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*"I invite people of all different faiths,
backgrounds, and ages to come together
— to feel happy and connected through
this very American tradition."*

— Artistic Advisor and Conductor Jung-Ho Pak

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Newark Symphonic Winds Holiday Concert



SUBMITTED BY JIM CARTER
PHOTOS COURTESY OF NEWARK SYMPHONIC WINDS

Newark Symphonic Winds (NSW), under the superb direction of Richard Wong, will present our free Holiday Concert and Sing-along Saturday, December 11. We'll begin our performance by going on a musical tour around the world with A Stowaway On Santa's Sleigh, arranged by Chris Sharp. Then, we'll present, Away in the Manger, arranged by Chip Davis based on an adaptation by Robert Longfield; followed with Parade of the Bumbling Wooden Soldiers, by David Shaffer. You'll love the "collapse" of our most-talented percussion section at the end of this piece. Following, is a jazzy rendition of the classic, Good King Wenceslas, arranged by Sammy Nestico.

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Las Posadas tradition carries on

BY ARATHI SATISH
PHOTOS BY VEDA JADAPROLU, FCAC INTERN

Las Posadas, a Mexican Christmas tradition, will be once again celebrated virtually. Julie Gilson, Fremont Cultural Arts Council (FCAC) President said, "I'm glad FCAC, Old Mission Jose and Mission San Jose Chamber of Commerce are continuing their partnership to bring this annual holiday musical event to the Tri-City area." The yearly celebration will run on Zoom on the nights of December 15 through 23.

The advent season has been celebrated for nine days locally for the past thirty-nine years. As Knuti VanHoven, FCAC board member and driving force behind the event pointed out, "When COVID reared its ugly head last year, Las Posadas, which has always been held in-person, was almost cancelled.

But it survived as members of the sponsoring organizations decided to save it as a Zoom event, still with home-grown entertainment by actors and singers who live or work in Fremont."

Fremont's version of Las Posadas has grown out of the Central American tradition of people assembling on the church steps every evening for nine days singing carols, carrying a beautiful image of the Holy Family. Still singing, the carolers form a procession and walk to a pre-determined local business. There, the leader reads the lines of Joseph from the Bible asking for shelter. The business owner plays the Mean Inn-Keeper who at first turns them away. The owner then relents and invites them inside where they're treated to a party with live entertainment organized by FCAC and refreshments provided by the hosts.

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‘Tis the Season: It’s time to get your flu vaccine

The holidays are here and that means that it is also flu season. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), cases of influenza typically begin to rise in October, with the highest number occurring December through February. In the United States, an average of 8 percent of the population is infected with the flu each season. During the 2017-2018 flu season, the worst in recent years, 52,000 Americans died of the flu.

With so much focus on COVID-19 (the death rate for Americans from COVID-19 has been recorded at 730,000), it is easy to forget the importance of protecting yourself from seasonal illnesses. Influenza, a respiratory virus that infects the nose, throat, and lungs, can lead to life-threatening symptoms—or simply feeling lousy and needing to miss work or school. To help avoid the worst outcomes, Washington Township Medical Foundation’s board-certified internal medicine specialist Rajvir Shahi, MD, advises that anyone 6 months or older receive the flu vaccine.

Some individuals, she notes, are more vulnerable than others to flu-related complications. “The vaccine is particularly recommended for young children and seniors, pregnant women, and those with chronic health conditions such as asthma, heart disease, lung disease, and diabetes. In addition, anyone working in higher-risk settings, such as long-term care facilities,



should be vaccinated to protect themselves and patients.”

Because flu viruses are constantly changing, each year the flu vaccine’s composition is a little different. This year, the majority of flu cases diagnosed so far have been the AH3N2 flu virus variant. A whopping 90 percent of those with the variant have been children and young adults aged 5-24 years.

For the best immunity, flu shots are needed annually

To be effective, flu vaccines need to be administered annually. Dr. Shahi explains, “There are two reasons why people need annual flu vaccines. The first is that immunity to the flu provided by a vaccine declines over time. The second is that because the flu virus changes, a new vaccine is needed each year to optimize

a person’s immunity to the newest flu viruses.”

The degree of immunity provided by the flu vaccine can differ from person to person. The CDC reports that the flu vaccine has been shown to reduce the risk of having to go to the doctor by 40 to 60 percent, and prevents tens of thousands of hospitalizations each year. One 2021 study cited by the CDC showed that adults who had been vaccinated and still got the flu had a 26 percent lower risk of being admitted to the ICU and a 31 percent lower risk of death than those who were unvaccinated.

“Getting vaccinated is not only about your own health; being vaccinated can also protect the people around you, your colleagues and family,” says Dr. Shahi. “Babies too young to be vaccinated, the elderly, and others with chronic health conditions are particularly susceptible to the flu. By getting vaccinated, you are lowering their risk of the flu as well as your own.”

The flu vaccine cannot give someone the flu

Some people avoid getting the flu vaccine out of a misguided fear that the vaccine itself will infect them with the flu. “One of the top reasons my patients decline the flu vaccine is that they incorrectly believe there is a risk they will get the flu from it,” says Dr. Shahi.

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	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
	12/7/21	12/8/21	12/9/21	12/10/21	12/11/21	12/12/21	12/13/21
12:00 PM 12:00 AM	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes Complications and Amputation	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting November 10, 2021	Diabetes Matters: Glucose Monitoring	Advanced Treaments for Knee Pain	Early Detection and Prevention of Female Cancers	Strategies to Help Lower Your Cholesterol and Blood Pressure	Women's Health Conference: Reclaiming Your Confidence
12:30 PM 12:30 AM	Sideline by Back Pain? Get Back in the Game		Mental Health Education Series: Mental Wellness	Diabetes Matters: Travel & Disaster Preparedness			
1:00 PM 1:00 AM		Mental Health Education Series: Anxiety Disorders		Strategies to Reduce the Risk of Cancer Recurrence	Chronic Pelvic Pain in Women	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting November 10, 2021	Shoulder Pain: Causes and Treatment Options
1:30 PM 1:30 AM	Keeping Your Brain Healthy		Managing Diabetes During Challenging Times				
2:00 PM 2:00 AM		Updated Treatments for Knee Pain & Arthritis		Mental Health Education Series: Crisis Intervention	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting November 10, 2021	Medicare: What You Need to Know	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting November 10, 2021
2:30 PM 2:30 AM	Healthy Eating: Prescription for Health		Mental Health Education Series: Crisis Intervention				
3:00 PM 3:00 AM		Heart Health: What You Need to Know		Vitamins & Supplements: How Useful Are They?	Solutions for Weight Management	Managing Diabetes During Challenging Times	Medicare: What You Need to Know
3:30 PM 3:30 AM	How to Prevent Financial Elder Abuse/Fraud		Obesity: Understand the Causes, Consequences & Prevention				
4:00 PM 4:00 AM		Gastrointestinal Disorders		Sports Medicine Program: Big Changes in Concussion Care: What You Don't Know Can Hurt You	Suffer From Sinus Problems?	Diabetes Matters: Dining Out Around The World	Active Living: Yoga Exercises
4:30 PM 4:30 AM	Ortho Overuse Injuries: Prevention and Treatment		Chronic Kidney Disease: FAQ				
5:00 PM 5:00 AM		Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting November 10, 2021		Impact of Obesity: Why You Need to Get and Keep a Healthy Weight	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting November 10, 2021	Diabetes Matters: Heart Healthy Eating	Healthy Gut, Healthy You
5:30 PM 5:30 AM	Family Caregiver Series: Loss, Grief & Recovery		Women's Health through the Years: Screening is Key to Aging Well				
6:00 PM 6:00 AM		Diabetes Matters: Heart Healthy Foods & Diabetes		Anxiety: Stop Negative Thoughts	When Your Heart Needs A Little Help	Hernias: Causes Symptoms and the Latest Treatment Options	Treating Neck and Back Pain from Home
6:30 PM 6:30 AM	Stroke: Warning Signs and Prevention		Food Pharmacy: Prescription for Colon Health				
7:00 PM 7:00 AM		Breathe Easier with Pulmonary Rehab		Women's Health Conference: Quality of Life Before and After Cosmetic Surgery	Family Caregiver Series: Advance Health Care Planning & POLST	Understanding HPV: What You Need to Know	Treating Neck and Back Pain from Home
7:30 PM 7:30 AM	Anxiety: Stop Negative Thoughts		Keeping Your Lungs Healthy				
8:00 PM 8:00 AM		Diabetes Matters: Managing Diabetes During Adverse Conditions		Hepatitis B and Liver Cancer: Prevention and Treatment	Minimally Invasive Options in Gynecology	Stroke: Warning Signs and Prevention	Laugh without Leaking: Understanding Female Urinary Incontinence
8:30 PM 8:30 AM	Medicare: What You Need to Know		COVID-19: The Road Ahead				
9:00 PM 9:00 AM		Inside Washington Hospital: Advanced Treatment of Aneurysms		Mental Health Education Series: Understanding Psychotic Disorders	Women's Health: Depression, More Than a State of Mind	Diabetes Matters: Italian Foods	Fall Prevention
9:30 PM 9:30 AM	Family Caregiver Series: Recognizing the Need to Transition to a Skilled Nursing Facility		Mental Health Education Series: Understanding Psychotic Disorders				
10:00 PM 10:00 AM		Palliative Care, an Extra Layer of Support		Family Caregiver Series: Recognizing the Need to Transition to a Skilled Nursing Facility	Mental Health Education Series: Understanding Psychotic Disorders	Women's Health: Depression, More Than a State of Mind	Diabetes Matters: Italian Foods
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San Ramon Woman Put on Her Stilettos Before Heading to Chemotherapy

Breast Cancer Survivor
Says Dressing Up Made Her Feel Better

Looking good. Local woman fights cancer her way.

Surbhi Pir is on the other side of her breast cancer journey. She finished treatment at the UCSF - Washington Cancer Center in July and after a clean MRI, was declared cancer-free. But she's not the same woman she was when it all started. For her, it was a transformative experience that forever changed her—for the better.

"It was scary, but it was also an opportunity to focus on myself and think about what's really important and what's not, and give myself a little more balance at work," said Pir, who is a senior regional director at a large staffing company. "Now I'm focused on things that are more meaningful for me and my family."

Her journey started in September 2020, when she discovered a lump in her breast during a self-exam, and a diagnostic mammogram confirmed it was cancer. But she didn't feel comfortable with what she was hearing where she was first diagnosed, so she went to see Dr. William E. Dugoni Jr., a surgeon with Washington Township Medical Foundation and medical director of the Washington Women's Center.

"I knew as soon as I met him that I was in the right place," Pir said. "This guy just instilled confidence in me. Everyone at Washington Hospital was amazing. There's just something special about the people who work there."

She was impressed by the coordination of her care team. Pir said everyone seemed to be working together on her behalf, from the nurse navigator who helped guide her through the process, scheduling appointments and helping her get what she needed, to the doctors, nurses and others who provided her care.

Pir went to all of her appointments dressed to the nines – including doctor visits as well as chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

"I put on my stilettos and dressed like I was going to something fun," she said. "My doctor told me in all his years of

practice he had never seen anything like it. It was something I could control. It made me feel good, not like I was sick. I went with full makeup, the whole thing."

Seamless Care

Pir said her nurse navigator sat down with her and went through everything so she knew what to expect. Nurse navigators are provided to patients through the Washington Women's Center, which has been accredited by The National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers, a nongovernmental, not-for-profit organization that has been established to identify and recognize breast centers providing quality care in the United States.

She started chemotherapy in November 2020 at the Sandy Amos RN Infusion Center at Washington West. With a view of the beautiful atrium area, it was designed to be patient-centered and features eight private infusion chairs. Her chemo treatments were a success, shrinking the tumor in her breast, she said.

Then in May 2020, she had a lumpectomy to remove any remaining cancer that might be in the margins around the tumor as well as reconstructive surgery. That was followed by radiation treatments in July 2020 at the Washington Radiation Oncology Center.

"I just can't say enough good things about the treatment I received," Pir added. "The coordination made it seamless, which gave me confidence and peace of mind. Everyone was incredibly supportive, kind and caring. There was not one person I came in contact with who I didn't think was exceptional. I'm glad my treatment is over, but I miss the people."

To learn more about the Washington Women's Center, visit www.whhs.com/WomensCenter. For more information about cancer programs at Washington Hospital, visit www.whhs.com/cancer.



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Art for Art's Sake

SUBMITTED BY BRUCE ROBERTS,
HAYWARD POET LAUREATE

In the world of art, everybody's different. If five painters paint the same subject, no two will be identical. This is especially true in abstract art, where there may not even be a subject, and the goal is the design of colors, lines and shadings, perhaps totally detached from reality.

At the John O'Lague Galleria in Hayward's city hall, from now until January 13, the abstract art world dominates in an exhibit titled "Go Abstract: Express Yourself with Colors and Shapes." Thirty-one local artists have joined forces to create a

terrific display of abstract art, where the goal is not a landscape, portrait, puppy, but rather art only for the sake of art.

Hayward Arts Council exhibiting artists are: Hetal Anjaria, Elinor Cheung, Debra Collins, Laura Comstock, Lee Daguman, Patricia Dennis, Margaret Dolley "Molly Dolly," Valerie Dowla, Anna Rachel Fisher, Richard Geiger, Seema Gupta, Pamela Holloway, Renee Kelly, Anna Kim, Jill Kneeter, Claudine Krause, Vanita Lee-Tatum, Beichen Li, Ann Maloney-Mason, Patricia Osage, Kathryn Page, Marisol Pastor-Cabrera, Janet A Rehder, Bruce Roberts,

Rita Sklar, Chandana Srinath, Ruey Lin Syrop, Wanda Taylor, Renea Turner, Gerald Thompson, and Vani Visweswaran.

"Go Abstract: Express Yourself with Colors and Shapes" is sponsored by Hayward Arts Council.

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"Balancing Thoughts," acrylic by Castro Valley artist Valerie Dowla

"Sewing Bees" help the community

BY NIAMH LAMBERT
PHOTOS COURTESY OF LINDA PEARSON

When disaster struck back in March 2020, so did the desire to help those in the community. This statement sums up Christ the King Lutheran Church and its "Sewing Bees."

Sewing Bees are church members who have been making a difference in the community for quite some time. For years they have been sewing pillow cases for domestic violence nonprofit SAVE, care bags for cancer

patients and prayer shawls. But with so many people in urgent need of masks at the start of the pandemic, they expanded their generosity. The group was approached by social ministry leader Laurel King with the idea of making masks, and Sewing Bees took on the challenge with open arms.

The first few months started out slow, with supplies scarce and volunteers having to find simple patterns that everyone would be able to follow. Community members began graciously opening up their homes,

donating whatever scraps of fabric they could find lying around. This coupled with simple YouTube tutorials got Sewing Bees past their main obstacle.

Putting masks together was a fairly simple process, but still incredibly time consuming. Sewers had to start out by picking up materials, then washing and ironing each individual piece. From there Sewing Bees would cut out fabric and begin the assembly process, adding in nose pieces, elastic ear loops and inserts for a filter. Some sewers even included small

notes on how to wash and care for the handmade masks.

The group started to take off, sewing masks for a variety of different organizations such as Kaiser, nursing homes, Fremont Police Department, HERS Breast Cancer Foundation and Navajo People of Arizona.

"We would rotate through our group of organizations, calling to see how many masks they needed and if there were any specifications," says "Sewing Bee" Linda Pearson. "The police department asked for black masks to match their uniforms and Kaiser nurses would ask for a smaller size so they could give them to their kids at home, since at work nurses could only wear blue surgical ones."

Sewing Bees' largest project came about this school year, when they donated fifteen hundred masks to local school backpack distributions. "Lutheran Church donated three hundred packs, and in each backpack five masks. Seeing the kids light up as they received a bag with supplies for the school year was truly something special.

Everyone was so kind and I couldn't tell you how many 'thank you's' we received."

Along their journey, Sewing Bees made countless friendships with fellow Church members and others out in the community. They were met with support from everyone and people from all over offered help in any way they could.

"I just want to again thank everyone who helped us. None of it would have been possible without the support of the community and our church, Christ the King Lutheran. We were met with such a large amount of gratitude it was unbelievable. Everyone was so kind and it was wonderful to see what a difference we were making."

As the pandemic winds down, Sewing Bees are too, and production has been scaled back. They donated a total of 9,100 masks over the past two years, and are ready to jump back to their machines and rev up production the moment they are asked.

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'Tis the Season: It's time to get your flu vaccine

"But the flu vaccine cannot cause the flu. The type of flu vaccine administered by a shot is made with an inactivated virus, meaning that the virus used in the vaccine is no longer infectious. Similarly, the flu vaccine one receives by nasal spray contains an attenuated or weakened virus that cannot be contracted."

Side effects from the flu shot sometimes include soreness, redness, and a little swelling where the shot was given. Rarely, some may experience a headache, low fever, nausea, muscle aches, and fatigue that might last for a day or two following the shot. In extremely rare instances, a person can have an allergic reaction to the flu vaccine.

"I knew someone who got sick after getting a flu shot"

While the flu vaccine does not cause the flu, there are several reasons why someone who has received the vaccine might become ill in the weeks that follow. The first is that it takes about two weeks after the flu vaccine is administered for an individual to develop the antibodies that protect against the virus. In that time period, if a person is exposed to the flu, they will not be protected. Similarly, if someone is exposed to the flu prior to being vaccinated, the vaccine will not be able to protect them. Dr. Shahi says, "There are a lot of reasons why a vaccinated person might still become sick.

In addition to their being exposed to the flu virus before their vaccine took effect, there are other seasonal respiratory viruses they may have contracted, including the common cold."

The flu vaccine saves lives

With winter just around the corner, the colder weather means more people will spend more time indoors in close proximity, raising their likelihood of spreading the flu. For the vast majority of people, the flu vaccine is a safe way to reduce the chance of contracting influenza or infecting others with it.

"Simply put, the flu vaccine saves lives. A lot of people don't think that the flu is a big deal, but that isn't true. Every year,

millions of people contract the flu, and thousands are hospitalized or die from it. This still happens despite the ease and benefits of getting vaccinated," notes Dr. Shahi.

Washington Township Medical Foundation offers flu shots at multiple walk-in locations for patients throughout the Tri-City Area. To find out more, visit myWTMF.com/FluShot.

Rajvir Shahi, MD, an internal medicine specialist, joined WTMF in October 2021. For more information about her practice or to schedule an appointment, enter her name under Find a Doctor at mywtmf.com or call 510.248.1500.

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ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERVISOR
RICHARD VALLE

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FROM AROUND THE WORLD

SUBMITTED BY ASSOCIATION OF MATURE AMERICAN CITIZENS

Her wish was his command

A dutiful 72-year-old Serbian husband Vojin Kusic built his house according to his wife's specifications soon after they got married many years ago. Since then, he's been rebuilding it and rebuilding it to fulfill his wife's wishes, says Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. Not long ago, Mrs. Kusic complained that she was not particularly happy with the view from her window prompting her devoted husband to build a completely new home. This time he devised a way to allow his better half to change her views whenever the notion struck by simply activating a device that rotates the whole house a full 360 degrees. He built it by himself atop a rotating mechanism with electric motors and wheels from a military transport vehicle. The new home can make a complete about face at its fastest speed in 22 second or 24 hours at its slowest speed. See the rotating house on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJnAFxn4YGQ>.

Good catch

Amanda Rissman and her husband, Chad, traveled from Utah to Florida to visit with family in Pinellas County. Being a fisherman, Chad could not pass up a chance to try his luck at a nearby beach; Amanda joined him and began videotaping just in time to catch him land a small shark. She caught it all on tape, even the part when an eagle came out of the clear blue sky, grasped the shark and claimed it for himself.

A Thanksgiving gesture

Michelle Kaiser, owner of Omaha Bakery in Nebraska, says her workers were hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic and was grateful when a customer decided to show them, he cared, reports AMAC. Ms. Kaiser said, "He knew that people were struggling in general. He noticed our staff was working really, really hard." And that's why he used his credit card to pay \$5.00 for two turnovers, so that he could say thanks by adding a \$2,000 tip.

-- 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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Holiday Pops

SUBMITTED BY
PAUL IANNACONE

Imagine a holiday show that combines a world-class orchestra, the internationally acclaimed ViVa Trio, a bit of "The Nutcracker," and a spectacular chorus. That describes Fremont Symphony's "Holiday Pops."

Jung-Ho Pak returns with an extraordinary group of dancers, singers and designers to bring to the stage all the wonder and joy of the season. Pak explains, "In this Holiday show, I try to bring back memories and give children new memories. I want all of us to feel innocent and childlike. I think that Christmas represents a universal celebration of love and hope. I invite people of all different faiths, backgrounds and ages to come together and feel



happy and connected through this very American tradition."

Holiday Pops takes place at James Logan Center for Performing Arts. The lobby

and symphony stage will be transformed for the holiday season. The family-friendly program includes beloved carols combined with contemporary interpretations of the classics. Vocal selections range from "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" to "Hallelujah Chorus."

The award-winning group ViVa Trio has toured Canada, United States and Europe. This all-female vocal group loves fusion and sings everything from operatic classics to pop songs, performing old favorites like "Angels We Have Heard on High" and original works like "Silver Bells Ringing."

Holiday Pops also includes the Finale to Act 1 from Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker," performed with full orchestra. Dancers from Fremont's award-winning studio, Yoko's Dance and Performing Arts Academy, will perform "The Waltz of the Snowflakes."

Singing holiday favorites like "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," Mission Peak Chamber Singers seek to engage and inspire audiences through the transformational power of choral music.

COVID-10 Policy

The health and safety of Fremont Symphony patrons, musicians, staff, performers and volunteers remains our top priority. Everyone will be required to wear masks while inside the theater, and those ages 12 and older must show a government issued photo ID and one of the following:

- Proof of vaccination against COVID-19 (either physical or photo on your device).
- A negative COVID-19 test taken within three days prior to the event.
- A positive antibody test.

Fremont Symphony Holiday Pops
Saturday, Dec. 18; 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 19; 3:00 p.m.
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Park It

BY NED MACKEY

One of East Bay Regional Park District's newer parks is the destination for a Saturday Stroll from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on December 11, led by naturalist Michael Charnofsky. It's a flat, three-mile walk at Encinal Beach in Alameda, a beautiful shoreline park with spectacular bay scenery. You'll likely see wintering shorebirds, basking harbor seals and views of the USS Hornet aircraft carrier museum.

This is a free program and registration is not required. Just show up. The entrance road to the beach is on Central Avenue right next to Encinal High School. For information and directions, call Crab Cove Visitor Center at (510) 544-3187.

At Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont, Victorian-era Patterson House is all decked out in Christmas finery. Docent-led tours of the house highlight Victorian-inspired decorations and holiday traditions. Free tours are available for visitors and organized groups at various times from Thursdays through Sundays. Check at the Ardenwood train station upon arrival for tour availability. Or you can book large groups and inquire about the weekday tour schedule by calling (510) 544-3289.

Besides house tours, there are lots of other activities available at

Ardenwood. For example, naturalist Mindy Castle will host a program at the farm's native plant garden from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 11. No registration is required. You can learn about the benefits of native plants and take some samples to help start your own native plant garden at home.

And there's a pollinator puppet show from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 12 with naturalist David Cohen. Through a colorful cast of puppet characters, both kids and adults can learn the importance of animals that pollinate plants, and how we can help pollinators thrive.

Ardenwood is located at 34600 Ardenwood Boulevard, just north of Highway 84 in Fremont. For information on fees and hours of operation, call (510) 544-2797. Or check out "Ardenwood Historic Farm" under "Parks and Trails" at the park district website, www.ebparks.org.

Speaking of farming, your children will enjoy taking care of the little animals at Little Farm in Tilden Nature Area near Berkeley. Meet at the rabbit hutch for a variety of activities from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 11.

Aspiring artists can unleash their creativity during "Painting with Dish Soap," from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 12 at Tilden's Environmental Education Center, with naturalist

Trent Pearce. Soap is actually used to block the paint and create an '80s-inspired pattern on whatever you bring to paint. Rain cancels the program.

Both programs are free of charge and registration is not required. Masks are required.

The Little Farm and Environmental Education Center are at the north end of Tilden's Central Park Drive. For information, call (510) 544-2233.

Ducks and other birds are the topic of a program from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Sunday, December 12 at Contra Loma Regional Park in Antioch. Meet naturalist Kevin Dixon at the boat launch ramp for a walk around the lake in search of our avian friends.

Contra Loma is on Frederickson Lane off Golf Course Road in Antioch. The program is free, but registration is required and Contra Loma has a parking fee. To register, call (888) 327-2757 and select option 2.

December is always an active month in the regional parks. For a full list of programs, visit www.ebparks.org.



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Las Posadas tradition carries on

Nancy and Greg Dorighi, Mission administrators who are helping coordinate this event, said, "Mission San Jose is grateful to Fremont Cultural Arts Council, and in particular, Knuti VanHoven, for preserving the Las Posadas tradition using the virtual format for a second year." They further pointed out, "The establishment of Mission San Jose is arguably the most significant event in the history of the East Bay. During this 225th commemorative year, we pay special tribute to the diverse people whose lives have shaped our rich heritage."

As Knuti VanHoven pointed out, "This has always been a no-budget, completely volunteer program. None of us were sure whether the public would react well to nine Christmas TV shows done exclusively by amateurs with no previous production experience, but to everyone's delight, the events broke all previous attendance records. This is a community festival in Fremont, a proudly multicultural city, so while Las Posadas springs from a Christian tradition, everybody is welcome."

Las Posadas 2021 Schedule
(All performances begin at 7 p.m.; admittance at 6:45 p.m.)



Master of Ceremonies:
Brandon Sass of Stage 1 Theatre
Welcome Music: Jo Ann Schriener
Technical Director: Paul K. Davis
Assistants: FCAC Interns

Dec 15: Kristen Del Rio and Her Merry Band: Fremont's Queen of Christmas welcomes the Holidays
Dec 16: The Peninsula Fiddlers "A Rollicking Christmas"
Dec 17: The Bethlehem Radio Mystery Theatre "On the Air Christmas Pageant"
Dec 18: Knuti VanHoven's Sing Along Christmas, special Guest Jo Ann Landers
Dec 19: The Peak Performers Christmas Choir Style, special Guest Al Minard

Dec 20: The Center Stage Singers
Dec 21: Santa's Tallest Elves in "On the Naughty List!"
Dec 22: Connie and the Amphibians Rock Christmas
Dec 23: Christmas at Mission San Jose, concert by Organ Virtuoso Ron McKean

Las Posadas (Virtual)
Wednesday, Dec 15 – Thursday, Dec 23
Admittance: 6:45 p.m.
Performance: 7:00 p.m.
Reservation required by noon the day of performance
Email: LasPosadasFCAC@earthlink.net
Reusable Zoom link for nine nights will be emailed to registered attendees.
www.fremontculturalartscouncil.org
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Newark Symphonic Winds Holiday Concert

We'll end the first half of our concert with the children up front at the stage to listen to our Emeritus Mayor Dave Smith's reading of 'Twas the Night before Christmas set to music. After Dave's reading, we'll have our traditional visit by Santa and Mrs. Claus - so be certain to bring the kids and grandkids.

We'll begin our second half featuring our Woodwind Quintet comprised of Myra Downs – flute, Kathy Vork – clarinet, Larry George – oboe, Blossom Santiago – horn, and Virginia Valentine – euphonium.

They will begin with It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas, by Meredith

Willson, arranged by Jari Villanueva. Next will be Carols For Christmas arranged by Frank J. Halferty. This medley includes Joy to the World; Deck the Halls; Jingle Bells; Silent Night; Sleepers, Wake!; and more. Sleepers, Wake! is by J. S. Bach and was adapted by Philipp Nicolai, from Nach, Hans Sachs.

NSW will return to the stage to begin the second half of our performance with a medley of tunes: Christmas on Broadway, arranged by John Higgins and A Winter's Carol by Mark. The melody following, Stille, Stille, Stille, is a gentle piece that represents the holidays. As a wind symphony, we present a "march" at each performance. Next, we'll perform Jingle Bells Forever, arranged by Robert W. Smith. Last will be Sleigh Ride by Leroy Anderson.

We are sponsored by Fremont Bank Foundation. As always, the concert is free and no tickets are necessary. In the past we've had a full house, so plan on arriving early.

For safety, we've established a few easy-to-follow rules: A mask must be worn at all times when in the theatre by those two years and older. For entrance to the theatre, those 12 years or older must show proof of full vaccination. Do note, our musicians will have filters on their instruments, and also will be wearing musician masks. Fortunately, these will not influence music quality.

Holiday Concert and Sing-along
Saturday, Dec 11
7 p.m.
Newark Memorial High School Theatre
39375 Cedar Blvd., Newark
(510) 552-7186
<https://newarksymphonic.org>
Free



Candlelight Vigil for the homeless

BY FATEMA BHAIJI

The 8th annual Candlelight Vigil for late members of the homeless community was held Monday, November 29. The event was presented by Abode Services, a homeless assistance organization; St. James' Episcopal Church; and Tri-City Interfaith Council. The Vigil began with a performance of the song "Light a Candle," by Jennifer and Joey Carini, as flames were brought to attendees who stood in a circle around a table of 79 candles. Each candle on the table had the name of a homeless individual who passed away this year. As flames started to burn brightly in handheld candles, speaker Reverend Lori Walton of St. Joseph's Episcopal Church emphasized the significance of having the homeless community members' names on candles "to release their names to the universe in prayer."

After a moment of silence, the names and a description of the 79 homeless individuals from Santa Clara and Alameda County who died were read by Katie Fantin from Abode Services. Descriptions, provided by staff workers who knew these individuals, ranged from witty

one-liners of an individual's love of loud music, to more serious details such as one man's caring nature towards his family. Director of Communications at Abode Services, Bronwyn Hogan, believed that "hearing something personal about these individuals created a sense of togetherness."

After the reading of names, Reverend Barbara Meyers and Shamsa Rafay, members of Tri-City Interfaith Council, offered prayers from their respective faiths: Unitarian Universalism and Islam. Rafay introduced the idea from Islamic scripture that "Islam emphasizes our individual duty towards neighbors" and stressed how the community needs to feel a sense of responsibility to their neighborhood in order to battle homelessness and poverty.

Several other interfaith members of the community, including members from Hindu, Christian, Buddhist, and Jewish communities, also said short prayers in memory of homeless individuals. Rabbi Zöe McCoon presented a prayer that is traditionally used after someone has died. In the prayer, she asked God that the individuals "experience perfect rest under the

shelter of God's presence," and followed up by singing a traditional Jewish hymn.

The evening ended with Louis Chicoine, CEO of Abode Services, providing an urgent call to action to local communities to address the problem of homelessness in the Bay Area. He emphasized how homelessness can be solved with collective effort, also mentioning that opportunities to volunteer for homeless shelters have increased due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"[Homeless people] have the right to be remembered," Chicoine expressed as he emphasized the current crisis in the Bay Area, an area with uncounted homeless bodies due to the sheer number of homeless people present. Organizations like Abode have been established to help the homeless community and fight against this crisis. Abode's call to action and the prayers from the Interfaith council emphasize one main idea: the only way to solve homelessness is through a strong and united community.

www.abodeservices.org
tcicouncil.weebly.com



Trash Talk

BY THE PICK UP ARTIST

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

Every time you choose to recycle, you're giving that item a second life to serve a new purpose and save natural resources. Now more than ever, it's important that only the right items, free from contamination, make their way into your recycling bin.

Seasonal Recycling

Wrapping Paper:

Paper is recyclable, so don't just put it in the landfill.

- Remove sticky tape.
- Ribbons and bows are not recyclable, but can be stored and reused next year.
- Recycle most wrapping paper, but not the foil or glitter-decorated type. Those are considered trash.
- Cardboard boxes and cartons can be flattened and put in recycling bins or saved to use again later.

Christmas Trees:

Consider buying a live tree that you can then plant in your yard. Ours is over 40 years old and about 20 feet tall! If you buy a fresh-cut tree, don't forget to water it. You can use water caught from rinsing vegetables to save water. Instead of using a wooden tree stand, there are bowl-shaped ones you can use that will hold water and keep the tree fresh longer. The important thing is you don't need a fire hazard. After Christmas most sanitation services will pick trees up for free; just follow the instructions for your specific waste management company.

- Trees cannot exceed the limit for length and may need to be cut. Check with your service provider.

- Remove tinsel, lights and ornaments. Trees are going into the chipper.
- Put your tree on the curb the night before your regularly-scheduled pickup.

For more information on recycling DOs and DON'Ts, check with the service provider for your area:

<https://www.MilpitasSanitation.com/wishcycling/>
<https://www.WM.com/us/en/recycle-right>
<https://www.RepublicServices.com/recycling-guide>

Water Conservation tip of the month:

Turn off the tap after you wet your toothbrush! It's amazing that some people leave the water running the whole time they brush. Those 2–3-minute floodgates will waste a lot of water when you add them up over time. It's not that hard – we do have indoor plumbing, so consider it a luxury to be able to control water instead of fetching it from the creek or well.

The quote for today:

"I hope today is one of those days I never wanna forget." Dolly, from 'The Family Circus' comic strip

Answer to the last Trash Talk Question: On your trash walks, have you come across any situations that required urgent attention? YES! There was an abandoned car on my route, and it was leaking gasoline onto the street. I called the fire department, who quickly came out to put something on the street to soak the gasoline up, thereby preventing a potentially dangerous situation. Thanks, Hayward Fire Department!

The Trash Talk Question for today: No question about it, have a great holiday season with family and friends. Relish in the joy of the time with others. Share a smile and be grateful for it all.

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



BY JOHN GRIMALDI AND DAVID BRUCE SMITH

December 1 through 15

Driven to success

America's "second" Revolution -- the Industrial of the 19th and 20th centuries -- was pioneered by inventors, engineers, scientists, and -- Henry Ford -- arguably the most prolific. In 1908, he reset the way in which people traveled with the debut of his Model T, a "simple, sturdy and relatively inexpensive" motor car, according to History.com.

Five years later -- on December 1, 1913 -- Ford transformed his "horseless carriage" into a faster, cheaper machine, and incorporated an assembly line that permitted efficient mass production; up until then half a day was required to build each automobile; now, with the modernized manufacturing methods, only an hour and a half was necessary. Ford was determined to ensure that "everybody will have one."

"By 1920, there were over eight million registrations. The 1920s saw tremendous growth in automobile ownership, with the number of registered drivers almost tripling to twenty-three million by the end of the decade," observed the U.S. History Website.

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends "I Invented the Modern Age: The Rise of Henry Ford," by Richard Snow.

A fond farewell

On December 4, 1783 -- three months after the official end of the American revolution, George Washington threw a party for his officers. It was a bittersweet occasion for the General, who had conducted a six-year battle against the Redcoats to ensure a free American homeland; now, he was traveling to Annapolis, Maryland to resign his commission.

History.com noted that "Observers of the intimate scene at Fraunces Tavern in New York City, described Washington as 'suffused in tears,' embracing his officers one by one after issuing his farewell."

That night, Washington told them: "With a heart full of love and gratitude, I now take leave of you. I most devoutly wish that your latter days may be as prosperous and happy as your former ones have been glorious and honorable. I cannot come to each of you but shall feel obliged if each of you will come and take me by the hand."

For more information, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends "Washington's Farewell to His Officers After Victory in the Revolution," by Stuart Murray.

A legend remembered

The rough and tumble Buffalo Bill Cody of the Wild West gave up his life on the American frontier, but he held on to his six-guns for an 1872 trip to Chicago; on December 11 of that year, he starred in a stage production of "The Scouts of the Prairie." The play was panned by critics, but audiences thronged to see him at the theatre.

By that time, Buffalo Bill was a national folk hero because a dime novel author, Ned Buntline, had portrayed him as "a mixture of incredible fact and romantic fiction," according to the World History Project. His books glorified Cody's life and times, chronicling his role "taming the wild, wild west," in 1,700 volumes.

Cody liked show business so much, that he performed for another decade; then, in 1883, he created Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, about his real-life adventures. It toured the country 30 years, and barnstormed Europe eight times. He died in 1917.

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends "Buffalo Bill Cody: The Man Behind the Legend," by Robert A. Carter.

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

In the Spirit of Christmas



SUBMITTED BY TERRY LIEBOWITZ

Italian Tenor in Castro Valley? International cross-over recording artist Pasquale Esposito returns to the Castro Valley Center for the Arts on Saturday, December 11 with his holiday show, "In the Spirit of Christmas." This will be an unforgettable night of music with San Jose State University Orchestra accompanying Pasquale and joined by special guests. It is Pasquale's third visit to Castro Valley where audiences love his pop-opera delivery. Castro Valley Arts Foundation President says, "Pasquale's show is guaranteed to get you in a great holiday mood!"

Since immigrating to the U.S., Pasquale has recorded nine albums and aired four PBS Specials. His first feature was "Pasquale Esposito Celebrates Enrico Caruso" and his most recent was, "In the Spirit of Christmas," shown in early December.

Pasquale Esposito: In the Spirit of Christmas
Saturday, Dec 11
7:30 p.m.
Castro Valley Center for the Arts
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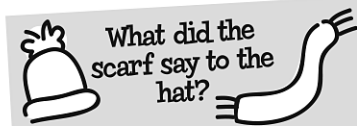
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Snowman Puzzles

Chill out with this cool collection of brrrr-ain teasers.



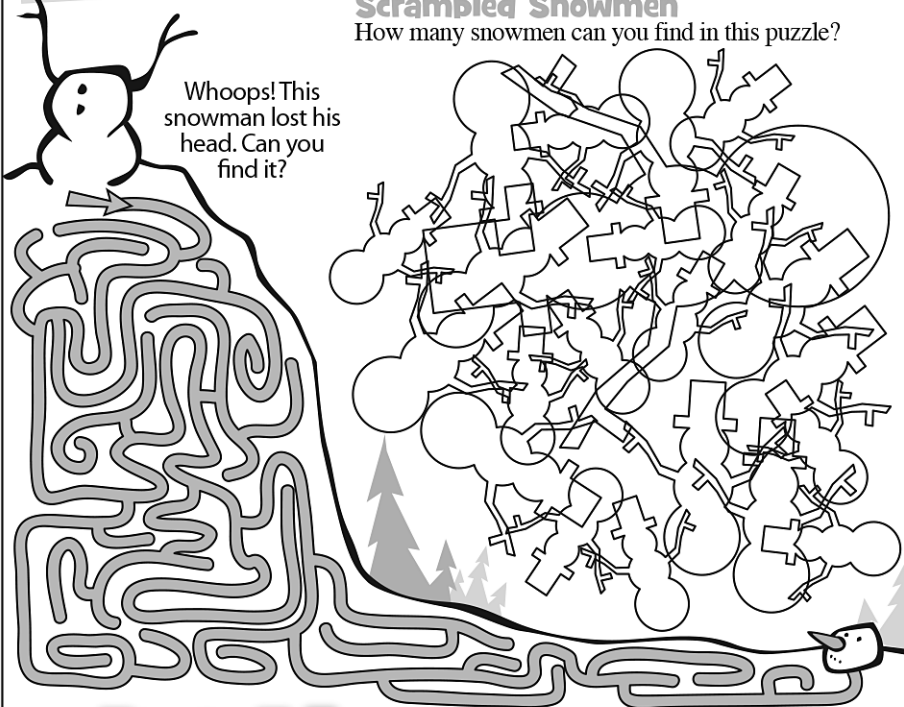
What did the scarf say to the hat?

Cross out the words that rhyme with **FREEZE**.

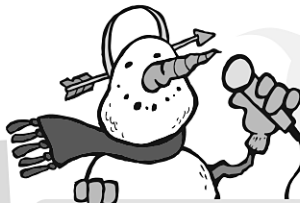
"TREES YOU SQUEEZE GO ON KNEES
AHEAD KEYS PLEASE AND I'LL BEES
JUST HANG SKIS AROUND BREEZE."

Scrambled Snowmen

How many snowmen can you find in this puzzle?



Whoops! This snowman lost his head. Can you find it?



Circle every other letter to reveal the punchline for each riddle.

What is a snowman's favorite food?

R I D C J E R B L E
K R H G M E P R F S

What does a snowman put on a taco?

W C S H A I Y L B L
T Y N P B E Q P J
P W E D R K S

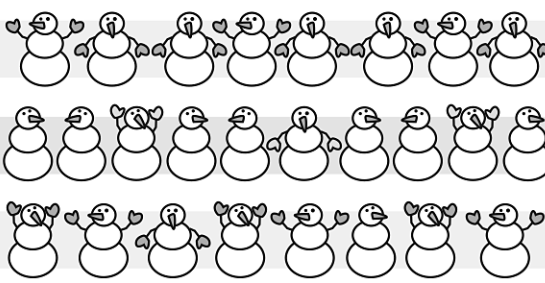
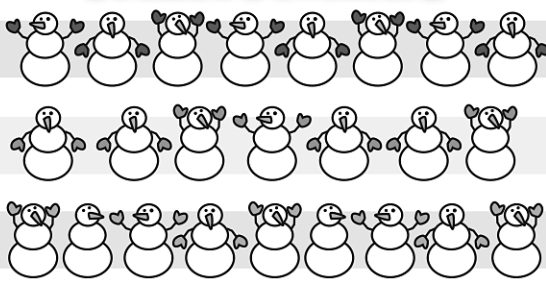
What do you call a family of snowmen around a cozy fireplace?

T P G U Y D T D
W L H E U S

P _ _ _ _ _

Frozen Followers

Draw the snowman that should come next in each row to continue the pattern.



Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Complete patterns.

Snowman Stumper

The kids on Holly Lane built these four snowmen. Can you figure out who made each of these snowmen?

Kayla's snowman is between Jordan's snowman and Greg's snowman. Sophie's snowman is next to Jordan's snowman. Greg's snowman is not the largest.



Standards Link: Problem Solving: Use a variety of strategies, including logic, to solve problems.

Extra! Extra!

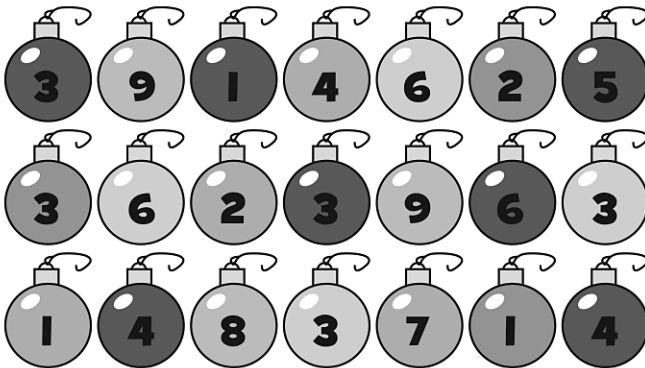
Winter Words

Look through the newspaper for words that could be used to describe a cold winter. Use them in a sentence to describe the weather today.

Standards Link: Writing: Write sentences using descriptive details.

Kid Scoop® Puzzler

Aunt Artica likes lots of ornaments on her Christmas tree. But she doesn't have room for all of them. By adding the numbers on the ornaments, can you circle the ones she can use? The total can't be higher than 50 or less than 35. Then have a friend try. Who was able to use the most ornaments?



Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Calculate sums.

Double Double Word Search

CHRISTMAS
HOLLY
SNOWMAN
FREEZE
FOOD
WINTER
COOL
RIDDLE
CHILL
HOT
COLD
LOST
SKIS
COZY
FIND

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

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O K S I K S W A O L
S F S N O W M A N R
W Y F L E T C D L I
V L M O S Z T O H D
Y L P I O R E L O D
Z O R Z Y D U E W L
O H W I N T E R R E
C H I L L D L O C F

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



Kid Scoop Together

What is sometimes bigger than Santa, sometimes smaller than Santa, but doesn't weigh anything at all?

To reveal the answer, use the hints to fill in the empty boxes and create 3-letter words. The answer will appear by reading shaded boxes vertically.

1.		H		
2.	S			
3.				D
4.	A			
5.			Y	
6.		A		
7.			I	
8.			W	
9.				N

HINTS:

1. Frosty wears one on his head.
2. Taking a tiny drink of hot cocoa.
3. The opposite of the happy.
4. What's left after a fire.
5. Timid
6. Movie stars do this.
7. A weak light, not bright.
8. To pull a vehicle with another.
9. The opposite of lose.

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

Find the two identical snowmen.



Kid Scoo-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word FROSTY in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

F	R	S	T	O	Y
R	T		F		
O		F			T
S	F		Y		
T				S	F
Y			O	F	R

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Hot and Cold

A player selects a picture from the newspaper. Another player tries to identify the picture by asking questions that can be answered "yes" or "no." Give clues like you are "hot" when getting close and "cold" when getting farther away.

Standards Link: Reading: Ask and answer questions; follow directions.



What do you call an old snowman?

ANSWER: Water!

Write On!

No Money Gifts

What can you give as a Christmas present that doesn't cost money to buy?

Tiny homes a big ally in fighting homelessness



Otto Lee at a press conference at the LifeMoves shipping containers site

BY CHARLENE DIZON
PHOTOS COURTESY OF COUNCIL
PRESIDENT NIKKI FORTUNATO BAS AND
SUPERVISOR OTTO LEE

Homelessness in Oakland and San Jose has been a long-time concern. Both cities have hit on a unique solution: using tiny home communities to give the homeless access to shelter and a variety of resources as a stepping stone towards achieving permanent housing.

The primary focus of tiny home communities has not only been in providing housing, but using public land for public good. Oakland Council President Nikki Fortunato Bas, who has led advocacy for this project since 2019, states, “We wanted to use a vacant large parcel of land in District 2 productively by putting into place the lessons and feedback we have received from the community and unhoused neighbors regarding our growing homeless population.”

A grand opening event for Lakeview Village, a tiny home community that recently opened to house up to 65 unhoused residents in the Lake Merritt area, was held on November 1, 2021. In San Jose, Santa Clara County put up their own interim tiny homes development in early 2021, naming it Casas de Esperanza, meaning “Little Houses of Hope,” at the Civic Center. Both projects have ensured that homelessness is directly addressed through new avenues, beginning with additional amenities that are not currently available in other emergency housing options.

Upgraded amenities have been a priority when constructing these communities. Oakland has partnered with Housing Consortium of the East Bay, a non-profit organization dedicated to

establishing safe and inclusive communities for marginalized populations. Each housing unit is known as a Pallet Shelter, which is easy to assemble and disassemble should opportunities for relocation to larger plots of land become available.

Electricity, heat, lockable doors and windows, foldable beds, carbon monoxide monitors, and several other features are included. Council President Bas states, “We want to improve physical living conditions and not have residents back out on the street.” To further support these residents, comprehensive care services have also been made accessible.

Many unhoused are struggling with financial, physical, and mental health issues. Santa Clara County Supervisor Otto Lee states, “We understand that these residents are undergoing a wide range of overwhelming circumstances, which is why we have services like assistance for job placement, medical and behavioral health, credit repair, and other onsite support.” Residents not only gain guidance towards finding permanent housing, but obtain knowledge on employment and finances that will boost their long-term stability.

Community councils are also present to support program goals and address challenges. Council President Bas explains, “The community council will be made up of unhoused residents themselves, along with members from nearby neighborhoods, small businesses, and Housing Consortium of the East Bay representatives.” Such services create a tight-knit community for residents who may feel isolated and lost. In addition to current resources, future plans are being proposed.

While Pallet Shelters have been commended for their durability and efficiency in set-up, Supervisor Lee hopes to further upgrade transitional housing options. “We requested that the County Administration find vacant or under-utilized sites in San Jose for short-term housing development with safe parking,” he states. Expanding homeless community spaces promotes proactive solution-seeking while still working towards long-term solutions that often take years to complete.

In fall 2021, Supervisor Lee constructed a proposal for shipping container homeless

housing units, which are just as mobile and sturdy as Pallet Shelters. “When I remembered serving my Navy time in Iraq, we got to stay in housing units made from shipping containers,” he shares. “Not only did I feel safe and had privacy, but I was completely protected from the outside elements and it was significantly better than our tents.” If funding is available and approved for unused land, these shipping container-based shelters can be built. Council President Bas also aims to continue utilizing other available parcels of land in developing homeless communities that will get people off the streets and into interim housing.

“The unhoused are also working individuals who simply cannot make ends meet and therefore have to live out of their cars or on the road. We must educate ourselves to ensure that negative notions against the homeless are not formed,” Supervisor Lee states. Progress in these projects is significant towards improving the quality of resources for the homeless. Though still needed, congregate settings can be risky during COVID-19.

Council President Bas explains, “We all know affordable housing is a huge priority and we envision placing these residents in permanent housing six months to a year from now. I’m happy that I’ve been able to work with the city and homeless advocates in trying something new and finding solutions that are at a larger scale.” With this in mind, it is no question that these flourishing communities will become a pillar of hope for families and individuals wanting housing stability.”



Otto Lee at a press conference at the San Jose Casas pallet housing project



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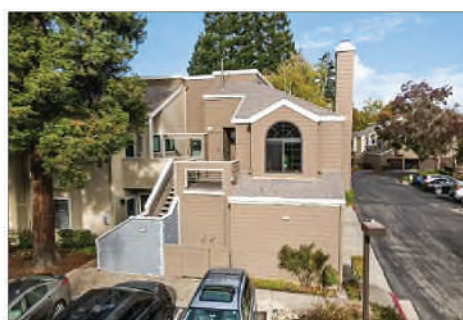
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Home & Garden

Quail make 'egg'cellent pets

By DANIEL O'DONNELL

Raising backyard chickens became popular when the pandemic began. Many feedstores cannot keep up with the demand for chicks and some hardware stores have seen a 40% increase in the sale of chicken wire used for building coops. After a year's experience, some people may continue to raise chickens, while other may think it is too much work even though they will miss out on having fresh eggs. There is an alternative for these people and anyone else who has wanted backyard chickens—but not the workload—or did not feel they had the space. Domestic quail are just as enjoyable, require less work, but still provide eggs.

Bay Area cities have varying permit requirements for raising chickens. Domestic quail generally do not have such restrictions. Domestic quail need less space than chickens and can even be raised on apartment balconies. They require less food, and while male quail do make noise sometimes, it is infrequent and no louder than that of a small wild bird. However, many egg laying breeds only have a life span of a few years while chickens can live beyond ten.

The term “domestic quail” loosely refers to a group of small birds that are raised as pets, for egg laying, for their meat, for their vibrant colors and feather patterns, and/or the pleasant sounds they sing. Some are true quail whereas others are a different species of fowl. The group does not include breeds of wild native and game quail such as the California quail. These birds either have strict regulatory and licensing requirements or are illegal to raise in captivity. Domestic quail are breeds whose evolution has been guided by many years of domestication and breeding.

Appropriate coop size depends on the number of quail. There should be at least one square foot of floor space for each quail. Quail spend most of their time foraging for food on the ground or resting in tall grass or under a small plant. The coop does not need to be more than three feet tall unless it is a walk-in. There should be at least one water and food source, dirt for baths, branches and plant canopy for hiding under, and nesting boxes for laying eggs. Ideally, the coop should be placed in an area that gets full sun provided there are enough shaded spots for quail to retreat to.

A group of quail is called a covey. Quail species raised for egg production fare better when there are at least five to seven



Button Quail (Courtesy of Andre Karwath)



Photo by Daniel O'Donnell

birds in the covey. Some ornamental quail should only be raised in coveys of two. An all-female covey can lead to bullying, so having at least one male will prevent hectoring. Having fewer than five females to one male can result in the females being mated to death. More than seven females to one male can result in a low ratio of fertilized eggs (a problem if breeding is desired). Two males can be in a single run if the one square foot per bird and five to seven females to one male guidelines are adhered to.

It is easy to provide a healthy diet for a covey. A wild bird seed mix is a staple, but edible greens are also an important daily requirement. Quail can eat a wide variety of grains, vegetables, dried insects and fruits. They prefer clean water so the water source should be cleaned daily.

Domestic quail begin laying eggs at six to eight weeks old and can lay an egg a day for about the next year. They will need at least 14 hours of light per day or they will not lay. If they are fall or winter babies, they may need supplemental light in the evening for a few hours. Supplementing their diet with oyster shells or a “developer diet feed” will ensure healthy egg production. Having a secluded quiet place in the run where they feel safe will also promote good egg production.

Since quail have a short lifespan, many people decide to breed their quail to continue the covey. Domestic quail typically are not broody, so hatching the eggs requires an incubator. The price range and number of eggs they hold vary, but if the goal is to replace five to seven quail per year, a smaller inexpensive incubator is fine to use. Search for “hatching quail eggs and brooding quail chicks” on backyardchickens.com as a guide through the process.

Craigslist can be a good place to find domestic quail for purchase because they have been acclimated to the local area. Feed stores such as Close Feed and Supply in Union City have quail depending on availability. Alchemist Farm and Garden in Sebastopol, alchemistfarm.com, sells a variety of quail. They are pioneers of humane breeding and hatching, have a no male kill policy, and provide quail with free-roaming pastures.

The moment quails are brought home you know you made the right choice. Young quail are cute and fun to watch. A few weeks later you will be rewarded with fresh eggs and even after they stop laying, their singing will confirm your choice.

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THE ACWD CONNECTION

Public Comment Sought at Public Hearing

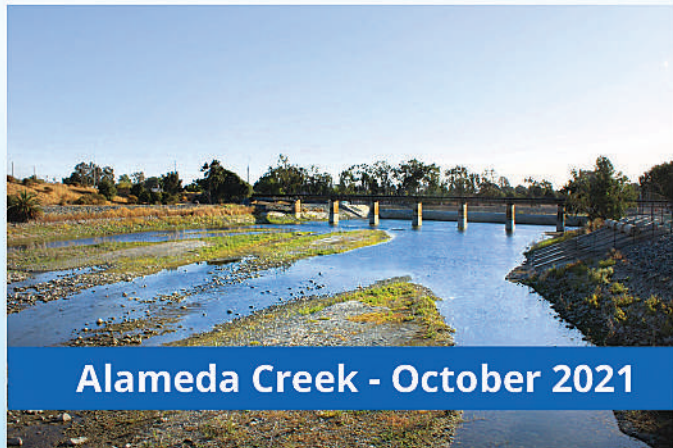
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When: Thursday, December 9 at 6 p.m.

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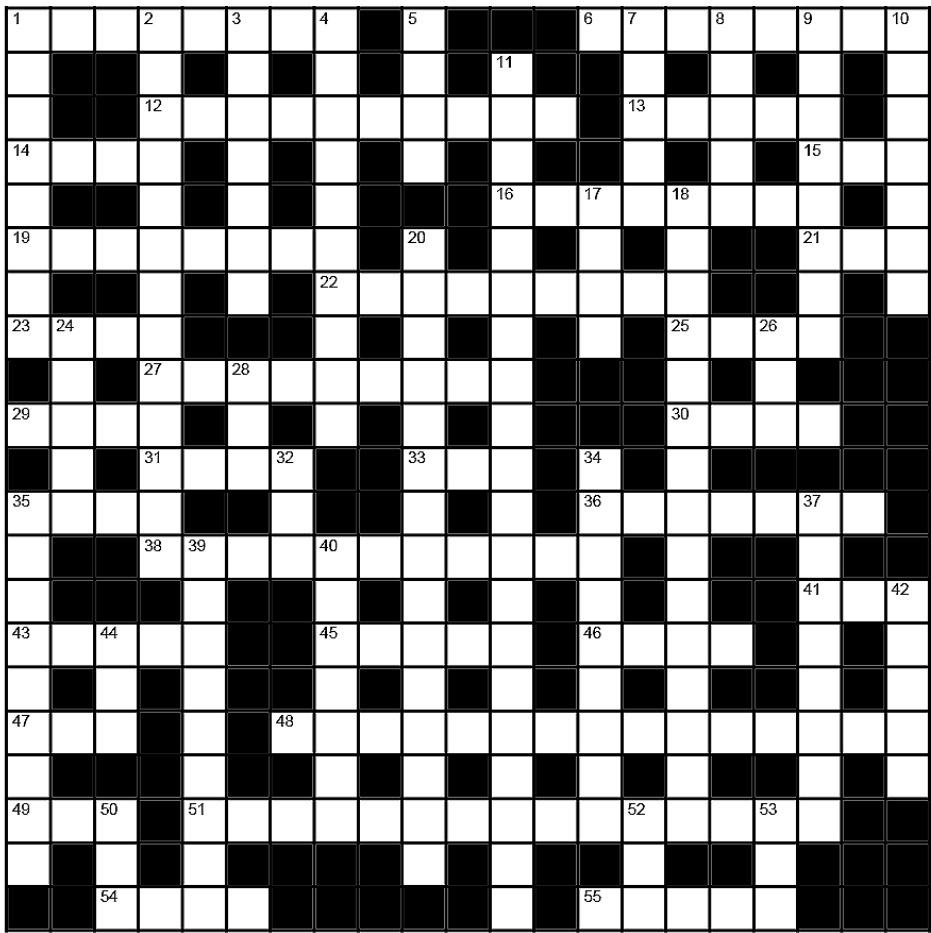


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Mind Twisters

Crossword Puzzle



- Across

1

V.I.P. (8)

6

Opposite of all (3,1,4)

12

Put down (10)

13

Going to the dogs, e.g. (5)

14

Gone wrong? (4)

15

Little devil (3)

16

Protected, in a way (8)

19

Charades, basically (8)

21

Aged (3)

22

Green (9)

23

They, in Trieste (4)

25

Radio host Don (4)

27

Record holder (9)

29

Vexed (4)

30

Critical hosp. areas (4)

31

Actor Ray

33

Suffix with mock (3)

35

Name repeated in a nursery rhyme (4)

36

Cupidity (7)
- 38

"Dee-licious!" (11)
- 41

Iranian city (3)
- 43

Cursed (5)
- 45

Blue-ribbon position (5)
- 46

Sentence part: Abbr. (4)
- 47

Mr. Rogers (3)
- 48

Unappealing (3,4,3,2,3)
- 49

Standings stat (3)
- 51

Bargain establishment (10,5)
- 54

Energy (4)
- 55

Like some vbs. (5)

Down

1

Scolding (8)

2

High points (3-6,4)

3

Do museum work (7)

4

Serenity (10)

5

Final, e.g. (4)

7

Pointed arch (5)

8

Crème de la crème (1,4)

9

Cigar holders (8)

10

Sink (7)

11

Batting order? (4,4,3,2,3,4)

17

Flimsy (4)

18

"Over my dead body!" (3,2,1,3,4,2)

20

Colorful language (4-6,5)

24

Journalist Alexander (5)

26

Eskimo knife (3)

28

"Yikes!" (3)

32

Columbus sch. (3)

34

Brisk (4-5)

35

Old-fashioned (9)

37

Flirt (8)

39

Range features (9)

40

Family member (7)

42

Colorful parrot (5)

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Suffix with access (3)

50

Pince-___ (3)

52

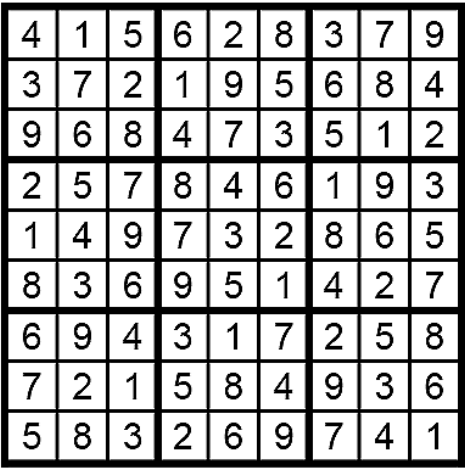
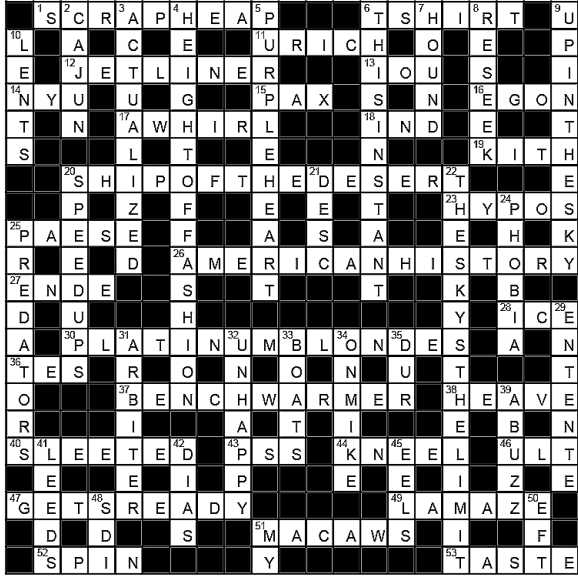
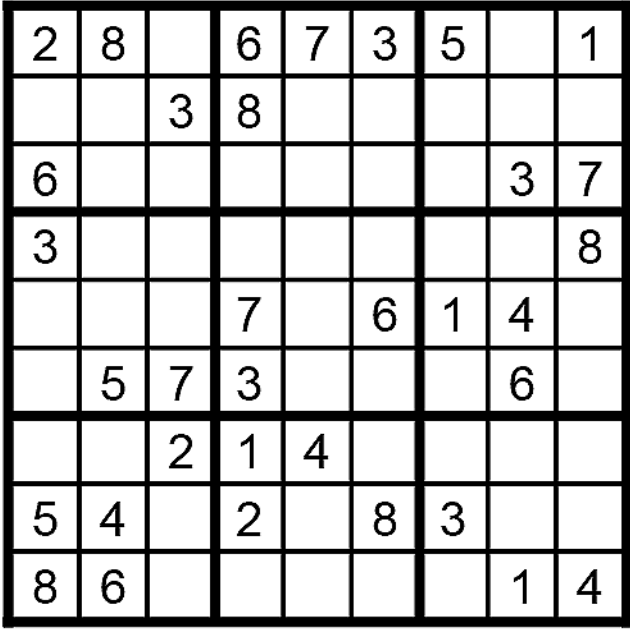
Sun. delivery (3)

53

Prayer ___ (3)

Sudoku:

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



Tri-City Stargazer FOR WEEK: DECEMBER 7, 2021

All Signs: This is a busy week. Unfortunately, everyone’s energy might be scattered in different directions. There’s a strong chance that by midweek, things will spin out of control but it’s nothing we can’t handle. Be on the lookout for squabbles, which might erupt because of the confusion. Please remember: When the world gets wobbly, do not let anyone place blame on you. Likewise, do not place blame on others.

Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20):
On Monday, you feel pumped with new ideas. By Tuesday, the situation might start to look shaky. By Wednesday, someone might be angry, possibly about shared property, debt, or responsibilities. By Thursday, someone is sulking. On Friday, tread carefully. Don’t believe everything you hear, especially if someone is throwing shade. Get the facts before you leap to conclusions. By Saturday, a sigh of relief! Things are lighthearted and social. Fun occasions beckon.

Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20):
At the beginning of the week, you feel confident and encouraged, especially about financial matters. Furthermore, travel for pleasure looks promising! However, by Tuesday, there seems to be doubt about your plans. Double check details about inheritances, shared property, taxes, debt and insurance matters. By Wednesday and Thursday, the gloves are off. Conflict with partners, spouses or close friends is something you might have to face. Hang in there because by Saturday, things turn completely around. You’re happy, in fact, you’ve got big ideas!

Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20):
The Sun is still directly opposite your sign along with Mercury, which means you have a strong focus on partners, spouses and close friends. (This happens for four weeks only once a year.) Although this week begins on a high note, things begin to get out of hand on Tuesday. By Wednesday, conflict with coworkers could be an

aggravation. This conflict might also focus on your pet. On Thursday, someone will play the guilt game. Fortunately, by the weekend, all of this is history.

Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21):
No matter what happens this week, the strong theme throughout is that you’re ready to work and get stuff done. You will be productive and get results. Monday is a solid day. By Tuesday, some distinct confusion enters the picture. You might be misled by someone either innocently or on purpose. Keep your eyes open. By midweek, conflict with kids, romantic partners and people in the entertainment world and hospitality industry will be an aggravation. Hang in there because by the weekend everything is much happier!

Leo the Lion (July 22-August 22):
This week is a party hard, work hard week. Or it’s more like a love/hate week. Actually, the week starts off great! However, some kind of confusion with a romantic partner might disappoint you. Or there might be some confusion, even deception, dealing with your kids. By midweek, family arguments are likely. Cope as best you can with patience and grace. By Saturday, everything is back to normal and feelings are good. They are also passionate! Possibly, you have ambitious ideas about work?

Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22):
This week your focus on home, family and home repairs continues. It begins in a beautiful way on Monday; but by Tuesday, something

confusing might be going on at home. Perhaps a misunderstanding with a family member. By Wednesday/Thursday, because fiery Mars is in your House of Communications, you might be a tad aggressive when talking to others. Be careful about coming on too strong, which will defeat your purpose. Romance is very passionate this week. Likewise, you might feel equally as passionate about sports or entertainment. By Saturday, everything is copacetic.

Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22):
Your fast pace and busy schedule continue with errands, short trips and appointments. Plus, you’re eager to talk to many people. More than any other sign, your surroundings are important to you because you are affected by your immediate environment. This week you might have strong feelings about a redecorating project or entertaining guests. What might seem casual to someone else is important to you. Perhaps this is why you have some squabbles midweek, especially about finances or the cost of entertaining? Be clear in your communications because confusion is rampant.

Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21):
This is a tricky week. You continue to have a strong focus on money, cash flow and earnings. Mars in your sign will make you aggressive and ready to go after whatever you want. Mars is your ancient ruler, which is why you are a forceful and direct sign. Monday is a smooth day, but by midweek, confusion and deception might anger or disappoint you. The

confusion might be about ownership, or money. Fortunately, Venus in your House of Communications will soften your words and make you diplomatic.

Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21):
This week has challenges for everyone. Fortunately, you have the advantage of having both the Sun and Mercury in your sign, which means things will tend to go your way. Monday looks great! However, on Tuesday, confused communications with a parent or a family member might make things go sideways. This might even trigger conflict that arises midweek, especially about a secret. You have strong feelings when it comes to money and possessions this week. Hopefully, they will be resolved by Saturday because you’re definitely smiling by then.

Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19):
This week has mixed messages and different influences. You’ll be strong and aggressive, and willing to fight for your rights. But in another way, you will prefer to stay low-key. This will be particularly evident on Wednesday/ Thursday, when tension with others will be apparent. Possibly, you’re upset because of a deception? Whatever happens, with Venus in your sign now, you’ll be graceful and diplomatic, regardless of how you feel.

Aquarius the Water Bearer (January 20-February 18):
Your popularity continues! In particular, you will enjoy the company of younger people. However, on Tuesday, confusion or deception might disappoint you.

This could be related to a hidden love affair? Because Mars is at the top of your chart, your ambition is aroused. This also means if someone stands in your way, you will defend yourself! This could put you in conflict with someone around Wednesday/Thursday. Eventually, all of this subsides, and by Saturday, you’re laughing!

Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20):
The Sun is still at high noon in your chart, casting you in a flattering spotlight. Monday is a lovely day. By Tuesday, you will encounter confusion. By Wednesday/Thursday, arguments about social issues, racism, politics and religion might grip you. Fortunately, a passionate friendship is important to you this week, and it will be a comfort to you. (For some, this passion will be so strong that a friend will become a lover.) In either case, your ideals are strong. All of this will be settled by Saturday.



By Georgia Nicols
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CASTRO VALLEY TOTAL SALES: 11						
Highest \$: 1,750,000		Median \$: 1,045,000				
Lowest \$: 840,000		Average \$: 1,144,364				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
1950 Leila Street	94546	840,000	2	996	1948	9/9/21
21367 Rizzo Avenue	94546	850,000	3	1245	1946	9/10/21
4575 Edwards Lane	94546	905,000	3	1480	1974	9/8/21
20252 West Ridge Ct	94546	1,000,000	4	2575	2001	9/10/21
7724 Summerhill Place	94552	1,005,000	3	1443	1996	9/8/21
5064 Seaview Avenue	94546	1,045,000	3	1398	1963	9/9/21
18790 Center Street	94546	1,170,000	3	1800	1954	9/8/21
19020 Clemans Drive	94546	1,220,000	4	1800	1953	9/7/21
19050 Gliddon Street	94546	1,393,000	3	1622	1953	9/10/21
19947 Crow Creek Rd	94552	1,410,000	4	2746	1993	9/10/21
5306 Fairweather Ct	94552	1,750,000	5	2820	1998	9/10/21

FREMONT TOTAL SALES: 38						
Highest \$: 2,915,000		Median \$: 1,385,000				
Lowest \$: 463,000		Average \$: 1,385,211				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
39219 Guardino Dr #265	94538	463,000	1	693	1987	9/8/21
39206 Guardino Dr #210	94538	470,000	1	693	1990	9/10/21
4022 Abbey Ter #104	94536	549,000	2	748	1986	9/8/21
39495 Albany Cmn #J	94538	642,000	2	991	1981	9/10/21
218 East Warren Cmn #10	94539	860,000	3	1204	1982	9/8/21
38426 Redwood Ter #14	94536	900,000	2	1400	1982	9/10/21
38851 Stillwater Cmn	94536	950,000	2	1001	1987	9/10/21
5213 Tacoma Cmn #69	94555	985,000	2	1250	1989	9/10/21
4991 Conway Ter #53	94555	1,030,000	3	1309	1988	9/7/21
39859 Burr Avenue	94538	1,141,000	3	1148	1959	9/9/21
3672 Langdon Cmn	94538	1,170,000	3	1430	1998	9/10/21
40574 Blacow Road	94538	1,200,000	3	1488	1960	9/8/21
35050 Sofia Court	94536	1,225,000	4	1399	1964	9/10/21
4980 Evans Avenue	94536	1,280,000	3	1092	1954	9/10/21
35920 Perkins Street	94536	1,300,000	4	1714	1969	9/7/21
3678 Wyndham Drive	94536	1,300,000	3	1688	1972	9/9/21
2861 Pinnacles Terrace	94538	1,350,000	3	2093	2013	9/9/21
2819 Pinnacles Terrace	94538	1,355,000	3	2093	2013	9/10/21
42549 Hamilton Way	94538	1,360,000	3	1663	1958	9/9/21
40311 Leslie Street	94538	1,410,000	4	1496	1969	9/10/21
4866 Garnet Cmn	94555	1,421,000	3	1354	1988	9/8/21
35896 Salvador Court	94536	1,428,000	4	1751	1965	9/9/21
34334 Bodkin Terrace	94555	1,430,000	2	1891	1987	9/10/21
37317 Chinaberry Cmn	94536	1,450,000	4	1866	1997	9/8/21
34262 Barnfield Place	94555	1,475,000	3	1305	1970	9/10/21
34459 Raindeer Court	94555	1,495,000	3	1305	1972	9/10/21
37324 Chinaberry Cmn	94536	1,500,000	4	1866	1997	9/9/21
48911 Tonalea Street	94539	1,525,000	4	1231	1978	9/8/21
1433 Washo Drive	94539	1,600,000	4	3235	1978	9/8/21
35030 Mount Palomar Ct	94555	1,630,000	3	2166	1999	9/8/21
48270 Cottonwood St	94539	1,650,000	3	1574	1963	9/8/21
48898 Zinfandel Street	94539	1,650,000	3	1869	1985	9/10/21
43401 Jerome Avenue	94539	1,654,000	4	2000	1953	9/8/21
38670 Tyson Lane	94536	1,900,000	3	2428	2001	9/8/21
3039 Beard Road	94555	2,025,000	4	2678	1989	9/7/21
41462 Pelham Court	94539	2,450,000	3	2264	1959	9/10/21
510 Ondina Drive	94539	2,500,000	4	2461	1977	9/8/21
43717 Excelso Drive	94539	2,915,000	4	2738	1981	9/10/21

HAYWARD TOTAL SALES: 28						
Highest \$: 1,650,000		Median \$: 823,500				
Lowest \$: 180,000		Average \$: 853,786				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
335 Rivercrest Lane	94544	180,000	3	1161	1955	9/7/21
325 Valle Vista Ave #204	94544	450,000	2	725	1984	9/10/21
1502 E Street #6	94541	480,000	2	1075	1974	9/9/21
2438 Saint Helena Dr #1	94542	520,000	2	1132	1984	9/10/21
22651 Sonoma Street	94541	527,000	2	809	1927	9/10/21
687 Royston Lane #225	94544	615,000	3	1045	1988	9/8/21
817 Cinnamon Court	94544	700,000	-	1176	1975	9/9/21
27530 Barcelona Ave	94545	737,000	3	1119	1956	9/10/21
341 Beale Drive	94544	785,000	3	1439	1950	9/8/21
24295 Clarendale St	94544	790,000	3	1156	1940	9/9/21
353 Cornell Avenue	94544	801,000	3	927	1951	9/9/21
24458 Leona Drive	94542	807,000	4	1426	1949	9/7/21
300 Old Oak Lane #2	94541	820,000	3	1468	2010	9/8/21
42 Shasta Street	94541	822,000	3	1269	1951	9/10/21
27765 Loyola Avenue	94545	825,000	3	1128	1957	9/10/21
351 Westchester Street	94544	870,000	3	1233	1956	9/8/21
502 Staley Avenue	94541	875,000	4	1999	2012	9/10/21
1341 Mcfarlane Lane	94544	890,000	3	1231	1955	9/10/21
24261 2nd Street	94541	968,000	4	2498	1951	9/8/21
3863 Arbutus Court	94542	980,000	3	1810	1961	9/9/21
319 Victoria Place	94544	990,000	4	2043	2015	9/8/21
25363 Whitman Street	94544	1,000,000	6	2400	1961	9/9/21
196 Caterina Way	94545	1,000,000	4	1876	2017	9/9/21
31625 Medinah Street	94544	1,002,000	4	1347	1956	9/8/21
25272 Monte Vista Dr	94545	1,100,000	3	1051	1928	9/10/21
22695 Vermont Street	94541	1,172,000	4	3223	1985	9/8/21
29867 Cantera Drive	94544	1,550,000	4	2701	2017	9/8/21

2690 Sulphur Drive	94541	1,650,000	5	2962	1937	9/9/21
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MILPITAS TOTAL SALES: 23						
Highest \$: 1,650,000		Median \$: 1,150,000				
Lowest \$: 495,000		Average \$: 1,143,630				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
472 Dempsey Rd #274	95035	495,000	2	842	2007	10/27/21
104 Sunnyhills Court	95035	680,000	2	924	1992	10/27/21
1828 Petaluma Court	95035	785,000	3	1150	1971	10/25/21
700 South Abel St #419	95035	805,000	2	1259	2007	10/26/21
81 Bettencourt Way	95035	970,000	3	1359	2010	10/28/21
1577 Bleecker Street	95035	1,010,000	2	1310	2014	10/26/21
2071 Joshua Tree Circle	95035	1,042,500	3	1447	2020	10/28/21
370 Riesling Ave #33	95035	1,045,000	3	1530	2018	10/26/21
1102 South Abel St #107	95035	1,047,000	3	1447	2020	10/29/21
1058 Dempsey Road	95035	1,050,000	2	1430	1977	10/25/21
241 Spring Valley Lane	95035	1,060,000	3	1242	1970	10/29/21
364 Heath Street	95035	1,150,000	3	1036	1960	10/29/21
512 Sage Court	95035	1,165,500	3	1717	2020	10/27/21
1336 Milkweed Street	95035	1,260,000	3	2035	2018	10/25/21
353 Baja Rose Street	95035	1,260,000	3	1569	2018	10/29/21
1158 Park Brook Court	95035	1,275,000	4	1755	1962	10/26/21
1727 Ironwood Lane	95035	1,330,000	3	2035	2018	10/27/21
829 Garden Street	95035	1,335,000	3	1726	2017	10/25/21
60 Jacklin Place	95035	1,350,000	3	1637	1982	10/28/21
255 Wild Rose Way	95035	1,410,000	3	2105	2018	10/27/21
2039 Joshua Tree Circle	95035	1,528,500	3	1979	2020	10/28/21
645 Singley Drive	95035	1,600,000	3	1536	1972	10/27/21
1157 Fox Hollow Court	95035	1,650,000	4	1996	1989	10/26/21

NEWARK TOTAL SALES: 15						
Highest \$: 1,420,000		Median \$: 1,100,000				
Lowest \$: 755,000		Average \$: 1,102,633				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
6508 George Avenue	94560	755,000	3	1012	1947	9/10/21
6307 Central Avenue	94560	925,000	3	1131	1952	9/10/21
5653 Pandorea Terrace	94560	945,000	3	1456	2017	9/8/21
35680 Newark Blvd	94560	1,007,500	3	1144	1963	9/10/21
5762 Bellflower Drive	94560	1,100,000	4	1468	1985	9/7/21
35985 Orleans Drive	94560	1,100,000	3	1126	1962	9/8/21
37607 Masts Cove Way	94560	1,100,000	4	1694	2016	9/9/21
6193 Radcliffe Avenue	94560	1,100,000	4	1464	1962	9/10/21
5155 Elmwood Avenue	94560	1,101,000	3	1145	1955	9/9/21
7195 Calais Place	94560	1,130,000	3	1106	1961	9/9/21
39833 Pelton Terrace	94560	1,160,000	4	2114	2015	9/9/21
36412 Hafner Court	94560	1,161,000	3	1314	1959	9/8/21
6070 Lafayette Avenue	94560	1,225,000	4	1464	1962	9/7/21
36012 Burning Tree Dr	94560	1,310,000	3	1482	1969	9/9/21
38054 Salty Cove Road	94560	1,420,000	3	1634	2019	9/7/21

SAN LEANDRO TOTAL SALES: 18						
Highest \$: 1,515,000		Median \$: 840,000				
Lowest \$: 350,000		Average \$: 825,833				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
14101 East 14th St #312	94578	350,000	1	642	1986	9/9/21
341 Macarthur Blvd	94577	500,000	2	906	1920	9/10/21
416 Callan Avenue #11	94577	558,000	2	1156	1981	9/8/21
2311 Cherry Street	94577	610,000	2	780	1955	9/8/21
222 Caliente Dr #77	94578	635,000	3	1245	1980	9/7/21
14525 Flagship St #147	94577	642,000	2	1338	1984	9/7/21
16479 Liberty Street	94578	685,000	2	1290	2008	9/8/21
548 White Fir Drive	94577	725,000	3	1420	1989	9/8/21
16872 Los Banos St	94578	830,000	2	1108	1946	9/7/21
1792 Washington Ave	94577	850,000	3	1431	1920	9/8/21
14940 Riverdale Street	94578	900,000	2	1348	1979	9/8/21
1212 Coe Avenue	94579	920,000	4	1803	1951	9/7/21
1320 143rd Avenue	94578	950,000	3	1385	1907	9/10/21
544 Blossom Way	94577	1,025,000	3	2176	1930	9/10/21
2250 Regatta Court	94579	1,050,000	3	1557	1998	9/7/21
1185 Cherrybrooke Cmns	94578	1,050,000	4	1957	2005	9/8/21
14772 Midland Road	94578	1,070,000	5	1768	1956	9/8/21
558 Joaquin Avenue	94577	1,515,000	4	2775	1912	9/10/21

The James Webb Space Telescope: Ready for launch!

BY DAVID PROSPER

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NASA's James Webb Space Telescope is ready for lift-off! As of this writing (November 15), the much-anticipated next-generation space telescope is being carefully prepared for launch on December 18, 2021, and will begin its mission to investigate some of the deepest mysteries of our universe.

The development of Webb began earlier than you might expect – the concept that would develop into Webb was proposed even before the launch of Hubble in the late 1980s. Since then, its design underwent many refinements, and the telescope experienced a series of delays during construction and testing. While frustrating, the team needs to ensure that this extremely complex and advanced scientific instrument is successfully launched and deployed. The Webb team can't take any chances; unlike Hubble, orbiting at an astronaut-serviceable 340 miles (347 km) above Earth, Webb will orbit about one million miles away (or 1.6 million km), at Lagrange Point 2. Lagrange Points are special positions where the gravitational influence between two different bodies, like the Sun and Earth, "balance out," allowing objects like space telescopes to be placed into stable long-term orbits, requiring only minor adjustments - saving Webb a good deal of fuel.

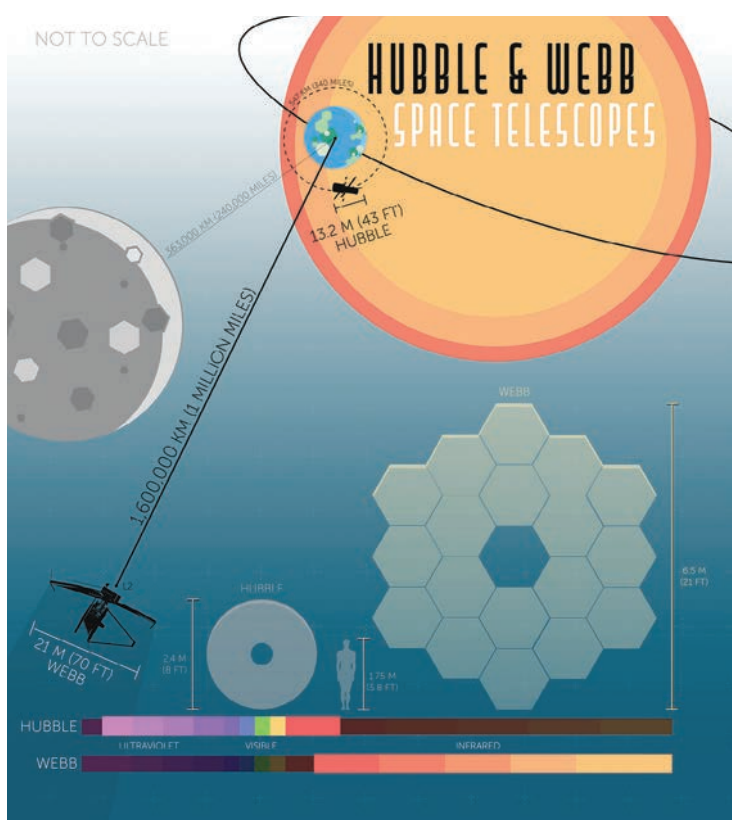
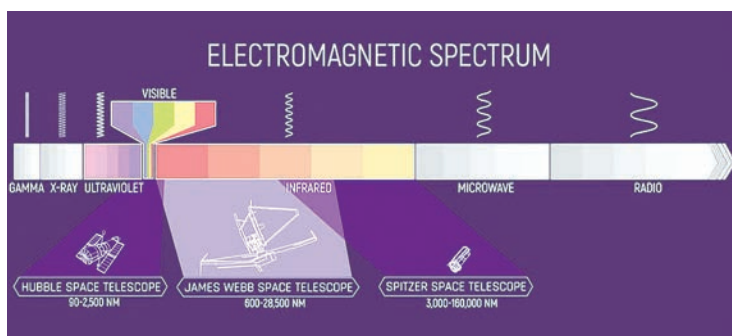
Since this position is also several times further than the Moon, Webb's sunshield will safely cover the Moon, Earth, and Sun and block any potential interference from their own infrared radiation. Even the seemingly small amount of heat from the surfaces of the Earth and Moon would interfere with Webb's extraordinarily sensitive infrared observations of our universe if left unblocked. More detailed information about Webb's orbit can be found at bit.ly/webborbitinfo, and a video showing its movement at bit.ly/webborbitvideo.

Once in final position, its sunshield and mirror fully deployed and instruments checked out, Webb will begin observing. Webb's 21-foot segmented mirror will be trained on targets as fine and varied as planets, moons, and distant objects in our outer Solar System, active centers of galaxies, and some of the most distant stars and galaxies in our universe. It may observe some of the first luminous objects formed after the Big Bang! Webb will join with other observatories to study black holes - including the one lurking in the center of our galaxy, and will study solar systems around other stars, including planetary atmospheres, to investigate their potential for hosting life.

Webb will observe a wide band of the infrared spectrum, including parts observed by the Hubble - which also observes in a bit of ultraviolet light as well as visible - and the recently retired Spitzer Space Telescope. Webb will even observe parts of the infrared spectrum not seen by either of these missions. Webb will follow up on many of Hubble's observations and continue its mission to study the most distant galaxies and stars it can - and as you can see in the comparison image, its mirror and orbit are both huge in comparison, in order to continue these studies in an even deeper fashion.

Wondering how Webb's infrared observations can reveal what visible light cannot? The "Universe in a Different Light" Night Sky Network activity can help - find it at bit.ly/different-light-nsn. Find the latest news from NASA and Webb team as it begins its mission by following #UnfoldTheUniverse on social media, and on the web at nasa.gov/webb.

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\$ = Entrance or Activity Fee
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Schedules are subject to change.
Call to confirm activities shown in these listings.

**CONTINUING
EVENTS**

Mondays, November 29 – December 20
Pet Nights With Santa!
12/13: 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
12/20: 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Let your fur kids join in on photos with Santa!
2086 NewPark Mall, Newark
<https://www.newparkmall.com/en/events/pet-nights-with-santa-37590.html>

First Tuesdays, December-January
Exploring the World of Wine\$
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Learn more about wine and its origin-
nation?
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

Wednesday, Dec 1 2021 – Sunday, Jan 30 2022
Glowfari: A wildly illuminating lantern festival \$R
5 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Hundreds of larger-than-life glowing animal lanterns; ride the express train through winter wonderland!
Oakland Zoo
9777 Golf Links Rd., Oakland
(510) 632-9525
<https://www.oaklandzoo.org/>
Tickets: \$24 adults, \$20 children & senior
(Under 2/over 76 free)
Free parking

Tuesday, December 7 – Saturday, December 18
Empty The Shelters – Holiday Hope Event
1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
\$20 Adoptions on all cats, kittens, and dogs
Free adoptions for hamsters, guinea pigs, rabbits, and mice
Hayward Animal Shelter
16 Barnes Ct., Hayward
(510) 293-7200
www.haywardanimals.org/adoptions
www.bissellpetfoundation.org/ets

Tuesday, December 7 – Wednesday, December 15
Holiday Toy Drive
New and unwrapped toy donations
Newark Police Department, lobby
37077 Newark Blvd., Newark
(510) 578-4956

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 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.
Art exhibit featuring famous people interpreted in contemporary mosaic
Bankhead Theatre Gallery
2400 First St., Livermore
www.LivermoreArts.org

Wednesday, December 15 - Thursday, December 23
Las Posadas
6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Holiday tradition with musical performances by local artists
Via Zoom
To register, email LasPosadasF-CAC@earthlink.net
www.fremontculturalartscouncil.org
www.missionsanjose.org

First Wednesdays, November - April
Talkin' Dirt
7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Free webinar on gardening, hosted by LEAF
Via Zoom
RSVP at Fremontleaf.org/talkindirt
<https://bit.ly/3hsOGKG>

Second Thursdays, September 9 – June 9
Cafe Dad
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Hayward Unified School District program for fathers to support each other
Meetings via Zoom
<https://husd-us.zoom.us/j/91644497730>
For more information contact: ep101@husd.k12.ca.us

Thursday, December 4 – Friday, December 19
Holiday Magic on Main Street
M – Th: 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.
F: 4 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Sat: 1 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Sun: 12 noon – 9 p.m.
Admission to the event area is free
Skating rink fee \$10, skate rentals \$2 (408) 586-3212
www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/Holiday-Magic

Thursday, March 18 – Monday January 3
Immersive Van Gogh
9 a.m. – 11 p.m. (times vary)
Walk-in exhibit with digital projections and music
SVN West San Francisco
10 South Van Ness Ave., San Francisco
Tickets: \$24.99 - \$39.99
www.vangoghhsf.com

Friday, November 19 – Friday, December 24
Pictures With Santa!
Daily at NewPark Mall
2086 NewPark Mall, Newark
<https://www.newparkmall.com/en/events/santa-pictures-37475.html>

Friday, December 3 – Friday, December 24
14 Nights of Christmas
Ice skating, tree lighting, movies, music, food
3Crosses Church
20600 John Dr., Castro Valley
<https://www.christmaswith3crosses.com/>

Friday, December 10 – Saturday, December 11
Carols, Glorias and Lullabies \$
7:30 p.m.
Valley Concert Chorale sings traditional holiday carols
First Presbyterian Church
2020 Fifth St., Livermore
www.valleyconcertchorale.org
(925) 866-4003

Saturday, December 11 – Friday, December 31
Crippsmas Place
6 p.m. – 10 p.m.
70+ homes light displays and charity fundraiser
Cripps Place, Fremont
(510) 821-5579
<https://www.crippsmasplace.org/>

Saturdays & Sundays, December 4 – December 12
Christmas at Shinn House\$
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Historic house is decorated for the holidays
1251 Peralta Blvd., Fremont
www.missionpeakreporter.org

Saturdays & Sundays, December 4 – December 19
Christmas at the Patterson House\$
Tot Tours: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Full Tour: 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Parlor Tours: 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Historic house is decorated for the holidays
Complimentary tickets available at the front of the house
For more info: rkiehn@fremont.gov
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Saturday, December 11 – Sunday, December 19
The Nutcracker \$
12/11: 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
12/12: 2 p.m.
12/17: 7 p.m.
12/18: 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
12/19: 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Valley Dance Theatre performs a classic
Bankhead Theater
2400 First Street, Livermore
www.livermorearts.org
(925) 373-6800

Sunday, October 17 – Sunday, December 19
Consumer Couture: Wrapped in Conversation
Exhibit featuring wearable art by South Bay Artist Charlotte Kruk
Virtual Exhibit: 10/17 – 12/19
In-Person Gallery: 10/21 – 12/19
Olive Hyde Art Gallery
123 Washington Blvd, Fremont
www.fremont.gov/olivehyde
(510) 791-4357

Sundays, December 5 – December 12
Santa Cares Day
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Children with special needs are invited to take photos with Santa
2086 NewPark Mall, Newark
<https://www.newparkmall.com/en/events/santa-cares-day-37749.html>

**UPCOMING
Events**

Tuesday, December 7
Canyon Middle School String Orchestra Concert \$
7 p.m.
Castro Valley Center for the Arts
19501 Redwood Rd., Castro Valley
<https://bit.ly/3kOjHv4>

Tuesday, December 7
Legal Assistance for Seniors
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Learn about scams and how to protect yourself
Age Well Center – Lake Elizabeth
40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont

Wednesday, December 8
Canyon Middle School Band Winter Concert \$
7 p.m.
Castro Valley Center for the Arts
19501 Redwood Rd., Castro Valley
<https://bit.ly/3oFsaS9>

Wednesday, December 8
Coffee With Fremont Mayor Lily Mei
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Get to know your mayor at this informal meeting
Downtown Event Center
3500 Capitol Ave., Fremont
<https://bit.ly/32RtRVn>

Thursday, December 9
Creekside Middle School Band Winter Concert \$
7 p.m.
Castro Valley Center for the Arts
19501 Redwood Rd., Castro Valley
<https://bit.ly/3nspKqY>

Friday, December 10
Afghan Newcomer Resource Fair
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Fremont Teen Center
39770 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont

Friday, December 10
Makaha Kalikimaka Concert \$
6 p.m.
Award winning hula, and arts and craft booths
Castro Valley Center for the Arts
19501 Redwood Rd., Castro Valley
Tickets available at:
Anytime Hawaiian Restaurant
32136 Alvarado Blvd., Union City
(510) 256-9992

Saturday, December 11
Light Up the Season
5 p.m.
Tree lighting, toy drive, pet adoptions, giveaways, and more!
Hayward City Hall
777 B St., Hayward
<https://www.hayward-ca.gov/residents/arts-leisure/light-up-the-season>

Saturday, December 11
Jammers Toy-A-Thon
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Toy giveaway. Meal proceeds go to pediatric cancer research
O’Sullivan’s Sports Bar
5660 Thornton Ave., Newark
(510) 673-0010

Saturday, December 11
Holiday Concert and Sing-along
7 p.m.
Newark Symphonic Winds perform new compositions
Newark Memorial High School
39375 Cedar Blvd., Newark
<https://newarksymphonic.org>

Saturday, December 11
Pollinator Power!
11 a.m. – 12 noon
Explore power of creatures who help our plants grow
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
www.ebparks.org

Saturday, December 11
Native Plant Gardens
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Explore the native gardens at the farm
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
www.ebparks.org

Saturday, December 11
Pasquale Esposito in Concert \$
7:30 p.m.
Italian tenor debuts his new Christmas album
Castro Valley Center for the Arts
19501 Redwood Rd., Castro Valley
<https://ci.ovationtix.com/35745/production/1083961>
www.cvartsfoundation.org

Saturday, December 11
A Very Follies Holiday \$
2 p.m.
Lively choreography and heartwarming music
Firehouse Arts Center
4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton
www.FirehouseArts.org

Saturday, December 11 - Sunday, December 12
Yoko’s Nutcracker Ballet \$R
Sat: 2 p.m., 8 p.m.
Sun: 2 p.m.
Jackson Theatre
43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont
(510) 659-6031
<https://bit.ly/3GpjQxt>
Tickets: \$25-35

Saturday, December 11 - Sunday, December 12
Navidad en Mexico \$
Sat. 7 p.m., Sun. 3 p.m.
Performance by Ballet Folklórico Mexicano de Carlos Moreno
San Leandro Performing Arts Center
2250 Bancroft Ave., San Leandro
Tickets on sale at eventbrite.com
BalletFolkloricoMexicano.org

Sunday, December 12
Pollinator Puppet Show
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Learn how pollinators help us and how we can help them
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
www.ebparks.org

Sunday, December 12
Dancepiration \$
12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Student dance showcase from Bollywood to Hip-Hop
Tickets: tinyurl.com/yzkwdbu6 (12:30)
tinyurl.com/3axa6aed (5:30)
Castro Valley High School
19501 Redwood Rd., Castro Valley

Monday, December 13
Creekside Middle School Choral Winter Concert \$
7 p.m.
Castro Valley Center for the Arts
19501 Redwood Rd., Castro Valley
<https://bit.ly/3kHdctV>

Monday, December 13
Pink Martini \$
7:30 p.m.
Old-school elegance meets modern day humor
Tickets: \$20-\$95 (\$20 student/military personnel)
Bankhead Theater
2400 First St., Livermore
www.LivermoreArts.org

Monday, December 13
7 O’Clock Rocks!
7 p.m.
Groovy Judy and Pete sing holiday favorites
<https://www.youtube.com/groovyjudy>

Wednesday, December 15
Creekside Middle School Orchestra Winter Concert \$
7 p.m.
Castro Valley Center for the Arts
19501 Redwood Rd., Castro Valley
<https://bit.ly/3Cvx1KG>

Thursday, December 16
Women in Profile R
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Learn how four local authors got their stories in print
Castro Valley Library
Via Zoom
Register at www.aclibrary.org

Thursday, December 16
Survivor Blues: John Mayall and Walter Trout \$
7:30 p.m.
Legendary grandfathers of the blues
Tickets: \$20-\$78 (\$20 student/military personnel)
Bankhead Theater
2400 First St., Livermore
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Hayward Light up the Season
Saturday, Dec 11
5 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Opening day holiday light display and festivities
Hayward City Hall Plaza
777 B St., Hayward
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Toy Drive Fundraiser

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La Familia will be sponsoring their annual Toy Drive in partnership with Hayward Fire Department and Toys for Tots. The Toy Drive will support over 500 low-income children in our community this holiday season. The need is greater than ever this year. Even a small gift can have a profound effect on a child.

Toy donations can be dropped off at La Familia Resource Center in Hayward. If you are able to donate any toys or cash, please contact Denize Maldonado at (510) 361-1845. For monetary donations, please visit: www.lafamiliacounseling.org/toy-drive-2021

Toy Drive Fundraiser
Deadline: Tuesday, Dec 19
Mon – Fri
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
La Familia Resource Center
22366 Fuller Ave., Hayward



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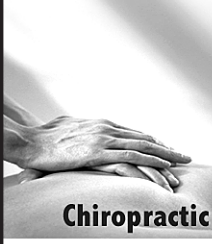
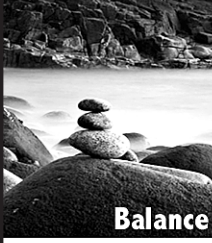
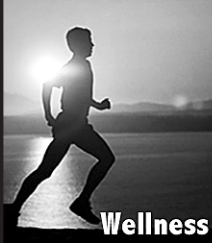
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SPORTS

Pioneers' fifth straight win



Mina Tamelia scored a career-high 30 points in Thursday's win.

SUBMITTED BY ERIC HARDING;
CAL SATE EAST BAY ATHLETICS

Cal State East Bay (CSUEB) women's basketball team won its fifth-consecutive game on Thursday evening, earning a road victory over Cal State LA, 66-54.

Sophomore forward, Mina Tameliau, scored a career-high 30 points with eight rebounds to lead the Pioneers. Redwood City native shot 11-for-18 from the field, including 4-for-7 from 3-point range.

Senior guard, Madison Schiller, added 13 points, while freshman, Taylor Linzie, finished with eight points and seven rebounds.

CSUEB (6-1, 2-0 CCAA) broke open a one-point lead at halftime by outscoring Cal State LA 25-17 in the third quarter. Pioneers extended their lead to as many as 15 in the fourth quarter.

Pioneers' basketball wins big

SUBMITTED BY ERIC HARDING;
CAL STATE EAST BAY ATHLETICS

Cal State East Bay (CSUEB) men's basketball team earned a lopsided road victory over Cal State LA, 105-80, on Thursday evening at the Eagles Nest.

Pioneers had five players score in double figures, led by Zack Perlstein's 18 points that included five 3-pointers. Senior forward Zafir Williams scored 17 points with eight rebounds, Junior Kaito Williams added 14 points, senior forward Josh Dhatt scored 11 points. Close behind, freshman guard DJ Sanders finished with 10 points.

In addition, junior guard Jesse Galloway recorded a career-high nine assists to go with five points.

It was the most points scored by East Bay since posting 103 points in a home win over West Coast Baptist in 2019. The Pioneers' all-time record for most points scored in a game is 149 against Redlands exactly 16 years ago on December 2, 2005.

CSUEB (3-5, 1-1 CCAA) led by as many as 28 points in the first half for its first conference victory of the season.



Junior forward Tim Andreolli scored five points with four rebounds in Thursday's win.

Can California legally require women on corporate boards?

BY BRIAN MELLEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES (AP), Nov. 30 -- When then-California Gov. Jerry Brown signed the nation's first law requiring women on boards of publicly traded companies, he suggested it might not survive legal challenges.

Three years later, a judge was to begin hearing evidence on Dec. 1 in Los Angeles Superior Court that could undo the law credited with giving more women seats in boardrooms traditionally dominated by men. The California law has spurred other states to adopt or consider similar laws.

The conservative legal group Judicial Watch brought the lawsuit that claims it's illegal to use taxpayer funds to enforce a law that violates the equal protection clause of the California Constitution by mandating a gender-based quota.

“They are creating a classification that either prefers or discriminates against one class or in preference of another,” attorney Robert Patrick Sticht said. He said the state doesn't have a compelling government interest to create the mandate. Another conservative legal group has filed a separate lawsuit in federal court claiming the law violates the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution.

Betsy Berkheimer-Credaire, CEO of the advocacy group 50/50 Women on Boards, who supported passage of the law. She is confident it will be upheld but said even if it is found unconstitutional that pressure from investors will lead to more women being named to corporate boards. “The train has left the station,” Berkheimer-Credaire said. “I don't think it'll be a serious setback.”

The law required publicly traded companies headquartered in California to have one member who identifies as a woman on their boards of directors by the end of 2019. By January, boards with five directors must have two women and boards with six or more members must have three women.

Penalties range from \$100,000 fines for companies that fail to report board compositions to the California secretary of state's office. Companies that do not include the required number of female board members can be fined \$100,000 for first violations and \$300,000 for subsequent violations.

Fewer than half the nearly 650 applicable corporations in the state reported last year that they had complied. More than half didn't file the required disclosure statement, according to the most recent report.

No companies have been fined, though the secretary of state can do so, said spokeswoman Jenna Dresner. The state has argued in court papers that it hasn't used taxpayer funds to enforce the law. Dresner and the state attorney general's office declined to comment on pending litigation.

Supporters of the law said it has already had a big impact in California and beyond. Washington state passed a similar measure this year and lawmakers in other states, including Massachusetts, New Jersey and Hawaii, have proposed similar bills. Illinois requires publicly traded companies to report the makeup of their boards. Several European countries, including France, Germany, Norway and Spain, require corporate boards to include women.

Before the California law went into effect, women held 17% of the seats on company boards in the state, based on the Russell 3000 Index of the largest companies in the U.S., according to 50/50 Women on Boards. As of September, the percentage of board seats held by women climbed to more than 30% in California, compared to 26% nationally, said Heather Spilsbury, chief operating officer for the group.

Still, some 40% of the largest companies in California need to add women to their boards to comply with the law. With a deadline approaching, Berkheimer-Credaire said “there's a lot of scrambling going on,” though she said she has heard anecdotally that other companies are waiting to see how the court rules.

Adding pressure on the issue, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in August approved Nasdaq's proposal that most of the nearly 3,000 companies listed on the exchange have at least one woman on their boards, along with one person from a racial minority or who identifies as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or queer.

There's no penalty for companies that don't meet the Nasdaq diversity criteria, but they must publicly explain why they could not comply. The Nasdaq rule and a California law signed last year requiring publicly traded corporate boards have a member by January from an underrepresented community -- including Black, Latino, Asian, Pacific Islander, Native American, or someone who self-identifies as gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender -- are also facing lawsuits.

When the California law was proposed, an analysis by the state Assembly noted: “The use of a quota-like system, as proposed by this bill, to remedy past discrimination and differences in opportunity may be difficult to defend.” Brown signed it amid the budding #MeToo movement over sexual misconduct.

“I don't minimize the potential flaws that indeed may prove fatal to its ultimate implementation,” the Democratic governor said in a letter. “Nevertheless, recent events ... make it crystal clear that many are not getting the message.”

Judicial Watch sued in August 2019 and the Pacific Legal Foundation sued three months later on behalf of a shareholder who said the law would force him to discriminate on the basis of sex. The latter case was thrown out by a federal judge, but revived by a unanimous panel of the 9th U.S Circuit Court of Appeals.

Although the California Chamber of Commerce had opposed the law, it didn't sign on to the litigation and no company has joined the legal effort being led in Los Angeles by three California residents. They sued under a provision that allows taxpayers to prevent unlawful government expenditures.

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OPINION



WILLIAM MARSHAK

Grievance: the enemy within

insurrection of January 6, 2021 was a stark illustration that not all challenges to democracy and our way of life arise in foreign lands or with external enemies. The enemy within is an equal, if not greater peril to domestic peace and prosperity.

It may be that each generation needs a warning of the mortal price of our freedoms. Patriotism is not a slogan nor should it include allegiance to an emperor or king. The reality we, the U.S. born, face on a periodic basis is that vigilance and appreciation for a birthright is often neglected while others who must work hard, fight and struggle to attain it, hold it dear – even in the face of native resistance and discrimination. Fear and hatred of “others” has been prevalent throughout our history, but paradoxically, inclusion of outcasts and those fleeing repression have been and remain the strength of our nation.

In a multitude of conflicts, whether declared wars or not, people have sacrificed much if not all for the ideal of a free society that tolerates dissention, civil discourse and open debate. It appears that a cyclical existential crisis is necessary for those who have not experienced the horror and terror of despotic, repressive, authoritarian regimes. Honoring calamitous moments

such as December 7, 1941, can help us to refocus on national unity and purpose. Without a common cause and will to succeed, we risk joining the memories of venerated societies such as ancient Greece and the Roman and Ottoman Empires.

Momentous events may fade from personal memories as generations pass on, but cannot be relegated to a few pages of a history text. A sense of pride in our better selves and recognition of the fortitude that has so far preserved our singular union of states is essential. A sense of unity should not be tarnished by selfish and egotistical grievances that focus on petty differences, misrepresentations and evasions of our past – even if flawed – but rather focus on the strength of our differences, recognizing that increased knowledge, coupled with lack of fear and bigotry, brings wisdom and peaceful coexistence.

William Marshak
PUBLISHER

December 7, 1941: President Franklin D. Roosevelt called it, “A date that will live in infamy”. The attack by Japan on U.S. naval forces in Pearl Harbor triggered the official entry of the United States of America into World War II. An external, aggressive, malignant force had clearly provoked a response from a nation that had ostensibly remained neutral during the preceding years of conflict between “Allied” and “Axis” forces.

The national seismic shock of Pearl Harbor Day has been followed by many aftershocks of violence and mayhem, some in distant lands and others on the domestic scene. The September 11, 2001 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center was a painful and graphic reminder of foreign threats that can come calling within our borders. Decades later, the attempted coup and

California city apologizes for bulldozing blues community

ASSOCIATED PRESS

A California city has apologized to Black and Latino residents and descendants of a tight-knit community that was torn down more than half a century ago.

The East Bay Times reports Sunday that the apology was welcomed by many from the 12-block area known as Russell City in Hayward, which was a vibrant hub for blues musicians until it was torn down to make way for an industrial hub.

“For me, as an African American woman, it's really, really meaningful,” said Artavia Berry, a Hayward resident who chairs a city commission that drafted the apology. “It's been a very tearful week for me.”

The Hayward City Council issued the apology on Nov. 16.

It's among a number of U.S. cities that have been reckoning with past racial injustices, including the nearby city of San Jose.

San Jose apologized in September for its treatment of Chinese residents in the 19th century. The city's thriving Chinatown was burned to the ground in 1887 by arsonists.

Russell City was named in the mid-19th century for a teacher who came to California during the Gold Rush. Initially, Danish immigrants lived there. By World War II, people had migrated to the community from the southern United States and Mexico.

The unincorporated area near Hayward had 1,400 mostly Black and Latino residents, lacked fresh water and had mostly unpaved roads.

But it had a thriving music scene, said Ronnie Stewart, the head of the West Coast Blues Society.

“It wasn't just a little unincorporated town with Blacks and Mexicans and a few others. It had a real function as far as being a contributor to West Coast Blues,” Stewart said, recalling how musicians such as Ray Charles played at venues there. “They took the whole damn city. They changed every street name. They tried to erase it.”

In the 1950s, Alameda County and Hayward city officials declared Russell City a blighted area and relocated residents despite their protests.

Some questioned whether the apology was enough. Tony Wynn, 67, said she used to visit her great grandfather on weekends on his farm in

Russell City and her mother sang at blues clubs there.

“Yeah, that looks good on paper, but what about money?” Wynn said. “Give us more money than the little bit that you gave my family when we were there. It's not like we could not have said, ‘No we don't want to move or sell.’ You guys took it over.”

City Councilmember Sara Lamm said she understood the skepticism and added the city is committed to undoing decades of racist policies.

The city is planning public art installations recognizing the eviction of Russell City residents. It may also work with Russell City descendants on plans such as a first-time homebuyer assistance program, according to a city report.

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Feedback Needed for Potential Oversight Board

SUBMITTED BY ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERVISOR RICHARD VALLE

Board of Supervisors David Haubert, District 1, and Richard Valle, District 2, invite the community to provide feedback on the potential establishment of a Community Sheriff’s Oversight Board and/or an Office of the Inspector General. Community participation will be available via Zoom on December 14, 2021, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/ACOVersightDec14> to receive a confirmation email with additional details and a meeting link when posted.

Questions? Contact Supervisor Haubert's Office at (510) 272-6691 or email Shawn.Wilson@acgov.org.

You may also contact Supervisor Valle's Office at (510) 272-6692 or Brenda.Gomez@acgov.org.

Union City City Council

November 23, 2021

Proclamation:

• Proclamation thanking Ouling “Irene” Lian Hu for her \$20,000 donation to the Ruggieri Senior Center and a resolution accepting and appropriating the funds to support activities and programs at the center. Resolution unanimously adopted.

Consent Calendar:

- Approve minutes of a special closed session, special public hearing on redistricting and the regular City Council meetings held on November 9, 2021.
- Resolution accepting Sugarmill Development Tract 8287.
- Resolution to execute the third agreement to the Consulting Services Agreement with CSG Consultants to increase the agreement amount by \$125,000 for an amount not to exceed amount of \$400,000, for contract planning services.
- Resolution to submit application and grant documents for Calrecycle Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program administered by the State of California, Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery.
- Resolution approving the Union City Transit Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Update for 2021.
- Resolution accepting a stipend from Department of Social Services to help stabilize the impact from the COVID-19 Pandemic on licensed Preschool Programs in the Amount of \$8,000 for Fiscal Year 2021-22.
- Resolution awarding a contract to buy two 2021 Ford Explorer Utility Vehicles.
- Ordinance amending Title 16, Mobilehome Parks, of the Union City Municipal Code to terminate the city’s authority to enforce state regulations regarding mobile homes and mobile home parks.
- 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.

Public Hearing:

• A resolution adopting the 2021 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Adopted unanimously.

City Manager Reports:

- Resolution to execute an equipment lease-purchase agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. for encrypted radios in an amount not to exceed \$1,045,262; amending the 5-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and appropriating \$40,834 in Fiscal Year 2021-2022 CIP budget to install the radios. Adopted unanimously.
- Resolution to adopt the 2022-2026 Union City Police Department 5-Year Strategic Plan. Adopted unanimously.
- Adopt an Urgency Ordinance adding Chapter 18.31, SB 9 Subdivisions and Development Projects, to the Union City Municipal Code for a period of 45 days with an option for renewal. Adopted unanimously.
- Provide comment to the California Redistricting Commission on the proposed boundaries for the Assembly District representing Union City. No City Council vote needed.

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

HARD Seeks Citizen Advisory Committee Members

SUBMITTED BY HARD

The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (H.A.R.D.) is accepting applications from interested residents of Hayward, Castro Valley, San Lorenzo and unincorporated Alameda County for committee positions on the Districts' Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) for 2022-2023. The committee meets four times per year and provides advisory recommendations to the District Board of Directors, reviews District programs, park

design projects and works on specific Board directed projects. To obtain a CAC application or additional information please call (510) 881-6700 or visit <https://www.HaywardRec.org/cac> to download an application. Applications will be accepted until Friday, December 10, 2021. To learn more about the District CAC or for additional information please visit: www.HaywardRec.org. For additional information, please call (510) 881-6700 or email: info@HaywardRec.org

Hayward names new Assistant City Manager

SUBMITTED BY CHUCK FINNIE

Following a competitive nationwide executive search and recruitment, Hayward officials have selected Regina Youngblood as the city’s new Assistant City Manager. The announcement was made Thursday, December 2 by City Manager Kelly McAdoo.

In her new position, Youngblood will oversee the city’s internal services functions, including Finance, Information Technology, and the Human Resources departments. She will join Assistant City Manager Jennifer Ott, who will maintain responsibility for the city’s external functions, such as Development Services, Public Work and Utilities, and Housing.

Most recently, Youngblood served as Director of Human Resources for the City of Durham, North Carolina, and has more than 20 years of progressive leadership experience, including 20 years of budget development and control and 14 years of human resources management knowledge.

“Regina is going to bring a wealth of valuable experience and perspective at a critical time as our city government adapts and responds to new public service challenges and opportunities,” McAdoo said. Youngblood will start in her new position on Monday, January 3.

Committee members sought to advise park district board

SUBMITTED BY JACQUI DIAZ

Applications to fill committee positions on the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (HARD) Citizen’s Advisory Committee are being accepted now from people who reside in Hayward, Castro Valley, San Lorenzo and unincorporated Alameda County.

Committee members are appointed by the Board of Directors to provide recommendations to the board in the areas of district operations, park design projects and specific board directed projects. Members are being recruited to serve during the 2022-2023 term and are eligible to serve up to two consecutive two-year terms. The committee meets on the first Monday quarterly at 6:30 p.m. in March, June, September and December.

To obtain a CAC application or additional information call (510) 881-6700 or download an application at <https://www.HaywardRec.org/cac>. Applications will be accepted until December 10.

New Project Fact Sheets Available

SUBMITTED BY SOUTH BAY CONNECT

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Innocencio Garza Garcia, Jr.

Resident of Fremont

March 20, 1924 – November 25, 2021

Innocencio (Ernest or Ernie or ‘Papa Ern’) Garza Garcia, Jr, age 97, passed peacefully into rest on November 25, 2021 at his home in Fremont, California. His wife Delia was at his side.

Ernest and Delia were married for 71 years.

Ernest is also survived by his three children and their spouses: Elizabeth and Robert Smith; Mike and Mary Sue Garcia; Teresa and Larry Sweeney. Ernest had 8 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Ernest was born on March 20, 1924 in Corpus Christi, Texas, the oldest of four children (Robert, Alexis, and Consuelo). He grew up in a house built by his father and enjoyed fishing and playing sports, especially football and baseball.

In 1942, Ernest was drafted into the United States Army Air Corps. He served as an Aerial Gunner/Engineer on a B-24 Bomber (‘Our Baby Two’), assigned to the 449th Bomb Group, based in Italy. The crew completed 47 dangerous missions, and Ernest received many awards, including the Bronze Star for Valor for Aerial Combat, the Air Medal with Two Oak Leaf clusters, as well as a Certificate of Valor.

Ernest returned to Corpus Christi and married Delia in 1950. Their three children were born in Corpus Christi.

Ernest and Delia moved to their current home in Fremont in 1962. Ernest advanced in his career and retired as a Senior Planner/Estimator in 1980 after 35 years of civil service.



Upon his retirement, Ernest and Delia remained very active with their children and grandchildren. Ernest loved to work on cars, custom furniture and woodworking projects.

Ernest was an original Oakland Raiders season ticket holder and avid Oakland A’s fan. Ernest attended all Raider home games for many years and loved to go to the Coliseum to support his A’s.

One of Ernest’s favorite pastimes was playing dominoes with his children and grandchildren.

More than anything, Ernest loved to spend time with his family, including dinners, barbecues, day trips, and family vacations to Texas, Las Vegas, Canada, Lake Tahoe, and Hawaii.

Ernest and Delia’s favorite song was Stardust.

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 3, 2021 at the Chapel of the Angels, 40842 Fremont Blvd, Fremont, CA beginning with viewing at 11:30 a.m., rosary at 1:00 p.m, service at 1:30 p.m. Committal Service at Irvington Memorial Cemetery begins at 2:30 p.m. Honor Guard at 2:45 p.m.

Emilia Gomes Pacheco

Resident of Newark

January 23, 1926 – November 30, 2021



Emilia G. Pacheco entered into rest peacefully on November 30, 2021 after a long battle with Alzheimer’s Dementia, she was 95.

Emilia is survived by her loving, devoted daughter Alda Peixoto and husband Manuel, and also a son, Nelson Pacheco and wife Maria Rosario. Adored grandmother to 4 grandchildren, James Perry Jr. and fiancé Angela, Melissa Villados and husband Nick, Louie Pacheco and wife Laptany. Cherished great grandmother to Zoey and Alani Villados, Ariana, Khatrina and Trinity Pacheco, and Liam Pacheco. Emilia is also

survived by 2 sisters, Rosa Bertao and Maria Farinha. She is predeceased by her husband Antonio Pacheco, son Antonio Urbano Pacheco and second husband Roy Pacheco. Brothers Manuel Gomes Borba and John Gomes Borba also preceded her death.

Emila was born January 23, 1926 in Lajes, Terceira, Azores to Joao Gomes and Maria Egito De Borba. Emilia then immigrated to America in 1972. Emilia was a talented seamstress by nature and had a passion for sewing and crochet. She was also a devoted babysitter to many children. She was a devout catholic and devoted to the Holy Ghost festivals where she was an avid volunteer.

Services for Emilia will take place on Wednesday, December 8, 2021. Visitation is from 11am to 1pm at Fremont Chapel of the Roses, 1940 Peralta Blvd. Fremont, CA 94536 with a Chapel Service starting at 1pm. Burial to follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 26320 Mission Blvd., Hayward, CA 94544.

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Genevieve Fasolis

Resident of Centerville

February 10, 1931 – November 25, 2021

Genevieve Fasolis, age 90, passed away peacefully at home on 11/25/2021 of natural causes.

Gen was born on Feb 10, 1931 in Centerville, Ca. Daughter of Kenneth P and Mary Souza Mello, first generation born in America. She had 3 brothers, Norman (deceased) Ken, and Gene and was preceded in death by her loving husband of 70 years, Walter L. Fasolis Sr.

Gen grew up on Beard Rd in Centerville attending Alviso Elementary School and Washington High School (1949). She was active in supporting her Church, Holy Ghost at the time, and working in the community. She was an avid golfer for many years and loved spending time

with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A vigil will be held at 6:30pm, Monday Dec 6th at Chapel of the Angels in Fremont, Calif. Memorial Service at Holy Spirit Church Dec 7th at 10:00am followed by a private burial at San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery on Dec 8.

Gen is survived by her two sons Walt Jr. and Steve Fasolis (Denise), grandchildren Michael (Emilia) & Matthew (Kristie) Fasolis, Nicole (Josh) Feemster and great-grandchildren Kayla, Alexander, Andrew, Gabriel, Liana, and Finn. In lieu of flowers the family welcomes donations to Sister John Marie's Pantry in Fremont.

Roy Everett Coverdale

Resident of Fremont

April 4, 1925 – December 1, 2021

Born April 4, 1925 in Detroit, Michigan. He survived his wife Peg's (Mullen), passing in 2010. He is survived by his five children : Tom (Barbara), Gary (Janice), Mark (Gracie), Bruce (Helen) and Karen, as well as by his ten grandchildren: Scott, Jeremy, Kevin, Kristen (Ken), Brian, Kyle, Michelle, Katie (Pete), Haley and Amy. He was so excited to learn that a great-grandson would be added to the family sometime around Christmas this year.

Roy passed away on December 1, 2021 in Folsom California. Roy was a Veteran of WWII, a General Manager of the Alameda County Water District and active in many activities and groups during his life time, but he considered his greatest accomplishment as being married to his beautiful wife, Peg, raising



his five children and watching their grand children grow up before his eyes. He considered his loved ones the most important part of his life. Those whom he loved have been wonderfully blessed by him and they will greatly miss the man that they called Roy, Dad, Grandpa and "Papa".

Ask Rusty – Social Security's WEP is Unfair – I Want My Money Back!

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

BY RUSSELL GLOOR, NATIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY ADVISOR, AMAC FOUNDATION

Dear Rusty: How can a foreign company pay into the US Social Security system? I worked in Barbados before I immigrated to the USA and earned a pension there. Now my US Social Security benefits are reduced because I receive a pension from Barbados. One has nothing to do with the other and I want my money back!

Signed: Angry Immigrant

Dear Angry: Foreign companies don't pay into the U.S. Social Security system, and neither do residents of other countries working in their home country. But a resident of a foreign country who earns a pension in their home country, and who later moves to the U.S. and earns an additional U.S. Social Security pension, will have their U.S. Social Security benefit reduced by a provision of U.S. law called Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). WEP was enacted by Congress in 1983 to eliminate what was viewed as "double dipping" – where someone with an extra pension (such as your Barbados pension earned without contributing to US Social Security) had their US Social Security (SS) benefit computed in the same way as a US resident who had no such extra "non-covered" pension. The 1983 WEP rule created a special formula for those entitled to both

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Police seek information regarding homicide

SUBMITTED BY UNION CITY PD

On Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 8:25 p.m., Union City Officers were dispatched to the 33800 block of 7th Street for gunshots heard in the area. Additional callers confirmed that at least one person was shot.

At 8:29 p.m., officers arrived on scene and located a black male adult seated in the driver's seat of a vehicle parked on 7th Street.

The victim, as well as the vehicle, were struck by numerous bullets. The victim was later pronounced deceased at 8:47 p.m. by Alameda County Fire Personnel. There were numerous shell casings located on the Street.

This incident is currently being investigated by the Union City Police Department Investigations Unit. Once the victim is identified and the Alameda County Coroner's

Office notifies the next of kin, his identity will be released.

Union City Police Detectives are asking anyone who may have been in the area or who witnessed anything to contact Detective Smith at 510-675-5268 or the Union City anonymous tip line at 510-675-5207. Anonymous tips can also be sent to Tips@unioncity.org.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Crackdown needed on looting terrorists

The escalating epidemic of "smash & grab" thugs – flash mobs – of violent criminals who are robbing and ransacking businesses and malls across our San Francisco Bay Area communities must be stopped! It can never be a "new normal" if we want to preserve a civilized society and country for generations to come.

I guess this is what happens when the majority of our Bay Area city councils and mayors decide to defund their city police departments against the better

judgement of business and property owners – taxpayers.

The pandemic is no justification for our state and city leaders to sit back and watch nightly newscasts of "shark-frenzied" smash & grabbers where 20, 30 and even 80 looters mob and clean out big and small businesses' merchandise. These loser thugs and thieves are destroying businesses, especially smaller retail shops.

And how is it okay that during the week of Thanksgiving, a local

TV news crew could not even go into downtown Oakland to film a news story on Oakland's rampaging crime without getting robbed of their camera equipment – at gunpoint? Even more infuriating is how the news crew's security officer was gunned down and has since died from his wounds.

Without fail, these organized looter mobs should be held accountable and pay full restitution to each of their victims.

Mary Gomes
Hayward

a U.S. Social Security benefit (earned by contributing to the US program) and another pension earned without contributing to Social Security.

Though you are adamant that one has nothing to do with the other, US law says otherwise. WEP reduces the US Social Security benefit of anyone with a "non-covered" (e.g., foreign) pension so that their US Social Security benefit is more consistent with benefits provided to others without an extra non-covered pension. US Social Security is designed to provide a higher percentage of replacement income to lower income workers, and those with an extra non-covered pension enjoy an unfair advantage because their income artificially appears lower than it truly is. WEP was implemented by Congress to correct that unfair advantage. However, like you, almost everyone affected by WEP (which, by the way, includes many public service

employees in 27 U.S. states) believes it to be unfair and often complain about it to their Congressional Representatives.

For information, there is a legislative bill now before Congress which proposes to eliminate WEP (H.R. 82 – The Social Security Fairness Act of 2021). I must, however, let you know that a bill to either eliminate or reform WEP has been introduced in nearly every Congress for many years, and no previous bill has ever made it past being introduced on the floor of the House or Senate and then assigned to a committee for review, where progress seems to end.

Although you want your money back, I'm afraid I can't offer you much hope that will ever happen. Congress is more focused on other issues, including a much broader reform of the Social Security program to restore it to financial solvency before the SS Trust

Fund is depleted in 2034 (which would require an across the board 21% reduction in all benefits). Whether WEP reform will be part of the corrective measures taken to restore Social Security's finances is anybody's guess. But registering your objection to Windfall Elimination Provision with your Congressional Representative would be a step in that direction.

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Alameda County Fire Department Log

SUBMITTED BY ACFD

Tuesday, November 30

• At 7:31 p.m. crews responded to a fire at a two-story townhome at a triplex on Garden Avenue in the unincorporated Cherryland area of Hayward. Because of heavy smoke and flames, a second alarm was called. Five family members were displaced from the unit with Red Cross called to assist them. No injuries were reported.

Hayward Police Log

SUBMITTED BY HAYWARD PD

Sunday, November 21

• At 1:08 a.m. officers made a vehicle stop for an equipment violation near the 22000 block of Mission Blvd. During the stop officers spotted a rifle in the car. The driver was taken into custody without incident.

Wednesday, November 24

• At 6:55 p.m. an unknown person entered a business near the 800 block of Southland Drive and brandish a handgun and stole items, then fled the scene in a vehicle. An investigation is ongoing.

Saturday, November 27

• At 10:56 a.m. a male entered a business near the 1100 block of West Tennyson Road and used force to steal items, then fled the scene. Responding officers located the suspect and took him into custody.

Tuesday, November 30

• At about 6:16 p.m. officers responded to a report about a shooting near the 31000 block of Trevor Ave. Upon arrival, officers found a male inside a vehicle suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Emergency medical personnel pronounced the male dead at the scene. The victim's identity was not immediately released. The incident is being investigated as a homicide; police are asking anyone with information to call Detective Navas at (510) 293-7176.

Fremont Police Log

SUBMITTED BY YANNETH CONTRADA, FREMONT PD

Wednesday, December 1

• At about 5:00 p.m. officers responded to a reported shooting on Martha Avenue in central Fremont. Initial information was that a victim had been shot in the leg and the suspect had fled the residence. Upon arrival officers met the victim who had a non-life-threatening wound to his leg; he was taken to a hospital for medical aid. Officers identified and contacted a suspect in a nearby neighborhood, who also had a firearm. The case is under investigation and anyone with information is asked to call the police non-emergency line at (510) 790-6800 and select option 3.

Union City Police Log

SUBMITTED BY UNION CITY PD

Tuesday, October 19

• At about 9:00 p.m. officers responded to a report about a home invasion robbery in the 32700 block of Orick St. The victim told police she awoke to the sound of glass shattering, opened her bedroom door, and found two men in her hallway. The suspects told her to go back to the bedroom, and that that they would leave. The suspects then ran out of her residence. Officers checked the area for the suspects but did not find them.

Wednesday, October 20

• At about 11:00 a.m. officers responded to a burglary call in the 41000 block of Dyer St. The homeowner told police that they saw a male trying to get into the residence using a screwdriver to pry the door. Officers found the suspect near the victim's residence and arrested him on suspicion of attempted burglary and trespassing.

• At about 2:21 p.m. officers responded to a report about an assault in the 33200 block of Sixth St. The caller told officers

that the suspect hit the victim with a cane, causing visible injuries. Officers entered the residence and placed an adult male suspect under arrest on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon.

Thursday, October 21

• At about 2:00 p.m. officers responded to a report about a burglary in the 32000 block of Alvarado Niles Road. The caller told police they saw a male forcing his way into a secured storage area under a parking lot. Officers arrived on the scene, called out the suspect, and placed him under arrest on suspicion of burglary and violating probation.

Friday, October 22

• At about 5:30 p.m. officers responded to a report about a commercial robbery in the 30700 block of Dyer St. The caller told police that two suspects stole costumes worth several hundred dollars from the store. When confronted by employees, one of the suspects reached into his waistband as if he had a gun and threatened the victim. The suspects then got into a black vehicle and fled the scene. The victim described one suspect as a white or Hispanic male in his 30s and an unknown race male in his 30s.

BART Police Log

SUBMITTED BY LES MENSINGER AND BART PD

Saturday, November 27

• At 8:30 a.m. a man identified by police as Patrick Wahnee Gay, 38, of Oakland was arrested at Hayward station on suspicion of fraud. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

• At 2:43 p.m. a man identified by police as Jose Mares, 31, of Hayward was arrested at Union City station on a \$20,000 Alameda County warrant charging battery. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

• At 6:26 p.m. a woman identified by police as Anna Ruiz Espinoza, 39, of Concord was stopped at Fremont station on suspicion of fare evasion. A record check showed multiple warrants totaling \$75,000. She was arrested and booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Sunday, November 28

• At 12:41 p.m. an officer made a welfare check on a male inside the bus zone at Union City station. During contact with the officer the person lost consciousness and appeared to be suffering from a drug overdose. The officer administered two doses of NARCAN and initiated CPR. Fire personnel arrived and

tried to revive the person, but he was soon pronounced dead.

• At 5:48 p.m. officers were flagged down at Bay Fair Station in San Leandro regarding a fire under the tracks. Upon arrival, a man identified by police as Johnathan Wright, 33, of Vallejo was found trespassing inside a restricted area and causing a fire. He was arrested and booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Tuesday, November 30

• At 7:14 a.m. a man identified by police as Jameel Price, 21, of Hayward was stopped at Castro Valley station on suspicion of fare evasion. A record check showed two warrants. He was arrested and also charged with resisting an officer and booked into Santa Rita Jail.

• At 6:10 p.m. a man identified by police as Sheldon Eichelberger, 31, of San Francisco was stopped at Hayward station on suspicion of fare evasion. A record check showed a felony no bail parole violation warrant issued by California Department of Corrections. He was arrested and booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Wednesday, December 1

• At 2:22 p.m. a man identified by police as Paul Smith, 53, of Oakland was stopped on suspicion of fare evasion at South Hayward station. A record check showed a violation of sex offender registration rules. He

was arrested and booked at Santa Rita Jail.

• At 5:48 p.m. a man identified by police as Malcolm Hawkins, 25, of Richmond was arrested at Hayward station on a felony and a misdemeanor warrant and an additional charge of possessing drug paraphernalia. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Thursday, December 2

• At 5:36 a.m. a person identified by police as Tanjinder Hir, 36, of Union City was stopped at Union City on suspicion of violating smoking rules. A record check showed a warrant. Hir was arrested and booked at Santa Rita Jail.

• At 11:02 p.m. officers responded to Hayward station regarding a subject who was unconscious in the stairwell of the parking structure. The subject was located, given 1 dose of NARCAN and transported to San Leandro hospital for further evaluation.

Friday, December 3

• At 11:12 p.m. a person identified by police as Abrion Mcelmore was contacted at the top of the parking structure at Hayward station. On probation, a subsequent check of his backpack revealed nunchucks, ammunition and burglary tools. Mcelmore was taken into custody and transported to and booked at Santa Rita Jail.

San Leandro Police Log

SUBMITTED BY SAN LEANDRO PD

Friday, November 26

• Shortly before 9:00 p.m. officers responded to a report about an armed carjacking in the 100 block of Lexington Ave. The victim was forcefully removed from his vehicle by four suspects with one of them producing a firearm and taking the victim's keys. All the suspects entered the victim's car and

fled the scene. Two days later, at about 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 28 an officer spotted the stolen vehicle with several people inside parked near Walmart, 15555 Hesperian Blvd. When the occupants left the vehicle and went inside the store, additional officers were called to the scene and set up a perimeter around the vehicle and store. When the suspects exited the store, officers arrested two juveniles, ages 12 and 13, on suspicion of being connected to the carjacking. The remaining suspects, all juveniles, were released to their families. An investigation is continuing.

DUI and license checkpoint planned in Fremont

SUBMITTED BY SGT. R. SAMAYOA, FREMONT PD

Officers from Fremont Police Department Traffic Unit will conduct a Driving Under the Influence (DUI) and driver license verification checkpoint starting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 16 and continuing until 2:00 a.m. the next day at an undisclosed location in the city.

Officers will be contacting drivers passing through the checkpoint for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment. They will also check drivers for proper

licensing and will try to delay motorists only momentarily. When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving. Drivers caught driving impaired can expect jail, license suspension, and insurance increases, as well as fines, fees, DUI classes, other expenses that can exceed \$10,000.

According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement

strategies, while also yielding considerable cost savings of \$6 for every \$1 spent. Based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests, DUI checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence. Locations are chosen with safety considerations for the officers and the public.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided by a grant from California Office of Traffic Safety, through National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



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		San Leandro Historical Railway Society is open to the public each Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm. Located at 1302 Orchard Ave, San Leandro, Ca. Outdoor & indoor model trains will be in operation. Information: Eugene 510 963-2965 Model train donations: Bob 510 566-3499	TRI-CITIES WOMEN'S CLUB Meets on the third Tuesday Elk's Club on Farwell Drive 9:15 – Cards & Games 11:45 – Lunch 1:00 – Program & Meeting Group meeting monthly/bimonthly; marathon bridge, walking group, lunch bunch, rummikub group, pinochle group, bocce ball & book club. For more info, call 916-217-3074
	MODEL RAILROAD TRAIN SHOW and OPEN HOUSE Saturday, December 18 2021, 10-4. San Leandro Historical Railway Society. Located at 1302 Orchard Ave. San Leandro, Ca. Information: Eugene 510 963-2965 Model train donations: Bob 510 566-3499		Fremont Cribbage Club Meets to play weekly, every Weds. We play a Cribbage Tournament starting at 5PM. at BRONCO BILLY'S PIZZA at 41200 Blacow Road, Fremont We welcome experienced players and will work with new players hoping to learn the game. Email: Accgr43@gmail.com For more information.

Drive sober this holiday season

SUBMITTED BY FREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Millions of Americans are expected to be traveling to visit friends and family over the holiday season. As a reminder, officials from Fremont Police Department (FPD) are encouraging everyone to have a holiday game plan that includes a designated sober driver.

During pre-Christmas and New Year’s holiday season through December 14, FPD has additional officers on patrol looking for motorists suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

“We want everyone to enjoy the holidays and be safe,” Lt. Steve Delema said. “The more people who plan ahead and find a safe, sober ride home from holiday parties and get together, the more the merrier.”

The increased efforts by police to address impaired driving are part of a statewide enforcement campaign, “DUI Doesn’t Just Mean Booze.” It reminds motorists that prescription medications, over-the-counter drugs and marijuana can also impair driving, especially in combination with alcohol and other drugs.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from California Office of Traffic Safety, through National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Toy donations needed

SUBMITTED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

It’s never too late to add fun and magic to a needy child’s holiday season. With that in mind, the Newark Police Department is asking the public to help with its 6th annual Holiday Toy Drive.

Donations of new unwrapped toys are being accepted through Wednesday, December 15 in the police department lobby on Newark Boulevard. All

donations will go to the children and families of CALICO healing center for abused children and Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments.

**Holiday Toy Drive
Through Dec 15
Newark Police Department
37077 Newark Blvd., Newark
(510) 578-4956**

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

An Unattractive Landmark Near Fremont Main Library

At the busy intersection of Paseo Padre Parkway on Stevenson Blvd, near the Fremont Main Library parking area, is a huge, silver-colored, pipe-made puzzle that is hard to miss. If I recollect correctly, it was more or less 10 years ago that it was erected as a landmark of diversity and a multicultural symbol of the city of Fremont, known as the “Hub of Silicon Valley.” I read in the local print media that the city paid \$200,000 to the designer.

I am not a designer/architect, just a resident of the city, but I’m sorry to say that the six-figure dollar cost of this jigsaw puzzle is too high for

something that doesn't truly represent either diversity or the multicultural sphere of Fremont - a city of 238,000 people.

I suggest the city mayor should review the design of the current landmark or replace it with an attractive structure that would be eye-catching for the city residents, and especially to those visiting Fremont.

**Zafar Yousufzai
Fremont.**

PUBLIC NOTICES

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. HG2113688

Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA
Petition of: BARBARA MONTANO for Change
of Name

TO 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: 12/02/2021, 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 a 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-352848#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAMESFICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 584360

Fictitious Business Name(s):

NEW LIFE SKILLS CENTER / FAYETH
GARDENS, 25391 CAMPUS DR., HAYWARD,
CA 94542, County of ALAMEDA

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 924, SAN

LEANDRO, CA 94577

Registrant(s):

VELDA GOE, 25391 CAMPUS DR., HAYWARD,
CA 94542

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/ VELDA GOE

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of

Alameda County on NOV 12, 2021

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under federal, state, or common law (see Section
14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28/21

CNS-353515#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 584478

Fictitious Business Name(s):

TMT GOODS, 39257 MARBELLA TERRAZA,
FREMONT, CA 94538, County of ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):

MELISSA AIMEE OH, 39257 MARBELLA
TERRAZA, FREMONT, CA 94538

Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

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the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A
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/s/ MELISSA OH

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Alameda County on NOV 22, 2021

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12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28/21

CNS-3535153#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 584565

Fictitious Business Name(s):

PUTT DQ CONSULTING, 4372 NAGLE WAY,
FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):

BRIAN HOLLIS PUTT, 4372 NAGLE WAY,
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
SEPTEMBER 2021

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/s/ BRIAN HOLLIS PUTT

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of

Alameda County on NOV 29, 2021

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12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28/21

CNS-3535149#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 584448

Fictitious Business Name(s):

AURA K-BEAUTY SALON LLC, 47644 BANNON
CT., FREMONT, CA 94539, County of ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):

AURA K-BEAUTY SALON LLC, 47644 BANNON
CT., FREMONT, CA 94539, County of ALAMEDA

Business conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY

COMPANY

The registrant began to transact business using
the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A
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17913 of the Business and Professions code
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/s/ KUI CHI WON

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of

Alameda County on NOV 18, 2021

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11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21/21

CNS-3532490#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 584310

Fictitious Business Name(s):

MAGICAL BOX BAKERY, 36655 MAGNOLIA
ST., NEWARK, CA 94560, County of ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):

HEATHER DRISCOLL, 36655 MAGNOLIA ST.,
NEWARK, CA 94560, County of ALAMEDA

Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

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the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A
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/s/ HEATHER DRISCOLL

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of

Alameda County on NOV 10, 2021

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11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21/21

CNS-3532480#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 583949

Fictitious Business Name(s):

1. FLY AIR TRAVEL 2. A SPIRIT EVENT, 151
ESTRELLA RD, FREMONT, CA 94539, County of
ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):

NIRAN GHUNCHALA, 151 ESTRELLA RD.,
FREMONT, CA 94538

Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant began to transact business using
the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10
OCT 16 /8/19/12

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/s/ NIRAN GHUNCHALA

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of

Alameda County on OCTOBER 26, 2021

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11/23, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14/21

CNS-3531888#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 584253

Fictitious Business Name(s):

AD EXPRESS, 20475 WISTERIA ST. APT
18, CASTRO VALLEY, CA 94546, County of
ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):

AMANJEET SINGH, 20475 WISTERIA ST. APT
18, CASTRO VALLEY, CA 94546, County of
ALAMEDA

Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant began to transact business using
the fictitious business name(s) listed above on
3-21-2021

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/s/ AMANJEET SINGH

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of

Alameda County on NOV 08, 2021

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11/23, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14/21

CNS-3531476#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 584322

Fictitious Business Name(s):

GOLDEN STATE TOWING A TRANSPORT, 3454
ROCKETT DR., FREMONT, CA 94539, County of
ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):

MAILING ADDRESS: 37139 DENNING
TERRACE #198, FREMONT, CA 94536

Business conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY

COMPANY

The registrant began to transact business using
the fictitious business name(s) listed above on
09-16-2021

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/s/ SAAD R. AMIN

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of

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11/23, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14/21

CNS-3530606#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 584244

Fictitious Business Name(s):

PACIFIC COAST CREATIONS, 6154
BENNINGTON DR., NEWARK, CA 94560,
County of ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):

MARY ELIZABETH BRADFORD, 6154
BENNINGTON DR., NEWARK, CA 94560,
County of ALAMEDA

Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

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/s/ MARY ELIZABETH BRADFORD

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11/23, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14/21

CNS-3530604#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
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 ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):

AHMAD WALI KHALED, 40141 PASEO PADRE
PKWY, FREMONT, CA 94538

Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

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/s/ AHMAD WALI KHALED

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of

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11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 12/7/21

CNS-3528487#

GOVERNMENT

ORDINANCE 892-21: AN URGENCY
ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF UNION CITY ADDING CHAPTER 18.31,
SB 9 SUBDIVISIONS AND DEVELOPMENT
PROJECTS, TO THE UNION CITY MUNICIPAL
CODE

The above entitled Urgency Ordinance was
introduced and adopted by the City Council on
November 23, 2021. This abbreviated notice is
published in lieu of the full text of the ordinance. A
copy of the full text of the ordinance, is available
on the City's website at: <https://www.unioncity.org/250/Transparency-Portal>

A copy of the full text of the ordinances is also
available at the Office of the City Clerk, 34009
Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, California,
during normal business hours. The City Clerk
can be reached by phone at 510-675-5448 if you
desire a copy of the full text of the ordinance sent
to you via email or by first class mail.

ORDINANCE NO. 892-21 WAS PASSED,
APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council
of the City of Union City at a regular meeting
held on November 23, 2021 by the following roll
call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Duncan, Patino, Singh,

Vice Mayor Gacoscos, Mayor Dutra-Vernaci

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED:

/s/ Carol Dutra-Vernaci

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI, Mayor

ATTES:

/s/ Anna M. Brown

ANNA BROWN, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Christopher J. Kokotaylo

KRISTOPHER J. KOKOTAYLO, City Attorney

12/7/21

CNS-3534876#

ORDINANCE 891-21: AN ORDINANCE OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNION
CITY AMENDING TITLE 16, MOBILEHOME
PARKS, TO TERMINATE THE CITY'S AUTHORITY TO
ENFORCE STATE REGULATIONS REGARDING
MOBILEHOMES AND MOBILEHOME PARKS

The above entitled Ordinance was introduced on
October 26, 2021 and adopted by the City Council
on November 23, 2021. This abbreviated notice is
published in lieu of the full text of the ordinance. A
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call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Duncan, Patino, Singh,

Light Up the Season



SUBMITTED BY
CITY OF HAYWARD

City of Hayward and Eden Area Interfaith Council will hold a special winter holiday season lighting event. Community members are invited to gather at sundown to mark the moment and support each other and local businesses.

The 2021 installment of the annual Light Up the Season event – beginning at 5 p.m. Saturday, December 11, at City Hall Plaza, will once again embrace the themes of Hope and Unity as it continues to adapt and respond to the effects of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

This year, community members are invited to gather in the plaza and hold City-supplied, battery-powered tealight candles as Mayor Barbara Halliday delivers a seasonal message and decorative light displays are activated, transforming City Hall Plaza and City Hall rotunda.

The rotunda will again be adorned with banners and a



winter tree representative of Hayward's diversity of seasonal faith and cultural traditions. Masking and social distancing is encouraged.

During the event, Hayward firefighters will collect

unwrapped toys for their annual Toys for Kids drive. Hayward Animal Shelter staff will be on-hand with animals available for adoptions, donations and information about volunteer opportunities.

Hayward Adult School Raising Leaders project will be giving away 100 backpacks for school-age children and youth filled with school supplies and dental-hygiene products – while supplies last.

Also available and participating: Curbie, Hayward Public Library's new book mobile, desserts from Marley's Treats, B Street and greater downtown merchants and restaurants, and more.

Light Up the Season
Saturday, December 11
5 p.m.
Hayward City Hall
777 B Street, Hayward
<https://www.hayward-ca.gov/residents/arts-leisure/light-up-the-season>



Crippsmas Place



SUBMITTED BY KATE AMON

Crippsmas Place returns this December, featuring a cheerful neighborhood holiday display of Christmas lights and unique decorative lawn displays in north Fremont. Visitors to the north Fremont streets around Cripps Place will be treated to the multi-street festive scenery. Decorations will be up by Saturday, December 11 and lit in the evenings through New Year's Eve.

The Crippsmas Place event is how these neighbors celebrate and give back to the community, continuing a holiday tradition begun on Cripps Place by former neighbor Robert "Spider" Cantley over 40 years ago. Unique to Crippsmas Place are the 300 plywood cutout decorations, displayed at over 70 homes featuring classic and new beloved children's cartoon characters. Every year new decorations are made by dedicated neighbor volunteers. Look for characters from movie Raya and the Last Dragon, and the video game Fortnite.

Planning and much of the work is done by a dedicated group of neighbors, appropriately dubbed the "Crippsmas Club". Everyone involved is an unpaid volunteer. The Crippsmas Club motto is 'For Community, Charity and Childhood Joy'.

Starting December 11 through Christmas Day December 25, from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. every evening volunteers (wearing masks and gloves) will be handing out free candy canes. Visitors can hand their cash donations to the volunteers handing out candy canes or donate online anytime at www.CrippsmasPlace.org.

This year to ensure a happy and healthy holiday we ask visitors walking around Crippsmas Place to wear a mask and not unwrap candy canes until back in their vehicles or at home.

Six charities will benefit again this year, with donations received split evenly among them:

- Leukemia Lymphoma Society - "Fighting blood cancers"
- SAVE (Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments) "Because Peace Begins at Home"
- HERS Breast Cancer Foundation - "Caring for women and families until there's a cure"
- Adopt an Angel – Gifts/Basics for children in the Alameda County's Protective Child Services
- Ohlone Humane Society's Wildlife Rehabilitation Center
- Fremont Family Resource Center

For more information, please call or e-mail Kate Amon at (510) 821-5579 or kateamon@yahoo.com

Saturday, December 11 – Friday, December 31
Crippsmas Place
6 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Cripps Place, Fremont
(510) 821-5579
<https://www.crippsmasplace.org/>



Yoko's Nutcracker



SUBMITTED BY
YOKO'S DANCE FREMONT

Yoko's Dance and Performing Arts Academy in collaboration with Ohlone College present their 17th production of "The Nutcracker" on Saturday, December 11 and Sunday, December 12. Originally staged by the late Yoko Young, founder of the academy and beloved member of Fremont, this production has become a holiday tradition captivating audiences of all ages with its lively dancing and heart-warming story. Young was a retired prima ballerina who had always loved performing in this famous holiday ballet and was determined to share its magic with local children and adults.

Yoko's ballet has graced the stage of Ohlone College every December since 2005 with the exception of last year due to Covid-19 theater closures. Instead, the 2020 Nutcracker production was filmed in small pods of dancers in front of floor-to-ceiling green screens, edited digitally and shared via

Livestream and drive-in screenings. While the film was a huge success, the cast and production team are beyond thrilled to be back in front of a live audience this year.

This year the role of Clara will be performed by Kayla Phan and Sophia Xiao, the Nutcracker by Rachel Ford and Christie Ung, with Mandy Fang as the Sugar Plum Fairy. Felipe Leon of Diablo Ballet will be performing the role of the Cavalier and State Senator Bob Wieckowski will reprise his role of Drosselmeier.

Since its first premiere, this Nutcracker has had a tradition of including local elected officials and public figures as part of the party scene in Act 1. This year, in addition to Wieckowski, Mayor Lily Mei, Vice Mayor Yang Shao, Fremont Councilmember Rick Jones and his wife Dana, as well as KNTV NBC Journalist Kevin Wing and former City Councilmember Vinnie Bacon will share the stage with a cast of over 100 dancers from Yoko's Dance. The Nutcracker is a favorite holiday



tradition for many and this production is sure to be the perfect way to get in the holiday spirit.

Tickets can be purchased from Ohlone College Smith Center Box Office at:
<https://bit.ly/3llu0Ra>

Yoko's The Nutcracker
Saturday, Dec 11: 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Sunday, Dec 12: 2 p.m.
Ohlone College Smith Center
Jackson Theater
43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont
(510) 659-6031
www.smithcenter.com
Tickets \$25 - \$35
Event parking: \$4



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