding (7,8)

29

Relief provider (3,5)

30

Burning up (2,1,4)

32

Bauble (9)

35

Certain navel (5)

38

Hot (1-5)

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British john (3)

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Horse's motion (4)

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Dickens's ___ Heep (5)

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Applications (4)

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Part of A.A.R.P.: Abbr. (3)

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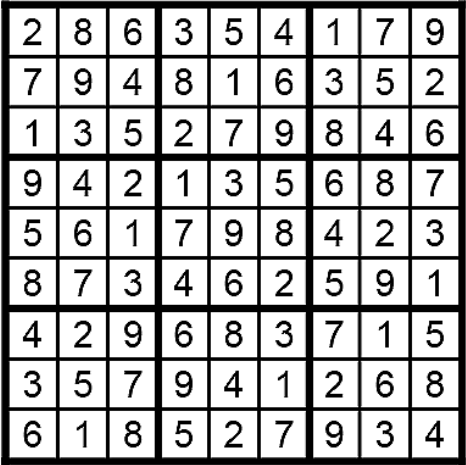
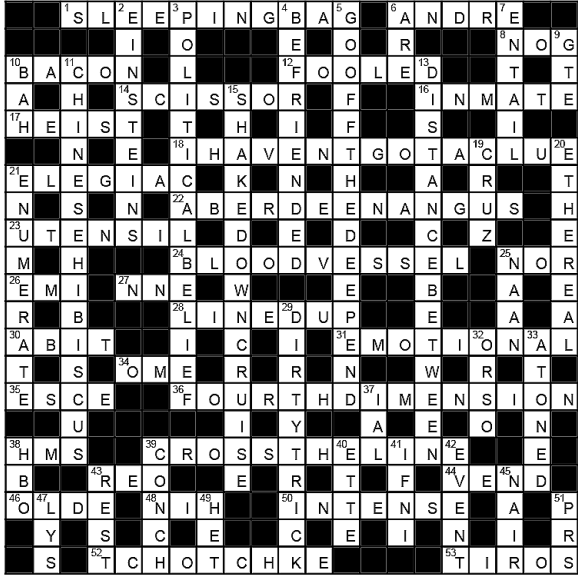
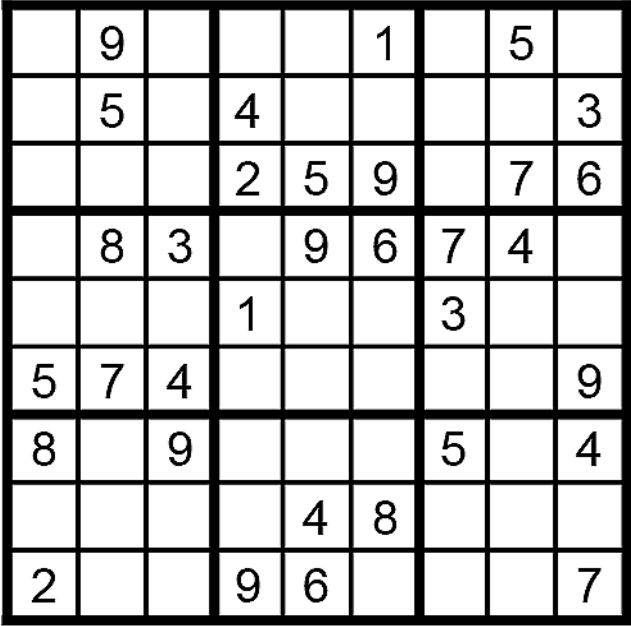
Rx instruction (3)

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Eavesdropping org. (3)

Sudoku:

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



Tri-City Stargazer FOR WEEK: NOVEMBER 16, 2021

All Signs: Yikes! The energy this week will be like tabloid headlines. This is because deep, dark secrets will come to light this week. Not only will a “light” reveal unknown mysteries or clas-sified information – it will also trigger revelations that prompt people to leave stagnant, oppressive relationships. People are waking up and they want change! Mid-week, tempers will flare. Fri-day’s Lunar Eclipse will be the last straw.

Aries the Ram (March 21-April 19)

This could be a momentous week for you with money, earnings, and financial involvement with partners. A dispute about shared ownership might arise. Secrets regarding ownership or debt might come out. A secret could involve an authority figure, especially a parent or an older family member. You might feel betrayed or denied important information. As the week goes on, this tough energy will build. (Wednesday could be particularly nasty.) By Friday, the Full Moon brings everything to a head. You want the facts and you want the freedom to govern what you own.

Taurus the Bull (April 20-May 20)

When it comes to money, you practically manufacture the stuff in your backyard. This week, you can expect disputes with partners and close friends that might also involve a parent, an authority figure, or even the government because it feels like the world is out to get you. This conflict could be triggered by the discovery of new information. By Wednesday, you will express your displeasure! After that, the only Full Moon in your sign all year will occur on Friday.

Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20)

Although this is a crunchy week for many, it will be lighter for you. Nevertheless, you might have anxiety or disputes about your health. In fact, health concerns could trigger arguments with someone? Arguments could also be related to work or your pets. This

conflict might be exacerbated by rules and regulations. Very likely, you will feel a buildup of these problems but hopefully, after the Full Moon on Friday, you will have a sense of resolution. In fact, these problems should diminish and perhaps disappear.

Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 22)

Patience is the antidote to anger. It does not remove the cause, but it will stop anger from doing more damage. Remember this if you find yourself in conflict with your kids, a romantic partner, or a colleague. You might argue with someone about fundraising or how to use a specific amount of money. By Wednesday, you might be in full battle mode. This could get even worse by the Full Moon on Friday! The good news is that fair Venus is opposite your sign and this will assuage difficulties with others.

Leo the Lion (July 23-Aug. 22)

This might be a challenging week for you. Your home and family will be interrupted in a major way. Family conflicts might be the result. You might also be at odds with your partner. People are very independent, and in the midst of all this, hidden secrets might come out! A family member might rebel against authority. This could be very touchy on Wednesday; and by the Full Moon on Friday, the tension is palpable. Fortunately, following this, everything might quickly subside.

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

Please note that there’s a lot of

wild energy flying around this week. It could promote an accident-prone situation for your sign. Be aware that you might suddenly be arguing with relatives, daily contacts or neighbors, especially about controversial issues. This could impact your job and health. Quite likely, you are worked up and feeling intellectually aggressive. Wednesday might be a day of confrontation. Things will not let up until after the Full Moon on Friday. Don’t try to win an argument. Just relax.

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

We are all dealing with confrontational issues this week, and for you, it could relate to money, possessions, or your kids. You might quarrel about cash flow or who is responsible for what. Perhaps your values are different from those of someone else. Keep an open mind to hear the other person’s point of view. Practice patience on Wednesday, and wait until the Full Moon is over on Friday for things to settle down.

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

There’s no question that this is a challenging week. The tough aspects involve the Sun, Mercury and fiery Mars -- all in your sign. They are sitting at odds with Uranus and stern Saturn. As if that weren’t enough, at the end of the week, the only Full Moon opposite your sign all year will take place. What to do? Slow down! Minimize what you want to do. Be patient with everyone. Be kind to yourself. You need to wait for the storm to pass.

Pamper yourself with good food and drink.

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

Resist the urge to get involved with philosophical concepts that lead to confrontations with others this week. You like to get along with others. You love exploring ideas and enjoying lofty, profound discussions. But who needs confrontations and arguments? Avoid these if possible, especially related to your work, your health or your pet. Don’t make a big deal about anything. Be as easy going and forgiving as you can because in the end – you will be the one who benefits.

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

You like to minimize collateral damage and keep up appearances. Therefore, consider this week an opportunity for you to demonstrate grace under pressure, because there’s a strong likelihood that you will find yourself at odds with a friend, your kids, or a group. Things could get nasty. By Wednesday, people might be at each other’s throats! Financial responsibilities might be in the picture as well. All this will come to a head and hopefully, be resolved after the Full Moon on Friday.

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

This week will have some challenges. Quite likely, you will find yourself at odds with an authority figure – boss, parent, even the police. Deep, dark secrets might be revealed either to others or to you. If it’s just to you, it

might be a profound revelation about something that you can no longer ignore. Things will be volatile on Wednesday. By Friday, the only Full Moon that occurs all year in your House of Home and Family will take place. Do what you can to keep the peace, but maintain your integrity.

Pisces Fish (Feb. 19-March 20)

Be aware that this week is an accident-prone time for you. Of course, an accident doesn’t have to happen, but it might happen if you’re angry, flustered or distracted. Therefore, pay attention to everything you say and do, especially when jogging, walking and driving. It’s important to guard against knee-jerk reactions where you blurt something out and then can’t take it back. Think about what is best for everyone. Next year will be a much easier year for you because lucky Jupiter will be in your sign.



CASTRO VALLEY TOTAL SALES: 17						
Highest \$: 1,950,000			Median \$: 1,100,000			
Lowest \$: 860,000			Average \$: 1,204,853			
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20068 Emerald Court	94546	860,000	3 827	1950	8/19/21	
2 North Canyon Court	94546	950,000	2 1463	1996	8/17/21	
6918 Lariat Lane	94552	950,000	3 1561	1985	8/19/21	
2935 Lake Chabot Lane	94546	962,000	3 1802	1979	8/19/21	
4175 Veronica Avenue	94546	975,000	3 1330	1957	8/20/21	
20949 San Miguel Ave	94546	985,000	3 1459	1948	8/18/21	
19686 Lake Chabot Rd	94546	1,030,000	4 2000	1948	8/16/21	
20228 Yeandle Avenue	94546	1,050,000	3 1522	1959	8/16/21	
3170 Aylesbury Court	94546	1,100,000	3 1769	1955	8/16/21	
4678 Heyer Avenue	94546	1,200,000	3 2016	1981	8/20/21	
3571 Jerald Court	94546	1,250,000	5 2171	1954	8/16/21	
3880 Somerset Avenue	94546	1,265,000	3 2313	1959	8/20/21	
6510 Ridgewood Drive	94552	1,340,000	3 1404	1990	8/20/21	
18865 Walnut Road	94546	1,449,500	3 2197	1954	8/18/21	
3595 Greenhills Ave	94546	1,455,000	4 2248	1987	8/20/21	
19459 Mount Jasper Dr	94552	1,711,000	4 3022	1988	8/18/21	
5766 Greenridge Road	94552	1,950,000	5 1932	1962	8/18/21	

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Lowest \$: 375,000			Average \$: 1,455,951			
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39109 Guardino Dr #230	94538	425,000	1 693	1987	8/20/21	
39029 Guardino Dr #214	94538	460,000	1 693	1987	8/20/21	
3809 Milton Terrace #38	94555	470,000	1 796	1987	8/18/21	
3695 Stevenson Blvd #E101	94538	505,000	1 721	1991	8/17/21	
38780 Tyson Lane #105c	94536	515,000	1 870	1982	8/17/21	
37200 Meadowbrook Cmn #102	94536	604,500	2 1061	1984	8/18/21	
5657 Statice Common	94538	700,000	2 850	1994	8/17/21	
39043 Walnut Ter #63	94536	710,000	2 1104	1984	8/17/21	
43124 Calle Sagrada	94539	713,000	3 1802	2019	8/16/21	
3695 Stevenson Blvd #A341	94538	720,500	2 1040	1991	8/17/21	
284 Lindero Terrace	94536	750,000	2 1140	1973	8/20/21	
3334 Owen Common	94536	815,000	3 1168	1971	8/17/21	
4046 Malva Terrace	94536	835,000	3 1126	1971	8/16/21	
38729 Huntington Cir#146	94536	920,000	3 1284	1989	8/18/21	
3839 Development Ter #1005	94538	975,000	2 1326	2019	8/17/21	
1098 Kraftile Road	94536	980,000	2 987	1948	8/17/21	
1217 Deer Road	94536	1,015,000	3 1087	1941	8/17/21	
43462 Lindenwood St	94538	1,020,000	3 1080	1958	8/20/21	
3534 Sequoia Common	94536	1,045,000	3 1519	2006	8/19/21	
5402 Borgia Road	94538	1,100,000	4 1324	1961	8/16/21	
4493 Nicolet Avenue	94536	1,178,500	3 1148	1957	8/18/21	
43325 Isle Royal Street	94538	1,190,000	3 1296	1962	8/17/21	
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34170 Gannon Terrace	94555	1,472,000	3 1481	1988	8/20/21	
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38524 Athy Court	94536	1,505,000	3 1462	1964	8/20/21	
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38905 Matson Place	94536	1,635,000	4 2177	1979	8/17/21	
34 Viento Drive	94536	1,640,000	- 1822	1976	8/19/21	
34221 Finnigan Terrace	94555	1,650,000	4 1857	1990	8/20/21	
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42253 Camino Santa Barbara	94539	2,200,000	4 2274	1964	8/19/21	
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48024 Avalon Heights Ter	94539	3,870,000	5 4750	1998	8/18/21	

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Lowest \$: 300,000			Average \$: 944,736			
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29300 Dixon St #116	94544	300,000	1 650	1984	8/20/21	
661 Royston Lane #139	94544	385,000				

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After a Year Apart, We Walk as One

THE MASONIC HOMES OF CALIFORNIA JOINS THE 2021 WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

AMIDST A SEA of flower petals spinning in the wind, the resounding message of hope hung heavy in the air. At the annual **Walk to End Alzheimer's**, held October 23 at Bishop Ranch in San Ramon, more than 1,000 participants turned out to stroll, be seen, and show that we can't and won't give in to the disease that affects so many. Sporting matching purple shirts and hoisting colored flower signs indicating their relationship to the disease—blue for those living with Alzheimer's, purple for those who've lost a loved one to the disease, yellow for those supporting an Alzheimer's patient, and orange for those who support the cause—the crowd sent a powerful message that a cure for this disease is within our reach.

When that day does arrive, another flower will be raised: the first white flower will symbolize the first survivor of Alzheimer's.

After a year apart due to the pandemic, the 2021 Walk to End Alzheimer's was especially meaningful. The walk is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support, and research. It is held annually in 600 communities around the country. The East Bay walk included some 1,300-plus participants, who made up nearly 200 teams, and together raised nearly \$500,000 to fund critical research into and support for Alzheimer's-related issues. "One of the most important functions of the walk is to show everyone that they are not walking alone," says Joseph Pritchard, the chief clinical officer of the Masonic Homes of California. "Someday soon, that white flower will be given to the first survivor, and we



"Someday soon, that white flower will be given to the first survivor, and we want to be there on that beautiful day."

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want to be there on that beautiful day."

As the presenting sponsor of the 2021 event, the Masonic Homes of California are particularly invested in supporting research into Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia. And as a leading care provider for seniors in the Bay Area, the Masonic Homes are committed to offering cutting-edge services for those dealing with memory loss conditions with dignity and compassion at every stage of life.

That's reflected in a wide range of programming offered at the Masonic Homes designed as early interventions or to treat existing memory conditions. The **Brain Fitness Gym** helps residents' cognitive abilities through neurologist-designed software, while the **Compass Club** memory program allows those at early stages of memory loss and living independently to focus on social engagement and alternative forms of care

Masonic Homes **Traditions** program provides assisted-living care and around-the-clock support for those dealing with advanced-stage memory loss. And its newly opened **Pavilion at the Masonic Homes**—which is open to all members of the public—is a state-of-the-art residence with on-site skilled nursing care geared specifically toward seniors dealing with memory loss.

"Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia have devastated the lives of many of the people who live and work at the Masonic Homes," says Masonic Homes President and CEO Gary Charland. "We have seen our friends, family, neighbors, and loved ones battling this disease. That's why we've joined the fight."

For more on the East Bay Walk to End Alzheimer's, visit alz.org. To learn more about the Masonic Homes and its memory-care services, visit masonichome.org. ♦

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CONTINUING EVENTS

Mondays and Thursdays

Gardening Class

10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Learn how to plant and maintain vegetables, herbs and other plants
Age Well Center South Fremont
47111 Mission Falls Ct., Fremont
<http://bit.ly/AgeWellClasses>

Tuesdays

Mahjong Class

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Learn the basics of this game of strategy, skill, and good fortune
Age Well Center South Fremont
47111 Mission Falls Ct., Fremont
<http://bit.ly/AgeWellClasses>

Wednesdays

Yoga in Hindi

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Focus on your body's natural tendency toward health and self-healing. Bring a mat
Age Well Center South Fremont
47111 Mission Falls Ct., Fremont
<http://bit.ly/AgeWellClasses>

Wednesdays

Writing Personal Narratives-Immigrant Experience

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Write confidently about your life experiences
Via Zoom
<http://bit.ly/AgeWellClasses>

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

Heartfulness Meditation

10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Bring your own mat/cushion to class
Age Well Center South Fremont
47111 Mission Falls Ct., Fremont
<http://bit.ly/AgeWellClasses>

Thursdays

Meditation

8:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.
Relieve yourself from stress
Age Well Center Lake Elizabeth
40086 Paseo Padre Parkway, Fremont
<http://bit.ly/AgeWellClasses>

Fridays

Ballroom Line Dancing Class

9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Meet new people, develop confidence
Age Well Center South Fremont
47111 Mission Falls Ct., Fremont
<http://bit.ly/AgeWellClasses>

Fridays and Saturdays

Free Telescope Viewing R

7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.
Join resident astronomers on Chabot's observation deck, weather permitting
<https://chabotspace.org/calendar/>

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/>

Sundays

Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church Family Service

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

Sundays

First Presbyterian Church of Newark Worship Services

9:30 a.m.; Worship Service In-Person or Online
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9NxtyzVaehQJHwLlpwPWlw>
35450 Newark Blvd., Newark
www.newarkpres.org

Arts & Entertainment

Sundays

St. Anne's Episcopal Church Service

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

Monday, November 1 – Tuesday, November 30

Chinese-American Mixed Media Display

Artwork focusing on racism against Chinese- and Japanese-Americans
On display in the Fremont Main Library lobby
Library Hours:
M/T 12 noon – 8 p.m.
W/Th 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
F/Sa 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sun 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont

First Tuesdays, December-January

Exploring the World of Wine\$
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Do you love wine and want to learn more about its origination?
Age Well Center South Fremont
47111 Mission Falls Ct., Fremont
<http://bit.ly/AgeWellClasses>

Tuesday – Sunday, October 9 – February 13

Color into Line: Pastels from the Renaissance to the Present

9:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.
More than 80 works spanning five centuries
Legion of Honor
100 34th Ave., San Francisco
Legionofhonor.org

Wednesdays, October 20 - December 15

Insight into Local Government R

7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
League of Women Voters invite you to a 3-part series
Session 2 – 11/17: panelist Barbara Halliday, City of Hayward Mayor
Via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/3FGUknD>
Session 3 – 12/15: more info on running for office
Via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/3AFDu4X>
www.lwv.org

Wednesday, November 10 – Thursday, January 6

50 Faces

Thursday – Sunday, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Free art exhibit that features portraits of famous people interpreted in contemporary mosaic
Bankhead Theatre Gallery
2400 First St., Livermore
www.LivermoreArts.org

First Wednesdays, November - April

Talkin' Dirt

11/3, 12/1, 1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6
7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Free webinar on gardening, hosted by LEAF
Via Zoom
<https://bit.ly/3hsOGKG>

Second Thursdays, September 9 – June 9

Cafe Dad

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Program for fathers to support each other and obtain resources
Virtual meetings via Zoom
<https://husd-us.zoom.us/j/91644497730>
For more information contact: ep101@husd.k12.ca.us

Thursday, November 18 – Saturday, November 20

George Orwell's Animal Farm \$

8 p.m.
11/18, 11/19, 11/20
Classic parable about totalitarianism
Smith Center - Ohlone College
43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont
<https://tix6.centerstageticketing.com/sites/ohlone6/>
www.ohlone.edu/theatredance/performances

Sunday, September 20 – Thursday, November 18

Affection for Chinese Calligraphy and Paintings

Monday – Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Calligraphy work from the Oriental Art Association
John O'Lague Galleria, Hayward City Hall

777 B St., Hayward
(510) 538-2787
www.haywardartscouncil.org

Sundays, September 26 – December 5

Reflections of Light

12 Noon – 3 p.m.
Various media to portray reflected and refracted light
Dove Gallery, Park Victoria Church back lot
875 S. Park Victoria Dr., Milpitas
Dove@ParkVictoria.org

Sunday, October 17 – Sunday, December 19

Consumer Couture: Wrapped in Conversation

Enchanting wearable art by South Bay Artist Charlotte Kruk
Virtual Exhibit: 10/17 – 12/19
In-Person Gallery: 10/21 – 12/19
Art Reception: 11/5 @ 7 p.m.
Olive Hyde Art Gallery
123 Washington Blvd., Fremont
www.fremont.gov/olivehyde
(510) 791-4357

UPCOMING Events

Tuesday, November 16

America Recycles Day R

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Be a more mindful consumer and properly recycle
San Leandro residents only
Marina Community Center
15301 Wicks Blvd., San Leandro
<https://tinyurl.com/2021ARD>
www.RecycleSanLeandro.org

Wednesday, November 17

Cops & Rodders

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Free car show with coffee and donuts
San Leandro Marina
North Lot at Monarch Drive
(510) 577-3228

Wednesday, November 17

Music and Movement Time R

3:30 p.m.
Music for Minors - singing, dancing and rhythmic movement, ages 5-11
Via Zoom
<https://tinyurl.com/rvmkcbcf>

Thursday, November 18

How to Manage and Forecast Cash Flow for Small Business

12 noon – 2 p.m.
Strategies to forecast cash flow. Free webinar by the SBDC.
<https://nc.ecenterdirect.com/events/48735>

Thursday, November 18

Age Well Dance \$

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Dance to the music of The Canyon Band
Age Well Center Lake Elizabeth
40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont
<http://bit.ly/AgeWellClasses>

Thursday, November 18

Boldly Me Virtual Gala

6:15 p.m.
Games, giveaways, prizes, auctions, stories, and special performance by Puddles Pity Party
<https://bit.ly/3GO6Cva>
<https://boldlyme.org/9th-annual-promise-event/>
(510) 935-8389

Thursday, November 18

Alameda County Community Workshop

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Presentation, questions, and discussions regarding the Climate Action Plan
Via Zoom
English: <http://tinyurl.com/AC-GOVClimatePlanWorkshop>
Chinese: <http://tinyurl.com/AC-GOVClimatePlanWorkshopChi>
Spanish: <http://tinyurl.com/AC-GOVClimatePlanWorkshopSpa>

Friday, November 19

Latino Business Roundtable

9 a.m.
James Wheeler, General Manager of HARD
Meeting ID: 818 3745 1003
Passcode: lbr2004
<https://bit.ly/3klkuTZ>

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32321 Crest Lane	94587	1,260,000	4	1463	1969	8/16/21
2247 Grouse Way	94587	1,285,000	4	1378	1978	8/19/21
1725 Red Maple Street	94587	1,295,000	3	1623	1993	8/20/21
34508 Torrey Pine Lane	94587	1,462,500	5	2516	2003	8/17/21
33340 Depot Road	94587	1,500,000	-	-		08/19/21
31371 Mackinaw St	94587	1,900,000	5	2797	1995	8/17/21

Saturday, November 20
Maybe This Time \$
7:30 p.m.
Johnny Orenberg sings old and new favorites from the American Song Book
Castro Valley Center for the Arts
19501 Redwood Rd., Castro Valley
www.cvartsfoundation.org

Saturday, November 20
Dave Rocha Jazz Quintet
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Local jazz favorite plays lively tunes.
Bring chairs/blankets
Fremont Main Library (grassy meadow behind building)
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
www.aclibrary.org

Saturday, November 20
United Against Hate Month – Walking Together
12 noon
Labyrinth walk and workshop on communication
St. Anne’s Episcopal Church
2791 Driscoll Rd., Fremont
http://stanneschurch.org/

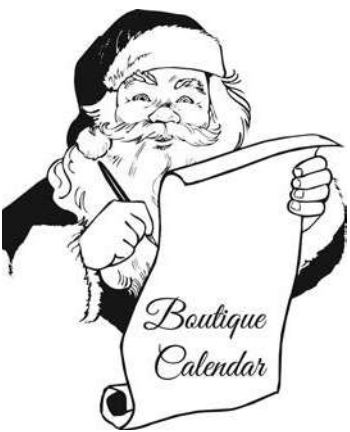
Monday, November 22
Milpitas Rotary
12 noon
Thanksgiving program
Via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/364zWgd>
Meeting ID: 830 1305 6992
Passcode: 113524

Monday, November 22
Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Prayers, readings, recorded music, and zoom
Via Zoom: bit.ly/interfaiththanksgiving2021

Friday, November 26
Niles Festival of Lights Parade
Tree lighting 6 p.m., parade 6:30 p.m.
Downtown Niles Blvd.
www.niles.org

Friday, November 26
Irish Christmas in America \$
8 p.m.
Pensive ballads, lively instrumentals and thrilling Irish dance
Bankhead Theater
2400 First St., Livermore
www.livermorearts.org
(925) 373-6800

Saturday, November 27
The Legacy Tour \$
8 p.m.
Indian music event starring Ustad Rahat Fateh Ali Khan
San Jose Civic Center
135 W. San Carlos St., San Jose
<http://sulekha.com/rahat>
www.mehtaentertainment.com
(408) 647-6135



Beau’s Bridge Club Holiday Boutique
Saturday, Nov 13
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Artisan items, sweets from local baker Ashley Wong
Holy Trinity Lutheran Chyrch
38801 Blacow Rd., Fremont
beausbridgeclub.org

Mission San Jose Dominican Sisters Holiday Boutique
Available online until Sunday, Nov 14
Fruit cake, olive oil, honey, handmade articles
Curbside pickup
Saturday, Nov 20
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Dominican Motherhouse
43326 Mission Circle, Fremont
(510) 933-6330
<https://dsmsj-boutique.myshopify.com/>

Fremont Elks Ladies Club Boutique & Craft Fair
Saturday, Nov 20
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
30+ vendors, bake sale, snack bar
Fremont Elks Lodge
38991 Farwell Dr., Fremont
Contact: Rhonda Mello
(510) 828-9685
<https://www.fremontelks.org/>

Fremont Fire Department recruiting explorers

SUBMITTED BY FREMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Student volunteers between the ages of 14 and 21 who are curious about careers in fire service have an opportunity to get their foot in the door by joining the Fire Explorers program sponsored by the Fremont Fire Department. The department is recruiting student volunteers for its next session and is accepting application letters through Friday, November 26.

The program is operated in partnership with Learning for Life (an affiliate of the Boy Scouts of America), and is open to males and females who live in Alameda County.

After completing an interview and physical agility test, Explorers will be required to complete an academy and participate in weekly evening meetings/trainings held at a Fremont Fire station. In addition to training and leadership development opportunities, Explorers will support various community engagement, fire prevention and operations initiatives.

To apply, participants must send an email stating their interest in becoming a member of Fremont Fire Explorer Post No. 173 to Program Coordinator Preston Mattos at PMattos@fremont.gov. Interviews and a physical agility test will be scheduled after the recruitment period is over.

Saturday, November 27
Holiday Youth Music Festival \$
2 p.m.
The High School Music Collaborative brings holiday cheer
Firehouse Arts Center
4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton
<http://www.firehousearts.org/>

Monday, November 29
Milpitas Rotary
12 noon
Jennifer Hooper and Marc Landgraf on the Open Space Authority
Via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/364zWgd>
Meeting ID: 830 1305 6992
Passcode: 113524

Monday, November 29
Candlelight Vigil
6 p.m.
Outdoor interfaith candlelight vigil memorializing lost members of the homeless community
Donations of canned goods welcomed
St. James Episcopal Church
37051 Cabrillo Ter., Fremont
(510) 797-1492

Tuesday, November 30
Effective Marketing Strategies to Manage Customer Pitfalls and Boost Loyalty
2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Successful techniques of customer loyalty from marketing expert
Via Zoom:
<https://nc.ecenterdirect.com/events/48750>

Tuesday, November 30
Options for Victims of 03 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Free virtual information session by the USCIS
Webex Link: <https://bit.ly/309PfnI>
Meeting number (access code): 2760 844 8368
Meeting password: CIS1234!goCA

Tree Lighting Calendar

Friday, Nov 19
Pacific Commons tree lighting and celebration
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Meet Santa, balloon twisting, music, treat bags
Next to Market Broiler
43440 Boscell Rd., Fremont
(510) 770-9798
www.pacificcommons.com

Friday, Nov 26
Niles Festival of Lights tree lighting
6 p.m.
Tree lighting kicks off Niles’ parade with 60 floats, marching bands, and costumed characters
Niles Town Plaza
Niles Blvd, Fremont
nilesfestivaloflightsparade.org

Friday, Dec 3
Castro Village Shopping Center Tree Lighting
6 p.m.
Live music, photos with Santa
Near Loard’s Ice Cream
3389 Village Dr., Castro Valley
<https://www.castrovalley.news/>

Monday, Dec 6
Holiday Tree Lighting
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Tree lighting at 6:45
Crafts, photo booth, cookies, choir performances. Bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate.
Newark Civic Center
37101 Newark Blvd., Newark
<https://www.newark.org/>



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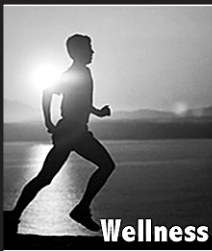
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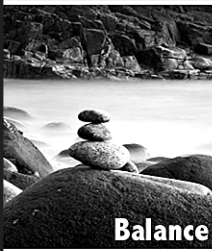
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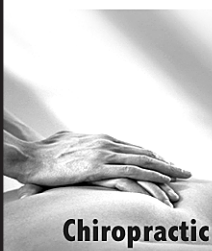




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BART Police Log

SUBMITTED BY LES MENSINGER AND BART PD

Sunday, November 7

- At 6:58 a.m. a man identified by police as Jefferson Broderick, 58, of Berkeley was arrested at San Leandro station on suspicion of attempted murder. He was booked at Santa Rita Jail.

Tuesday, November 9

- At 9:55 a.m. a man identified by police as Ahihd Owens, 40, of Hayward was arrested at Fremont station on an outstanding felony warrant. He was booked at Santa Rita Jail.



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SUBMITTED BY SAN LEANDRO
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Car fans who love hot rods, classics, trucks, motorcycles and imported vehicles will want to mark Wednesday, November 17 on their calendar. That's the day San Leandro Police Department (SLPD) is hosting a "Cops & Rodders" car show at San Leandro Marina.

The two-hour event starts at 8:30 a.m. and is free and open to the public and will take place on the marina's north parking lot near Monarch Bay Drive. Prizes will be given to the owners of the top three vehicles.

In addition to seeing numerous fun and unique vehicles on display, visitors also can meet with SLPD members and ask questions or share neighborhood concerns in a friendly and relaxed environment. Coffee and doughnuts will be available while supplies last.

Cops & Rodders
Wednesday Nov 17
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
San Leandro Marina
North Lot at Monarch Bay Drive
(510) 577-3228
Free

COMPASSION REPORT

SUBMITTED BY MARIE ANNETTE BURKART, SNNDEN

Compassionate Fremont joins other cities in the Bay Area in sponsoring the fourth annual United Against Hate Week: November 14 - 20.

We encourage you to visit, like and share our Compassionate Fremont Facebook page anytime, but especially during United Against Hate Week. Some things you can do:

1. Remember our posters? This year we are encouraging the community to reinvent, deconstruct, rethink, the messaging of the poster. Once done, take a photo and share with us on the Compassionate Fremont Facebook page.
2. We also hope people will share their own or others' poetry on our Compassionate Fremont Facebook page. It can be anything that held you together, inspired you, incited you to action, or gave you hope during these very dark times.
3. The community is encouraged to share music or playlists that have helped during the last year. What did you listen to before or after the elections, or as we watched our cities erupt in protests, or the first time you spent time with friends? Please share how you used music during these challenging times.

A couple of our usual United Against Hate Week events fall outside the week this year, so please mark your calendars.

Tri-City Interfaith Thanksgiving service
Monday, Nov 22
7:30 p.m.
RSVP for Zoom link at <https://bit.ly/interfaiththanksgiving2021>

Candlelight vigil for those affected by homelessness
Monday, Nov 29
6 p.m.
St. James Episcopal Church
37051 Cabrillo Terrace (Thornton Ave. at Cabrillo)
(Outside event – masks required)

Park It

BY NED MACKAY

We are nearing the time of year when our caloric intake can exceed the amount needed for physical activity – specifically, at Thanksgiving. In anticipation, East Bay Regional Park District has thoughtfully scheduled a couple of post-holiday programs to address this situation.

One opportunity is "Feast Your Eyes on Nature," a moderate, two-mile hike from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, November 26 at Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve in Antioch. Naturalist Ashley Adams will lead a walk over sometimes steep and uneven terrain. Meet in the park's upper parking lot at the end of Somersville Road, 3½ miles south of Highway 4.

Black Diamond Mines has a parking fee of \$5 per vehicle when the kiosk is staffed. The hike itself is free of charge, but registration is required. To register, call (888) 327-2757 and select option 2.

Or you can join a naturalist for "Post Thanksgiving: Hike It Off" from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday, November 26 at Reinhardt Redwood Regional Park in Oakland. This one is a hilly five-miler through redwoods and grasslands. Heavy rain/wind cancels.

Hike It Off is free and does not require registration. Just meet at the Trudeau Training Center at 11500 Skyline Boulevard in Oakland. It's near the intersection with Joaquin Miller Road. For information, call Crab Cove at (510) 544-3187.

If you'd rather work off Thanksgiving calories at your own time, place and pace, the regional parks and trails will all be open during Thanksgiving week, though the visitor centers are generally closed on Thanksgiving Day. For maps and other information, visit the district web site, www.ebparks.org.

And by the way, in an effort to encourage the public to spend quality family time in nature rather than "Black Friday" shopping, East Bay Regional Park District is turning Black Friday green. All fees in the regional parks will be waived on Friday, November 26 for parking, dogs, horses,

boat launching and fishing, including entrance to Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont.

The fee waiver doesn't apply to state fees, including fishing licenses and watercraft inspections for invasive mussels, or district concessions such as the Tilden Merry-Go-Round and Steam Train.

Speaking of walking, there's another in the series of naturalist-guided Saturday Strolls from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, November 20 at Leona Canyon Regional Open Space in the Oakland Hills. This walk is about three miles long, through a wooded canyon that is habitat for a variety of plants and animals.

No registration is necessary and the hike is free. Meet at Canyon Oak Staging Area, which is off Campus Drive, a short distance from the intersection with Keller Avenue. Advisory: there are no restrooms available at Leona Canyon. For information on the stroll, call (510) 544-3187.

There's always something interesting going on at Ardenwood Historic Farm.

For example, "Rope Making and Hay Hoisting" is on the agenda from 11 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, November 20. You can make rope with the farm's antique machine, then find out how ropes and a pulley are used to get hay bales high up into the barn loft. And stroll the grounds with naturalist Christina Garcia from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. the same day, see some of the farm's beautiful specimen trees and learn more about them.

You can make some woolly, felted pumpkin decorations for your Thanksgiving table in a craft session from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 21.

All three programs are drop-in; no reservations are required. Parking is free, but Ardenwood's entry fees apply. Ardenwood Historic Farm is located at 34600 Ardenwood Boulevard, just north of Highway 84. For information, call (510) 544-2797.

This is just a sample of programs available in the regional parks. For a full calendar of events, visit the website, www.ebparks.org.

3D printing challenge: Solving US housing shortage

BY TERENCE CHEA
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A new generation of startups wants to disrupt the way houses are built by automating production with industrial 3D printers.

3D printing, also known as additive manufacturing, uses machines to deposit thin layers of plastic, metal, concrete and other materials atop one another, eventually producing three-dimensional objects from the bottom up. In recent years, 3D printers have mostly been used to create small quantities of specialized items such as car parts or prosthetic limbs, allowing consumers or businesses to produce just what they need using the machines at home or work.

Now a small number of startups around the world are applying 3D printing to home construction, arguing that it's faster, cheaper and more sustainable than traditional construction. They say these technologies could help address severe housing shortages that have led to soaring home prices, overcrowding, evictions and homelessness across the U.S.

But 3D home construction is still in the early stage of development. Most startups in this field are developing new technologies and not building homes yet. And two of the highest profile and best-financed companies - Mighty Buildings and ICON - have delivered fewer than 100 houses between them.

To move beyond a niche market, construction firms will need to significantly ramp up production and persuade home buyers, developers and regulators that 3D printed houses are safe, durable and pleasing to the eye. They'll also need to train workers to operate the machines and install the homes.

“To the extent that 3D printing can offer a faster, cheaper way to build even single-family housing units or small units, it can address a portion of the problem,” said Michelle Boyd, who directs the Housing Lab at the University of California, Berkeley's Turner Center for Housing Innovation. But the sheer magnitude of the housing shortage demands many types of solutions, from loosening zoning restrictions to building more high-rise apartment buildings, she said.

Proponents note that printing houses rather than nailing them together could save huge quantities of scrap wood, metal and other discarded construction materials that are dumped into landfills every year.

Backers say 3D printing reduces the need for human labor at a time when home builders are struggling to find enough skilled workers to meeting housing demand. Many construction workers left the trades after the housing-fueled financial crisis more than a decade ago, and fewer young people are entering the field.

Jason Ballard, CEO and co-founder of a 3D printing construction startup called ICON, said its 3D printing system can do the work of 10 to 20 workers in five or six different trades. And unlike humans, the machines can work up to 24 hours a day, saving developers time and money.

“With 3D printing, we're able to print exactly what we need,” said Sam Ruben, the company's co-founder and chief sustainability officer at Mighty Buildings. The process can eliminate nearly all construction waste, he said, which can add up to savings of two to three tons of carbon per housing unit.

In Mighty Buildings' factory warehouse in Oakland, Calif., a 3D printer deposits thin layers of a stone-like material that

quickly hardens under ultraviolet light and resists fire and water. Wall panels are printed one layer at a time and then filled with an insulating foam. Robotic arms finish the surfaces into various designs.

The printer can produce the entire exterior shell of a studio home or individual wall panels that can easily assembled with simple tools, the company said. Mighty Buildings is now producing 350-square-foot backyard studios, known in the industry as “accessory dwelling units,” that can be used as extra bedrooms, playrooms, gyms or home offices.

So far, the company has delivered six units and has another 30 under contract, starting at \$115,000 each, which doesn't include the cost of installation and site work. Two units can be combined to make a 700-square-foot dwelling. The company's home construction costs are about 40 percent lower than that of traditional homes in California, Ruben said.

Most of the modules are assembled in the factory, transported by truck to the owner's property, then put into place using a crane. The unit size is limited by the dimensions of the truck bed and the clearance heights of tunnels and overpasses.

Backed by more than \$70 million in venture capital, Mighty Buildings is planning to build more factories with a goal of producing 1,000 housing units next year. It's also creating software that allows developers to custom design printed buildings. Ultimately, the company plans to produce townhouses and multistory apartment buildings, Ruben said.

Mighty Buildings is teaming up with a Beverly Hills, Calif.-based developer, the Palari Group, to create a planned community of 3D printed homes in the desert resort community of Rancho Mirage in California's Coachella Valley.

The solar-powered development, set for completion next spring, will have 15 lots with a 1,450-square-foot primary home plus a 700-square-foot secondary home and swimming pool in the backyard, costing around \$850,000, said Basel Starr, Palari's CEO and founder. Those lots sold out quickly and there's a waiting list of 500 homebuyers, Starr said. He's planning similar developments in other parts of California.

Austin, Texas-based ICON has used 3D printing technology to produce low-cost housing. It's printed homes for the chronically homeless in Austin as well as poor families in Nacajuca, Mexico. Instead of producing homes in factories, it brings its Vulcan printer to work on-site, squeezing out long tubes of concrete layer by layer that dry quickly to form the walls of a house.

“The factory comes to you, imprints the house right where it intends to be. We chose that method to eliminate a lot of the shipping costs and then also to give ourselves a lot of design freedom,” said Jason Ballard, ICON's CEO and co-founder.

Its current technology can reduce construction costs by up to 30 percent and build a house twice as fast as traditional methods because the 3D printer does nearly all the work, Ballard said.

“The benefits that automation and digitization had brought to so many other industries with regard to speed and affordability were completely missing from the construction industry,” Ballard said. 3D printing, he said, “was like the most powerful automation of all the automations we could discover.”

East Bay closes the season with a win

SUBMITTED BY ERIC HARDING; CAL STATE EAST BAY ATHLETICS

Cal State East Bay (CSUEB) men's soccer team finished its season on a high note Thursday afternoon. The team earned a home victory over Stanislaus State, 2-1, on Senior Day at Pioneer Stadium.

The win for CSUEB (3-13-1, 2-9 CCAA) sent seniors, Mateo Didomenico and Tommy Flora, out on top to conclude the 2021 season.

Sophomore, Alfonso Sandoval, had a big day as he assisted on Aaron Farnan's goal in the 24th minute and followed it up with a goal of his own moments later off a pass from junior, Josh Gaeckle, in the 27th minute.

A Newark native, Sandoval had a team-high two shots on target. Freshman, Aidan Raftery, and sophomores, John Kuwano, and Peter Hawken, also recorded one shot apiece, while freshman goalkeeper, Jack Landreth, finished with six saves.

Ohlone qualifies for NorCal Regionals

SUBMITTED BY OHLONE COLLEGE

2021 Men's Water Polo regular season concluded Saturday, November 6 at West Valley College. Ohlone Renegades finished 3rd in the Coast Conference, defeating Las Positas 10-8, propelling the Renegades to their third straight CCCAA NorCal Regional Playoff appearance. The Renegades win, along with a San Joaquin Delta loss to American River, helped the Renegades sneak into the post-season this year.

Top seeded West Valley and Diablo Valley will enjoy bye weeks at NorCal Regionals, while Ohlone will play Sierra College in the 3rd v 6th place game. Ohlone will lean on Captains Bryce Harrison and Tommy Ryken Friday, November 12 against Sierra College, while sophomore Gavin Moran and freshman Alek Berzanksy look to continue their hot streak, leading the team in goals.



East Bay advances to semifinals



SUBMITTED BY ERIC HARDING; CAL STATE EAST BAY ATHLETICS
PHOTO BY MARK STENHOLM

Cal State East Bay Pioneers women's soccer team found a way to win a defensive battle in a California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) Tournament. In a first round match against Stanislaus State Warriors, the Pioneers won with a 5-4 edge in penalty kicks, Sunday afternoon at Pioneer Stadium.

The Pioneers (10-5-3) advances to its first-ever CCAA semifinal, where it will take on Chico State Friday, November 12, at Kellogg Stadium on the Cal Poly Pomona campus.

In addition, it was the Pioneers' first victory over the Warriors since 2011.

Junior goalkeeper, Jordan Smith, turned away three Stanislaus State penalty kicks, including two during the penalty shootout, and finished with four saves overall. Sophomore, Payton Heaney, recorded a team-best three shots on target, while junior forward, Kelsey Pena, had two shots on goal.

OPINION



WILLIAM MARSHAK

Content, context and conclusion

content will be positioned in a context that will support it. In such a case, the proverbial tail wags the dog.

There are many complex issues currently facing our communities and more to come in the near future. With community input, responses can be based on a variety of opinions and perspectives. If a limited number participate, prevailing opinions may not represent a full spectrum of thought. At this time, political boundaries of public institutions are under review and will be recalculated. Called "redistricting," these decisions will determine who represents the public within those boundaries.

Although there are rules that should be followed to balance and fairly divide community participation, choices are often open to interpretation and discussion. The public is invited to participate in this decennial (every 10 years) slicing the political pie that will determine political leverage. However, in the absence of active observation and input, Schrodinger's dilemma will prevail with no known outcome until the box of subsequent elections containing the cat is opened. Barring drastic action by the electorate through recalls, the die is cast. Poor decisions can be the result and, although regretful of prior inaction, it may be too late to influence the consequences.

Now is the time to consider: Who is representing your interests? What relationship do these people have with others in the political spectrum? Do you know how your representative voted when evaluating important issues that affect you and your immediate

environment? What decisions have been made about vital infrastructure concerns (housing, streets, water, sewer, parks and open space, etc.)? Where do these people live and how visible are they in your community? Is your representative conversant with local issues or simply warming a seat, waiting for a chance to advance up a political ladder?

Very soon, an extremely active election year will begin; music for the game of political musical chairs will be heard. Already, some local politicians have announced candidacy for state office, but this cannot be a substitute for focus on local issues. Concerns about access to open spaces (e.g., Mission Peak), homeless encampments, vital resources such as water supply and recovery from the economic and personal effects of COVID restrictions need immediate attention. We all need to keep in mind that with participation, comes understanding and tolerance for disagreements. The best protection of our democratic system is through active participation, passionate discourse, recognition of the complexity of systems and the use of content and context to reach beneficial conclusions.

William Marshak
PUBLISHER

News and Notes FROM AROUND THE WORLD

SUBMITTED BY THE ASSOCIATION
OF MATURE AMERICAN CITIZENS

Super spud

How many potatoes would you need to make 17 pounds of French fries? One would imagine that it would take a basketful. But The Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC] reports that New Zealanders Colin and Donna Craig-Brown can do it with just a single spud -- the 17.4-pound potato they found growing in their garden in Waikato, New Zealand.

The tater is arguably the biggest of its kind. But that's up to the experts at Guinness to determine, though it is likely that they will since the last time the issue was raised was in 2011 when they gave the title to a lightweight 11-pound British potato.

A blooming aroma

The San Diego Botanic Garden created quite a stink just in time for Halloween when its amorphophallus titanum blossomed, reports AMAC. The amorphophallus titanum is better known as the "corpse flower" due to the way its blossom smells

and it's been three years since it last bloomed. The San Diego Union-Tribune, which likened the plant's scent to "stinky feet," reported that the event attracted thousands of visitors, including one who drove overnight from Texas to get a whiff of the plant's malodorous flower. For those who decided the stench might be too much for them, the paper described it for them as the "putrid and pulsing odor of rotting flesh."

A gliding flight

After all, we have electric cars, electric motorcycles, we even have electric scooters, so why not an electric airplane like the one that recently broke the record with a 48-mile flight in New Zealand across the strait that separates the country's North and South islands. Gary Freedman, founder of ElectricAir, a company that is pioneering the

use of all-electric aircraft, piloted the 40-minute flight recently to demonstrate that electric powered planes are no longer a thing of the future. Upon landing, Freedman told reporters, "This is the start of a radical change in the way we fly. Bigger, longer-range electric aircraft are on the way and are ideal for short haul routes."

-- *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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San Leandro City Council

November 1, 2021

Recognitions:

- Mayor’s Award for Kindness to Claudia McEnery for assisting residents without computer access in making COVID-19 vaccination appointments at Davis Street Community Center.
- Proclamation recognizing November 13-19 as Transgender Awareness Week and November 20 as Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Public Comments:

- Landlords need to be reminded to tell tenants to use green waste recycling services.
- Opposition to a proposed ordinance mandating proof of vaccination or a proof of a negative COVID-19 test to access public accommodations because it may be unlawful, discriminatory, and may hurt businesses that would need to enforce it.

Councilmember Announcements:

- Councilmember Azevedo said a community cleanup is planned for Bancroft Avenue on November 20.
- Councilmember Lopez announced a District 5 town hall meeting set for Saturday, November 6.
- Councilmember Simon recognized the good work being done by members of Social Justice Academy.

Consent Calendar:

- Approve minutes from the October 4 and October 18 City Council meetings.
- Approve minutes from the May 5 Facilities and Transportation Committee meeting.
- Approve a motion canceling the November 8 City Council Work Session meeting.
- Authorize construction changer orders with DeSilva Gates City of San Leandro to add work to the annual street overlay/rehabilitation 2018-20 project increasing the maximum value of change orders that may be executed on the contract for construction.
- Accept the annual report for the West San Leandro Shuttle Business Improvement District (BID) Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and imposing the 2022 BID assessment rates Increased by the June 2020 -- June 2021 Consumer Price Index for the LINKS Shuttle Program.
- Approve annual renewals for Fiscal Years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 with SoftChoice Corporation for the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement for the combined amount of \$410,559.51, plus up to a 10% increase in Fiscal Year 2022-2023.
- Adopt the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) budget for Fiscal Years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 and authorize approving carryovers/unspent ARPA funds to future fiscal years’ budgets.
- Resolution to continue conducting the San Leandro City Council and all appointed board and commission meetings remotely via teleconference due to COVID-19 pandemic health and safety concerns for the public for the 30-day period starting November 1, 2021.

Action Items:

- Ordinance adding chapter 3-24, Organics Reductions and Recycling, to the San Leandro Municipal Code to incorporate an ordinance of the Alameda County Waste Management Authority to reduce the amount of organic and recyclable materials deposited into landfills. Motion adopted 7-0.
- Urgency ordinance to mandate proof of vaccinations or proof of negative COVID-19 test to access public accommodations. Motion lost, 3-3-1. (Aye: Aguilar, Lopez, Simon; Nay: Ballew, Cox, Cutter; Abstain: Azevedo).

Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter	Aye; 1 Nay
Pete Ballew	Aye; 1 Nay
Vice Mayor Victor Aguilar	Aye
Bryan Azevedo	Aye; 1 Abstain
Fred Simon	Aye
Deborah Cox	Aye; 1 Nay
Corina Lopez	Aye

Alameda County Water District Board Special Meeting

November 1, 2021

Presentation:

- “Drought Update: Local Dry Year Impacts in 2021 and 2022,” presented by Megan Maurino and Gisselle Delgadillo. Focus on drought conditions and Alameda County Water District’s current and planned response.

Board Comment:

- Director Sethy expressed concern that water district customers who receive a rebate from the district must file a W9 form with the IRS because the rebates are taxable.
- Director Huang inquired if a list of contractors who can install customer rain barrels is available.

Public Comment:

- A fee reduction structure may be one way to avoid the rebate taxability issue or work with the state legislature to structure the rebate as a state tax credit.
- Question about how the water district is working with the City of Fremont and East Bay Regional Park District to meet the district’s 15% water reduction goal.

Aziz Akbari	Absent
James Gunther	Aye
Judy Huang	Aye
Paul Sethy	Aye
John Weed	Absent

Facebook to close face-recognition system, delete data

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Facebook said it will shut down its face-recognition system and delete the faceprints of more than 1 billion people. “This change will represent one of the largest shifts in facial recognition usage in the technology's history,” said a blog post on Nov. 2 from Jerome

Union City City Council

October 26, 2021

Proclamations and Presentations:

- Proclamation recognizing October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Consent Calendar:

- Approve minutes of regular City Council meeting held on Oct. 12, 2021.
- Second reading and adopting chapter 7.24, “Organics Reduction and Recycling” to the Union City Municipal Code and including an ordinance by the Alameda County Waste Management Authority to reduce the amount of organic and recyclable materials deposited in landfills.
- Adopt a resolution awarding a contract to National Auto Fleet Group (Watsonville), to purchase three vehicles in the amount of \$125,036.50, and declaring certain vehicles as surplus to be sold in an auction.
- Adopt a resolution extending the proclamation of State of Emergency authorizing remote teleconferenced legislative body meetings in Union City for another 30 days because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

City Manager Reports:

- Introduce an ordinance adding Chapter 7.26, Fireworks, to the Union City Municipal Code and deleting Union City Municipal Code Section 15.20.140 to increase penalties related to illegal fireworks. Also, amend previous resolutions regulating the use of state-approved fireworks, and consider a report from Godbe Research regarding the Fireworks Community Survey.
- Economic Development Advisory Team recommendations regarding warehouse transformation strategy implementation.
- Introduce an ordinance amending Title 16, Mobile Home Parks, of the Union City Municipal Code to terminate the city's authority to enforce state regulations regarding mobile homes and mobile home parks

Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci	Aye
Vice Mayor Pat Gacoscos	Aye
Emily Duncan	Aye
Jaime Patiño	Aye
Gary Singh	Aye

Fremont City Council

November 9, 2021

Consent Calendar:

- Approve agreement for landscape services at fire stations and training facilities with Brightview Landscape Services, Inc.in a total amount not-to-exceed \$305,852.
- Authorize an amendment to Centerville Presbyterian Church freezer/refrigerator replacement agreement for a total not-to-exceed \$215,000.
- Public Hearing: Adopt a resolution to amend Master Fee Schedule.

Ceremonial Items:

- Recognize Veterans Day and Veteran Rafael Garcia. Recognize Mickey Ganitch who will be celebrating his 102nd birthday next week.

Public Communications:

- Redistricting of Alameda County. Next meeting is November 16 at 6 p.m. Website to participate: www.redistricting2021.acgov.org
- Remembering former Supervisor Wilma Chan.

Other Business:

- Authorize a lease agreement with East Bay Regional Park District for 900 acres at Mission Peak including Stanford Staging Area. Motion to continue month-to-month agreement until lease renegotiated.
- Meeting adjourned with a moment of silence for former Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan, struck and killed while walking her dog.and Jasper Wu, victim of a freeway shooting.

Mayor Lily Mei	Aye
Vice Mayor Yang Shao, District 4	Aye
Teresa Keng, District 1	Aye
Rick Jones, District 2	Aye
Jenny Kassan, District 3	Aye
Raj Salwan, District 5	Aye
Teresa Cox, District 6	Aye

Pesenti, vice president of artificial intelligence for Facebook's new parent company, Meta. “More than a third of Facebook's daily active users have opted in to our Face Recognition setting and are able to be recognized, and its removal will result in the deletion of more than a billion people's individual facial recognition templates.” He said the company was trying to weigh the positive use cases for the technology “against growing societal concerns, especially as regulators have yet to provide clear rules.” Facebook's about-face follows its Oct. 28 announcement that it was renaming itself Meta in order to focus on building technology for what it envisions as the next iteration of the internet -- the “metaverse.” The company is also facing perhaps its biggest public relation crisis to date after leaked documents from whistleblower Frances Haugen showed that it has known about the harms its products cause and often did little or nothing to mitigate them. More than a third of Facebook's daily active users have opted in to have their faces recognized by the social network's system. That's about 640 million people. But Facebook has recently begun scaling back its use of facial recognition after introducing it more than a decade ago. In 2019 the company ended its practice of using face recognition software to identify users' friends in uploaded photos and automatically suggesting they “tag” them. Facebook was sued in Illinois over the tag suggestion feature. Some U.S. cities have moved to ban the use of facial recognition software by police and other municipal departments. In 2019, San Francisco became the first U.S. city to outlaw the technology, which has long alarmed privacy and civil liberties advocates.

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Joseph Carter

Joseph Carter, of Newark, California passed away Oct. 20, 2021. He was born on Dec. 7, 1951 in O’Conner Hospital in San Jose, California. His parents, Wilodean and Gene Carter brought him home to live in Newark for his entire life. He graduated from Newark High in 1974, and then began a successful career as a residential and commercial painter. After retiring from painting. He worked as a courtesy clerk at the Washington Blvd Safeway Store in the Irvington district.

He was predeceased by his parents, and his brothers: Larry and Steve.

Joe is survived by his sister, Judy Stuart (Stan) of Oklahoma, and his nieces and nephews.

Joe had many friends in Newark area, and became known lovingly as “Uncle Joe”.

A Celebration of life will be held on Friday, Dec. 3 at Swiss Park, 5911 Mowry Avenue, Newark, CA 94560 from 1 pm to 5 pm.

Daniel J. Nieto

November 26, 1931 – November 13, 2021
Resident of Fremont

Daniel Joseph Nieto of Fremont, entered into rest on November 13, 2021, at the age of 89. He is survived by his loving wife of 26 years, Rosemary Nieto. Beloved children; Esther Clay, Richard Nieto (Marilyn), Daniel Nieto, Jr. (Christine), and Donald Nieto (Jeanette). His 7 precious grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandson. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Daniel was preceded in death by his first wife, Lorraine Nieto in 1976 and by his siblings; Rosemary Brooks, Dolores Hart, Robert Nieto, Concha Bondoc, Stanley Bondoc, and Georgie Rodriguez.

Daniel was born on November 26, 1931 in Newark, CA to Ralph and Mary Nieto. He was a member of the Fremont Snails Club, a faithful 49er fan, an Air Force Veteran and loved fishing at Quarry Lakes. Daniel worked for General Motors for 31 years.

Visitation will be held on Monday, November 22, from



5pm-8pm with a Vigil Service starting at 6:30pm at Fremont Chapel of the Roses, 1940 Peralta Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536. A Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday, November 23, 1pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 37588 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536.

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Marilyn L. Billings

June 24, 1939 – November 6, 2021
Resident of Union City



Marilyn Louise Billings of Union City, entered into rest on

November 6, 2021, at the age of 82. She is survived by her loving daughters; Pam Germanson, Christine Murphy, Cynthia Billings and Barbara Billings, 10 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother Ronald Wade.

Marilyn was born on June 24, 1939 in Orange, CA. She was a PBX operator with Washington Hospital for 26 years.

A Memorial Service will be held for her on Friday, November 19, 1pm at Fremont Memorial Chapel, 3723 Peralta Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536.

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Michelle Rae Lokuta

April 6, 1956 – November 8, 2021
Resident of Modesto



Michelle Rae Lokuta of Modesto, entered into rest on November 8, 2021, at the age of 65. Survived by her only daughter Stacy Valdez, three grandchildren; Leticia Valdez of Newark, Michael Junior Valdez of Newark, and Adrian Valdez of Newark, two great grandchildren James and Osias.

Michelle was born on April 6, 1956 in Monterey, California to Laura Beneke and Raymond Lokuta. She is a retired health care worker.

Visitation will be held Saturday, November 20, 2021 at 10:00 AM with a

Chapel Service to be begin at 11:30 AM, at Fremont Chapel of the Roses, 1940 Peralta Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536.

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California attorney general puts focus on affordable housing

By DON THOMPSON ASSOCIATED PRESS

California's attorney general said he is putting a new emphasis on trying to alleviate the state's seemingly intractable affordable housing problem, including by creating a “strike force” to focus on tenant protections, on local governments that don't comply with state housing laws, and related issues.

The 12-member strike force will draw on attorneys from four existing sections within the state Department of Justice, said Attorney General Rob Bonta, a Democrat who took office in April and must run for reelection next year.

“This is, I believe, something unique in the history of the California Department of Justice to have the priority and emphasis and focus on housing, law enforcement, that we have” with the new approach, Bonta said.

He noted that a new law clarifies and increases his authority to enforce state housing and zoning laws alongside the state Department of Housing and Community Development. That includes added authority to file lawsuits if local governments don't boost their housing supply, including fair and affordable housing and rental properties, or meet other requirements.

“We are certainly looking at local jurisdictions' responsibilities to build more housing,” Bonta said, adding later that “there will be consequences, there will be accountability” if communities willingly refuse to comply.

The department sets the number of new housing units that a region is projected to need to provide homes for all income levels, and also recently created a new Housing Accountability Unit to compel compliance. “What we've tried to do is put more teeth into these important laws that have been around sometimes for as long as 40 years, and now empowering the attorney general to take action to enforce them,” said Sen. Scott Wiener, a Democrat from San Francisco and a proponent of expanded housing.

The League of California Cities, which defends local control, did not immediately comment.

In one example, the department earlier said it is investigating the San Francisco Board of Supervisors' recent rejection of a proposed 495-unit apartment building, though director Gustavo Velasquez said Nov. 3 that so far, his department is just gathering facts and seeing if the city violated state law. Bonta said his office is acting as the department's legal counsel in that inquiry.

California also just enacted two high-profile housing laws, including one requiring cities to approve up to four housing units on what was a single-family lot.

The attorney general's lawyers will also focus on tenant rights, mortgage and other consumer protection laws, Bonta said. He announced a new “housing portal” on the department's website with resources and information for homeowners and renters. Those with housing complaints or tips can send them to housing@doj.ca.gov.

Bonta said it's part of his effort to “advance Californians' fundamental right to housing,” something he has long held should be a legally enforceable right. His move is the latest step in state officials' efforts to address housing affordability and the most populous state's massive homeless population.

An estimated 150,000 of the state's residents are sleeping in shelters, in their cars, or on the street, he said, while another 700,000 Californians are at risk of eviction. The median price of a single-family home now tops \$800,000, which he said has led to the lowest homeownership rates since the 1940s.

Bonta said one major emphasis will be on housing equity, noting that nearly half of the state's Black households spend more than 30% of their income on housing, in contrast to about a third of white households.

What’s new in Advent calendars

By KATE WORKMAN ASSOCIATED PRESS

For lovers of Advent calendars, there are lots of new, fun and unusual ways to count down to Christmas. Show up for Thanksgiving dinner with one of these -- ranging from the inexpensive impulse buy to the splurge -- and know that the recipient will be getting daily treats all month long.

Sweets and Treats

Maison Du Chocolat makes a Holiday Ornament Advent Calendar designed to hang on the tree. This stuffed ornament, made in France, is filled with 24 handmade mini-bars, fruity confections, dark chocolate pralines and other chocolate treats. It's also eco-friendly (100% cardboard, 100% recyclable; \$75).

Bonne Maman, the French company that's been making famous jams for 50 years, has a new edition of their Advent calendar. The box opens to a pretty winter village scene and

features 24 miniature jars of fruit spreads and honey. Flavors include Plum and Pear with Star Anise, Wild Blueberry with Lemon Balm, and Cherry with Hibiscus Flower, (\$34.99).

For the Star Wars fan in your life, think about the exclusive Williams-Sonoma Mandalorian candy Advent calendar with classic sweets like chocolate balls and gummy frogs, (\$39.95).

This holiday season, Paris-based Laduree's Advent calendar echoes the look of a lunchbox. Each of the 24 windows is filled with a French candy surprise like nougat, chocolates and jelly fruits. Perfect for the Francophile or sophisticated sweet lover in your life, (\$65).

Sugarfina's 2021 calendar is in the guise of Santa's workshop. It's a candy lover's dream, with Parisian pineapples, peach Bellini, birthday cake caramels and matcha bears, (\$55).

Sugarfina also offers a Hanukkah twist on the idea of calendars that open each day to a

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Feds block billions of public transit money for California

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The federal government says California is ineligible for about \$12 billion in public transit funding because of a long-running dispute over changes to the state's public pension law that the Biden administration recently determined are Federal law says state and local agencies must protect the interests of their employees to be eligible for federal public transit grants. A state law that took effect in 2013 made changes to California's public pension system, including making pensions less generous for new employees.

The Sacramento Bee reports the U.S. Department of Labor recently determined those changes were improper because they were imposed by law instead of collectively bargained with public employee unions.

The federal government's latest decision means the state would be ineligible for about \$9.5 billion in money set aside for California public transit agencies in the infrastructure bill Congress approved last week. California would also forfeit about \$2.5 billion in grants for public transit that were part of the most recent federal coronavirus relief legislation.

“This relief funding has served as a lifeline for them, and in the absence of these federal dollars flowing to California transit agencies, we will absolutely see a reduction in service and losses in our workforce, making it more difficult for agencies to rebound,” said Michael Pimentel, executive director of the California Transit Association, a non-

profit representing public transit agencies in the state.

State and federal officials have been arguing over this funding since the pension law was passed nearly a decade ago. After former President Barack Obama's administration blocked grant funding for two California transit agencies, the state sued and won. But that decision only applied to the Sacramento Regional Transit District and Monterey-Salinas Transit.

In 2019, former Republican President Donald Trump's administration ruled the state's pension law did not make it ineligible for public transit grants. But Democratic President Joe Biden's administration reversed that decision on Oct. 28.

California U.S. Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla, both Democrats, have urged the Biden administration to overturn the decision, saying it was “at odds with multiple state and federal court decisions and past Labor Department precedent.”

California Gov. Gavin Newsom, a Democrat, called the Labor Department's decision “extremely concerning.” In a letter to U.S. Labor Secretary Marty Walsh on Nov. 10, Newsom argued the pension changes did not impede labor unions' collective bargaining rights, noting unions have negotiated new contracts since the 2013 state law took effect.

A letter from the U.S. Department of labor says the state pension law “continues to interfere with the collective bargaining process regardless of the specific terms of workers' collective bargaining agreements now in existence.”

new treat. Each drawer in their 8 Nights of Delight- Hanukkah Candy Tasting Collection reveals a new kosher-certified candy, and a candle gets its light. Candies include Cold Brew Cordials, Champagne Bubbles and Dark Chocolate Sea Salt Caramels, among others, (\$24).

Booze

Vinebox has created 12 Nights of Wine: Women Winemakers Holiday Edition Boxes. The brand chose European wines made by women, and commissioned two artists to design the 2021 boxes. The limited-edition boxes include four whites, two roses and six reds, all handpicked by certified sommeliers, (\$129).

The Spirit Company has a wide selection of boozy offerings, such as the Bourbon and American Whiskey calendar, the Premium Gin calendar and the Japanese Whiskey calendar. The tastings are bottled in adorable 30-milliliter (about 1-ounce) wax-sealed drams, and the selections range from boutique producers to world-famous brands, (Prices range from \$40 to \$300).

Flavivar's Whiskies of the Galaxy Advent calendar has a dramatic, cool space theme. The calendar contains a selection of 24 premium whiskies which includes an array of small-batch bourbon, rye, American single malt, as well as whiskies from Japan and Israel, plus some real

stars from Scotland and Ireland. It comes with a tasting glass and a booklet with insights about each of the whiskies included, (\$250).

Coffee and tea

For the coffee lover, check out the new Bean Box Twelve Mornings of Coffee calendar. Bean Box selected top independent coffee roasters across the country to offer 12 limited-edition holiday blends, and you can choose between whole bean and ground coffee, (\$68).

Williams-Sonoma offers 24 Days of Coffee, a collection of their signature fair trade compostable coffee capsules so that each day offers the possibility for a holiday espresso, (\$39.95).

Open up a new pour-over coffee and creamer every day with Copper Cow's 12 Days of Pour Over Advent Calendar. The sleek drawers feature seasonal coffee flavors and flavored creamers (including a new mocha one). Salted Caramel, Pumpkin Spice and Cardamom are just a few of the coffee flavors found in the reusable gift box, (\$69).

Tea Forte has launched a limited-edition Warming Joy Advent Calendar with 24 pyramid tea infusers, such as Spiced Ginger Plum, Sweet Orange Spiced Tea and African Solstice. A fun way for the tea drinker in your life to

play around with some new blends, (\$59).

Pets

The puppies and kittens can have their own little holiday countdown! There are many products out there, including Purina's two versions for dogs: 12 or 24 days of treats that include chew bones and snacks, (\$24.99). For cats, they have the Feastivities Advent Calendar, which houses 24 tins in different flavors so your cat can sample her way through the month, (\$24.99).

Sugarwish allows the gift recipient to choose up to 12 just-right treats for their lucky dog. The company also has versions with treats for humans, but the choice of snacks here, from cheesy goldfish to liver lover hearts is tailored for the furry crowd, (\$77).

A little of everything

Finally, supermarket chain Aldi's deserves a spotlight on its enormous selection of Advent calendars. Favorites from this year include the Barissimo Coffee Advent Calendar, the Beer Advent Calendar, (\$49.99); the Wine Advent Calendar, (\$59.99); the Lego Marvel Avengers Advent Calendar, (\$39.99) and the Warner Brothers Elf Advent Calendar, (\$29.99).

Police bust catalytic converter thieves

SUBMITTED BY SAN LEANDRO POLICE DEPARTMENT

In the early morning hours of November 7, two men were arrested after being caught by police removing catalytic converters from vehicles on the 600 block of McCormick St. in San Leandro.

Officers responded to the scene about 4:40 a.m. to investigate a report of a catalytic converter theft. When

they arrived, they heard the sound of metal being cut by a tool, indicating the crime was still occurring.

Officers established a perimeter around the parking lot, which housed several utility trucks and spotted two suspects. Seconds later, both suspects fled on foot in different directions, but still inside the police perimeter. Police identified the suspects as two Oakland men, ages 31 and 39. Investigators found 18 catalytic convertors cut

from the utility trucks along with burglary tools used to commit the thefts.

“The SLPD Patrol Division spent several hours piecing this investigation together. We are proud and thankful for their dedication to the City of San Leandro,” said Lieutenant Matthew Barajas.

Union City Police Log

SUBMITTED BY UNION CITY PD

Tuesday, September 28

- At about 1:44 p.m. officers responded to a weapon brandishing in the 2500 block of Medallion Dr. The victim told officers that a male pulled out a black revolver-style firearm and pointed it at him from inside his vehicle. Officers tried contacting the suspect at his residence, but he did not come out. After about an hour of announcements, the suspect exited and was arrested on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon.

Saturday, October 9

- At about 11:47 a.m. officers responded to gunshots reported in the 33500 block of Railroad Ave. The callers reported hearing tires screeching, a collision, then around 10 gunshots. Officers initially did not locate any evidence of a crime or any victims. The next morning, a victim reported to police that a stray bullet from the night before had struck the rear window of his car.

Sunday, October 10

- At about 12:10 a.m. an officer was patrolling the area of H and Sixth streets and saw a suspicious vehicle. He made a traffic enforcement stop and spoke with two males inside the vehicle. A search showed one of them had a loaded firearm in his waistband. He was arrested and faces various firearm charges; the other male was cited for a traffic violation.

Thursday, November 4

- Following a weekslong investigation, members of the Investigations Unit and UCPD SWAT team arrested a suspect connected to a September 25 incident where two houses and a vehicle were struck by gunfire in a residential neighborhood. The weapon was believed to be an AR-15 style firearm. Although the houses were occupied when the shooting occurred, no one was injured. The suspect, identified by police as Andres Ramirez, was taken into custody at his home. He faces various firearm charges and a hit and run charge. A police investigation into the incident is continuing. Anyone with information can leave an anonymous tip at (510) 675-5207 or send a text to Tips@unioncity.org.

Violence threats prompt Great Mall evacuation

SUBMITTED BY LIEUTENANT TYLER JAMISON, MILPITAS PD

A report about a fight involving a knife near a restaurant at the Great Mall in Milpitas sent police scrambling to the scene, where later shots were reported nearby prompted a temporary evacuation from the mall.

The incidents started at 5:22 p.m. Friday, November 5 when officers responded to the call about the fight. Upon arrival they detained three suspects, including a 15-year-old male who had a large concealed knife.

A short time later, at 5:34 p.m., police received a 911 call about shots fired inside the Burlington Coat Factory store inside the mall. It was unclear if that was connected to the initial call about the fight. As a precaution, law enforcement personnel from nearby agencies arrived to assist in the search and evacuation of the Great Mall. Additionally, fire department and paramedic personnel responded and were waiting nearby in case they were needed. Stores inside the mall sheltered in place while the interior of the mall was evacuated and searched. Customers and employees were escorted out by officers, who completed their search at 7:39 p.m.

No evidence of shots being fired inside Burlington Coat Factory or the Great Mall was found and there were no injuries reported.

A record check on the 15-year-old juvenile showed he was on Santa Clara County probation for auto theft, evading a peace officer, resisting arrest, possession of an illegal weapon, and robbery. He was booked into juvenile hall for a violation of probation warrant, possession of a controlled substance and possession of concealed dagger. The other two people detained were released after further investigation.

Meanwhile, a 41-year-old man was detained based on witnesses reporting he was possibly involved in the shots fired call, but investigators determined he was not involved. However, a record check showed he was on California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation parole for burglary. He also was in possession of a controlled substance and narcotic paraphernalia. He was arrested and booked into jail for a parole violation and narcotic related offenses.

An investigation is continuing. Anyone with information is asked to call Milpitas Police Department at (408) 586-2400. Information can be given anonymously by calling the Crime Tip Hotline at (408) 586-2500 or via the Milpitas Police Department website at: <http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/crimetip>.

White House eyes new climate change strategies

BY LISA MASCARO AND
MATTHEW DALY ASSOCIATED PRESS

The White House is zeroing in on a package of clean energy strategies for President Joe Biden's big domestic policy bill that officials believe could reach similar greenhouse gas emission reduction goals as an initial proposal that was quashed by opposition from a centrist Democrat.

The Biden administration discussed the proposals Oct. 25 at the White House with the leaders of about a dozen environmental and justice groups, according to a senior administration official who requested anonymity to share the plans. A new approach was needed after coal-state Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., rejected the White House's earlier clean energy plan.

The emerging proposals would expand grants and loans in the agriculture and industrial sectors to help them shift to clean energy providers with fewer greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global warming, the official said. There would also be new, refundable home improvement tax credits for tapping solar and other renewable energy sources. The official said momentum was building as the group coalesced around the new ideas.

The new strategies come as the president and Democrats in Congress are struggling to wrap up talks on Biden's now-scaled-back package of at least \$1.75 trillion in social services and climate change investments before he departs later this week for two global summits overseas.

Vice President Kamala Harris visited the afternoon meeting with the leaders of some of the nation's leading environmental and justice organizations and reiterated the president's commitment to the goals of the package -- even as she acknowledged the sometimes grueling process to achieve consensus in the party.

“The president and I and our administration are unwavering in our commitment to these issues. Absolutely unwavering,” Harris said. “But you know, there's an old saying, you don't want to watch sausage be made and you don't want to watch a bill being made.”

A cornerstone of Biden's climate change strategy had been a clean energy plan that would have rewarded power providers that use clean sources and penalized those that don't. But that approach had to be scrapped when Manchin objected. With Republicans fully opposed to Biden's big package, the president needs the support of all Democrats in the 50-50 split Senate, with no votes to spare.

The senior administration official said the administration was not wedded to one clean-energy strategy as a “silver bullet.” Instead, officials are coalescing around a new package of strategies that could potentially achieve similar emission reduction goals without adding new costs to the overall package.

A plan backed by Democrats offers tax credits and spending to boost renewable power such as wind and solar and sharply increase the number of electric

vehicles. Advocates think the plan, plus executive branch action such as a pending Environmental Protection Agency rule to curb methane emissions, and action by states, should be enough to meet or nearly meet Biden's goal to cut greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030, compared with 2005 levels.

Biden said at a recent town hall that he expects to spend the \$150 billion that had been targeted for the clean-energy program on climate programs. Advocates say the money would most likely be used as block grants to states to pursue their own emissions cuts.

It's unclear if the new proposals would be acceptable to Manchin, whose home state is a leading producer of coal and natural gas. He has preferred an approach that does not favor one industry over the other as coal begins to be phased out for cleaner energy sources.

The new strategies appear to use more incentives to encourage clean energy use rather than penalties for failing to make the transition, which could help win over Manchin. But climate change advocates have argued that penalties are needed to get industries to more quickly turn to cleaner sources as the world races to confront the dire threats of climate change.

A major fight emerged in recent days over a proposal to include a so-called “methane fee” in the budget package. The fee would be imposed on energy companies that leak methane pollution during oil and gas

production. Methane, the main component of natural gas, is a leading cause of global warming, especially in the short term.

“My hope is, it's going to be in,” Sen. Tom Carper, D-Del., chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, said of the methane fee. “We negotiated a methane fee, we tried to do it in a way that Sen. Manchin and his folks would be more receptive of, and we're still talking about it and continuing to work through it,” Carper told reporters Oct. 25.

Manchin said on Oct. 26 he is talking to Carper and others about the methane fee, but does not want to “punish” energy companies “just for the sake of punishing” them. Some House Democrats from Texas also oppose the methane fee, saying it could cost thousands of jobs in the energy industry and increase energy costs for Americans.

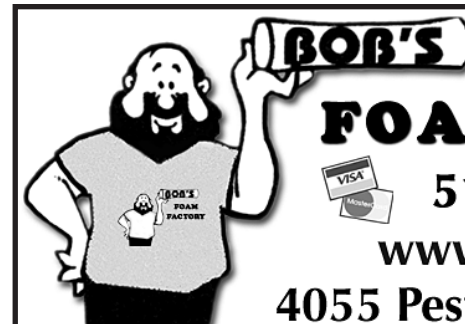
Supporters called the fee a common-sense provision that only kicks in when methane pollution exceeds agreed-upon targets. The fee would give the oil and gas industry a financial incentive to

capture methane rather than burn or “flare” excess gas produced at well sites, supporters say.

Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., said a methane fee is crucial to meeting Biden's climate goals as he heads to a climate summit in Glasgow, Scotland next week. “Letting corporations pollute for free is not a climate solution,” Whitehouse said.

The grants and loans for the agricultural sector would help rural electric cooperatives transition to cleaner energy sources, which could be of interest to Manchin in his rural state. Similarly, industrial steel, cement and aluminum plants could tap funds to beef up their use of greener sources, the official said. There would also be expanded home improvement tax credits.

Biden's goal was to have a deal in hand before he goes to Scotland for the United Nations climate conference amid hopes to reposition the U.S. as a world leader on the issue.



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City of Newark

City Clerk's Office

37101 Newark Boulevard

Newark, CA 94560

Notice of Newark Planning Commission Vacancy

The City of Newark is accepting applications from Newark residents interested in serving on the Planning Commission. One vacancy has occurred for a term that expires on December 31, 2024.

The Planning Commission consists of five members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The Planning Commission reviews and takes action on certain planning applications and makes recommendations to the City Council on land use issues. The Planning Commission meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Planning Commission meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. in the David W. Smith City Hall, 37101 Newark Boulevard, 1st Floor, Newark. Planning Commissioners receive a stipend of \$75 per meeting held.

Persons interested in serving on the Planning Commission are invited to apply. Applicants must be a current resident of the City of Newark. Application forms are available on the City website www.newark.org/departments/commissions-committees, in the Office of the City Clerk located at 37101 Newark Boulevard, 2nd Floor, via email city.clerk@newark.org, or by calling (510) 578-4266. City Hall is open Monday through Thursday from 8 am to 1 pm. Applications must be received in the City Clerk's office by 12 pm on Thursday, December 2, 2021.

The person appointed to the Planning Commission will be required to file a Form 700, Statement of Economic Interest with the City Clerk within 30 days of their appointment and complete two hours of ethics training within one year of their appointment.

SHEILA HARRINGTON

City Clerk

Dated: November 10, 2021

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NOTICE OF TIME AND PLACE OF PUBLIC SPECIAL BOARD MEETING FOR PROVIDING A COMMUNITY INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION REGARDING THE ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) DEPLOYMENT PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ALAMEDA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT has fixed Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. as time for a public special board meeting to provide information regarding the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project deployment, allow customers to ask questions regarding their AMI upgrade and receive public input. The Alameda County Water District (ACWD) is investing in the future of our community by installing Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), which allows water meters to be read remotely. This technology will allow customers to view up-to-date water usage, spot leaks faster, and reduce surprise bills. The installation process is estimated to take no longer than an hour per customer. ACWD began the AMI installations in March 2021 and is now proceeding with full implementation. Full implementation in Fremont, Newark, and Union City will be complete by December 2023. The public informational meeting will take place virtually and members of the public may participate in these meetings via webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83026895591?pwd=OGFad2J5M1JnaThKdU-JvL2xHbUd1QT09> — or dial in at +1 (669) 900-9128. The meeting ID number, which you will be prompted to enter, is 830 2689 5591 / Passcode: 062394.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. HG21113688

Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA
Petition of: BARBARA MONTANO for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner BARBARA MONTANO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:BARBARA MONTANO to BARBARA KEAMS
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Notice of Hearing:
Date: 12/10/2021, Time: 11:00 A.M., Dept.: 17, Room: N/A

The address of the court is 1221 OAK STREET, OAKLAND, CA 94612

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: WHAT'S HAPPENING TRI CITY VOICE

Date: SEPTEMBER 23, 2021
JUDGE DESAUTELS
Judge of the Superior Court
11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 12/7/21

CNS-3528484#

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 21CV001091

Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA
Petition of: JINLONG WU AND WEI JIA for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner JINLONG WU AND WEI JIA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

YIHAN WU to HANNAH YIHAN WU

The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Notice of Hearing:
Date: 01-07-2022, Time: 11:00AM, Dept.: 17, Room: ---

The address of the court is 1221 OAK ST., OAKLAND, CA 94612

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: WHAT'S HAPPENING TRI CITY VOICE

Date: OCTOBER 28, 2021
JUDGE DESAUTELS
Judge of the Superior Court
11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30/21

CNS-3526324#

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. HG21114735

Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA
Petition of: LAKSHMI CHARITH VEMURU for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner LAKSHMI CHARITH VEMURU filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

LAKSHMI CHARITH VEMURU to CHARITH VEMURU

The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Notice of Hearing:
Date: 12-17-2021, Time: 11:00AM, Dept.: 17, Room: ---

The address of the court is 1221 OAK ST., OAKLAND, CA 94612

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: TRI-CITY VOICE

Date: OCT 04, 2021
JUDGE DESAUTELS
Judge of the Superior Court
10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16/21

CNS-3523016#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
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NAME STATEMENT

File No. 584022

Fictitious Business Name(s):
FRIES PLUS, 40141 PASEO PADRE PKWY, FREMONT, CA 94538; MAILING ADDRESS: 40141 PASEO PADRE PKWY, FREMONT, CA 94538, County of ALAMEDARegistrar(s):
AHMAD WALI KHALED, 40141 PASEO PADRE PKWY, FREMONT, CA 94538

Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)

/s/ AHMAD WALI KHALED

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on OCTOBER 28, 2021

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 12/7/21

CNS-3528487#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 583831

Fictitious Business Name(s):
SMITH'S COTTAGE GALLERY, 37815 NILES

BLVD., FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDA

Registrar(s):
SMITH'S TELEVISION & APPLIANCE, INC., 37815 NILES BLVD., FREMONT, CA 94536 (CALIFORNIA)Business conducted by: A CORPORATION
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/28/2006

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)

/s/ JANICE E. SMITH

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on OCTOBER 23, 2021

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CNS-3527972#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 583669

Fictitious Business Name(s):
J&J BAKE STUDIO LLC, 7171 RICH AVENUE, NEWARK, CA 94560, County of ALAMEDARegistrar(s):
J & J BAKE STUDIO LLC, NEWARK, CA 94560

Business conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)

/s/ JOANNA PERALTA

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on OCTOBER 18, 2021

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CNS-3527955#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 583612

Fictitious Business Name(s):
ONE ROOT FLOWER FARM, 38359 CANYON HEIGHTS DR., FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDARegistrar(s):
MARIKO SEIDA, 38359 CANYON HEIGHTS DR., FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDA

Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)

/s/ MARIKO SEIDA

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CNS-3527951#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 583770

Fictitious Business Name(s):
ZAB AUTO, 37441 GILLET RD., FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDARegistrar(s):
RAFIQ OSMANI, 37441 GILLET RD., FREMONT, CA 94536

Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

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/s/ RAFIQ OSMANI

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on OCTOBER 19, 2021

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CNS-352781#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 583771

Fictitious Business Name(s):
BLUSH BLOOM ALWAYS, 32814 BASS LAKE ST., FREMONT, CA 94555, County of ALAMEDARegistrar(s):
CHERYL C MENDOZA, 32814 BASS LAKE ST., FREMONT, CA 94555

Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

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/s/ CHERYL C MENDOZA

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on OCTOBER 20, 2021

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CNS-3528487#

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James Webb Space Telescope – The next big thing in astronomy

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As we are getting close to the launch date of James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) in mid-December, now is a good time to go over its salient features. JWST is a collaboration between NASA, European Space Agency (ESA), and Canadian Space Agency (CSA). James Webb Space Telescope is named after famous NASA administrator James Edwin Webb, who was in charge of the first manned space program, Mercury.

JWST will be placed in Lagrange point 2, also called L2, which is further beyond the Moon’s orbit, and this will keep Earth, Sun, and Moon all on the same side of the spacecraft all the time. This will mean that the net force of gravity acting on the telescope is nullified and the telescope has a stable orbit of its own.

JWST is predominantly an infrared telescope, specifically designed to measure the infrared region of the spectrum. JWST will be maintained at around 40 Kelvin to minimize infrared radiation that is not of interest to the telescope. This includes radiation from the sun and reflected lights from the Earth and Moon. As it will be placed in L2 orbit, there isn’t any chance of shadow formation on the

mirror of the telescope due to the Earth or Moon, and temperature will be kept constant.

The telescope also has a Sunshield that blocks light and heat from the Sun to reduce the background (infrared radiation and heat from the Sun and nearby planetary objects) and focus on distant objects and faint light and heat coming from them.

The diameter of the mirror in JWST is around 6.5m which is almost three times the area of the Hubble Telescope (2.4m). Because of the size of the mirrors, the effective area is distributed between 18 hexagonal mirrors. A heat shield, science instruments, and a power source make the rest of the instrumentation. JWST will unfold when it reaches space, en route to L2. This “origami” technique will help to overcome the space vehicle size limit.

The mirrors are made exclusively of Beryllium with a thin coating of Gold, as Gold is an effective reflector for the infrared region. For the entire JWST, as little as 48 grams of Gold was used.

The Hubble Space Telescope can now measure about 1,600 nanometers of wavelength; JWST will extend this range to up to 30,000 nanometers. Since the light from distant galaxies and stars get



JWST rendering: Artist Rendering of the JWST, Source: nasa.gov

red-shifted due to expansion, with JWST we can probe further back into the past. Astronomers believe JWST would take us as far as the first galaxies that were formed after the Big Bang. In addition, the scientific community also hopes to uncover more information about exoplanets and find new exoplanets.

The projected cost of the mission is around \$9.7 Billion, which can grow over time. The scheduled launch time of JWST on an Ariane 5 rocket is on December 18, 2021, from French Guiana.

Kailash Kalidoss is an aerospace enthusiast and educator serving the Bay Area. Kailash first fell in love with aerospace as a teenager when he learned about aviation from his father’s role as a Ground Operations Manager. Kailash has since spent his efforts sharing knowledge about aerospace, astronautics, aviation, science and technology, and of course, the night sky. Kailash also represents the Civil Air Patrol and NASA as a volunteer.

American Girl dolls, Risk, make it to Toy Hall of Fame

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American Girl dolls and the strategy board game Risk were inducted into the National Toy Hall of Fame on Nov. 4 in recognition of their influence on the toy industry. Sand, which the group called perhaps the most universal and oldest toy in the world, was also inducted.

All three were honored during a ceremony at the hall after winning over a panel of experts who voted for them from a group of 12 finalists.

Also in the running this year were four other competitive games: Battleship, The Settlers of Catan, Mahjong and billiards, as well as Cabbage Patch Kids, Masters of the Universe, Fisher-Price Corn Popper, the toy fire engine and the pinata. Anyone can nominate a toy but to be considered, they must have withstood tests of time and memory, changed play or toy design and fostered learning, creativity or discovery.

American Girl dolls, the 1986 creation of educator Pleasant Rowland, were recognized for their exploration of the country’s social and cultural history. The 18-inch historical dolls and accompanying books each offer insights into an era. For example, Molly McIntire is waiting for her father to return home from World War II. The Truly Me contemporary doll line, with its diversity of skin tones, hair and gender, followed in 1995, letting children choose a doll that looks like them.

Rowland, 80, called the American Girl doll’s inclusion “an incredible honor.” In an emailed statement, she added, “I’m so proud of the American Girl family past and present who have been faithful stewards of this brand for more than three decades, helping to capture the hearts of an entire generation of girls.”

“Rowland’s formula for combining doll play with history lessons worked, in her words, like ‘chocolate cake with vitamins,’” curator Michelle Parnett-Dwyer said. “In an era when some education experts claimed that school curriculums paid little attention to history, this toy may well have filled a void.”

Risk, based on the French game Le Conquete du Monde, was first published in the United States in 1959 and continues to influence other board games, hall officials said. It challenges players to control armies and conquer the world on a game board that is a map of continents.

“Risk became one of the most popular board games of all time, inspiring a new corps of passionate gamers, and influencing other games which began the wargaming hobby – and by extension the Euro-games like The Settlers of Catan that many enjoy today,” curator Nicolas Ricketts said.

Sand was honored for its “opportunities for tactical, physical, cooperative, creative, and independent free play,” according to the hall of fame, which is housed inside The Strong Museum of Play in Rochester, New York.

“Children recognize sand as a creative material suitable for pouring, scooping, sieving, raking, and measuring,” it said. “Wet sand is even better, ready for kids to construct, shape, and sculpt.”

“Although some playthings can only be found online or in certain stores, sand has a global reach that most toy manufacturers would envy,” chief curator Chirstopher Bensch said. “It’s been a vehicle for play since prehistory, and anyone who has spent the day at the beach can understand the allure of this toy.”

The class of 2021 joins 74 previous honorees.

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Gatik autonomous box trucks hit milestone with Walmart

BY STEVE CROWE

Gatik, an autonomous driving startup and 2020 RBR50 winner, continues to reach new milestones in its partnership with Walmart. On Nov. 8 the company said it no longer has a human safety driver behind the wheel of two Level 4 autonomous box trucks operating in Bentonville, Arkansas, which is the home of the retail giant.

But the box trucks really aren’t completely driverless just yet, however. Gatik still has a human sitting in the passenger seat of the vehicles with access to an emergency brake, and they use a chase vehicle to help remedy situations where the autonomous driving system fails.

Gatik said its vehicles make 4-6 trips per day on a route that is 7.1 miles round trip. The vehicles transport customer orders between a Walmart dark store and a Neighborhood Market. Gatik said operations without a human behind the driver’s wheel began in August 2021. The company told The Robot Report that, up until press time, the human in the passenger seat has yet to pull the emergency brake. We asked a Gatik spokesperson what it will take to remove the human from the passenger seat, but we’ve yet to hear back.

Gatik was founded in 2017 and exited stealth mode in 2019 with Walmart as a partner. Gatik is generating revenue by helping Walmart automate its middle-mile logistics. Gatik also has a partnership with Loblaw, the largest supermarket chain in Canada with 2,400-plus locations.

“Our deployment in Bentonville is not a one-time demonstration. These are frequent, revenue-generating, daily runs that our trucks are completing safely in a range of conditions on public roads, demonstrating the commercial and technical advantages of fully driverless operations on the

middle mile,” said Gautam Narang, CEO and co-founder, Gatik.

Walmart has also tested autonomous vehicles for last-mile delivery, including those from Cruise, Nuro and Waymo. Of course, early success with Walmart doesn’t mean much in the world of robotics. Just ask Bossa Nova Robotics.

“Through our work with Gatik, we’ve identified that autonomous box trucks offer an efficient, safe and sustainable solution for transporting goods on repeatable routes between our stores,” said Tom Ward, senior vice president of last mile at Walmart U.S. “We’re thrilled to be working with Gatik to achieve this industry-first, driverless milestone in our home state of Arkansas and look forward to continuing to use this technology to serve Walmart customers with speed.”

Gatik’s box trucks always drive in the right-most lane and only take right turns. That’s by design. Gatik restricts its vehicles to fixed, repeatable routes to eliminate as much uncertainty from their routes as possible. And staying in the right lane helps Gatik avoid changing multiple lanes and unprotected left turns, the latter of which is one of the harder maneuvers for autonomous vehicles. Gatik also avoids routes that drive by fire stations, hospitals and schools due to unpredictability.

Gatik has raised \$114.5 million to date, including an \$85 million Series B round in August 2021 and a \$25 million Series A in November 2020. It also recently expanded its testing into Texas.

Narang was a guest on The Robot Report Podcast back in June 2020. Clearly, a lot has changed for Gatik since then. But Narang discussed how the company landed its partnership with Walmart while in stealth mode, its hybrid approach to Level 4 autonomy, restricting its vehicles to the right-most lane and more. We also discussed the changing investment landscape around autonomous vehicles and why Level 5 autonomy is at least 10-15 years away, if it can even be solved. Listen to the interview online at: www.therobotreport.com/the-robot-report-podcast-6-river-systems-gatik/.

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Chabot Space welcomes community back



By STEPHANIE GERTSCH

A ribbon cutting on Friday, November 12 kicked off a weekend of events to celebrate the reopening of Chabot Space and Science Center and debut of the center's new NASA Experience hands-on exhibit. Speakers were the center's Executive Director/CEO Adam Tobin, Assemblymember Mia Bonta, Congresswoman Barbara Lee, and NASA Ames Director Eugene Tu. Astronaut Mike Hopkins, Commander of a SpaceX mission, attended. "Chabot has been reimagining itself pre-pandemic. We took the

pandemic as an opportunity to deepen our transformation," said Center Director Adam Tobin. "This science center is going to be built by and for the community. It will have experiences, exhibits, demonstrations, and opportunities to meet scientists, researchers, astronauts. It will also provide the ability to create rovers on your own and envision what science could mean for you. Our science center will be a vibrant, ever changing, community engaging experience." "Although we know we can see much on TV, online and on videos, there's nothing like





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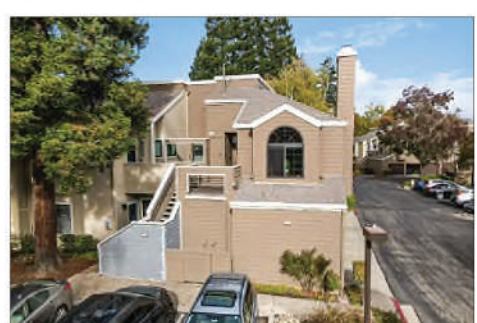
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walking around an actual exhibit and seeing models and artifacts from NASA's work and missions," said Tu. At NASA Experience, some of the items on display for visitors included spacesuits from the Mercury and Gemini missions, experimental heat shield technology, and a fan blade from the world's largest wind tunnel. During opening weekend, teen Galaxy Explorers gave robotics demonstrations. Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir performed, and community partners hosted workshops. Chabot Space will be open with weekend hours and extended holiday hours through

the end of 2021. For the safety of guests, masks are required in all indoor spaces for everyone over the age of two. The galleries and planetarium are operating at reduced capacity, and high touch spaces are cleaned frequently. Hand sanitizer stations are provided throughout the center. **Chabot Space & Science Center**
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