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## A Merry LEGO® Christmas

By WILLIAM MARSHAK

A staff Christmas party eighteen years ago was the impetus for a display that has blossomed into a neighborhood phenomenon that has not only continued to delight neighbors during the holiday season, but has expanded in scope as well. Kenny Paul began the tradition in his garage with a couple of card tables of LEGO® displays that attracted the attention of his neighbors who asked to take a look. Following the party, Paul decided to leave his creation up and available for viewing. A small sign in his yard invited the public to enjoy the LEGO® display and the result was an enthusiastic “mob

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## Old Mission San Jose celebrates 225th Anniversary

SUBMITTED BY GARY DORIGHI

The June 11, 1797 founding of Mission San Jose is arguably the most significant event in the history of the East Bay. In 2022, we celebrate the church's 225th anniversary. During this landmark year, the community will come together to pay tribute to the people whose lives have shaped our rich heritage: the indigenous inhabitants of the land, the Ohlone; Spanish missionaries who brought the Catholic faith; Mexican settlers who transformed Mission lands into ranchos; immigrants from all over the world; and Americans leading the way to California statehood. Mission San Jose is a testimony to both the diverse people who came before us and to those of us who to live here today.

Most people associate mission history with the early Spanish colonizers. The Ohlone Indians who lived in the communities surrounding the missions are left out of the story or portrayed only as victims of forced labor.

There is much that has been neglected in the telling of the history of Mission Indians. Because of the Spanish invasion, the native world was overwhelmed. The environment was damaged with the introduction of foreign plants and animals. Flu and measles epidemics were destructive. It was a time of survival,

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Drink, Eat, and Exercise Your Way to a Better Complexion

Fresh Year, Fresh Face

Do you want your skin to have that healthy glow? Then get healthy! It turns out the same good habits that improve your health also lead to a better complexion.

“Skin is the largest organ in your body, and like all organs, it functions better when you are healthy,” said Dr. Tam Nguyen, a family physician who specializes in dermatology at Washington Township Medical Foundation’s Nakamura Clinic in Union City. “Taking better care of yourself will lead to healthier skin.”

He said the skin is primarily made up of collagen, which is mostly fluid. That’s why hydration is critical to keeping your skin healthy. He recommends drinking plenty of fluids throughout the day, particularly water.

“People have been saying we need eight glasses of water a day since the 60s or 70s, but there is no data that shows how much you should drink,” he added. “The color of your urine is the true test. If it is clear to light yellow, you are getting enough liquids. If it’s darker yellow, you need to drink more water.”

We all know smoking is harmful to our health, but did you know it can also damage your skin? The carbon monoxide in cigarette smoke displaces the oxygen in your skin and nicotine reduces blood flow, leaving skin dry and discolored. If you smoke, you should consider quitting.

“Smoking and sun exposure are the two worst things you can do to your skin,” Dr. Nguyen said. “Together they exponentially increase the aging of your

skin. Wearing sunscreen—even in winter months—is one of the best things you can do for your skin. You need a broad-spectrum sunscreen that protects against both UVA and UVB rays. UVA protection is for anti-aging and UVB protection is to prevent skin cancer. SPF 30 is the best. It’s also important to keep your skin hydrated with moisturizers, particularly if you wash your hands often. A good rule of thumb for moisturizers is the greasier, the better.”

He recommends prescription retinol cream for those who really want to slow down the aging process. Retinol is an anti-wrinkle cream that can be applied to the face at night.

**Nutrition and Exercise**

What you eat plays a key role in your health and your complexion, according to Dr. Nguyen. He said it’s not only important to eat nutrient-rich foods to promote healthy skin, you also need to stay away from highly processed foods that contain a lot of sugar, salt and trans fats.

“Junk food can actually damage your skin,” he added. “The oxidants can break down the skin barrier and change the color of your skin.”

It’s important to eat a diet that includes plenty of fruits and vegetables, lean protein, and nuts and seeds. Dr. Nguyen said these foods contain the nutrients your skin needs to stay healthy, particularly antioxidants like beta-carotene and vitamins C, E, A, and B complex, including B6 and B12.

Antioxidants can curb the damage caused by unstable molecules known as free radicals, he explained. These molecules

can harm skin cells and cause signs of aging. Antioxidants are mostly found in fruits and vegetables. You should aim for as much variety and color as possible, he said.

B6 and B12 are mostly found in animal protein such as lean meats and fish, as well as nuts and seeds, Dr. Nguyen added. Oily fish like salmon and some nuts and seeds also contain omega-3, which is very beneficial for skin health.

“Omega-3 fatty acids help keep the outer layer of the skin strong to protect it against external toxins and pollutants,” he explained. “Salmon is also a good source of selenium, another powerful antioxidant that works with vitamins E and C to boost your immune system and protect your skin. You can also get selenium from sunflower seeds, eggs, brown rice and oats.”

Exercise is important for good skin health because it increases circulation, bringing oxygen and nutrient-rich blood to your skin, according to Dr. Nguyen. He recommends doing some type of aerobic activity like walking or biking at least 30 minutes a day, five days a week.

“Exercise also helps reduce stress,” he added. “Stress is bad for your skin because it increases cortisol, a hormone that can damage the pigment of your skin.”

For more information about the physicians at the Nakamura Clinic, visit [www.myWTMF.com](http://www.myWTMF.com). To learn about programs and services offered by Washington Hospital that can improve your health, visit [www.whhs.com](http://www.whhs.com).

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|                      | 1/4/22                                                                           | 1/5/22                                                                           | 1/6/22                                                            | 1/7/22                                                                     | 1/8/22                                                                             | 1/9/22                                                                 | 1/10/22                                                                          |
| 12:00 PM<br>12:00 AM | Get Fit at Home<br>the Right Way                                                 | Washington Township<br>Health Care District<br>Board Meeting<br>December 8, 2021 | Healing Foods: Food<br>Choices and Our Health                     | Diabetes Matters:<br>Heart Healthy Eating                                  | Fremont Bank<br>Staying Healthy<br>in 2021                                         | Solutions for Weight<br>Management                                     | Women's Health<br>Conference: Reclaiming<br>Your Confidence                      |
| 12:30 PM<br>12:30 AM | Deep Venous<br>Thrombosis                                                        |                                                                                  | Shingles                                                          | Aortic Valve Disease:<br>Treatment Options<br>Including TAVR               |                                                                                    |                                                                        |                                                                                  |
| 1:00 PM<br>1:00 AM   |                                                                                  |                                                                                  |                                                                   | Metabolic Disorders                                                        | How to Prevent<br>Financial Elder<br>Abuse/Fraud                                   | Relieving Back Pain:<br>Know Your Options                              | Mental Health<br>Education Series:<br>Mental Wellness                            |
| 1:30 PM<br>1:30 AM   | Diabetes Matters:<br>Asian Fusion                                                |                                                                                  | Endometriosis: Causes,<br>Symptoms, Diagnosis<br>and Treatment    |                                                                            |                                                                                    |                                                                        |                                                                                  |
| 2:00 PM<br>2:00 AM   |                                                                                  |                                                                                  |                                                                   | Healing Foods: Food<br>Choices and Our Health                              | Chronic Pelvic<br>Pain in Women                                                    | Laugh without Leaking:<br>Understanding Female<br>Urinary Incontinence | Washington Township<br>Health Care District<br>Board Meeting<br>December 8, 2021 |
| 2:30 PM<br>2:30 AM   | Diabetes Matters: Travel &<br>Disaster Preparedness                              |                                                                                  | Diabetes Matters:<br>Diabetes Conversations                       | Diabetes Matters:<br>Diabetes Complications<br>and Amputation              | Fun Fresh Summer<br>Cooking Demonstration                                          |                                                                        |                                                                                  |
| 3:00 PM<br>3:00 AM   | Early Detection<br>and Prevention of<br>Female Cancers                           |                                                                                  |                                                                   |                                                                            |                                                                                    | Healthy Gut,<br>Healthy You                                            | Active Living:<br>Yoga Exercises                                                 |
| 3:30 PM<br>3:30 AM   |                                                                                  |                                                                                  | Sidelined by<br>Back Pain?<br>Get Back in<br>the Game             | Preventive Care:<br>What You Need To Know                                  | Intro to Radiation<br>Oncology Therapy                                             |                                                                        |                                                                                  |
| 4:00 PM<br>4:00 AM   | Washington Township<br>Health Care District<br>Board Meeting<br>December 8, 2021 | Women's Health:<br>Planning for Pregnancy                                        |                                                                   |                                                                            |                                                                                    | Keeping Your<br>Lungs Healthy                                          | Learn the Signs and<br>Symptoms of Sepsis                                        |
| 4:30 PM<br>4:30 AM   |                                                                                  |                                                                                  | Why Does My<br>Ankle Hurt?<br>Causes & Treatment<br>of Ankle Pain | Wound Care:<br>The Latest<br>Treatment Options                             | Diabetes Matters:<br>Managing Diabetes<br>During Adverse<br>Conditions             |                                                                        |                                                                                  |
| 5:00 PM<br>5:00 AM   | Strategies to Help<br>Lower Your Cholesterol<br>and Blood Pressure               | Impact of Obesity:<br>Why You Need to Get and<br>Keep a Healthy Weight           |                                                                   |                                                                            |                                                                                    | Breathe Easier with<br>Pulmonary Rehab                                 | Diabetes Matters:<br>Heart Healthy<br>Foods & Diabetes                           |
| 5:30 PM<br>5:30 AM   |                                                                                  |                                                                                  | Hepatitis B and<br>Liver Cancer:<br>Prevention<br>and Treatment   | Don't Let<br>Hip Pain Win                                                  | Palliative Care, an<br>Extra Layer of Support                                      |                                                                        |                                                                                  |
| 6:00 PM<br>6:00 AM   | Chronic Venous<br>Disease: Causes,<br>Symptoms &<br>Treatment                    | Diabetes Matters:<br>Italian Foods                                               |                                                                   |                                                                            |                                                                                    | Treating Neck and<br>Back Pain from Home                               | Sick Feet?                                                                       |
| 6:30 PM<br>6:30 AM   |                                                                                  |                                                                                  | Food Pharmacy:<br>Prescription for<br>Colon Health                | Shoulder Pain:<br>Causes and<br>Treatment Options                          | Women's Health Conference:<br>Quality of Life Before and<br>After Cosmetic Surgery |                                                                        |                                                                                  |
| 7:00 PM<br>7:00 AM   | Interventional Radiology<br>(IR) for Vascular Disease                            | Mental Health<br>Education Series:<br>Crisis Intervention                        |                                                                   |                                                                            |                                                                                    | COVID-19:<br>The Road Ahead                                            | Oh My Aching Feet!<br>Recognizing Common<br>Foot and Ankle Problems              |
| 7:30 PM<br>7:30 AM   |                                                                                  |                                                                                  | Keeping Your<br>Lungs Healthy                                     | Mental Health<br>Education Series:<br>Understanding<br>Psychotic Disorders | Inside Washington Hospital:<br>Advanced Treatment<br>of Aneurysms                  |                                                                        |                                                                                  |
| 8:00 PM<br>8:00 AM   | Family Caregiver Series:<br>Fatigue and Depression                               | Family Caregiver<br>Series: Understanding<br>Healthcare Benefits                 |                                                                   |                                                                            |                                                                                    |                                                                        |                                                                                  |
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# Healthy Habits Start Small

## Tips to achieve a healthier lifestyle

After several weeks of indulging in sweet or rich foods, the start of a new year may be the right time to consider new avenues towards a healthier lifestyle. Starting with big goals and extensive changes, however, is not the best practice, according to Kimberlee Alvari, Washington Hospital’s Chief of Patient Experience and a registered dietitian. “Don’t try to overhaul your life overnight,” she cautions. “Focus on making small changes. Over time, those small changes will add up to a big transformation.”

Alvari says making healthy changes begins with healthy thinking and it’s important to understand that micro-goals and micro-habits lead to larger accomplishments.

“Small successes give you the power to keep moving forward,” Alvari notes. If you have an exercise goal of 30 minutes a day for example, start with five minutes or even two minutes. As you consistently achieve this small goal, you can feel successful and confident as you increase the time. The key to any fitness plan is to find something you enjoy. Brisk walking, playing pickleball, or dancing alone in your living room are all activities that contribute towards your fitness goals.

When it comes to food choices for a healthy lifestyle, Alvari has a simple approach that includes smaller portions, choosing foods with five or less ingredients, and loading your plate with plenty of fruits and vegetables. Alvari recommends a “plant slant” where 50% of the food on your plate is composed of fruits and vegetables. There are many options for nonmeat protein, including eggs, nuts, tofu, and beans. Additionally, for those who may want the flavor of traditional meats, there are several options such as the Beyond Meat products. In her video, “Healthy Eating: Prescription for Health,” Alvari offers several suggestions for incorporating vegetables and lean proteins in a healthy diet.

That video, along with many others, can be found on the Washington Hospital YouTube channel, [www.YouTube.com/whhsInHealth](http://www.YouTube.com/whhsInHealth). Search for Kimberlee

Alvari. Additionally, the website [www.MyPlate.gov](http://www.MyPlate.gov) provides recommendations and resources from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

### Simple Suggestions

Alvari offers a few simple suggestions to start on a healthier, happier 2022.

- Use a smaller plate. People tend to fill the plates they are given.
- Eat breakfast. Eating breakfast “jump starts” your metabolism. Typically, those who eat breakfast eat less calories by the end of the day than those who skip this meal.
- Load up on fruits and vegetables.
- Stock your pantry and plan menus in advance.
- Start a food and exercise journal.

• Eat until 80% full. It takes the brain a little while to send satiety messages. Eat until you are almost full, wait 20 minutes and then evaluate if you need more. Remember, advises Alvari, good health is a long game. Goals should be long term and achievable through micro-goals.

## KALE, BUTTERNUT SQUASH AND POMEGRANATE SALAD

- 1 large butternut squash (about 3 pounds), peeled and cut into ¾-inch cubes
- ¼ cup olive oil, divided
- 5 garlic cloves
- ½ teaspoon turmeric
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- ½ cup chopped walnuts (can also use pumpkin seeds or sliced almonds)
- 2 large bunches (about 2 pounds) of Tuscan kale, stemmed and thinly sliced
- ¼ cup fresh lemon juice (from 1 large lemon), divided
- Sea salt
- 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
- 1 teaspoon pure maple syrup
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 shallot, finely chopped
- 1 cup pomegranate seeds (from 1 large pomegranate)

- ### Directions
1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place cubed butternut squash on baking sheet. Drizzle 1 teaspoon olive oil over the top. Add whole garlic cloves, turmeric, salt and pepper. Toss to evenly coat the butternut squash with oil and spices. Spread butternut squash cubes evenly around the pan and roast for 30 to 40 minutes, until squash is fork tender.
  2. While the squash is roasting, heat 1 teaspoon of olive oil in a small skillet over medium-high heat. Add walnuts and cook, stirring occasionally, until they are just golden brown, 2 to 3 minutes. Set aside.
  3. Prepare the kale by slicing it into thin strips. Add the 2 tablespoons of lemon juice and a pinch of sea salt and massage into the kale to wilt it. Set aside. Note: If you are prepping the day before, only add the lemon juice, and massage the kale the day it is served.
  4. When the squash and garlic are done roasting, remove the garlic pieces and add them to a medium bowl or food processor. Add the

- remaining olive oil, lemon juice, apple cider vinegar, maple syrup, Dijon mustard and shallot. Whisk or pulse until smooth.
5. In a large mixing bowl, combine kale with about three-fourths of the dressing and toss until kale is lightly coated. Add more dressing to taste, and reserve any leftover for another use.
  6. Add roasted squash and pomegranate seeds to the kale. Toss to combine. Transfer to a serving bowl and top with roasted walnuts.



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# Magical family keeps dazzling audiences

BY ALFRED HU

As many of us the Bay Area know, the Chan family has been entertaining audiences with their many magical tricks for years. Dan Chan has performed shows for technology giants like Google, Twitter, PayPal, Yahoo and Apple. He stumped top engineers with his iPhone tricks, performed juggling and pick-pocketing acts and displayed impressive card magic that left audiences bewildered. "I could be the magician hired most by Google,"

During the Covid-19 pandemic Dan was one of the first magicians to pivot to Zoom which presented quite a challenge at first. But as he did more virtual shows, online audiences grew and Dan was able to reach people from around the globe. "The first few Zoom shows were rough. I felt uncomfortable and awkward, and everything about my art seemed new again," he says. "But I've realized that it's the most scalable thing ever." He added, "I believe there will be a viable market for online



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he said after Google hired him to do his magic 22 times since March 2020.

performance as individuals and companies have experienced firsthand how effective zoom meetings can be." Even after the

Dan's wife Kat is a talented balloon twisting artist and skillfully sculpted many creations ranging from cartoon characters, motorcycles, jungle scenes, a lunar New Year dragon and caricatures of celebrities, engaging the audience as she works. She even made a balloon sculpture for Jay Leno in a recent show.

Son James is also loaded with magical talent and has performed juggling with fire, pick-pocketing, and memorizing the order of a shuffled deck of playing cards. He can even make a person magically appear from an empty box. Finally, daughter Grace is skilled in math, memory tricks and juggling.

Throughout 2021 the family held many shows including Zoom shows for birthday parties. One client praised James' versatility, while another noted that the Chan magicians performed shows that were interactive, which kept the audience engaged.

2022 will also feature major projects. Dan performed in the game show "You Bet Your Life," Kat was filmed in a Nike commercial and James did a gig in the upcoming Netflix comedy show "Me Time" featuring Kevin Hart and Mark Wahlberg. Air dates for these events have not yet been determined. A flight delay led to three impromptu shows performed in the airport, during which James magically

manipulated several metal rings while reciting poetry. This act did not go unnoticed and one viewer commented "Wow, James is a pro! I love his linking rings."

For 2022, Dan indicated that he would love to do magic around the world and perform shows on overnight cruise ships. But most importantly he would like to continue educating, entertaining and inspiring audiences and those who aspire to be magicians in the future.

More information about the Chan family is available on their website: <https://www.danchanmagic.com/>

You can also read about them in past Tri-City Voice issues online: <https://tricityvoice.com/12-17-2019/> <https://tricityvoice.com/07-13-21/>

Watch one of Dan's shows on YouTube by searching "Virtual Magician and Mind Reader Dan Chan."



# Have a ball with the Science of Spheres

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Have a ball as we celebrate the new year and all things spherical. The night will include the return of "The Sky

Tonight" Zeiss show in the planetarium led by East Bay Astronomical Society, virtual reality experiences, juggling, music by DJ Brad and hands-on activities led by Chabot's Galaxy Explorers. The night will end with a special showing of the classic laser show Pink Floyd, Dark Side of the Moon, and a telescope viewing.

At 6:30 p.m., try VR program "Extopia" by Scott Kildall. Extopia is a virtual reality installation where visitors can explore all the known exoplanets. They range from surreal to mundane with colorful atmospheres and clouds. Visitors to this installation can "fly" to these worlds and explore how the planets might look – from algae-filled oceans, rocky formations, toxic clouds, icy crusts, and more. The VR experience acts as a map to future exploration of the galaxy.

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## A Merry LEGO® Christmas

scene." As a result, Paul's holiday treat has not only been repeated, but grown substantially from the original two card tables to approximately 100 square feet, invoking a different theme each year.

Paul says themes for the display each year are the result of suggestions from visitors or "whatever is at the top of my mind." For instance, in a year following a layoff from his job, the theme was "Wheels of Industry" addressing the California labor scene. This year's theme is "Alienated." Paul describes this as a positive commentary of "integration rather than separation; lots of space ships and alien houses with aliens walking through the neighborhood." He notes that the attraction of LEGO® building blocks is their versatility and universal appeal. Each year, display structures are either saved for future use or disassembled for use in future display feature.

A true labor of love, Paul begins to construct the display Thanksgiving night and spends about four hours every following night until opening to the public on the day following Christmas. At that point, his work is not finished as he laughingly says that from that point on, "it's constant repair work!" Not only has the display increased in size and complexity, but for the past 10 years, Paul developed a reward system in which sharp-eyed visitors can compete in a "scavenger hunt" within three difficulty levels to spot items in the display. The most difficult level of items is "extremely difficult." He says, "It takes the average family at least three hours to get through all three lists... at a minimum!"

Over the years, Paul's LEGO® displays have become a holiday tradition for many who use a visit as an opportunity to share the joy of the holiday season with



the entire family. Expanding display hours from the week between Christmas and New Year's Day to include weekends throughout January, Kenny Paul invites everyone to extend their holiday activities by visiting the Paul Family LEGO® Train.

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## 1902 film headed to National Film Registry

ASSOCIATED PRESS

A film shot in Indianapolis in 1902 that captures a menagerie of Ringling Bros. circus animals parading through the city's downtown has landed a spot on the National Film Registry.

The three-minute-long silent film, titled "Ringling Bros. Parade Film," is part of a class of 25 films recently added to the Library of Congress' National Film Registry. Released by the Selig Polyscope Company in July 1902, it is the 11th oldest movie in the registry, the Indianapolis Business Journal reported.

It features elephants, camels and caged lions traveling on Capitol Avenue past the Indiana Statehouse before the parade passes along Washington Street past the Indiana Repertory Theatre's future home.

When announcing this year's class of films on Dec. 14, Librarian of Congress Carla

Hayden said Black residents seen along the parade route factored in the movie's selection for the National Film Registry. "African Americans were rarely shown in films of that era, and then only in caricature or mocking depictions," Hayden said.

An Oakland, California, couple who said they found the film in their basement in the 1970s donated it to the Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum in Fremont, California, in 2011.

David Kiehn, the museum's historian, identified the film's date and place, and the museum's restored version of the film was posted to YouTube in October 2020, with the tale of Kiehn's detective work.

Kiehn said the film is the oldest nitrate print in the museum's collection of hundreds of movies. "It was in pretty good shape when we got it," he said. "It's held up pretty well."

## 'Da Vinci Code' author settles lawsuit alleging secret life

BY MICHAEL CASEY, ASSOCIATED PRESS

"The Da Vinci Code" author Dan Brown and his ex-wife have agreed to settle a lawsuit in which she alleged he led a secret life during their marriage that included several affairs. The couple agreed to voluntarily dismiss the lawsuit and "any and all claims and counterclaims in this matter," according to court papers filed Dec. 27 in a New Hampshire court.

"Blythe Brown and Dan Brown have reached an amicable resolution of their disagreements, and will have no further comment," Blythe Brown's attorney Harvey Wolkoff said in a statement. "They request that their desire for privacy and closure be respected." No further details on the settlement were provided.

In her lawsuit filed last year, Blythe Brown called her ex-husband's behavior "unlawful and egregious" and accused the bestselling author of secretly diverting funds to pay for gifts to an unnamed horse trainer.

Blythe Brown also claimed credit for inspiring much of his work and coming up with the premise for "The Da Vinci Code." She also alleged that Brown hid scores of future projects worth "millions" from her, including a television series as well as a children's book.

At the time of the lawsuit, Dan Brown said he was "stunned" by the allegations and called the complaint "written without regard for the truth." He said he never misled his ex-wife on their finances during their divorce and that she ended up with half their holdings after they split up. The couple divorced in 2019 after 21 years of marriage.

Brown, a New Hampshire native, has had a string of bestsellers but is best known for "The Da Vinci Code," a puzzle-filled thriller that introduced readers to the notion that Jesus Christ and Mary Magdalene were married with children. The plot outraged church officials and scholars.

During a 2006 trial against the publisher of the "The Da Vinci Code," the court heard how Blythe Brown was an essential contributor to the thriller. Two authors unsuccessfully sued, claiming that Brown "appropriated the architecture" of their book in a high-profile London court case.

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## Amanda Gorman writes end-of year poem, 'New Day's Lyric'

BY HILLEL ITALIE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS NATIONAL  
WRITER

Amanda Gorman is ending her extraordinary year on a hopeful note.

The 23-year-old poet, whose reading of her own "The Hill We Climb" at President Joe Biden's inauguration made her an international sensation, released a new work Dec. 29 to mark the end of 2021. "New Day's Lyric" is a five-stanza, 48-line resolution with themes of struggle and healing known to admirers of "The Hill We Climb" and of her bestselling collection "Call Us What We Carry," which came out in early December:

*"What was cursed, we will cure.  
What was plagued, we will prove pure.  
Where we tend to argue, we will try to agree,  
Those fortunes we forswore, now the future we foresee,  
Where we weren't aware, we're now awake;  
Those moments we missed  
Are now these moments we make,  
The moments we meet,  
And our hearts, once all together beaten,  
Now all together beat."*

Poets rarely enjoy the kind of attention Gorman received in 2021, but in an email to The Associated Press she reflected less on her own success than on the state of the country. Gorman wrote

that the "chaos and instability" of the past year had made her reject the idea of going "back to normal" and instead fight to "move beyond it." She mentioned Maya Angelou's poem "Human Family" and added, "To be a family, a country, doesn't necessitate that we be the same or agree on everything, only that we continue to try to see the best in each other and move forward into a shared future. Whether we like it or not, we are in this together."

Gorman offered an alliterative response when asked what inspired "New Day's Lyric," telling the AP that she "wanted to write a lyric to honor the hardships, hurt, hope and healing of 2021 while also harkening the potential of 2022."

"This is such a unique New Year's Day, because even as we toast our glasses to the future, we still have our heads bowed for what has been lost," she wrote. "I think one of the most important things the new year reminds us is of that old adage: This too shall pass. You can't relive the same day twice -- meaning every dawn is a new one, and every year an opportunity to step into the light."

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Fall 2021 graduate  
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## 'Watch and Taste' TV

Do you crave a taste of the dishes Chef Gordon Ramsay cooks up on his TV shows? If so, you may someday be able not only to watch how Ramsay, or any other of your favorite television cooks, put together their savory entrees, you'll be able to actually taste them as you watch, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC). Homei Miyashita, a professor at Japan's School of Science, claims to have invented a TV with a screen that lets you actually taste the yummy concoctions TV chefs cook up on their shows. "It works by mixing a combination of 10 flavors to create the taste of whatever food item is on the screen. Then it dispenses the flavor onto a film that slides onto the screen, where users can lick it off," explains ABC-TV News. See video of the "lickable" TV screen on YouTube:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=gPhQoz5uCxM.

## Let's make a deal, she says

Demi Skipper of San Francisco has remarkable trading skills -- remarkable enough to trade a bobby pin for a house, reports AMAC. How did she do it? She used social media, including Facebook and Craigslist. It took a while, but someone finally

offered to trade her for a pair of earrings. She then traded the earrings for a set of glasses, which she traded for a vacuum cleaner. A year and a half and 28 trades later she was the owner of a solar powered trailer worth about \$40,000, which she traded for a home in Clarksville, Tennessee. But that's not the end of the story. Demi and her husband are going to fix the place up, give it to a needy recipient and then break out another bobby pin and start all over again. See how she did it on YouTube:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=5S1YnTKnWGQ.

## A bridge too heavy

You've got to wonder what the thief was going to do with a 58-foot-long pedestrian bridge he stole from a park in Akron, Ohio. According to AMAC, 63-year-old David Bradley hired a presumably unwitting trucking company to haul the overpass from a park in town to a location 30 miles away in Medina County on or around November 11. He was charged with felony theft. One can only guess what Bradley was planning to do with his ill-gotten viaduct. See the bridge Bradley took on YouTube:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=FyISKRLBV-8.

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



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# Exotic Bird Mart

SUBMITTED BY ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Bird Mart & Expo is back on Sunday, January 9 at Alameda County Fairgrounds! Shop hundreds of accessories, birds, cages, toys and more. Socialize with fellow bird enthusiasts; buy, sell, advertise and market; create contacts and make friends; grow and strengthen your business; and get educated on bird care.

Pay admission by cash at the gate; pre-purchase parking online. Per current Alameda County Health order face masks will be required indoors for all vaccinated and unvaccinated persons.

We rescue birds. If you have a bird you can no longer care for, feel free to contact us. We can help.

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# Afghan Resettlement Efforts meeting update

SUBMITTED BY TINA FERNANDEZ

Tri-City Nonprofit Coalition's December meeting was a huge success! Co-hosted by Alameda County Supervisors David Haubert and Richard Valle, the Zoom meeting focused on Northern California Afghan refugee/evacuee resettlement efforts with updates provided by local resettlement agencies, county agencies and community-based organizations.

The meeting included a presentation by Zuhail Bahaduri, Afghan community leader and one of the co-founders of The Five Pillars Organization. The moderator was Tamana Ansari, Afghan-American community leader, radio/TV host and producer. During the meeting, Supervisor Haubert pledged to sponsor a family and support a gala fundraiser in Spring 2022 which will benefit regional Afghan resettlement. Supervisor Valle committed to sponsor \$5,000 to five Afghan families (a total of \$25,000), and as the owner of Tri-CED Community Recycling, he is also encouraging community members to connect him with Afghan individuals for employment and support.

Tri-City Nonprofit Coalition's next Zoom meeting will take place at 6 p.m. on Wednesday,

January 12, and will feature Marketing Strategist Kristi Mitchell presenting "A Simple Framework for Strategic Marketing Planning." Kristi will share how a Marketing Funnel Framework can help small businesses, entrepreneurs, and nonprofits develop a simple framework to organize current marketing efforts and identify gaps.

Kristi holds an MBA and has over ten years of marketing experience. Her consultancy focuses on creating focused digital marketing strategies for her clientele of small business owners and entrepreneurs. To learn more about Kristi, visit <https://www.kristimitchell.com/>.

The January Zoom meeting is free but advance registration is required. Visit <https://tcnpsc.org/tcnpc-events/> for more information. Registrants will receive a confirmation email.

Tri-City Nonprofit Coalition January meeting  
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# An afternoon of 30's & 40's music



SUBMITTED BY SHIRLEY SISK

On Sunday, January 9 you will have the chance to hear an exciting trio of singers, Valerie Marston, Leigh Hannah and Paula Chafey- Merrill. The afternoon with Sister Swing will take you back to the years of glamour, romance and innocence. Their full band includes guitar, bass, drums, trumpet, reeds and au-trombon.

Sister Swing began in1996 when they performed for Nelson Riddle, Bob Hope and his wife. They soon were

invited to perform at Sacramento Jazz Jubilee, the largest of its kind in the world, featuring over 125 bands. Backed up by their band, the gals have gathered their own custom charts to show off their own style. If you enjoy music from the 30s and 40s, don't miss them at LOV's concert.

LOV's concerts are now held at the Newark Junior High Multi-Purpose auditorium.

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Sunday, Jan 9

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## Girl Scout cookies take flight in Virginia drone deliveries

BY MATT O'BRIEN ,AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER

Missing out on Thin Mints in the pandemic? A Google affiliate is using drones to deliver Girl Scout cookies to people's doorsteps in a Virginia community.

The town of Christiansburg has been a testing ground for commercial delivery drones operated by Wing, a subsidiary of Google's corporate parent Alphabet.

Now the company is adding the iconic boxed cookies to the more mundane drugstore offerings, FedEx packages and locally-made pastries, tacos and cold brew coffees it's been hauling to a thinly populated area of residential subdivisions since 2019.

Wing said it began talking to local Girl Scout troops because they've been having a harder time selling cookies during the pandemic, when fewer people are out and about. The organization jumped on the new twist to its skills-building mission.

"I'm excited that I get to be a part of history," said 11-year-old Gracie Walker, of the Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Troop 224. "People are going to realize and be, like, 'Hey, this is better for the environment and I can just walk outside in my pajamas and get cookies.'"

It's the latest attempt to build public enthusiasm for futuristic drone delivery as Wing competes against Amazon, Walmart, UPS and others to overcome the many technical and regulatory challenges of flying packages over neighborhoods.

Federal officials started rolling out new rules in mid-April that will allow operators to fly small drones over people and at night, potentially giving a boost to commercial use of the machines. Most drones will need to be equipped so they can be identified remotely by law enforcement officials.

The 10-pound Wing drone that made the first deliveries in Christiansburg in fall 2019 is already an artifact held at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. Whether it will go down in history as a revolutionary innovation or a utopian flop remains to be seen.

Amazon has also been working on drone delivery for years. In 2013, Amazon founder Jeff Bezos said in a TV interview that drones would be flying to customer's homes within five years, but that deadline has long since passed. The company did win government approval to deliver packages by drones last August, but Amazon said it was still testing them and hasn't started delivering goods to shoppers yet.

David Vos, an aerospace engineer who led Google's Wing project until 2016, said he has been surprised that drone delivery ventures haven't taken off more quickly.

"I thought it was completely doable to be up and going by 2021," Vos said. While he still thinks drone technology is getting closer to delivering the size, weight and power needed to transport goods safely in populated places, Vos said the tech industry also needs a cultural shift.

In particular, he said, it needs to bring on people from the traditional aviation industry who have experience building "safety-critical systems" that meet strict performance standards.

Wing's drones are able to navigate autonomously \_ without a human pilot controlling them remotely \_ and are powered by two forward propellers on their wings and 12 smaller vertical propellers. When a drone reaches its destination, it hovers above the front lawn as a tether releases to drop the package.

"It was so smooth and it didn't shake," said Walker, who, before her troop added drones to its sales strategy, would don a mask and set up a cookie booth outside a home improvement store. "They look like a helicopter but also a plane."

There's not much evidence that consumers have been clamoring for drone delivery, and many have expressed privacy, safety or nuisance concerns when asked to imagine the noisy machines over their homes. Wing has objected to some of the FAA's new drone rules on privacy grounds, saying the remote ID requirement could allow observers to snoop on delivery routes online.

But in a small survey of Christiansburg residents by researchers at nearby Virginia Tech that Wing helped fund, most townspeople appeared to be content with the drones.

"One of the reasons is because Virginia Tech is here and there's an engineering culture of trying new things," said Lee Vinsel, an assistant professor of science, technology and society who conducted the Virginia Tech survey. "And the suburban setup is easiest for drone delivery."

That might not be the case for much denser places, he added. "Manhattan would be tough."

AP Retail Writer Joseph Pisani in New York contributed to this story.

## Chief justice: Judges must better avoid financial conflicts

BY JESSICA GRESKO, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts says the federal judiciary needs to do more to ensure judges don't participate in cases where they have financial conflicts of interest.

Roberts made the comments as part of his annual report on the federal judiciary released Friday evening.

Roberts pointed to a series of stories recently in The Wall Street Journal that found that ``between 2010 and 2018, 131 federal judges participated in a total of 685 matters involving companies in which they or their families owned shares of stock." Federal judges and Supreme Court justices are required under a federal ethics law to recuse themselves from cases where they have a personal financial interest.

"Let me be crystal clear: the Judiciary takes this matter seriously. We expect judges to adhere to the highest standards, and those judges violated an ethics rule," Roberts wrote in the nine-page report.

Roberts is one of three justices on the nine-member Supreme Court to hold individual stocks. Those holdings sometimes result in the justices recusing themselves from a case or selling stock in order to participate. The other justices who own individual stocks are Stephen Breyer and Samuel Alito. In the past those holdings have occasionally resulted in issues.

In 2016, Roberts heard arguments in a patent case but discovered after arguments that he held more than 1,200 shares of stock in a parent company of one of the parties. He notified the parties that he would not continue to participate in the case.

In 2015, Breyer participated in a high-profile energy case involving a subsidiary of Wisconsin-based Johnson Controls Inc. A routine check Breyer's office does failed to flag that his wife owned stock in Johnson Controls. After the case was argued an inquiry from the news media brought the issue to Breyer's attention and his wife sold 750 shares worth about \$33,000.

Alito took part in a case about curse words on television involving ABC Inc. and other networks. At the time the case was argued in 2008, Alito owned about \$2,000 of stock in ABC's parent, Walt Disney Co. The case came out 5-4 with Alito voting with the majority and against ABC's interests. He later said his participation was an oversight.

Roberts did not write about recusals on his own court for financial or other reasons. He did note that in the instances the The Wall Street Journal identified, the paper did not find that any of the conflicts affected the judges' actions in cases. And Roberts underscored that conflicts were identified in ``less than three hundredths of one percent of the 2.5 million civil cases filed in the district courts in the nine years included in the study," a 99.97% compliance rate.

But Roberts said, ``We are duty-bound to strive for 100% compliance because public trust is essential, not incidental, to our function." The Wall Street Journal says subsequent reporting has increased the number of violations it found from 685 to at least 950.

Roberts said ethics training programs need to be more rigorous and "the information systems that help courts catch and prevent conflicts are due for a refresh," among other things. He said officials are working to address the issue.

While coronavirus cases are surging, Roberts mentioned the pandemic only briefly. Last year, Roberts' annual report focused on the pandemic's impact on federal courts, with Roberts praising the work of judicial branch personnel during the pandemic.

Roberts and his colleagues are scheduled to return to the courtroom Jan. 7 for a special set of arguments to weigh challenges to two Biden administration policies covering vaccine requirements for millions of workers. The cases involve policies that affect large employers and health care workers.

Because of the pandemic the courtroom is not open to the public, and only the justices, lawyers, court personnel and journalists will be present. The justices spent nearly 19 months hearing arguments by telephone because of the pandemic but returned to the courtroom in October.

# E-gift card benefits local businesses

SUBMITTED BY CHUCK FINNIE, CITY OF HAYWARD

Every January is California Restaurant Month when restaurants and retailers across the state showcase local cuisine to boost local businesses. This year, the City of Hayward is adding an extra helping of funds in the form of bigger bonus dollars for purchases made in its Together for Hayward e-Gift Card Program.

Throughout January, while supplies last, when diners purchase a Together for Hayward e-gift card between \$20 and \$100 to use at any of the participating restaurants in Hayward, the city will add a 50% bonus card to use or share with a friend.

Bonus cards are limited to three per customer and must be used within 90 days of purchase. Recipients can spend them at one of the at least 39 participating restaurants in the area or mix it up and spend them at one or more of the more than 35 participating retail locations as well.

Together for Hayward promotions are part of the city's economic recovery plan to help local brick-and-mortar retailers and restaurants recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Purchases of the all-digital e-gift cards creates a pool of cash that local businesses in Hayward can rely on.

To purchase an e-gift card online, go to <https://app.yiftee.com/gift-card/hayward--ca>.

For information on how to participate as a merchant in Together for Hayward e-Gift Card Program, send an email to City of Hayward Economic Development Division at [economicdev@hayward-ca.gov](mailto:economicdev@hayward-ca.gov).

# Longtime fire captain retires



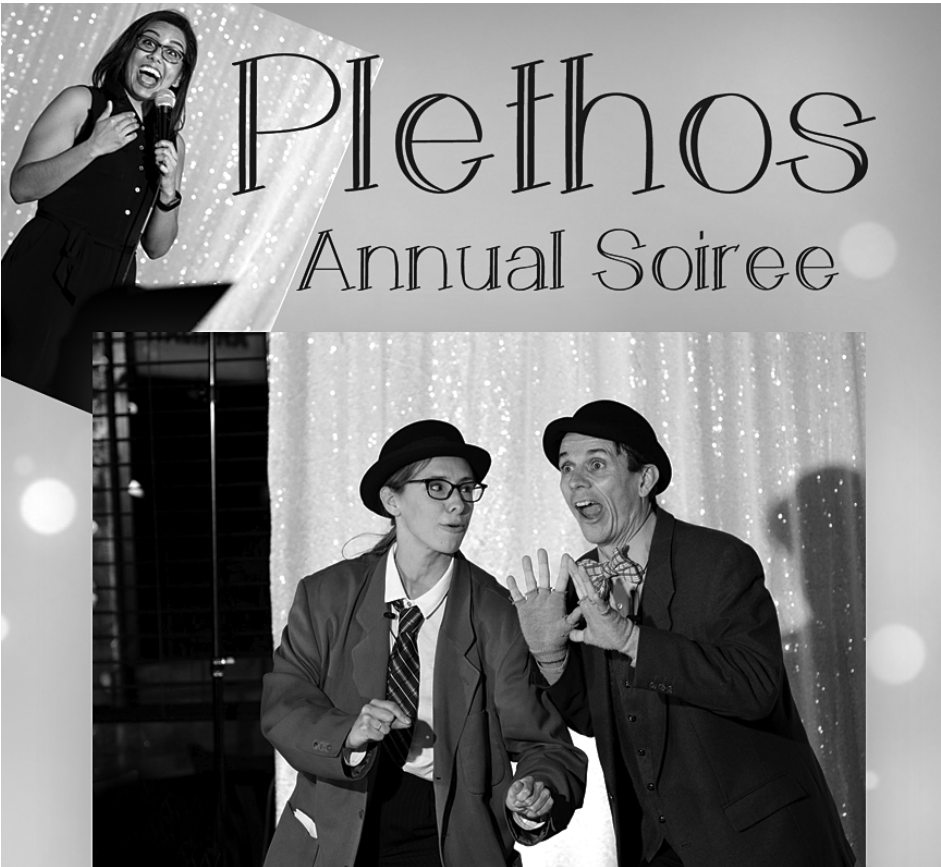
SUBMITTED BY FREMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

After 27 years with Fremont Fire Department (FFD), Captain Mark Thomson recently retired with a round of applause and kudos from colleagues on his long tenure. In a December 27 announcement, fire department officials offered their congratulations to Hogan, citing his exemplary service to the department and the greater Fremont community.

Prior to joining FFD in November 1994, Thomson worked as a paramedic for Bay Star Medical Services/Ambulance in Burlingame. He also worked at Hillsborough Fire Department for five years as a Firefighter/Paramedic and Fire Engineer.

After arriving in Fremont, Thomson became involved in many fire department programs related to training and rescue operations. He was promoted to Fire Engineer in July 2001 and then to Fire Captain in 2002. Throughout the course of his career, Thomson gravitated to challenging assignments where he could train, coach and mentor newer personnel.

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SUBMITTED BY ROSIE JOSUE

Saturday, January 15 at Castro Valley Marketplace, Plethos Productions will be hosting their 5th Annual Season Announcement Soiree - an unforgettable night of live performances featuring standup comics, actors, singers, dancers and more. Plus, raffles, games, drinks from Night Owl, and food from Akemi Sushi, Seven Hills Baking Co. and more!

Everyone who has participated onstage, backstage, mainstage, small stage and everything in between is part of the Plethos Family. For this reason, the Fammy Award for excellence was born. Awards for Best Actor, Best Actress, and CommUnity Spirit will be given that night.

This exclusive evening will also be the annual unveiling of the 2022 Season shows. Buy-One-Get-One-Free 2022 Season Membership discounts will

be given exclusively to attendees. The event will be held at the new Castro Valley Marketplace, and admission will include 1 drink ticket from Night Owl and an assortment of sushi from Akemi, plus snacks from additional CV Marketplace vendors.

General Admission tickets are \$60. For COVID safety, proof of vaccination will be required of all guests, and masks must be worn when not eating or drinking during this indoor event. All performers and volunteers will show proof of vaccination to attend this event.

**Plethos Annual Season Announcement Soiree**  
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**<https://www.plethos.org/>**  
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# Start the New Year off Write

SUBMITTED BY TISH DAVIDSON

Join Fremont Area Writers in a “Zoom Social Write-in” on January 8 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. The social write-in is an opportunity to celebrate the new year by giving your creativity a boost, while meeting other area writers. This event is for everyone from complete beginners to already published writers. Past participants have ranged in age from 18 to 92. The write-in is not a critique group. Your writing will not be evaluated or judged, just enjoyed by your fellow writers.

At the write-in, four writers will be randomly assigned to each Zoom room so everyone has a chance to share their writing and be heard.

For the Magic Write exercise, each contributes a random noun, adjective, and verb. Writers will then have a 10-minute writing period where they try to use as many of these words in a story or poem that they share with others in the room in a socializing period following the writing.

Participants will then be reassigned to a different room with different writers and be given three writing prompts. The prompts can be something like “if I could meet one of my ancestors,” or “a trip I would like to take.” After an eight-minute writing period, everyone in the room reads their response to the prompt and socializes in a relaxed, supportive atmosphere.

Fremont Area Writers is a branch of California Writers Club. It sponsors monthly speakers and write-ins and is open to writers of all abilities. To participate in the Write-In, please request the Zoom meeting link from Scott Davidson at [scottfrombayside@yahoo.com](mailto:scottfrombayside@yahoo.com).

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# Trash Talk

BY THE PICKUP ARTIST

This is the twelfth edition of Trash Talk, a column devoted to cleaning up our neighborhoods – and beyond!

Other Types of Trash

Trash doesn't just clutter up the neighborhood, it taints surroundings wherever you find it. Check your email for "sounds too good to be true" offers. Some use very realistic logos, imitate websites, and appear to come from banks or other "trusted" organizations. Here are some tips to help spot the fakes:

**Look at the sender's REAL address;** what's displayed can be spoofed. In your list of emails, Example 1 would appear to come from 'Shark Tank'. Inside the chevrons, you'll see this one is so bogus

they even tell you it comes from 'SabotageEm'. Bold indeed!

In Example 2 not only does the sender's address almost look legitimate, but they also use the FedEx logo. However, if you hover over the "Update my address" button, you'll see it does not take you to a FedEx site. Do not click on it.

Example 3 "order confirmation" appears to come from Amazon. But I didn't order any MacBook! For \$800, wouldn't you want to follow up? It's captivating – and bogus! It could confirm your email address and they can then sell it to others, or use it to download malware.

Would you click on a link for a sale from the site in Example 4? Look again, that is NOT Walmart!

If you repeatedly receive much spam from the same contacts, check your email

system for methods to block them. They might have filters you can enable to automatically delete this trash without ever bothering you. This criteria can be the sender's real email address, keywords like "mortgage" or "cannabis," or even the domain name (the words following the @ sign). Remember, you can always search the internet with "how to stop (or block) spam (or emails)" and your email system (Gmail, Hotmail, AOL, etc.)

Water conservation tip of the month:

Did you know it takes 3 ½ gallons of water for every flush of a low-flow toilet? Five gallons if your toilet is older. You can save about 67% of the water used for flushing by installing a dual-flush kit (you don't need to replace the toilet). For about \$20-30, you might reduce your water bill by 20%, and conserve water!

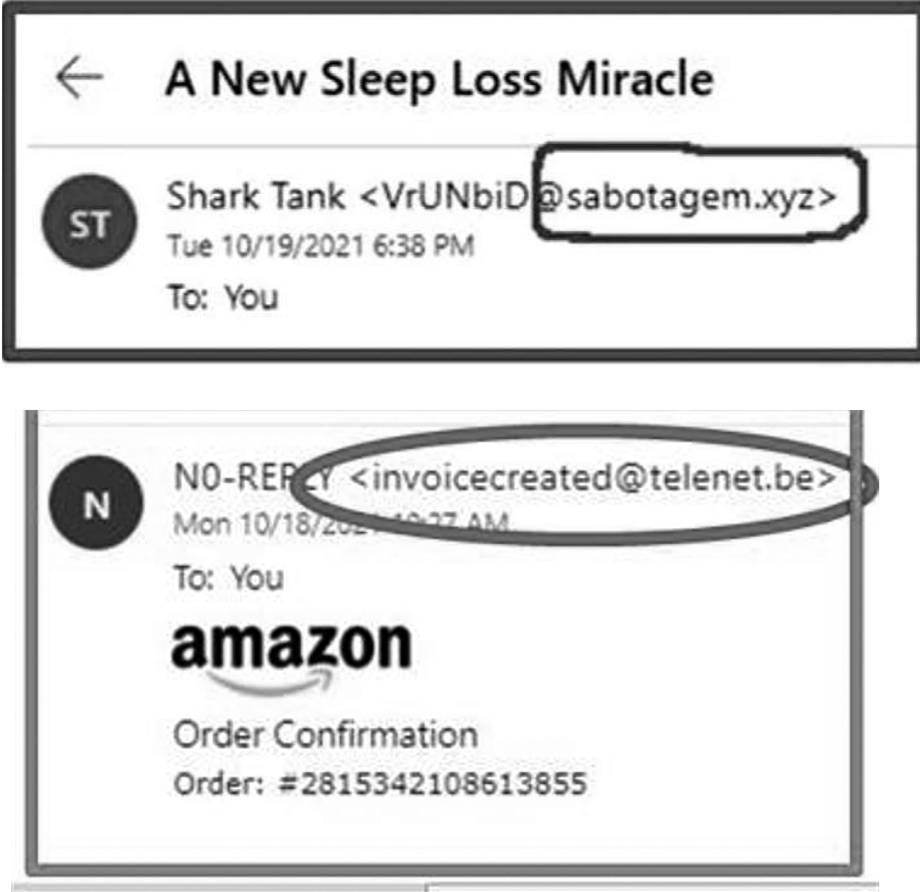
The quote for today:

"You don't find luck. You go out and make it." --The Pointy-haired boss in 'Dilbert.'

**Answer to the last Trash Talk Question:** No question last month. I hope you enjoyed time together with family and friends. Enjoy them while you can – you don't regret time spent with them.

**Trash Talk Question for today:** It's a new year; clean slate. What areas are you looking at to make this a better year than last year, both for yourself and for others? Health? Finances? Career? Relationships? I hope you have something you want to improve. Make this New Year the best one ever! If everything is great, then maybe you can help others achieve their goals.

Send comments or questions to



## Hunting the Hunter: Observing Orion

NASA NIGHT SKY NETWORK

BY DAVID PROSPER FOR NASA NIGHT SKY NETWORK

If you are outside on a clear January night, it's hard not to notice one distinctive star pattern above all: Orion! While we've covered Orion in earlier articles, we've never discussed observing the constellation as a whole. Perhaps you've received a new telescope, camera, or binoculars, and are eager to test it out. Orion, being large, prominent, and full of interesting, bright objects, is a perfect constellation to test out your new equipment and practice your observing skills - for beginners and seasoned stargazers alike.

In Greek mythology, Orion is a strong hunter, with numerous legends about his adventures. Being such a striking group of stars, cultures from all around the world have many myths about this star pattern. There are so many that we can't list them all here, but you can find a wonderful interactive chart detailing many cultures' legends on the Figures in the Sky website at [figuresinthesky.visualcinnamon.com](http://figuresinthesky.visualcinnamon.com).

What sights can you see in Orion? Look above the variable orange-red supergiant "shoulder star" Betelgeuse to find the stars making up Orion's "club," then move across from Betelgeuse towards the bright star Bellatrix (Orion's other "shoulder") and the stars of his bow and arrow - both essential tools for the Hunter.

Many interesting sights lie near Orion's "belt" and "sword." Orion's belt is made up of three bright giant stars forming an evenly spaced line: Alnitak, Alnilam, and Mintaka. Move from the belt stars towards

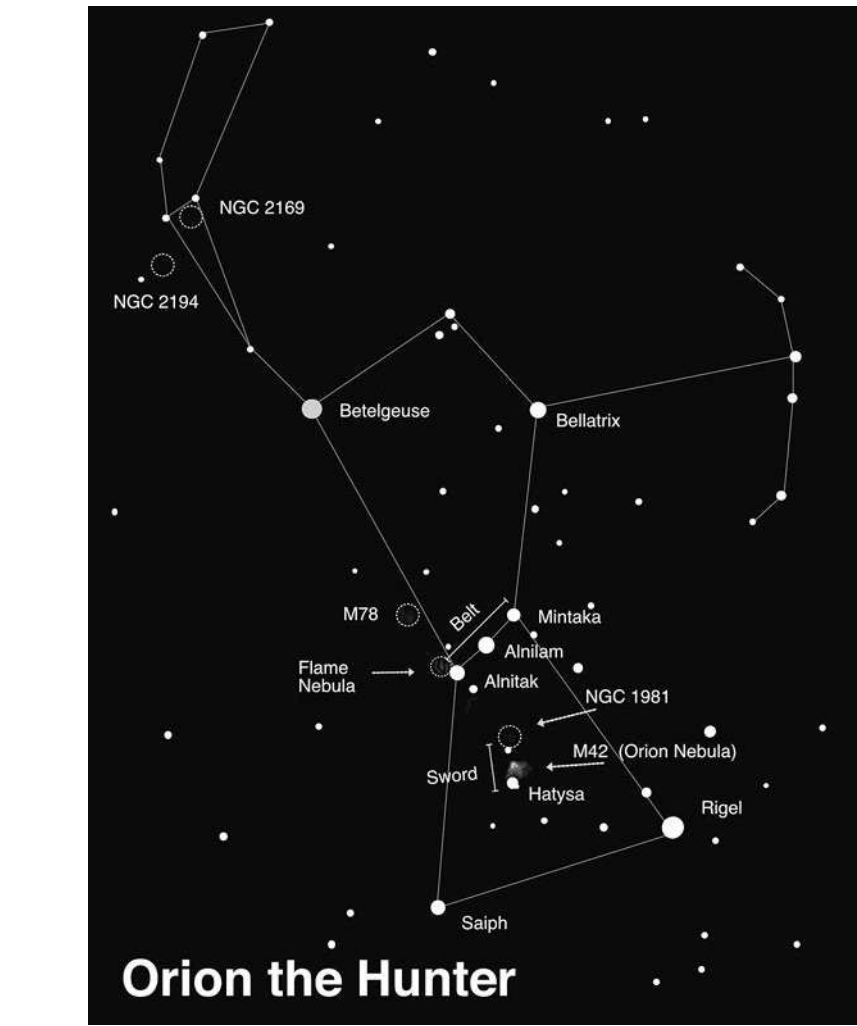


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the stars Rigel and Saiph (Orion's "feet" or "knees") to arrive at Orion's distinctive Sword, parts of which may appear fuzzy to your unaided eyes. Binoculars reveal that fuzz to be the famed Orion Nebula (M42), perched right next to the star Hatysa! Diving in deeper with a telescope will show star clusters and more cloud detail around the Nebula, and additional

magnification brings out further detail inside the nebula itself, including the "baby stars" of the Trapezium and the next-door neighbor nebula M43.

Want to dive deeper? Dark skies and a telescope will help to bring out the reflection nebula M78, the Flame Nebula (NGC 2024), along with many star clusters and traces of dark nebula

throughout the constellation. Very careful observers under dark clear skies may be able to spot the dark nebula known as the Horsehead, tracing an equine outline below both the Belt and the Flame Nebula. Warning: The Horsehead can be a difficult challenge for many stargazers, but very rewarding.

Northern Hemisphere observers can find Orion during January evenings in the east/southeast skies. Can you spot the Orion nebula with your naked eye, in Orion's sword? How does it look via binoculars or a telescope? What other details can you discern? Please note that some deep sky objects aren't listed here for clarity's sake. For example, M43, a nebula located directly above M42 and separated by a dark dust lane, is not shown. Orion's Belt and Sword are crowded, since they star-forming regions! You can read more in our November 2019 article Orion: Window Into a Stellar Nursery, at [bit.ly/orionlight](http://bit.ly/orionlight).

This is just a taste of the riches found within Orion's star fields and dust clouds; you can study Orion for a lifetime and never feel done with your observations. To be fair, that applies for the sky as a whole, but Orion has a special place for many. New telescopes often focus on one of Orion's treasures for their first test images. You can discover more of NASA's research into Orion's stars - as well as the rest of the cosmos - online at [nasa.gov](http://nasa.gov).

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# Transforming abandoned balloons into art

BY CHARLENE DIZON  
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Balloon releases are no stranger at ceremonial events and birthday parties. However, what many may not realize is that the existence of a balloon does not end upon its unleashing. Local blacksmith Bob Jensen discovered deflated balloon litter and has since dedicated himself to not only collecting the balloons, but transforming them into a unique art display.

For many years, Jensen has remained active in bike riding. Before retirement, he specialized in a wide range of professions, from biotech to coastal fish study. Having been surrounded by various aspects of science and environment throughout his career, it's no surprise that Jensen took note of the copious amount of trash by the shore on his bike route. "In 2020, I was riding my bike down by the Bay near Alameda Creek Trail," he states. "I noticed that there were quite a few discarded balloons out there so I started collecting them."

Eventually, Jensen decided to keep count of how many balloons he had collected in a single year. In 2021, he began saving each balloon and stapling it to his fence. He wrapped each balloon ribbon around a spare fence post. After three months, the fence was full—a testament to the severity of balloon waste.

Clusters of birds typically feed near the muddy marshes of Alameda Creek Trail, along with other neighboring wildlife. As of early December 2021, Jensen has gathered a total of 369 escaped and discarded balloons from the levees and marshes. "Since balloons are filled with helium, they can float for miles on end until they wind up in the Bay. I want to prevent the birds from getting caught in the ribbon," Jensen states. With little dexterity to free themselves, birds that get ensnared in balloon ribbons are at risk of injury or suffocation. Balloons are often made of mylar, a polyester film that does not easily break down. In addition, certain balloons that play melodies are often filled with battery packs and speakers. This can be detrimental if caught in a power line.

Jensen hopes to promote awareness of the impact of discarded balloons on the environment as well as

how vital it is to preserve helium, a finite resource. The gas is heavily utilized in the medical field for Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and locating tumors. "Helium is not man-made, yet we continue to collect and capitalize on it more than we should," Jensen states.

In addition to raising awareness of waste, Jensen's fence of stapled balloons has become a time capsule of events that occurred throughout the year, including birthdays, holidays and anniversaries. Neighbors and passersby have witnessed the expansion of this distinctive art display. With the new year, Jensen's fence acts as a statement about a fundamental, yet fleeting marker of celebrations. It is likely that Jensen will have another balloon display on his fence in 2022, highlighting his hope that this can be the first step to decreasing balloon waste.

"Come down to the marshes near Alameda Creek Trail to see the situation in person," says Jensen. "There is trash and junk that are far too close to the fish and birds in the area." Seeing the severity of the situation is often all it takes for others to pitch in. With this awareness and action in mind, the susceptibility of animals ingesting or becoming entangled in refuse can be lowered, and the area can return to its original state.



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# Home & Garden

## Fire pits heat up the garden

By DANIEL O'DONNELL

It is not known exactly when fire was first domesticated by early humans or their hominoid ancestors. The earliest unequivocal evidence of fire management by Homosapiens and Neanderthals dates back about 350,000 years ago. There is strong circumstantial evidence that Homoerectus tamed fire over a million years ago. Humans and their ancestors have been igniting these small controlled burns ever since. The first “campfires” were used to warm, protect, cook meat and illuminate the night. Today, fire is restrained in appliances which control its benefits. There are a number of different styles of outdoor firepits that allow people to enjoy the warmth of a fire much like our ancient ancestors did.

Wood is one fuel option that can be used in fire pits. Many woods have a pleasant smell and crackling sound when burning. Firewood can be purchased, but it can also be collected from tree trimmings or from used untreated pallets for free. Some of the drawbacks to burning wood in a fire pit is that the smoke can blow into peoples’ faces, it can be harder to ignite than other fuels, and it is not the cleanest fuel to burn. This is why wood fires are prohibited on “Spare the Air” days.

Propane or natural gas are also popular fuel choices. Fire pits fueled by these are easily lit and most have adjustable flame heights. These gases burn hotter, cleaner, more efficiently, and more evenly than wood. The disadvantages are that the fire

pits using them are more complex, making them more expensive. Propane tanks need to be refilled or a dedicated natural gas line needs to be laid from the house, adding to the cost.

The best choice from an environmental standpoint is environmentally friendly fire logs. These are easy to light, burn 80% cleaner than wood, and come in different weights that allow for varied burn times. A three-pound log burns for about two hours, a five-pound log burns for about three, and a six-pound log burns for about four. Enviro-log, which is made from 100% wax and cardboard, is a great choice. Duraflame’s 100% Renewable Firelog made from 100% renewable waxes and oils, combined with wood and agricultural fibers, is another excellent option.

There are two styles of fire pits. Portable fire pits, as the name suggests, are designed to be moved around a patio, deck or safe spot in the garden as needed. They can be wood/fire log burning or propane fueled. They are usually not much larger than a few feet wide and accommodate four people comfortably; and can be incorporated into an existing garden without having to design a specific location.

Built-in or permanent fire pits are usually larger and meant for larger groups. Natural gas is an option in addition to wood, fire logs or propane. Some are above ground and others are below or slightly below to allow flames to be at ground level. More thought and design considerations need to go into installing a permanent fire pit. Comfortable spacing



for people to find the right temperature, the maximum number of people, a flat space free of flammable vegetation, and protection from wind and rain are some of the variables to consider to ensure an enjoyable fire pit.

There are prefabricated fire pits with a wide variety of shapes, sizes and designs available. They are constructed from many different materials such as natural stone, cement, cast iron, copper, ceramic tile and steel. Prices have a huge range with steel on the lower end and copper at the higher end. Some can be picked up or delivered as a full unit, while others may need assembly.

Breco (breco.com) has a lot of sleek styles to choose, but what makes them interesting is that their wood fire pits have smokeless design technology.

Handcrafting a fire pit is not that hard. A wood burner is easiest, but there are build-it-yourself propane kits. The walls of

the pit can be made from stone, cement, cinderblocks, bricks, tile or different metals. Fire proof objects such as large shallow ceramic pots, concrete planters, and galvanized water troughs make attractive fire pits. The materials inside the fire pit should start with a layer of sand and then be topped off with a layer of gravel or lava rocks. Fire pit glass, flagstone, slate or small attractive rocks can elevate the surface look of the fire pit.

People have gathered around fires for hundreds of thousands of years. It was more for survival and to ward off predators in the past. Today we are lucky to have fire pits simply for our enjoyment and to attract our family and friends.

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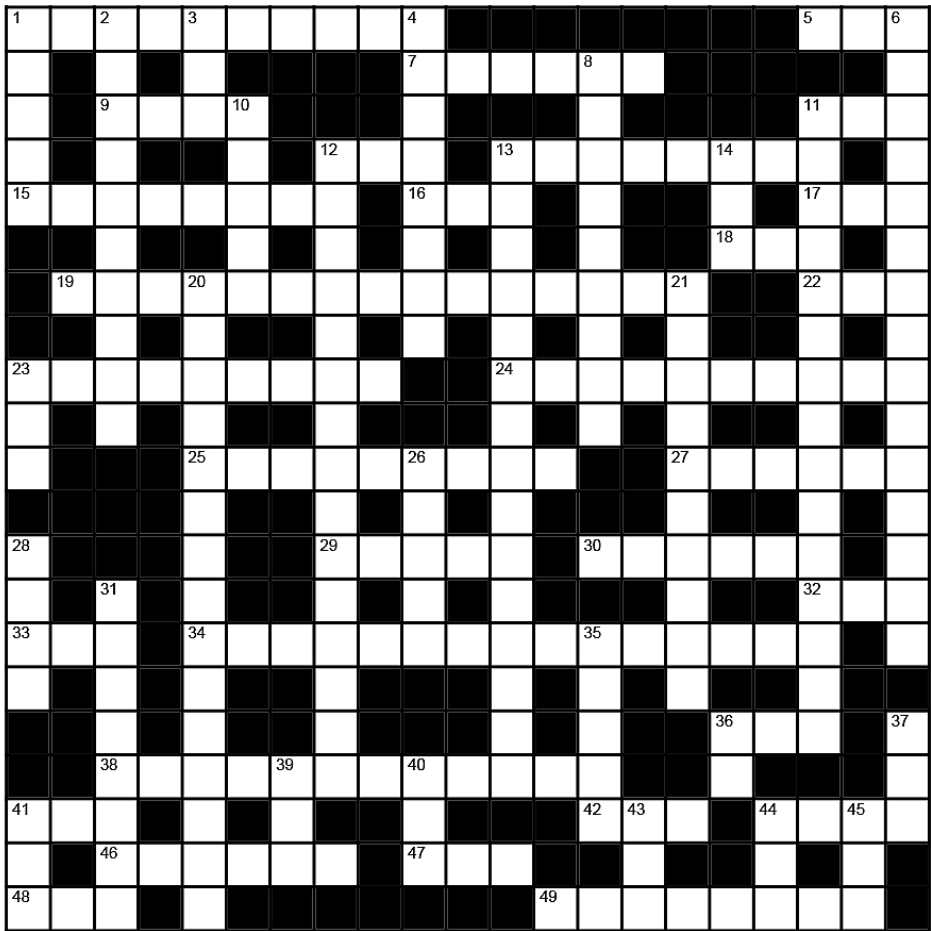


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## Crossword Puzzle



- Across

1

Flimflam (10)

5

Capt.'s superior (3)

7

Honor (6)

9

"@#\$\$%!, " e.g. (4)

11

Fundraising gp. (3)

12

Crib sheet user (3)

13

Snow White's Dwarfs, e.g. (8)

15

Lose one's balance? (8)

16

Call upon (3)

17

Friend of Pooh (3)

18

German pronoun (3)

19

Time piece? (8,7)

22

\_\_\_-Locka, Fla. (3)

23

Ornamental stone (6,3)

24

Visit (6,4)

25

Uncalled-for (3,2,4)

27

Kitchen gadget (6)

29

Russian alternative (5)

30

Flint is a form of it (6)

32

Burn up (3)
- 33

"Forgot About \_\_\_\_" (1999 rap song) (3)

34

Acknowledge (4,1,10)

36

Calendar abbr. (3)

38

Go ballistic (4,4,4)

41

News letters (3)

42

Newt (3)

44

Deteriorate (4)

46

Hose (6)

47

Party bowlful (3)

48

Heartache (3)

49

Drops from above (8)

Down

1

Similar: Prefix (5)

2

Proximity (5-5)

3

Dog command (3)

4

Put in the bank (4,4)

6

Apt title for this puzzle (4-2-3-6)

8

"Horsefeathers!" (9)

10

Avis rival (5)

11

Shape shifter? (8,7)

12

Always (6-4-5)

13

Takes risks (6,2,4,3)

14

Nashville sch. (3)

20

Warplane's cargo (3-2-3,7)

21

Second part (10)

23

It's an honor (3)

26

Physics lab device, for short (5)

28

"Momo" author Michael (4)

31

It may get your attention (8)

35

Circumvent (5)

36

"oh me, oh \_\_\_\_" (2)

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Depression (3)

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Suffix with ball (3)

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Dejected (3)

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Underground org. (3)

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Memo letters (3)

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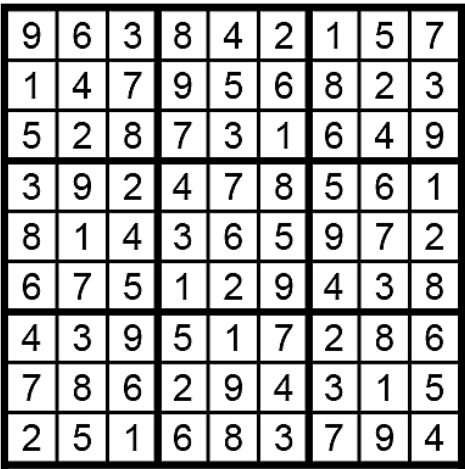
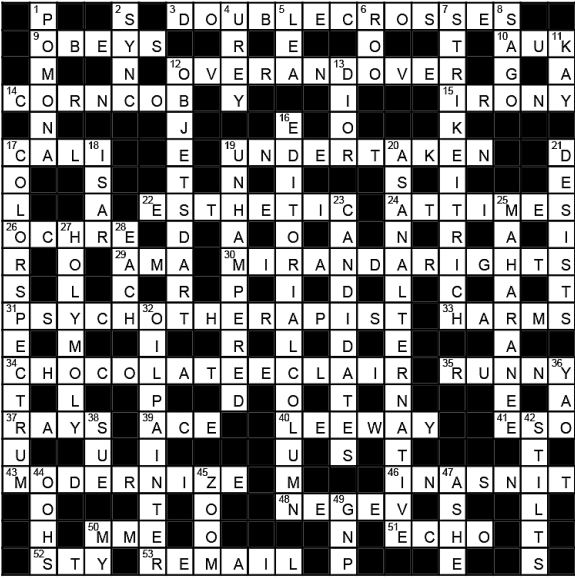
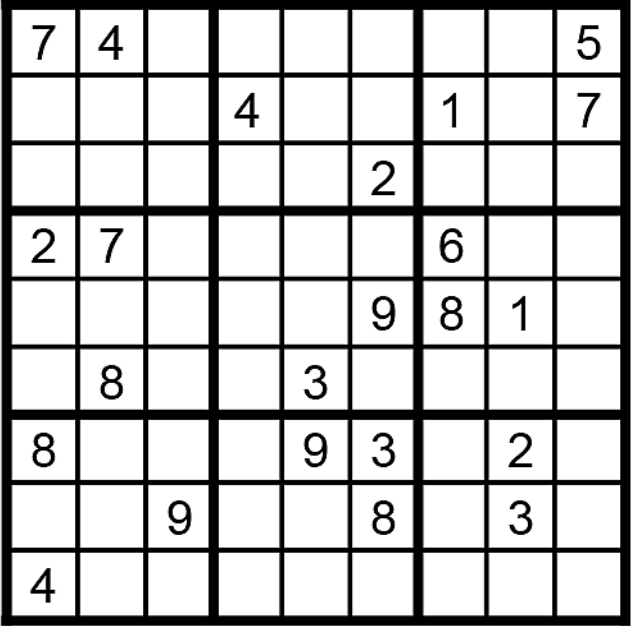
Actor Stephen (3)

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Note after fa (3)

## Sudoku:

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



## Tri-City Stargazer FOR WEEK: JANUARY 2, 2022

All Signs: The elements Air, Water, Fire and Earth are a big part of astrology. For the last 200 years, society has had “Earth” based values. Status and wealth were based on land, real estate, manufacturing and tangible assets. This is a world of top-down management where few have all the wealth. Last year, we began a new 200-year cycle, which will be “Air” based. COVID acted like a slingshot launching these new values into our world: decentralization of big systems, greater respect for individual rights, universal basic income, medical care and education for everyone.

**Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20):**  
This is a lovely, upbeat week and a wonderful introduction to this new year. People notice you more than usual, especially bosses, parents, teachers and VIPs. You're keen to talk to younger people, especially people from your past because Mercury is slowing down now getting ready to go retrograde on Friday, January 14. This means you're already hearing from old friends. The beginning and end of 2022 will be gentle, but for six months in the middle, Jupiter is in your sign. During that time, you'll be out there flying your colors!

**Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20):**  
This is an upbeat week! You want to travel and expand your world. (Go places you have travelled to before because of the pending Mercury retrograde.) 2022 will be a very popular year for you. Not only will you enjoy the friendship of others, you will be more involved with groups, clubs and organizations. You might even take on a leadership role. It's an excellent year for you to think of your long-term goals as well as your spiritual values. From August onwards, you will work hard to boost your earnings!

**Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20):**  
With fiery Mars opposite your sign this week, you will have to be patient with those who are closest to you because you might be easily annoyed with them. Fortunately, this is a positive, exciting week! You will find that you are focused more than usual on shared property, inheritances, taxes and debt.

Things will work out favorably. Meanwhile, this is a fabulous year because you look like a winner to everyone! Many of you will get promotions, kudos and acknowledgement for what you do.

**Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21):**  
Your focus on partnerships and close friendships is strong right now because ex-partners and old friends are back in your world! This can be a positive thing – or not. It might even create jealousy. Fortunately, you have the ability right now to see your closest relationships with more objectivity, which means you can see the role you play. Meanwhile, this week, you're getting stuff done. This year, you will explore opportunities in publishing, the media, medicine and the law. Many of you will also travel much more than usual.

**Leo the Lion (July 22-August 22):**  
This week begins with feelings of inspiration and confidence. Many of you are thinking of ex-partners more than usual because you're in contact with them, or they are in your thoughts or your dreams. However, here are some hard facts. This year, Saturn is opposite your sign. (The last time this occurred was in the early 90s.) This can be discouraging because your energies are low. You might feel joint pain or have to deal with teeth problems. But hang in there! By 2023, you will rebound with joy, energy, and greater wisdom.

**Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22):**  
This is a lighthearted, playful week, which is the perfect

introduction to your new year. This week, you feel confident and ready to be yourself, without fear or apology. You will especially enjoy creative projects, sports events and playing with children. Admittedly, increased chaos and activity at home will exist, but you can handle it. Meanwhile, this year, you can improve your closest relationships with friends, spouses and partners. In fact, this is the best year for your sign to get married in over a decade!

**Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22):**  
Home and family are your strong focus this week. Many of you will be puttering and redecorating or tweaking your digs. You will also enjoy entertaining anyone in your bubble who can come to your home. You will be convincing and persuasive now because Mars is in your House of Communications. Meanwhile, this year, you will improve your health and your job. In fact, many of you will travel more in matters related to your work. Children might be an increased responsibility but that goes with the territory.

**Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21):**  
This week is a good time for you to think outside of the box and embrace big goals! You will enjoy talking to others because you're inspired and more confident than usual. You will enjoy the company of daily contacts and will appreciate the beauty of your daily surroundings. You're ready to work hard to boost your earnings. This is a good mindset because this year is actually a playful, fun-loving year for you! Children will be a joy.

Vacations will delight. Romance will sizzle!

**Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21):**  
You have lots of energy as this year begins because fiery Mars is in your sign making you feel ready for action! Physical exercise would be an excellent idea because you might need to release some pent-up steam. Meanwhile, this week, you're focused on money, cash flow, earnings and moneymaking ideas. Money that you expect might be delayed. This year, you will enjoy renovating or expanding your home. Others will change residences to something better. The upshot is that home and family life will bring you greater joy.

**Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19):**  
This year begins strong because the Sun is in your sign, boosting your energy and giving you a chance to recharge your batteries for the coming year! This is also an excellent week for you to buy wardrobe goodies, especially something that you have had your eye on for a while. You'll find it easy to collaborate with others. This is not surprising because this year, you will be more optimistic and upbeat than usual. It's a good year to take courses or advance your training or study in any way.

**Aquarius the Water Bearer (January 20-February 18):**  
This is a great week because you feel inspired, confident and full of goodwill to others. You are motivated to think about your values and future plans. You might want to relax as much as possible this week, and enjoy lazy but playful times. Nevertheless, a

competition or some kind of physical challenge, especially with friends and groups, might take place. In the bigger picture, many of you are going to get richer this year! You are setting out on a new journey (that actually began last year) of reinventing yourself.

**Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20):**  
This week things will flow smoothly. You'll be happy to see friends, and to play a leadership role in groups, clubs or organizations, whether via Zoom or in person. Jupiter is in your sign for the first time since 2010, and this makes you feel fantastic! You feel more hopeful for the future and confident in the present. You are entering a new 12-year cycle of growth in your life when you will discover what you really are as an individual. This year you will attract people and resources to help you.



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| 4038 Central Ave #16           | 94536 | 815,000               | 2 1210  | 2015  | 10/5/21 |  |
| 221 Bridalveil Falls Cmn #101h | 94539 | 815,000               | 2 1496  | 2020  | 10/8/21 |  |
| 260 H Street                   | 94536 | 940,000               | 2 816   | 1922  | 10/8/21 |  |
| 38398 Nebo Drive               | 94536 | 1,021,000             | 3 1120  | 1955  | 10/7/21 |  |
| 4679 Griffith Avenue           | 94538 | 1,100,000             | 3 1452  | 1963  | 10/5/21 |  |
| 118 Branta Common              | 94539 | 1,115,000             | 3 1792  | 2017  | 10/7/21 |  |
| 4520 Portola Drive             | 94536 | 1,125,000             | 3 1333  | 1953  | 10/5/21 |  |
| 4449 Carol Avenue              | 94538 | 1,170,000             | 3 1251  | 1959  | 10/5/21 |  |
| 48245 Arcadian Street          | 94539 | 1,180,000             | 3 1005  | 1963  | 10/8/21 |  |
| 37780 Alta Court               | 94536 | 1,250,000             | 3 1663  | 1954  | 10/4/21 |  |
| 3743 Langdon Cmn               | 94538 | 1,255,000             | 3 1637  | 1998  | 10/5/21 |  |
| 2859 Sterne Place              | 94555 | 1,267,000             | 3 1390  | 1969  | 10/4/21 |  |
| 49002 Meadowfaire Cmn          | 94539 | 1,270,000             | 3 1801  | 2004  | 10/5/21 |  |
| 37221 Maple Street             | 94536 | 1,300,000             | 3 1446  | 2007  | 10/5/21 |  |
| 4382 Cambria Street            | 94538 | 1,350,000             | 4 1696  | 1961  | 10/7/21 |  |
| 3545 Piazza Common             | 94538 | 1,350,000             | - -     | 0     | 10/7/21 |  |
| 40572 Ives Court               | 94538 | 1,350,000             | 3 1511  | 1960  | 10/7/21 |  |
| 3532 Piazza Common             | 94538 | 1,350,000             | - -     | 0     | 10/8/21 |  |
| 4594 Piper Street              | 94538 | 1,350,000             | 3 1148  | 1960  | 10/8/21 |  |
| 34320 Siward Drive             | 94555 | 1,436,000             | 3 1363  | 1986  | 10/8/21 |  |
| 34147 Tony Terrace             | 94555 | 1,450,000             | 3 1324  | 1988  | 10/5/21 |  |
| 5056 Lawler Avenue             | 94536 | 1,455,500             | 3 1242  | 1958  | 10/7/21 |  |
| 3906 Avocet Terrace            | 94555 | 1,500,000             | 4 1853  | 1987  | 10/8/21 |  |
| 295 Mortimer Avenue            | 94536 | 1,595,000             | 4 1889  | 1978  | 10/7/21 |  |
| 4461 Amiens Avenue             | 94555 | 1,648,000             | 3 1504  | 1986  | 10/7/21 |  |
| 150 Hillview Drive             | 94536 | 1,700,000             | 3 1645  | 1948  | 10/8/21 |  |
| 909 Gurnard Terrace            | 94536 | 1,730,000             | 5 2157  | 1995  | 10/6/21 |  |
| 41946 Via San Carlos           | 94539 | 1,800,000             | 4 2082  | 1963  | 10/8/21 |  |
| 2342 Night Shade Lane          | 94539 | 1,800,500             | 4 2252  | 1967  | 10/7/21 |  |
| 38022 Parkmont Drive           | 94536 | 1,810,000             | 5 1905  | 1961  | 10/7/21 |  |
| 4555 Balmoral Park Ct          | 94538 | 1,880,000             | 5 2275  | 1964  | 10/5/21 |  |
| 37748 Alta Court               | 94536 | 1,900,000             | 5 2148  | 1954  | 10/4/21 |  |
| 32965 Bluebird Loop            | 94555 | 1,950,000             | - 2293  | 1979  | 10/8/21 |  |
| 41711 Olympus Ave              | 94539 | 2,047,500             | 3 1764  | 1960  | 10/6/21 |  |
| 3767 Armour Court              | 94555 | 2,100,000             | 4 2120  | 1997  | 10/8/21 |  |
| 2385 Marion Avenue             | 94539 | 2,200,000             | - -     | 0     | 10/6/21 |  |
| 40360 Imperio Place            | 94539 | 2,220,000             | 3 1881  | 1975  | 10/5/21 |  |
| 45360 Medicine Bow Way         | 94539 | 2,221,500             | 4 2303  | 1978  | 10/6/21 |  |
| 589 Olive Avenue               | 94539 | 2,620,000             | 4 2674  | 1987  | 10/5/21 |  |
| 44412 Martingale Ct            | 94539 | 3,300,000             | 2 3389  | 1989  | 10/4/21 |  |
| 672 Hillcrest Terrace          | 94539 | 3,950,000             | 5 5367  | 1994  | 10/8/21 |  |

| HAYWARD   TOTAL SALES: 37    |       |                     |         |       |         |  |
|------------------------------|-------|---------------------|---------|-------|---------|--|
| Highest \$: 1,275,500        |       | Median \$: 780,000  |         |       |         |  |
| Lowest \$: 415,000           |       | Average \$: 791,230 |         |       |         |  |
| ADDRESS                      | ZIP   | SOLD FOR            | BDSSQFT | BUILT | CLOSED  |  |
| 1081 Armstrong St            | 94541 | 415,000             | 1 616   | 1905  | 10/7/21 |  |
| 934 Cheryl Ann Cir #27       | 94544 | 420,000             | 2 977   | 1979  | 10/8/21 |  |
| 26088 Kay Ave #204           | 94545 | 460,000             | 2 840   | 1985  | 10/8/21 |  |
| 25000 Copa Del Oro Dr #201   | 94545 | 512,000             | 2 855   | 1986  | 10/8/21 |  |
| 22820 Parkhill Court #4      | 94541 | 515,000             | 2 1063  | 1987  | 10/4/21 |  |
| 21564 Meekland Ave #2        | 94541 | 520,000             | 2 952   | 1989  | 10/8/21 |  |
| 22959 Sutron Street          | 94541 | 548,000             | 2 1013  | 1986  | 10/8/21 |  |
| 26937 Hayward Blvd #338      | 94542 | 560,000             | 2 1240  | 1982  | 10/4/21 |  |
| 22670 Zaballos Court         | 94541 | 575,000             | 2 1644  | 1955  | 10/6/21 |  |
| 819 Challenger Way           | 94544 | 600,000             | 2 1110  | 1988  | 10/5/21 |  |
| 21174 Locust Street          | 94541 | 630,000             | 3 950   | 1949  | 10/8/21 |  |
| 22103 Vista Del Plaza Ln #21 | 94541 | 635,000             | 3 1453  | 1982  | 10/7/21 |  |
| 21239 Gary Dr #20Se          | 94546 | 660,000             | 3 1354  | 0     | 10/5/21 |  |
| 21 Crystal Gate Cmns         | 94544 | 715,000             | 2 1520  | 1992  | 10/6/21 |  |
| 3252 Guillermo Pl #28        | 94542 | 725,000             | 2 1655  | 1983  | 10/8/21 |  |
| 2314 Star Avenue             | 94546 | 745,000             | 2 1308  | 1948  | 10/5/21 |  |
| 28526 Coleridge Ave          | 94544 | 745,000             | 4 1044  | 1959  | 10/8/21 |  |
| 327 Beale Drive              | 94544 | 762,000             | 4 1101  | 1950  | 10/7/21 |  |
| 447 Bartlett Avenue          | 94541 | 780,000             | 3 1556  | 1971  | 10/8/21 |  |
| 2566 Lancaster Road          | 94542 | 850,000             | 3 1666  | 1958  | 10/8/21 |  |
| 32136 Trevor Avenue          | 94544 | 860,000             | 3 1228  | 1955  | 10/4/21 |  |
| 26774 Clarkford Street       | 94544 | 870,000             | 4 1714  | 1939  | 10/6/21 |  |

|                        |       |           |        |      |         |  |
|------------------------|-------|-----------|--------|------|---------|--|
| 211 Fanuncio Lane      | 94544 | 870,000   | 3 1921 | 2017 | 10/7/21 |  |
| 677 Elizabeth Way      | 94544 | 880,000   | 3 1175 | 1955 | 10/5/21 |  |
| 562 B Street           | 94541 | 885,000   | 3 1567 | 1996 | 10/5/21 |  |
| 26584 Chiplay Avenue   | 94545 | 890,000   | 3 1128 | 1957 | 10/8/21 |  |
| 29104 Caravan Ln #24   | 94545 | 910,000   | 3 1867 | 2009 | 10/7/21 |  |
| 29934 Larrabee Street  | 94544 | 935,000   | 3 1770 | 1965 | 10/6/21 |  |
| 26975 Hayward Blvd     | 94542 | 945,000   | 3 1606 | 2007 | 10/5/21 |  |
| 497 Willow Avenue      | 94541 | 980,000   | 5 2189 | 1959 | 10/8/21 |  |
| 28582 Etta Avenue      | 94544 | 985,000   | 3 1527 | 1955 | 10/6/21 |  |
| 2108 Jubilee Drive     | 94541 | 1,050,000 | 4 1995 | 2017 | 10/6/21 |  |
| 22739 1st Street       | 94541 | 1,100,000 | 4 1976 | 1928 | 10/7/21 |  |
| 27108 Fielding Drive   | 94542 | 1,113,000 | 3 2212 | 1980 | 10/8/21 |  |
| 232 Valle Vista Avenue | 94544 | 1,140,000 | 6 2994 | 1949 | 10/5/21 |  |
| 1975 Bamboo Court      | 94545 | 1,215,000 | 4 2075 | 1996 | 10/8/21 |  |
| 27967 Edgecliff Way    | 94542 | 1,275,500 | 4 2993 | 1970 | 10/6/21 |  |

| MILPITAS   TOTAL SALES: 16 |       |                       |         |       |          |  |
|----------------------------|-------|-----------------------|---------|-------|----------|--|
| Highest \$: 2,325,000      |       | Median \$: 1,365,000  |         |       |          |  |
| Lowest \$: 400,000         |       | Average \$: 1,314,906 |         |       |          |  |
| ADDRESS                    | ZIP   | SOLD FOR              | BDSSQFT | BUILT | CLOSED   |  |
| 484 Dempsey Road #1869     | 95035 | 400,000               | 1 676   | 2007  | 11/23/21 |  |
| 1473 Cherry Circle         | 95035 | 732,500               | 1 910   | 2018  | 11/24/21 |  |
| 1482 Nightshade Road #319  | 95035 | 883,000               | 2 1072  | 2018  | 11/22/21 |  |
| 1762 Snell Place           | 95035 | 913,000               | 3 1253  | 2010  | 11/22/21 |  |
| 161 Lonetree Court         | 95035 | 1,012,000             | 3 1010  | 1967  | 11/23/21 |  |
| 880 Evans Road             | 95035 | 1,225,000             | 3 1588  | 0     | 11/23/21 |  |
| 1322 Acadia Avenue         | 95035 | 1,360,000             | 3 1484  | 1963  | 11/23/21 |  |
| 176 Casper Street          | 95035 | 1,361,000             | 3 1400  | 1956  | 11/24/21 |  |
| 1886 Joshua Tree Circle    | 95035 | 1,369,000             | 3 1727  | 2020  | 11/24/21 |  |
| 1635 Starlite Drive        | 95035 | 1,425,000             | 5 1692  | 1965  | 11/22/21 |  |
| 1402 Platt Avenue          | 95035 | 1,450,000             | 3 1176  | 1964  | 11/24/21 |  |
| 1408 Portola Drive         | 95035 | 1,508,000             | 4 1528  | 1966  | 11/24/21 |  |
| 1684 Edsel Drive           | 95035 | 1,570,000             | 5 1752  | 0     | 11/24/21 |  |
| 96 Ogden Court             | 95035 | 1,625,000             | 4 1808  | 1957  | 11/23/21 |  |
| 2321 Edsel Drive           | 95035 | 1,880,000             | 4 1856  | 1970  | 11/24/21 |  |
| 670 Perth Court            | 95035 | 2,325,000             | 5 2290  | 1981  | 11/24/21 |  |

| NEWARK   TOTAL SALES: 8 |       |                       |         |       |         |  |
|-------------------------|-------|-----------------------|---------|-------|---------|--|
| Highest \$: 2,090,000   |       | Median \$: 1,185,000  |         |       |         |  |
| Lowest \$: 600,500      |       | Average \$: 1,221,313 |         |       |         |  |
| ADDRESS                 | ZIP   | SOLD FOR              | BDSSQFT | BUILT | CLOSED  |  |
| 6904 Jarvis Avenue #33  | 94560 | 600,500               | 2 903   | 1982  | 10/5/21 |  |
| 37830 Taro Terrace      | 94560 | 965,000               | 3 1540  | 2015  | 10/8/21 |  |
| 5642 Camass Court       | 94560 | 1,100,000             | 3 2134  | 1969  | 10/8/21 |  |
| 35486 Orleans Drive     | 94560 | 1,150,000             | 3 1320  | 1960  | 10/7/21 |  |
| 36287 Indian Wells Dr   | 94560 | 1,220,000             | 4 1566  | 1965  | 10/4/21 |  |
| 5402 McLaughlin Ave     | 94560 | 1,250,000             | 4 1360  | 1962  | 10/8/21 |  |
| 5602 Chapman Drive      | 94560 | 1,395,000             | 3 1831  | 1963  | 10/5/21 |  |
| 5256 Hebrides Court     | 94560 | 2,090,000             | - 2184  | 1978  | 10/4/21 |  |

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Andrew Kong Knight's 100-foot-long Hayward Mural "Freedom from Borders" celebrates immigration with 13 soaring monarch butterflies. Monarchs are known to migrate from Mexico through the United States and even to Canada. In the same way, humans should have the freedom to move and seek shelter. Kong Knight's Hayward High School art students, and students from Mt. Eden and East Avenue school also helped in the original creation of this mural. However, some of the butterflies were stolen, leaving gaps in the West Tennyson display.

Because of many complaints about the missing butterflies by surrounding neighborhood residents, City of Hayward hired Kong Knight this November to repaint and replace three of the missing butterfly paintings. Unfortunately, in December yet another large five-foot painting also was pried off his mural and taken. On Friday, December 31, 2021, he replaced missing panels, reinforced all the butterfly paintings to the wall, and made final touch-ups and repairs to his mural. Kong Knight was not hired by anyone to recreate and replace this most recently robbed large butterfly public artworks, but he replaced all four on the day.

Kong Knight wanted to restore his mural in the spirit of the holidays, the new year and to

honor his mother who died earlier this month. She had just turned 90, and lived for the last seven years in a care home only a few blocks from the mural. Since his mother was not physically able to see the mural in person, Kong Knight brought the last of the large recreated butterflies for his mother to see at her care home just a few days before she passed away. Kong Knight is dedicating his butterfly mural to his mom, and will leave flowers, a message and her photo at the mural in her honor of her life and spirit.

The restored mural can be viewed at the corner intersection of West Tennyson Road and Patrick Avenue, at 1299 West Tennyson Road, Hayward, CA 94544.

See more of Kong Knight's work at [andrewkongknight.com](http://andrewkongknight.com).



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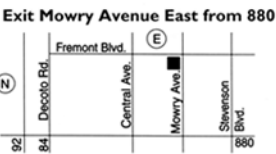
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## CONTINUING EVENTS

### **Mondays January 3 – February 7**

**Introduction to Drawing\$**  
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Increase your ability to draw  
Age Well Center Lake Elizabeth  
40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy, Fremont  
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### **First Tuesdays, December-January**

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

### **Tuesday – Sunday, October 9 – February 13**

**Color into Line: Pastels from the Renaissance to the Present**  
9:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.  
More than 80 works spanning five centuries  
Legion of Honor  
100 34th Ave., San Francisco  
[Legionofhonor.org](http://Legionofhonor.org)

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

50 Faces  
Thursday – Sunday, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.  
Mosaics of famous people  
Bankhead Theatre Gallery  
2400 First Street, Livermore  
[www.LivermoreArts.org](http://www.LivermoreArts.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)  
<https://bit.ly/3hsOGKG>

### **Wednesdays, January 12 – February 16**

**‘Train Your Brain’ Virtual Book Club**  
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Discuss books on Parkinson’s Disease  
Via Zoom  
(510) 675-5600  
[www.unioncity.org/parkinsons](http://www.unioncity.org/parkinsons)

### **Thursdays**

**Beginner Guitar Class**  
10 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
Learn the basics of guitar  
Age Well Center South Fremont  
47111 Mission Falls Ct., Fremont  
<http://bit.ly/AgeWellClasses>

## Arts & Entertainment

### **Second Thursdays, September 9 – June 9**

**Cafe Dad**  
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Program for fathers to support each other  
Virtual meetings via Zoom  
<https://husd-us.zoom.us/j/91644497730>  
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### **Saturdays and Sundays in January**

**LEGO® Model Train Exhibit**  
Local resident’s running Lego trains  
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
5007 Winsford Ct., Newark

## UPCOMING Events

### **Wednesday, January 5**

**Fremont Art Association meeting/demo artist**  
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
Guest artist demonstrates process of encaustic painting  
Via Zoom: link provided upon registration  
<https://bit.ly/3eHEiNY>

### **Saturday, January 8**

**Pollinator Power!**  
11 a.m. – 12 noon  
Explore the creatures who help plants grow  
Ardenwood Historic Farm  
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont  
[www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org)

### **Sunday, January 9**

**Victorian Fun and Games**  
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Play games from days gone by  
Ardenwood Historic Farm  
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont  
[www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org)

### **Sunday, January 9**

**Sister Swing**  
1 p.m.  
Music from the 30’s and 40’s  
Newark Jr. High School  
6210 Lafayette, Newark  
[www lov.org](http://www lov.org)

### **Tuesday, January 11**

**Know the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer’s**  
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
Recognize common signs, early detection and more  
Age Well Center South Fremont  
47111 Mission Falls Ct., Fremont  
<http://bit.ly/AgeWellClasses>

### **Thursday, January 13**

**How to Manage Weeds R**  
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
Ensure fewer weeds without herbicides  
[Cleanwaterprogram.org](http://Cleanwaterprogram.org)  
**Thursday-Saturday, January 13-15**  
**Roller Derby Training \$**  
Thursday and Friday 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
Saturday 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
Skate on a professional roller derby track  
Bring skates, proof of vaccination and mask  
Alameda County Fairgrounds  
4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton  
[Skatingderby.com](http://Skatingderby.com)

### **Friday-Sunday, January 14 – 16**

**Fremont Friends of the Library Book Sale\$**  
Friday 2 p.m. – 7 p.m.,  
Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
(\$1 per inch)  
Sunday 12 noon – 3 p.m.  
(\$5 per bag)  
Fremont Main Library  
2400 Stevenson Blvd. Fremont

### **Friday-Sunday, January 14 – January 23**

**Frozen Jr.**  
Friday 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday 2 p.m.  
Performance by Starstruck Theatre  
Smith Center at Ohlone College  
43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont  
[StarStruckTheatre.org](http://StarStruckTheatre.org)

### **Saturday, January 15**

**Always Something There to Remind Me**  
7:30 p.m.  
Cabaret artist performs Burt Bacharach and Hal David  
Castro Valley Center for the Arts  
19501 Redwood Rd., Castro Valley  
[www.cvartsfoundation.org](http://www.cvartsfoundation.org)

## Captain Chomnan Loth retires

SUBMITTED BY  
NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

After nearly two decades with Newark Police Department (NPD), Captain Chomnan Loth participated in his final department lineup on Thursday, December 16 before heading into retirement. In a December 18 public statement, NPD officials offered their thanks and congratulations to Loth who joined the department as an officer in 2002.

Early in his career, Loth worked the Patrol unit and as a detective assigned to the Gang Violence Suppression Task Force and Major Crimes Task Force. Later, he worked as a Field Training Officer, Defensive Tactics Instructor, Chemical Agent Instructor, Active-Shooter Response Instructor, and as a member of Special Weapons and Tactics and Sniper teams.

Loth was promoted to Sergeant in 2011, where he worked in Patrol, Support Services and as the Special Enforcement Team Sergeant. In 2014, he was promoted to Lieutenant and served as Operations Lieutenant overseeing Patrol, K9 Program, Special Enforcement Team, Major Crimes Task Force, and SWAT. In 2015 Loth was given NPD’s Life Saving Award for resuscitating a 3-year-old who nearly drowned.

In 2017 Loth, who is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, was promoted to Captain and most recently served as Operations Division Captain. Loth is the founding member and one of NPD’s recognized experts in crime prevention Though Environmental Design. He is credited for implementing NPD’s Taser program which helped improved safety measures.



He also played a significant role in enhancing neighborhoods by using “receivership” as a method to remedy blighted properties.

In addition to working full-time, Loth earned an associate of arts degree in Liberal Arts and an associate of science degree in Criminal Justice from Ohlone College. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Studies and Master of Science degree in Emergency Services Administration (Summa Cum Laude) from California State University Long Beach. In 2014, Loth earned a Doctor of Business Administration (Magna Cum Laude) degree from California Southern University.

In their statement, NPD officials said Loth will be remembered as a dedicated leader and for his commitment to supporting and mentoring newly promoted staff members.

EARTHTALK

Can we build wind farms that don’t harm wildlife?

By ALEXANDER BIRK

Dear EarthTalk: Has anyone figured out how to build wind farms that don't negatively impact birds, bats and other wildlife? Does building them off-shore help?

- Mary B, Hyannis, Massachusetts

As the U.S. tackles the issues of climate change, the Biden administration is investing in wind power as a key strategy for sustainably meeting the country's energy needs. Federal officials estimate that the U.S. coastline could host 30,000 megawatts of wind energy by 2030, which would be enough energy to power as many as 10 million American homes.

Wind power is a necessary tool for fighting climate change, but it can be a threat to birds. A 2013 study by the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute found wind turbines to be responsible for killing up to 328,000 birds annually in the U.S. alone. Bats, another species playing a vital role in ecosystems, are also seeing negative impacts by wind farms. Research has shown that larger, migratory bats are at the greatest risk. In response to these problems, the federal government has allocated \$13.5 million specifically earmarked to addressing the impact of windfarms on birds, bats and marine species.

Scientists are focusing their efforts on site analysis, species monitoring and wildlife deterrents. Large birds of prey are the bird species most at risk. In response, some wind farm developments are incorporating new technology that can recognize eagles, hawks and other raptors as they approach in enough time to pause any turbines in the flight path. This tool, called IdentiFlight, can detect 5.62 times more bird flights than human observers alone, and with an accuracy rate of 94%.

Developing the best strategies for protecting bats is a bit more of a challenge, but the U.S. Geological Survey is investigating migratory bat behavior with an interdisciplinary approach that will analyze migratory movements, mating and feeding behaviors to determine if they can find patterns that play a role in turbine collisions.

Locating wind farms offshore has been identified as a potential solution to species loss caused by on-land wind turbines. But as with any man-made structure, it is important to subject this potential solution to environmental impact assessments to have a clear understanding of the risks and possible benefits. One study in the United Kingdom found evidence that offshore wind farms could actually increase biodiversity if siting and timing of construction are chosen carefully. The study describes the structures acting as artificial reefs, mimicking natural habitat that can then be colonized by a diverse set of species.

Indeed, as we move toward utilizing more renewable energy, efforts to mitigate impacts on wildlife and surrounding ecosystems will take on increased importance to optimize the overall benefit to humanity and the environment we depend up on to sustain us.

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US has reunited 100 children taken from parents under Trump

By BEN FOX  
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A Biden administration effort to reunite children and parents who were separated under President Donald Trump's zero-tolerance border policy has made increasing progress as it nears the end of its first year.

The Department of Homeland Security planned Thursday to announce that 100 children, mostly from Central America, are back with their families and about 350 more reunifications are in process after it adopted measures to enhance the program.

"I would have loved to have this happen much more quickly. But we are making progress and I feel like we're gaining momentum," said Michelle Brane, executive director of the administration's Family Reunification Task Force.

President Joe Biden issued an executive order his first day in office to reunite families that were separated under the Trump administration's widely condemned practice of forcibly separating families and children at the U.S.-Mexico border to discourage illegal immigration.

The work of the task force has been complicated by a number of factors, including inadequate or missing records on the separated families, the sheer number of cases and the fact that many parents are in remote Central American communities and were unable to track down their children or get to the United States to retrieve them.

In September, the task force had reunited 50 families when the administration announced a partnership to speed up the effort with the International Organization for Migration and the creation of a web portal – Juntos.gov or Together.gov – for parents to contact the U.S. government and work through the reunification process.

About 5,500 children were forcibly removed from their parents under Trump, mostly in 2018, as

his administration sought to stop an increase in people crossing the U.S.-Mexico border with criminal prosecutions, even if the migrants were presenting themselves to authorities to seek asylum as permitted under the law.

Amid widespread condemnation, including from Republicans, Trump stopped the practice in June 2018 just days before a judge ordered an end to the program in response to a lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union.

Brane said in an interview ahead of Thursday's announcement that officials believe there are still about 1,150 children whose whereabouts have not been confirmed. The total fluctuates as some cases are resolved with new information and new ones emerge, including some who have reached out through the new web portal.

"Obviously, this is nowhere near the end," Brane said. "This is just the beginning of this ramp up and hopefully families will see that reunifications are happening and they will feel confident coming forward."

Parents and children, including some who arrived at U.S. airports this week, are being granted humanitarian parole to reside in the country for a minimum of three years and may pursue permanent status through asylum or another program. They are also receiving counseling services.

Hundreds of families have also filed lawsuits against the federal government.

The Justice Department last week told lawyers representing several groups families that it was withdrawing from settlement negotiations, after eight months of talks, and would defend each case in court.

That came after media reports of a proposed settlement that would include payments of several hundred thousand dollars to each affected person sparked outrage among Biden administration critics in Congress and elsewhere.

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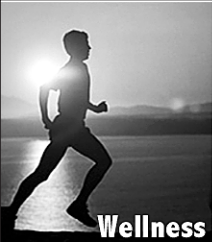
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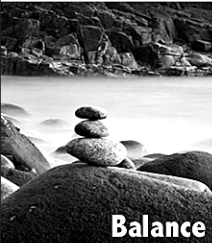
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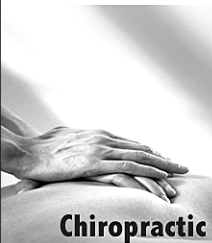
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## Park It

BY NED MACKAY

The new year brings resumption of in-person programs at East Bay Regional Park District visitor centers, in addition to online programs that will still be offered via the park district website, [www.ebpc.org](http://www.ebpc.org).

For example, the visitor center at Coyote Hills Regional Park in Fremont is open and wheelchair accessible from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, masks are required and social distancing must be maintained.

The center offers Discovery on Demand, a naturalist-hosted program, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday. Discovery includes a variety of hands-on activities, craft projects, and watching live animal feedings. All ages are welcome, though parental

participation is required.

The naturalists also offer programs at the center's nectar garden every Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. There's a vivarium where butterflies and other insects go through their life cycles. You can learn about pollinators, and how to set up your own native plant garden.

And there may still be space to register for an ethnobotany hike from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, January 8 with naturalist Dino Labiste. Dino will point out plants that are used as food, medicine and tools by the Ohlone Peoples, and discuss California Native techniques used to manage the land and restore natural resources.

The program is for ages eight and older, and free of charge. Registration and parent participation are required. To register, call (888) 327-2757. Refer to course 42934. For information, call (510) 544-3220.

Coyote Hills is located at the end of Patterson Ranch Road off

Paseo Padre Parkway. There's a parking fee of \$5 per vehicle.

Nearby at Ardenwood Historic Farm, Victorian fun and games are on the agenda from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 9. Visitors can try out stilt walking, and play a variety of old-time games. The program repeats at the same time on Sunday, January 23.

Ardenwood re-creates life on a prosperous 19th century estate. The centerpiece is the beautifully restored Patterson House, once home to the family that established the farm in the mid-19th century. Attractions include farm animals, harvesting in season, a narrow-gauge railroad, and a variety of special events.

Ardenwood is located at 34600 Ardenwood Boulevard, just north of Highway 84 in Fremont. For fees and hours of operation, call (510) 544-2797.

The Environmental Education Center (EEC) at Tilden Nature Area near Berkeley offers all kinds

of programs showcasing the natural history of the park.

The Naturalist's Trail is a series of easy, guided walks around the Nature Area from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays, January 9, 16 and 23. Meet at the EEC, which is at the north end of Tilden's Central Park Drive.

Another program, led by Tilden naturalist Gail Broesder, is the Over-The-Hills Gang. The informal gang consists of hikers ages 55 and older who enjoy exercise and nature exploration in various regional parks. Gail plans another hike from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11 at Leona Canyon in Oakland. Meet her at the trailhead at 770 Canyon Oaks Drive off Keller Avenue. There are no facilities at the trailhead.

For more information on EEC programs and Gail's next hike, call (510) 544-2233.

There's always something going on at Big Break Regional Shoreline in Oakley. The visitor center there has exhibits on the

remarkable natural and cultural history of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. There's an outdoor amphitheater, a scale model of the entire Delta waterway, a place to launch kayaks, and a pier from which abundant wildlife can be observed.

The visitor center offers free public programs every Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The January program is "Flyway Highway: Birding Road Trip."

And kids will enjoy Big Break Littles programs on the first and second Tuesday of the month from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. January's theme is "Bird Bingo."

Big Break is at 69 Big Break Road off Oakley's Main Street. Call (510) 544-2753.

For complete information on all the regional park district parks, trails, visitor centers and programs, check out the newly designed website, [www.ebpc.org](http://www.ebpc.org).

## California State University to require COVID-19 boosters

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California State University, the nation's largest four-year-public university, said Dec. 22 that it will require students, faculty and staff at its 23 campuses to get COVID-19 booster shots for the spring semester amid concerns about the highly contagious omicron variant.

The mandate, which allows for medical and religious exemptions, requires the boosters by Feb. 28, or six months after the final dose of vaccination. Individual campuses can impose earlier deadlines, the university said in a statement, adding it was still negotiating the requirement with labor unions.

"Vaccination, including a booster when eligible, remains our most effective strategy against infection and severe disease," CSU Chancellor Joseph I. Castro said in the statement. "This is particularly important in light of the rapid rise of cases of COVID-19 throughout the state and nation as the omicron variant spreads." California State University has about 485,000 students and 55,000 faculty and staff.

The announcement comes a day after the University of California announced a similar mandate for its

10 campuses, saying that a COVID-19 booster shot is required under the existing UC policy that says students and staff must keep their vaccination status up to date.

UC Chancellor Michael Drake outlined the policy in a letter to chancellors Dec. 21. Several UC campuses have announced that classes will begin remotely at the start of the new term, including UCLA, UC Irvine, UC Santa Cruz and UC San Diego. The delays of in-person classes range from one to two weeks, which campuses say will allow them to conduct extensive testing and reduce the risk of spreading illness after the winter recess.

Colleges across the country are bracing for the worst when students return from winter break and many see boosters as their best hope. More than 30 colleges have issued booster shot requirements in recent weeks, and others say they're thinking about it. The list includes large universities like Boston University, NYU, the University of Chicago, Michigan State University, the University of Oregon and dozens of smaller liberal arts and Ivy League campuses.

Much about the omicron coronavirus variant remains unknown, including whether it causes more or

less severe illness. Scientists say omicron spreads even easier than other coronavirus strains, including delta. Early studies suggest the vaccinated will need a booster shot for the best chance at preventing an omicron infection but even without the extra dose, vaccination still should offer strong protection against severe illness and death.

California has so far fared far better than many other states. Gov. Gavin Newsom said Dec. 22 that California has the lowest test positivity rate in the country, with 3.3% of COVID-19 tests coming back positive. But cases are surging as the more-transmissible omicron variant spreads through the state. New cases have nearly doubled from 5,400 last week to nearly 11,000 this week, he said during a news conference.



# Senior softball players at bat

SUBMITTED BY JOE FARIAS

Get those softball gloves oiled and ready, it’s almost time to hit the field and fill up the bases. Hayward Area Recreation District (HARD) Senior Softball league is gearing up for its 2022 season.

The league, open to men and women, is divided into three age divisions: 48-plus, 58-plus and 68-plus, and comprised of four to eight teams. Players are allowed to participate in more than one league. Games are played at Alden E. Oliver Sports Park, 2580 Eden Park Place, Hayward. Games usually start around 9:30 a.m. and finish before 12 noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. A general informational meeting for all divisions will be held Tuesday, January 11, 10 a.m. at San Felipe Park on D Street in Hayward.

To comply with COVID-19 health guidelines, players must wear facemasks except when batting, running bases, in the field or on defense during games. No more than three people will be allowed in the dugout at a time and players must stay six feet apart. Spectators are not allowed. The starting date for the 2022 season is Tuesday, March 15 and it will continue into September.

Season participation fee is \$85 for HARD residents who reside in Hayward, Castro Valley or San Lorenzo. An additional \$10 for players who live outside HARD district. Player applications can be downloaded from the league website at [www.hardseniorsoftball.com](http://www.hardseniorsoftball.com).

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# Lady cougars’ fight hard

SUBMITTED BY DARRYL REINA

Lady Cougars Varsity Team opened the tournament on Tuesday night, December 28 with a strong 66-42 win over Napa High School.

Tali Fa’i scored 19-points to lead the way, with teammate Jaydin Armas adding 16-points in the victory. In Wednesday’s semifinal the Lady Cougars battled a tough Sequoia High School squad and got a 39-37 final score. The team hit eleven 3-point field goals and came away with a quality win.

The Lady Cougars faced, defending tournament champion, Lick-Wilmerding High School of San Francisco in the tournament final. The Tigers led 37-22 at the half, but the Lady Cougars rallied in the early portion of the 3rd quarter to cut the margin to six points, before losing by the score of 66-46. Fa’i scored 19-points, with Armas adding 15-points in the loss.

Fa’i and Armas were named to the All-Tournament Team.

Newark Memorial Junior Varsity squad advanced to the final with a 50-42 overtime win over Castro Valley on the second day of the three-day tournament. The lady cougars fought hard in the final game pushing it into overtime, but ultimately getting second place with a close score of 48-43 against Menlo-Atherton High School of Atherton, California.

The Lady Cougars thank Newark Optimist Club for their support and thank all the players, coaches, officials, parents and fans for supporting our 33rd Annual Tournament.

# Free lacrosse clinics

SUBMITTED BY GREG MENGIS

Spartans Lacrosse, serving Tri-City, will host free clinics for beginners and experienced players. Clinics will include drills focused on stick and foot work for all skill levels.

Boys and girls from ages six through high school are welcome. This is a great opportunity for returners to shake the rust off and start getting ready for spring season and for new players to check out this fast-paced sport in a great learning environment!

Sticks for beginners and some loaner gear will be available.

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# Elbit Systems to study human-robot interaction

## THE ROBOT REPORT

BY BRIANNA WESSLING

Ofentimes, autonomous robots operate in human-free environments, like logistics centers or automated production lines. It can be hard for humans to adjust to working around robots, and vice versa. Recently, Israel Innovation Authority approved a new innovation consortium for Human-Robot Interaction (HRI).

The consortium will be led by Elbit Systems C4I and Cyber. It will bring together academic researchers studying AI, computer science and behavioral science and robotics companies. The goal is to develop an innovative HRI infrastructure.

“Our selection by the Israel Innovation Authority, to lead a Human-Robot Interaction consortium reflects our expertise in the fields of autonomous systems and manned-unmanned teaming,” Yossi Cohen, Elbit and Cyber chief technology officer, said. “We are looking forward to collaborating with additional industry partners that specialize in these

fields, that will join us in the consortium.”

The goal for many in the industry is to see humans working alongside robots, where robots are performing dull, dirty and dangerous jobs, while humans focus on tasks that require creativity and critical thinking.

Communication between humans and robots is key for a productive working environment, but that doesn’t come naturally. Robotic systems need to be familiar with the ways that humans communicate, verbally and non-verbally. Robots also need to be aware of any relevant social codes that could change the way humans interact.

“Israel Innovation Authority is working to close technology gaps in the field of robotics using various tools as well as by promoting knowledge transfer from the defense sector and academia to the wider industry,” Dr. Aviv Zeevi, VP of technological infrastructure at the Israel Innovation Authority, said.

Elbit Systems is an Israeli-based international defense and electronics company. It has been working with



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# US probes potential of drivers playing video games in Teslas

BY TOM KRISHER, AP AUTO WRITER

The U.S. has opened a formal investigation into a report that Tesla vehicles allow people to play video games on a center touch screen while they are driving.

The probe by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration covers about 580,000 electric cars and SUVs from model years 2017 through 2022.

The action follows a complaint to the agency that Teslas equipped with “gameplay functionality” allow games to be played by the driver while the vehicles are moving.

In a document posted Wednesday on its website, the agency says the feature, called “Passenger Play,” may distract the driver and increase the risk of a crash.

The agency’s Office of Defects Investigation said in the document that the game capability has been available since December of 2020. Before that date, the games could only be played while the Teslas were in park.

The probe, which covers all four Tesla models, the S, X, Y and 3, was opened “to evaluate the driver distraction potential of Tesla ‘Passenger Play’ while the vehicle is being driven.” Investigators “will evaluate aspects of the feature, including the frequency and use scenarios of Tesla “Passenger Play.”

The NHTSA documents do not list any crashes or injuries caused by the problem.

An investigation can lead to a recall. A message was left early Wednesday seeking comment from Tesla, which has disbanded its media relations department.

Tesla owner Vince Patton, who lives near Portland, Oregon, filed the complaint with the agency last month. In August, he was watching a YouTube video of a Tesla owner who discovered that he could now play a video game on his touch-screen while the vehicle is moving.

Curious to see for himself, Patton drove his own 2021 Tesla Model 3 to an empty community college parking lot, activated a game called “Sky Force Reloaded” from a menu and did a few loops.

“I was just dumbfounded that, yes, sure enough, this sophisticated video game came up,” said Patton, a 59-year-old retired broadcast journalist who lives near Portland, Oregon.

He tried Solitaire, too, and was able to activate that game while driving. Later, he found he could browse the internet while his car was moving.

Patton, who loves his car and says he has nothing against Tesla, worries that drivers will play games and become dangerously distracted.

“Somebody’s going to get killed,” he said. “It’s absolutely insane.”

So he filed the complaint early last month.

“NHTSA needs to prohibit all live video in the front seat and all live interactive web browsing while the car is in motion,” Patton wrote in his complaint. “Creating a dangerous distraction for the driver is recklessly negligent.”

Earlier in December, Mercedes-Benz issued a recall for a similar issue caused by a computer configuration error, raising questions about whether Tesla was being allowed to do something that other automakers are not. Most automakers disable front touch screens while vehicles are moving.

In the Mercedes case, drivers could browse the internet or watch television while the cars were moving. The automaker said it intended to disable the features while the cars are in motion. The issue was corrected by updating a Mercedes server.

NHTSA already is investigating why Tesla’s “Autopilot” partially automated driving system keeps crashing into stopped emergency vehicles, and it has inquired about why Tesla didn’t file recall documents when it did an over-the-air internet update in an effort to address the safety problem. It’s also looking into the performance of Tesla’s “Full Self-Driving” software after getting a complaint that it nearly caused a crash.

Tesla says neither system can drive vehicles and that drivers must be ready to intervene at all times.

# OPINION



WILLIAM MARSHAK

## A sad anniversary

New Year celebrations usually signify hope for a happy, prosperous and better year than the one preceding it. A different type of commemoration awaits us this year as the calendar marks a date – January 6th – that is riddled with shame and possible demise of civil discourse in our country. Unlike many other historical moments recognizing disasters that encouraged unanimity, resolve and shared commitment, the events of January 6, 2021 were a national disgrace that heightened divisions within our own population, encouraging violence, deceit, rejection of facts and faith in fellow human beings.

Although there are many historical examples of loutish behavior and inhumanity resulting in suffering, violence and death, the shocking sight of fellow Americans storming the nation's capital, intent on overthrowing our constitutional government is among the most heinous. A deeply disturbing theme of dictatorial governance showing ignorance and disrespect for the very flag carried by rioters, propels this incident to the top of a list of infamous events in American recorded history.

A country that prides itself on the rule of law, its constitution and legislative power conditionally granted to those who govern by the governed descended into a prime example of a population gone mad without reason or control.

It may be that a silver lining of this catastrophe will energize our leadership and their electorate that the behavior by a cohort of zealots is a wake-up call to actively reject such behavior and recognize the important role and context of dissent within a civilized society. Dissent and debate of issues is a vital part of a democratic system and should not be stifled or removed from our societal responsibilities. However, this tool, just like any other, needs to be used wisely and with an understanding that the ultimate goal is persuasion rather than subjugation.

We have entered an election year that will provide a signal for a broad swath of the nation and beyond. A clear statement by politicians should indicate if the behavior of January 6, 2021 insurrectionists is condoned, whether by misled participants or true believers. A fundamental question facing voters this year is how they will respond to those unwilling or unable to represent our national conscience and its constitution. An unambiguous denunciation of personality cults and authoritarian rule is critical to continue this nation's struggle for a free, fair and moral society.

January 6th is an indelible stain that cannot be removed by wishful thinking or selective amnesia. It can and should be remembered for its stark reminder that this republic stands or falls on the basis of shared goals and belief in the value of all inhabitants. Tyrannies and dictatorships depend on hatred, distrust and artificial value systems that elevate the chosen while depressing "others" to serf status. Although this country's history is peppered with examples of hypocrisy, it has, so far, clung to the belief that there is a better future with hope to achieve the ideals of our political system while understanding and acknowledging previous faults and failures.

Chapter 2022 is just beginning. With the new year, let's resolve to choose a path of reconciliation and harmony.

William Marshak  
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## Alameda County schools at-home COVID tests

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In response to California Governor Newsom's recent announcement that six million at-home COVID tests would be earmarked and distributed to K-12 public and charter school students returning to school from winter break in January, Alameda County Office of Education is coordinating the distribution of nearly 150,000 test kits to districts and schools across Alameda County.

The tests are being provided by the state as an important mitigation against the surging Omicron variant as students and staff return to school from winter break. This effort is part of the state's commitment to keep students in schools. Deliveries of test kits are underway across the state.

Castro Valley Unified School District is one of the Alameda County districts that has received a direct allotment from the state.

To kick off the program locally, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond was to join Alameda County Superintendent of Schools L.K. Monroe on Friday, December 31 at Canyon Middle School in Castro Valley to assist in the distribution of free, at-home COVID-19 antigen tests to local families whose children are preparing to return to school in January. Other districts are quickly following.

Meanwhile, districts and individual schools throughout Alameda County are strongly encouraging families to report at-home test results to the Primary Health platform to provide local and state health officials with key data on the state of the pandemic in California schools. Their website is <https://primary.health>.

For more information about COVID-19 and schools, visit the School Reopening Information and Resources page on the Alameda County Office of Education website at [www.acoe.org/reopening](http://www.acoe.org/reopening).

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Is the COVID-19 vaccine safe for children?

By LAURAN NEERGAARD  
AP Medical Writer

Is the COVID-19 vaccine safe for children?

Yes, U.S. regulators authorized Pfizer's vaccine for younger children after millions of 12- to 17-year-olds already safely got the shot, the only one available for children in the country.

More than 5 million children ages 5 to 11 have gotten a first dose since early November, and government safety monitoring has not uncovered any surprise problems.

This age group gets kid-size doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, a third of the amount used to vaccinate everyone 12 or older. The Food and Drug Administration cleared the shots based on a study showing the kid-size doses were 91% effective at preventing symptomatic COVID-19. The

5- to 11-year-olds developed virus-fighting antibodies as strong as those of teens and young adults who got regular doses, with similar or fewer annoying reactions such as sore arms, fever or achiness.

The FDA assessed the safety of the kid-size doses in 3,100 vaccinated youngsters. Regulators deemed that enough data, considering the trove of safety information from hundreds of millions of larger doses given to adults and teens worldwide.

Very rarely, teens and young adults given the Pfizer vaccine or a similar one made by Moderna experience a serious side effect, heart inflammation, or what doctors call myocarditis. It's mostly in young men or teen boys, and usually after the second dose. They tend to recover quickly, and after intense scrutiny U.S. health authorities concluded the vaccine's benefits outweigh that small risk.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is looking into a handful of reports of heart inflammation, mostly mild

and brief, among 5- to 11-year-olds since vaccinations of that age group began.

To put the risk in context, COVID-19 also causes heart inflammation, often a more severe kind, said Dr. Matthew Oster, a pediatric cardiologist at Emory University. It also sometimes occurs in children who get a multisystem inflammatory syndrome after a coronavirus infection.

Before the pandemic, doctors regularly diagnosed heart inflammation caused by bacterial or viral infections or medications, again mostly in teen boys and young men. Oster said one theory is that testosterone and puberty play a role, which is partly why many experts expect any vaccine-related risk would be lower for younger kids getting a smaller dose.

Water content of California snowpack far above normal levels

By KATHLEEN RONAYNE  
Associated Press

California's mountain snow holds 160% of the water it normally does this time of year, state water officials announced Dec. 30, marking a strong start to the drought-stricken state's traditionally wet winter season.

Still, it's too early to determine whether California will see enough rain and snow in the months to come to put a dent in the drought. The state is “definitely not out of the woods quite yet,” said Sean de Guzman, manager of the snow surveys and water supply forecasting for the California Department of Water Resources.

De Guzman spoke at Phillips Station, one of hundreds of locations where state officials make manual or electronic snowpack measurements multiple times per year. About a third of California's water supply comes from snow as it melts and flows down from the Sierra Nevada and the Shasta-Trinity mountain range in northern California.

California just finished its second-driest year on record and many of the state’s reservoirs that supply water for tens of millions of people are at historic lows. But several powerful storms swept through the state this month, dumping snow and causing some road closures and major disruptions.

The storms made for a far more positive snow reading than last December, when water levels in the snowpack were at just 52% of the historical average.

Feet of snow don't translate directly into feet of water, so state officials report both the height of the snow and the amount of water runoff it would generate. At Phillips Station, where the Dec. 30 measurement was taken, de Guzman reported 78.5 inches of snow. That contains 20 inches of water, he said.

That's 202% of the historical average for that location and 82% of what's typically there on April 1, when the snowpack hits its peak. De Guzman said the state needs strong precipitation in the next three months to get to or above the typical April average, leaving plenty of water to run down the mountains and into California's streams and reservoirs.

Meanwhile, state Department of Water Resources Director Karla Nemeth said the strong December numbers don't change the state's plea for Californians to conserve water. Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom called for a voluntarily 15% reduction in water use back in July, but the state is far from meeting that goal. State officials have warned mandatory water restrictions could be coming if conditions don't improve.

“We need more storms and average temperatures this winter and spring, and we can't be sure it's coming,” Nemeth said in a statement. “So, it's important that we continue to do our part to keep conserving -- we will need that water this summer.”

In 2013, California saw a wet December followed by an extremely dry January and February during the last drought, state officials noted in a news release. California is in its second acute drought in the last decade. Scientists say much of the U.S. West is enveloped in a megadrought made worse by climate change.

Most of California is in a severe to extreme drought, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. Only a small part of northern California along the Oregon border is in what's considered an “exceptional drought,” the worst condition. That's down significantly from September, when 45% of the state was gripped by exceptional drought.

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The Westminster Kennel Club's annual dog show has become the latest event to be postponed or canceled in New York as the number of coronavirus cases surges. The club's board of governors announced Dec. 29 it was postponing its 2022 event, scheduled for late January, to later in the year. A new date wasn't given.

“The health and safety of all participants in the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show are paramount,” the group said in a

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

By RUSSELL GLOOR FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF MATURE AMERICAN CITIZENS

Ask Rusty – Should I Quit Work to Preserve My Social Security Benefit?

Dear Rusty: I recently took a big pay cut in my job. Several older friends have advised that I not continue to work much longer in this reduced paying job because it will affect my Social Security when I get ready to start drawing it. I'm currently 62 and thought about working until around 65. Friends are advising that my SS check will be smaller due to the decrease in pay. I have tried calling my local and National Social Security office and can't get anyone to answer the phones to see if this is true. I don't want to take this pay cut only to work (maybe) 3 more years and take a lower SS benefit when I can retire now and draw a bigger SS check. Advice, please! Signed: Anxious About Social Security

Dear Anxious: I think your well-meaning friends are causing you unnecessary anxiety, because your Social Security benefit isn't computed from your last several years of earnings. Rather, it is your lifetime earnings which determine your base Social Security benefit, known as your Primary Insurance Amount (PIA). Your PIA is what you get if you claim exactly at your full retirement age (FRA) which, for you, is 66 years and 10 months. If you claim SS before your FRA, your benefit will be permanently cut (by about 29% if you claim at 62 and about 12% if you claim at 65).

Your PIA is computed using the highest earning 35 years of earnings (adjusted for inflation) over your lifetime, and your most recent earnings would affect your SS benefit only to the extent they are among the lifetime 35 years used. If you don't yet have a full 35 years of earnings, then to quit working now would actually hurt your SS benefit, because SS always uses 35 years to compute your benefit, even if you don't have a full 35 years of earnings. In that case, they would use “zero” earnings for enough years to make it 35, and those zero-earning years would mean a smaller benefit. So even if your recent earnings are lower than before, they are still more than the \$0 that SS will use if you don't have at least 35 years, so those lower earnings will help your SS benefit not hurt it.

The bottom line is this: your SS benefit won't be cut just because you now have lower earnings; rather your benefit will be based on your highest earning 35 years over your lifetime. But any benefit estimate you received in the past would have been calculated on the assumption that you would continue to earn at your most recently reported level until you reach your FRA. You've taken a cut in pay since then. So, whether you stop working now or just take a lower salary, your actual benefit when you claim will be less than your recent estimate from Social Security. Note too that it is a common misconception that SS benefits are based on the last ten years of earnings; that is incorrect. Your benefit amount will be computed using your average monthly earnings over your lifetime (the 35 years in which you earned the most, adjusted for inflation).

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Virus postpones Westminster Kennel Club’s dog show

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statement. “We appreciate the community's continued interest and support as we delay the show to a time when we can safely convene.”

The 144-year-old dog show attracts thousands of competitors from around the U.S. and is normally held in February, with semifinal and final rounds at Madison Square Garden. Last year, it was moved to June and held outdoors at the Lyndhurst estate in suburban Tarrytown, north of New York City. Spectators weren't allowed, and human participants had to be vaccinated or newly tested.

A Pekingese named Wasabi won best in show, beating out a whippet, a French bulldog, an old English sheepdog, a German shorthaired pointer, a Samoyed and a West Highland white terrier.

With COVID-19 cases now exploding around the U.S., the postponement comes less than two weeks after more than 8,500 canines, owners and handlers converged for another top U.S. dog show, the American Kennel Club National Championship in Orlando, Florida.

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DANGEROUS  
WILD MUSHROOMS

SUBMITTED BY JEN VANYA, EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

With early season atmospheric rivers bringing much needed rain to the East Bay regional parks, wild mushrooms -- including the toxic death cap mushroom -- are beginning to fruit throughout the region.

It will be a prolific year for all fungi, which are an ecologically important part of parklands. Some of them contain dangerous toxins, with two of the world's most toxic mushrooms, the death cap (Amanita phalloides) and Western destroying angel (Amanita ocreata), both found in the Bay Area during the rainy season.

The death cap and Western destroying angel mushrooms contain amatoxins, molecules that are deadly to many animals if consumed. Symptoms may not appear until up to 12 hours after consumption, beginning as severe gastrointestinal distress and progressing to liver and kidney failure if treatment is not sought immediately.

East Bay Regional Park District Naturalist Trent Pearce documents and teaches about fungi in the Bay Area. "Both of these mushrooms are mainly associated with oak trees and can be found growing anywhere oak roots are present," Pearce warned. "They can also be lethal to humans and pets if consumed."

Usually fruiting in fall, death cap is a medium to large mushroom that typically



Death Cap

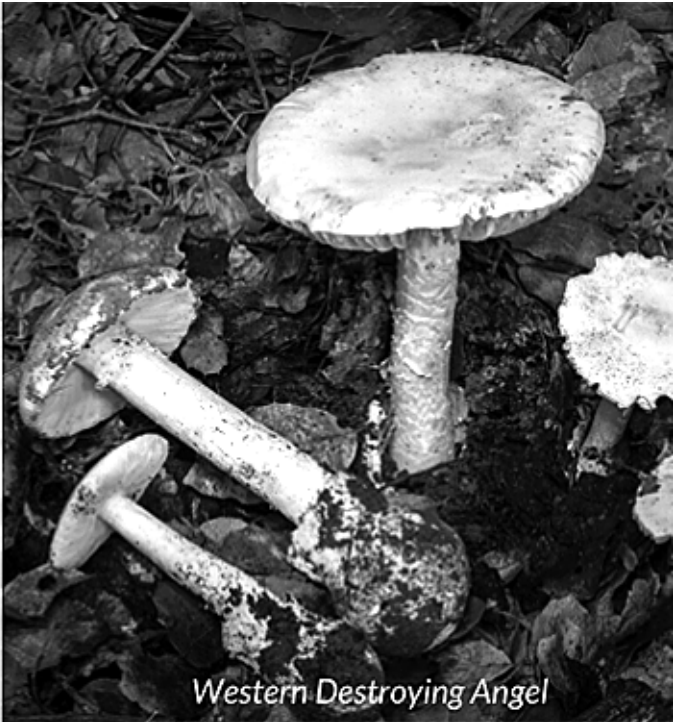
has a greenish-gray cap, white gills, a white ring around the stem, and a large white sac at the base of the stem. Although the death cap is mainly associated with oak trees, it has been found growing with other hardwoods. It was accidentally introduced to North America on the roots of European cork oaks and is now slowly colonizing the West Coast. The death cap is not native to California.

The Western destroying angel is a medium to large mushroom that usually has a creamy white cap, white gills, a white ring around the stem that can disappear

with age, and a thin white sac at the base. It fruits from late winter into spring. It is associated exclusively with oaks. Unlike the death cap, the Western destroying angel is a native California mushroom.

"The best way to stay safe is to learn to recognize our poisonous mushroom species," Pearce explained. "Collecting mushrooms in East Bay Regional Parks is prohibited, but we encourage people to take photos of them and enjoy them like you would wildflowers or birds."

The death cap and Western destroying



Western Destroying Angel

angel can also be dangerous for pets. Dog owners should keep a close watch on their dogs during the winter months and contact a veterinarian immediately if they suspect their pet may have eaten a toxic mushroom.

While the death cap and western destroying angel mushrooms are responsible for most cases of mushroom poisonings in California, deadly toxins can also be found in Galerina and Lepiota mushroom species, which also occur in the Bay Area.

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## Susan Katherine Kazarinoff

Fremont, CA

Susan Katherine Kazarinoff passed away in the summer of 2021 after a long and difficult struggle with Primary Progressive Aphasia, a rare and little-known disease.

Susan was born in southwest Ohio in the suburbs of Dayton and moved with her family at a very young age to Phoenix, Arizona. It was in Phoenix where she was raised to adulthood and graduated from West Phoenix High School in 1958. She then attended Arizona State University and graduated in 1962 with a bachelor's degree in Education. After college, Susan moved to Fremont, California where she taught elementary school in the Fremont Unified School District and married Constantine Donatovich Kazarinoff, a Math teacher in the district, in 1963.

Among her many accomplishments, Susan earned a master's degree in Special Education from Holy Names College at the age of forty and a doctorate in Education from Lincoln University at age forty-six, all while raising three rambunctious boys. She finished her decades-long career as an educator at Brier Elementary School in Fremont working as a Resource Specialist with the education level of doctor. She was known among students and colleagues as "Dr. K."

Susan loved to travel the world, especially in retirement.



Destinations included Canada, Germany, Austria, France, Italy, Scotland, and Russia in both the Soviet and Russian Republic eras. She especially loved to visit England.

But her greatest accomplishment was being a loving wife, mother, and grandmother as well as a warm and caring friend to dozens if not hundreds.

She is survived by her son Robert Kazarinoff and his wife Linda Kazarinoff of Meridian, Idaho; sons Donat Kazarinoff and David Kazarinoff, both of Fremont, California; brother William Becker of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; brother Steve Becker of Tacoma, Washington; and sister Linda Smith of Sparks, Nevada. She is also survived by her three granddaughters Sarah, Sophia, and Olivia Kazarinoff, all of Meridian, Idaho.

## Nancy Micheli

July 21, 1936 – December 27, 2021

Resident of Union City

Nancy passed away on Monday, December 27 at the age of 85 at Kaiser Permanente in Fremont surrounded by her children. She is survived by four of her children and eight grandchildren.

Nancy Micheletti was born in San Francisco on July 21, 1936. She was the eldest of three daughters, both of her sisters preceded her in death. She married her beloved husband Bruno Micheli (deceased 2012) on October 19, 1957. Together they had 6 beautiful children – Paul Anthony (deceased in 1983), James Christopher, John Joseph (deceased in 2021), Susan Rachel, Peter Albert, and Enrico Bruno.

Nancy was very loving, kind and hardworking. She liked to write poetry and short stories. She was a savvy investor and



liked to play the stock market. Quick witted and full of spunk, she could make just about anyone blush with her colorful sense of humor. Throughout all of the trials and tribulations she faced in life, she never lost her childlike sense of curiosity and always had a mischievous twinkle in her eyes.

Services have been held.

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## MELYN TACLOB GUZMANA

May 20, 1960 – December 19, 2021

Fremont, California



Mama MELYN was known for her bright, beautiful smile and charisma. She was the most peace-loving, caring, patient and calm person of all time. No wonder she was adored by so many and loved by her kids, grandkids & in-laws. She enjoyed singing, gardening and cooking. Mama was a faithful follower of Jesus Christ, was very active member of her Baptist Church, ladies fellowship & choir group in the Philippines.

She was a valedictorian, had a Master's degree in Public Administration, and was a public servant for more than 30 years. She was later promoted to Population Program Officer II at the Provincial of Social Welfare & Development in Oroquieta City, Mis. Occ., Philippines. She had to retire early to be with her eldest daughter in the US and was briefly employed at the Institute on Aging in San Francisco.

Melyn is widowed and was a loyal wife of Mr. Daniel Mas Guzman, Sr., she is survived by her 4 kids (2 daughters & 2 sons), 3 Grandkids & 2 son-in-laws, namely; Honey G. Azcuna (daughter), Phillip J. Azcuna (son-in-law), Alex P. Azcuna (grandson), Amber M. Azcuna (granddaughter), Precious G. Zapanta (daughter), Paolo Zapanta (son-in-law), Zachi G. Zapanta (granddaughter), Daniel

T. Guzman, Jr. (son), Chardrich T. Guzman (son), Ruth G. Sabijon (Best friend and sister-in-law).

One her favorite Bible verses was and is:

*Finally, brothers & sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me--put it into practice. -Philippians 4:8*

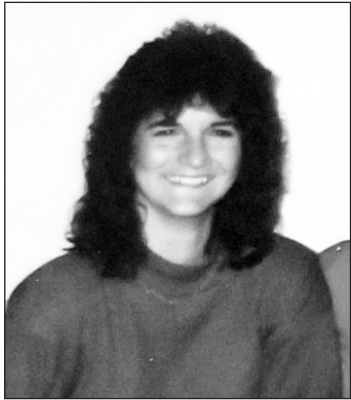
A Viewing and funeral will be held Friday, January 14, 2021 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Fremont Chapel of the Roses 1940 Peralta Blvd., Fremont.

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## Adrienne M. Farrell

February 29, 1960 – December 18, 2021

Resident of Fremont



Adrienne passed away unexpectedly on December 18, 2021 at the age of 61. She is predeceased by her parents Donald and Doris Farrell. She is survived by her fiancé Tommy Davis; her sisters Melody Ticknor, Theresa McCorkhill and Darlene Yee; her nephews Kellen Yee, Darren Mc-

Corkhill and Dustin Ticknor; her nieces Stephanie Luther, Holly Robinson, Ashley Yee-Mazawa and Tara McCorkhill; her great nieces Lilli Robinson, Amelia Robinson, Harper Davis, Sophie McCorkhill, Zella Yee-Mazawa and Penelope Yee-Mazawa; and her great nephew Shaun McCorkhill.

She was an animal lover her entire life. She had many pet cats over the years and was known to foster them on occasion. She enjoyed making cross-stitch patterns.

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Anthony (Tony)

May 10, 1935 – December 17, 2021

Resident of Visalia

G. Camarena Entered into rest on December 17th, 2021 in Visalia, CA at the age of 86. He is survived by his wife of 67 years Esperanza “Hope” Camarena; his children: Tony Camarena Jr. and his wife Nova, John Camarena Sr. and his wife Emma, Susie Orozco and her husband Jeff Sr., Robert Camarena Sr. and his wife Annette, Paul Camarena Sr. and his wife Anna, and Christina Castro and her husband Jose; his grandchildren: Rebecca, Analicia, Alex, Elysha, Andrea, Monica, Antoinette, Marquita, Antonio, Philip, John, Jerome, Jennifer, Robert, Joseph, Xavier, Michael, Ericka, Katherine, Dominique, Richard, Jeffrey, Lauren, Paul Jr, Josephine, Matthew, Elizabeth, Alexandra, Claudette, and Cassandra; 52 great-grandchildren; and 5 great-great grandchildren. He is also survived by his son-in-law Alex Cruz, and siblings: Armando (Eddie), Mary, Delia, Patricia, Juanita (Jenny), Victoria, Victor, Ignascio (Bob), and Juan (John). He is preceded in death by his daughters: Patricia Cruz in 2019 and Mary Camarena in 2020.

Born on May 10th, 1935 in Wichita, KS, Tony was the eldest of 10 children to Francisco and Valentina Camarena. Anthony married Lorenza Esperanza Duron in 1954 at Holy Family Church in San Jose, CA. Over the years Tony worked as an orderly at Agnews State Hospital in Santa Clara, at a cannery, and



as a garbage man for the City of San Jose. He retired in May of 1995 as a bus driver for the Santa Clara Valley Transit Authority (Badge #0178) after 21 years of service. He coached various teams while his sons played baseball in San Jose from little league teams to adult. He wore jersey #1 while coaching & managing the Aztecas team which was a part of the Mexican American Men’s Softball League. Visitation will be January 6, 2022, Thursday, 5:00-8:00pm with a Vigil Service 5:30pm at Fremont Memorial Chapel, 3723 Peralta Blvd., Fremont. Funeral Mass is January 7, 2022, Friday 11:00am at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, 703 C St., Union City.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A Christmas Manger Question

Thousands of Nativity scenes now grace the nation's churches, civic centers and homes in the spirit of peace and goodwill.

Surely that sentiment should include the animals, too, yes? Yet, sadly, the adoring animals gathered around the Holy Family in the manger -- horses, cattle, sheep, goats -- are the very same animals exploited and abused in the nation's rodeo arenas throughout the rest of the year.

I cannot believe that either Jesus or God would approve. Nor should anyone else. The United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales) outlawed rodeos back in 1934. Can the U.S. be far behind?

As Gandhi famously wrote, “The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.” Words to live by.

Season's Greetings,

Eric Mills, coordinator  
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Patricia Galli

August 19, 1950 – December 21, 2021

Resident of Fairfield

Patricia Galli entered into eternal rest on December 21, 2021 in Fairfield, California. Born August 15, 1950 in Alameda, California to Isabel and Theodore Garcia, she was 71 years old and a life-long Bay Area resident. Patricia is survived by her son, Michael Galli and wife, Carol; son, Peter Galli; grandchild, Johnathan Galli; and many cousins, god-children, nieces and nephews. Patricia grew up in Fremont, California and attended Mission San Jose High School as the first four-year class to graduate from that school, in 1968. At MSJHS she was a member of the tennis team, volleyball team and the cheerleading squad. While in high school, she met her soon-to-be sweetheart Albert, marrying him in 1969. Soon after the wedding, Albert was stationed in West Germany, and back in Fremont Patricia gave birth to their first son Michael.

Returning from the Army, Albert and Patricia moved to Hayward and San Leandro, where Peter was born. The family moved to Fremont for a short time, before settling in Fairfield. Patricia was an enthusiastic participant in everything she did. After moving to Fairfield, she became a room mother for Michael's 4th grade class. A year later the school district hired her as an Instructional Aide. Initially Patricia worked in elementary classrooms with gifted students. She attended many training courses and conferences to expand her skills in education. Patricia began working in K-2 special needs classes and constantly pushed herself to learn more to provide the best education she could give. Patricia retired after more than 35 years of service with the school district. For many of those years she was an active member of the CSEA local in Fairfield, taking on roles

of Secretary and other vital duties. Outside of work, she was a member of the Sons & Daughters of Italy, often working with the kitchen crew for dinners, playing cards with lodge brothers and sisters, as well as helping with the Christmas fundraiser and scholarship programs. A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 8, 2022 at 1 PM, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Fremont. Due to Covid restrictions, there will not be a reception immediately afterwards. In lieu of flowers, donations in her remembrance may be made to Hanna Boys Center, a teen residential treatment center in Sonoma, California, with an on-campus accredited high school, Archbishop Hanna High School, serving 8th through 12th grade students with at-risk youth programs.

Barbara Jean Pifer

November 26, 1931 – December 22, 2021

Resident of Fremont

Our strong and fiercely independent mother passed away peacefully in her home on December 22, 2021 at the age of 90. She is survived by her two daughters, Linda Schork of Louisville, KY, Diana Atkins of Brentwood, CA, son in laws Paul and Kevin, her grandchildren Matthew, Jacob, and Jillian who she was incredibly proud of, her sister Marion Ferguson and niece Claire. Mom also had a much loved “3rd daughter” Diana Farmer. She had a wonderful childhood growing up “dunes away” from the ocean in Seaside, CA. With the support of her cherished parents, Ralph and Margaret Castro, she excelled in math and was a proud graduate of Monterey HS class of 1949. Mom went on to Monterey Peninsula College then her beloved CAL. Strongly patriotic, she became a wave in the Naval Reserve. While attending CAL, the opportunity of a lifetime presented when she was hired by the American Red Cross. This provided her the world travel she dreamed of. Mom met our dad while both were stationed overseas, 2 daughters eventually rounded out the family. A move to Fremont, in 1967 sparked a new chapter with a career at the Fremont police department. In 1970 she started as a reserve police officer, championing equal opportunities for female officers, and then became a Detention



Technician and supervisor in the jail. Mom was an A's season ticket holder, 49er fan, and was always in the stands for her daughter sporting events. We appreciate all the love and support from many friends in our time of grief. A Funeral Mass will be held Tuesday, January 11th, at 11 am, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 43148 Mission Blvd., Fremont.

A private burial will be held on January 12th. Donations can be made in her memory to the Monterey Bay Aquarium or any animal rescue.

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## Fremont Police Log

SUBMITTED BY  
YANNETH CONTRADA,  
FREMONT PD

**Tuesday, December 21**

• Police reported that seven catalytic converter thefts occurred between December 21 and December 27 at various locations throughout the city. The thefts were from older model Honda Accords and Honda Odyssey minivans.

• At about 7:35 p.m. an unknown male took a purse from a shopping cart while a female was unloading groceries into her vehicle outside Costco, 43621 Pacific Commons Blvd. The female unsuccessfully tried to grab the purse back from the suspect as he entered a getaway vehicle waiting for him.

**Wednesday, December 22**

• At about 10:00 a.m. a person whose vehicle was stolen used a GPS tracking system and located it in the area of Mission Boulevard and Las Palmas Avenue. The vehicle owner went to the scene and confronted the

suspect, who immediately fled the scene. The suspect, later identified by police as Emmanuel Lopez, 48, of Whittier, was located nearby and arrested by officers who called to the scene.

**Thursday, December 23**

• At about 2:50 a.m. a commercial burglary occurred at Nation's Giant Hamburgers, 5213 Mowry Ave. Someone pried open the front door to the eatery and removed the cash register till which was found nearby in the parking lot.

• At about 2:58 a.m. a person near the 76 gas station at 34867 Ardenwood Blvd. was hit with a glass bottle and metal pole by a

female suspect, who is known by police. Officers located and arrested the suspect, identified by police as Nicole Rogers, 31, at a nearby homeless encampment. The case is being investigated as an assault with a deadly weapon.

• Between 6:45 p.m. and 9:25 p.m. several auto burglaries occurred in the area of Pacific Commons Boulevard and Christy Street in south Fremont. Someone shattered vehicle windows and removed items.

**Sunday, December 26**

• At about 3:11 p.m. officers responded to a call about a possible shooting near a restau-

rant in the 5000 block of Mowry Ave. An employee reported that a person walked into the eatery claiming to have been the victim of a gunshot. Officers talked with the victim and confirmed a shooting had occurred. The victim was taken to a trauma center with non-life threatening injuries. Based on preliminary investigation, police believed the shooting was not a random incident. Anyone who witnessed the incident or has information about it is asked to call the police department non-emergency line at (510) 790-6800, extension 3.

## BART Police Log

SUBMITTED BY LES MENSINGER  
AND BART PD

**Friday, December 24**

• At 5:03 a.m. a man identified by police as John Allmon, 56, of Oakland was arrested at Fremont station on suspicion of being out of compliance with sex offender registration rules. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

**Monday, December 27**

• At 8:53 a.m. a man identified by police as Eli Alvarez, 29, of Fremont was arrested at Fremont station on suspicion of carrying a concealed dirk or dagger. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

**Tuesday, December 28**

• At 12:45 p.m. officers responded to a report about a man walking in the trackway between the Hayward and South Hayward stations. The man, later identified by police as Juan Beltran, 55, of San Francisco, was arrested on suspicion of trespassing on railroad property and carrying a concealed dirk or dagger. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

# More Marines discharged over vaccine refusal, total at 169

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Marine Corps discharged 66 Marines in the past week for refusing to get the coronavirus vaccine as mandated by the military, outpacing the other services at discipline related to the shots.

The latest Corps actions, which came as COVID-19 cases surged across the country as a result of the omicron variant, brought the total number of Marines booted out of the service for vaccine refusal to 169.

“The speed with which the disease transmits among individuals has increased risk to our Marines and the Marine Corps’ mission,” the Marine Corps said in a statement, even as the percentage of those at least partially vaccinated remained at 95%, the same as last week.

The infection rise also hit close to the Defense Department's No. 2 leader. The Pentagon announced Thursday that seven staff members who traveled with Deputy Defense Secretary Kathleen Hicks last week to Hawaii, California and Nebraska have tested positive for the virus. Hicks and members of her personal staff have so far tested negative.

Hicks' trip included stops at U.S. Naval Amphibious Base Coronado in San Diego and U.S. Strategic Command in Omaha. She also visited the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility in Hawaii and

met with families who have been affected by fuel contamination in drinking water at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The department said the tests showing the positive results were taken at the conclusion of the trip and that contact tracing is now going on at all the bases, hotels and other facilities Hicks visited.

The United States is seeing an average of 149,000 infections a day, as omicron appears to spread up to three times faster than the delta variant.

Officials say the vaccines, particularly with the boosters, beef up protections against more severe illnesses. And the Pentagon has ordered all service members – active duty, National Guard and Reserves – to get the vaccine, saying it is critical to maintaining the health and readiness of the force.

Already this week, the Pentagon said 1,000 active duty troops will be deployed to states to help shore up beleaguered health care workers.

The Marine Corps has been the most aggressive in discharging troops who refuse the vaccine. And it also has denied all religious requests for vaccine exemptions that have been processed. As of Thursday, 3,080 of the 3,192 requests received – or more than 96% – have been processed and rejected.

The Marine vaccination rate is the lowest among the military services. The Army, Navy and Air Force all have nearly or more than 98% who have gotten at least one shot.

## City’s recognition in climate protection

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF HAYWARD

Hayward has been recognized as one of 95 cities worldwide and among five in the San Francisco Bay Area on the 2021 Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) Cities A List for its ambition, leadership, and transparency on climate action. CDP A-List designation was announced last month. It's the third time in four years that Hayward has earned the recognition.

CDP, formerly Carbon Disclosure Project, is a not-for-profit charity based in the United Kingdom that runs a global disclosure system for investors, companies, cities, states, and regions to manage their environmental impacts.

Every year, more than 600 cities report their climate data through CDP's environmental disclosure platform and in doing so demonstrate transparency and ambition in climate protection.

The designation recognizes the city for moving Hayward electricity customers to entirely carbon-free sources of power including all municipal accounts; municipal investment in on-site renewable energy generation and recycled water infrastructure; commitment to developing zero-net-energy facilities; new building standards to phase out reliance on natural gas; and adoption of Hayward Regional Shoreline Adaptation Master Plan in 2021.

## Milpitas Police Log

SUBMITTED BY MILPITAS PD

**Monday, December 27**

• A patrol officer spotted a vehicle matching one driven by a suspect in three armed robberies that occurred December 25 and 26 at area convenience and liquor stores. The officer got the license plate number before he lost sight of the vehicle. Meanwhile, another officer developed information about the suspect at a nearby hotel, while a third officer reviewed surveillance video from a business near one of the robbery locations. This combined information helped detectives identify a 33-year-old San Jose man as the robbery suspect. A record check showed he was on Santa Clara County probation for assault and had two felony arrest warrants. The man was found in the hotel room and arrested on suspicion of robbery, auto theft and possession of a stolen vehicle.

# Californian pleads guilty to punching attendant on flight

AP WIRE SERVICE

A California woman who punched a flight attendant in the face during a flight, breaking her teeth, pleaded guilty Wednesday to a federal charge, authorities said.

Vyvianna Quinonez, 28, of Sacramento, entered a plea to interfering with a flight attendant, the U.S. attorney's fice said.

Quinonez was on a May 23 Southwest Airlines flight from Sacramento to San Diego when a flight attendant asked her to buckle her seatbelt, stow her tray table and wear her mask properly during the descent.

Instead, Quinonez began recording the attendant on her cellphone, pushed her, then stood up and punched the woman in the face and grabbed her hair before other passengers intervened, authorities said.

The assault was recorded on another passenger's cellphone.

The plea agreement says that the flight attendant suffered three chipped teeth, two of which needed crowns, along with bruises and a cut under her left eye that needed stitches.

“The flight attendant who was assaulted was simply doing her job to ensure the safety of all passengers aboard the plane,” acting United States Attorney Randy Grossman said in the statement. “It's inexcusable for anyone to use violence on an airplane for any reason.”

The incident marked an escalation in unruly behavior by airline passengers and led the president of the flight attendants' union to ask for more federal air marshals on planes.

Quinonez will be sentenced in March in San Diego federal court. She could face up to 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. However, prosecutors said they probably will recommend a sentence of four months in custody and six months of home confinement, KGTV-TV reported.

Airlines reported more than 5,000 incidents of unruly passengers to the Federal Aviation Administration this year.

Most of the incidents have involved passengers refusing to follow the federal requirement for passengers to wear face masks while on planes, but nearly 300 have involved intoxicated passengers, according to the FAA.



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## CDC warns against cruises, regardless of vaccination status

By ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warned people on Dec. 30 not to go on cruises, regardless of their vaccination status, because of onboard outbreaks fueled by the omicron variant. The CDC said it has more than 90 cruise ships under investigation or observation as a result of COVID-19 cases. The agency did not disclose the number of infections.

“The virus that causes COVID-19 spreads easily between people in close quarters on board ships, and the chance of getting COVID-19 on cruise ships is very high,” even if people are fully vaccinated and have received a booster, the CDC said.

The Cruise Lines International Association said it was disappointed with the new recommendations, saying the industry was singled out despite the fact they follow strict health protocols compared to other travel sectors.

The decision “is particularly perplexing considering that cases identified on cruise ships consistently make up a very slim minority of the total population onboard,” a statement said. “The majority of those cases are asymptomatic or mild in nature, posing little to no burden on medical resources onboard or onshore.”

In March 2020, as the coronavirus took hold in the U.S., the CDC put a halt to all cruises for what turned out to be 15 months. Last June, it allowed ships to

resume sailing under new strict new conditions. In August, as the delta variant surged, the agency warned people who are at risk of severe illness despite being vaccinated not to go on cruises.

The CDC on Dec. 30 also recommended that passengers get tested and quarantine for five days after docking, regardless of their vaccination status and even if they have no symptoms.

Omicron has sent cases skyrocketing to unprecedented levels across the U.S., including Florida, the hub of the nation's cruise industry. The state set another record last week for new daily cases, with more than 58,000 recorded Dec. 29.

U.S. cruise lines have not announced any plans to halt trips, though vessels have been denied entry at some foreign ports. Carnival Corp.'s spokesman Roger Frizzell said in an email after the CDC recommendation that the company had no planned changes. “Our enhanced health and safety protocols have proven to be effective time and time again over the past year,” he said.

Before the CDC announcement, Royal Caribbean Group said in a statement that omicron is leading to passenger cancelations and changes to itineraries, but it is causing “significantly less severe symptoms than earlier variants.”

The company said that since cruising restarted in U.S. waters last spring, 1.1 million guests had traveled with its cruise lines and 1,745 people had tested positive for COVID-19, or about 0.16%. It said that 41 people

required hospitalization, and that no passengers hit with omicron had been taken to the hospital.

“We don't like to see even one case, but our experience is a fraction of the comparable statistics of virtually any other comparable location or industry. Few businesses are subject to such intense scrutiny, regulation and disclosure requirements by so many authorities,” said Richard Fain, CEO of Royal Caribbean.

Most cruise lines require adult passengers to show proof of vaccination against COVID-19. Ships are allowed to relax measures such as mask use if at least 95% of passengers and 95% of crew are fully vaccinated.

Janine Calfo, 55, of Salt Lake City, put off a four-day Carnival cruise from Long Beach, California, to Ensenada, Mexico, earlier this month when she got a breakthrough case of COVID-19 three days before departure. She rebooked the cruise for February and is still set on going.

“This is my own personal opinion, but it looks like the omicron is going to be a quick burn,” said Calfo, who is asthmatic and plans to get the booster in a couple of weeks. “My cruise is over 40 days away.” She added, though: “I think I will plan on getting travel insurance this time.”

Associated Press writer Terry Tang in San Jose, California, contributed to this report.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**FY2022-2024 CDBG Notice of Fund Availability –  
Micro-Enterprise, Housing Repair, and Public Services Funding**

Para información en español, por favor llame a Leticia Leyva a (510) 574-2072.  
若您需要中文的訊息，請撥510-574-2046與翁于結聯絡。謝謝。

The City of Fremont anticipates the availability of approximately \$633,425 for each Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and FY 2023-2024 in CDBG funds for services benefitting low to moderate income Fremont residents. Services must be implemented within the two-year funding cycle and started on July 1, 2022 and completed by June 30, 2024.

Of the funding available for services:

- \$253,425 will be available for public services.
- \$130,000 will be available for microenterprise development services.
- \$250,000 will be available for emergency and minor repair services.

Unfortunately, no funding will be available for major construction or rehabilitation projects at this time as the City is actively exploring using CDBG funds to create permanent supportive housing units for the chronically homeless, which is one of the top 4 priorities for the Fremont City Council, as well as a priority for Alameda County and State of California. If funding becomes available for construction or rehabilitation projects, we will release a new Request for Proposals at a later time.

All services must meet at least one need from the City's 2020 – 2024 Consolidated Action Plan. Interested applicants should anticipate meeting one of the following needs.

1. Affordable Housing Needs - Create affordable housing opportunities for low and moderate-income households throughout the City of Fremont.
2. Community Development Needs - Provide critical services to low and moderate-income people. Funds may be used to provide a public service including economic development.
3. Priority Homeless Needs – Provide critical services to the homeless population.
4. Priority Supportive Housing – Increase the availability of service-enriched housing for persons with special needs.

In order to be considered for CDBG funding, agencies must meet the following minimum qualifications:

- (1) Proposed service must meet one of the following CDBG National Objectives:
  - a. Benefit low-moderate income persons
  - b. Prevent/ Eliminate Slums or Blight
  - c. Address Urgent Needs
- (2) Applicant must be a 501(c)(3) non-profit or public agency. Secular ministries or programs of a religious organization are also eligible.
- (3) Applicant must have ability to meet Department of Housing and Urban Development's CDBG program requirements
- (4) Applicant must have ability to meet City's grant requirements

**PROPOSAL OVERVIEW AND PUBLIC HEARING**

Staff will hold a Virtual Proposal Overview for all agencies interested in requesting FY 2022-2024 funding. City staff will provide an overview of the CDBG RFP, the proposal timeline and criteria used to evaluate proposals. They will also answer any questions you may have about the process. The public will have an opportunity to give input and express funding priorities.

The Proposal Overview will be held as follows:

**Date:** Thursday, January 20, 2022  
**Time:** 6:00 P.M.  
**RSVP:** Please RSVP Shanti Jeyakumar, [sjeyakumar@fremont.gov](mailto:sjeyakumar@fremont.gov) by January 13, 2022 to receive a Zoom link to the Overview.

**Tentative Funding Process Timeline:**

- Thursday, January 20, 2022:
  - Request for Proposals (RFP) materials will be available on ZoomGrants, through the City of Fremont website: [www.fremont.gov/cdbg](http://www.fremont.gov/cdbg)
  - Proposal Overview

- Thursday, February 10, 2022: Pre-Applications are due via ZoomGrants at [www.fremont.gov/cdbg](http://www.fremont.gov/cdbg).

- Thursday, February 17, 2022 by 11:59 PM: Proposals are due to the City of Fremont Human Services Department, via ZoomGrants at [www.fremont.gov/cdbg](http://www.fremont.gov/cdbg). Hard copies, faxes or emails will not be accepted.

- March 3, 2022: Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee (CAC) will hold a public hearing to review the proposals and develop questions for applicant agencies

- March 16 & 17, 2022 (tentative): CAC will hold a public hearing to interview agencies

- Thursday, April 7, 2022: CAC will hold a public hearing to develop funding recommendations.

- Tuesday, May 3, 2022: The City Council will hold a public hearing, review CAC and staff recommendations, and make their final funding decisions.

CNSB #3540560

## CIVIL

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

Case No. 21CV004362

Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA  
Petition of: ABDUL NAWAB DANISHMAL for  
Change of Name

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner ABDUL NAWAB DANISHMAL filed a  
petition with this court for a decree changing  
names as follows:  
ABDUL NAWAB DANISHMAL to ABDULLAH  
DANISHMAL

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: 2/25/2022, Time: 9:00 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 20, 2021  
DESAUTELS  
Judge of the Superior Court  
1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25/22

CNS-3542103#

**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  
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petition for change of name should not be granted.  
Any person objecting to the name changes  
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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-3539598#

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

Case No. 21CV000357

Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA  
Petition of: Noah Walker 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: WHAT'S  
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-3539071#

**AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

Case No. 21CV003393

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 MADINA AHMADI  
FNU MASHA to MASHA 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  
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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-3536324#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAMES**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 585270

Fictitious Business Name(s):  
**ROYAL TOWING AND TRANSPORT, 4482  
CALYPSO TERRACE, FREMONT, CA 94555,**  
County of ALAMEDA

MAILING ADDRESS: 1978 MOMENTUM DR.,  
MILPITAS, CA 95035

Registrant(s):  
**ROYAL TOWING AND TRANSPORT, 4482  
CALYPSO TERRACE, FREMONT, CA 94555,**  
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/ SHIRSHAH BAIGZAD

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of  
Alameda County on DEC 27, 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

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Saturday  
JAN 8TH  
2022**

Community participation is available via Zoom on  
January 08, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87666408030>

You may join the Committee Meeting via Zoom by calling  
1-669-900-6833 and entering access code 876 6640 8030.  
Dial \*9 to raise your hand when you wish to speak, and  
dial \*6 to unmute when you are requested to speak.

Questions? Contact the District Secretary's Office at  
(510) 464-6080 or by email at [Redistricting@bart.gov](mailto:Redistricting@bart.gov).

For more Redistricting information please visit us on the  
BART website at [www.bart.gov/redistricting](http://www.bart.gov/redistricting)

BART provides service/accommodations upon request to persons with disabilities and individuals who are limited English proficient who wish to address Committee matters. A request must be made within one and five days in advance of Board/Committee meetings, depending on the service requested. Please contact the Office of the District Secretary at (510) 464-6083 for information.

filed before the expiration.

The filing of this statement does not of itself  
authorize the use in this state of a fictitious  
business name in violation of the rights of another  
under federal, state, or common law (see Section  
14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).  
1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25/22

CNS-3542898#

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 584945

Fictitious Business Name(s):  
**AXIS SUSTAINABILITY GROUP / AXIS  
POWERED / AXIS POWER SYSTEM, 2544  
BARRINGOTN CT, HAYWARD, CA 94545,**  
County of ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):  
**AXIS ENERGY, INC., 2544 BARRINGOTN CT,  
HAYWARD, CA 94545,** 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/ PHU NGUYEN

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of  
Alameda County on DEC 09, 2021

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of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement  
generally expires at the end of five years from the  
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clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of  
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new fictitious business name statement must be  
filed before the expiration.

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business name in violation of the rights of another  
under federal, state, or common law (see Section  
14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).  
1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25/22

CNS-3542173#

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 585075

Fictitious Business Name(s):  
**FREMONT INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS CENTER,  
5486 JONATHAN DR., NEWARK, CA 94560,**  
County of ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):  
**G.D. OVERAA, 200 PARR BLVD., RICHMOND,  
CA 94801**

G.D. OVERAA GRANDCHILDREN TRUST,  
TRUSTEE 1976, 200 PARR BLVD, RICHMOND,  
CA 94801

G.D. OVERAA FAMILY TRUST TRUSTEE 1976,  
680 BASILICA CT, SUISEN CITY, CA 94585

Business conducted by: A GENERAL  
PARTNERSHIP

The registrant began to transact business using  
the fictitious business name(s) listed above on  
1981

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/ G.D. OVERAA

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of  
Alameda County on DEC 15, 2021

NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a)  
of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement  
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14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).  
12/28/21, 1/4, 1/11, 1/18/22

CNS-3541679#

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**

File No. 584879

Fictitious Business Name(s):  
**THE CLEAN BEE, 4249 BAINE AVE., FREMONT,  
CA 94536,** County of ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):  
**RAEHEL TAYLOR MORGAN, 4249 BAINE AVE.,  
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  
11-11-2021

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  
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one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)  
/s/ RAEHEL MORGAN

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of  
Alameda County on DEC 08, 2021

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business name in violation of the rights of another  
under federal, state, or common law (see Section  
14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).  
12/28/21, 1/4, 1/11, 1/18/22

CNS-3541678#

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
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  
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one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)  
/s/ ANTONIO VILLEGAS-MOSQUEDA

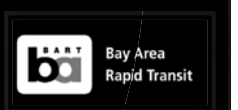
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of  
Alameda County on NOVEMBER 22, 2021

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## SAVE THE DATE!

BART Invites The Community To Provide Input  
On The Redistricting Of It's Nine BART Districts.



## Agenda:

- Q&A Discussion
- Presentation of Draft  
BART Districts

- Mapping Tools
- Draft Maps
- Redistricting Information

**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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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-3535856#

## GOVERNMENT

**NOTICE OF TIME AND PLACE OF REMAINING  
THREE PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE  
TRANSITION FROM AT-LARGE TO ZONE-  
BASED ELECTIONS FOR THE ALAMEDA  
COUNTY WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA  
VOTING RIGHTS ACT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ALAMEDA  
COUNTY WATER DISTRICT has fixed **Thursday,  
January 13, 2022, at 4:30 P.M.** as time and place  
for a public hearing to receive public input on the  
transition from at-large to zone-based elections  
of the Board of Directors and the drawing of five  
zones for future Board member elections. This is  
the third of five public hearings to be held on this  
topic. The fourth public hearing will be held on  
**Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 6:00 P.M.** and  
the fifth public hearing will be held on **Thursday,  
March 10, 2022, at 6:00 P.M.** The District already  
has held the first two public hearings regarding  
the process and communities of interests for  
the transition to zone-based elections. At these  
remaining three public hearings, draft maps  
including the potential boundaries of the five  
proposed zones will be presented and public  
input will be sought regarding the composition of  
the zones and communities of interest to assist in  
finalizing the boundaries and final map, as well as  
the proposed sequence of elections.

The initial draft maps which will be shown at the  
third public hearing on January 13<sup>th</sup> have been  
published on the District's website at <https://www.acwd.org/756fZone-Based-Election-System>.  
Any new or updated maps will be published on  
the District's website at least one week prior to  
the subsequent public hearings in February and  
March.

These three public hearings will take place virtually  
and members of the public may participate in  
these meetings via webinar: [https://us02web.  
zoom.us/j/83359856504?pwd=ZkxPUGVhWmVn  
TlB8aFczUjJGY3kZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83359856504?pwd=ZkxPUGVhWmVnTlB8aFczUjJGY3kZz09)

(PASSCODE: 438204), or by calling any of the  
following phone numbers: 1-669-900-9128 or  
1-346-248-7799 or 1-301-715-8592 followed by  
833 5985 6504

GINA MARKOU  
District Secretary  
Board of Directors  
Alameda County Water District  
1/4/22

PUBLIC NOTICES

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
RUTHANN BAKER AKA RUTHANN BAKKER  
CASE NO. RP21118272**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of RUTHANN BAKER AKA RUTHANN BAKKER.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by REBECCA BAKKER in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that REBECCA BAKKER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 01/31/22 at 9:45AM in Dept. 202 located at 2120 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WAY, BERKELEY, CA 94704.

**MANDATORY REMOTE APPEARANCE:** The Court requires all parties who wish to attend the hearing on the above date and time, including those who wish to state objections, to appear by audio or video technology. The parties should consult the court's website for the specific telephonic and video applications available. The parties may also contact the probate clerk in the respective department for information concerning remote appearances. Parties must be present at least five (5) minutes before the scheduled hearing time.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF  
GARY JAMES LAND  
CASE NO. RP21118286**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: GARY JAMES LAND

A Petition for Probate has been filed by DAVID HANKS in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The Petition for Probate requests that DAVID HANKS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on JANUARY 31, 2022 at 9:45 A.M. in Dept. 202 Room N/A located at 2120 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR WAY, BERKELEY, CA 94704.

**MANDATORY REMOTE APPEARANCE:** The Court requires all parties who wish to attend the hearing on the above date and time, including those who wish to state objections, to appear by audio or video technology. The parties should consult the court's website for the specific telephonic and video applications available. The parties may also contact the probate clerk in the respective department for information concerning remote appearances. Parties must be present at least five (5) minutes before the scheduled hearing time.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF  
ANNIE MAE AGBAGLO  
CASE NO. RP21118356**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: ANNIE MAE AGBAGLO

A Petition for Probate has been filed by JULIE MENACK in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The Petition for Probate requests that JULIE MENACK be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The Petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on 1/31/2022 at 9:45 A.M. in Dept. 202 Room N/A located at 2120 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR WAY, BERKELEY, CA 94704.

**MANDATORY REMOTE APPEARANCE:** The Court requires all parties who wish to attend the hearing on the above date and time, including those who wish to state objections, to appear by audio or video technology. The parties should consult the court's website for the specific telephonic and video applications available. The parties may also contact the probate clerk in the respective department for information concerning remote appearances. Parties must be present at least five (5) minutes before the scheduled hearing time.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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**NOTICE OF HEARING - GUARDIANSHIP OR CONSERVATORSHIP  
CASE NUMBER PH015084**

CONSERVATORSHIP OF THE PERSON OF DAVID ERIC BROWN

1. NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT: ROGER L. BROWN HAS FILED FOR APPOINTMENT OF PROBATE CONSERVATOR OF THE PERSON OF DAVID ERIC BROWN FOR SUCCESSOR CONSERVATORS.

2. YOU MAY REFER TO DOCUMENTS ON FILE IN THIS PROCEEDING FOR MORE INFORMATION.

3. THE PETITION INCLUDES AN APPLICATION FOR THE INDEPENDENT EXERCISE OF POWERS BY A GUARDIAN OR CONSERVATOR UNDER PROBATE CODE SECTION 2590.

4. A HEARING ON THE MATTER WILL BE HELD AS FOLLOWS:  
DATE: 04/14/2022 TIME: 9:30 A.M. DEPT.: 202  
2121 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR WAY,

BERKELEY, CA 94704

**MANDATORY REMOTE APPEARANCE:** The Court requires all parties who wish to attend the hearing on the above date and time, including those who wish to state objections, to appear by audio or video technology. The parties should consult the court's website for the specific telephonic and video applications available. The parties may also contact the probate clerk in the respective department for information concerning remote appearances. Parties must be present at least five (5) minutes before the scheduled hearing time.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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**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, to appear by audio or video technology. The parties should consult the court's website for the specific telephonic and video applications available. The parties may also contact the probate clerk in the respective department for information concerning remote appearances. Parties must be present at least five (5) minutes before the scheduled hearing time.

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

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TRUSTEE SALES

T.S. No. 17-20453-SP-CA Title No. 170449915-CA-VOI A.P.N. 475 -0179-073-01 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 07/19/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Kirnbir Singh Grewal and Brinder Kaur Grewal, husband and wife as joint tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 08/03/2006 as Instrument No. 2006298056 (or Book, Page) and re-recorded 08/13/2019 as Instrument No. 2019156199 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Alameda County, CA. Date of Sale: 01/25/2022 at 12:00 PM Place of Sale: At the Fallon Street entrance to the County Courthouse, 1225 Fallon Street, Oakland, CA 94612 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$1,068,966.31 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 2128 Sunspire Dr Union City, CA 94587 A.P.N.: 475 -0179-073-01 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)(2)(923.55(c)) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call or visit this Internet Web site: www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 17-20453-SP-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in by telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 12/17/2021 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazer Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 855-211-8881 Fax: 619-591-7800 Website: www.ndscorp.com By: Rachael Hamilton, Trustee Sales Representative 12/28/2021, 01/04/2022, 01/11/2022 CPP351804  
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California governor highlights \$1B statewide cleanup plan

By Christopher Weber  
Associated Press

Gov. Gavin Newsom picked up litter and painted over graffiti in Los Angeles on Wednesday to highlight California's \$1.1 billion initiative to clean areas near highways, roads and other public spaces, an effort he promised to expand next year to address homeless encampments.

Before collecting syringes and broken electronics along a downtown freeway, Newsom returned to the nearby lot where he announced the Clean California plan last May. Previously piled with trash, it's now a manicured park with benches, palm trees and a vegetable garden.

The California Department of Transportation, known as Cal-

trans, is spearheading cleanups at similar sites statewide where Newsom said 4,200 tons (3,810 metric tons) of trash has been collected since the program was launched.

At-risk youth and people who were formerly homeless or incarcerated have been given priority for the jobs created by the three-year initiative. Some 11,000 people have already been hired and many of them are working in neighborhoods where they live, which restores a "sense of community," the governor said.

"Because once people feel connected to something, once they feel ownership to something, they are more apt to protect it, to preserve it," he said.

The cleanup comes amid growing frustration with homeless encampments that have sprouted

under highway overpasses and near freeway exit and entry ramps throughout California in the past few years. The encampments have grown during the coronavirus pandemic, and many are crammed with discarded sofas, mattresses and other trash.

The Clean California program funds are not allowed to be used to displace unhoused people. The state has separately allocated about \$50 million in grant funds to help communities humanely clear encampments and get unhoused residents into permanent supportive housing. On Wednesday Newsom said his budget proposal expected in January will expand those grants significantly, though he didn't offer a number.

"That \$50 million is a down payment on what the state's going

to be doing in the upcoming year to significantly increase our efforts on resolution grants to address the issues of the encampments," Newsom said.

The Democratic governor, who survived a recall election this year, pointed out that he has proposed \$12 billion to get more people experiencing homelessness off the streets and into homes of their own. An estimated 161,000 people are experiencing homelessness in the nation's most populous state, more than in any other. Advocates say they can't house people quickly enough with a shortage of housing units and high rents.

The Clean California plan is a partnership with cities and counties, which are receiving one-third of the money, about \$300 million, in grants. Newsom said Wednesday

that his January budget proposal would include at least \$100 million in additional grants for community-based projects to remove garbage and beautify public spaces.

The governor said a few years ago the entire annual Caltrans budget for removing litter along roadways was \$110 million. Newsom first announced a \$1.5 billion Clean California initiative in May, but the Legislature decreased the funding to \$1.1 billion in the final budget the governor signed a month later.

Woman keeps plant alive through 50 years and several moves

By Crystal Pugsley  
Huron Daily Plainsman

For the past 50 years, Shirley Apley has been the keeper of what she calls the

Carr family's heritage plant -- an amaryllis she received in 1971 from Jessie Carr Whittington, an aunt of Dr. E.W. Carr who founded the Carr Chiropractic Clinics in eastern South Dakota.

"I grew up in Miller and Jessie just fascinated me," Apley said. "She was about 80 then, and she kept journals all her life. She would tell stories of when she first got married and she and her husband homesteaded in Canada. She taught for two years in a school where all the children spoke French and she only spoke English. When they came back, they ended up in Miller because of the Carr family being around there.

"She had amaryllis all over the place and she gave me one," Apley said. "I kept that bugger alive and carried it all

over the U.S. with me wherever I moved."

Apley returned to South Dakota in 2012, when she became director of the Huron Public Library. She plans to retire after a lifelong career as a librarian at the end of this year, the Huron Daily Plainsman reported. "I have the original plant here at the library," Apley said. "It's been propagating, creating all these babies."

When Bridget Carr, whose husband is Dr. Josh Carr at Carr Chiropractic Clinic in Huron, joined the library board, Apley offered to give her some of the offspring from that original plant. "I said I bet you don't know I have been caretaker for your family's heritage plant for over 50 years," she said. "We were at a point where we needed to repot the plants, they were so

overcrowded. I ended up with five new pots of plants."

Apley gave Bridget Carr two potted plants and many bulbs to pass out to family members. "We're hoping to keep them alive," Bridget Carr said. "I thought it was amazing that she had kept them for so long and handed them back over. I'm hoping we will keep the life going in them."

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# Old Mission San Jose celebrates 225th Anniversary

and many Native Peoples came into the missions to survive. The physical buildings of Mission San Jose represent a place of survival for today's Ohlone Indians. Simultaneously, the buildings represent a colonial institution that was responsible for the suppression of traditional ways of life.

With due recognition of the evils inherent in the colonial system that produced Alta California Missions, and of the lofty motivation of early missionaries, we can be proud that Mission San Jose is the place where the Gospel was first preached in the San Francisco East Bay. Here the seeds of Christian faith were planted that have borne fruit continuously for nearly 225 years.

Many special events are planned to recognize this momentous anniversary of a California Historic Landmark. A lecture series will cover interesting aspects of Mission history. The series begins on January 8th with Andrew A. Galvan, a descendant of the Ohlone, Bay Miwok, Plains Miwok and Patwin Indians whose ancestral lands comprise the greater San Francisco Bay Region.

Additional activities include concerts in the Mission Church, Mission tours or walking tours which trace some of the history still evident in our area, exhibits at one of the many Fremont museums and historical sites, and our Founder's Day Weekend Festival in June. While you enjoy all these activities, know that the proceeds go back into our Mission San Jose community businesses or the preservation and restoration of Mission San Jose.

The Mission of today embraces all people including Native Americans, Chinese, Vietnamese, Indians, Filipinos, and many others. As Pastor, Father Anthony Huang Le, would say, "Even though we don't speak the same language, we celebrate the same baptism, faith, and God. The Mission has become

the common home for all people." Visit [mission225.org](http://mission225.org) for a complete calendar of activities.

## Old Mission San Jose 225th anniversary

**Speaker Series:**  
**Our Sacred Ground: The Ohlone Story**  
**Saturday, Jan 8**  
**9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

**Mission San Jose: Now And Then**  
**Saturday, Feb 12**  
**9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

**Lenten Retreat**  
**March; date TBD**  
**9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Mission San Jose's Musical Memories**  
**Saturday, Apr 12**  
**9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**



Interior of Mission San Jose Church (credit Jurek Zarzycki)

**Mission San Jose's Momentous Restoration**  
**Saturday, May 14**  
**9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

**San Francisco Bay Area Chamber Choir**  
**Sunday, May 1**  
**4 p.m.**

**Concerts:**  
**San Francisco Bay Area Chamber Choir**  
**Sunday, Jan 30**  
**4 p.m.**

**Old Mission San Jose**  
**43300 Mission Blvd., Fremont**  
**(510) 657-1797**  
**[mission225.org](http://mission225.org)**

**Music at the Mission**  
**Friday, Mar 11**  
**8 p.m.**

(credit Don Jedlovec)



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