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O Christmas Tree: How Christmas trees came to be

BY HUGO VERA



With Christmas quickly approaching, many families are pulling out all the stops for their decoration plans. Houses are embellished with bright hanging lights, warm fireplaces, large stockings and arguably the most iconic holiday accessory of all: the Christmas tree.

But just how did this concept come to fruition? How did we make a yearly tradition out of placing a Douglas Fir front and center in our living rooms and decorating it with colorful ornaments and streamers?

The history of Christmas trees spans back before the birth of Christ. Ancient Greeks, Egyptians and Romans valued evergreen plants, as their ability to survive both scorching summers and frigid winters was seen as a symbol of prosperity. Plants such as pine, spruce and fir were often used to decorate homes during the ancient Roman agricultural holiday known as "Saturnalia." Centuries later, Celtic tribes and their Druid priests would decorate temples with evergreen boughs.

Christmas trees as we know it today, like many other western holiday traditions, began in Germany. It's speculated that in the year 723, English

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New Year's Balloon Drop



SUBMITTED BY MARY CATHERINE FRANTZ

The Balloon Drop at Chabot Space & Science Center returns in person on December 31, 2021 to ring in the new year with colorful daytime countdowns.

"We are so thrilled to welcome families back for this magical tradition," said Vice President of Museum Experience, Liz Austerman, "There's nothing like counting down together and experiencing the joy of a balloon drop in Chabot's Rotunda."

When it's 11 a.m. in Oakland, it will be 2022 somewhere on the planet. To mark the occasion,

Chabot will release hundreds of colorful balloons on eager, waiting children.

At the stroke of 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, balloons will fall from the ceiling of Chabot, and the celebration begins. This year, Chabot is limited crowding by adding more drops at reduced capacity. Families are invited to stay for the day to participate in fun activities throughout the Center.

The Annual Balloon Drop Celebration began at Chabot Space & Science Center in 2000 as an opportunity for families to celebrate the new year without keeping children awake past their bedtimes.

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Winter Solstice

BY STAFF
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Tuesday, December 21 marks the Northern Hemisphere winter solstice in 2021—also known as the shortest day of the year. A solstice occurs twice a year when the earth's poles reach their maximum tilt away from or towards the sun (i.e., winter or summer). On the winter solstice, the sun will also be at its lowest daily elevation in the sky. Regions near the North Pole will experience twilight during daytime hours where there sun never fully rises.

One of the most famous structures thought to mark the solstices is Stonehenge in England. For Neolithic farmers and herders, knowing when seasons would change was important, and winter was a harsh time. The huge blocks of stone that make up the circle of Stonehenge frame sunset on the winter solstice and sunrise on the summer solstice.

Many cultures around the world have holidays associated with the winter solstice. Scandinavians celebrated Juul (Yule) by lighting fires to symbolize the return of the sun

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Communication, Planning and Respect: Keys to Successful Holiday Gatherings

For many people, the ideal holiday season is filled with joy, cheer and time spent with families and friends. But sometimes the reality of the celebration is at odds with the vision. Family gatherings can sometimes provoke unwanted conflicts and arguments, and simple misunderstandings take on a life of their own.

And this year, “the holidays” are coated with a layer of anxiety resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. “Many people have lost loved ones to the disease,” notes Wajeeha Khan, MS, LMFT. “And we’ve all had to modify our lives to stay as safe as possible.”

Planning a holiday gathering under these conditions may require an extra touch of care to create the loving atmosphere you want. “Anxiety and depression are breeding grounds for conflict,” adds Khan, who is a marriage and family therapist at Washington Township Medical Foundation.

Khan offers five tips to help you navigate a conflict-free holiday get-together.

1. Plan ahead

Take the time to map out exactly how you’ll spend your day together. Indoors or out? Masks on or off? Buffet or sit-down? Plan fun activities such as games, walking



or listening to updates from each person about something of importance to them.

“When creating a plan, show respect for your guests by asking them for their ideas,” suggests Khan. Which games do they like? Would the kids like some time to themselves, away from the grown-ups? “Asking for input, especially from children, shows that you value their opinions and respect their choices,” Khan adds.

You can’t control what everyone says or thinks, but the more you can fill the time

with enjoyable things to do, the more you’ll establish a relaxed atmosphere where people are comfortable being together.

2. Communicate

As in our daily lives, communication is key to minimizing conflict. “It’s important to express your needs so the other person understands your expectations and doesn’t try to second-guess you,” notes Khan.

For a holiday gathering, this means saying aloud what you want from the day. If you’re the cook, let specific guests know

if you’ll need their help in the kitchen. For children, ask them if they’d like a separate “kids” table or if they’d like to sit with everyone. Do they want to get dressed up or stay in their pajamas all day? Children need less pressure this year, not more, so ease up on your expectations for them and let them choose what they want to do.

“If someone brings up a topic you know will provoke conflict,” Khan advises, “try deflecting it by listening to them and then moving to a topic that is less charged.” She also recommends using a technique called “active listening,” where you consider how what you’d like to say would feel if you were on the receiving end of it. “When we learn how to listen to provide support, we learn a lot about the other person and their needs.”

3. Break some traditions

This might be the year to break some of your standing holiday traditions and try something new.

If you’re hosting a holiday meal, consider making it a potluck so you can spend more time with your guests. Suggest that everyone bring a gift for donating to a shelter. Or perhaps you have no gifts for adults and make a donation to a charity instead.

“People are feeling very anxious this year due to the pandemic,” says Khan.

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12:00 PM 12:00 AM	Keeping Your Lungs Healthy	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 8, 2021	Diabetes Matters: Diabetes Complications and Amputation	Medicare: What You Need to Know	Ortho Overuse Injuries: Prevention and Treatment	Sideline by Back Pain? Get Back in the Game	How to Prevent Financial Elder Abuse/Fraud
12:30 PM 12:30 AM	Mental Health Education Series: Family Support		Women's Health Conference: Reclaiming Your Confidence	Fun Fresh Summer Cooking Demonstration			
1:00 PM 1:00 AM				Stress Management	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 8, 2021	Mental Health Education Series: Mental Wellness	Hepatitis B and Liver Cancer: Prevention and Treatment
1:30 PM 1:30 AM	Mental Health Education Series: Understanding Mood Disorders		Chronic Pelvic Pain in Women				
2:00 PM 2:00 AM	Diabetes Matters: Glucose Monitoring		Mental Health Education Series: Understanding Psychotic Disorders				
2:30 PM 2:30 AM				Mental Health Education Series: Anxiety Disorders			
3:00 PM 3:00 AM	Keeping Your Brain Healthy	Healthy Eating: Prescription for Health	Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 8, 2021			Washington Township Health Care District Board Meeting December 8, 2021	Solutions for Weight Management
3:30 PM 3:30 AM	Crohn's & Colitis	How To Stop Disease Before It Starts		Endometriosis: Causes, Symptoms, Diagnosis and Treatment	Early Detection and Prevention of Female Cancers		
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6:00 PM 6:00 AM		Why Does My Ankle Hurt? Causes & Treatment of Ankle Pain		Diabetes Matters: Heart Healthy Foods & Diabetes		Oh My Aching Feet! Recognizing Common Foot and Ankle Problems	
6:30 PM 6:30 AM					Shoulder Pain: Causes and Treatment Options		
7:00 PM 7:00 AM		Anxiety: Stop Negative Thoughts		Don't Let Hip Pain Win		Diabetes Matters: Italian Foods	
7:30 PM 7:30 AM			Family Caregiver Series: Advance Health Care Planning & POLST		Advancements in Lung Cancer Detection and Treatment		
8:00 PM 8:00 AM		Strategies to Help Lower Your Cholesterol and Blood Pressure		Women's Health: Depression, More Than a State of Mind		Minimally Invasive Options in Gynecology	
8:30 PM 8:30 AM	Family Caregiver Series: Managing Family Dynamics in Caregiving		Interventional Radiology (IR) for Vascular Disease		Learn the Signs and Symptoms of Sepsis		
9:00 PM 9:00 AM		Family Caregiver Series: Loss, Grief & Recovery		Metabolic Disorders		Keeping Your Lungs Healthy	Diabetes Matters: Managing Diabetes During Adverse Conditions
9:30 PM 9:30 AM	Enlarged Prostate: Causes, Symptoms and Treatment		Fremont Bank Staying Healthy in 2021		Diabetes Matters: Asian Indian Cooking		
10:00 PM 10:00 AM		Learn the Signs and Symptoms of Sepsis		Family Caregiver Series: Fatigue and Depression		Treating Neck and Back Pain from Home	Diabetes Matters: Asian Indian Cooking
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Make Wellness Part of Your Holiday Preparation

Maintaining a healthy weight during the holidays doesn't mean skip the fun foods.

There are many things to celebrate this holiday season, and good health is high on a lot of people's lists. But eating right and getting enough exercise can be challenging at this time of year. It is natural to want to treat yourself to the season's special offerings, and everyone has their favorites. Whether it is fudge, eggnog and seasonal lattes, or gingerbread cookies, the calories from all the treats can really add up fast.

"A healthy goal for most people is to maintain your current weight over the holidays," says Kevin Porciuncula, MD, a family medicine specialist with Washington Township Medical Foundation who is also board certified in obesity medicine and lifestyle medicine. "It is important to be realistic. At this time of year, trying to lose weight may not be practical."

Dr. Porciuncula points to a New England Journal of Medicine study that showed that over the Christmas and New Year period, people on average gain from one to just over a pound. "Although that doesn't sound like much, the study also showed that half of the people who gained weight had not lost it by the following summer."

For maintaining weight, Dr. Porciuncula says that exercise is key. "I tell my patients to make sure they continue their exercise routines throughout the holidays to help them avoid gaining weight."

Even if you do not work out regularly, there are lots of ways to fit in physical activity. Dr. Porciuncula encourages his patients to engage in a range of non-exercise physical activities to improve their metabolism—which is the rate at which a person burns calories. The medical term for this type of energy expenditure is non-exercise activity thermogenesis (NEAT). Everyday exertions like climbing stairs, walking, and even yardwork all contribute to NEAT. "Non-exercise activity thermogenesis can happen when we mow the lawn or walk around a mall. These commonplace activities can contribute to burning calories and maintaining weight," he says.

"Try to incorporate physical pursuits into the time you spend with family and friends. Activities like walks together can build memories just like holiday meals," say Dr. Porciuncula. "For myself, being around people I care about is the best thing about the season's festivities."

Dr. Porciuncula offers these simple suggestions for enjoying the holidays without overeating:

Be mindful and slow down: When you are eating, try to be aware of when you start to feel full. "I tell my patients to stop eating before they are full. You should aim to feel 70 or 80 percent satisfied. Twenty-minutes later, you may find that you have actually had enough. But if after waiting you still feel hungry, you can eat a little bit more."

Plan ahead and make a budget for foods higher in calories: No food or drinks should be entirely off-limits for calorie reasons. The trick is to keep your portions small for dishes that are highest in calories. Before a meal starts, make a plan that includes eating plenty of low-calorie vegetables to fill you up. If you are less hungry, you will be better able to manage what you eat during the rest of the meal. "The advice I give to my patients is to have an alcohol budget that they decide on in advance. Alcohol is high in calories and drinking too much can diminish your resolve to stick to your eating plan. Usually, two drinks is a good budget, but it depends on the person."

Drink plenty of water and get enough sleep: Staying hydrated and getting enough sleep are always good for your health. Sometimes thirst can be mistaken for hunger, and coupled with alcohol can lead to over-indulging. Being tired can make it harder to manage your blood sugar. The CDC warns that when you are sleep deprived, you crave foods that are higher in fat and sugar.

Avoid skipping meals: When you are really hungry, it is harder to eat slowly and in moderation. Try to come to a meal ready to eat, but not so hungry that you mindlessly devour everything put in front of you. The same is true for cooking foods that are high in fat and sugar. It is too easy to slip up by "tasting" what you are cooking again and again. Without intending to, you may wind up consuming lots of extra calories.

Make time to exercise: The holidays can be stressful for some, and stress can contribute to overeating. Exercise reduces stress and burns calories. Dr. Porciuncula urges people to partake in any activity that gets them moving. NEAT activities such as dancing, caroling, and backyard games like Simon Says and Musical Chairs can be fun and social, and can help you maintain your weight.

The good news is that by planning ahead, being mindful of portion size, budgeting alcohol and sweets, and engaging in physical activities, you can keep from gaining weight. But, if you do put on a pound or two over the holidays, Dr. Porciuncula says, "Don't stress out about it. Keep the big picture in mind. The holidays should be about enjoying yourself and being with people you care about. You can work on taking off the extra weight in the months that follow."

Kevin Porciuncula, MD, joined Washington Township Medical Foundation in March 2021. For more information about his practice or to schedule an appointment, visit www.mywtmf.com and search for Find a Doctor or call 510.248.1500.

Lung Cancer Screening Program

Studies show that screening is a valuable tool for detecting lung cancer at its earliest and most treatable stages. The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force — an independent volunteer panel of national health experts — recommends low-dose CT scans for those at “high risk.” Talk with your doctor about whether or not a scan is right for you or someone you love.

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O Christmas Tree: How Christmas trees came to be

missionary, Saint Boniface was traveling all over Germany to encourage locals to adopt Christianity. He supposedly came across a group of pagans who were about to sacrifice an oak tree to the Norse god of thunder, Thor. Boniface then swung an ax at the tree and to the pagans' surprise, Boniface was not struck by lightning for what was a blasphemous action in their eyes. This led to the idea that trees were sacred representations of the divine, and by the 16th century, Christmas trees were commonplace in Germany.

Many scholars also attribute Christmas tree decorating to Martin Luther, founder of the Lutheran faith and author of "95 Theses." It's said that while walking home one winter night, Luther drew inspiration from the sight of ice on pine trees reflecting the glow of the stars above. He and his children placed candles on their Christmas tree. This began a trend of local carpenters, sculptures and other artisans decorating Christmas trees with festive shapes and figurines. In 1847, German glassmaker Hans Greiner began producing and selling glass ball ornaments known as baubles as well as others in the shape of stars, food, and needles that made their way onto the limbs of Christmas trees.

Despite the success of Christmas trees in Europe, its integration into mainstream American culture was unheard of at first. Early Puritan-centered laws in the United States actually outlawed any celebration of Christmas that wasn't conducted in a church, which included the use of trees as decoration. However, the massive influx of German and Irish immigrants in the mid-1800s normalized the use of Christmas trees, and in 1889 Benjamin Harrison was the first President of the United States to erect a Christmas tree in the White House. Since 1933, the Rockefeller Center in New York City has had a 70 to 100-foot-tall Christmas tree erected during the holiday season with a Norway spruce typically serving as the star attraction.

The classic holiday song, "O Christmas Tree" also originated in Germany based on the 1824 song called "O Tannenbaum" written and composed by Ernst Anschütz. Nearly two centuries after its creation, the song has been famously covered by artists such as the late Aretha Franklin.

This holiday season, don't just gather around your Christmas tree and see another decoration, but rather look at how an uncanny and once-controversial symbol of evergreen life has evolved into the holiday icon we all know and love today.

Sources: History.com, Britannica, and Deutsche Welle

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Communication, Planning and Respect: Keys to Successful Holiday Gatherings

“Trying something new or different may help us all emerge from this state and move ahead toward normalcy,” she comments.

4. Try compassion

This year, some family members may need more emotional support than usual, so let them have their space and set their own boundaries for togetherness. You can show your compassion by being in tune with what you and your guests need, not what you expect of them.

Or maybe you show your compassion for others by reaching out to people less fortunate than you – serving at a food

kitchen, for example, or handing out sandwiches at a homeless encampment. “For younger children, this is a good opportunity to model what compassion looks like,” says Khan. “By setting an example, they learn how to express in action the love they feel inside.”

5. Consider COVID-19

The pandemic is not over. To keep you and your guests safe, you need to establish boundaries in advance for acceptable behavior related to COVID-19.

When you invite your guests, ask them if they’ve been vaccinated for COVID-19. If they have not, discuss with them how

you’ll balance their status with that of other guests who have been vaccinated. Would they like to come over for dessert only? Will they agree to wear a mask except for when they’re eating? Would they be willing to be tested before the gathering? Or would they like to skip the celebration entirely this year?

“You want to show your vaccinated guests that you care about them and their safety,” Khan advises. “But you also should try to show some compassion for the people who have not been vaccinated. Listen to them and show you respect their decision by asking for their suggestions about how to keep everyone safe.”

Enjoy

Finally, enjoy the day! Celebrate and cherish your time together. By balancing everyone’s needs, making compromises and setting realistic expectations, you’ll get closer to that ideal vision of what the holiday gathering should be.

For more information about behavioral health services at Washington Township Medical Foundation, visit MyWTMF.com/psychiatry. Or, contact Wajeeha Khan, MS, LMFT, at 510.248.1820.

Martin Luther King, Jr. program

SUBMITTED BY
AFRO AMERICAN CULTURAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

As a prelude to the Martin Luther King, Jr., federal holiday on Monday, January 17, the Afro American Cultural & Historical Society is planning an online commemoration program on Sunday, January 9.

The theme of the free program is, “It Starts with Me; Shifting Priorities to Create the Beloved Community,” and is the group’s 45th annual commemoration program. It is open to the public over Zoom and will start at 3 p.m. Those attending are asked to log in no later than 2:50 p.m. so the program can start promptly.

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SUBMITTED BY AC TRANSIT

AC Transit has released the second version of our Zero Emission Transit Bus Technology Analysis (ZETBTA) study. This report tracks greenhouse gas emissions, cost per mile, fleet availability and other intelligent data spanning January through June 2021.

ZETBTA is a robust side-by-side evaluation of the predominant bus technologies in use at transit agencies worldwide: fuel cell electric bus (FCEB), battery electric bus (BEB), diesel hybrid, and conventional diesel bus propulsion systems. The initial version of our groundbreaking study was

released in July 2021. Our testing data sets are forecasted for public release every six months.

The study's data is reliable because it is captured from a control fleet using the same 25 buses, then reinforced through academic evaluation by scientists at Stanford University's Precourt Institute for Energy. The study's results will permit AC Transit to determine the ideal zero emission bus technology for the East Bay and will also provide a clean energy conversion roadmap for transit agencies worldwide.

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Not-so-great resignation

BY ANNE CHAN, PhD, MFT

We Americans pride ourselves for not being quitters. Yet, quitting seems to be the trendy thing to do in 2021. Since the pandemic hit, millions of Americans have bid their jobs a not-so-fond farewell. Some experts foresee that this trend might continue through next year. Various explanations have been offered for this mass departure, including stimulus checks, fear of contracting Covid, and a re-assessment of the meaning of work.

Certainly, a large proportion of parents (particularly mothers) have had to leave their jobs to tend to their children. In addition, front-line workers have had to work under extraordinary pressure and this had led to burnout and quitting. It is perhaps unsurprising that parents and front-line workers have been bowing out of the workforce.

However, these are not the only demographic groups quitting work. It is intriguing that all levels of work have been touched by this phenomenon, from entry-level to highly skilled professional jobs. Indeed, highly-paid, mid-career

professionals are one group of workers that have quit their jobs in record numbers. According to Harvard Business Review, resignation rates are highest among mid-career employees.

Gallup has a succinct explanation for this exodus – beneath the “Great Resignation” is the “Great Discontent.” According to Vipula Gandhi and Jennifer Robison of Gallup, “It’s not an industry, role or pay issue. It’s a workplace issue.” Findings from the Gallup poll are revealing – those who are “not engaged” and “actively disengaged” have the highest rates of leaving their jobs. What this tells us is that a healthy workplace culture and excellent management are critical in retaining employees. During the initial stages of the pandemic, the ways in which management handled employee stress and the challenges of the pandemic were telling indicators of the health of the workplace as well as the well-being of the employees.

Did the CEO take the time to ensure that the employees felt safe, or was it a “business as usual” approach that showed zero concern for the stressors of the pandemic? Were there provisions made for

parents who suddenly had to homeschool or be their own home-based daycare provider, or was there dead silence on the matter? Did HR step in to make sure that workers had the equipment to work comfortably from home or were you left desperately trying to cobble together a new Ikea work desk? Were there fun events planned so that people still felt connected to each other at work, or were you marooned at home feeling like you were working in a homey silo? Were workers’ concerns taken seriously when it came to returning to in-person work, or did management leave a vacuum of silence around employee worries?

The way companies managed the pandemic directly affected how employees felt about their work. Poor management around this issue resulted in people leaving their jobs. Indeed, the astounding number of people quitting indicates how many companies failed in their response to the crisis. Studies have shown that some of the common reasons employees stated for quitting during the pandemic were poor management, feeling undervalued by their organizations, and lacking a sense of belonging. Each of these reasons could be filed under the category of “employee disengagement.”

Interestingly, a Gallup poll has shown that “it takes more than a 20% pay raise to

lure most employees away from a manager who engages them, and next to nothing to poach most disengaged workers.” Simply put, an engaged employee will be more likely to stay and a disengaged employee will be very likely to leave.

There has been tremendous fallout from the Great Resignation. Those who did not participate in the Great Resignation have had to double down on working to cover for absent co-workers. These loyal workers are now being rewarded with extra work and pressure. Employers are now racing to fill vacant positions; some have offered incentives such as sign-on bonuses. At the same time, hiring managers are also nervous about onboarding a candidate who might not stay for very long. Meanwhile, the Great Resignation continues and shows no sign of ending yet. So, stay tuned for my next column where I will cover some strategies to handle the fallout from the Great Resignation.

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SUBMITTED BY
ASSOCIATION OF MATURE
AMERICAN CITIZENS

Eek!

The folks at Guinness World Record headquarters tell us that the largest spider ever found was a goliath bird-eating spider found in Venezuela in 1965, reports Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC). It’s leg-span was 11 inches. On average, spiders generally range in size from about a fraction of an inch to 3.5 inches. The bigger they are, the rarer they are, which explains why the funnel-web spider an anonymous donor left at the front door of Australian Reptile Park in New South Wales has been given the moniker, “Megaspider.” It measures almost two inches and sports fangs that are nearly an inch in length. But, as scary as that may sound, its venom is exceptionally toxic and fast acting. The Reptile Park says they’ll use its venom to produce anti-venom. See video of the spider at www.youtube.com/watch?v=tuwzmcpGrGE.

Creepy thief

The Riverside, California police department is looking for a thief who’s been dubbed the “snake burglar” because he was caught on

surveillance video slithering on the floor of a beauty parlor in town, according to AMAC. The cops say that he got away with cash from the salon’s cash register and a safe containing more than \$8,000. They believe he’s the same robber that was recorded by cameras in a local pizza parlor not long ago slinking on the floor.

Schussing Santas

Skiing is the favorite activity in Maine. It’s not a surprise since the average annual snowfall in the Pine Tree State ranges from 50 to 110 inches, according to AMAC. And, with Christmas only days away, it’s not unusual to see a Santa or two wending their way down the slopes. But, as we know Santa Claus is a benevolent soul, so it’s not surprising that more than 230 skiers decked out in white beards, red hats and jolly smiles paid \$20 (or more) each to schuss down the snow-covered hills of Newry, Maine to help fund the Sunday River Community Fund, a local charity. See video of Santas hitting the slopes at www.youtube.com/watch?v=drEDdlnTPzg.

-- 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.

Housing navigation center sees success

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF HAYWARD

In just over two years of operation, City of Hayward’s Housing Navigation Center has moved nearly two-thirds of its formerly homeless residents into permanent housing, all the while weathering the COVID-19 pandemic. Since its opening on November 18, 2019, 153 people have exited the Navigation Center, with 98 of them -- or 64% -- moving directly into permanent housing. Located at the intersection of Whitesell Street and Depot Road, the center provides immediate shelter, nutrition, intensive case management and housing navigation services to homeless adults. Under its original configuration, the center provided short-term housing for 45 people at a time

in dormitory settings with one meal a day, on-site restroom, shower, laundry and kitchen facilities, and intensive case management geared toward long-term housing placements. Because of COVID-19, it was necessary to decrease operational capacity from 45 beds in two residential trailers to a total of 23 beds. In June 2021, capacity was increased to 33 beds through the addition of a third residential trailer. The center was developed and furnished through a combination of federal, state and local funding, and donations. For more information, visit the City of Hayward website at www.hayward-ca.gov, then enter “Hayward Housing Navigation Center” into the search box and follow the link.

Severe Toy Shortage!

SUBMITTED BY
DAVIS STREET

With tremendous support from the community, Davis Street's Holiday Basket Program provides over one

thousand families in need with a holiday feast and toys for over 49 years. This year, Davis Street’s families have experienced many hardships due to the pandemic and need our help more than ever. Davis Street is fortunate enough to have the capability to safely continue to provide for our families this year, but we need your help! Our highest needed items are new, unopened toys and gift cards.

Drop off donations at:
Davis Street Clinic Lobby
3081 Teagarden Street,
San Leandro
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Or donate online:
<https://donatenow.networkforgood.org>

Coding Camp & Scratchathon

SUBMITTED BY FUSS

Fremont Unified Student Store (FUSS) is glad to support YOBEA, a group of Fremont High School students, who wish to offer a 5-day Advanced Scratch Winter Camp starting on December 26, 2021, followed by a Scratchathon on December 30, 2021. The goal is to help students find an engaging and fun way to incorporate their knowledge of coding and STEAM.

About the Camp:

Intermediate and advanced concepts will be covered in one course (grades 3-8). Learn advanced Scratch coding skills, from using video sensing and extensions to replicating games like Crossy Road! Prior Scratch experience is highly recommended. **Winter Scratchathon!** Compete by creating games with friends centered around a

scientific theme. Prizes will be awarded to winners. All experience and age levels are welcome. This will be a hackathon-style competition. Space is limited. First come, first-served. **To register:** <https://tinyurl.com/yobeawinter2021> For more info, contact: yobeayouthbeacon@gmail.com

Advanced Coding Camp
Sunday, Dec 26 – Thursday, Dec 30
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Scratchathon on 12/30 from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Register:
www.tinyurl.com/yobeawinter2021
info@yobeas.org

Help Needed!

SUBMITTED BY
BRUCE ROBERTS

In these pandemic days of fear and uncertainty, our return to normalcy can be encouraged by helping others. Anyone who agrees, might consider Tutor Training with Hayward’s Literacy Plus. This training is coming up in January, and gives English speakers a chance to help our diverse population by improving people’s English literacy skills – vital to employment and becoming a contributing member of our community. You must complete an online New Tutor Orientation and Training course and attend two live, interactive Zoom sessions. If you are at least 18 years old, speak clear English, and have good reading and writing skills, here’s how: **January 4** – self-guided Online Tutorial Orientation begins (1 hr, in your own time.) **January 25** – Live Zoom Orientation Session, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. OR

January 26, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Choose one date to attend) Once orientation is complete, take the Online Tutor Training Self-Guided Tutorial (2 hours, in your own time.) **Live Zoom Tutor Training Session** – February 5, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Helping others, and changing a person’s life, feels good. If interested, you may RSVP by phone or email: (510) 881-7910 or literacyplus@hayward-ca.gov You may fill out an application here: <https://bit.ly/LitPlusTraining> Jump in and help. The future is bright! **Hayward Literacy Plus Tutor Training**
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BY JOHN GRIMALDI AND
DAVID BRUCE SMITH

French support

In September and October of 1777, the colonial army -- comprised mostly of farmers and tradesmen -- unexpectedly overwhelmed three of England’s professionally trained armies at the Battle of Saratoga.

Benjamin Franklin, meanwhile, was in France soliciting support for the Revolution, which was now easier after surprise victories. Two months later, France became the first foreign government to institute diplomatic relations with America, even though the colonies would be entangled in war until 1783.

According to History.com Franklin had already endeared himself and colonial America to the French nation: “Franklin, who often wore a fur cap, captured the imagination of Parisians as an American man of nature and his well-known social charms stirred French passions for all things American. He was the toast of Parisian society, enchanting salons with his wide-ranging knowledge, social graces and witty repartee.”

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends “The Road to Yorktown: The French Campaigns in the American Revolution, 1780-1783,” by Louis-François-Bertrand du Pont d’Aubevoye, comte de Lauberdère by Norman Desmarais.

The ‘King’ enlisted

Elvis Presley was a worldwide celebrity -- the “King of Rock-and-Roll” -- until December 20, 1957. On that day, Uncle Sam “appeared” with a draft notice. Presley received the news, soberly, declined the opportunities for choice assignments, and served as a “regular” GI. As he put it:

“People were expecting me to mess up, to goof up in one way or another. They thought I couldn’t take it and so forth, and I was determined to go to any limits to prove otherwise. Not only to the people who were wondering but to myself.”

The induction notice was a notice of mandatory enlistment in the armed services -- a law inaugurated

in 1917, and rescinded in 1973, when the U.S. reverted to an all-volunteer military.

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends “Elvis: The Army Years Uncovered: Behind the Scenes of the Two Years That Changed the King of Rock and Roll’s Life” by Trina Young.

Christmas poetry

Clement C. Moore was a Hebrew scholar, and professor of Asian and Greek literature at the General Theological Seminary in Manhattan. He was also the son of Benjamin Moore, president of Columbia University, and the Episcopal bishop of New York. The elder Moore participated in the inauguration of George Washington and administered the last rites to Alexander Hamilton after his deadly duel with Aaron Burr.

Meanwhile, Benjamin’s son, Clement, a relatively obscure poet, unearthed his muse on the night of December 24, 1822. While riding a horse drawn sleigh in the snow-covered streets of Greenwich Village, Moore wrote an ode, with the intent -- only -- of amusing his six children, but the poem “A Visit from St. Nicholas” -- morphed into a classic called “The Night Before Christmas.”

“’Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there; ...”

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends “The Poet of Christmas Eve, a Life of Clement Clarke Moore, 1779-1863,” by Samuel White.

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



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Efforts to protect the ozone layer paying off

EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk:
Has anyone calculated the positive health and/or economic impacts of international efforts to protect the stratospheric ozone layer beginning in the late 1980s?

— C. Marin, St. Louis, Missouri

BY RODDY SCHEER AND DOUG MOSS

The 1987 Montreal Protocol, a landmark international agreement calling on the nations of the world to ban the production and distribution of man-made chemicals that deplete the stratospheric ozone layer, has been billed as one of the greatest examples of international cooperation to date. And while everyone party to the Montreal agreement agreed that the substance of the treaty -- banning so-called chlorofluorocarbons and related ozone-stripping chemicals -- was a big win for the environment and human health, we have had no idea how to quantify just how many lives have been saved or improved as a result.

Until now, that is. Researchers from the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), ICF Consulting, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) found that the Montreal Protocol and its subsequent amendments will have prevented some 443 million cases of skin cancer and 63 million cases of cataracts in the U.S. alone by the end of the 21st century. They used computer models to plot how much ultraviolet (UV) radiation would have reached the Earth’s surface through holes in the ozone layer without the ban on CFCs and other fluorocarbons, extrapolating from there.

“We peeled away from disaster,” NCAR scientist Julia Lee-Taylor, a co-author of the study, told ScienceDaily. “What is eye popping is what would have happened by the end of this century if not for the Montreal Protocol.” According to projections

from the researchers’ modeling, without the agreement, UV radiation would triple by 2080. “After that, our calculations for the health impacts start to break down because we’re getting so far into conditions that have never been seen before.”

“It’s very encouraging,” she added. “It shows that, given the will, the nations of the world can come together to solve global environmental problems.”

Indeed, recent attempts to forge a global carbon drawdown have the potential for perhaps even bigger health impacts for the human race (and others) moving forward. The World Health Organization (WHO) considers global warming the greatest health threat ever facing humanity. This United Nations-backed international body charged with directing and monitoring global public health initiatives expects climate change to cause 250,000 additional deaths per year from a combination of factors including malnutrition, malaria, diarrhea and heat stress. Additionally, global warming will end up tacking some \$2-\$4 billion per year onto our global health care bill. And sadly, but not surprisingly, lesser developed countries and regions will fare worse given their weaker health infrastructures.

Indeed, the success of the Montreal Protocol and the urgency of the climate crisis provide all the reasons we need to encourage the leaders of the United States and other nations around the world to forge ahead with the strongest possible international climate agreement with binding and meaningful emissions reduction targets. Our future may very well depend upon it.

CONTACTS:

- Protecting the ozone layer is delivering vast health benefits, sciencedaily.com/releases/2021/10/211006134930.htm
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Pioneers awarded with Aquatics Scholarship

SUBMITTED BY ERIC HARDING;
CAL STATE EAST BAY ATHLETICS

Cal State East Bay (CSUEB) Athletics is excited to announce the first-ever Dr. Calvin “Cal” Caplan Aquatics Scholarship has been awarded to water polo’s Bailey Barlow and swimming’s Emma Knott.

Barlow is a two-meter driver from Corona, California, while Knott is a freestyle and butterfly swimmer from East Wenatchee, Washington.

“It’s well deserved,” said Caplan. “What this represents to me is that the scholarship is applicable to all aquatics, not just the water polo program. It will continue to be that way in the future as well.

“I’m glad it can be used to bring in new recruits as well as provide additional help for



Bailey Barlow



Emma Knott

student-athletes. I’m very gratified the department chose to offer this in my name, and I think it will serve our aquatics programs very well.”

Cal Caplan Aquatics Scholarship was established in 2021 honoring the legendary aquatics coach by a group of swimming, diving and water polo alumni. The founding donors surprised Caplan with news about this scholarship at a poolside event on September 2.

“Coach Caplan has an indelible legacy in Pioneer Athletics,” said CSUEB Associate Vice President and Director of Athletics Allison Kern. “We are grateful for the impact he has had on so many of our student-athletes.”

Optimist Club Girls’ Basketball Classic

SUBMITTED BY DARRYL
REINA

33rd annual Newark Optimist Club Girls’ Holiday Basketball Classic will be held at Newark Memorial High School Event Center on December 28 - 30. The three-day event features both

girls’ varsity and junior varsity division. Eight games will be played each day.

Opening round schedule for Tuesday, December 28 is as follows:

Junior Varsity Division
9:00 am - Foothill vs. Castro Valley
10:30 am - Irvington vs. Menlo-Atherton
12 Noon - Miramonte vs. Napa
1:30 pm - Santa Teresa vs. Newark Memorial

Varsity Division
3:15 pm - Castro Valley vs. Menlo-Atherton
4:45 pm - St. Patrick - St. Vincent vs. Lick-Wilmerding

6:15 pm - Sequoia vs. Santa Clara
7:45 pm - Napa vs. Newark Memorial

Newark Optimism Club Girls’ Basketball Classic
Tuesday, Dec 28-30
Newark Memorial High School Event Center
39375 Cedar Blvd., Newark
Admission: \$7 adults,
\$5 students & seniors 62+,
10 & under free

Park It

BY NED MACKAY

The end of December is a quiet time in the East Bay Regional Parks, but there are still nature-themed programs you can enjoy during the holidays.

Winter shorebirds are the focus of a bird-watching walk from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 23 at Elsie Roemer Bird Sanctuary in Alameda. Beginning birders are welcome; bring your own binoculars. This is a free, drop-in program; registration is not necessary. Meet naturalist Susan Ramos at the sanctuary, at the intersection of Broadway and Shoreline Drive. For information, call Crab Cove Visitor Center at (510) 544-3187.

Although it is closed on December 24 and 25, Crab Cove Visitor Center will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 26. The center has a large aquarium, photos and artifacts from Alameda’s history, and a California Coast and Ocean Amateur Photography exhibit. Entry is free and registration is not required. Watch the staff feed the aquarium fish between 3:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

It may be the holiday season, but the animals at Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont still need to eat. You can help check for eggs and bring hay to the livestock during a program at Ardenwood from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 23. The program is disabled-accessible, drop-in, and no registration is required. Ardenwood admission fee applies. Meet at the granary. The program repeats at the same time and place on Friday, December 31.

Besides feeding the livestock, there’s lots to see and do at Ardenwood. Check out the tours of the Patterson House, a restored Victorian-era mansion, or the pollinator puppet show from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and the corn husk doll craft session from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., both on Sunday, December 26.

Ardenwood is located at 34600 Ardenwood Blvd., just north of Highway 84. For fee and

program information, call (510) 544-2797.

Nearby at Coyote Hills Regional Park, you can join “Discovery on Demand,” a range of hands-on, nature-themed activities for all ages. It’s in session between 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 26 at the visitor center. It’s drop-in, registration is not required, and all ages are welcome, though parents must participate. Due to COVID-19, masks are required and social distancing must be maintained.

You can also explore Coyote Hills’ nectar garden in a program from 11 a.m. to 12 noon the same day. Learn about animals that pollinate, and get information about creating your own home native plant garden.

Both programs are free, though Coyote Hills has a parking fee of \$5 per vehicle. The park is at the end of Patterson Ranch Road off Paseo Padre Parkway in Fremont. For information, call (510)544-3220.

The park district’s last naturalist-led hike of 2021 will be from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday, December 31 at Castle Rock/Diablo Foothills in Walnut Creek with Virginia Delgado. This is an easy two-mile out and back walk along Pine Creek in search of mushrooms, winter birds and signs of creek activity. Meet Virginia at the Orchard Staging Area near the end of Castle Rock Road past Northgate High School.

The hike is free of charge, but registration is required. Minimum age is five years; parents must participate. Wear sturdy shoes; bring plenty of water and snacks. For registration and information, call (888) 327-2757, option 2.

Besides the naturalist programs, the regional parks and trails are all open during daylight hours for hikers, bicyclers and equestrians. However you spend your time, I know the park district staff and board join me in wishing you a happy and healthy holiday season and New Year.

New Year’s Eve party

SUBMITTED BY
INDIA COMMUNITY CENTER

It’s time to celebrate with family and friends as the new year begins and the old one ends! Join us as we ring in New Year 2022 dancing with open bars and food.

Featuring Saxophone Maestro, Ramesh Maraj, who combines Indian melodies with western genres and DJ Edwin, playing the best of Bollywood and world music.

Dress Code: Cocktail attire
Individual Tickets
Group tickets: Table of 10 (friends and family on same table)
Group tickets: VIP table of 10 (preferred table location, wine bottle, access to two bars)
Kids Care: Kids care will be provided for 2- to 10-year-olds from 7 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Ticket price includes: Open bar, vegetarian/non-vegetarian buffet, performances, and photo booth.

Program Schedule:
7:00 p.m.: Registrations and welcome cocktails

7:00 - 7:45 p.m.: Reception in the lobby - appetizers and multiple bars

7:45 p.m.: Doors open to seating in Malavalli Banquet Hall

8:00 - 9:00 p.m.: Opening entertainment program

9:00 p.m.: Dinner catered by Jalsa

9:45 p.m.: DJ and open dance floor

12:45 a.m.: Program ends

Covid Protocol:

Guests will be allowed inside after temperature and proof of vaccination checks. Masks are mandatory.

New Year’s Eve Party \$
Friday, Dec 31
7:00 p.m. - 12:45 a.m.
India Community Center
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Holiday Closure

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FREMONT'S COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The City is implementing a Holiday Closure for many non-public safety City services from Thursday, December 23 through Friday, December 31. This closure will not affect police and fire services.

Please be advised that during the Holiday Closure, all construction and development services will be unavailable.

1) The City's online permitting portal, Citizen Access, will be unavailable starting Wednesday, December 22, 2021, at 12 noon through Monday, January 3, 2022 at 8 a.m. Online requests for permits and building inspections will be unavailable during this time. This includes Planning, Building, and Engineering permits.

2) To schedule a building inspection for Monday, January 3, 2022, the City's Building Inspection Scheduling Line will be available starting Wednesday, December 29, 2021. The phone number is (510) 494-4885.

3) General email accounts and phone lines will not be monitored. Staff will not be responding to emails received during the Holiday Closure. Community members should avoid sending any emails during this time.

4) The City's Development Services Center will be closed and reopen on Monday, January 3, 2022.

When planning for your construction or development project, please consider that these services will be unavailable during the Holiday Closure.

The City appreciates your patience and cooperation and wishes everyone a happy holiday season.

For more information about the Citywide Holiday Closure, please visit the City's webpage: <https://www.fremont.gov/2191/Holiday-Closure-2021>

Thank you!

Community Development
Department

City of Fremont

City honors community members and organizations

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF SAN LEANDRO

On Monday, December 6, City Council publicly honored 22 community members and organizations that have made meaningful contributions to the San Leandro community. As part of the annual district leadership and Mayor's awards of excellence ceremony, the City Council recognized 14 individuals, including one from each of the six council districts, along with eight Mayor's award recipients who have made a significant difference in 2021.

The following awardees were presented with District Leadership Awards from each of the council districts:

Recipient Award:

Nominating Official:

Kim Pace, District 1 Leadership Award
Councilmember Deborah Cox

Steve Kahn, District 2 Leadership Award
Councilmember Bryan Azevedo

Carol Habercross, District 3 Leadership Award
Vice Mayor Victor Aguilar

Anthony Tejada, District 4 Leadership Award
Councilmember Fred Simon

Cynthia Chandler, District 5 Leadership Award
Councilmember Corina Lopez

Dylan Bolt, District 6 Leadership Award
Councilmember Pete Ballew

The following awardees were presented with the Mayor's Award of Excellence in each category below:

Rocky's Charcoal Grill, Mayor's Award of Excellence, Small Business

Inner Athlete, Mayor's Award of Excellence, Medium Business

MedShare, Mayor's Award of Excellence, Large Business

Lee Thomas, Mayor's Award for Innovation and Entrepreneurship

"A City Where Kindness Matters" Awardees:
Detective JoAnna Villa, Detective Maria Faumuina, Officer Jerene James, and Lieutenant Matt Barajas

Also, at the meeting, the following individuals were recognized for five or more years of dedicated service on various City boards and commissions:

5 Years: Claudia McHenry, Isabel Polvorosa, Diana Prola, and Allen Schoenfeld

10 Years: James Andrew Brown and Darlene Cozzette-Daevu

25 Years: Orval Badger and Ed Shapiro

"One of the best parts of my mayoral responsibilities and for my City Council colleagues, is recognizing individuals, organizations and businesses that contribute to making San Leandro a place of community," said Mayor Cutter. "We know San Leandro is a city where kindness matters because the people who live or do business here make it such a special place."

To view the City Council meeting, visit: <https://sanleandro.legistar.com>.

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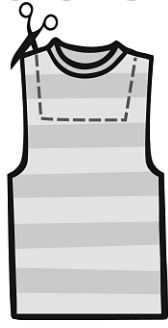
Re-Think Holiday Gift-Giving: Make a Gift from a T-shirt!

Have you outgrown a favorite T-shirt and you don't want to get rid of it? You can turn it into a gift for a friend or family member and give it a new life!

Make a Reusable Shopping Bag



1. Cut the sleeves off the T-shirt by cutting along the seams.



2. Cut out the collar in a square shape.



3. Cut little strips along the bottom of the shirt. Use a ruler for spacing.



4. Tie double knots along bottom of the shirt matching with back.

Memory Jar Gift



1. Clean out a jar.
2. Use paints and stickers to decorate the jar and the lid.
3. Tape these instructions on the inside of the lid:

TO:

This is your 2022 Memory Jar! Each day, write down at least one good thing that happened on that day and place the slip of paper in this jar. If you're having a bad day, open the jar and relive a happier memory. At the end of the year, you'll have at least 365 reasons to smile as you look back at 2022!

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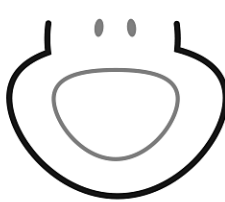
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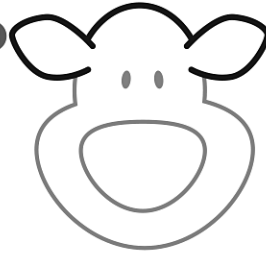
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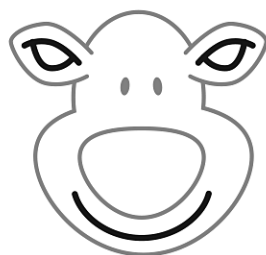
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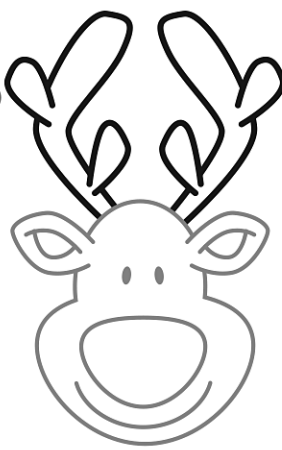
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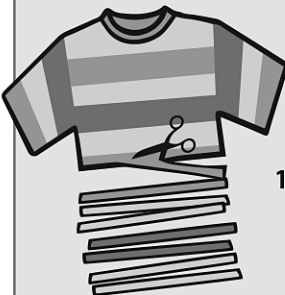


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Put these apples in the bag.

Make a Gift for a Dog



Here's how old T-shirts can be turned into dog toys:

1. Cut T-shirt into strips about 1 inch wide and 1 foot long.
2. Divide strips into 3 groups to make 3 braids. Save 2 strips for step 3.
3. Braid the 3 braids together and use the last 2 strips to tie the ends.
4. Play with dog!



T-Shirt Twins

Can you find the two T-shirts that are exactly the same?



Extra! Extra! Holiday Scavenger Hunt

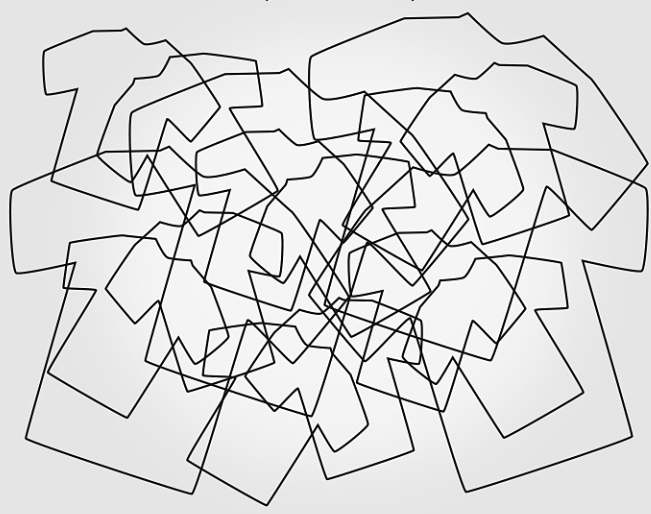
How many of the following can you find in today's newspaper?

- ☐ Christmas Tree
- ☐ Reindeer
- ☐ Elves
- ☐ Wrapped packages
- ☐ Happy faces
- ☐ Cookies

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

Kid Scoop Puzzler

How many T-shirts do you see?



Double Double Word Search

FAVORITE
REUSABLE
SHOPPING
OUTGROWN
HOLIDAY
FRIEND
SQUARE
SHIRT
BRAID
KNOTS
GIFT
TOYS
NEW
DOG
OLD

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

F G N I P P O H S O
A E I B R A I D U H
V O L D O G E T T H
O T L B I R G O S O
R R I F A R Y T D L
I I T U D S O A Y I
T H Q W G N U G O D
E S N I K F W E N A
T D N E I R F S R Y

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Newspaper Search Game Gift

Create your own newspaper scavenger hunt game. For example: Smile search, Sports search, Animal search, etc. Then give the game instructions and a newspaper as a gift.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written instructions.

What does Mrs. Claus say when it's cloudly on Christmas Eve?



ANSWER: "Looks like rain, dear!"

Write On!

Holiday Jokes and Riddles

Write down some of your favorite holiday jokes and riddles to share with your family and friends.

Cosmic light polarization and the universe

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Imaging X-ray Polarimetry Explorer (IXPE), is a space observatory with three telescopes designed to measure the polarization of cosmic X-rays of the Explorer program. Each system operates independently for redundancy and comprises a 4 m (13 ft) focal length mirror module assembly that focuses X-rays onto a polarization-sensitive imaging detector. The observatory, which was launched on December 9, 2021, is an international collaboration between NASA and Italian Space Agency (ASI).

The mission will use light polarization to study magnetic fields of various astronomical objects such as black holes, neutron stars, pulsars, supernova remnants, magnetars, quasars and active galactic nuclei. Light polarization is a property of light waves that depicts the direction of their oscillations. Polarized light vibrates or oscillates in only one direction. This is in contrast to a nonpolarized light that vibrates in many directions.

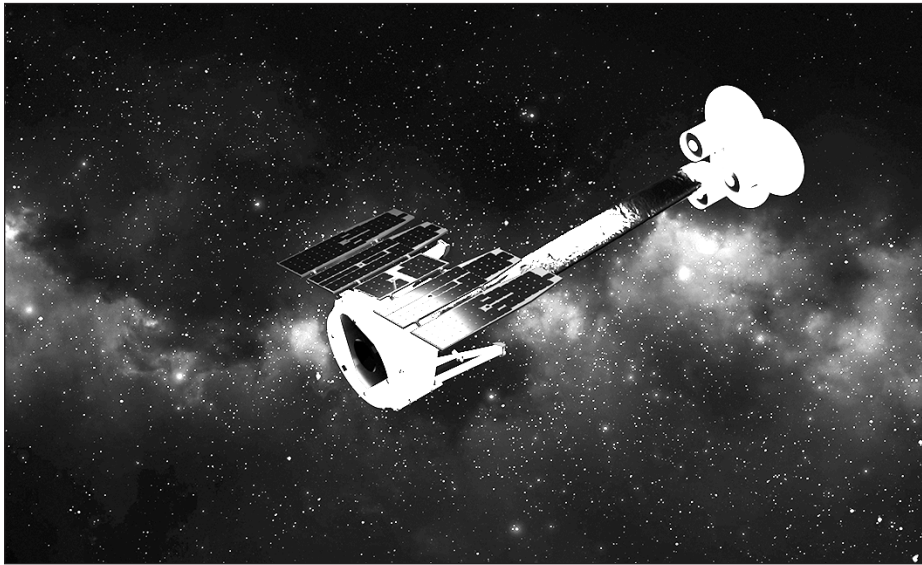


Illustration of NASA's Imaging X-ray Polarimetry Explorer (IXPE)

The high-energy X-ray radiation from the object of interest's surrounding environment can be polarized – vibrating in a particular direction. Studying the polarization of X-rays can help us better understand the science behind these objects and can provide more insights into their high-temperature environments and where they are created, in support of

NASA's first science objective in astrophysics: “Discover how the universe works.” The spacecraft for the IXPE mission was built by Ball Aerospace & Technologies. While NASA was the primary space agency to drive the mission, Italian Space Agency (ASI) committed to providing X-ray polarization detectors.

The IXPE mission was launched on December 9 on a SpaceX Falcon 9 (B1061.5) from LC-39A at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The IXPE orbit is set hugging the equator and is designed to operate in an almost exactly equatorial orbit with a 0° inclination. This is done to minimize the X-ray instrument's exposure to radiation in the South Atlantic Anomaly, the region where the inner Van Allen radiation belt comes closest to Earth's surface. The IXPE mission is designed to last at least two years and the estimated cost of the mission and its two-year operation is \$188 million, with the launch cost alone set at \$50.3 million.

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

Kwanzaa celebrates community traditions and values

BY ROB KLINDT

As the last hectic weeks of December wind down and Christmas and Hanukkah events end, many people look forward to one final celebration to close out the year: Kwanzaa. An African American and Pan-African holiday with no religious affiliation, Kwanzaa instead celebrates the universal values of family, community and culture. The word Kwanzaa itself is adapted from a Swahili phrase for “first fruits.” It is celebrated each year from December 26 through January 1. This year's worldwide Kwanzaa theme is “Practicing Kwanzaa and the Seven Principles: Ensuring the Well-Being of the World.” For each of the seven days of Kwanzaa a different principle of life is celebrated and is called Nguzo Saba. The seven principles focus on the elements of African culture which contribute to building and maintaining community values among African Americans. They include:

- Umoja (Unity)
- Kujichagulia (Self-Determination)
- Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility)
- Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics)
- Nia (Purpose)
- Kuumba (Creativity)
- Imani (Faith)

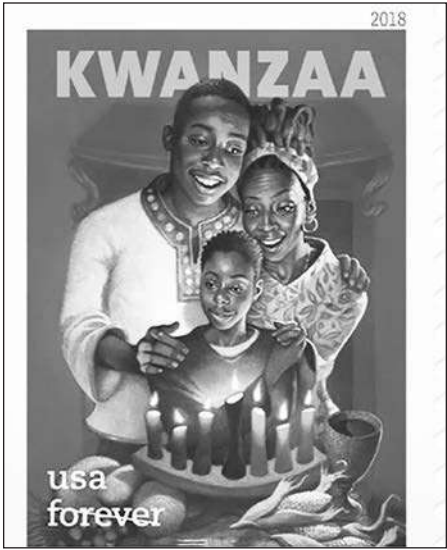
Each of the seven symbols is represented by colored candles on a holder called a kinara, often used as a centerpiece during daily celebrations. On the final night of Kwanzaa, the event is completed with a feast, called a Karamu followed by gift-giving. A universal theme is, “It takes a United Village to Strengthen Family and Community.” While the traditions and principles of Kwanzaa aren't new, the formal weeklong event started in 1966, marking its 55th anniversary this year. Developed by Dr. Maulana Karenga, a professor of Africana Studies at California State University, Long Beach, the idea was to promote and preserve African culture throughout the world. Kwanzaa celebrations started slowly in the United States, but over the years expanded throughout the nation and eventually to Canada, the Caribbean,



USPS commemorative Kwanzaa stamps
Credit: USPS

England, and Africa. Today, it's estimated that more than 20 million people celebrate the event. Starting in 1997, the U.S. Postal Service issued its first Kwanzaa commemorative stamp. New stamp designs were also issued in 2004, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2016 and 2018. In the Bay Area, several Kwanzaa events are planned:

- MoAd Museum of the African Diaspora in San Francisco will hold its 16th annual Kwanzaa Celebration in partnership with The Village Project from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, December 26 on the first day of Kwanzaa. The outdoor and in-person event will include a live poetry reading in the Golden Gate Music Concourse, featuring Daniel B. Summerhill, Tiffany Banks, James Cagney and Tyanna Braswell. Admission is free. For details, visit the museum website at www.moadsf.org/.



USPS commemorative Kwanzaa stamps
Credit: USPS

- Alameda County Library will host an online Kwanzaa story time and craft session for children 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, December 29 using the Zoom app. A link to join the event will be sent out December 28. For details, visit the library events page at <https://aclibrary.bibliocommons.com/events/> or call (510) 745-1500.
- East Bay Church of Religious Science will celebrate Nia, the fifth day of Kwanzaa, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 30 at 4130 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. The in-person event will include entertainment, a candle lighting ceremony, boxed food to go, a raffle and zawadi gifts for children 18 and younger. For details, call (510) 420-1003.

Local Olympic Athletes recognized

SUBMITTED BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER ALEX LEE

At an awards ceremony at Table Tennis America in Fremont, Assemblymember Alex Lee recognized Lily Zhang and Xin Zhou, two Olympic athletes from the South Bay region and Assembly District 25 that competed in and represented the United States at the 2020 Olympics. Lily Zhang, a 25-year-old three-time Olympian from Fremont has won the US National Championships in Women's Singles five times. Just a few days ago, she helped America win its first U.S. Table Tennis Medal since 1959 in the mixed doubles category of the 2021 World Table Tennis Championships Finals held in Houston. Xin Zhou, a 32-year-old table tennis player and Milpitas resident is a full-time coach and reigning US Men's Singles Champion. He also recently won the 888 Team Championships along with fellow Olympians Lily Zhang, Kanak Jha, and Nikhil Kumar. "It's really incredible that some of the top ranked players in table tennis are from Assembly District 25, and really putting American table tennis on the map," said Assemblymember Alex Lee. "Our athletes are making our country and the Bay Area proud of their athletic achievements."

Kanak Jha from Milpitas who also competed in the Olympics was unable to join the event, but also received recognition from Assemblymember Lee.



Table tennis is currently one of the fastest growing sports in America and is both a physical and mental sport that stimulates the brain while improving hand-eye coordination. The low risk of injury means table tennis can be enjoyed by people of all ages and all fitness levels.

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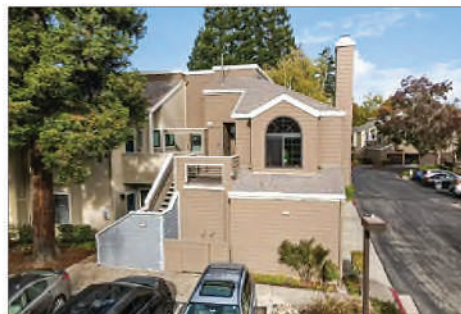
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Home & Garden

Spruce up the yard with a conifer

By DANIEL O'DONNELL

The first whales evolved from a four-legged hoofed land mammal called an artiodactyl about 50 million years ago. The closest land animal related to a whale is the hippopotamus. While whales share ancestry with camels, giraffes, cows, and pigs, one might never know by looking at them. Conifers are another great example of similarities below the surface. The family includes redwoods (the tallest trees), Bristlecone pines (the oldest living trees), and Giant Sequoias (the largest trees by three-dimensional volume.)

Conifers are primarily cone-bearing trees, but include some shrubs. Some are deciduous, flat scale-like leaves, but most are evergreen, which have needle-like foliage. Some grow tall and upright, while others spread out and mature at a medium height, and others grow low and flat to the ground. The majority range from dark to bright green foliage. However, a number have foliage that changes color when weather gets cold. Non-green colors include tones of silver, blue, purple, maroon, yellow, gold, bronze, pink and red.

The name conifer is derived from the Latin words conus (cone) and ferre (to bear). Each conifer has the ability to produce woody cones that contain seeds. Some conifers produce cones that mature in three to four months, while others take three to four years. Seeds are dispersed by either a cone that opens up and releases seeds to the wind, or a cone that falls to the ground and needs to biodegrade. Seeds can also be spread by animals that eat the

cones. In a few types of conifers, seeds can only be liberated after the cone burns in a forest fire.

There are hundreds of species of conifers throughout the world. Some are not suited for the Bay Area's climate. However, many are. Below are six types of local conifers and some of the more interesting specimens of the group.

Pines are one of the most iconic Christmas or Holiday trees. The pine family is the largest family of conifers, and many different species can be seen throughout the Bay Area. The Bosnian pine is an interesting variety. They are native to Italy, Greece, and mountain areas of the Balkans. They are large attractive trees with dark green needles and ash grey bark that can get over 30 feet tall. They produce colorful purple cones that mature to brown.

Redwood forests are found today only in California and a small area of southern Oregon. Redwood trees are dotted throughout Bay Area landscapes, mostly Costal Redwoods. There are far fewer Dawn Redwoods, but that does not mean they are not an interesting choice to grow. Dawn Redwoods were only known from fossil records dating back to dinosaur times up until the mid-1900s, when some were discovered in a remote valley in China. The seeds were collected by an arboretum and today they are grown all over the world. They are the only redwoods that lose their leaves in the winter.

Cedars and false cedars are common coniferous trees seen growing locally. Many are majestic trees that have much



shorter needles than pines. Some mature to the height and width of a large shrub. Atlas cedar and Dwarf Blue Atlas cedar are two attractive choices because of their silvery blue needles.

Spruce trees are members of the pine family. They differ from other pines and conifers in that their thin pointy needles spiral around the tree's branches. There are a number of spectacular blue varieties that range in size and form. Names such as "Baby Blue," "Fat Albert," and "Slenderina Weeping Blue" make it easy to choose a tree.

Green Juniper trees, shrubs, and groundcovers were so widely used in the 1970s that many people find them boring when used in a landscape today. However, that is because they do not know of the over 400 different Juniper cultivars available. They have been bred for exciting colors, a slower growth rate, and compact



sizes. "Icee Blue" is a blue groundcover that turns purple if the temperature gets cold enough. "Sea of Gold" is a four-foot shrub that has golden-yellow foliage. Other exciting foliage colors include bronze, white and pinkish red.

Thujas, commonly known as arborvitae, are coniferous trees and shrubs native to North America and Eastern Asia. The most commonly used thujas throughout the Bay Area have green or yellow foliage. However, in recent years there have been many cultivars developed that offer a wider range of colors. "Ember Waves" has lacy flat foliage that transitions from green to gold with red tips when cooler weather arrives. "Pancake" has sage green foliage that changes to bright blue in winter. "Fire Chief's" bright gold needle tips slowly turn pink in the summer and deepen to red in the fall.

There are some common and not so common conifers growing throughout the Bay Area. Growing additional ones can further spruce up the region.

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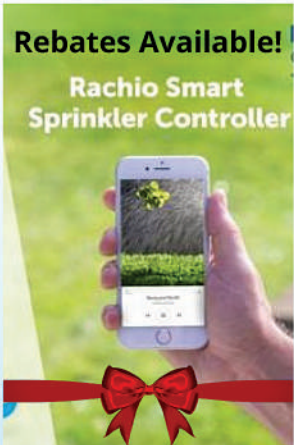
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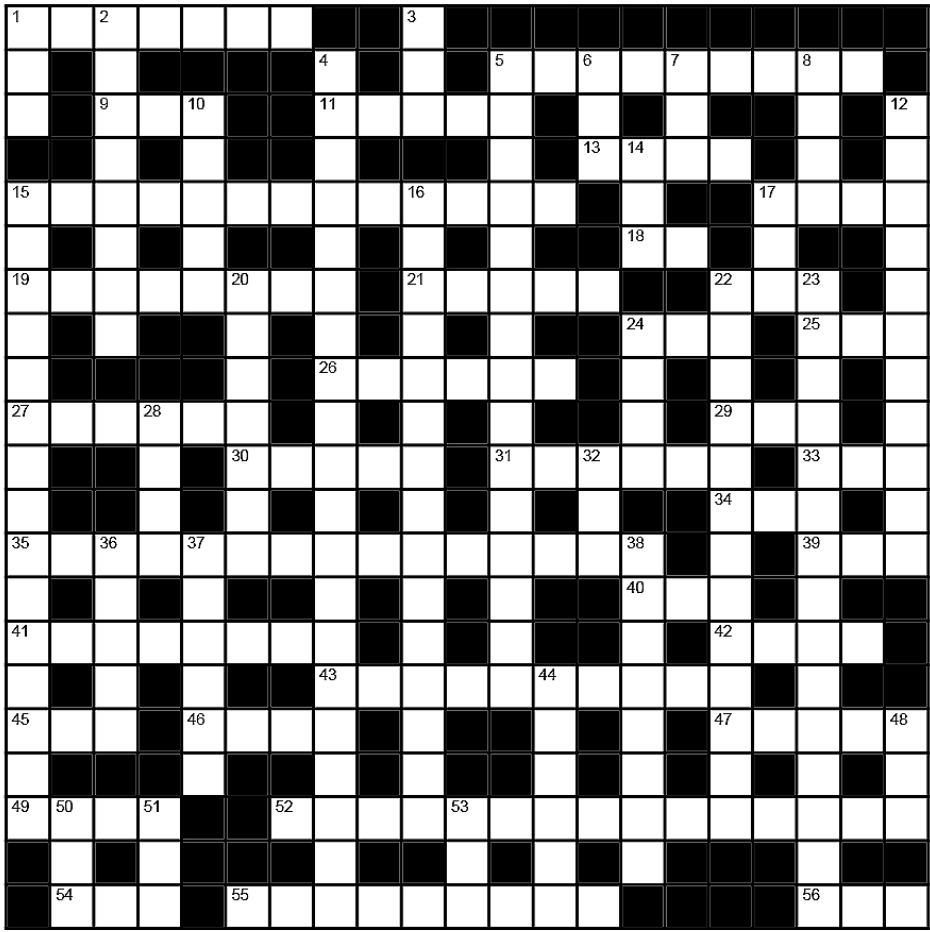


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Mind Twisters

Crossword Puzzle



- Across

1

Follow (7)

5

Difficult (9)

9

AOL, e.g. (3)

11

Fragrant resin (5)

13

Little swab (1-3)

15

Pink slip (7-6)

17

Bowwow (4)

18

... (2)

19

Elementary particle (8)

21

Eastwood's "Rawhide" role (5)

22

Dot follower (3)

24

"All Things Considered" airtel (3)

25

Tolkien cannibal (3)

26

Fix, as a pump (6)

27

Lots (6)

29

Clever comment (3)

30

Secret meeting (5)

31

Mysterious (6)

33

Alts. (3)

34

1950 film noir classic (3)

35

Quit (3,4,4,4)
- 39

Hi-___ (3)
- 40

"Platoon" setting (3)
- 41

Wayne's world? (4,4)
- 42

Chemical endings (4)
- 43

Run into (6,4)
- 45

Ltr. additions (3)
- 46

Circular course (4)
- 47

Shrinking (5)
- 49

Drift (4)
- 52

Some noncoms (6,9)
- 54

TV monitor? (3)
- 55

Everywhere (9)
- 56

"The ___" (Uris novel) (3)

Down

1

Certain camera, for short (3)

2

Relax (8)

3

Well-kept secret, for some (3)

4

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

5

Zodiac sign (5,3,7)

6

Kind of ribs (3)

7

The Engineers' sch. (3)

8

___ fruit (4)

10

Buttinsky (5)

12

Nonconformists (11)

14

Male cat (3)

15

Rain check? (10,5)

16

Shrink (15)

17

"Alice" waitress (3)

20

Apt title for this puzzle (2,1,4)

22

Bartender's supply (5,2,6)

23

Nonstop (5,5,5)

24

"___ chance!" (4)

28

Went out, as a fire (4)

32

Diploma word (3)

36

Yellow parts (5)

37

New York county (6)

38

Food fish (8)

44

Maxima maker (6)

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"___ Kapital" (3)

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Broadway opening? (3)

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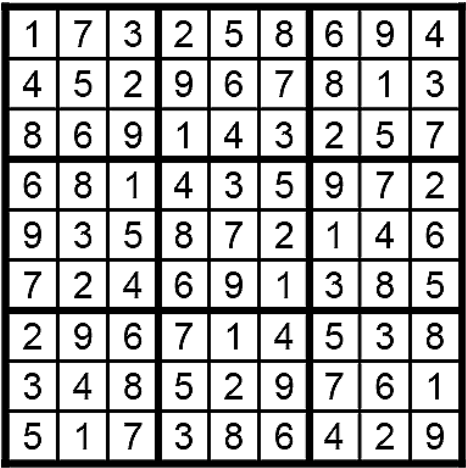
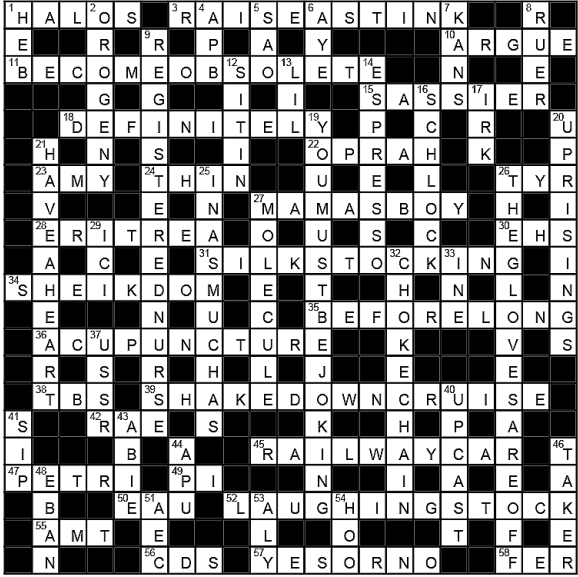
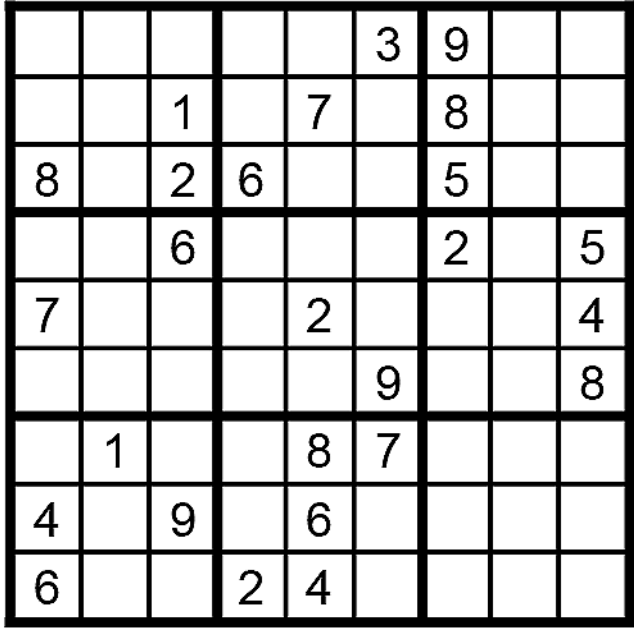
Mail Boxes ___ (3)

53

That, in Tijuana

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 21, 2021

All Signs: This week tension between conservative Saturn and unconventional Uranus will create disputes about celebrating the holidays in a new way versus tradition. Of course, the Fixed signs will resist. (Taurus, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius.) Fixed signs like the illusion of permanence. Meanwhile, take precautions to avoid accidents on Christmas Eve. Christmas day is much better. Festive times will shine! Ditto for Boxing Day.

Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20):

For the next four weeks, the Sun is at the very top of your chart. This symbolizes that you are being thrust into the limelight. Furthermore, this light will be flattering! People will notice you more than usual, especially bosses, parents, VIPs and the police. Fortunately, you will look attractive and capable to them. Within an advantage like this, you can make great strides in getting what you want. Ask authority figures for what you want. Get serious about your ambitions.

Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20):

You're entering an exciting four weeks ahead! If you're lucky, you will travel somewhere because what you really want to do is expand your horizons. Preferably, the weather will be fantastic. If you can't slip off to sunny climes, then do whatever you can to have tiny vacations on weekends. In other words, do something stimulating so you feel you're shaking things up a bit. You will love to learn something new, perhaps a new language? A cooking course?

Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20):

This is interesting. For the next four weeks, four planets will be in the part of your chart that will increase your passion and intensity. Of course, you will feel more sexually passionate; however, you will be more passionate about every aspect of your life as well! Meanwhile, fiery Mars is opposite your sign. This can happen only

once every two years, and when it does (for about six weeks), it's easy for you to lose it because other people seem to be so annoying.

Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21):

This week the Sun, Mercury, Venus and Pluto are directly opposite your sign. This is an indication that you will be focused on partners, spouses and your closest friends. In fact, the Sun is going to be there for the next four weeks. This polarized position makes you focus on your partnerships and offers you a chance to improve them because you will have more objectivity. You will more easily see what you do and how you relate to others.

Leo the Lion (July 22-August 22):

For the next four weeks, you are seriously in work mode. You will accomplish a lot because first off, you're going to get better organized. While you're on this kick, you will also want to improve your health. It all comes down to attitude, and right now your attitude is that you want to get as much done as possible, as efficiently as possible. You want to be proud of what you get done.

Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22):

Lucky you! Here we are, entering a holiday season and for your sign, four planets are urging you to party and socialize! Accept all invitations to party. Extend some yourself. Enjoy the company of children in particular. You will also enjoy sports events and social diversions that are upbeat and fun. Your creative vibes

will be hyped, which means you can do things that require creative talents. Admittedly, increased chaos and activity on the home front continue. Perhaps this is one reason you want to escape and enjoy fun times with others?.

Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22):

Everything to do with home, family and your private world will be your primary focus in the next four weeks. You love pleasant surroundings and like to make your home look as attractive as possible. Meanwhile, this is a season where many of you will be entertaining more than usual and enjoying the company of family. Therefore, in the next four weeks, tackle repairs, dabble in redecorating, enjoy entertaining family and friends, including fun discussions. Mars will make you forceful in all your interactions with others.

Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21):

The pace of your days will accelerate in the next four weeks – no question. Suddenly, you've got things to do, places to go and people to see! Expect to make short trips, talk to neighbors, siblings and relatives and at the same time enjoy your surroundings. You will realize how much love there is in your daily world. Recognizing this will make your own words sweet. Jupiter will ensure happy times with family. Meanwhile, your cash flow is active.

Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21):

For the next four weeks, you will be focused more than usual on money, earnings and cash flow. Many of you will have clever moneymaking ideas! This is not surprising because you like to think of ways to get rich. Many of you will also be spending money on beautiful things for yourself and loved ones. Fortunately, with Venus in your House of Earnings, you have the ability to attract money. Meanwhile, fiery Mars is in your sign making you feel pumped! Your high energy will give you the ability to accomplish a lot.

Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19):

This week the Sun moves into your sign, where it will stay for the next four weeks. It can happen only once a year and that time has arrived! The Sun in your sign means you will have lots of energy and you easily attract people and favorable situations. It's also your chance to recharge your batteries for the rest of year. In addition, you have Mercury and Venus in your sign, which means you will be busy talking and schmoozing. This is a favorable time for you. Enjoy your good fortune and share your positive vibes with others.

Aquarius the Water Bearer (January 20-February 18):

At this time of year, your personal year is coming to an end; however, your new year will not begin for at least a month. That means you are sort of in limbo for the next four weeks. By no means is this a waste of time. You can use this time to do some serious

navel gazing and start to set goals for your year ahead. One thing is certain, you will soon be boosting your earnings. Keep that in mind while you're defining future goals.

Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20):

As the Sun shifts signs this week, it ushers in a new four-week interval for you when you will be very popular! Expect to be involved with younger people as well as artistic, creative types. These contacts might help you because meanwhile, with Mars at the top of your chart, your ambition is aroused! They might prompt you to make future goals or adjust your future expectations for yourself. You are one sign that is very affected by what you expect for yourself. It's important for you to dare to dream big!



By Georgia Nicols
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CASTRO VALLEY TOTAL SALES: 14						
Highest \$: 1,705,000		Median \$: 1,155,000				
Lowest \$: 660,000		Average \$: 1,142,321				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
21069 Baker Road	94546	660,000	2	1056	1976	9/22/21
4659 Heyer Avenue	94546	845,000	2	956	1949	9/21/21
4822 Haley Drive	94546	925,000	3	1972	1950	9/22/21
3313 Christensen Lane	94546	925,000	2	937	1922	9/23/21
18360 Joseph Drive	94546	1,100,000	3	1172	1954	9/22/21
17936 Redwood Road	94546	1,100,000	4	1836	1951	9/24/21
19858 Forest Avenue	94546	1,150,000	3	1783	1925	9/23/21
20500 Forest Avenue	94546	1,160,000	5	1905	1940	9/20/21
4982 Kathleen Avenue	94546	1,169,000	3	1852	1955	9/23/21
22147 Orange Avenue	94546	1,249,000	3	2277	1948	9/20/21
18546 Carlwyn Drive	94546	1,269,500	3	1580	1954	9/23/21
3940 Bonsai Place	94546	1,305,000	3	1737	1962	9/20/21
7952 Pineville Circle	94552	1,430,000	4	2476	1997	9/23/21
3975 Sugarbush Lane	94546	1,705,000	-	2393	1977	9/24/21

FREMONT TOTAL SALES: 29						
Highest \$: 2,308,000		Median \$: 1,150,000				
Lowest \$: 237,500		Average \$: 1,138,052				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
39224 Guardino Dr #304	94538	237,500	1	693	1990	9/21/21
37284 Spruce Terrace	94536	410,000	1	593	1986	9/21/21
3791 Milton Terrace #43	94555	485,000	1	796	1986	9/20/21
3402 Pinewood Ter #111	94536	615,000	2	1125	1986	9/20/21
4238 Bidwell Drive	94538	640,000	5	2311	1962	9/21/21
3695 Stevenson Blvd #E307	94538	675,000	2	1040	1991	9/24/21
36714 Matiz Common	94536	735,000	3	1166	1971	9/24/21
145 Shaniko Cmn #35	94539	745,000	3	1214	1987	9/21/21
44969 Insight St #1007	94538	769,000	-	-	0	9/24/21
34263 Eucalyptus Ter	94555	797,500	4	1782	1991	9/23/21
39639 Embarcadero Ter	94538	945,000	3	1371	1979	9/23/21
36158 San Pedro Drive	94536	960,000	3	1148	1956	9/24/21
39908 Fremont Blvd #U2	94538	1,032,000	2	1165	1972	9/22/21
32488 Lake Chabot St	94555	1,050,000	3	1239	1973	9/22/21
2910 Southwycke Ter	94536	1,150,000	1	1288	1988	9/23/21
46737 Crawford St #12	94539	1,186,000	3	1219	1981	9/22/21
3155 Estero Terrace	94538	1,200,000	2	1644	2012	9/22/21
48993 Meadowfaire Cmn	94539	1,255,000	3	1406	2004	9/20/21
4920 Creekwood Drive	94555	1,305,000	3	1607	1989	9/24/21
37169 Ila Court	94536	1,326,000	4	2504	1956	9/22/21
4304 Jessica Circle	94555	1,475,000	4	1380	1980	9/20/21
1749 Kilowatt Way #87	94539	1,494,000	-	-	0	9/21/21
40959 Nunes Court	94539	1,518,000	3	1364	1969	9/20/21
38841 Florence Way	94536	1,560,000	4	1624	1962	9/22/21
4258 Blue Ridge Street	94536	1,615,000	4	1564	1961	9/23/21
45271 Electric Ter #402	94539	1,635,000	3	2135	2020	9/22/21
35213 Gawain Court	94536	1,780,500	3	1579	1972	9/24/21
1630 Douglas Court	94539	2,100,000	4	1931	1962	9/20/21
78 Nugget Place	94539	2,308,000	4	2539	1985	9/20/21

HAYWARD TOTAL SALES: 38						
Highest \$: 1,960,000		Median \$: 850,000				
Lowest \$: 365,000		Average \$: 886,895				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
29629 Mountain Oak Ct #48	94544	365,000	1	579	1985	9/23/21
27825 Browning Court	94544	415,000	3	1596	1955	9/24/21
725 Auburn Place #106	94544	445,000	2	998	1980	9/23/21
934 Cheryl Ann Cir #25	94544	500,000	2	977	1979	9/22/21
1103 Oakview Avenue	94541	510,000	1	640	1940	9/24/21
2437 Saint Helena Dr #1	94542	530,000	2	888	1984	9/21/21
21103 Gary Drive #203a	94546	555,000	2	1100	1993	9/24/21
25512 Tarman Avenue	94544	595,000	4	1191	1949	9/23/21
26454 Jane Avenue	94544	730,000	3	1118	1952	9/24/21
21670 Haviland Avenue	94541	743,000	2	934	1939	9/24/21
19670 Hathaway Ave	94541	750,000	3	1182	1952	9/24/21
2481 Arf Avenue	94545	760,000	4	1474	1970	9/21/21
204 Sullivan Way	94541	780,000	3	1651	2010	9/23/21
19768 Royal Avenue	94541	780,000	3	1286	1950	9/24/21
352 Beale Drive	94544	800,000	3	1061	1950	9/21/21
694 Medford Avenue	94541	818,000	-	-	0	9/20/21
2620 East Avenue	94541	823,000	3	1365	1954	9/23/21
24583 Eden Avenue	94545	835,000	3	1448	1991	9/21/21
631 Denslowe Lane	94544	850,000	3	1161	1958	9/21/21
29226 Lone Tree Place	94544	850,000	3	1386	1989	9/24/21
27630 Orlando Avenue	94545	850,000	3	1119	1955	9/24/21
1812 Osage Avenue	94545	858,000	3	1232	1965	9/24/21
1070 Central Boulevard	94542	860,000	3	1797	1983	9/22/21
353 Rhythm Lane	94544	865,000	4	2001	2019	9/21/21
1683 Trowville Lane	94545	875,000	3	1119	1956	9/23/21
3360 Shawn Way	94541	875,000	2	1394	1989	9/23/21
30980 Meadowbrook Ave	94544	890,000	3	1362	1955	9/24/21
31093 Meadowbrook Ave	94544	940,000	3	1252	1955	9/24/21

2584 Phelan Avenue	94545	975,000	4	1649	1965	9/23/21
338 Toscana Way	94545	1,015,000	3	1990	2009	9/20/21
2051 Nina Court	94541	1,050,000	3	2070	1964	9/20/21
24780 Woodacre Ave	94544	1,050,000	3	1588	1957	9/21/21
99 Brookstone Way	94544	1,100,000	4	1992	1992	9/20/21
3393 Oakes Drive	94542	1,300,000	3	2168	1963	9/23/21
28520 Fox Hollow Drive	94542	1,550,000	4	3045	1995	9/20/21
196 Carrick Circle	94542	1,550,000	4	2532	2008	9/23/21
29764 Cantera Drive	94544	1,705,000	5	2997	2019	9/24/21
28876 Rocky Point Ct	94542	1,960,000	5	3238	2003	9/23/21

MILPITAS TOTAL SALES: 15						
Highest \$: 2,066,500		Median \$: 1,131,000				
Lowest \$: 415,000		Average \$: 1,192,533				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
440 Dempsey Rd #140	95035	415,000	1	676	2007	11/10/21
129 Curtis Avenue	95035	472,000	2	1192	2005	11/9/21
1084 North Abbott Ave	95035	560,000	2	863	1979	11/10/21
800 South Abel St #315	95035	860,000	2	1309	2007	11/8/21
1860 Snell Place	95035	898,000	3	1253	2010	11/9/21
520 Sage Court	95035	1,054,500	3	1467	2020	11/10/21
1462 Lavender Loop	95035	1,089,000	3	1997	2018	11/9/21
1701 Lee Way	95035	1,131,000	3	1512	2013	11/12/21
734 Jennifer Way	95035	1,375,000	3	1860	1984	11/9/21
550 Willow Avenue	95035	1,415,000	3	1108	1960	11/8/21
207 Wild Rose Way	95035	1,470,000	3	2105	2018	11/10/21
69 Henriques Lane	95035	1,550,000	4	2465	2012	11/12/21
234 Summerwind Drive	95035	1,752,000	4	1886	1991	11/12/21
947 Gomes Lane	95035	1,780,000	3	2166	2013	11/9/21
2157 Blue Ridge Drive	95035	2,066,500	4	3389	1988	11/12/21

NEWARK TOTAL SALES: 12						
Highest \$: 1,780,000		Median \$: 1,300,250				
Lowest \$: 462,500		Average \$: 1,180,167				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
6289 Wilma Avenue	94560	462,500	3	1158	1953	9/21/21
37523 Masts Cove Way	94560	540,000	4	1694	2017	9/22/21
6223 Joaquin Murieta Ave #E	94560	730,000	3	1456	1981	9/24/21
6056 Lafayette Avenue	94560	930,000	3	1134	1962	9/24/21
6745 Martel Place	94560	1,125,000	3	1126	1962	9/21/21
6890 Rochelle Avenue	94560	1,170,000	3	1230	1962	9/24/21
36605 Spruce Street	94560	1,430,500	4	1871	1976	9/20/21
38900 Bluegrass Court	94560	1,438,000	5	2199	1969	9/21/21
4859 Humber Place	94560	1,450,000	4	1697	1969	9/20/21
37597 Hickory Street	94560	1,456,000	-	-	0	9/23/21
37856 Hickory Street	94560	1,650,000	5	2802	2018	9/20/21
8363 Compass Way	94560	1,780,000	5	2425	2018	9/20/21

SAN LEANDRO TOTAL SALES: 14						
Highest \$: 1,280,000		Median \$: 870,000				
Lowest \$: 482,000		Average \$: 878,929				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
16389 Saratoga St #305e	94578	482,000	2	947	1981	9/24/21
3419 Del Valle Circle	94578	730,000	3	1784	1956	9/24/21
15025 Fleming Street	94579	809,000	3	1020	1950	9/22/21
1220 Esser Avenue	94579	830,000	3	1081	1951	9/23/21
14812 Acacia Street	94579	840,000	3	1076	1953	9/24/21
457 Nabor Street	94578	860,000	3	1637	1947	9/23/21
171 Farrelly Drive	94577	860,000	2	1046	1941	9/24/21
2076 Vestal Court	94577	880,000	4	1798	1944	9/21/21
15219 Central Avenue	94578	888,000	3	1454	1947	9/23/21
16094 Wellington Way	94578	888,000	3	1229	1947	9/23/21
15591 Montreal Street	94579	938,000	3	1100	1958	9/22/21
15057 Swenson Street	94579	1,000,000	3	1401	1948	9/23/21
2006 Lomita Drive	94578	1,020,000	4	2498	1993	9/21/21
16711 Cowell Street	94578	1,280,000	2	2020	1952	9/22/21

SAN LORENZO TOTAL SALES: 6						
Highest \$: 940,000		Median \$: 842,500				
Lowest \$: 680,000		Average \$: 836,667				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
17034 Via Tomar	94580	680,000	3	1024	1950	9/24/21
15765 Via Arroyo	94580	785,000	3	1277	1951	9/22/21
858 Linnea Avenue	94580	830,000	3	1063	1951	9/23/21
1419 Via San Juan	94580	855,000	3	1050	1951	9/24/21
17353 Via Julia	94580	930,000	4	2091	1951	9/22/21
17244 Via Estrella	94580	940,000	4	1520	1948	9/20/21

UNION CITY TOTAL SALES: 6			
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THE OPENING OF **the Pavilion at the Masonic Homes** is big news for many reasons: It's a new chapter in the years-long modernization of the Union City organization's facilities. It incorporates cutting-edge technology and care models. And it adds to the Masonic Homes' reputation as a leader in memory care and assisted living.

But the biggest news of all is simple: *It's open to everyone!*

That means that for the first time ever, anyone can apply to become a resident of the Pavilion, tapping into the Masonic Homes's expertise in memory care and high-level assisted living. The Pavilion at the Masonic Home is a brand-new addition to the

campus, with 28 one-bath studios on two floors, all ringing an airy and light-filled lounge and dining area. **The first floor is dedicated to residents with memory-related conditions including Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia**, with staff members providing personalized assistance and customized experiences—from help getting dressed and washed to activities and dining choices. **The second floor is reserved for residents with assisted living needs**—including those recovering from a stroke or heart attack. Throughout, a sense of hominess pervades the new building.

Unlike in more institutional facilities, residents at the Pavilion have access to high-end amenities and thoughtful touches—things like individually controlled thermostats in each room. They are also plugged into the larger Masonic Homes community, where a focus on lifelong develop-



"Everything about the Pavilion was designed to help make residents lives happy and meaningful."

—GARY CHARLAND, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE MASONIC HOMES

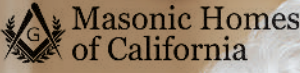
ment and successful aging are baked into the lifestyle.

Located just above a wooded creek on the edge of the campus, the Pavilion is

beset on all sides by views of the San Francisco Bay and the East Bay's Mission Hills. A verdant "memory garden" sits just outside the building's first-floor patio, with flowers and plants providing a relaxing green space for residents to sit and relax in. And only a few yards away, residents have access to all the amenities available at the Masonic Homes and Acacia Creek campus, including a state-of-the-art fitness center, swimming pool, hair salon, and banking services.

For all the conveniences, though, the most important thing the Pavilion at the Masonic Homes offers is a comforting environment. says Gary Charland, president and CEO of the Masonic Homes. "We're incredibly excited to be able to share that with the community."

Visit MasonicHome.org/Pavilion for pricing, information, or to schedule a tour. ♦



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

CONTINUING EVENTS

**Mondays January 3 –
February 7**

Introduction to Drawing\$

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Increase your drawing ability
Age Well Center Lake Elizabeth
40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy, Fremont
<http://bit.ly/AgeWellClasses>

**First Tuesdays,
December-January**

Exploring the World of Wine\$

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Learn more about wine and its origi-
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

Tuesdays

Mahjong Class

9 a.m. – 12 noon
Learn the basics of this Chinese game
Age Well Center South Fremont
47111 Mission Falls Ct., Fremont
<http://bit.ly/AgeWellClasses>

**Wednesday, November 10 –
Thursday, January 6**

50 Faces

Thursday – Sunday, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Portraits 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 performances
by local artists
Via Zoom
To register, email [LasPosadasF-
CAC@earthlink.net](mailto: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.
Program for fathers to support each
other
Via Zoom
[https://husd-
us.zoom.us/j/91644497730](https://husd-us.zoom.us/j/91644497730)
For more information contact:
ep101@husd.k12.ca.us

**Thursday, March 18 –
Monday January 3**

Immersive Van Gogh

9 a.m. – 11 p.m. (times vary)
Walk-in exhibit with digital projec-
tions and music
SVN West San Francisco
10 South Van Ness Ave., San Fran-
cisco
Tickets: \$24.99 - \$39.99
www.vangoghsf.com

**Friday, November 19 –
Friday, December 24**

Pictures With Santa!

Daily at Newpark Mall
2086 NewPark Mall, Newark
[https://www.newparkmall.com/en/ev-
ents/santa-pictures-37475.html](https://www.newparkmall.com/en/ev-ents/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.c
om/](https://www.christmaswith3crosses.com/)

**Saturday, December 11 –
Friday, December 31**

Crippsmas Place

6 p.m. – 10 p.m.
70+ home light display; charity
fundraiser
(510) 821-5579
<https://www.crippsmasplace.org/>

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UPCOMING Events

**Tuesday, December 21 –
Wednesday, December 22**

**Washington High School
Holiday Ceramics Sale**

8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Mugs, candles, cups, jars, and more!

Washington High School
Room 68 (next to tennis courts)
38442 Fremont Blvd., Fremont
Questions? Contact Jacob Rodenkirk:
jrodenkirk@fusdk12.net

Sunday, December 26

Pollinator Puppet Show

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Learn how pollinators help us
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
www.ebparks.org

**Sunday, December 26 –
Thursday, December 30**

Advanced Coding Camp

9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Learn advanced coding skills, for
grades 3-8
Register: [www.tinyurl.com/yobeawin-
ter2021](http://www.tinyurl.com/yobeawinter2021)
info@yobea.org

Friday, December 31

Hollywood Glitz 2022 \$

7 p.m.
Performance by Bollywood singer
and more!
Royal Palace Banquet
6058 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(408) 579-9426
Tickets: www.sulekha.com/glitz

Friday, December 31

New Year's Eve Party \$

7 p.m.
Featuring musician Ramesh Maraj
<https://bit.ly/32c08Xc>
India Community Center
525 Los Coches St., Milpitas
For more info: aparna@indiacc.org

Friday, December 31

**New Year's Eve with Dirty Cello
\$**

8 p.m.
Blues meets bluegrass with a twist of
classical
Tickets: \$20-\$58 (\$20 student/mili-
tary personnel)
Bankhead Theater
2400 First St., Livermore
(925) 373-6800
www.livermorearts.org

Tuesday, January 4

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Table**

10 a.m. - 12 noon
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New Year's Balloon Drop

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Earth and its time zones.

As an environmentally-conscious practice,
Chabot will use more than 3,000 eco-friendly latex
balloons that are made from natural rubber and are
biodegradable.

This year holds a special significance for Chabot,
which recently reopened for the first time since
March 13, 2020. Last December, Chabot continued
the tradition with a virtual event that included a
countdown and kits to celebrate the new year at
home.

"We've seen the Center spring back to life this
past month, and this year's celebration is a reminder
to cherish the time and the joy we're able to share
together as a community," said Austerman.

Tickets for the Balloon Drop are \$10 per child,
plus admission to Chabot Space & Science Center.
For members, tickets are \$10 per child, no admis-
sion required. General Admission tickets are avail-
able at chabotspace.org.

**21st Balloon Drop
Friday, Dec 31**

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Chabot Space and Science Center
10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland
(510) 336-7300
<https://chabotspace.org/>
Admission: \$24 adults / \$19 kids
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Ilm Academy Donation

BY STEPHANIE GERTSCH

Since the school's founding in 2010, students of Ilm Academy in Fremont have given back to the community by donating to the fire department, homeless residents, and Syrian refugees. On Friday, December 17, they held an assembly to present donations to Afghan refugee families. This effort was in collaboration with nonprofit Al-Misbaah foundation. PTA member Rizwana Khan, Principal Shazia Khanam, teachers, parents, and students in Kindergarten through 9th grade worked to make this event happen.

At Friday's assembly, Student Council President Aleena Khan also spoke about the academy's recycling efforts, and Michele Rahmani (9th grade) shared about the school's blanket drive for Afghan refugees and the homeless community in Fremont.

Local government representatives present were Fremont Mayor Lily Mei, Vice Mayor Raj Salwan, Homeless Response Manager Laurie Flores; and Muslim leaders in the community—Saleem Akhtar, President of the Islamic Center of Fremont, and Shaikh Yasir Khan, Founder of Al-Misbaah Organization.

Donation boxes collected by students and their families contained basic cooking supplies such as Afghan Green Tea, sugar, salt, oil, rice, and lentils; as well as care items like toilet paper, body wash, shampoo, and blankets. Shaikh Yasir Khan spoke on the great need among newly-arrived refugees: "Families are dropped off in empty homes; they don't own a toothpick, let alone anything to sleep on. They're dropped off in winter months... no bedding, no furniture, literally sleeping on the floor. No baby formula, no diapers, anything." His organization is settling anywhere from 40-120 families per week.

Haroon Qureshi (9th grade), spoke on the importance of giving, "This is essential to us to be a Muslim but also to be a human. Let's be honest, if we



Ilm Academy Student speaker

can look out at others and see their suffering and we don't feel empathy for them, we don't do anything to care for them, how do call ourselves human?"

Mayor Mei said, "This holiday season when you're out there and hopefully celebrating the blessings that you have and the riches that you enjoy with your families, and your faith, I ask that you continue to do so by sharing the love, care, and kindness for our community by giving of your time and your heart... I commend all of you because it's a lesson that's never too easy to but one that will continue life long."

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(510) 936-1572
<https://www.theilmacademy.com/>

Al-Misbaah
<https://al-misbaah.org/>



Student Council (one member from each grade)

Downtown holiday giveaway

SUBMITTED BY
HAYWARD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Just in time to help busy shoppers, gift cards and prizes will be offered through the holiday season, for those who follow, like, comment and share online as part of Downtown Hayward Holiday Giveaway. The event is sponsored by Downtown Hayward Improvement Association (DHIA).

The promotion emphasizes safe shopping, gifting and dining during the season by showcasing different Downtown Hayward businesses. The effort encourages placing online, phone and to-go orders, and news about how to safely visit businesses.

Participating businesses will be featured in Downtown Hayward Holiday Giveaway's Facebook and Instagram where they have the opportunity to share a promotion, coupon or flier. Their online platforms and social media will be highlighted, as well. Anyone who follows, likes, comments and shares on those sites will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift card or prize to that business.

Visit DowntownHaywardGiveaway.com for links to participating merchants and news about toy collection by Hayward fire and police departments. The 'How to Play' link is active and up-to-date and where all the good stuff is, anyway.

Featured business postings will be added daily, each providing an opportunity to win just by liking, sharing and commenting. The more you play, the more changes you have to win.

Each action on Downtown Giveaway's official Facebook or Instagram posts will count as an entry for that day's giveaway, with winners throughout the week. A grand prize will be awarded in January that will include a basket of gift cards and products from participating businesses. To qualify for the grand prize, participants must have at least one eligible entry for each participating business.

The promotion is presented in association with Hayward Chamber of Commerce and all downtown businesses within the DHIA assessment district boundaries are welcome to participate. Interested businesses should contact penny@downtownhayward.com or register online.

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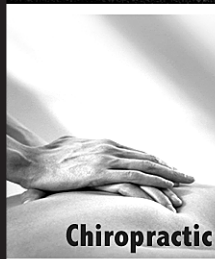
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Newark City Council

December 9, 2021

Presentations:

- Commending Planning Commissioner Karen Bridges.
- Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to Judy Tokubo, Charlie Mensinger, and Eldwood “Woody” Ballard.

Consent Calendar:

- Approval of Audited Demands.
- Approval of minutes of November 18, 2021.
- Adopt a Resolution confirming the continued existence of a local emergency due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Adopt a Resolution finding that there is a Proclaimed State of Emergency; authorizing continued remote teleconferenced meetings of the legislative bodies of the City of Newark for the 30-day period beginning December 9.
- Motion approving 2022 local appointments list and distribution.
- Adopt resolutions establishing the City Council meeting calendar for 2022

and authorizing the City Manager to take administrative actions during the August recess.

- Adopt a resolution reappointing John Becker to the Planning Commission
- Adopt two resolutions for (1) class specification changes for the building inspector series and (2) a personnel allocation change from two (2) Building Inspector I and one (1) Building Inspector II to three (3) Building Inspector I-II in the 2020-2022 Biennial Budget and Capital Improvement Plan.
- Adopt a resolution approving an amendment to the City's salary schedule for certain positions in the Exempt Service Employee Group to amend the hourly wage rate schedule for part-time, seasonal, and temporary classifications, and revoking the previous resolution.
- Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Task Order No. 24 to the Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Fremont for Case Management Services.
- Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a five-year contract with Sysserco, Inc. for energy management systems program support at the Silliman Center and the Civic Center, declaration of Sysserco, Inc. as the single source vendor, and amendment of the 2020-2022 Biennial Budget and Capital Improvement Plan.

- Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Task Order No. 25 to the Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Fremont for Paratransit Services.
- Adopt a resolution authorizing a 3.3% increase to the solid waste collection, recycling and organics services maximum rates for calendar year 2022.
- Adopt two resolutions initiating proceedings for annexation of Tract 8453 to Zone 7 – Harbor Pointe of Landscaping and Lighting District No. 19, ordering and approving the preliminary Engineer's Report, declaring intent to order annexation of Tract 8453 to the assessment district, and setting public hearing date on January 27, 2022.
- Consideration of claims of Lenika Howard, Khaylum Richard-Howard, Terry Franklin, Rameria Appleton, and Rameria Appleton for Ta'Meia Franklin.
- Adopt a resolution to execute the third amendment to the Contractual Services Agreement with Metropolitan Planning Group to Provide Project Review Services Associated with the proposed development referred to as FMC Willow.
- Adopt a resolution accepting annual impact fee reports for fiscal years 2018-2021.
- Adopt a Resolution Approving a Contractual Services Agreement with R.L. Banks & Associates, Inc. for

Professional Consultant Services for Railroad Quiet Zone Study, Project 1276.

Other Business

- Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Task Order No. 2 with Quincy Engineering, Inc. for additional design for the Central Avenue Overpass Project.
- Presentation on local preference for affordable housing.
- City Council Matters**
- Approval of motion appointing Michael Hannon as new Vice Mayor and resolution authorizing the Vice Mayor to execute financial documents. Motion passed (4 Ayes, 1 abstain; Bucci)
- Adopt a resolution confirming the Mayor's appointments to various agencies, boards, commissions and committees. Passed unanimously.
- Congratulations to newly retired city staff and volunteers.

Mayor Alan Nagy	Aye
Vice Mayor Bucci	Aye, 1 Abstain
Suzy Collazo	Aye
Michael Hannon	Aye
Luis Freitas	Aye

Ohlone College Board of Trustees

December 8, 2021

Approval of minutes

- Minutes from Nov. 10, 2021 board meeting; unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda:

- Approval November 2021 payroll warrants.
- Approval various personnel actions.
- Transfer of funds to Futuris Trust.
- Trustee compensation.
- California Community College Trustees board report.
- 2021 Community College League of California annual convention report.
- 2022-2023 planning calendar.
- Purchase order review.

- Change Order No. 3, Measure G Project 6108J, Lots B & C Improvements -- Tri Valley Excavating Co., Inc.
- Dr. Yasmin Davidds Leadership Institute -- Sole Source Justification.
- Ratification of contracts.
- Sabbatical leave proposals for 2022-2023 academic year.

Standing Reports:

- Associated Students Ohlone College: A new advisor is being sought; looking into a resolution to source more funds from their reserves to increase budget for planned spring activities.
- Faculty Senate: Reviewed results of fulltime faculty hiring prioritization for the coming year.

- President: Meetings are under way with local high school principals; two new electronic digital marquees have been installed; students now have the ability to update their vaccine mandate details into the college portal; college is maintaining its indoor pandemic masking policy; a COVID-19 rapid test has been implemented.

Public Hearing:

- Last of four public hearings on the Ohlone Community College District's redistricting process.

Discussion/Action:

- Resolution to adopt the selected “green” redistricting map establishing seven Board of Trustee areas. Unanimously adopted.
- Resolution to accept the Independent Auditor's report for the district, OPEB Trust, Measure G, and the Foundation for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Unanimously adopted.

- Motion to issue a request for qualifications to enter a public private partnership to develop, construct and operate a student housing program. Unanimously adopted.

Richard Watters, Chair	Aye
Suzanne Lee Chan, Vice Chair	Aye
Greg Bonaccorsi, Member	Aye
Lance Kwan, Member	Aye
Jan Giovannini-Hill, Member	Aye
Elisa Martinez, Member	Aye
Dr. Rakesh Sharma, Member	Aye
Kevin Hamilton, Student Member	Aye

StarStruck Theatre presents: Frozen Jr.

SUBMITTED BY
STARSTRUCK THEATRE

Join StarStruck Theatre as we finally return to MainStage performances!

Frozen JR. is based on the 2018 Broadway musical, and brings Elsa, Anna, and the magical land of Arendelle to life, onstage. The show features all of the memorable songs from the animated film, with music and lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez, plus five new songs written for the Broadway production.

A story of true love and acceptance between sisters, Frozen JR. expands upon the emotional relationship and journey between Princesses Anna and Elsa. When faced with danger, the two discover their hidden potential and the powerful bond of sisterhood. With a cast of beloved characters and loaded with magic, adventure, and plenty of humor, Frozen JR. is sure to thaw even the coldest heart!

IN-PERSON Performances
LIVE at The Smith Center at Ohlone College, January 14 - 23, 2022

Friday, January 14 at 7:30pm
Saturday, January 15 at 2:00pm
Saturday, January 15 at 7:30pm
Sunday, January 16 at 2:00pm
Friday, January 21 at 7:30pm
Saturday, January 22 at 2:00pm
Saturday, January 22 at 7:30pm
Sunday, January 23 at 2:00pm

Frozen Jr. & COVID-19

- All audience members 12 and up must be fully vaccinated and show proof of vaccination status and photo ID at the door. Everyone will be required to wear a mask at all times.

- Proof of vaccination: present your original vaccination card, a photo or copy of the card, or the California Digital COVID-19

Vaccine Record along with a photo ID. You are considered fully vaccinated if it's been at least 14 days since your final vaccine dose.

- At this time, Ohlone College does not require patrons 5-11 years old to provide proof of vaccination.

- All audience members are required to wear a mask while inside the Smith Center at Ohlone College. Please note that all cast members are fully vaccinated and will be performing without masks.

FAQ

Is seating limited?

Yes. Due to an Ohlone College restriction, at this time StarStruck is only allowed to sell 75% of the seats at each performance of Frozen Jr. To help offset this deficit, we hope you will consider purchasing raffle tickets when completing your order online.

Can I exchange my tickets for different seats or a different day?

Unfortunately, we are not able to accommodate requests for refunds or exchanges.

Does each patron need a ticket?

Yes, each person entering the building must have their own ticket and assigned seat. This production is recommended for children ages 5 & up. Please no babes in arms.

How long is the show?

Frozen Jr. is approximately 1.5 hours plus intermission

Friday, January 14 – Sunday, January 23
Frozen Jr.
Smith Center
Ohlone College
43600 Mission Blvd, Fremont
www.starstrucktheatre.org

Hollywood Glitz 2022



SUBMITTED BY INSTANT KARMA

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7 p.m.
Royal Palace Banquet
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Tickets @ <http://Sulekha.com/GLITZ>

Students protest anti-Asian hate

SUBMITTED BY RICKY LIN

This past Saturday, December 11, the community of Fremont came together to peacefully protest against Asian discrimination. Led by local high school students, Ricky Lin, Conner Chen, Matthew Chen, Amanda Wu, and joined by grassroots movement Gen AZN, we peacefully marched from Fremont City Hall to the Fremont Unity Structure with a group of 50+ people.

Sparked by recent racial violence towards the Asian community, this protest was in support of Christina Lu. Christina Lu is a high school student in Philadelphia who stood up against racial harassment on SEPTA public transportation and was brutally beaten as a result. Our group came together to show our support against Asian hate. We are tired of hearing how people are targeting the Asian American community, and want to call for

more attention to this problem. Not enough people know that Asian hate crimes have been increasing, and this needs to be addressed.

Furthermore, we hope to continue our endeavors to put an end to racial violence. All people should have respect towards one another regardless of race, and we hope people are more empathetic and understanding. Lastly, if we do not make a stand for ourselves, will anyone else stand for us?



New Year's races

SUBMITTED BY BRAZEN RACING

Whether you are looking to squeeze in your first trail run or you're looking to log that 1,000th mile before the clock strikes midnight on 12/31/2021, this is your chance! And if racing on the last day of the year isn't enough New Year running for you, join us at Lake Chabot on New Year's Day to earn the Brazen New Year Mega-Medal! For the more adventurous, you can run the "Brazen New Year Marathon" (two half marathons, one on 12/31 and one on 1/1) and then tell your friends: "It took me two years to finish that marathon!"

New Year's Eve and Day races will take place at Lake Chabot regional park in Castro Valley. The 5K is entirely on paved trails. The 10K is about half paved trails and dirt trails. The half marathon is approximately 30% paved trails and 70% dirt trails. The 5K and 10K will be out and back courses, while the half marathon will be a loop. All courses include rolling hills that are mostly runnable. Water stations will be available along the route.

Brazen Racing New Year's Races
Friday, Dec 31 & Saturday, Jan 1
7:30 Hiker division starts
8:30 Half Marathon starts
Lake Chabot Regional Park
17600 Lake Chabot Rd., Castro Valley
brazenracing.com
Registration: \$50-95



Call for Art: Black History Month

SUBMITTED BY STUDIO 11 GALLERY

Calling all artists! Submit your art work of all mediums that celebrates Black History, African-American stories and artists as well as work showcasing unity in community. Accepted works will be displayed at Studio 11 in Union City from February 4 until March 3, 2022.

Upon application, art submission drop-off dates & times will be assigned. Application form ensures community art submission guidelines are applied.

Application deadline: Friday, January 7
Submission deadline: Friday, January 21
An opening reception will be held at the gallery on Friday, February 4 from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Celebrating Black History Month & Community
Friday, Feb 4 – Thursday, March 3
Gallery Hours: Thursdays; 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Opening Reception
Friday, Feb 4
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Studio 11
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<https://www.unioncity.org/589/Arts-Studio-11>
For questions: erine@unioncity.org

OPINION



WILLIAM MARSHAK

Each year, I step aside to let perennial eight-year-old, Virginia O'Hanlon, pose a question that has reverberated for over a century. She wrote a letter to the editor of New York's SUN in 1897 and the response, printed as an unsigned editorial Sept. 21, 1897, the work of veteran newsman Francis Pharcellus Church, has since become history's most reprinted newspaper editorial.

Merry Christmas to all!

Bill Marshak
Publisher/Editor in Chief
Tri-City Voice

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

VIRGINIA O'HANLON
115 WEST NINETY-FIFTH STREET

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

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

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would

that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

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

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



William Marshak
PUBLISHER

Instagram launches tool urging teens to take a break

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Instagram on Tuesday, Dec. 7 launched a feature that urges teenagers to take breaks from the photo-sharing platform and announced other tools aimed at protecting young users from harmful content on the Facebook-owned service.

The previously announced "Take A Break" feature encourages teens to stop scrolling if they have been on the social media platform for a while, Instagram head Adam Mosseri said in a blog post. It rolled out to the U.S., United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, New Zealand and Australia on Dec. 7 and would reach the rest of the world early next year, he said.

Young users will see notifications about the feature and be urged to set reminders to take more breaks going forward, the post said. It's one of the efforts that Facebook, renamed

Meta Platforms, has touted on its platforms as it weathers backlash about not doing enough to rein in harmful content and faces new legislation looking to impose restrictions on tech giants.

Former Facebook product manager turned whistleblower Frances Haugen has testified to U.S. and European lawmakers working on those measures, citing internal company research suggesting that peer pressure generated by Instagram has led to mental health and body-image problems in young users, especially girls, and in some cases, eating disorders and suicidal thoughts.

She spoke again in early December to Congress, urging U.S. lawmakers to move forward with proposals introduced after her first appearance in October. That includes restrictions on the long-standing legal protections for speech posted on social media platforms.

Haugen also has offered guidance on new online rules that are much further along in the U.K. and European Union, which has pioneered efforts to rein in big technology companies.

On Tuesday, Dec. 7 Instagram also announced that its first tools for parents will roll out early next year, allowing them to see how much time their teens spend on Instagram and set time limits.

The social media platform also said it's developing features that will stop people from tagging or mentioning teens that don't follow them, nudge young users to other things if they have been focused on one topic for a while and be stricter about what posts, hashtags and accounts it recommends to try to cut down on potentially harmful or sensitive content.

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San Leandro City Council

December 6, 2021

- Recognitions and Presentations:**

 - Mayor’s Kindness Award to Terri Kasweka for showing compassion and providing aid to a man who needed medical attention while visiting a business in San Leandro.
 - Proclamation recognizing Danny Gutierrez, Engineering Inspector, for his 27 years of service to the City of San Leandro.
 - Presentation of the 2021 Service Awards:
Claudia McHenry, 5 years;
Isabel Polvorosa, 5 years;
Diana Prola, 5 years;
Allen Schoenfeld, 5 years;
Darlene Cozzette-Daevu, 10 years;
James Andrew Brown, 10 years;
Ed Shapiro, 25 years;
Orval Badger, 25 years.
 - Presentation of the 2021 City Council District Leadership Awards: Kim Pace, District 1; Steve Kahn, District 2; Carol Habercross, District 3; Anthony Tejada, District 4; Cynthia Chandler, District 5; Dylan Boldt, District 6.
 - Mayor's Awards of Excellence: Rocky’s Charcoal Grill, Small Business; Inner Athlete, Medium Business; MedShare, Large Business.
 - Mayor's Award of Excellence, Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Lee Thomas "A City Where Kindness Matters," Lt. Matt Barajas, Detective Joanna Villa, Detective Maria Faumuina, Officer Jenene James.
- Public Comments:**

 - San Leandro should ban the sale of menthol cigarettes and menthol flavored products.
 - City should be more proactive in requiring COVID-19 vaccinations for city employees and mandating vaccine checks for indoor activities, including restaurant dining.
 - Concern about a person with mental health issues being hit with a taser device by a San Leandro police officer.

- Councilmember Announcements:**

 - Councilmember Azevedo shared details from a virtual meeting of the National League of Cities conference he attended.
 - Councilmember Lopez expressed concerns about a proposed Assembly District redistricting map that would split San Leandro.
 - Vice Mayor Aguilar shared details from his trip to Washington, D.C. to attend the International LGBT Leadership Conference meeting.
 - Councilmember Simon expressed concern about homeless people downtown he saw who looked like they were in distress. He also expressed concern about the recent use of a taser device on a person by a San Leandro police officer.
 - Councilmember Ballew thanked community members who donated to local nonprofits during the recent Giving Tuesday event.
 - Councilmember Cox expressed appreciation to people involved in the annual holiday tree lighting event held December 3.
 - Mayor Cutter shared details from the Building Trades Luncheon she attended. She also expressed disappointment that the holiday tree lighting event was not livestreamed, but it was recorded and is posted online.
- Consent Calendar:**

 - Approve posting the 2022 local appointments list of Board and Commission vacancies to bulletin boards outside the City Council chamber and at the Main Library, and on the city website.
 - Appointment of City Councilmembers to serve on the following intergovernmental agencies until replaced: Alameda County Fire Department, Alameda County Fire Advisory Commission, Councilmembers Lopez and Simon; Alameda County Housing Authority, Board of Directors, Councilmember Ballew; Alameda County

- Mosquito Abatement District, Board of Trustees, Vice Mayor Aguilar; Alameda County Transit Bus Rapid Transit, Mayor Cutter and Councilmember Cox; Alameda County Transportation Commission, Board of Directors, Mayor Cutter (representative), Councilmember Simon (alternate); Alameda County Waste Management Authority, Board of Directors, Councilmember Cox (representative), Councilmember Azevedo (alternate); Association of Bay Area Governments, General Assembly, Councilmember Azevedo (representative), Vice Mayor Aguilar (alternate); East Bay Community Energy, Councilmember Lopez (representative), Councilmember Simon (alternate); East Bay Dischargers Authority, Commission, Mayor Cutter (representative) Councilmember Ballew (alternate); League of California Cities, East Bay Division, Board of Directors, Councilmember Azevedo (representative), Vice Mayor Aguilar (alternate); Port of Oakland, Oakland Airport Community Noise Management Forum, Councilmember Simon (representative); San Leandro Improvement Association, Board of Directors, Councilmember Cox (representative), Councilmember Ballew (alternate).
- Approve a consulting services agreement with CSG Consultants, Inc. for engineering plan checking services for the San Leandro Shoreline Development in an amount not-to-exceed \$78, 689.
- Accept work for the Boys and Girls Club pool resurfacing project work performed by McNely Construction and releasing performance and payment bonds upon one year completion of maintenance period.
- Approve and authorize the city's application for Per Capita Grant Funds.
- Approving an appropriation of \$260,834.19 from the Shoreline Enterprise Golf Course Fund; and approve a \$360,234.19 disbursement for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for American Golf Corporation’s Incentive Management Fee for the management of Monarch Bay Golf Club.

- Declare 23 vehicles, two pieces of equipment and other miscellaneous items as surplus and authorize their sale at public auction.
 - Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Consulting Services Agreement between the City of San Leandro and Centro Legal de la Raza for an amount no greater than \$65,000 to administer the city’s Tenant/Landlord Counseling Program (increases Fiscal Year 2021-2022 agreement by an additional \$20,000).
 - Extend the State of Emergency proclamation to continue conducting all San Leandro City Council and all appointed Board and Commission meetings remotely due to COVID-19 pandemic health and safety concerns for the public, effective another 30 days beginning December 6, 2021.
- Pulled from Consent Calendar:**
- Approve a partial waiver of Park Facilities Development Impact Fees for residential developments at 15693 East 14th Street and 110 East 14th Street in the amount of \$4,454,346. To be considered at a later date.
 - Accept \$2.75 million in Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds toward the redevelopment of Memorial Park, located at 1105 Bancroft Ave. Motion unanimously adopted.
 - Amended motion to appropriate up to \$170,000 toward upcoming 150th anniversary celebrations and \$2,000 for a potential City Council trip to Sister City Ponta Delgada, Portugal. Motion adopted, 6-1 Nay (Simon)

Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter	Aye
Vice Mayor Victor Aguilar	Aye
Pete Ballew	Aye
Bryan Azevedo	Aye
Fred Simon	Aye, 1 nay
Deborah Cox	Aye
Corina Lopez	Aye

Fremont City Council

December 14, 2021

- Announcements:**

Fremont will receive a \$4 million grant of Proposition 68 funding for Dusterberry Neighborhood Park. Construction (Phase II) will begin early 2022.
- Consent Calendar:**

 - Approve revision of resolution 2021-67 - Affordable Housing Fee,
 - Approve the plans and specifications and award a construction contract in the amount of \$5,488,663.75 to Stockbridge General Contracting, Inc. plus a 10% construction contingency amount of \$548,866, for a total construction contract amount of \$6,037,529.75 for the Dusterberry Neighborhood Park Development Project.
 - submit grant applications to the State of California for the Specified Grant Program to fund restoration at California Nursery Historical Park (PWC 8837) and to fund the Grimmer Trail Extension project (PWC 8932) to connect bicycle and pedestrian pathways to Central Park
 - Approval of Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans to support the project approval and environmental clearance phase for the i-880/Decoto Road Interchange Modernization Project

- Execute a Master Service Agreement for on-call landscape architectural consultant services with Merrill Morris Partners, Inc., to perform professional-level landscape architectural work related to the design, construction and rehabilitation of landscape and irrigation facilities for parks, landscaped areas and street and urban design projects.
 - Setting the Integrated Waste Management collection rates, Transfer Station Service Fees, and Landfill Disposal fees for January 2022 through December 2023.
- Ceremonial Items:**
- Resolution: Honoring Information Technology Specialist II, Khanh Vo for 20 years of dedicated service
- Public Communications:**
- Comment on lack of publication of Centerville Complete Street Survey results.
- Items Removed from Consent Calendar:**
- Continue Holding Meetings via Videoconference pursuant to AB 361,
 - Approve Intent to Construct Railroad Crossing SafetyImprovements with the goal of creating Train Horn Quiet Zones in the Centerville Area at six locations, PASSED 6-0-1 (Salwan, recuse)
 - Award contract to JJR Construction, Inc.in the Amount of \$2,411,702.62

- (Including 15% Contingency) for the 2022 Citywide Concrete Repairs and Intersection Ramps Project
- Enter into a Memorandum of Understandingwith the Fremont Unified School District to re-establish the School Resource Officer Program PASSED 6-1 (Kassan, Nay)
- Scheduled Items:**
- Public Hearing to Consider the Development Impact Fee Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2020/21 and an Increase in Development Impact Fees in an Amount of 6.62%
- Other Business:**
- Response to councilmember Keng referral from November 2, 2021 city council meeting - Update on funding sources used to support Guaranteed Income Pilot Programs. Council supports funding when available but no staff resources to be used at this time. PASSED 5-2 (Kassan, Keng, Nay)

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

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October 31, 1931 – December 14, 2021

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February 2, 1940 – December 11, 2021

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August 17, 1965 – December 10, 2021

Joseph Johnson
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March 19, 2021 – December 10, 2021

Marie True
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August 3, 1937 – December 10, 2021

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Marshall McGinnis
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October 21, 1947 – December 8, 2021

Nip Thi Le
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May 29, 1933 – December 7, 2021

Marie Bailey
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September 11, 1935 - December 6, 2021

Danilo M. Apostol

April 27, 1942 – December 13, 2021

Resident of Fremont



Danilo Malonzo Apostol, age 79, passed away peacefully on Monday, December 13, 2021, at 2:33am at Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Fremont, CA. He is survived by his loving wife and children as well as countless friends and family.

He was born April 27, 1942 in Malabon, Philippines to Claro Apostol and Anacleta Malonzo. He worked several different jobs before calling the Fremont Unified School District his home where he worked for close to two decades before retiring. During his tenure at the school district, he made many friends and was loved by all who knew him. In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing and growing plants such as orchids and roses. Services have been held.

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Joseph T. Johnson

Resident of Fremont

March 19, 1935 – December 10, 2021



CALIFORNIA but always considered Denver his home. Joso retired from General Motors with 38 years of service and was a member of the UAW for over 60 years. He was a brother in solidarity and an active member even throughout his retirement. Joso was a member of Santa Paula/ Our Lady of Guadalupe parish for over 50 years and a member of The Knights of Columbus from 1998-2007. He was a devout family man with a strong passion for Art. Joso was an Artist and was very gifted with his hands in sculpture, painting and chalks.

Joso always put his wife Antonia first, Antonia was his first and only love and the life they built together was his greatest accomplishment. Joso put family and friends needs ahead of his own always putting his needs last to elevate those around him. Joso was the local handy man quick to help wherever and whenever he was needed. His actions were his words and he always led by example. Joso led with a heart for God and the love for others giving all who were around him a feeling of love and acceptance. Joso was not a man of many words, but his impact was all around him and his community. Joseph T. Johnson was the last of a dying breed of gentlemen, quick to open a door for a lady, offer his coat to someone who was cold or a handkerchief for someone mourning. His legacy of love and commitment to family and friends will be his legacy and will live on through his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

William Arthur Hoehn

October 19, 1958 – December 15, 2021

William Arthur Hoehn, 63, died Wednesday, December 15 at his residence in Newark, CA. William was born in Santa Rosa, California on October 19, 1958, as the youngest of Milton and Hazel Hoehn's three children. William grew up skating at Snoopy's home ice, running, hiking and camping with his family, singing and playing instruments, and with a keen interest in technology. A lifelong Bay Area resident, William loved nature, computers, trivia and games, athletic pursuits, music - but also peace and quiet, and his pets. William was a founding partner of Quintessential School Systems and ended his career at the Santa Clara Office of Education.

William is survived by his wife of 36 years, Diane. His daughter, Stephanie (Jonathan Miles), and his son Brandon (Gabrielle Covarrubias Guitron). His sisters, Cathy and Margaret (Eric Coffill), and his nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to express its thanks to the ALS Association and William's caregivers, Poso and Jone.

A memorial announcement to follow.

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Rosa Tolentino Guintu

August 30, 1952 – November 28, 2021

Resident of Hayward

Rosa Tolentino Guintu, 69, died November 28, 2021, with her family by her side in Hayward, California.

Rosa is survived by a loving husband and children Jesus, Joson, Rowena, Rosita, Rose Marie, Rachel, Roselle, Jesus Jr and Pacifico Tolentino her remaining brother.

Rosa was born August 30, 1952 in Palimpe Masantol Pampanga Philippines, she was the daughter of the late Alejandro Tolentino and Maria Tolentino.

She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. She was an active and dedicated servant of The Members Church of God in the Bay Area.

Visitation is held on Monday, December 20, 2021 from



1:00-4:00 PM with a Chapel Service at 2:00 PM at Fremont Memorial Chapel 3723 Peralta Blvd., Fremont, CA. 94536

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Council endangers access to parks

Parks and open space have proven to be essential for public health during the pandemic, because access to nature is a palliative and soothes our spirits. Park usage has surged across the United States and in the SF Bay area. But the lack of parking has proven to be a significant problem according to a scientific survey completed by the Fremont Community Services Department.

Vargas Plateau Regional Park has just 25 parking spaces, down from the planned 60–100 spaces. Two landowners filed suit against EBRPD on the pretext of public safety and eliminated two thirds of the parking spaces. When full, visitors park on a nearby county road but the Alameda County public works department has restricted some roadside parking. Perversely, a large event center constructed by one of the landowners at the end of Morrison Canyon Road has parking for more than 75 vehicles. It hosts groups of upwards of 150 for private and corporate events. Several years ago, the city closed Morrison Canyon Road to through traffic given the financial liability proven by the EBRPD lawsuit. But in lower Vargas Plateau, the only available parking is near residents' homes. The opportunity to expand parking exists but requires the conversion of surplus city properties into a local park with limited parking.

Coyote Hills Regional Park parking lot often fill up on weekends, forcing visitors to park on nearby streets. Mission Peak

Regional Preserve has just 42 parking spaces and street parking is restricted to 150 spaces on weekends. EBRPD operates 900 acres at Mission Peak, which are city-owned. But the city council recently declined to approve the 25-year lease extension. One councilmember criticized EBRPD for offering 42 free parking spaces. This is the same council that voted to give away 1,000 public parking spaces, by issuing free parking permits to residents for parking they neither need nor use.

During 2020, the city hired three community service officers, to hand out additional parking tickets at a cost of \$360,000 a year. They billed the new hires, falsely, as being revenue-neutral, because their total compensation was supposed to be covered by parking fines. To boost revenues higher, the city hiked parking fines by 19% in fall 2021, and 30% higher for violations of the parking restriction program. But only \$98,000 in parking tickets have been handled out near Mission Peak. To cover the ensuing financial gap, more parking tickets will have to be handed out in the coming year. The New Year will be costly for motorists in Fremont.

Regional parks are a public asset which offer access for all, rich and poor. They must be cherished, and protected from the one-sided, short-sighted policies espoused by the city council.

william yragui
Mission Peak Conservancy

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- Aundria Vargas of Hayward

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COVID-19 practices during winter closure

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Winter break for our schools, students, staff and families is just around the corner. We appreciate that the happiest holidays include spending time with family and friends, and we want to ensure you enjoy a healthy holiday season.

As you prepare to celebrate, please be reminded that COVID-19 cases are on the rise in Alameda County, and the highly transmissible Omicron variant is making its way to our communities. We recommend multiple layers of prevention and protection that work together to keep your family - and our school environments - safe and healthy.

Get vaccinated: Use winter break to get vaccines for you and your children. Vaccines have been authorized for 5-15 years-olds, and fully approved for ages 16 and older. More than 60,000 children in Alameda County in the 5 to 11 age group have already received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine. Children are much less likely to experience side effects from the vaccine.

Get boosted: Boosters are widely available and strongly recommended for anyone who has already received two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines at least 6 months ago or the Johnson and Johnson single dose vaccine at least 2 months ago. Emerging data show that a booster dose improves the body's immune response to the virus that causes COVID-19, helping to prevent serious illness.

Wear a mask: Alameda County and the State require currently masking in all indoor spaces regardless of vaccination status. It is one of the most effective ways to stem the spread of COVID-19, not to mention the flu and other respiratory illnesses.

Get tested before traveling, gathering and returning to school: Get tested 1-3 days before a family gathering, or travel plans, even if you have no

symptoms. Make a plan to seek out a COVID-19 test before you return to school after the break, whether it's a testing site, pharmacy, a home antigen test or your child's school district offering testing opportunities. If you're traveling out-of-state, follow other state and federal travel requirements and recommendations.

Take exposure seriously: If you've had close contact with someone who has COVID-19 or if you have symptoms of COVID-19, get tested right away. You should also get tested 5-7 days after exposure, even if you don't have symptoms or are fully vaccinated. Unvaccinated people and anyone with symptoms should stay home. Everyone should wear a mask for 14 days following exposure or until your test result is negative.

Stay home if ill: What applies for school also applies to family and social gatherings. No party is worth potentially spreading COVID among those you care about.

The pandemic has created significant challenges for our schools and our families over these past nearly two years. But we are much better equipped to keep our communities safe and healthy than we were back in the early months of 2020. We now know better and can do better. We hope that your winter break is full of celebration, meaning and good health

L.K Monroe
Superintendent of Schools
Alameda County Office of Education

Dr. Nicholas Moss, MD, MPH
Public Health Officer
Alameda County Public Health Department

Jill Biden: being first lady is 'harder than I imagined'

BY DARLENE SUPERVILLE
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Jill Biden says being first lady "is a little harder than I imagined." She tells "CBS Sunday Morning" in an interview set to air this week that her new role is a 24-hour undertaking and not the kind of job that ends at a certain hour.

"I think it's a little harder than I imagined," the first lady said after being asked if she was prepared for what her new life would be like. "It's not like a job that you do, it's a lifestyle that you live, and it's not something you leave at 5:00 or at 3:00. And it's 24 hours a day."

In the interview, Jill Biden also scoffed at speculation about President Joe Biden's mental fitness and said she understood why he cut a proposal for free community college from a major social welfare bill he's trying to get Congress to pass.

Her observation about being first lady all the time comes from someone who has lived most of her adult life in the public eye and has watched -- and worked with -- some of her predecessors.

Joe Biden was already a public figure, a U.S. senator from Delaware, when they married in 1977. Jill Biden campaigned for and with him during his many Senate reelection bids and his three campaigns for president. When Joe Biden was vice president to

President Barack Obama, Jill Biden and first lady Michelle Obama worked closely together on military family issues.

Asked about dropping the community college proposal, Jill Biden sounded like her husband when she said: "I understand compromise. And I knew this was not the right moment for it." She is a veteran community college professor who still teaches as first lady. She held out hope that her longtime advocacy for free tuition at these schools will pay off in the future.

President Biden dropped free community college and other proposals from the bill in an attempt to make the it more palatable to Democratic senators who had said they were uncomfortable with its original size.

The president, the oldest officeholder at age 79, has been the subject of unrelenting social media memes and comments from political opponents suggesting he is mentally unfit for office. His wife, who is 70, said polls questioning his mental fitness are "ridiculous."

President Biden joined a portion of the interview at the White House and was asked about sharing the experience with his wife of 44 years. "I'm a lucky man," he said. "Jill is the life of my love and the love of my life."

Fremont Police Log

SUBMITTED BY
YANNETH CONTRADA,
FREMONT PD

Monday, December 6

• At about 3:22 p.m. officers responded to the 41000 block of Fremont Blvd. to investigate a report about an assault with a deadly weapon involving a vehicle. Upon arrival, officers found an adult male suffering major injuries as the result of a suspect ramming his vehicle repeatedly into him. He was taken to a trauma center with serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

The victim said he was walking to his apartment and saw his neighbor driving toward him in the parking lot. The suspect intentionally struck the victim with his

vehicle, which pinned him against a parked vehicle. The victim said his neighbor reversed his car and struck him repeatedly before fleeing the scene. The victim said he had an ongoing dispute with this neighbor, and this was not the first time the neighbor had tried to run him over. Officers located surveillance video of the incident, which showed the victim was struck six times.

Homicide detectives took over the investigation and obtained an arrest warrant for the suspect. On December 8, detectives contacted Roseville Police Department, near Sacramento requested they check an address for the suspect vehicle. Roseville PD located the suspect vehicle and towed it to where FPD Crime Scene Investigators could inspect it for evidence. The next day detectives determined the location of the suspect and asked Sacramento Police Department for assistance. They arrested the suspect, identified by police as Aqweel Khan, 45, of

Fremont in the City of Mather. He was arrested on charges of attempted homicide and assault with a deadly weapon, and taken to Fremont for interviews.

Detectives noticed Khan's appearance was similar to a police sketch made of an unknown suspect in an unprovoked battery investigation from an August 26, 2021 incident, at Central Park in Fremont. During that incident, a suspect yelled and cursed at a female victim in English and Hindi, then punched the female in the face multiple times and threw her phone into the lake. Detectives had been investigating the incident as a felony battery while also exploring the possibility of a hate crime charge. Detectives questioned Khan regarding the Central Park battery and obtained a full confession.

The case was turned over to the District Attorney's office on December 13 with various charges being filed including premeditated attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon with great bodily

injury. An assault charge with a hate crime enhancement was also filed in connection with the August 26 incident. Kahn is being held without bail at Santa Rita Jail. Police said this is the sixth hate crime reported in Fremont during 2021.

Saturday, December 11

• At 11:15 p.m. officers responded to a report about a stabbing in the 39000 block of Argonaut Way in central Fremont. The victim was taken to a trauma center for medical treatment. A person possibly involved in the incident was detained at the scene by police, while another suspect remained at large. Police described the second suspect as a white male in his 40s with short gray hair, blue eyes, dressed in a long-sleeve plaid shirt, blue jeans and carrying a large red bag. The weapon used in the incident was not immediately found. Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call the Fremont Police Department's non-emergency line at (510) 790-6800, extension 3.

BART Police Log

SUBMITTED BY LES MENSINGER AND
BART PD

Saturday, December 11

• At 10:21 a.m. a man identified by police as Michael Cruz, 31, of Fresno, was detained at Milpitas station on suspicion of fare evasion. He refused to identify himself and was arrested on suspicion of resisting arrest. He was booked into Santa Clara County Main Jail.

• At 5:45 p.m. officers responded to a report about two runaway juveniles at Bay Fair station in San Leandro. One of the juveniles had a warrant and was taken into custody. Both juveniles were taken to the Alameda County Juvenile Assessment Center.

Sunday, December 12

• At 2:00 a.m. a man identified by police as Donte Davis, 34, of Oakland was arrested at Warm Springs/South Fremont station on suspicion of possessing a controlled substance. A record check showed two active felony warrants. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

• At 2:50 a.m. a man identified by police as Eduardo Chavez, 58, of Hayward was arrested at Union City station on a no-bail warrant issued by the California Department of Corrections. He was booked at Santa Rita Jail.

Monday, December 13

• At 10:24 a.m. a man identified by police as Stephen Finney, 42, of Oakland was arrested at Fremont station on an outstanding warrant charging possession of a concealed dirk or dagger. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

• At 2:10 p.m. a man identified by police as Marcos Lira, 24, of Hayward was arrested at Milpitas station on three warrants and a charge of resisting arrest. He was booked into Santa Clara County Main Jail.

Tuesday, December 14

• At 9:17 a.m. a man identified by police as Timothy Knockum, 55, of Oakland was arrested at Union City station on suspicion of disobeying a court order. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

• At 12:13 p.m. a man identified by police as Chad Bishop, 28, of Newark was arrested at Warm Springs/South Fremont station on suspicion of battery and vandalism. He issued a prohibition order and booked into Santa Rita Jail.

• At 10:29 p.m. a man identified by police as Charles Kirkindall, 57, of San Jose was arrested at Fremont station on suspicion of possessing drug paraphernalia and being out of compliance with sex offender registration rules. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Wednesday, December 15

• At 6:23 a.m. a man identified by police as Zachary Deakin, 30, of Oakland was arrested at Hayward station on an outstanding warrant and booked into Santa Rita Jail.

• At 2:18 p.m. two men identified by police as Justin Severin, 31, of Castro Valley and Daniel Monroe, 48, of Hayward, were arrested at Hayward station on outstanding felony warrants. They were booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Thursday, December 16

• At 6:09 p.m. a man identified by police as Dwayne Carter, 60, of San Francisco was arrested at Hayward station on suspicion of public intoxication, possession of drug paraphernalia and battery on a peace officer. A prohibition order was issued and he was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

• At 7:40 p.m. a man identified by police as Patrick Gay, 38 of Oakland was arrested at Union City station on suspicion of fare evasion and booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Arrest made in shooting at Tesla

SUBMITTED BY
FREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

A 29-year-old Milpitas man has been arrested and charged with murder in the shooting death of a co-worker in the parking lot of the Tesla auto assembly factory in Fremont.

In a December 14 statement released by Fremont Police Department (FPD), the incident occurred at about 3:26 p.m. Monday, December 13 when Fremont firefighters responded to a medical call at the factory. Upon arrival, they found an unresponsive man suffering from a visible wound. They suspected the man was a victim of a violent crime and called police. Shortly after officers arrived, it was determined the man had a least one gunshot wound. He died a short time later at the scene. Investigators recovered several expended .223 rifle casings nearby.

FPD homicide investigators learned the victim and had just finished a shift at Tesla and was shot in the parking lot as he left. Within several hours, detectives developed leads on a suspect, later identified by police as Anthony Solima, who also worked with the victim and that they had been arguing earlier in the day, and that the suspect had suddenly walked off the job.

Solima was located by FPD detectives at 8:42 p.m. in Milpitas who began a surveillance. At 11:16 p.m.

homicide detectives, armed with arrest and search warrants, arrested Solima as he exited his vehicle. A loaded, non-serialized, .223 caliber, short-barrel rifle was inside Solima's vehicle, along with an expended casing.

Solima was initially interviewed at Fremont Police Department, then later booked at Santa Rita Jail on suspicion of homicide. Police said there are no other suspects and they don't believe there is any risk to the community. Local media identified the victim as Lee Brasier, 42.

Solima was formally charged with murder and possession of an assault weapon on December 16 at East County Hall of Justice in Dublin. Additionally, several enhancements were added to the murder charge including lying in wait, intentional discharge of a firearm causing death and personal use of a firearm. He is being held without bail at Santa Rita Jail.

Meanwhile, an investigation is continuing and police are asking that anyone with information or who may have recognized Solima from the day of the shooting to call them at (510) 790-6900 or send an email to Detective Gebhardt at mgebhardt@fremont.gov. Anonymous tips can be sent via text at: Tip FremontPD followed by a short message to 888777 or sent via the web at <https://fremontpolice.gov/TIP>.

Union City traffic advisory

SUBMITTED BY
CITY OF UNION CITY

Please be advised of ongoing installation of fiber optic cable at the following locations, Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.:

1. Whipple Road from Hayman Street to Central Avenue
2. Central Avenue from

Whipple Road to Alvarado-Niles Road

3. Alvarado-Niles Road form Central Avenue to Decoto Road
4. Decoto Road from Alvarado-Niles Road to Alameda Creek

The project is underway and consists of underground directional boring for placement of locator wire and fiber,

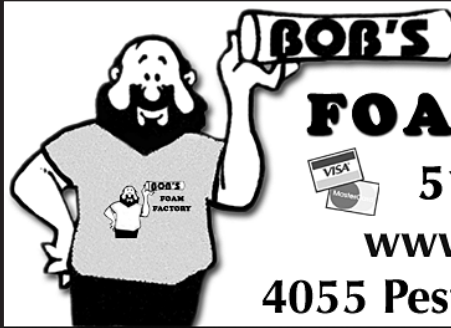
installation of traffic valve boxes, excavation in the roadway, and establishment of traffic control.

Traffic delays, traffic congestion and noise can be expected during construction. The contractor will provide proper traffic control for their operations to ensure the construction zone is safe for all users of the roadway.

Estimated construction period: 11/01/2021 to 04/01/2022, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, visit:
<https://www.unioncity.org/591/Public-Works-Construction-Advisory>

Questions? Contact Permit Coordinator Eddie Yu at eddiey@unioncity.org or (510) 675-5303.



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Alameda County Supervisorial Districts Approved

SUBMITTED BY ALAMEDA COUNTY

On Tuesday, December 14, Alameda County Board of Supervisors concluded the 2021 redistricting process by adopting its final map.

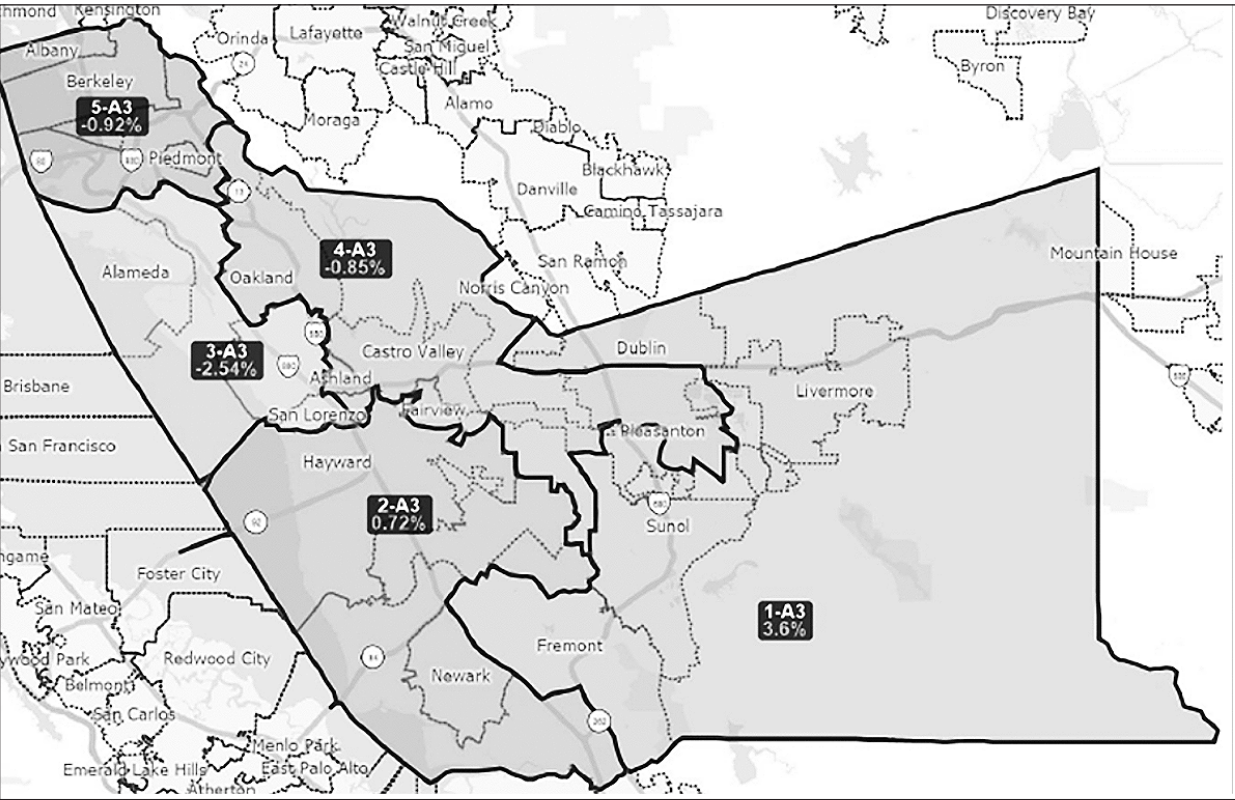
As required by the FAIR MAPS Act, over the last six months, the Board engaged the public and accepted community input in multiple formats, including online comments, “Community of Interest” drawings, emails, letters and maps proposed by the public. Staff utilized a variety of outreach methods throughout the County, including direct engagement through trusted messenger

leaders and organizations, social media, ethnic media, and presentations to all of the County's Municipal Advisory Commissions. Hundreds of Alameda County residents provided input, all of which remains posted on the website: redistricting2021.acgov.org.

The adopted map united the following Communities of Interest (which had previously been split):

- Centerville (Neighborhood in Fremont, home to one of the largest Afghan communities in the United States, now fully represented by District 1)
- Sunol (Unincorporated Area, now fully represented by District 1)

- Ashland (Unincorporated Area, now fully represented by District 4)
- Fruitvale (Neighborhood in Oakland, now fully represented by District 3)
- Glenview (Neighborhood in Oakland, now fully represented by District 5)
- Dimond (Neighborhood in Oakland, now fully represented by District 5)
- Laurel (Neighborhood in Oakland, now fully represented by District 4)
- Palomares Road (In the Unincorporated Areas, now fully represented by District 4)



Throughout the course of eight public hearings, most of the discussion from the Board and the public focused around whether communities were better served with one or multiple representatives. The Board received conflicting testimony from the public.

“Having all the unincorporated residents in one district simply does not serve them better because the growing disparities that so many face within our County are often amplified within the Unincorporated Area. These residents are best served when they have more than one elected voice on the Board of Supervisors,” said Supervisor Nate Miley.

“The new map reflects the values of this county. The County's core function is to address poverty through health and human services. Redistricting is a constitutionally required process for equal and fair representation. My focus throughout the process was to ensure the pockets of poverty in our County were fairly represented,” said Supervisor Richard Valle.

These maps will be in effect for the next 10 years.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CIVIL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 21CV003780
Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA
Petition of: JAGDEV SINGH ALIAS JOGDEB SINGH for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner JAGDEV SINGH ALIAS JOGDEB SINGH filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
JAGDEV SINGH ALIAS JOGDEB SINGH to JAGDEV SINGH

The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Notice of Hearing:
Date: 01/21/2022, Time: 11:00 A.M., Dept: 17, Room: N/A
The address of the court is 1221 OAK STREET, OAKLAND, CA 94612

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: TRI CITY VOICE
Date: NOVEMBER 22, 2021
DESAUTELS
Judge of the Superior Court
12/21, 12/28/21, 1/4, 1/11/22

CNS-353959#

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 21CV000357
Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA
Petition of: for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
NOAH WALKER to NOAH FARRER
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Notice of Hearing:
Date: 02/04/2022, Time: 8:00 A.M., Dept.: 17, Room: N/A
The address of the court is 1221 OAK STREET, OAKLAND, CA 94612

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: WHATS HAPPENING TRI CITY VOICE
Date: OCTOBER 19, 2021
JUDGE DESAUTELS
Judge of the Superior Court
12/21, 12/28/21, 1/4, 1/11/22

CNS-353907#

AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 21CV00383
Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA
Petition of: NISAR AHMAD for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner NISAR AHMAD filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
NISAR AHMAD TO NISAR AHMAD AHMADI
FNU MADINA TO FNU MASHAH
FNU MASHAH TO MASIAHA AHMADI
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Notice of Hearing:
Date: 01/21/2022, Time: 11:00 A.M., Dept: 17, Room: N/A
The address of the court is 1221 OAK STREET, OAKLAND, CA 94612

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: WHAT'S HAPPENING TRI CITY VOICE
Date: DECEMBER 2, 2021
JUDGE DESAUTELS
Judge of the Superior Court
12/14, 12/21, 12/28/21, 1/4/22

CNS-353632#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
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NAME STATEMENT

File No. 584483
Fictitious Business Name(s):
EL GALLO MAINTENANCE, 410 BLOSSOM WAY, HAYWARD, CA 94541, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
ANTONIO VILLEGAS-MOSQUEDA, 410 BLOSSOM WAY, HAYWARD, CA 94541
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/1/2021

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/ ANTONIO VILLEGAS-MOSQUEDA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on NOVEMBER 22, 2021

NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/21, 12/28/21, 1/4, 1/11/22

CNS-3539601#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 584486
Fictitious Business Name(s):
EXOTIC NAILS, 6251 JARVIS AVE., NEWARK, CA 94560, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
EXOTIC NAILS & BEAUTY LLC, 6251 JARVIS AVE., NEWARK, CA 94560 (CALIFORNIA)
Business conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09/20/2021

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/ NHUNG C. TRAN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on NOVEMBER 22, 2021

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12/21, 12/28/21, 1/4, 1/11/22

CNS-353907#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 584569
Fictitious Business Name(s):
MERCY MAIDS, 3442 SCHOOL STREET, OAKLAND, CA 94602, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
MEHERET T. TADES, 3442 SCHOOL STREET, APT #4, OAKLAND, CA 94602
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on NOVEMBER 29, 2021

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/ MEHERET T. TADES
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on NOVEMBER 29, 2021

NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/21, 12/28/21, 1/4, 1/11/22

CNS-353906#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 584927
Fictitious Business Name(s):
SOUL'S DISCOUNT FOOD & LIQUORS, 1584 WASHINGTON BLVD., FREMONT, CA 94539, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
PREM MOKTAN, 636 UNIVERSITY ST, HEALDSBURG, CA 95448
BIDHYA MOKTAN GIRI, 636 UNIVERSITY ST, HEALDSBURG, CA 95448
Business conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE

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/ PREM MOKTAN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on DECEMBER 9, 2021

NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/21, 12/28/21, 1/4, 1/11/22

CNS-353791#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 584607
Fictitious Business Name(s):
MINIVOLLEY CORPORATION, 12 SNYDER WAY, FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
MINIVOLLEY CORPORATION, 12 SNYDER WAY, FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDA
Business conducted by: A CORPORATION
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/ MINIVOLLEY CORPORATION, DAT HABA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on NOV 30, 2021

NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/14, 12/21, 12/28/21, 1/4/22

CNS-353710#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 584682
Fictitious Business Name(s):
SHOP SHEET, 350 MAIN ST., STE H 10, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
JOY PRATT, 2063 MAIN ST #307, OAKLEY, CA 94561
IMRAN ABBASS, 1171 FRUITWOOD CT, TRACY, CA 95376
Business conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP

The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12-1-2021

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/ JOY PRATT
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on DEC 01, 2021

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12/14, 12/21, 12/28/21, 1/4/22

CNS-353585#

FICTITIOUS 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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12/17, 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
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/ MELISSA OH
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on NOV 22, 2021

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12/17, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28/21

CNS-3535153#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 584565
Fictitious Business Name(s):
PUTT DO 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

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/ BRIAN HOLLIS PUTT
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on NOV 29, 2021

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12/17, 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
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/ KU CHI WONG
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on NOV 10, 2021

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11/30, 12/17, 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
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/ HEATHER DRISCOLL
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on NOV 10, 2021

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11/30, 12/17, 12/14, 12/21/21

CNS-3532480#

GOVERNMENT

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Union Sanitary District in their office located at 5072 Benson Road, Union City, CA 94587-2508, at any time prior to **11:00:00 a.m. local time on January 13, 2022**, or furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, and services for the construction of improvements designated as:
Irvine Basin Reinforced Concrete Pipe Rehabilitation Project

Project No. 800-551

The project consists of the following:
- Rehabilitation of approximately 150 linear feet of existing 18-inch diameter cast iron pipe by CIPP method, which consists of three (3) 50 linear feet slip-linings.
- Rehabilitation of approximately 2,030 linear feet of existing 33-inch diameter RCP by CIPP method.
- Rehabilitation of approximately 2,760 linear feet of existing 36-inch diameter RCP by CIPP method.
- Rehabilitation of approximately 1,040 linear feet of existing 39-inch diameter RCP by CIPP method.
- Rehabilitation of approximately 1,050 linear feet of existing 42-inch diameter VCP by CIPP method.
- Rehabilitation of approximately 540 linear feet of existing 48-inch diameter RCP by CIPP method.

- Installation and maintenance of facilities as required for traffic control.
- Pavement removal, including saw cutting and cold milling, as required.
- Excavation and backfilling of excavations.
- Sheet piling, shoring, and bracing support of existing ground, where necessary.
- Handling, drainage and groundwater removal.
- Handling, stockpiling, sampling, and testing of contaminated soil and groundwater.
- Unloading, loading, hauling, distributing, preparing, installing, curing, and testing the cured-in-place pipe.

- Later Reinstatement
- Manhole rehabilitation.
- Surface Restoration.
The successful bidder will have two hundred and ninety (290) calendar days to complete the Project from the Notice to Proceed regardless of whether or not any bid or all alternates are selected by the District.

The Engineer's Estimate for this Project is \$3,963,000 for the base bid and \$5,662,000 total including the and two bid alternates.

Prebid Conference
A non-mandatory virtual prebid conference call will be held at 9:00 a.m. local time on December 21, 2021.

Instructions on how to join the prebid conference are as follows:
To attend the prebid conference by web browser, use the Zoom link below for video and audio:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85448219715>
To attend the pre-bid conference by phone:
Call: 1-888-788-0099 or 1-877-853-5247
Webinar ID: 854 4821 9715#

Bid Opening
Bids will be publicly opened, examined, and declared on said day and hour, and will be referred to the District Board of Directors for subsequent action. The bid opening will be web casted on the internet starting at 11:30 a.m. local time. Instructions on how to join the bid opening are as follows:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87860892898>
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A site visit prior to bidding is not mandatory for bidders to be qualified to bid on the project. Prebid photos and videos of the Site of Work as described in the Contract Documents are available to download and view at the hyperlink below:
<https://www.unionsanitary.ca.gov/about-us/usd-construction-projects/prebid-photos-and-videos>
Under California Laws and Regulations, the District shall inform all prime contractors of new or updated Site-Specific Health and Safety Plan and designation of a site-specific COVID-19 Third-Party Jobsite Safety Accountability Supervisor.

Copies of the Contract Documents are available for public inspection at the District's website: <https://unionsanitary.ca.gov/about-us/usd-construction-projects/prebid-photos-and-videos>. Each set of the Contract Documents, including all self size drawings, may be purchased at the District Office for a non-refundable \$75 charge, which includes the appropriate State sales tax and UPS Ground shipping costs. Bidders can provide their UPS or Fed Ex account number for any overnight shipping, but the charge will not be disclosed. Official set superintendents are not available from the District. Bidders may pay for plans and specs by sending a check made out to Union Sanitary District, 5072 Benson Road, Union City, California 94587, or by going to our website www.unionsanitary.ca.gov for payment by VISA or MASTERCARD credit card.

All bidders submitting bid must purchase and receive a paper copy of the Project Manual of Irvington Basin Reinforced Concrete Pipe Rehabilitation Project, Project No. 800-551 from the District prior to the bid opening date. All submitted bids must be on bid forms included in the purchased paper copy of the Project Manual or subsequent addenda. A bid submitted to the District by a bidder who has not purchased and received a paper copy of the Project Manual of Irvington Basin Reinforced Concrete Pipe Rehabilitation Project, Project No. 800-551, or submitted on bid forms not included in the purchased paper copy of the Project Manual or subsequent addenda shall be considered non-responsive and shall be rejected by the District. Each bid must conform and be responsive to the invitation, the Plans and Specifications, and all documents comprising the Contract Documents. Each bid shall be presented under sealed cover and shall be accompanied by a certified check or bidder's bond, made payable to the District, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid. The said check or bidder's bond shall be given as a guarantee that the successful bidder will execute the contract in conformity with the form of agreement contained within the contract documents, and will furnish bonds and insurance policies as added within ten (10) days after notification of the award of the Contract to the successful bidder.

Cost for work described in each addenda issued during the time of bidding shall be included in the Bid and the addenda shall become a part of the Contract documents.
Bidders shall develop and submit bids at their own expense. The District will not reimburse any costs associated with the development and submittal of any and all Bids.

The District reserves the sole right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in a bid. No bidder may withdraw its bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the date set for the opening thereof.
At the successful Contractor's option, securities may be substituted for the required retention, in accordance with the provisions of Section 22300 of the State of California Public Contract Code. In accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code Section 3300, the District has determined that the Contractor shall possess, as a minimum, a valid Class A License. In accordance with the provisions of California Business and Professions Code Section 7028.15, a bid submitted to the District by a Contractor who is not licensed in accordance with Chapter 9 of the California Business and Professions Code shall be considered non-responsive and shall be rejected by the District.

Questions concerning this project should be directed to:
Union Sanitary District
Attn: Andrew Baile
5072 Benson Road
Union City, CA 94587
Phone: 510-477-7633
By: Manny Fernandez
Secretary of the Board
Union Sanitary District
Date: December 14, 2021
12/14, 12/21/21

CNS-353743#

PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF

JEAN THERESE GISLER AKA JEAN T. GISLER AKA JEAN GISLER
CASE NO. RP21118140

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: JEAN THERESE GISLER AKA JEAN T. GISLER AKA JEAN GISLER
A Petition for Probate has been filed by JOE C. BETCHART in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.
The Petition for Probate requests that JOE C. BETCHART be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The Petition requests LIMITED authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on JANUARY 12, 2022 at 9:45 A.M. in Dept. 202 Room N/A located at 2120 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR WAY, BERKELEY, CA 94607.

MANDATORY REMOTE APPEARANCE: The Court requires all parties who wish to attend the hearing on the above date and time, including those who wish to state objections,

PUBLIC NOTICES

to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60	days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney	knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets	or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: CARON CALABRESE, 105 WEST F STREET.	SUITE 213, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101, Telephone: 858-598-5552 12/7, 12/14, 12/21/21

CNS-3534719#

Planned Road Closures

SUBMITTED BY FREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following partial road closures will take place on Friday, December 31, 2021 from approximately 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. on January 1, 2022 near Gurdwara Sahib (300 Gurdwara Road, Fremont)

- Gurdwara Road (between Grau and Mission Blvd.) will be partially closed for the event
- No left turn will be allowed from Gurdwara Road onto Mission Blvd
- No left turn will be allowed from Mission Blvd on to Gurdwara Road

A shuttle will be operating between Gurdwara Sahib and a parking area at 7th Street in Union City during hours of the event. Please note the consumption or possession of alcohol, meat or tobacco is not permitted at the site, and head scarves are required on Gurdwara premises. Contact Gurdwara Sahib for additional event information: <http://www.fremontgurdwara.org/>

The following road closures will take place on multiple Sundays in January including January 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2022 from approximately 6 a.m. to

6 p.m. The bicycle training races will take place on a One-mile loop of city streets, which will be closed to all but local vehicle traffic and controlled access to businesses during the events.

- Gateway Blvd between Bayside Parkway and Lakeview Blvd
- Lakeview Blvd between Gateway Blvd and Bayview Drive
- Bayview Drive between Lakeview Blvd and Bayside Pkwy
- Bayside Pkwy between Gateway Blvd and Bayview Drive

Approximately 200 new and experienced bicycle racers will be taking part in the seven separate multi-lap events each Sunday on the course. Please drive in the direction of race traffic, so as not to meet the bicycles head-on. The first event of the day will start at 8 a.m. and the final race will end by 4:45 p.m. Roads are anticipated to be closed to the public from as early as 6 a.m. and will reopen by 6 p.m.

Event contact: <http://www.velopromo.com> or email velopro1@gmail.com.

Union City Police Log

SUBMITTED BY UNION CITY PD

Monday, November 1

- At about 12:00 noon officers responded to a report about a road rage incident involving a firearm in the area of Alvarado-Niles Road and Almaden Boulevard. The victim told officers a male brandished a handgun at him and made death threats. Officers located the suspect vehicle nearby and arrested an adult male. They did not recover a firearm.

Tuesday, November 2

- At about 12:00 noon officers responded to a robbery report in the 30000 block of Industrial Parkway. A 91-year-old victim told officers that after a male bicyclist struck the front

bumper of his vehicle, a female ran over and screamed that her boyfriend was the cyclist and demanded the victim's wallet, cell phone and insurance information. When the victim exited his vehicle, the bicyclist took his wallet and tried to punch him before fleeing the area on his bicycle. The female fled the scene in a black truck.

Friday, November 5

- At about 2:00 a.m. officers responded to an auto burglary report in the 4200 block of Polaris Ave. After witnessing the burglary, a resident contacted police and provided a description of the suspect's vehicle and the direction it was headed. Officers found the vehicle and the victim's stolen property inside it. The suspect was arrested on suspicion of burglary.

Safely storing guns

SUBMITTED BY SANTA CLARA COUNTY PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Safely storing guns can help prevent tragedies, including suicides. In the moment of a mental health crisis, more time and space between a person and a gun can make all the difference. Taking a few moments to safely store firearms can give a person acting on impulse time to change their mind and get the help they need.

Recognizing that suicide is impulsive and preventable, County of Santa Clara Behavioral Health Services Department (BHSD) launched a community awareness effort to encourage the safe storage of guns. The primary audience is middle-aged men, who account for higher numbers of suicides by firearm in Santa Clara County.

"I don't leave my chainsaw lying around so someone could pick it up and hurt themselves, and I wouldn't leave my gun lying around for the same reason," said Pete, a local gun owner. "When someone has suicidal thoughts, they may be fleeting thoughts. The few moments of the additional time it takes to spin the dial on the safe could be all that is needed. Safely storing guns could save a life."

Free firearm safety kits are available through Project Child Safe (<https://stepoutside.org/san-jose-ca/project-child-safe/>), a program from the National Shooting Sports Foundation to promote firearm safety and education. Also, veterans can get free gun locks by request at any Veterans Administration location.

Launched on December 6th, this comprehensive effort from BHSD's Suicide Prevention Program encourages safe firearm storage to help prevent suicide. It will run for seven weeks in several formats and on multiple outlets:

- videos featuring stories from local gun owners who have experience with suicides
- local radio station ads, digital ads, YouTube video
- geofencing ads to reach people at local gun ranges and gun stores
- a webpage about safe storage, suicide prevention and resources: www.BeGunSafe.org

To speak with a spokesperson from Behavioral Health Department, please contact Joy Alexiou at (408) 885 - 4164.

Hayward Police Log

SUBMITTED BY HAYWARD PD

Thursday, December 16

- In mid-afternoon officers responded to a report of a shooting incident near Shepherd and Manon avenues in south

Hayward. As a precaution, Manon Avenue was closed in both directions between Harris Road and Shepherd Avenue during the investigation. No victims or suspects were immediately identified. An investigation is continuing.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Death of a co-worker at Tesla

I am shocked! And the purpose of writing these few lines is to offer condolences to the victim's family on behalf of Fremont residents and draw the attention of so-called Gun Control activists who considered themselves as the torch-bearers to stop gun violence at large.

It is very simple to understand that we keep guns at our homes for self-defense. On the contrary, what I and others are reading in newsprint or watching through television reports is that culprits are carrying all sorts of weapons including unlicensed guns in their cars not for self-defense but to randomly kill others. A few weeks ago, the city of Oakland was in the news for a drive-by

shooting where a little innocent boy was killed for no reason. We live in a civilized society that has the best law-enforcement agencies, honest judges, and legal system but for unknown reasons, it is not working to its fullest extent to stop the bloodshed of most law-abiding citizens.

All I ask is honorable judges and courts don't let these killers go free on bail or in rehab for mental evaluations. A killer is logically considered a killer so put him on death row or behind bars for life. I am sure this message would be loud and clear to another killer.

Zafar Yousufzai
Fremont

Drinking and driving? Not a good idea

SUBMITTED BY HAYWARD POLICE DEPARTMENT

As part of a nationwide "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign, extra officers from the Hayward Police Department (HPD) are keeping an extra keen eye out for errant drivers every day through Saturday, January 1, 2022. The public is also asked to help: anyone who sees a drunk driver should call 911. Failing to stay between the lines, swerving, driving without headlights, taking wide turns and unnecessary braking can all be signs of an impaired driver.

HPD officials are reminding the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol; prescription medications and over-the-counter drugs can also interfere with driving abilities. Before getting behind the wheel, police are asking drivers who take medications to follow directions and read

the warning labels. Although medicinal and recreational marijuana are legal in California, driving under the influence of marijuana is illegal.

"When it comes to consuming drugs and/or alcohol and driving, there is a right and wrong choice," Sergeant Tasha DeCosta said. "Make the right choice by not driving impaired so everyone is able to enjoy the holidays."

Impaired drivers caught and charged with a DUI can pay stiff fines and penalties: an average of \$13,500, and their driver's license privileges may be suspended. Anyone planning to drink during the holiday season, is asked to take precautionary measures like utilizing ride-share apps, having a designated driver or just staying at home.

Funding for the increased patrol holiday program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

officers in pursuit. The suspect, later identified by police as a 41-year-old San Jose man, was quickly detained. A record check showed he was on parole for robbery. He was arrested and booked into jail on charges of package theft, providing false identification to a police officer, resisting arrest, possession of drug paraphernalia, and a parole violation. The package was returned to its rightful owner.

Milpitas Police Log

SUBMITTED BY MILPITAS PD

Monday, December 13

- At about 5:30 a.m. an officer spotted a suspicious person carrying a large Amazon box near the 800 block of Yosemite Way. When officers came close to him, the suspect fled the scene on his bicycle, with

Public input needed

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF UNION CITY

Union City is updating the City Council district boundaries based on the 2020 Census. Your input, suggestions and ideas are welcomed. Prepare your own district map amendments and submit them to the City Council for consideration using the mapping tools found on the City's website: www.unioncity.org/414/by-district-elections. You can also

request a paper map for pick up at City Hall. Maps must be submitted by January 11, 2022 to be considered by City Council.

Delivery Options for Your Map:

Hand-deliver or mail to City Clerk, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road
Fax to (510) 475-7318
Scan or photograph and email to: CityClerk@unioncity.org

For questions, please contact the City Clerk at (510) 675-5448 or CityClerk@unioncity.org



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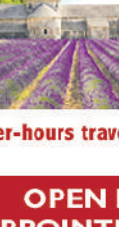
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A vertical rectangular advertisement for Nordstrom Rack. At the top, the Nordstrom Rack logo is displayed, with 'NORDSTROM' in a serif font and 'rack' in a lowercase sans-serif font. Below the logo, the text 'We're hiring now. As in right now!' is written in a large, bold, black sans-serif font. Underneath this, a smaller line of text in a black sans-serif font reads: 'Looking for a holiday job with great benefits? Join our Fulfillment and Distribution Center team.' In the center of the ad is a square QR code. At the bottom, another line of text in a black sans-serif font says: 'Learn more and apply today at careers.nordstrom.com or scan the QR code.' The entire advertisement is framed by a thin black border. At the very bottom, there is a decorative horizontal band with a wavy pattern in shades of red and pink.

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and burning a Yule Log in the hearth in honor of the god Thor. In Ancient Rome, the festival of Saturnalia was held around the winter solstice. The time of feasting and gift giving was also an inversion of social order. Yalda night is an Iranian celebration that takes place on the longest night of the year. People gather to eat, drink and read poetry. Pomegranates and watermelon are traditional foods for Yalda because their red color symbolizes approaching dawn.

Dark days can have a negative effect on our mental health. Especially in northern latitudes where days get much shorter around midwinter, people can experience Seasonal Affective Disorder, or depression that follows a seasonal pattern. Those suffering from this disorder experience symptoms like oversleeping, daytime fatigue, increased appetite, lethargy and even hopelessness. One treatment method is a “light box” that mimics sunlight.

So maybe a little self-care around the winter

solstice is more than just a fun tradition. During this time of year, we're in more need of good food, support from friends—and lighting some candles can't hurt.

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