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A CHRISTMAS LIGHT SHOW OF GREAT PROPORTIONS!

By MARC VICENTE

ABC's popular holiday series "The Great Christmas Light Fight" returned in 2022 and premiered its 10th season on Monday, November 28. Within each one-hour episode, families from across the United States compete by showcasing their extravagant Christmas light displays in order to win \$50,000 and the Light Fight Trophy. Each family's setup is judged by celebrity lifestyle expert Carter Oosterhouse and famous interior designer Taniya Nayak. Among the contestants is Newark's very own Hellewell family.

Having been born in Newark and living in the city throughout his life, Travis Hellewell who is a construction and together with his wife Melissa and 10-year-old daughter Lily, started decorating his house each Christmas over eight years ago. Ever since then, their display has been embellished with a cavalcade of lights, synchronized to music, and adorned with many interactive displays, including a

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By Rob Klindt

Kwanzaa events celebrate traditions, values



African-American woman lighting a candle in a kinara during Kwanzaa. Source-U.S. Government, photo by Christopher Myers.

By ROB KLINDT

As the last hectic weeks of December wind down and Christmas and Hanukkah events come to a close, many people look forward to one final celebration to close out the year -- Kwanzaa.

An African American and Pan-African holiday with no religious affiliation, Kwanzaa instead recognizes the universal values of family, community and culture. It is celebrated each year from Dec. 26 through Jan. 1. The theme for this year's celebration is "Kwanzaa, Culture and the Practice of Freedom: A Message and Model for Our Times."

For each of the seven days of Kwanzaa a different principle of life is celebrated, and is called

Nguzo Saba. The seven principles focus on the elements of African culture which contribute to building and maintaining community values among African Americans. They include:

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

Each of the seven symbols is represented by colored candles on a holder called a kinara which

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Catch Roald Dahl's *Matilda the Musical*

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This January, join StarStruck Theatre for their Winter MainStage production: Roald Dahl's *Matilda the Musical*. Packed with high-energy dance numbers, catchy songs and an unforgettable star turn for a young actress, Matilda is a joyous girl power romp. Children and adults alike will be thrilled and delighted by the story of the special little girl with an extraordinary imagination. With a book by Dennis Kelly and original songs by Tim Minchin, Matilda has won 47 international awards and continues to thrill sold-out audiences of all ages around the world.

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Araceli Herrera as Matilda Wormwood

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Suffer From Shoulder Pain?

Free Health Seminar Focuses on Causes and Treatment Plans

Most of us take our shoulders for granted, but think about everything they do for you. If you are one of the many people who have experienced shoulder pain, you know how important they are.

“The shoulder is a pretty remarkable joint,” said Dr. Russell Nord, medical director of Washington Sports Medicine and an orthopedic surgeon with Washington Township Medical Foundation. “It has a phenomenal range of motion while still providing stability. But it’s also a complex joint, so a lot can go wrong that could cause pain. Shoulder pain is a common issue and can affect people of all ages,”

Dr. Nord will present “Shoulder Pain: Causes and Treatment Plans” on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 3:30 p.m. The free online seminar will take place on Facebook and YouTube. For more information or to register, visit www.whhs.com/events or call 800.963.7070.

Dr. Nord will first explain the anatomy of the shoulder. “You really need to understand how the shoulder works before you can understand what causes shoulder pain,” he said.

The shoulder has more range of motion than any other joint in your body, notes Dr. Nord. It is a ball and socket joint surrounded by muscles that give it strength, stability and shape. Tendons attach these shoulder muscles to bone.

“These muscles and tendons can become damaged, injured, torn, diseased or inflamed, causing shoulder pain,” he explained. Some of the most important muscles in your shoulder are the four rotator cuff muscles. Together with their tendons, they help you raise and rotate your arms and provide structural support to your shoulder joint.

“The rotator cuff is the heavy hitter,” Dr. Nord said. “I’ll teach everyone what it is, what it does and how it can become



Orthopedic Surgeon and Medical Director of Washington Hospital Sports Medicine, Russell Nord, MD, presents online seminar on shoulder pain. Jan. 19, 3:30 p.m.

problematic. The rotator cuff is a common source of shoulder pain.”

Before treating shoulder pain, it’s important to get an accurate diagnosis. He said there is a standard battery of tests to determine what is causing the pain.

“A physical exam along with understanding the patient’s history helps with the diagnosis,” Dr. Nord added. “MRI scans and X-rays sometimes show old injuries that aren’t actually causing the current issue, so knowing the patient’s history and background is important. That’s why we say treat the patient, not the scan.”

Minimally Invasive Treatment Options

Dr. Nord will talk about some of the exciting new treatment options that are

available today, including minimally invasive procedures that have reduced recovery times.

“The number of procedures that can be performed though a minimally invasive approach has increased since I started practicing medicine,” he said. “There are some exciting things to talk about when we look at treatment options.”

Dr. Nord has worked with professional sports teams and has served as tournament physician for the West Coast Conference Men’s and Women’s NCAA Basketball Championships for many years. He said his experience with high-level athletes allowed him to learn about treatment strategies that are also helpful when it comes to providing care for the local community.

At Washington Sports Medicine, he leads a team of athletic trainers who help injured athletes return to their favorite sport with minimal downtime. Dr. Nord and his team work with area high schools and help young athletes get the care they need to stay in the game.

“Shoulder problems can affect anyone, whether you play sports or sit on the sidelines,” he said. “This seminar is for people who want to know more about how their shoulder works and what they can do to be free of shoulder pain.”

To learn more about Washington Sports Medicine, visit www.whhs.com/Sports.



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The shoulder has more range of motion than any other joint in your body. It is a complex joint, which means a lot can go wrong, resulting in shoulder pain. Medical Director of Washington Sports Medicine, Dr. Russell Nord, will review possible causes of shoulder pain and treatment options.



Hip Replacements—The Anterior Approach Wednesday, Jan. 25, 4:30 p.m.

In-person event! Anterior hip replacement is a minimally invasive approach to hip replacement. Dr. Alexander Sah, President of the Anterior Hip Foundation for 2023 will explain the muscle-sparing benefits of this technique.



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Anxiety: Stop Negative Thoughts

When negative thoughts cycle through your mind over and over, they can have a significant impact on reasoning. Clinical psychiatrist Seema Sehgal, MD, offers perspective and tips on how to stop negative thoughts.



Home, Physician Office, or Emergency Department—Where to Seek Care

Abundance of COVID-19, Flu and RSV Cases Signal National “Tridemic”



You’ve likely heard about the national “tridemic” in the news, and maybe you or someone you know has been sick lately. Flu numbers are up this season and combined with increasing cases of COVID-19 and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), hospitals around the country are becoming inundated. Pediatric hospital beds nationwide are at or near capacity and hospitalizations from the flu are at their highest point in over a decade. We spoke to Dr. Kadeer Halimi, medical director of the Emergency Department at Washington Hospital about what our community needs to know about getting sick with a virus.

“We are seeing a whole host of viruses in the Emergency Department that cause upper respiratory infections including COVID-19, RSV, influenza A, enterovirus, and metapneumovirus – most of which can be treated at home with supportive care like maintaining proper hydration, fever control, rest, and over-the-counter flu and cold medications,” said Dr. Halimi. “Your first line of care should always be your primary care physician. If they are not available and you feel you or your family member requires medical help, go to your nearest urgent care center, emergency department, or call 911.”

Typical symptoms of upper respiratory infections caused by these rampant viruses include fever, aching muscles, chills and sweats, headache, cough, fatigue, weakness, and a runny or stuffy nose. COVID-19 symptoms may also include sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and new loss of taste or smell. Additional symptoms of RSV can also show up as decreased appetite, sneezing and wheezing.

Your first line of defense against contracting a virus is protecting yourself like you did during the COVID-19

pandemic. Get vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19 and get your flu shot, wear a face mask when you go out or are in groups of people, wash your hands often, and stay home if you are not feeling well or are coughing or sneezing. Respiratory viruses are highly contagious and can be dangerous when spread to people who are older or immunosuppressed.

When to Seek Help When You Are Sick

If you or a loved one becomes ill, contact your doctor by either scheduling a telehealth appointment or in-person visit. Your physician knows your health history and will conduct a screening by discussing the symptoms. In most cases, they will advise you on how to treat your symptoms and wait out the virus at home. For those who are especially young, older, or with other health conditions, your doctor will advise you to contact them if you’re not getting better. If your doctor is not available and you or a family member’s situation continues to worsen, seek medical attention immediately.

“I always tell my patients they know their body or their child better than anyone,” said Dr. Halimi. “If you feel like you’ve tried everything and you or your child continues to get worse, then it is time to come in. This may mean you’re having difficulty breathing; are not able to stay hydrated; become confused; have comorbidities like diabetes, COPD, or asthma; or can’t control a fever and symptoms with acetaminophen or ibuprofen.”

For those who need to go to the Emergency Department but are afraid they will catch something there, Dr. Halimi explains, “Right before the pandemic struck, Washington Hospital opened a modern, new Emergency Department

“If you feel like you’ve tried everything and you or your child continues to get worse, then it is time to come in.”

—Kadeer Halimi, MD

with 40 private rooms. We minimize risks by everyone wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) and using all the necessary isolation, testing and safety protocols.”

In summary Dr. Halimi advises, “We are happy to see all patients at any stage of disease at Washington Hospital’s Emergency Department, but we recommend they try to seek care with their primary care doctor first before coming here or to any emergency department.”

To schedule a same-day, nonemergency appointment at one of Washington Hospital’s community clinics, call 510.248.8201 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. In cases of emergency, the Washington Hospital Emergency Department located at 2000 Mowry Ave. in Fremont is open 24 hours a day, every day of the year. For more information, go to whhs.com/services/emergency-medicine.

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giant sidewalk piano, and inflatables that encompass their yard and rooftop. In front of their garage is an 8-foot-tall sofa with a dance floor in the center for anyone to interact with. Among their many inflatables are a 25-foot-tall Christmas tree, a 25-foot-tall snowman, a 40-foot-tall Santa Claus, and this year they have a newly-added 30-foot-tall Grinch inflatable.

Every single decoration the family has displayed was custom designed, either by hand or shipped and delivered many months in advance each time. For safety reasons, the family cancels their light show on rainy or windy

days to prevent onlookers and participants from getting hurt.

According to Travis, planning how to set up his house takes up an extremely long time. Setting up displays typically starts after Halloween and lasts roughly a month. Each decoration must also be set up in a specific order; otherwise, most would fail to work as intended. It also requires a lot of manpower to help assemble each piece, so the Hellewells usually ask various family members and friends to assist with the process.

"ABC actually reached out to me to be featured on their show," Hellewell says, reminiscing on

their feature. "A lot of people took pictures of my light show each year on their social media, and it caught the eyes of the people behind The Great Christmas Light Fight. The show was really fun to do for me and my family since it was our first time being exposed to this sort of thing, and it was also a great way to tell others about the annual toy drive."

The Hellewell's light show also coincided with the 5th annual Newark Memorial Family Shopping Event on Saturday, December 17. Started by a coach in one of Newark's schools, the event functions as a toy drive where new and unwrapped toys and gifts are collected by the Hellewells and other local families participating, and distributed among less fortunate kids and other families within the community. All proceeds from the event go towards supporting various schools across Newark.

The Great Christmas Light show can be watched anywhere you can watch ABC, or streamed on Disney+ or Hulu. For more information on it, visit their press site at



By Rob Klindt

<https://www.dgpress.com/abc/shows/the-great-christmas-light-fight/>.

View updates about the Hellewell's light show on Instagram under @king_of_xmas or view it in person at 6716 Fountaine Avenue, Newark;

every day during the Christmas season between 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Hellewell Family Light Display
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Photo courtesy of Travis Hellewell

Values Plus Foundation: Changing lives, one lesson at a time

BY NANKI KAUR

As the world rapidly evolves, it has become easier for our youth to become distracted and misguided, losing sight of what their future could be. With increased rates of juvenile crime and mental illnesses in minors, children and adolescents need support now more than ever. That's why Kishore Nandyala and his colleagues began Values Plus Foundation, a non-profit that uses a morality-based curriculum to instill important values in and guide the youth of our community to a better future. The organization offers free classes where students can engage in activities, games, and lessons that impart necessary values, as well as participate in retreats.

Values Plus Foundation was born when Nandyala, Vice President of the organization and Bay Area resident, began to realize that youth in his community was losing hope for their future. "The problem was much more of a mental health issue. Gun violence was catching up. So many parents were talking about children [not knowing] proper values and respect, and how they're confused in life," he notes. Nandyala knew something had to be done. Taking inspiration from the knowledge traditional Indian scriptures

provided about life principles, Nandyala and a few others met at a temple and decided to create a curriculum to help these children get back on track. The group of volunteers, who all have day jobs in the software industry, began instructing classes on morality and values, incorporating games and interactive activities. The Values Plus Foundation was officially registered in 2014.

Working with children in the educational field over the past several years has allowed Nandyala to witness some life-changing moments, for both himself, and the youth he works with. One especially meaningful case was with a student who had been battling depression. The student, along with his mother, sought guidance from the Values Plus Foundation, hoping to find a way to restore his faith in his future. Through counseling sessions, Nandyala and his colleagues were able to incorporate Indian history to explain to the students, and others seeking counseling, that they must persevere during these hard times, citing the stories of Arjuna and Krishna from the Bhagvad Gita. "So, [once] we started to explain and give association [to Indian scriptures] I saw quite some difference in that case. And I thought that was quite fulfilling," Nandyala remarks.

Not only has the organization made a difference to the lives of youth, but working for the organization has also had an impact on Nandyala himself. "It's been a revelation to experience running an organization because it's [easier] to talk [about doing things] than doing them. I think this nonprofit gives me an opportunity to experience that there is something in life, and that when you work hard for it, and achieve it and you feel happiness. When that is changing the lives of so many people, both perceptively and imperceptibly, you feel that fulfillment and happiness, and that's what you live for."

Though the satisfaction of helping others beats all the adversity that Nandyala and his colleagues go through, running a non-profit organization is not as simple as it seems. As a volunteer-based institution, the internal challenges that Values Plus faces are different than what a normal workplace would see. Working with volunteers rather than employees means that Nandyala and other executives must be more flexible. And though they offer much support and care to their volunteers when times are tough, executives must also face the harsh reality that deadlines need to be met. "Our organization runs mainly on volunteers. So, we have to have backups.

And that's one main challenge I see – training volunteers in order to have sufficient volunteers in taking care of a particular function."

Another hardship that Nandyala faces running an organization completely based off of donations is making sure there are sufficient funds. "We are dependent primarily on donations and the pandemic had hit on the donations front. And so, we had to keep the organization running, the leased facility running, and there were so many challenges," he explains. However, guidance from mentors in India running their own non-profit organizations has been much help and motivation.

With hopes to eventually obtain a building of their own, Nandyala also hopes that Values Plus Foundation will increase the number of children it is instructing, as well as expand to other parts of the Bay Area. His advice for others looking for ways to help their community is to find a cause of passion beyond day-to-day life and begin working towards that cause. "If everybody comes forward and puts their hands in and starts to become compassionate to others," he says, "and if everyone starts to give and starts to contribute to the community, we can make lots of changes."

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What you need to know about reference checks

BY ANNE CHAN, PHD, MFT

Woohoo! You have just been given a verbal job offer. But it's now time for the reference check and Human Resources (HR) is asking you for five references. The reference check can strike fear and anxiety in the hearts of many because they are worried about one or even all of the following:

- Not having enough professional references
- Worry about a current (or past) boss giving a poor reference
- Uncertainty about whether a reference will be responsive

Reference checks typically occur at the later stages of the interview process when a company is seriously considering you as a candidate. Hiring managers use references to ascertain a candidate's skills, experience, and character. Bear in mind that reference checks are also a means of employment verification (so don't lie about your employment history – you CAN get found out!).

Here are some do's and don'ts to help you with the reference check process so that you can land that job:

DO prepare your reference list BEFORE you start interviewing. You want to be ready to present this list when HR asks for it. Your job offer will likely be delayed if you do not provide your references promptly; hence it behooves you to be prepared. When putting together your list, think about the following people as potential references: bosses, co-workers, direct reports, clients or customers, professors or teachers, academic advisors, supervisors of your volunteer work.

DO be strategic about whom to ask for a reference. You would want someone who can attest to your work ethic, skills, knowledge, and character. You should only put down a reference who will speak positively about you.

DO ask for permission before you put someone down as a reference. A big mistake is to put someone's name down without notifying him/her. Past bosses might have forgotten who you are or worse, give you a poor review. Before giving your names to HR, be sure to reach out personally to each person and pose this question: "Would you feel comfortable giving me an excellent reference for this job?" Asking in this manner helps ensure that this person will be a solid reference. It will also confirm that they are available and responsive to reference check queries. Do not skip this step! If you sense any hedging or reluctance, consider asking someone else. It's also a good idea to make sure that their contact information has not changed and to ask them for their preferred mode of communication (phone or email) and good times/days to reach them.

DON'T use well-known or prominent people as references if they barely know you. Some candidates make the mistake of putting down famous people because they think this adds cachet to their list. However, a famous person who barely knows you will not provide a substantive reference and thus might even hurt your chances of getting the job. It is far better to get an enthusiastic, positive, and strong review from a lesser-known individual who knows you well and who is not too busy to vouch for you.

- Do prepare your references for what you might want them to say. At the very least, give them the job description and a summary of your qualifications for the job. Give them detailed information about the following:
- Skills you possess that make you an excellent fit for this new job
 - Three accomplishments that made an impact
 - Outline of your strengths and weaknesses
 - Your working style
 - Your teamwork skills and communication strengths
 - Why you left the job
 - Why they would recommend you for the job
 - Your productivity, time management, organizational, and communication skills while working remotely

DO be strategic in choosing recommenders. For instance, a commonality between the hiring manager and the recommender could help build trust and create a friendlier conversation between the two. So, think about shared interests or backgrounds, such as their universities or professional associations.

If possible, DO include a reference from someone who works in the company you are interviewing with. An internal reference is extremely valuable because they know the company culture, and perhaps even the hiring manager, and could attest to your fit with the company.

Don't put down the name of your current boss if you are not confident they will give you a sterling review. Most companies understand that you might not even want to notify your current boss that you are planning on leaving. If you are asked for the contact information of your current boss, you could say, "I would prefer to keep this confidential at this

point, as I'm sure you understand." In lieu of the current boss, you could suggest they talk to a trusted work colleague, or you could share your performance review.

Don't put down family members or spouses as your references. It doesn't look professional. In addition, such references would not be trustworthy since the reference-checker knows that family members would likely say only positive things about you.

DO provide the number of references asked for. Younger professionals or people who have taken time off work might not have enough paid work references. In such a case, you can put down people who supervised your work in a college or volunteer setting. You could put down a professor, or someone you did consulting work for. It is fine to provide work colleagues as a peer reference.

Last but not least, DO write a thank-you note after someone served as a reference for you. This individual did you a tremendous favor, so be genuinely appreciative and prompt in thanking them.

Following my list of do's and don'ts will help you craft a great reference list. Now you do not have to worry about whether you have been naughty or nice at work. Have a wonderful holiday season!

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Fremont Holiday Toy Drive

BY STEPHANIE GERTSCH

On Monday, December 12, many showed up for Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert's holiday toy drive in Fremont, hosted in the back of Fremont Flowers off Alder Avenue. Guests brought toys and books to donate to Abode Services. Comfort & Joy Ukulele Group provided live music for the event.



Postage rates are going up soon

SUBMITTED BY U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

For thrifty postal customers, now is a good time to stock up on postage stamps as prices for letters, post cards and other United States Postal Service products are going up in the new year.

The new rates include a three-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp from 60 cents to 63 cents, effective Jan. 22, 2023. But people who buy Forever stamps now can continue to use them at the lower rate as long as their supply holds.

Postal Service officials said the increases will boost First-Class Mail prices approximately 4.2% to offset the rise in inflation. The price changes have

been approved by the Governors of the U.S. Postal Service and the Postal Regulatory Commission.

The price for 1-ounce metered mail will increase to 60 cents, and the price to send a domestic postcard will increase to 48 cents. A 1-ounce letter or post card mailed to another country will increase to \$1.45. There will be no change to the single-piece letter and flat additional-ounce price, which remains at 24 cents.

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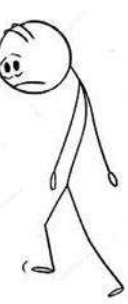




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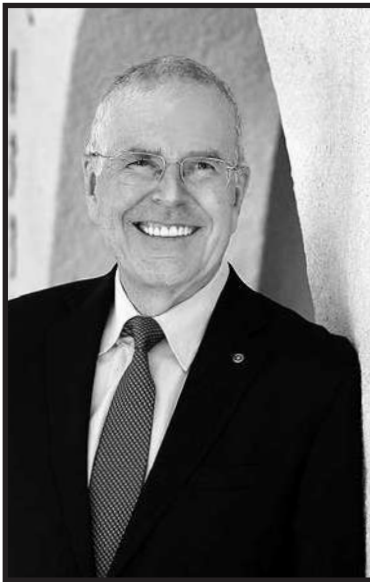
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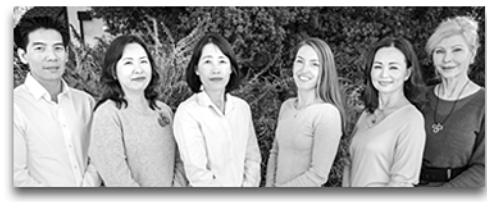
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Farewell to Ayn Wieskamp and Beverly Lane

BY DENNIS WAESPI

Longtime Regional Park District directors Ayn Wieskamp and Beverly Lane have announced their retirement from the board at the end of this year (2022), and I would like to add my voice to the chorus of well-deserved accolades.

As her farewell message in this paper noted, Wieskamp has represented her park district ward in southern Alameda County since 1999. She has a long and distinguished record of public service, having previously been on the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board, Livermore City Council, Alameda County Recycling Board, and the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency.

During her tenure with the East Bay Regional Park District, Wieskamp has participated in land acquisition decisions that have greatly expanded the opportunities for outdoor recreation and nature study, while preserving critical wildlife habitat as well.

One project about which she is especially pleased is completion of the new interpretive pavilion at Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area in Pleasanton. Exhibits at the pavilion highlight the park's natural and cultural history, while giving visitors a closer connection to the park's natural areas and trail network.

Wieskamp has received many awards for her service, most recently the Distinguished Service Award from the Society of Outdoor Recreation

Professionals, and the Award of Distinction for Outstanding Board Member from the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts.

A resident of Danville, Beverly Lane has served on the board for 28 years. Prior to that, she served on the Danville Town Council from 1982 to 1993, was mayor three times, chaired the Central Contra Costa Transit Authority in 1988 and was president of California Elected Women in 1992-93.

Lane was a prime mover in establishment of the Iron Horse Regional Trail in the Tri-Valley, and has worked for its extension through the years. She has also led efforts to establish the Calaveras Ridge Trail and Sycamore Valley Open Space Park. In 2008-9 she served on the Community Advisory Committee reviewing reuse plans for the Concord Naval Weapons Station, including a 2,500-acre regional park. The 2,500 acres are now Thurgood Marshall Regional Park – Home of the Port Chicago 50.

Lane is also proud of her role in securing an option payment for Finley Road Ranch, which will ultimately result in a new and beautiful access to both Morgan Territory Regional Preserve and Mt. Diablo State Park.

It has been a pleasure for me to work with both Ayn Wieskamp and Beverly Lane. Their collegial outlook and dedication to public service have enabled the park district to accomplish great things. My sincere thanks to both of them and my best wishes for happiness and success in all of their future endeavors.

The holiday season is here, and its highlights always include special programs at Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont.

The farm's centerpiece is the Patterson House, a restored Queen Anne home constructed in the 19th century. Ardenwood will offer "Christmas at the Patterson House" programs Friday through Sunday, December 16 through 18.

From 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day, costumed docents lead tours of 14 rooms of the mansion decorated with Victorian-era holiday ornaments. There are 20-minute Tot Tours for all ages, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., downstairs only and wheelchair accessible. Full tours for age six and older are at 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 2:30 p.m., lasting 45 minutes.

These are drop-in tours; no registration is necessary. Tickets will be sold at the door as space allows. Fees are \$3 for adults and seniors, \$2 for ages six through 17, and free for children 5 and under. There are separate fees for Ardenwood entrance. For information, call (510) 791-4196.

There are lots of enjoyable and informative activities scheduled in the regional parks during the holiday season. For a full list, visit www.ebparks.org/things-to-do. But however, you spend them, happy holidays to all.

Give the gift of energy to those in need this season

SUBMITTED BY TAMAR SARKISSIAN, PG&E

This holiday season, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) customers can get into the giving spirit by making a tax-deductible donation to the Relief for Energy Assistance through Community Help (REACH) program. The REACH program provides financial assistance of up to \$300 for customers struggling to pay past due energy bills.

To help households who are struggling to pay their energy bills, PG&E announced December 13 it is contributing \$325,000 to the Dollar Energy Fund in support of the program. The charitable contribution is made with funds from PG&E shareholders, not customers. In the last five years, PG&E has committed more than \$2 million to the REACH program to help vulnerable customers and communities including an additional \$500,000 earlier this year.

Even with the PG&E contribution, the REACH program needs additional support to assist Northern and Central California's most vulnerable, and anyone can help. The year-round program is funded through donations from customers, PG&E employees, and shareholders. Since 2017, approximately 16,000 grants totaling more than \$4.3 million have been provided to PG&E customers in need. Grants are dispersed on a first come, first serve basis while funding is available.

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Customers can pledge an itemized donation each month on their PG&E bill or make a one-time donation. For details, including REACH eligibility guidelines, visit the PG&E website at www.pge.com, then enter "Reach Program" into the search tool and follow the links that appear.

Chabot College offers free noncredit courses to students

SUBMITTED BY DIONICIA RAMOS, CHABOT COLLEGE

Students who want to start the new year by exploring new interests, brushing up English language skills or achieving physical fitness goals can do it at Chabot College in Hayward. And, at no cost.

The college offers free noncredit classes to students, 18 and older, including several noncredit certification programs that improve employability upon completion. Noncredit classes are tuition-free and do not impact student grade point average. Students will only pay a \$33 student fee and gain access to high-quality instruction, counseling services, the food bank, mental health support, bilingual immigration support and the health center.

Spring semester classes start January 17, and registration is open now. An in-person "Discover Chabot," information and registration event is set for Wednesday, January 11 in Building 700 on the college's Hesperian Boulevard campus. There will be a free dinner for all attendees and experts will be there to help students apply, register and pay for classes. Admission is free, but registrations should be made online ahead of time at bit.ly/ChabotNight_Jan11.

Chabot College is at 25555 Hesperian Blvd. More information about noncredit courses is available online at www.chabotcollege.edu/academics/noncredit.



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News and Notes

FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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Remarkable, inspirational

Baseballer Joe Musgrove recently traveled to Antarctica to celebrate his 30th birthday and to break the record for the world's fastest pitch, according to the Guinness Book of World Records -- an 86 miles-per-hour fastball. Joe was accompanied by his San Diego Padre teammates and athletes from the Challenged Athletes Foundation, including 16-year-old Landis Sims whose accomplishment defies probability, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC). Sims was born without hands or feet yet he earned the position of second baseman on his Elizabeth, Indiana high school varsity team. He idolizes Musgrove. As he put it in an interview with KGO-TV in San Francisco: "The first time I met Joe Musgrove, he told me, 'Life rewards those who start.' So, I think every day, if I start going,

if I start working, then I'm going to be rewarded at some point." See video of Landis Sims on YouTube: abc7news.com/landis-sims-high-school-baseball-disability-month-sf-giants/12080272/.

Isn't golf a gentlemen's sport?

Who knows what they were arguing about? It had something to do with a golf game, according to AMAC. Fifty-one-year-old Mark Curtis Wells of Biloxi, Mississippi got into an argument with an unnamed fellow golfer and wound up biting the guy's nose off. Biloxi's SunHerald news reports that Wells, his victim and other golfers had been arguing about a game played earlier that day. They took the quarrel into the parking lot where the cops found the victim with a "disfiguring facial injury." The cops arrested Wells on a charge of felony mayhem. It cost him \$5,000 to bail himself out but he will soon be facing charges that could land him up to seven years in prison. See a video report about the incident on YouTube:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=wLlSMoR2WD0.

Believe it or not

What could be more offensive than a pair of old, very old used jeans? How about a pair of 165-year-old denims that were found in a trunk in a shipwreck dating back to 1857, asks AMAC. The pants may well be worth the \$114,000 one bidder paid for the slacks at auction if they turn out to be an early version of the pants made famous by the legendary creator of blue jeans, Levi Strauss. They were found in a sunken old ship off the coast of North Carolina. Strauss didn't start making jeans at his San Francisco-based Levi Strauss & Co. factory. The company's historians say it's "speculation" and that Strauss didn't start his company until 1873. But the bidder apparently believes that they must be connected with his first brand old dungarees. See video of the vintage jeans on YouTube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=IhG-gVqhlpoo.

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

Blood donors needed during holiday season

SUBMITTED BY
MARTIN GAGLIANO,
AMERICAN RED CROSS

There are numerous in-person donation opportunities available in the Tri-City region through December 31.

As more people make travel plans to celebrate with family and friends this year, the American Red Cross is asking donors to set aside a time to give blood or platelets for patients waiting for care over the holidays.

Throughout the season, several factors can disrupt the ability of the Red Cross to collect enough blood for patients across the country. Among them:

- Travel -- According to a recent study, nearly half of Americans plan to travel over the holidays this year, which may negatively impact the blood supply if fewer people come out to donate.
- Seasonal illness -- The U.S. is seeing a rise in respiratory illnesses like the flu and RSV, which can decrease the availability of healthy donors.
- Weather -- Parts of the country have already seen storms bring several feet of snow this year. Winter weather often leads to hazardous road conditions, canceling blood drives and making it dangerous for donors to venture out to give.

It's important for donors -- especially type O blood donors and platelet donors -- to give now to ensure hospitals have the blood they need through the end of the year. Donation appointments can be scheduled online by visiting the American Red Cross website at redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800 733-2767.

• **Newark**
Fremont-Newark Blood Donation Center,
39227 Cedar Blvd.
Dec. 19-22, 26-29: 11:45 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.; Dec. 23-24, 30-31: 8:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

• **San Lorenzo**
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,
859 Grant Ave.
Dec. 21: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• **San Leandro**
Gate 510, 1933 Davis St.
Dec. 22: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.;
Dec. 23: 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

• **Milpitas**
Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, 926 Evans Road
Dec. 23: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• **Castro Valley**
Castro Valley Church of the Nazarene,
19230 Lake Chabot Road
Dec. 27: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

As a thank-you, people who come in to donate from December 16 through January 2 will receive a free long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

Mobile Hygiene Unit winter needs list

SUBMITTED BY
FREMONT HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The CleanStart Mobile Hygiene Unit is calling for donations of the following items:

- Undergarments for adult men and women – boxers/briefs, underwear, undershirts, camisoles
- Clothing for adult men and women – T-shirts, shorts and capris, tank tops, sweatpants, leggings, light jackets, rain ponchos, coats, gloves, thermals
- Supplies – tarps, sleeping bags, bike locks, backpacks, flashlights (w/batteries), handwarmers, umbrellas, solar charging banks
- All items must be new with original tags/packaging. Clothing is needed in sizes S – XXXL. The list is subject to change as donations come in from the community.
- To schedule a drop off or to coordinate shipping of your donation, contact Paula Manczuk-Hannay at pmanczuk-hannay@fremont.gov. For questions, call (510) 574-2049.

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Park It: Holiday weekend programs in the regional parks

BY NED MACKAY

If you are in search of some fresh air and exercise during the holiday season, there are lots of family-friendly activities available in the East Bay Regional Parks. Many of the parks have scheduled programs that are free and do not require advance registration.

For example, Sunol Regional Wilderness offers a naturalist-led “Sunol Stroll” from 11 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, December 24. It’s an easy, one-mile round trip walk to see how the park transforms during winter months. All ages are welcome. Dress for the weather and bring water. Parents must accompany children.

Sunol Regional Wilderness is at the end of Geary Road off Calaveras Road about five miles south of I-680 and the town of Sunol. There’s a parking fee of \$5 per vehicle. For information, call (510) 544-3243.

Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont has lots of domestic animals in residence. You can help wake them up during a program from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 24. Rouse the sheep and goats; prepare a morning snack for them. Then from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. you can try your hand at some old-fashioned games, including stilt walking, sack races, and the Game of Graces.

Ardenwood is a working farm whose centerpiece is the historic

Patterson House. Programs there offer a window into life on a prosperous 19th century estate. The farm is located at 34600 Ardenwood Boulevard, just north of Highway 84. Admission fees apply; parking is free. For information, call (510) 544-2797.

Nature-themed crafts are the focus of a program from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 24 at Del Valle Regional Park south of Livermore. Join a naturalist at the visitor center and discover your artistic abilities.

Del Valle is at the end of Del Valle Road off Mines Road, about nine miles south of town. There’s a parking fee of \$6 per vehicle. For information, call (510) 544-3146.

Crafts inspired by nature are also on the agenda from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 24 at Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve in Antioch. The minimum participation age is two, and parents must accompany their children. Meet the naturalist in the uppermost parking lot at the end of Somersville Road, 3½ miles south of Highway 4.

Black Diamond Mines has a parking fee of \$5 per vehicle when the kiosk is attended. For information, call (510) 544-2750.

Later on the calendar, there’s a birding program from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 29 to document the

variety and number of birds of prey in East Contra Costa County. This is a community science research project. No experience is necessary; naturalist Misti Marsh will teach participants how to identify the birds. Parent participation is required.

Meet Misti at the Marsh Creek Regional Trail’s Cypress Boulevard Staging Area in Oakley. For information and directions, call (510) 544-3050.

Also on Thursday, December 29 there’s a bayside beach cleanup from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon at Encinal Beach in Alameda. You can volunteer to clean up the beach while catching a glimpse of bay wildlife. Bring your own gloves and bucket or borrow from the Park District. Students can earn community service hours.

Participants should wear sturdy shoes and long sleeves. If you are age 13 through 17 and coming by yourself, you must bring a liability form signed by a parent or guardian. Email Susan Ramos at sramos@ebparks.org for the form. For information and directions, call (510) 544-3187.

All Park District visitor centers will be closed on December 25, but the parks will be open as usual. For the full list of activities, visit www.ebparks.org/things-to-do.

Improving transportation options for low-vision adults

SUBMITTED BY
DEEPA CHORDIYA

On a recent blustery morning, LIFE ElderCare’s volunteer drivers participated in a training session led by Sherri Albers and Allyson Ferrari of Lighthouse for the Blind. This hands-on workshop provided volunteers with actionable guidelines to better assist seniors with visual impairment. Participants learned about effective strategies and practiced them in a variety of different scenarios: navigating curbs, going through doorways and up and down stairs, helping seniors sit in chairs, and getting in and out of cars. A special “thank you” to the LIFE clients who joined as guides to help train the volunteers.

LIFE ElderCare provides a variety of free services, support, and resources to help homebound seniors age at home with optimal health and connection. When they are no longer able to cook, drive themselves, and leave the house without assistance, LIFE can step in with healthy Meals on Wheels, fresh groceries, rides to the doctor, health and wellness

interventions, friendly companionship, and more. LIFE services provide a safety net for vulnerable seniors to help nourish them in body, mind, and spirit.

LIFE ElderCare’s transportation program – funded in part by the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) – provides rides with help at the destination for seniors and people with disabilities who are not able to take other transportation options. With the help of a dedicated driver, they can go to doctor’s appointments, get groceries, and complete other essential errands. Please share this important information with homebound seniors and people with disabilities in your life.

Would you like to support homebound seniors in your community? If you’re available during the day, LIFE ElderCare needs volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels and provide assisted rides. Or, if you need a more flexible opportunity, you can do weekly visits with an isolated elder.

To learn more or sign up for services or volunteering, please call (510) 894-0370, email info@LifeElderCare.org, or visit <http://www.lifeelder.org/>.



Christmas Eve at Niles Essanay

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when he falls for the daughter of a downtown minister. Frederick Hodges provides piano accompaniment. The film will be preceded by two shorts: “Alice’s Balloon Race” and “There Ain’t No Santa Claus.”

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

Standards Link: Language Arts: Recognize the sounds created by consonants in blends.



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ANSWER: With a forklift.

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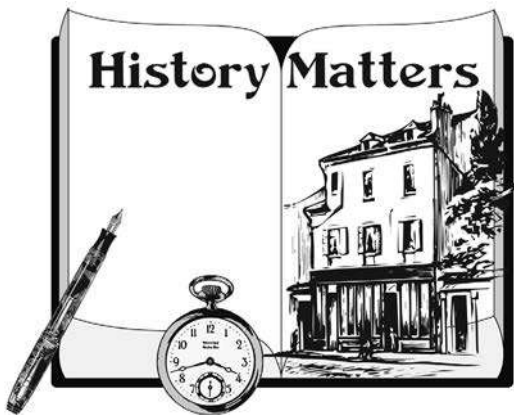
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Try to use the word **article** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

If I were an Animal

Which kind of animal, are you most like? If you were an animal, what kind would you be and why?



By JOHN GRIMALDI AND
DAVID BRUCE SMITH
December 16 through 31

America’s first ally

A powerful potpourri of European countries -- Spain, Netherlands, and France -- boosted America’s resolve to free itself of Great Britain during the Revolutionary War. The French supplied arms, ammunition, troops, and maritime reinforcement. And, while victory was not declared until 1783, they recognized America’s independence on December 17, 1777, and divulged the alliance two months later.

According to History.com, “[Benjamin] Franklin had quickly mustered French support upon his arrival in December 1776. France’s humiliating loss of North America to the British in the Seven Years’ War made the French eager to see an American victory. However, the French king was reluctant to back the rebels openly. Instead, in May 1776, Louis XVI sent unofficial aid to the Continental forces and the playwright Pierre-Augustin Caron de Beaumarchais helped Franklin organize private assistance for the American cause.”

For more information, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends “America’s First Ally: France in the Revolutionary War” by Norman Desmarais.

All-American basketball

On December 21, 1891, Coach James Naismith invented basketball in Springfield, Massachusetts -- the only major sport conceived in America. The inspiration came to

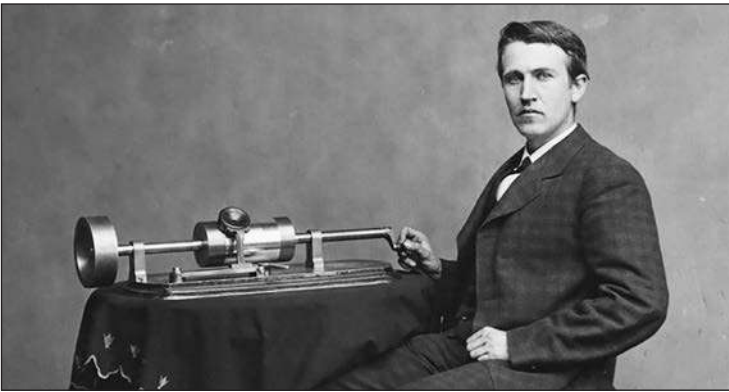
him during the winter at the International Young Men’s Christian Association Training School when the students were restless and needed an indoor activity.

In 1939 Naismith was interviewed on New York’s WOR-AM radio and explained that he “called the boys to the gym, divided them up into teams of nine and gave them a little soccer ball. I showed them two peach baskets I’d nailed up at each end of the gym, and I told them the idea was to throw the ball into the opposing team’s peach basket. I blew the whistle, and the first game of basketball began ... The invention of basketball was not an accident. It was developed to meet a need.”

Basketball is America’s second favorite sport -- after football. Thirty-six percent of the population are fans of the National Basketball Association [NBA]. The Grateful American Book Prize recommends “Becoming Kareem: Growing Up On and Off the Court” by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Raymond Obstfeld.

Genius and inspiration

Early on, Thomas Edison’s successes would have seemed



Thomas Edison re-worked the first light bulb in the 19th century.

unlikely. He wrestled with attention deficit disorder; scarlet fever; and a sequence of hearing infections that stripped away much of his hearing. Even so, he once said, “Genius is 1 percent inspiration and 99 [percent] perspiration.”

He dreamed up the motion picture camera; improved Samuel Morse’s telegraph, enhanced Alexander Graham Bell’s telephone, and -- according to History.com -- re-worked the first light bulb “to be long-lasting enough to be practical for widespread use...the first incandescent lamp had been produced 40 years earlier, [but] no inventor had been able to come up with a practical design until Edison embraced the challenge in the late 1870s. After countless tests, he developed a high-resistance carbon-thread filament that burned steadily for hours and an electric generator sophisticated enough to power a large lighting system.”

On New Year’s Eve, 1879, the re-worked version was displayed in Menlo Park, New Jersey; more than 3,000 persons showed for the demonstration. The Grateful American Book Prize recommends “Thomas Edison: The Inspirational Life Story of Thomas Edison” by Helen Boone.

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NASA’s Artemis I:
Success worth building on

KAILASH KALIDOS, AEROSPACE ENTHUSIAST

Orion returned safely to Earth, completing the Artemis I flight test. NASA’s Artemis I was a phenomenal success, but there is still a long way to go in terms of the overall mission. The Orion spacecraft splashed down in the Pacific Ocean, west of Baja California, on December 11, 2022, at 9:40 a.m. PT after traveling more than a million miles, which included an orbit around the Moon.

Splashdown is the final milestone for all Artemis missions. Artemis I began with a successful liftoff of NASA’s Space Launch System (SLS) rocket November 16, from Launch Pad 39B at NASA’s Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Over the course of 25.5 days, NASA tested Orion in the harsh environment of deep space. This is a dry run before flying astronauts on Artemis II.

Earlier during the mission, Orion performed two successful lunar flybys, coming within 80 miles of the lunar surface. Orion traveled nearly 270 thousand miles from Earth, which is approximately a thousand times farther than where the International Space Station orbits Earth. This is a stress test that was done intentionally to gain confidence before flying an actual crew.

Upon the beginning of re-entry, the crew module separated from its service module. Orion endured

temperatures about half as hot as the surface of the Sun, at about 5,000° F. Within about 20 minutes, Orion slowed from nearly 25,000 mph to about 20 mph for its parachute-assisted splashdown.

During the flight test, Orion stayed in space longer than any spacecraft designed for astronauts has done without docking to a space station. While in a distant lunar orbit, Orion surpassed the record for distance traveled by a spacecraft designed to carry humans, previously set during Apollo 13.

In the next few days, Orion will return to shore. Technicians will offload the spacecraft and transfer it back to Kennedy where the Artemis team will unload and analyze data, including the non-living crew -- the mannequins, space biology experiments, and official flight kit, and begin to collect data from its sensors and recorders. The capsule and its heat shield will also undergo additional screening, testing and analysis so that the inferences can be used in the Artemis II mission.

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



Orion after splashdown. Source: flickr.com

Active seniors thrive in cohousing communities

SUBMITTED BY EVELYN LATORRE
AND JANE MUELLER

Cohousing can serve as an innovative solution to meet the unique needs of an aging population by addressing emotional needs through a supportive community environment. By its nature, cohousing addresses many of the largest obstacles to aging gracefully, including the often isolating, over-sterilized, impersonal environments of nursing homes and elder care facilities.

Loneliness can be deadly, according to recent research on people of isolation. The COVID pandemic certainly brought home the dilemma that living with limited social interaction puts people at greater risk for adverse physical and mental conditions. In 2019, Surgeon General Vivek Murthy made headlines when he reported that isolation can shorten one’s life by 15 years.

“Living alone has been shown to have the same impact on a body as being obese or smoking 15 cigarettes per day,” he said.

Older members of society are particularly susceptible to living in isolation. After retiring and growing less mobile, they likely no longer have the same level of stimulation their workplaces once provided. Grown children may have moved away and been able to visit only occasionally. Or working adult children are occupied with their own busy lives. As a result, senior citizens often become increasingly isolated. Social interaction between neighbors often decreases as residents age.

A desire for one’s later years to be stimulating and fulfilling has led a growing number of active seniors to seek out cohousing communities. Aging in community allows a boost in social



interaction among seniors and offers an important safety net of inclusion. In their own private homes, clustered around open living spaces, these intelligent and caring elders can regain the sense of purpose and community they’ve lost.

“We visited a couple of retirement places here,” said Mike, a resident of senior cohousing community Heartwood Commons in Tulsa, Oklahoma, “and it felt like a place you go to die. But Heartwood is definitely a place you go to live.”

Multigenerational cohousing, like that planned by Mission Peak Village group in Fremont, is designed to facilitate a strong communal bond and reduce isolation among residents of all ages. Buildings are designed for living more closely with neighbors and more lightly on the earth. Seniors will be encouraged to pursue their hobbies and interact with others who enjoy similar activities. For example, seniors can help with the functioning of the community by occasionally cooking a shared meal in the common house, helping in the community garden, teaching music to children, planning group outings—in

other words, by participating according to their desired activity levels.

Mission Peak Village’s planned 13,200-square-foot tree-filled inner open space will have connecting pathways and benches that inspire residents to explore and gather together outdoors. Regular interaction is facilitated by the placement of the condos along common walkways wide enough for patio tables that welcome neighbors to “come and sit a spell.” Mailboxes will be near the common dining room to promote spontaneous socializing.

Parking will be located outside of the common areas on the property’s periphery. Efficiencies such as solar panels, shared electric vehicles, a laundry room, and a workshop minimize individual household costs and the community’s environmental impact.

Located three blocks from “five corners” in Irvington, the quiet High Street property is within walking distance of restaurants, coffee shops, hair salons, the farmers’ market, public transportation, scores of stores, and Central Park, to name a few amenities. It

is half a mile from the planned Irvington BART station.

If research is accurate, living in an environment like Mission Peak Village has the potential to ward off high blood pressure, heart disease, obesity, a weakened immune system, anxiety, depression, cognitive decline, and Alzheimer’s disease. Life in the 180 US cohousing communities is described by those who live in them as fulfilling, joyful, rich, and sustainable.

This article is part of an ongoing series on cohousing. To learn more on the topic of cohousing, visit www.cohousing.org.

Mission Peak Village is a group of friends forming Fremont’s first cohousing community. Memberships are still available. Call Kelli at (510) 413-8446 or visit Mission Peak Village on Facebook, Instagram, or the www.missionpeakcohousing.org website, where you can register for a monthly walk to explore the neighborhood around the future site in Fremont.



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Keep holiday greens looking their best

By MELINDA MYERS

Wreaths, door swags, garlands, and containers filled with evergreens have long been part of winter celebrations and displays. Keep them fresh and looking their best throughout the holidays with minimal effort.

Fresh greenery with pliable branches and firmly attached needles will last the longest. Check for good color and an aroma you prefer. Consider buying extra greenery and storing it in the garage or another cool location. Use these to replace any indoor greenery that is starting to brown.

Recut the bottom of the stems with a sharp bypass pruner. Totally submerge the greenery in a tub of room-temperature water overnight to help rehydrate the needles. Gently crush the cut end to allow it to better absorb moisture.

Remove the cuttings from the water and once dry, seal in the moisture by

spraying the greens with an anti-transpirant, often called anti-desiccant. These products seal in moisture, reducing drying due to warm, dry air indoors and drying winds and sunlight outside.

Follow label directions for application tips and dilution rates based on what you are treating. Avoid using these on juniper berries, cedar and blue spruce. The waxy coating that makes these look blue can be damaged by these products. Apply anti-desiccant products outdoors during the day, as light is needed to activate some of these chemicals. Allow the treated greens to dry for three to four hours before moving them inside.

Display indoor greenery in cool locations out of direct sunlight. This reduces moisture loss and extends the life of your garland, wreaths, and arrangements.

Keep greenery away from heat sources that speed drying, decorative lights that generate heat, and flames from candles.

Check the greens every few days and replace dry, brittle, and brown cuttings with fresh greens.

Outdoor greenery lasts much longer when temperatures are cooler than indoors. Further extend their longevity by placing them in more sheltered locations, out of direct sunlight and wind where they suffer less drying. Avoid hanging wreaths and swags in front of windows in direct sunlight where the reflected light can burn the foliage. Use an anti-transpirant on outdoor greenery to help reduce moisture loss and extend your enjoyment.

Keep outdoor planters of greens looking their best throughout the winter. Keep the soil moist until it freezes when displaying spruce tips, cut holiday trees, and evergreen stems in outdoor containers. If and when the ground freezes, you can stop watering.

A bit of effort goes a long way in extending the beauty of holiday greenery.

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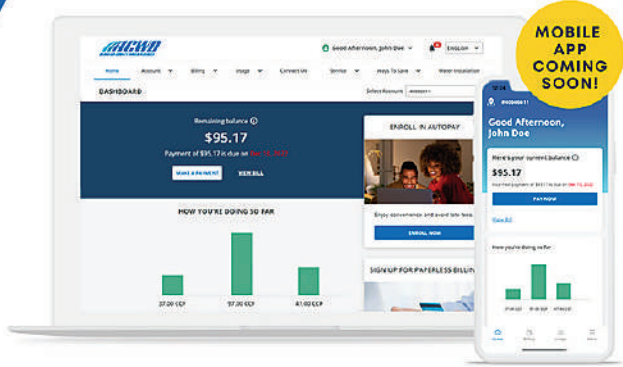
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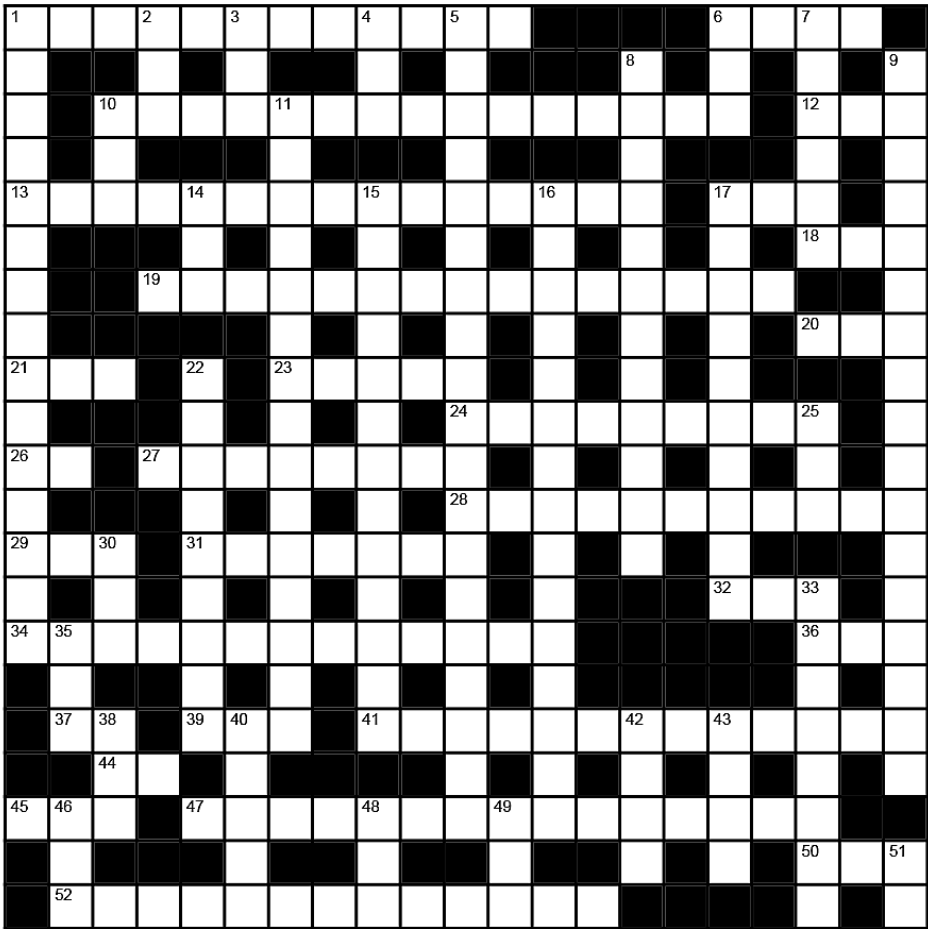
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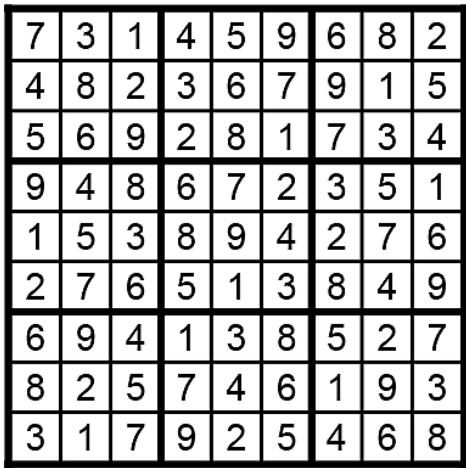
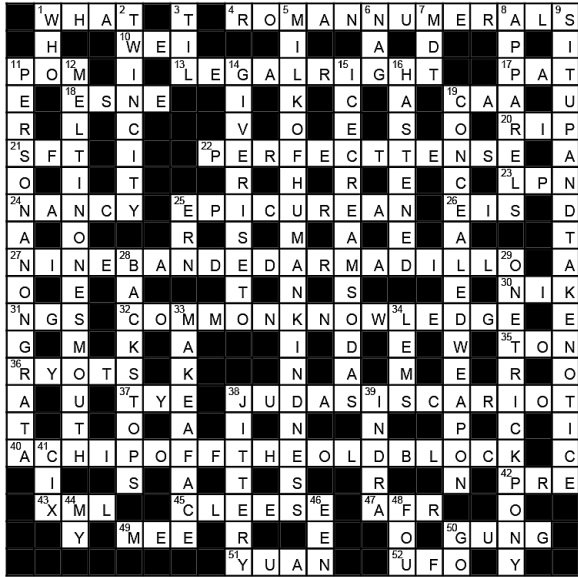
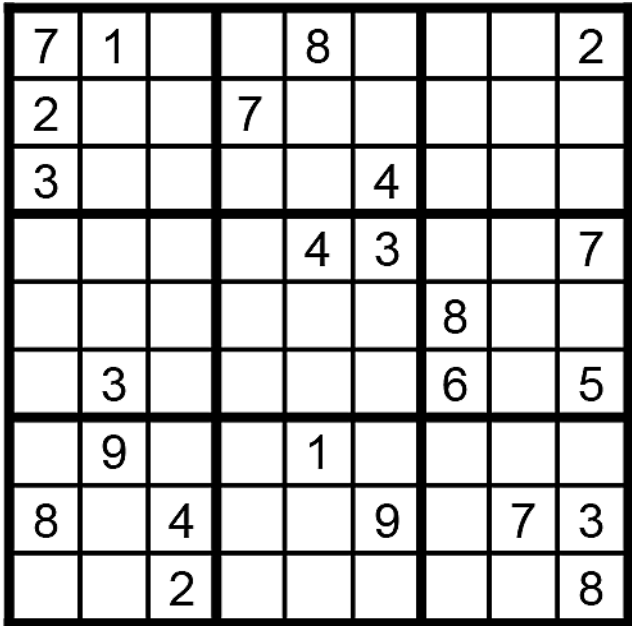
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1	Insincerely, perhaps (2,1,9)	34	"Midnight's Children" author (6,7)	10	Class-conscious org.? (3)
6	"The Snowy Day" author ____	36	"____ Blue?" (3)	11	Identify (3,4,6,2)
	Jack Keats (4)	37	2001 Spielberg sci-fi film (2)	14	"For the Boys" subj. (3)
10	Headlined item (9,6)	39	Connections (3)	15	Impromptu (13)
12	Opposite of alt (3)	41	Isaac Stern contemporary (6,7)	16	Country hound? (7,8)
13	One seeking a second degree (8,7)	44	Happen (2)	17	Shrewd (4-6)
17	Blue (3)	45	Debating side: Abbr. (3)	22	Hustler with a cue (4-5)
18	Canadian area: Abbr. (3)	47	Biblical adversaries (5,3,7)	25	20-20, e.g. (3)
19	Thoroughly (4,2,3,6)	50	"Peer Gynt" character (3)	30	Patriot's org. (3)
20	U.S. Army medal (3)	52	What a pig might do? (2,3,5,3)	33	Petroleum distillates (8)
21	Congress unit: Abbr. (3)	Down		35	"The ____ Daba Honeymoon" (3)
23	"Jersey Shore" guy, slangily (5)	1	Stage-door waiters (9,6)	38	Global pugilists' grp. (3)
24	Rebel (9)	2	DVD/video-game chain (3)	40	Amazed (2,3)
26	Belonging to (2)	3	QB protectors (3)	42	____ liquor (4)
27	An unenjoyable experience (2,6)	4	Chop (off) (3)	43	Neighbor of Tenn. (4)
28	Reveal confidential information (4-3-4)	5	Come what may (7,5,3,4)	46	Befuddle (3)
29	"You don't have to write me back," when texting (3)	6	Lizard, old-style (3)	48	Scooby-____ (cartoon dog) (3)
31	Italian woman's title (7)	7	Celebrity (6)	49	"Stupid me!" (3)
		8	Computer user who needs to be in charge? (7,5)	51	Dorothy's aunt

Sudoku:

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



Tri-City Stargazer FOR WEEK: DECEMBER 20, 2022

All Signs: Planetary aspects for important holidays are often stressful. (As one might expect.) This year I was surprised to see that the planetary aspects for Christmas Eve day and Christmas day are fantastic! Of course, this doesn't guarantee that everyone will have a wonderful day; any more than a sunny day guarantees a happy picnic. But it's a good start! Most people will definitely have a happy time; however, earlier in the week, impatience, tension and challenges do exist. Nevertheless, we can look forward to a happy weekend!

Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20):

This week the Sun moves to the top of your chart where it will stay for the next four weeks. Symbolically, this means it is shining a flattering spotlight on you! They see you as competent and capable even if you don't do anything special. Furthermore, the people who are really impressed with you will be bosses, parents and people in authority. This is a lovely influence, especially for the holiday weekend. Sunday will be a popular time for you. Enjoy your good fortune and have fun!

Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20):

Your desire to travel and explore the world will be strong in the next four weeks. This is why you might be more involved with people from other cultures and different countries. Either you will be visiting these people, or they will come into your world, perhaps to share the holidays? You will make a great impression on others, especially Sunday. In fact, whatever happens Sunday could impact your earnings, your wealth or your assets. You might get richer or get more loot.

Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20):

Fiery Mars is still in your sign boosting your energy and making you more aggressive than usual. (You might not notice this, but people around you will.) Mars has been in your sign since August, and it will stay there until almost April next year. Fortunately, in January, it will move forward from its retrograde position, which will give you energy. Meanwhile, in the next

four weeks, your focus will be on shared property, taxes, debt, inheritances and the wealth and resources of your partner. Personal relationships will be affectionate and sexy!

Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21):

This week the Sun moves opposite your sign to stay for the next four weeks. This happens only once a year, and means you will need more sleep. You will be tired because the Sun represents your energy and it's as far away from your sign as it can get all year. (In your chart, not the sky.) However, this also means you will be more involved with partners, close friends and the public. Because Mercury and Venus are also opposite your sign, relations with others will be cozy, warm and friendly.

Leo the Lion (July 22-August 22):

This week the Sun moves into the part of your chart that encourages you to work hard. Suddenly, you're gung-ho to be productive during the next four weeks! You will also make an effort to improve your health. Perhaps a challenge considering the timing with holiday festivities and eggnog! Nevertheless, you're a determined sign who can be self-disciplined when you want to be. So, if you are going to go on a health kick now – you will do it! You'll have lots of energy to schmooze with others this weekend.

Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22):

The universe is smiling on you because the next four weeks are going to be party city! You'll feel a

greater sense of personal freedom. You will be yourself regardless of what others think. You will enjoy socializing with everyone. You will particularly enjoy playful activities with kids. And of course, romance will shine! This is a fabulous time to get away on vacation for those of you who can do so. It's also a productive time for those of you work in the entertainment world and the hospitality industry.

Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22):

As the Sun changes signs this week, it will direct your attention to home, family and your private life for the next four weeks. You might tackle home repairs or redecorate. Obviously, you will entertain at home and many of you will be more involved than usual with a parent. This weekend will be particularly playful and fun-loving! You'll have energy to enjoy activities with kids, or even travel. But in the next few weeks most of you will prefer to entertain at home and make it all come to you.

Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21):

Beginning this week, the pace of your days will accelerate during the next four weeks. You will have more appointments, errands, and visits with siblings and relatives. Many of you will take short trips. You will enjoy schmoozing with others, especially younger people or creative types. It will be a pleasant time for you because your energy will be upbeat! Many of you will have a greater appreciation for your daily surroundings. On Sunday, you might be busy at home. Nevertheless, this activity will appeal to you. You will feel revitalized!

Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21):

Starting this week, you're going to think more about money, cash flow and earnings as well as purchases, spending and shopping. The good news is that you'll have moneymaking ideas that are worth consideration. Furthermore, you can attract money to you in the next four weeks. Admittedly, you will be spending it on beautiful things for yourself and others. But money is just energy. Make it work for you. In the next four weeks, you will also be prompted to think about your deeper values. You are the philosopher of the zodiac.

Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19):

It's all about you, dear Capricorn, because this week the Sun moves into your sign to join Mercury and Venus. A trifecta! (Of course, Pluto is still there as well but it's been hanging out in your sign since 2008.) This will call attention to in a positive way. You will also project yourself more forcefully and with charm! You will more easily attract opportunities and important people to you. This is an excellent window of time for you to shop for wardrobe goodies. Mars will keep you energetic and active!

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

At this time, your personal year is coming to a close, and yet, your new year will not begin until your birthday. This means the next four weeks are limbo for you. In a way, you're hiding. You'll be happy to work behind the scenes. Of course, you will cooperate with festivities, but you will be more inclined to watch from a distance – if loved

ones let you. Fortunately, Mars will make you playful in a supportive way. It will pump your passion and physical intimacy. It might also propel you into competitive sports.

Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20):

This week the Sun will join Mercury and Venus in the part of your chart related to friends, groups and organizations. This means that you will be more friendly than usual in the next four weeks. You feel more inclined to reach out to others and initiate contact, especially with younger people and creative people. This is one of the best times of the year for you to think about long-term goals. You might discuss these goals with others to get feedback. Meanwhile, Mars continues to create chaos on the home front. This will continue until spring.



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Lowest \$: 487,000		Average \$: 1,426,675				
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5839 Via Lugano	94555	487,000	2	1246	201310/19/22	
3288 Red Cedar Terrace	94536	565,000	2	840	198610/19/22	
36373 Fremont Blvd	94536	720,000	2	981	198010/17/22	
34667 Tabu Terrace #64	94555	740,000	2	892	198710/17/22	
38912 Cherry Glen Cmn #101	94536	750,000	2	1168	198710/21/22	
273 Vivian Common	94536	789,000	2	1213	198310/17/22	
1053 Huntington Cmn	94536	900,000	3	1284	198810/21/22	
38163 Parkmont Drive	94536	1,000,000	2	1140	196310/18/22	
37031 Dondero Way	94536	1,065,000	4	1233	195210/21/22	
101 Overacker Terrace	94536	1,070,000	4	2149	199110/21/22	
36841 Bonito Drive	94536	1,100,000	3	1163	195510/19/22	
43219 Portofino Terrace	94539	1,110,000	2	1196	200610/17/22	
35126 Cabral Drive	94536	1,120,000	3	1064	196410/21/22	
36360 Magellan Drive	94536	1,130,000	3	1111	195410/20/22	
37485 Southwood Drive	94536	1,150,000	3	1119	195410/18/22	
36345 Frobisher Drive	94536	1,150,000	4	1154	195610/20/22	
4747 Cortez Avenue	94536	1,190,000	3	1168	195610/20/22	
4215 Ogden Drive	94538	1,220,000	4	1644	196210/21/22	
38905 Gar Terrace	94536	1,252,000	3	1610	199510/21/22	
4350 Burke Way	94536	1,275,000	3	1148	195910/21/22	
4610 Sloan Street	94538	1,290,000	3	1464	196310/19/22	
5588 Wallace Place	94538	1,321,000	4	1387	196610/20/22	
1912 Gomes Road	94539	1,350,000	2	1248	196810/20/22	
4185 Delaware Drive	94538	1,420,000	3	1500	195510/21/22	
41869 Gifford Street	94538	1,500,000	3	1310	195810/21/22	
3062 Kemper Road	94536	1,545,000	3	1480	197310/21/22	
41031 Valero Drive	94539	1,600,000	3	1389	197210/17/22	
5594 Starfire Circle	94538	1,600,000	4	1614	199410/17/22	
3207 Kemper Road	94536	1,735,000	3	1708	197310/20/22	
36952 Nichols Avenue	94536	1,780,000	5	2357	199710/18/22	
41560 Beatrice Street	94539	1,780,000	4	1864	195410/20/22	
41513 Higgins Way	94539	1,800,000	4	1670	196010/21/22	
43335 Paseo Padre Pkwy	94539	1,950,500	-	2097	197810/20/22	
210 D Street	94536	2,102,500	5	2665	195910/17/22	
480 Chardonnay Drive	94539	2,115,000	4	2262	198510/20/22	
38635 Drexel Court	94536	2,200,000	4	2572	196110/21/22	
40670 Las Palmas Ave	94539	2,225,000	4	2095	197610/21/22	
41071 Bernie Street	94539	2,360,000	5	2628	199810/21/22	
50 Valley Vista Court	94539	2,440,000	5	2610	200010/21/22	
43490 Vista Del Mar	94539	3,170,000	5	4056	198410/17/22	

HAYWARD TOTAL SALES: 22						
Highest \$: 1,675,000		Median \$: 810,000				
Lowest \$: 475,000		Average \$: 822,636				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
26937 Hayward Blvd #105	94542	475,000	2	1189	198210/18/22	
918 West Tennyson Rd #102	94544	522,000	2	1015	199010/21/22	
21095 Gary Drive #205	94546	575,000	2	1101	198010/20/22	
27495 Ponderosa Court	94545	588,000	2	988	197010/20/22	
22135 Sevilla Road #32	94541	600,000	2	1163	198210/19/22	
24521 Diamond Ridge Dr #24521	94544	625,000	2	1150	199210/21/22	
313 Culp Avenue	94544	721,000	3	1455	195010/18/22	
23965 2nd Street	94541	725,000	2	1514	194710/18/22	
22745 Marolyn Court	94541	755,000	3	1007	195010/18/22	
588 Paradise Boulevard	94541	770,000	2	1146	194210/19/22	
24692 Townsend Ave	94544	790,000	3	1173	195810/21/22	
721 Garin Avenue	94544	830,000	3	1430	195910/17/22	
451 Oxford Street	94541	837,000	3	1634	195110/21/22	
960 Longwood Avenue	94541	870,000	3	1906	195110/17/22	
800 Resota Street	94545	885,000	3	1121	195910/21/22	

2579 Jacobs Street	94541	900,000	3	1574	195310/19/22	
21851 Princeton Street	94541	930,000	4	1812	194810/21/22	
314 Toscana Way	94545	935,000	3	1998	200910/21/22	
2509 Tahoe Avenue	94545	940,000	4	1672	196510/21/22	
22725 Lorand Way	94541	950,000	3	1534	194810/21/22	
126 B Street	94541	1,200,000	6	2788	199210/21/22	
739 Overhill Drive	94544	1,675,000	4	3335	196710/20/22	

MILPITAS TOTAL SALES: 6						
Highest \$: 1,620,000		Median \$: 1,490,000				
Lowest \$: 535,000		Average \$: 1,324,167				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
1181 North Abbott Ave	95035	535,000	2	863	1979 11/8/22	
305 Roswell Drive	95035	1,230,000	4	1187	195911/10/22	
870 Nieves Street	95035	1,480,000	3	1501	1969 11/9/22	
1031 Oregon Way	95035	1,500,000	4	2496	1988 11/7/22	
2140 Petersburg Drive	95035	1,580,000	3	1604	1970 11/8/22	
2307 Cresthaven Street	95035	1,620,000	3	2048	1989 11/9/22	

NEWARK TOTAL SALES: 7						
Highest \$: 1,340,000		Median \$: 1,035,000				
Lowest \$: 579,000		Average \$: 972,714				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
39997 Cedar Blvd #144	94560	579,000	2	1071	198510/21/22	
6593 Flanders Drive	94560	650,000	4	1386	196210/19/22	
37328 Locust Street	94560	983,000	3	1165	194910/18/22	
9544 Seawind Way	94560	1,035,000	-	-	010/20/22	
36490 Charles Street	94560	1,102,000	3	1145	195510/20/22	
6196 Brittany Avenue	94560	1,120,000	3	1100	195910/18/22	
5984 Bellflower Drive	94560	1,340,000	4	1660	196910/20/22	

SAN LEANDRO TOTAL SALES: 17						
Highest \$: 1,400,000		Median \$: 800,000				
Lowest \$: 585,000		Average \$: 853,118				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
504 Thornton Street #3	94577	585,000	2	1116	198510/21/22	
355 Lille Avenue	94577	649,000	2	1203	194110/19/22	
16795 Ehle Street	94578	670,000	2	930	194010/19/22	
14404 Seagate Dr #167	94577	680,000	2	1346	198410/17/22	
1449 151st Avenue	94578	725,000	2	994	194710/21/22	
1908 Arctic Street	94577	740,000	3	1018	195010/18/22	
683 Hutchings Drive	94577	765,000	3	1335	194310/20/22	
1325 136th Avenue	94578	770,000	3	1222	194710/19/22	
14014 Outrigger Dr #10	94577	800,000	3	1699	198310/17/22	
14994 Crosby Street	94579	833,000	3	1388	194810/19/22	
2178 Bradhoff Avenue	94577	859,000	2	1154	194710/18/22	
1105 Tulane Avenue	94579	867,000	3	1319	195110/19/22	
770 Victoria Avenue	94577	925,000	2	1001	193010/17/22	
1290 Oberlin Avenue	94579	955,000	3	1459	195110/17/22	
2320 Spinnaker Court	94579	1,065,000	3	2225	200010/18/22	
1863 Edgehill Court	94577	1,215,000	4	2642	197410/18/22	
2774 Lakeview Drive	94577	1,400,000	4	2088	196510/21/22	

SAN LORENZO TOTAL SALES: 8						
Highest \$: 975,000		Median \$: 732,500				
Lowest \$: 549,000		Average \$: 772,375				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
920 Elgin Street #1a	94580	549,000	2	1234	199010/19/22	
17041 Via Andeta	94580	651,000	3	1480	194410/21/22	
15725 Wagner Street	94580	689,000	3	1059	195110/21/22	
91 Corte Eulalia	94580	690,000	3	1750	195610/19/22	
16027 Via Conejo	94580	775,000	3	1088	194410/19/22	
714 Via Aires	94580	920,000	3	1291	194710/19/22	
1608 Via Lobos	94580	930,000	4	1500	195510/21/22	
179 Via Malaga	94580	975,000	3	1749	195110/17/22	

UNION CITY TOTAL SALES: 6						
Highest \$: 1,925,000		Median \$: 1,509,250				
Lowest \$: 517,500		Average \$: 1,335,333				
ADDRESS	ZIP	SOLD FOR	BDS	SQFT	BUILT	CLOSED
337 Whipple Road	94587	517,500	3	1285	195610/20/22	
33039 Alicante Ter #62	94587	899,000	3	1344	199710/17/22	
4382 Bolina Drive	94587	1,410,000	3	1576	199410/18/22	
4556 Beacon Bay Drive	94587	1,608,500	3	1889	199610/20/22	
4820 Delores Drive	94587	1,652,000	4	1910	197510/20/22	
2529 Trailside Way	94587	1,925,000	5	2521	199910/21/22	

‘Topping Off Ceremony’ for MUSD Innovation Campus

SUBMITTED BY
SCOTT FORSTNER

Milpitas school and city leaders, as well as staff, alumni, donors, and community members, gathered at 1331 E. Calaveras Boulevard for the symbolic “Topping Off Ceremony” for the MUSD Innovation Campus on Wednesday, December 14.

One day prior and earlier the same day, students and staff from Calaveras Hills High School, Milpitas Adult Education and the District Office, along with Board of Education trustees, City officials and other MUSD Innovation Campus donors, signed a construction beam before the Blach Construction crew raised it onto one of the building structures.

The MUSD Innovation Campus is a first-of-its-kind high school through adult, early childhood education research and workforce development center. Located on the site of the former Samuel Ayer High School, the Campus will be a hub for

future-ready learners of all ages to connect with local businesses and partners within classrooms and labs tailored to provide a real-world education.

The 99,000 sq. ft. campus includes six new two-story buildings, along with one modernized building, which will house classrooms, experimental learning labs, career simulation facilities, and science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) labs to facilitate a wide variety of programming supported by flex spaces and outdoor learning quads and courtyards. The site will include office space for the District.

MUSD Innovation Campus will emerge in three phases: Phases 1 and 2 are scheduled for completion in summer 2023 and summer 2024, respectively, while Phase 3, which includes the workforce and early education research centers, should be complete by fall 2025.

For more information, please visit: www.musd.org/campus-campaign.html

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Catch Roald Dahl’s Matilda the Musical

Matilda is a little girl with astonishing wit, intelligence and psychokinetic powers. She's unloved by her cruel parents but impresses her schoolteacher, the highly lovable Miss Honey. Over the course of her first term at school, Matilda and Miss Honey have a profound effect on each other's lives, as Miss Honey begins not only to recognize, but also appreciate Matilda's extraordinary personality. Matilda's school life isn't completely smooth sailing, however – the school's mean

headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, hates children and just loves thinking up new punishments for those who don't abide by her rules. But Matilda has courage and cleverness in equal amounts, and could be the school pupils' saving grace!

Performances run January 13 through January 29. An ASL interpreted performance will be held on Friday, January 27. This performance has a small section of reserved seats for our friends in the deaf community close to our guest ASL interpreters in the front rows of house right. To purchase seats in this section, email StarStruckOffice@gmail.com or call the box office at (510) 659-1319.

Check the StarStruck website for COVID protocols.

Matilda the Musical
Fridays – Sundays, Jan 13 – 29
Fri/Sat: 7 p.m.

Fremont’s Safe Parking Program: Caring community for folks living in cars

SUBMITTED BY SHIRLEY GILBERT
PHOTOS BY DAVE FISHBAUGH

“I’m thankful,” said John Smith, “that our church invites unhoused people with cars to stay in our parking lot. I’m grateful we can help those in need and provide a sense of community for them.”

Smith is Site Coordinator for the Safe Parking Program at the Niles Discovery Church. Fremont introduced the program in January 2022 in which four churches take turns hosting adults who live in cars to park overnight and get a safe night’s rest. The other three churches are South Bay Community Church, Grace Church Fremont, and Christ the King Lutheran Church.

Smith was on the City’s committee to set the parameters of the program from the start. He was delighted that his church was eager to welcome unhoused residents to its parking lot. “This program,” said Smith, “is in line with our church’s mission of respecting the dignity of every human being.”

Each site has a coordinator and it’s Smith’s job to make certain the program works smoothly and compassionately. For the three months (March, July, and November) that Niles Discovery Church hosts the program, Smith is always on call.



He’s the main contact for any issues that come up and helps whenever and wherever he can. For example, two cars needed new batteries and one needed new tires. Smith, along with other Niles Discovery volunteers, took care of the problems.

Each church administers the program a little differently. Niles Discovery allows its guests to stay 24 hours a day. Smith points out that not all the churches can do that. “Some,” he said, “have schools on the site. Cars have to leave in the morning and return at night. But every one of the churches do what they can to make life easier for people who must unfortunately live in cars.”

Smith admits there have been some problems. The most serious one occurred in the middle of the night when someone knocked on car windows and tried to open the doors. 911 was called but unfortunately no one came until the next morning. There was a meeting with the police, and since then they have been more responsive.

Every Monday and Wednesday, a CleanStart Mobile Hygiene Unit comes to the church to offer laundry services and a chance to shower and feel clean and in control. This is such a boon for the unhoused because keeping yourself and your clothes clean can be especially challenging.

Niles Discovery Church has 22 volunteers to help the site’s guests. They travel around with a cart offering hot coffee and breakfast to their guests, and it’s really appreciated on cold wintry mornings. There’s also a bag luncheon provided by the Tri-City Volunteers. Those over 55 – the majority – can have lunch at the Age Well Center at Lake Elizabeth.

The church is lucky enough to have nutritionist Melissa Palleschi create healthy menus for each day. Now retired, Palleschi has worked with several food-oriented companies and, as she says, got a lot of products onto shelves. She knows some of the guests are diabetic and creates special meals for them. And she’ll do things like



run out to buy more eggs if that’s needed. Guests can also help themselves to healthy food in the church pantry.

November is the second month Virginia August has been a volunteer. She loves offering hot coffee on cold Wednesday mornings and enjoys getting to learn the remarkable stories of each unique guest. It’s upsetting to August that there are people in our community who are without a home and who live every day with food insecurity. “Let’s face it,” she pointed out, “we live in a wealthy town and yet there are so many people who are going hungry and are reduced to living in cars. It’s tragic.”

Marilyn Singer volunteers on Friday and makes special meals to order for the church’s guests. She cooks up a medley including delectable cheese omelets, hashbrowns, coffee cake and fruit salad. Singer feels the program raises awareness of people who live in cars and that they’re just like us. “These people could be friends but for some bad luck. We have nothing to fear from them,” she said.

There’s an informal network, managed by John Smith, designed to help the site’s visitors with difficulties. For example, one of the women had a head cold and no head covering on a particularly cold morning.

Parishioners quickly stepped up to provide 12 hats for her and the other guests.

What has struck Smith and the volunteers is that things we take for granted are extraordinary for people who reside in cars. One Friday morning, Union City’s Lighthouse Church provided a sumptuous breakfast for about a dozen of the church’s visitors. There were placemats, flowers on the table, silverware – not the plastic knives and forks unhoused folks in cars are used to – and a magnificent spread. “It was like a beautiful family brunch,” said Smith. “You could see how grateful and appreciative our guests were. Things that seem so every day to us mean so much to these folks.”

Smith looks forward to an expansion of the program with more faith-based organizations participating and more unhoused people in cars taking advantage of parking in a safe place. “The primary mission of the Safe Parking Program is to provide some welcoming human contact and a warm sense of community.”

To donate go to:
safeparking@fremont.gov
To volunteer go to:
ggonzales@fremont.gov

Cirque Du Soleil returns to Bay Area with Corteo

SUBMITTED BY KEVIN KOPJAK

Cirque du Soleil returns to the San Francisco Bay Area for the first time in three years with one of its most enchanting arena productions, *Corteo*. Directed by Daniele Finzi Pasca, *Corteo* first premiered in Montreal under the Big Top in April 2005. Since its creation, the show—hailed as “glorious” and “breathtaking” by

the San Francisco Chronicle—has amazed over 10 million spectators, in 20 countries, on 4 continents. *Corteo* will be presented at three venues throughout the San Francisco Bay Area—SAP Center (San Jose), Oakland Arena (Oakland), and Chase Center (San Francisco).

Corteo, which means cortege in Italian, is a joyous procession, a festive parade imagined by a clown. The show brings together the passion of the actor with the grace and power of the acrobat to plunge the audience into a theatrical world of fun, comedy and spontaneity situated in a mysterious space between heaven and earth.

The clown pictures his own funeral taking place in a carnival atmosphere, watched over by quietly caring angels. Juxtaposing the large with the small, the



ridiculous with the tragic and the magic of perfection with the charm of imperfection, the show highlights the strength and fragility of the clown, as well as his wisdom and kindness, to illustrate the portion of humanity that is within each of us. The music turns lyrical and playful carrying *Corteo* through a timeless celebration in which illusion teases reality.

In a Cirque du Soleil first, the stage is central in the arena and divides the venue, with each half of the audience facing the other half, giving a unique perspective not only of the show, but also a performer’s eye view of the audience. An atmosphere like never seen before in Cirque du Soleil arena shows. The set curtains, inspired by the Eiffel Tower, and the central curtains, which were hand painted, give a grandiose feel to the stage. This sets the tone for the poetry of *Corteo*.

General on-sale starts on Monday, December 19, 2022 at cirquedusoleil.com/corteo.

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE
SAP Center (San Jose) – 8 performances
Wednesday, August 9 - Sunday, August 13

Oakland Arena (Oakland) – 6 performances
Thursday, August 17 - Sunday, August 20

Chase Center (San Francisco) – 8 performances
Wednesday, August 23 - Sunday, August 27

Cirque Du Soleil
cirquedusoleil.com/corteo



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Put revenue neutrality back in the bottle

As an environmental organization, we are concerned about the city of Fremont’s recent budget decisions. Despite a potentially unstable economic outlook, the city has adopted an optimistic budget and granted significant pay increases to many city employees.

This comes at a time when the city is facing growing pension liabilities and potential losses from the California Public Employees’ Retirement System. The city’s budget projections for property tax growth may be overly optimistic and there is no guarantee of further federal funding to help balance the budget.

The city continues to spend money on programs that are not generating enough revenue, such as the restricted parking program near Mission San Jose which has not

been able to cover the cost of the three officers hired for enforcement, despite being intended to be “revenue neutral.” Additionally, the red-light cameras at 10 intersections are also not generating enough revenue to cover the costs of the lease and staffing expenses. The fines for rolling right turns are disproportionate and do not provide significant benefits for public safety.

Furthermore, the city’s high spending on police and fire services, as much as 76% of general fund expenditures compared to neighboring cities which only spend 50%, leaves limited funds available for other important services such as social services, parks, and street maintenance.

We believe it is important for the city council to reevaluate its budget and prioritize fiscal responsibility in

order to protect the city’s finances and preserve its debt rating. Programs that provide the greatest benefit to the community must be prioritized. Let’s hope that our newly-elected city council will make responsible financial decisions for the benefit of the natural environment of our city and the well-being of our residents.

William Yragui
Co-founder, Mission Peak Conservancy
Fremont

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Twix is a male guinea pig who loves playing in his guineapig castle and hanging out with his best buddies, Hershey and Butterfinger. Guinea pigs are social animals and should always be housed with another guinea pig. To adopt call Hayward Animal Shelter (510) 293 – 7200.

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

**CONTINUING
EVENTS**

Tuesdays

Practice Your English--Tuesday Chat! R

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Improve your English by talking with native speakers
bit.ly/3TH2keU
jlui@aclibrary.org

First Wednesdays

Talkin' Dirt

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Online Gathering of Gardeners
Local Ecology and Agriculture Fremont (LEAF)
6501 Niles Blvd, Fremont
fremontleaf.org/talkindirt

Wednesdays

Tropics Bingo

7:00 pm
Flash games
Tropics Mobile Home Park
33000 Almaden Blvd, Union City
(510) 471-8550
the-tropics.net

First Thursdays

Plethos Comedy Lab \$

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Ever-changing lineup of Bay Area comics (18+)
Castro Valley Market Place
3295 Castro Valley Blvd, Castro Valley
(510) 901-1001
castrovalleymarketplace.com

Thursdays to Sundays

Animal Feeding

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Feed livestock and learn about their favorite food
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd, Fremont
(888) 327-2757
ebparks.org/parks/ardenwood

First Fridays

First Friday at Chabot Space \$

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Door open for discovery with planetarium shows, telescope viewings and after-hours access to exhibits
Chabot Space and Science Center
10000 Skyline Blvd, Oakland
(510) 336-7300
chabotspace.org

Fridays and Saturdays

Telescope Viewings

7:30 pm - 10:30 pm
Experience the awe and wonder of the Universe
Chabot Space and Science Center
10000 Skyline Blvd, Oakland
(510) 336-7300
chabotspace.org
Donations accepted

Saturdays

Laugh Track City \$

8:00 pm
Improvised games and scenes
Made Up Theatre
4000 Bay St suite B, Fremont
(510) 573-3633
madeuptheatre.com
Proof of vaccination required

Second Saturday

Lazy Saturdays?

9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Join members of LEAF and tackle various projects
Local Ecology and Agriculture Fremont (LEAF)
6501 Niles Blvd, Fremont
fremontleaf.org/volunteer
volunteer@fremontleaf.org

Second Saturdays

Alviso Adobe Tours \$

1:00 pm
Docent-led tours and video presentation
Alviso Adobe Park
2087 Alviso Adobe Ct, Milpitas
(408) 586-3210
bit.ly/3Wcmgau

Saturdays - Sundays

Nectar Garden Exploration

11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Discover native pollinators and plants
Coyote Hills Visitors Center
8000 Patterson Ranch Rd, Fremont
(510) 544-3220
bit.ly/3UGfdGr

Saturdays - Sundays

Discovery On Demand

10:30 am - 3:30 pm
Explore, investigate, and craft to satisfy your natural curiosities
Coyote Hills Visitors Center
8000 Patterson Ranch Rd, Fremont
(510) 544-3220
bit.ly/3UGfdGr

Mondays

Advanced Math + Science Tutoring

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Free High School and College-Level tutoring
Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Ave, Castro Valley
(510) 667-7900
aclibrary.org

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays

Showers for Adults 55+ R

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
One shower per day
Age Well Center at South Fremont
47111 Mission Falls Ct, Fremont
(510) 742-7529
bit.ly/3rAEdSC

Second Thursdays

September 8 - June 9

Café Dad

6:00 pm
Father and father figures to obtain resources
HUSD Parent Resource Center Hub
24823 Soto Rd, Hayward
(510) 723-3857
hUSD.us/hub

Saturdays, November 12 - February 4

13 Weekly (Grief Share) sessions R

9:00 am - 10:30 am
Prince of peace church
38451 Fremont Blvd, Fremont
(510) 793-3366
popfremont.org

Friday - Wednesday, November 18 - January 4

Travelling Exhibit "We Are Not Strangers Here"

During library hours
African American Histories in Rural Californian
Milpitas Public Library
160 N Main St, Milpitas
(408) 262-1171
scclD.org

Sunday, December 4 – Saturday, December 31

Winter Reading Bingo

9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Reading Bingo for K-8th grade
Milpitas Public Library
160 N Main St, Milpitas
(408) 262-1171
scclD.org

First Thursdays, December 1 - April 6

Bill Savings Assistance with Spectrum

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
In-person assistance on how to complete the 2022 LIHEAP and/or LIH-WAP application forms
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd, Fremont
(510) 745-1400
aclibrary.org/locations/FRM
bit.ly/3gWSjfq

Wednesdays, December 7 - November 22

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Relieve stress and anxiety by joining Falun Dafa classes
Milpitas Public Library
160 N Main St, Milpitas
(408) 262-1171
scclD.org

Thursdays, December 8 - June 8

Cover to Cover Book Discussion

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
Newark Public Library
37055 Newark Blvd, Newark
(510) 284-0675
bit.ly/3DyAJaM

Saturday, December 10 – Saturday, December 31

Crippsmas Place

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Decertations on over 70 houses, candy canes, photo with Santa & Mrs. Claus, live music
Wellington Pl. Fremont
crippsmasplace.org
Donations accepted

Second Mondays, December 12 - May 8
ASL (American Sign Language) Story Signing

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Preschool - 2nd grade: 6:30 - 7:00 pm
3rd - 5th grade: 7:00 - 7:30 pm
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd, Fremont
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aclibrary.org/locations/FRM

Thursday, December 15 – Thursday, December 22

Las Posadas R

6:30 pm
9 days celebration of Mexican Christmas, music, songs and more
Register by mail for zoom link
Reservation required by noon, day of performance
Opening and closing will be live
bit.ly/3iOHYD1
LasPosadasFCAC@earthlink.net

Thursday, December 15 – Saturday, December 24

Holiday Photo Booth

9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Five different holiday photo backdrops and props at children's area
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd, Fremont
(510) 745-1400
aclibrary.org/locations/FRM
Mask required for 2+

First and third Friday, December 16 - Jun 16

Mobile Food Distribution

10:30 am - 11:30 am
Available for first 80 families
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd, Fremont
(510) 745-1400
aclibrary.org/locations/FRM
Please bring your own reusable bag, line up starts at 9:30

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Mon-Wed & Fri: 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Th: 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Sat – Sun: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Adopt adult dog or cat (6+ months)
Humane Society Silicon Valley
901 Ames Ave, Milpitas
(408) 262-2133
bit.ly/3PGy1DZ

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

Tuesday, December 20

Learn Through Play (Special Need Friendly)

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Get to practice kids fine and gross motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and social skill
Newark Public Library
37055 Newark Blvd, Newark
(510) 284-0675
bit.ly/3DyAJaM

Tuesday, December 20

3D Gingerbread House Craft R

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Painting and decorating 3D wooden gingerbread house
San Lorenzo Library
395 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo
(510) 284-0640
aclibrary.org/locations/SLZ
sanlorenzo@aclibrary.org

Tuesday, December 20

Puppet Show

7:00 pm - 7:45 pm
The Nutcracker
Milpitas Public Library
160 N Main St, Milpitas
(408) 262-1171
bit.ly/3hxF1X7
Tickets at Children's Help Desk 30 minutes prior the show

Wednesday, December 21
Longest Night Service R

7:30 pm
Invited to light candles in-person
Niles Discovery Church

36600 Niles Blvd, Fremont
(510) 797-0895
nilesdiscoverychurch.org
In-person registration: bit.ly/inpersonsignup
Zoom: bit.ly/reg4worship

Wednesday, December 21
Family Movie Matinee
11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Frozen
Milpitas Public Library
160 N Main St, Milpitas
(408) 262-1171
scclld.org
Children's Activity Room, face mask required

Wednesday, December 21 – Thursday, December 22
Holiday Basket
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Full dinner with gifts for every child of 1,000 local families
Davis Street Community Center
3081 Teagarden St, San Leandro
(510) 347-4620 ext. 400
davisstreet.org/events

Thursday, December 22
Paint by Stickers R
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Children grades K-5 are invited
Milpitas Public Library
160 N Main St, Milpitas
(408) 262-1171
bit.ly/3YpwBSm
uvu@sccl.org

Thursday, December 22
Kwanzaa Storytime
11:00 am - 11:30 am
Story time, dance, singing, and Kwanza muhindi (corn) craft
San Lorenzo Library
395 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo
(510) 284-0640
aclibrary.org/locations/SLZ

Saturday, December 24
Wake Up the Farm
10:30 am - 11:00 am
Lend a hand preparing morning snack for farm animals

Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd, Fremont
(888) 327-2757
ebparks.org/parks/ardenwood

Saturday, December 24
Sunol Stroll
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Stroll the wintry wilderness and discover how park transforms
Sunol Regional Wilderness Visitor Center
1895 Geary Rd, Sunol
(510) 544-3245
ebparks.org/parks/sunol

Saturday, December 24
Christmas at Echo Church
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Service, live music, candlelight, hot chocolate bar, photo booth and more
Echo Church
41386 Fremont Blvd Building B, Fremont
(510) 651-0301
echo.church/fremont

Saturday, December 24
Top Shop
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Learn about wood spinner's history, make it, and compete in a skittles tournament
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd, Fremont
(888) 327-2757
ebparks.org/parks/Ardenwood

Saturday, December 24
Birds of the farm
8:00 am
Explore the field, garden, and forest looking for the delightful visitors
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd, Fremont
(888) 327-2757
ebparks.org/parks/ardenwood

Saturday, December 24
Season's Family Walk R
10:00 am - 11:30 am
Learn how animals keep warm
Sunol Regional Wilderness Visitor Center

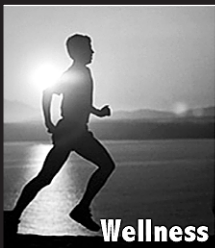
1895 Geary Rd, Sunol
(510) 544-3245
ebparks.org/parks/Sunol
Must register at 1-888-EBPARKS

Saturday, December 24
Christmas Eve Service R
8:00 pm
Hybrid Service
Niles Discovery Church
36600 Niles Blvd, Fremont
(510) 797-0895
In-person registration: bit.ly/inpersonsignup
Zoom: bit.ly/reg4worship
nilesdiscoverychurch.org

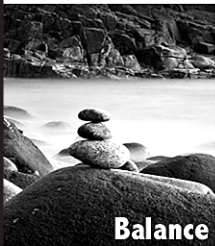
Monday, December 26
Recreational Swim \$
12:30 pm - 3:00 pm
Activity pool, waterslides, lazy river and more
Silliman Activity and Family Aquatic Center
6800 Mowry Ave, Newark
(510) 578-4620
bit.ly/3rYybve

Tuesday, December 27
Teen Writer's Club R
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Practice writing together!
bit.ly/3VXPXf7

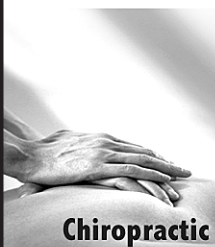
Tuesday, December 27 – Wednesday, December 28
Holiday Drive-In Movies
Gates Open at 4:30 pm
6:00 pm
December 27: Nightmare Before Christmas & Frozen
December 28: Abominable
Alameda County Fairgrounds
4501 Pleasanton Ave, Pleasanton
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alamedacountyfair.com
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Fremont celebrates 10th Annual Chanukah Lighting

STORY AND PHOTOS BY ANNIKA SINGH

On December 18, Fremont held their 10th annual Chanukah lighting ceremony at the downtown event center. Organized by Chabad of Fremont Jewish Center, the event featured face painting, a performance by a children's choir, a craft corner, charcuterie cones, jelly donuts, and hot drinks. Organizers lit a giant ice menorah, and community leaders such as Mayor Lily Mei and Tri-City Non Profit Coalition Co-Founder Kathy Kimberlin spoke at the event. To celebrate the menorah's lighting, Rabbi Moshe Fuss said, "Happy Chanukah! On Chanukah you can be that spark, if you see someone who needs that spark, reach out to them with acts of goodness and kindness."



Ice sculpture is set up by sculpture artists



Ice menorah is lit



Children's choir performs

Castro Valley hosts Wrestling Tournament

BY ANDREW JOSEPH

The Castro Valley High Trojans hosted a boys and girls wrestling tournament on Friday, December 16th, ending in a victory by the Hayward High Farmers in the boys' division, and a win for the Trojans girls' team. Among the participating schools in the tournament were Castro Valley, Hayward, Alameda and San Lorenzo. There was a total of three rounds for the girls' teams and five rounds for the boys' teams.

The Hayward boys won round one with six match wins to the San Lorenzo Grizzlies' four wins. Four of the Farmers' wins in that round came from forfeit wins when the Grizzlies did not have a wrestler present for the respective weight class. "Against the defending Western Alameda County Conference (WACC) champs in Castro Valley we wrestled with a lot of heart and determination," said Hayward head coach Ben Lockett. "My goal is to send as many wrestlers we can to the NCS and State tournament."

The Castro Valley girls' team won by a score of two matches to zero against San Lorenzo in the girls' first round. The second round for the girls was won by Castro Valley over Alameda by a score of two wins to zero. The Trojans won round three of the

girls' matches by three wins to Hayward's two wins. "Coming in today all I wanted to see is our athletes just fight," said Hayward girls wrestler Celeste Delgado. "Something positive we can take out of this tournament is that we never gave up."

The Trojans won the boys' second round against Alameda by two match victories to one. The round was tied one to one until Castro Valley won the last match with a huge pin down as the home crowd roared in victory. "We have some weaknesses that we are going to work on in practice moving forward," said sophomore Trojans' boys captain Conner Jeong. "Our goal this season as defending WACC champions is to win the NCS title."

Castro Valley won the only match in the boys' round three against the Farmers. "The mindset for today was to make sure we all do our best and perform to our potential," said Castro Valley head coach Josh Wheeler. "A lot of our wrestlers did really well and I look forward to us to continue improving."

Castro Valley's boys' team convincingly won all 12 of the matches in round four against San Lorenzo. Six of those Trojan match victories came by wins through Grizzlies forfeits. "As a team we want to try to help get our new players better and do the

best we can altogether as a team," said Castro Valley senior Lucion Strouse. "It's very emotional for me as a senior wrestling my last year of high school with hopes of continuing my career wrestling in college."

Round five for the boys was a back and forth battle between the Farmers and the Trojans, who were both equally competitive in each match of that round. Hayward won six matches and Castro Valley won five. Hayward's wrestlers had multiple pin downs and inside control in their victories. During the fourth match Tre'Mayne Mozeke won for the Farmers by staying low, maintaining control and having multiple pin downs that had their bench cheering with excitement. During the heavyweight match both wrestlers were standing up the majority of the time until Hayward finally gained control and won through a held pin down.

"During my last match in the fifth round I wanted to try my hardest and work on my technique," said Hayward senior Mozeke. "When we felt down we got back up and rose to the occasion."

Castro Valley's boys are the defending WACC champions of 2022. The Farmers boys' team came into the tournament as an underdog and ended up with a momentous victory.

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Hayward Public Library (HPL) and local agencies are teaming up to help families struggling with rising costs by offering free diaper kits the second Thursday of the month through June 8, 2023.

While supplies last each second Thursday, residents are invited to the downtown library at 888 C Street where diaper kits containing 80 to 100 disposable diapers and 200 wipes are available to be picked up starting at 11 a.m. with a limit of one kit per child.

The diapers are available in sizes 1 through 6 and intended for low-income households, though no one will be asked to document their income level or household size.

The HPL Diaper Distribution Program is a partnership with First 5 Alameda County, 4 Cs Alameda County, Hayward Unified School District and other local agencies and organizations.

For the protection of public health and residential plumbing and sewer systems, participants are encouraged to place used wipes in sealed trash bags and not into toilets for disposal.

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Mission San Jose Girls Tennis reflect on winning season

BY ANGELA XIONG
PHOTOS COURTESY OF
MSJ GIRLS TENNIS TEAM

As the reigning Mission Valley Athletic League (MVAL) Championship winner for 4 consecutive years, the Mission San Jose High School Girls Tennis Team (Fremont) secured the victory once more, maintaining a five-year winning streak. The team claimed the title of MVAL Champions, maintaining their undefeated streak throughout the 2022-23 season. The Mission San Jose Warriors emerged victorious in their final MVAL game against American High School of Fremont with a score of 4-3.

“Our biggest rival for the past 4 years has been American High School. I was extremely nervous going into the match, but [players] Himani Malur, Hannah Bi, Natasha Chang, and Moksha Rawlani played flawless matches [which] helped to calm my nerves. We knew that the winner would claim the MVAL title, so that was huge for us,” Coach Michael Jan said. Despite the Warriors' impressive victories, their season did not come without challenges. After winning the North Coast Section Team Tournament Championship (NCS) in 2021, for the first time in over 10 years, the team lost 11 senior players following their graduation. However, the Warriors quickly

readjusted to the new team structure and eagerly welcomed new freshmen players onto the team this season. “As reigning NCS champs, we had to replace [four senior varsity players]. That was no small feat as those players were the cornerstone of our success for the past four years. [This year], freshmen Ima Nissler and Hannah Bi worked their way up to fill those shoes,” Coach Jan said. The team credits their success largely to their camaraderie and positive team spirit. “Our team dynamic is welcoming enough that players can be open about their challenges, and the team will always support them. Because of this, the environment supports players throughout

every step of their journey, making it easier for them to improve,” describes Co-Captain, Senior Harshita Bathina. Mission advanced to NCS this year, but unfortunately lost in the quarterfinals. The team remains optimistic for the 2023-24 season, hoping to leverage the skills they gained this year to continue to grow as a team in the future. Reflecting on next season's team goals, Co-Captain Junior Siran Wang shared “I definitely want to maintain our winning MVAL streak, and hopefully get farther in NCS, but the most important thing for me is that everyone on the team enjoys the season, plays their best tennis and feels like a part of a team family.”



Mission San Jose Girls tennis team at NCS Championships



Mission San Jose Girls tennis team after MVAL Championship Match

Chabot's men basketball

SUBMITTED BY OHLONE COLLEGE ATHLETICS

The Chabot men's basketball team had a strong bounce-back win over Marin, 90-72, in nonconference action on Friday, December 9. The Gladiators (5-3), in their first action since a tough 92-90 loss to host Monterey Peninsula on November 22, opened up a 15-point halftime lead and carried it through to a convincing win. Jaiden Rivera paced the Gladiators with 22 points and seven rebounds. David Hector had 15 points and nine rebounds. Zach Broadous added 14 points, eight boards, four assists and three steals.

Rivera, a sophomore guard, leads the team in scoring with 17.4 points a game, followed by a trio of Diggy Winbush, Broadous and Hector, all averaging about 12 points. Hector has a team-high seven rebounds a game. The Gladiators will face Hartnell to open the West Valley tournament on December 16, and then will challenge CCCMBCA No. 4-ranked West Valley on December 17.

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TRI-CITIES WOMEN'S CLUB Meets on the third Tuesday Elk’s Club on Farwell Drive 9:15 – Cards & Games 11:30 – Lunch 1:00 – Program & Meeting Group meeting monthly/bimonthly; bridge, lunch bunch,Rummikub, bocce ball & book club. For more info, call 916-217-3074		Want to see a collection of vintage buses? Visit the Pacific Bus Museum in Fremont at 37974 Shinn Street. View and explore these antiques which were built from 1932 to 1995. Open the first and third Saturday of every month from 10am to 2pm. Children always welcome. www.pacbus.org	
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OPINION



WILLIAM MARSHAK

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

Merry Christmas to all!

Bill Marshak
Publisher/Editor in Chief
Tri-City Voice

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

VIRGINIA O'HANLON
115 WEST NINETY-FIFTH
STREET

Here comes Santa Claus!

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

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

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but

that's no proof that they are not there.
Nobody can conceive or imagine all the
wonders there are unseen and unseeable
in the world.

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

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

William W. Washburn

William Marshak
PUBLISHER

New York City to honor Central Park Five at park entrance

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New York City is naming a gate in Central Park in honor of the five men who, as teenagers, were wrongfully convicted of the 1989 rape of a jogger and spent years in prison before being exonerated. The city's Public Design Commission unanimously approved the project on Monday.

“Gate of the Exonerated” will be inscribed in sandstone at the northern end of the park following a three-year effort that grew out of discussions within the community, John Reddick of the Central Park Conservancy told the board.

Sharonne Salaam, whose then 15-year-old son Yusef Salaam was among the five Black and Latino men convicted, said the inscription along a perimeter wall will remind people of the challenges all wrongfully convicted people face in starting over after their release.

"This gate of the exonerated will be ... the first of its kind within the United States and possibly in the world that speaks to the idea of exoneration of people," she testified during the City Hall hearing.

“When you look at that concept, you say to yourself, well, how do we heal this?” she said. “Because somewhere we are going

wrong and we've got to sit down and fix it somehow."

The so-called Central Park Five - Raymond Santana and Kevin Richardson, both 14 at the time, 15-year-old Antron McCray, 16-year-old Korey Wise and Salaam - served six to 13 years in prison before their convictions were thrown out in 2002. Evidence linked Matias Reyes, a murderer and serial rapist, to the vicious attack that left its 28-year-old victim, who is white, with permanent damage and no memory of the assault.

Mayor Eric Adams called the project's approval Monday "a moment of truth and reconciliation for New York City"

and thanked Harlem community leaders for their advocacy.

"The Gate of the Exonerated symbolizes the resiliency of the Exonerated Five and all those who have been wrongfully convicted and serves as a lasting reminder of the grave miscarriage of justice that took place more than three decades ago," he said in a statement.

Other entrances to the park have been labeled to reflect groups of people who live and work in the city, with names like Artisans' Gate, Scholars' Gate and Strangers' Gate.

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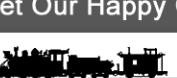
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Alameda County Water District Board

December 8, 2022

General Manager’s Report:

Jonathan Wunderlich, Director of Water Resources reported that an ACWD customer online portal launched December 7 to help customers access and maintain their accounts. App coming soon.

Drought Update:

From Leonard Ash, Water Supply Supervisor: Local water supplies remain stable; local water use restrictions are continuing and ACWD customers are meeting 15% conservation goals.

Action Items:

Reorganization of Board of Directors with Director Sethy as new President and Director Gunther as new Vice President. Motion adopted.

Adopt 2023 calendar of regular and special board meetings and board workshops. Motion adopted.

Resolution recognizing and expressing appreciation to Alan L. Nagy upon his retirement from Newark City Council. Motion adopted.

Presentation of ACWD’s audited financial services report for Fiscal Year 2021-22. Motion to accept the report approved; Gunther absent.

Review proposed 4% increase in water-related rates and charges, facilities connections charges, miscellaneous fees and charges on March 1, 2023 and March 1, 2024; review Help on Tap customer assistance program.

Set 6 p.m. Feb. 9, 2023 for a public hearing. Motion adopted.

Resolution finding that the main renewal project at Dairy Avenue and H Street is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Motion approved; Gunther absent.

Authorize a fourth amendment to the cost share agreement for Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project Planning. Motion adopted; Gunther absent.

Authorize a professional services agreement for fish ladder operations and environmental services. Motion adopted; Weed abstained, Gunther absent.

Consent Calendar:

Ratify payment of audited demands dated November 4, 11 and 18.

Reaffirm COVID-19 health and safety concerns that impact the ability for meetings to be held safely in person.

Resolution amending conflict of interest code.

Authorize renewal of Microsoft Enterprise Agreement subscription from Dell, Inc.

Authorize an amendment to an agreement for billing and public information services, supplies and postage.

President John Weed	Aye, 1 abstain
Aziz Akbari	Aye
James Gunther	Absent
Judy Huang	Aye
Paul Sethy	Aye

Electric Vehicle charging stations coming to Downtown Hayward

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF HAYWARD

Hayward is partnering with local power provider East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) to bring electric vehicle (EV) fast charging stations to municipal parking lots and garages in downtown Hayward. EBCE is funding the purchase and installation of the chargers, which can charge an EV in 20 to 50 minutes.

California aims to have 5 million EVs on the road by 2030 and the Bay Area is leading the way toward meeting this goal. Today, about 3,000 EVs are registered to drivers in Hayward. This is projected to jump to about 11,000 by 2025, and it is estimated that the city will need more than 150 additional fast chargers to support those EVs.

The State has also mandated that all new passenger vehicles sold in California must be electric by 2035. Paired with the recently

approved Inflation Reduction Act, which extends tax credits for new and used EVs, adoption is expected to grow exponentially in the next few years as zero-emission cars become more affordable for drivers.

To meet the coming demand for convenient and affordable EV fast charging stations, the city and EBCE are exploring potential installation sites. Each installation would include 10 dual-port fast chargers capable of charging 20 EVs simultaneously. The first confirmed project site is the Cinema Place parking structure. One to two additional locations may be selected and Municipal Lots 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 are under consideration. Once the site(s) are identified and engineering analysis is completed, development is expected to begin in mid to late 2023.

Questions and comments about the project can be sent to environment@hayward-ca.gov.

Newark Unified School District Board Meeting

December 5, 2022

Consent Agenda:

Approve revised hourly pay rates for classified non-management, unrepresented employees effective January 1, 2023.

Ratify the personnel report as presented.

Approve Great America field trip for Newark Junior High School 8th grade class

Approve General Planning Services Agreement with RGM Kramer for facilities projects.

Approve updated Board Policies and Administrative Regulations.

Approve Monthly Purchase Order Report as presented.

Accept the update on costs associated with the implementation of services to mitigate the effects of Covid-19.

President Phuong Nguyen	Aye
Terrence Grindall	Aye
Aiden Hill	Nay
Bowen Zhang	Aye

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Milpitas Unified School District

December 13, 2022

Consent Calendar:

- Approve field trip requests of December 13, 2022.
- Accept County of Santa Clara Treasury Investment Report from July 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022.
- Accept Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) Alternate Retirement System Plan monthly activity statements.
- Approve purchase order report of December 13, 2022.
- Approve Quattrocchi Kwok Architects (QKA) amendment for MUSD Innovation Campus.
- Approve Paris Construction's agreement for installation of a residential kitchen in a classroom.
- Approve Santa Clara University Noyce Teaching Fellowship Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

- Approve California State University East Bay MOU for Student Teacher Under District Employment Contract; Support, Mentoring and Supervision.
- Approve Personnel Report of December 13, 2022.
- Approve Air Tutors 2022-2023 Contract Agreement for Spangler Elementary.
- Approve agreement between Milpitas Unified School District and Adroit Advanced Technologies, Inc. for the 2022-2023 School Year.
- Approve agreement between Milpitas Unified School District and The Stepping Stones Group LLC for the 2022-2023 School Year.

President Kelly Yip-Chuan
Chris Norwood
Hai Minh Ngo
Hon Lien
Anu Nakka

Aye
Aye
Aye
Aye
Aye

Roswell to host another festival for UFO-philes next spring

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Roswell, known for its association with extraterrestrial matters, will have two big UFO-themed events next year. The Roswell Daily Record reported Dec. 13 that the city has negotiated to host the second annual UFOXPO in the spring.

The three-day event was previously held in Florida. The extraterrestrial extravaganza includes a film festival, cosplay, panels on UFOs and live music. It will be held March 10-12. This is on top of the city's UFO Festival every summer.

Roswell officials hope the UFOXPO can be another flagship event that draws visitors during spring break season. Ideally, the festivals will complement each other. Roswell's annual UFO Festival is a significant revenue source. In October, an analysis by the city found this year's event had a \$2 million direct economic impact. More than 40,000 people came.

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Daniel Raymond Bega

Resident of Fremont

February 14, 1938 – December 13, 2022

Daniel Raymond Bega passed away peacefully at home on December 13th, 2022 with family at his side.

He was the youngest and last surviving child of Louis Ortega Bega and Antonia Cortez Marquez Torreno, immigrants from Malaga and Cadiz, Spain who settled in San Leandro, CA on Orchard Avenue. Daniel was preceded in death by his three siblings: Annie (Bega) Salsedo, Joseph Bega, and Louie Bega. Daniel graduated from San Leandro High School in 1956, where he fell in love with the girl down the street, Jane Garcia. They were married for 44 years until her passing in 2002.

Daniel worked for Lockheed for over 30 years, where he met and befriended coworkers that he would remain in contact with until his final days.

After Jane lost her battle with cancer, Daniel reconnected with his high school classmate Laureen (Burger Young) Bega and soon married. They spent time with the Fremont Elks, motorhome clubs, and traveling on cruises until her death in 2017.

One day while dancing at the Fremont Senior Center in Fall of 2017, Daniel met Betty Swanson and they have happily spent the last five years together.

To be a friend with Dan, meant you were friends for life. Starting from Kindergarten, “The

Gang” personified what a lifelong friendship meant to him that started over 80 years ago. Additional friendships came from clubs, work, parent groups, hobbies and community groups throughout his life.

Family meant the world to Daniel. He spent his last years living fully and loving strongly. His bond with his children and grandchildren ran deep. His guidance, the stories that taught life lessons, and the joy they shared together will be forever remembered.

Daniel is survived by his son, Daniel Bega (Petrina Perry) his daughter, Laurie (Bega) Fracolli (Kevin Fracolli) as well as his grandchildren Marisa Petrina (Luke Gover), Mark Daniel, Stephanie Ann, and Christopher John (Alyssa Larson). He is also survived by his great-grandchildren: Nathaniel Jeremy, Logan James, and Gia Josephine.

He was affectionately known as “Pops” “Danny” and “Uncle Dan” to his countless nieces, nephews, family, friends, and the community. Dan will be missed for his love of life and the joyous laughter he brought to all who knew him.

A Vigil service will take place at Burge-Pappas-Smith Chapel of the Angels Mortuary at 40842 Fremont Blvd, Fremont, Ca on Monday Dec. 19, 2022 from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm.

A Catholic mass service will take place on Tuesday Dec. 20, 2022 starting at 10:00 am at Holy Spirit Catholic Church at 37588 Fremont Blvd in Fremont, Ca.

A procession to his final resting place will follow to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery at 26320 Mission Blvd in Hayward Ca.

The family is hosting a reception immediately following at Massimo’s Restaurant at 5200 Mowry Ave. in Fremont, Ca.

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Elon Musk sells

\$3.58 billion worth of

Tesla stock,

purpose unknown

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Elon Musk sold another \$3.58 billion worth of Tesla stock this week, but it wasn't clear where the proceeds were being spent.

The Tesla CEO, and new owner of Twitter, sold the shares from Monday through Wednesday, according to a filing posted Wednesday night by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Musk has sold nearly \$23 billion worth of Tesla stock since April, with much of the money likely going to help fund his \$44 billion acquisition of Twitter.

The sale comes as shares of the electric vehicle and solar panel maker have collapsed, losing over half their value since Musk first disclosed in April that he was buying up Twitter stock.

The falling shares have bumped Musk from his status as the world's wealthiest person, with his net worth falling to \$174 billion, according to Forbes. He was passed last week by French fashion and cosmetics magnate Bernard Arnault.

The takeover of Twitter has not been smooth, and some big companies have halted advertising on the social media platform. Musk has said that Twitter had “a massive drop in revenue” due to the advertiser losses.

Investors have been punishing Tesla stock of late as Musk has spent much of his time running Twitter, raising fears that he's distracted from the car company.

Wedbush analyst Dan Ives said Musk is now a villain in the eyes of Tesla investors. He said Tesla's fundamentals remain healthy but his behavior with Twitter is hurting the company's brand. “The Twitter overhang is a nightmare that is growing with no one but Musk to blame,” Ives wrote in an email.

A message was left with Tesla Wednesday night seeking comment on the stock sale.

THE ROBOT REPORT

Sarcos tests robotic baggage handling system

By BRIANNA WESSLING

Sarcos Technology and Robotics Corporation, best known for its robotic exoskeletons, has been collaborating with Changi Airport Group (CAG) to develop an outdoor-based baggage loading system that can automate the loading and unloading of loose passenger bags from a narrow-bodied aircraft.

The companies performed initial field demonstrations in September at Singapore Changi Airport, where they determined that a robotic system could help reduce the risk of injury in baggage handling jobs and could help to augment the airport’s ground handling labor force.

“Similar to major airports throughout the world, recruiting enough ground handling personnel to support our growth is a challenge,” Poh Li San, senior vice president of Terminal 5 Planning, CAG, said. “We have been encouraged by the innovative solution from Sarcos to help address these issues, and we’re excited to explore the next steps towards implementation.”



Sarcos Sapien 6M Robotic Arm Credit: Sarcos Technology and Robotics

CAG hopes that investing in robotics can help support air traffic recovery and meet long-term staffing needs. The project is partially funded by the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) through its Aviation Development Fund, which aims to improve productivity in the Singapore aviation sector with innovative solutions.

“Changi Airport is an industry visionary and continues to be a key development

partner to Sarcos,” Kiva Allgood, president and CEO of Sarcos, said. “Deploying robotics to improve workplace safety is core to our mission at Sarcos and this system has the potential to transform airports across the globe by making them safer and reducing passenger delays due to weather-related downtime. We look forward to continuing our collaboration with CAG to augment the workforce of the tarmac with robotics.”

In November, Sarcos announced it completed successful field tests for the U.S. Navy at the Repair Technology Exercise at the Naval Base Ventura County in Port Hueneme, California. It demonstrated its robotic systems designed to carry out maintenance, inspection, and repair activities, on and around ships underway and pier side.

The tests were performed with a suite of Sarcos solutions, including the Guardian DX teleoperated dexterous robot for defense; the Sapien 6M dexterous robot; the Sapien Sea Class underwater robot and the Guardian S remote visual inspection robot.

Sarcos acquired RE2, the company behind the Sapien line of robots, in March 2022 for \$100 million. The deal consisted of \$30 million in cash and \$70 million of Sarcos common stock.

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SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Ask Rusty – Retired Federal employee has small social security benefit

By RUSSELL GLOOR,
NATIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY ADVISOR,
AMAC FOUNDATION

Dear Rusty: When I started getting Social Security at 62, I was told by the SS office I would get a smaller monthly amount because I worked for the Federal Government and received a Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) pension. I paid into Social Security for about 20 years working outside the government, and I now receive only about \$280 a month in Social Security. It just seems like I should be getting more. How can I look into this matter that Social Security calls a “windfall?” Signed: Federal Retiree

Dear Federal Retiree: From what you’ve shared, you didn’t contribute to Social Security while earning your CSRS pension, but you did contribute to SS while working elsewhere, thus earning a Social Security retirement benefit in addition to your CSRS pension. Those who receive a federal pension under the old Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) are affected by Social Security’s Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), which reduces any Social Security benefit they become entitled to through other work outside the Federal government, and this is the reason your SS benefit is only \$280 per month. For clarity, federal employees who retire under the newer Federal Employee Retirement System (FERS) are not affected by WEP because they contribute to Social Security.

The formula for computing Social Security when WEP applies is rather complicated and depends on the number of years you contributed to Social Security from substantial earnings in the private sector. With 20 or fewer years contributing to SS you incur the maximum WEP penalty for your “eligibility year” (the year you turned 62), but

with more than 20 years contributing to Social Security the WEP reduction is mitigated, and with 30 or more years contributing to SS, WEP no longer applies.

If you were receiving your CSRS pension when you claimed Social Security, your WEP-reduced SS benefit was computed at that time and has continued. But if you had additional years working and contributing to Social Security after you first claimed, it’s possible that you now have more than 20 years contributing, in which case you may be entitled to a smaller WEP reduction and thus a higher Social Security benefit. The only way to find out if you’re now entitled to a higher benefit due to additional years contributing is to call Social Security, either at your local office or at the national number (1.800.772.1213) and ask them to review your current benefit under WEP. If you now have more years contributing to Social Security than you had when you first claimed, you may be entitled to a benefit increase.

Before calling SS, you may wish to first review your lifetime earnings record on file at Social Security and determine how many years of contributions from substantial SS earnings you actually have. You can get a copy of your lifetime SS earnings record from Social Security, most easily from your personal online “my Social Security” account. If you don’t yet have an online account set up, you can easily do so at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. Then, you can review your lifetime SS-earnings against the chart at the following link which shows what your earnings must have been each year to count under WEP: www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10045.pdf.

So, to recap: if you continued to work after starting your WEP-reduced Social Security benefits, you may be entitled to a smaller WEP reduction and thus a higher Social Security benefit now, but you will need to contact Social Security to evaluate your current status (and, if appropriate, increase your Social Security benefit).

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US Drought Monitor: California storms bring some improvement

ASSOCIATED PRESS

California remains in the grip of a yearslong drought but recent storms have led to some improvement, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor’s weekly report.

The latest map issued Dec. 15 showed some contraction in all categories of drought, including “exceptional” and “extreme,” compared to a week earlier. A year ago, the two worst categories combined covered most of the state.

“Hefty rainfall amounts in some of the coastal mountain ranges of California caused high streamflow, which lessened precipitation deficits and led to localized improvements,” the monitor reported. “Widespread improvements occurred in parts of the central Sierra Nevada range, where heavy snow fell and added to a healthy early-season snowpack.”

The monitor noted that some precipitation occurred close to the Dec. 13 morning data cutoff for the current report and more data will be available for analysis next week. While the monitor’s report is modestly positive,

early season storms can abruptly give way to a dry winter and experts say it would take multiple years of significant precipitation to overcome deficits.

On Dec. 14, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California declared a drought emergency for all of the region, clearing the way for potential mandatory water restrictions early next year that could impact 19 million people.

California set to lower incentives for rooftop solar panels

By KATHLEEN RONAYNE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

California utility regulators are set to vote Dec. 15 on changes to the state’s booming rooftop solar market that they say will more evenly spread the cost of energy and help reduce reliance on fossil fuels in the evening.

California has long led the nation in adoption of home solar panels, and today more than 1.5 million California houses have them on the roof. Under a decades-old program, people with solar panels can get paid by their power companies by sharing excess solar energy they don’t need, and the payments are so generous that some solar homes pay minimal electric bills.

That has led to criticism that homeowners with solar panels aren’t paying their fair share toward the overall energy grid, on which they still rely when they aren’t generating solar power in the evening. Power rates include costs like electric transmission and wildfire prevention work, and state regulators give utilities a set amount they can collect from their customer base.

The fight over changes to the program -- directed by the state Legislature -- has been controversial from the start, pitting the state’s three major utilities against the solar industry, with many environmental groups caught somewhere in between.

Any changes would only apply to customers of those three major utilities -- Pacific Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric. They would not affect people who already have rooftop solar, only new customers.

The discussion comes as California pushes forward with ambitious targets for weaning the state off oil and gas. State air regulators were set to vote Dec. 15 on a climate roadmap that says California must quadruple its solar and wind

power to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045.

A utility-backed coalition called Affordable Clean Energy for All estimates that \$4 billion in costs are shifted from solar to non-solar customers. The solar industry disputes that number, saying it doesn’t account for the benefits rooftop solar provides for everyone, like making the grid more resilient and reducing the need for utilities to build more costly legacy power equipment.

The changes before the California Public Utilities Commission would lessen the financial incentive for selling power back to utilities. It also changes electric rates to try to encourage people to build home storage systems alongside their panels, so they can tap that stored power at night instead of relying on the overall energy grid. Though solar provides a lot of California’s power during the day, fossil fuels largely take over in the evening and during the night. Today, about 16% to 20% of the 150,000 households that install solar panels annually in California add battery storage systems, according to industry estimates.

Broadly, solar companies have warned that fewer people will add home solar because the overall incentives are going down. “The solar and storage industry remains concerned that the transition from net metering to the new net billing structure is too abrupt and threatens to slow the deployment of rooftop solar in California,” Sean Gallagher, vice president of state and regulatory affairs for the Solar Energy Industries Association, said in a statement.

The Public Advocates Office, a consumer advocacy group with the utilities commission, has called the proposal a “step in the right direction.” The group pointed to commission estimates that show the proposal will still save residential solar customers an estimated \$100 on their monthly bills, or \$136 a month if they also install storage systems.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF FREMONT
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF FREMONT WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL. SAID PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD AT 3:00 P.M., ON MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023, AT THE CITY OF FREMONT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CENTER, NILES CONFERENCE ROOM, 39550 LIBERTY STREET, FREMONT, CALIFORNIA, AT WHICH TIME ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PERSONS MAY APPEAR AND BE HEARD.

APPLIED MATERIALS R&D FACILITY
48401 Fremont Boulevard – PLN2022-00402 - To consider a Zoning Administrator Permit for use of hazardous materials, Modification of Zoning Standards requests for an increased floor area ratio allowance and a reduced on-site parking allowance, and a Discretionary Design Review Permit, in conjunction with a research and development lab facility fit-out of the existing cold-shell warehouse building at 48401 Fremont Boulevard in the Bayside Industrial Community Plan Area, and to consider adoption of a Negative Declaration prepared and circulated for the project in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
Project Planner – Mark Hungerford, (510) 494-4541, mhungerford@fremont.gov

AIRGAS USA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR PERMIT
4567 Enterprise Street – PLN2023-00113 - To consider a Zoning Administrator permit for the conversion of an existing tenant space into a new showroom and storage for a distributor of industrial, medical and specialty gases as well as a product line of safety products, welding equipment, and specialty tools located at 4567 Enterprise Street in the South Fremont Community Plan Area; and to consider a categorical exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities.
Project Planner – Marc Cleveland, (510) 494-4543, mcleveland@fremont.gov

* NOTICE *

If you challenge the decision of the Zoning Administrator in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Zoning Administrator at, or prior to, the public hearing.

DAVID WAGE
ACTING ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



CNSB#3653002

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF FREMONT
HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (HARB) OF THE CITY OF FREMONT WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL. SAID PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD AT 6:30 P.M., ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023, AT THE CITY OF FREMONT, NILES CONFERENCE ROOM, 39550 LIBERTY STREET, FREMONT, CALIFORNIA, AT WHICH TIME ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PERSONS MAY APPEAR AND BE HEARD.

CHAMPION HOUSE SUBDIVISION – 1357 Mowry Avenue – PLN2019-00263
- To consider Historical Architectural Review in conjunction with a first floor addition and interior and exterior alterations to the Champion House, a Fremont Register-listed historic resource, and the addition of four townhouse units and a detached garage at 1357 Mowry Avenue in the Central Community Plan Area, and to consider a finding that no further environmental review is required pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15332, Infill Development Projects Exemption.
Project Planner – Mark Hungerford, (510) 494-4541, mhungerford@fremont.gov

* NOTICE *

If you challenge the decision of the Historical Architectural Review Board in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Historical Architectural Review Board at, or prior to, the public hearing.

WAYLAND LI, SECRETARY
HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD



CNSB#3652983

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 22CV023446
Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA
Petition of: UDAY VIJAYRAO BIDKAR AND MINAL BIDKAR for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner KAYAN WONG filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:
LEJING DENG TO LEJING WONG
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: 02-03-2023, Time: 11AM, Dept.: 17, Room: --
The address of the court is 1221 OAK ST., OAKLAND, CA 94612
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: TRI CITY VOICE
Date: DEC 09, 2022
CHARLES A SMILEY
Judge of the Superior Court
12/20, 12/27/22, 1/3, 1/10/23

CNS-3652965#

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 22CV022688
Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA
Petition of: LEJING DENG for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner KAYAN WONG filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:
LEJING DENG TO LEJING WONG
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: JAN 20, 2023, Time: 11AM, Dept.: 17, Room: --
The address of the court is 1221 OAK ST., OAKLAND, CA 94612
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: TRI CITY VOICE
Date: NOV 29, 2022
CHARLES A. SMILEY
Judge of the Superior Court
12/13, 12/20, 12/27/22, 1/3/23

CNS-3650064#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAMES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 593642
Fictitious Business Name(s):
C F REPAIR, 3123 SAN RAMON COURT, UNION CITY, CA 94587 County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
CAMERON FORCARI, 3123 SAN RAMON COURT, UNION CITY, CA 94587
Business conducted by: an Individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
S/ CAMERON FORCARI
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 11/29/2022.
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/20, 12/27/22, 1/3, 1/10/23

CNS-3651979#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 593651
Fictitious Business Name(s):
KUMON MATH & READING CENTER OF FREMONT-NORTH, 3614 THORNTON AVE, FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDA
MAILING ADDRESS: 769 LIPPERT AVE, FREMONT, CA 94539
Registrant(s):
INCREDIBLE LEARNERS INC, 769 LIPPERT AVE, FREMONT, CA 94539
Business conducted by: A CORPORATION
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09/01/2022
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/ JAYANTHI SUBRAMANIAN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 12/29/2022.
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/13, 12/20, 12/27/22, 1/3/23

CNS-3650072#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 593690
Fictitious Business Name(s):
ECO MATTERS CONSULTING, 34200 GADWALL CMN, FREMONT, CA 94555, County of ALAMEDA
MAILING ADDRESS: 35640 FREMONT BLVD #237, FREMONT, CA 94555
Registrant(s):
TARABOCK, 34200 GADWALL CMN, FREMONT, CA 94555, County of ALAMEDA
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 07/01/2022
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/ TARABOCK
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 11/30/2022
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/13, 12/20, 12/27/22, 1/3/23

CNS-3650058#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 593407
Fictitious Business Name(s):
DAYCARE RADUGA, 43859 N MORAY ST, FREMONT, CA 94539 County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
NURGUL KARASARTOVA, 43859 N MORAY ST, FREMONT, CA 94539
Business conducted by: an Individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02-25-2022.
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/ NURGUL KARASARTOVA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 11/14/2022.
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/13, 12/20, 12/27/22, 1/3/23

CNS-3649507#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 593574
Fictitious Business Name(s):
NV TRAVELS / TEAM FITTER, 37851 ESSANAY PL., 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 11-23-2022.
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/ NAVPREET KAUR DHILLON

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 11/23/2022
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 12/27/22

CNS-3649104#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 593605
Fictitious Business Name(s):
HONG SHUN, 29231 HARPOON WAY, HAYWARD, CA 94544, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
HONGJIE GU, 29231 HARPOON WAY, HAYWARD, CA 94544
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
S/ HONGJIE GU
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 11/28/2022
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 12/27/22

CNS-3649067#

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT
OF USE OF FICTITIOUS
BUSINESS NAME

File No. 586181
The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name(s):
The Fictitious Business Name Statement filed on 12/05/2019 in the County of Alameda.
ARDENWOOD TAX SERVICE, 2140 PERALTA BLVD- STE 111, FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDA.
Registered Owner(s):
DALE B MILLER, 33757 SHYLOCK DR, FREMONT, CA 94551
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to this section 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/ DALE B. MILLER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda County on NOV 15, 2022.
12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 12/27/22

CNS-3647560#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 593508
Fictitious Business Name(s):
MAGIKID ROBOTICS LAB, 2675 STEVENSON BLVD #101, FREMONT, CA 94538, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
ROBOTTECH INC., 3685 MADISON COMMON, FREMONT, CA 94538
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/ YUNJIA XU
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 11/18/2022
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20/22

CNS-3646401#

GOVERNMENT

CITY OF NEWARK Planning Commission
City Administration Building, City Council Chambers

37101 Newark Boulevard, Newark, CA 94560
(510) 578-4330 E-mail: planning@newark.org
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Publication Date: December 20, 2022

This hybrid Planning Commission special meeting will be conducted in person and utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with Assembly Bill 361. Members of the public may attend the meeting in person, virtually or dial in via Zoom or watch it live on Youtube. Details on how to participate in the meeting will be set forth in the meeting agenda which is anticipated to be posted by 5 p.m. on January 5, 2023 at <https://www.newark.org/departments/city-manager-s-office/agendas-minutes>. If you have any questions regarding viewing or participating in the meeting, after reviewing the posted agenda, then contact the Planning Department at planning@newark.org.
Pursuant to California Government Code §6061, §65090, §65091, §65094, §65095, §65095, and Newark Municipal Code (NMC) §17.31.060, §17.35.050, §17.38.050, and §17.39.050, on January 10, 2023, at or after 7:00 p.m., the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider:

- A Conditional Use Permit (U0222-005) for a Live Entertainment Use located at 39143 Cedar Boulevard (APN 901-188-7). The subject site is zoned Neighborhood Commercial (NC).

The applicant for the proposed project is Chenfao Wang, Xscape Entertainment LLC. The applicant proposes to occupy an existing 2,800 sq.ft. suite located at 39143 Cedar Blvd in the Lyons Shopping Center. The applicant proposes to use the location as an entertainment establishment which caters to group experiences through indoor escape games for small parties. The typical customer would include a maximum of 20 people and would require a reservation. Pursuant to Section 17.08.020, a Live Entertainment Use may be allowed with the approval of a Conditional Use Permit.

The project site is not identified on any of the lists enumerated under Government Code §65962.5 other lists of hazardous sites. The proposed Project is exempt from environmental review under State CEQA Guidelines §15301, which applies to existing facilities, and under CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposal may have a significant effect on the environment.

Any interested person or authorized agent, or interested members of the public may appear at the public hearing to be heard and may submit written comments or request to view project details and information, including the complete application and project file (including any environmental impact assessment prepared in connection with the application) by contacting the project planner, Art Interiano, via email at art.interiano@newark.org. If you challenge a City action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Newark at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Art Interiano
Deputy Community Development Director
12/20/22

CNS-3653465#

PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
SHANE ROLAND BERGER
CASE NO. RP22127094

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: SHANE ROLAND BERGER
A Petition for Probate has been filed by MAXINE NORDLEY AND WENDY CORBOY in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.
The Petition for Probate requests that MAXINE NORDLEY AND WENDY CORBOY 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 1/11/2023 at 9:45 A.M. in Dept. 202 Room N/A located at 2120 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR WAY, BERKELEY, CA 94704.

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.

Attorney for Petitioner: BRIAN J. TROWBRIDGE, TROWBRIDGE LAW OFFICE, 1300 CLAY STREET, SUITE 600, OAKLAND, CA 94612, Telephone: 510-893-5300
12/6, 12/13, 12/20/22

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
MICHAEL EDWARD PLATE
CASE NO. RP22132265

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: MICHAEL EDWARD PLATE
A Petition for Probate has been filed by MICHELE SCHLACHTER in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.
The Petition for Probate requests that MICHELE SCHLACHTER 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 12/28/2022 at 2:00 P.M. in Dept. 201 Room N/A located at 2120 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR WAY, BERKELEY, CA 94704.

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.

Petitioner: MICHELE SCHLACHTER, 4113 HANFORD STREET, UNION CITY, CA 94587, Telephone: 510-396-4173
12/6, 12/13, 12/20/22

CNS-3647566#

TRUSTEE SALES

APN: 486-0094-032 TS No. CA08001107-16-2 TO No. 220189290-CA-VOO NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d) (1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED October 28, 2005 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On January 26, 2023 at 09:00 AM, Fallon Street Steps, Alameda County Courthouse, 1225 Fallon Street, Oakland, CA 94612. MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on November 8, 2005 as Instrument No. 2005480892, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Alameda County, California, executed by DI WEN, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN (as Trustor(s)), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (as Beneficiary, as nominee for MORTGAGEIT, INC as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC

AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California described in the deed thereon as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2458 EARLY RIVERS PLACE, UNION CITY, CA 94587 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any inaccuracy of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$456,512.30 (Estimated). However, prepayment of premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check 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 California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. 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. 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 2924 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 Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Website address www.Auction.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08001107-16-2. 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 the telephone information or on the Internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 800.280.2832 or visit the Internet website www.Auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA08001107-16-2 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: December 13, 2022 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the Trustee 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 than the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): KAPALUA REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS INC. A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION Recorded: 5/3/2022 as Instrument No. 2022087302 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of ALAMEDA County, California; Date of Sale: 12/27/2022 at 12:00 PM Place of Sale: Fallon Street emergency exit to the Alameda County Courthouse, located at 1

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 916-939-0772, or visit this internet website http://www.qualityloan.com, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-22-942743-NJ to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT: Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest	bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to Quality Loan Service Corporation by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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 sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only	Sale Line: 916-939-0772 Or Login to: http://www.qualityloan.com Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: CA-22-942743-NJ IDSPub #0182339 12/6/2022 12/13/2022 12/20/2022 12/6, 12/13, 12/20/22 CNS-3646213# LEGAL NOTICES NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on January 19, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., before the Honorable M. Elaine Hammond, United States Bankruptcy Judge, Courtroom 11, 280 South First Street, San Jose, California (appearances can be made in person or by Zoom), the Court will consider the motion ("Motion") of Gina R. Klump, chapter 7 trustee ("Trustee") of the Princessca N. Ene ("Debtor") bankruptcy case pending before the United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of California, as Case No. 21-50901-MEH (the	"Bankruptcy Case"), for substantive consolidation of the following non-Debtor entities: Nano Alloys, Inc., a California Corporation dba NITI Tubes, aka NITI Tubes, Inc., Cardinal Cordis Health, a Wyoming Corporation; and NITI Tube, LLC, a Wyoming limited liability company (collectively the "Entities"). The Motion requests that the Court: 1) grant the Motion; 2) direct that the Entities be substantively consolidated into the Bankruptcy Case; 3) direct that the assets of Debtor and the Entities be treated as common assets with all avoidance powers preserved; 4) direct that the claims of creditors of each debtor be paid pro rata from the common fund pursuant to the priority described in the Bankruptcy Code, with the exception that the claim of Mr. Darisme shall be consensually subordinated and treated pursuant to the anticipated forthcoming Order Approving Compromise with Patrice Darisme; 5) allow Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., to withhold \$10,000.00 from any turnover of funds to cover the fees and costs incurred as part of the WFB AP (defined in the Motion) against Cardinal Cordis Health, a Wyoming Corporation; and 6) provide that within ten (10) days of the order becoming final, Trustee shall file a motion to set claims bar date for creditors of the Entities. A copy of the Motion and supporting documents may be obtained from the Clerk, off Pacer, or upon request to Trustee's counsel via email to Lisa Lenherr: llenherr@fennemorelaw.com. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all matters before Judge Hammond will be conducted in person, in the courtroom, unless otherwise ordered by the court; (1) counsel, parties, and other interested parties may attend the hearing in person or by Zoom, (2) additional information is available on Judge Hammond's Procedures page on the court's website, and (3) information on attending the hearing by Zoom will be provided on Judge Hammond's calendar, posted no later than seven (7) days prior to the hearing date. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any objections to the Motion must be served on the Trustee and filed with the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of California, San Jose Division, 280 South First Street, San Jose, CA 95113-3099 no later than fourteen (14) days before the date of the hearing; i.e. January 5, 2023. Any objection must be accompanied by any supporting declarations or memoranda that the objecting party wishes to present in support of its position. If no timely objections are filed, the Court may grant the relief requested in the Motion without further notice or opportunity to be heard. 12/20/22 CNS-3652749#
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Hayward officials seek candidates to fill open seats

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF HAYWARD

Applications to fill vacant seats on the Hayward City Council and Planning Commission are being accepted now.

Appointment to the City Council would be to complete the remaining two years of the term of the seat vacated by Mark Salinas who recently became mayor. Appointment to a council seat is by majority vote of council members. The deadline to apply for appointment to the vacated by Salinas is 9 a.m. January 3.

Appointment to the Planning Commission would be to complete the term of the seat vacated by Julie Roche who recently was elected to City Council, and an alternate vacancy resulting from the departure of former Commissioner Zachariah Oquenda, who resigned November 14. Appointment to the Planning Commission is by majority vote of the City Council. The term of the seat vacated by Roche ends Sept. 30, 2023. The deadline to apply for appointment to the vacated commission seat or alternate vacancy is 5 p.m. Jan. 12, 2023.

Service on the City Council is limited to Hayward residents who are registered to vote; service on the Planning Commission is open to all Hayward residents regardless of whether they are registered to vote or eligible to be registered to vote.

Applications are available for all seats in the Office of the City Clerk at Hayward City Hall, 777 B. St., Fourth Floor, Hayward. To download applications, visit the City of Hayward website, then enter "applications for appointment to city council and planning commission" into the search field and follow the link that appears. For details, call (510) 583-4400.

Hayward elects attorney to City Council

BY STAFF

Elected November 8, Julie Roche brings a robust history of public service to Hayward's City Council. A current member and former Chair of Hayward's Planning Commission, she has also chaired Hayward's Community Services Commission, and had several school and community organization leadership roles.

Married 16 years with two children, Roche said on her campaign website, "Hayward has it all: a diverse, welcoming community; all levels of education opportunity; a perfect climate; hills and bay trails to hike and bike; easy access to anywhere in the Bay Area." Her priorities for Council work include clean streets, safe community, homelessness, housing, and protecting the environment.

Sidewalk and road maintenance to keep neighborhoods are among other goals for her Council participation, including protecting green spaces, planting more trees, and beautifying roadways to preserve the character of neighborhoods and maintain quality of life.

Council member Roche said, "I will work to find solutions to our housing deficits that are customized to Hayward, housing that creates livable, walkable communities with access to parks, jobs, shopping and transportation alternatives. Roche hopes, "...to attract employers who will prioritize Hayward workers for quality jobs with living wages and make sure employers know Hayward has the trained and educated workforce they want."



Position open on Fremont School Board

SUBMITTED BY FREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

A vacant seat on the Board of Education of the Fremont Unified School District is up for grabs for someone to represent residents living in a large swath of northwest Fremont.

The opening for a trustee to represent District 1 on the board was created by the departure of Trustee Desrie Campbell who was recently elected to Fremont City Council. The person appointed will complete Campbell's unexpired term which ends in November 2024.

To be eligible for this provisional appointment, candidates must meet these minimum qualifications:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Be a registered voter
- Must not be disqualified by the Constitution or laws of the state from holding a civil office

- Be a resident of the school district and District Area 1 (See a map posted online at www.fremont.k12.ca.us/by-trustee).

Employees of the district are eligible to serve on the board provided they resign their position in the district prior to being sworn into office. If the employee does not resign their position within the district, their employment will automatically terminate upon being sworn-in.

Application packets can be downloaded from the school district website at www.fremont.k12.ca.us. Copies also are available at the district office on Technology Drive in Fremont.

The deadline to submit all materials is 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 13, 2023. Applications must be received in hard copy with an original signature and be delivered or mailed to: CJ Cammack, Superintendent, Fremont Unified School District, 4210 Technology Drive, Fremont, CA 94538.

New Affordable homes for sale in San Leandro

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF SAN LEANDRO

Under the City of San Leandro's Inclusionary Housing (IH) Program, six new Below Market Rate (BMR) homes will become available for sale starting in January 2023. The City's IH Program requires that at least fifteen percent of homes sold in new developments are set aside at prices affordable for low to moderate income households.

The six new large three level BMR townhomes, within a total of 39 townhome units, are located at the new Maple Lane Development (687 Manor Drive). The BMR homes include: two low-income 1,605 square foot two-bedroom homes; and four moderate-income 1,760 square foot four-bedroom homes. All the homes will have two car garages. The projected BMR sales price for the homes will be approximately \$275,000 for the

two-bedroom homes, and \$575,000 for the four-bedroom homes.

To qualify for the BMR homes, a household's gross combined incomes must be below the maximum income requirements. For the 2-bedroom BMR units for low-income households, the maximum income limits by household (HH) size are: \$87,000 for 2 person HH, \$98,650 for 3 person HH, \$109,600 for 4 person HH and \$118,400 for 5 person HH. For the 4-bedroom BMR units for moderate income households, the maximum income limits by household (HH) size are: \$171,350 for 4 person HH, \$185,050 for 5 person HH, \$198,750 for 6 person HH and \$212,450 for 7 person HH. There is a preference applied in the lottery toward first-time homebuyer households who live and/or work in the city of San Leandro.

All households interested in purchasing a BMR must submit a lottery application to Bay Area Affordable Homeownership Alliance (BAAHA) no later than 5 p.m. Friday, January 6, 2023. Applications can be obtained at BAAHA's website myhomegateway.org. For more information contact BAAHA by email at info@myhomegateway.com.

K9 police officer honored

SUBMITTED BY UNION CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Congratulations are in order for Terrence Olson, a K9 officer with the Union City Police Department (UCPD) who was recognized December 15 as the department's 2022 Employee of the Year. He was honored during the annual City of Union City Employee Luncheon.

In addition to his work as a K9 handler, Olson is also a Field Training Officer, whose responsibilities include developing and mentoring newer officers.

UCPD officials noted that Olson also has a good reputation for making gun arrests. They noted that since Chief Jared Rinetti announced the department's strategies to combat violent crime earlier this year, Olson has taken nine illegal firearms off the streets in a four-month span through proactive enforcement.



K9 officer Terrence Olson

Alameda County Sheriff's Office

SUBMITTED BY LT. RAY KELY

Wednesday, December 14

- At about 9:15 a.m. deputies responded to multiple reports about a shooting in the 22400 block of Center St. in Castro Valley. When they arrived, deputies found two adult males suffering from serious gunshot wounds. Arriving paramedics took the men to a hospital for treatment. Although they don't yet know the motive for the shooting, investigators believe the victims had an encounter with shooting suspects in an exterior carport area of an apartment complex. The suspects fled the scene and detectives are working to identify them. Anyone with information is asked to call the Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center at (510) 667-7721.

Alameda County Fire Department Log

SUBMITTED BY ACFD

Thursday, December 15

- At 4:21 p.m. firefighters responded to a kitchen fire on the 800 block of Fulton Ave. in San Leandro. Crews successfully knocked down the fire with no injuries. Two people, a cat and a dog were displaced from the residence.

Hayward receives \$46 Million for affordable housing

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF HAYWARD

The California Department of Housing and Community announced earlier this fall the award of \$46 million from the California Housing Accelerator Fund to allow construction to proceed on 57 units of affordable housing for low-income families in Hayward.

The project, called Pimental Place, is being built on the corner of 2nd and C Streets by non-profit

housing developer EAH Inc., of San Rafael, with construction anticipated to begin within 180 days. Pimental Place will consist of 11 one-bedroom, 28 two-bedroom and 18 three-bedroom units in a five-story, all-electric building with 57 tuck-under and surface parking spaces, bike storage, a back-of-property children’s play area. A community room and additional community gathering spaces are also included. The downtown Hayward property is near schools, churches, medical offices, grocers, restaurants and a movie theater. The California Housing Accelerator Fund is intended to close funding gaps in locally approved, shovel-ready affordable housing development projects.



Education leader joins Fremont City Council

BY STAFF

Desire Campbell won the November 8 general election to represent Fremont’s District 2 on the City Council. Campbell has served the Fremont community in many ways for the past 25 years, holding a seat on Fremont’s Board of Education since 2012. With a Bachelor’s of Science in Business Administration, Master’s Degree in Public Administration and Governance,

Campbell is committed to ensure Fremont remains a safe community to live, work and play. “I will continue to build on Fremont’s effective, compassionate approaches to homelessness and seek solutions for affordable housing options.” Campbell, a former Fremont Human Relations Commissioner, stated on her campaign website that she is, “...committed to supporting the safety of all Fremont residents, and will work to have the necessary resources to fully investigate, solve and prevent crime.” Fremont is the fourth largest city in the Bay Area and leader in Reuse and Recycle programs. Campbell hopes to foster innovative new partnerships,



policies, and projects that enhance the natural environment and eliminate pollution. Councilmember Campbell said, “It’s vital to stay ahead of trends and look out for opportunities that benefit all not a select few. I believe setting clear and achievable goals will help keep Fremont a thriving Bay Area community.”

Arrests made in I-880 gun battle that killed toddler

SUBMITTED BY ALAMEDA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE

Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O’Malley announced Dec. 15 her office filed murder charges in the death of Jasper Wu, a toddler who was killed November 6, 2021 when caught in a rolling gun battle on Interstate 880 in Oakland. Defendants Trevor Green, Ivory Bivins and Johnny Jackson were each charged with murder, shooting at an occupied vehicle and possession of a firearm by a felon. Bivins and Green were also charged with conspiracy to commit a crime and criminal street gang conspiracy. On the day of the shooting, Green and Bivins were driving a dark Infiniti while Jackson and another man, Keison Lee, were in a dark gray Nissan Altima. The two parties engaged in a gun battle on I-880 near the Filbert Street exit. During the shooting, a shot fired from the Infiniti missed the intended target, the Nissan

Altima. Instead, it traveled across the highway into oncoming southbound traffic, and went through the windshield of the vehicle Jasper was riding in with his mother on their way home to Fremont. Jasper, who was 23 months old at the time, was shot in the head while riding in his car seat. He was pronounced dead at a nearby children’s hospital. “This horrific tragedy is a parent’s worst nightmare: An innocent child struck by gunfire while riding in the car,” O’Malley said. “Our community mourns with the Wu family. My office will work tirelessly to bring these culprits to justice for the Wu family and for our community.” According to the DA’s office, Green and Bivins were arrested on warrants for an incident in Contra Costa County in March 2022. They will be transferred to Alameda County to face their charges. Jackson was arrested December 14 on a warrant; Lee was shot and killed in November 2022. Jackson was to arraigned Friday, December 16 at the Wiley W. Manuel Courthouse, Department 112, in Oakland.

Drive sober or get pulled over

SUBMITTED BY FREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

With a commitment to keeping the community safe, Fremont Police Department (FPD) is reminding the public about the dangers of driving impaired, and that they should celebrate the holiday season responsibly by not driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Through New Year’s Day, FPD has additional officers on patrol looking for drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The extra enforcement effort is part of a national Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign. The goal is to stop impaired drivers who put others on the road at risk.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 11,654 people were killed in car crashes nationwide in 2020 that involved an alcohol-impaired driver, or one person every 45 minutes. Impaired driving is not just from alcohol: marijuana, prescription medications or over-the-counter drugs may also impair. “The holidays are a special time of year for many, and we want drivers to act responsibly,” said Lt. Ariel Quimson. “This enforcement period allows us to get the message out that driving impaired is an illegal, senseless behavior that takes lives.” Police are encouraging people to have a “go safely” game plan ahead of time if they go out and plan to consume alcohol. The plan should include scheduling a rideshare pickup or have a sober driver bring them safely home. Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

BART Police Log

SUBMITTED BY LES MENSINGER AND BART PD

Sunday, December 11

- Officers conducting end of the day train sweeps at Bay Fair station in San Leandro found an unresponsive male on the station platform. They administered two doses of NARCAN and tried CPR without success. Fire department personnel arrived, but were unable to revive the male, who was pronounced dead at 2:11 a.m. The case is under investigation; police said no foul play is suspected.
- At 12:17 p.m. a man identified by police as David Curl, 32, of Vacaville was arrested at South Hayward

station on suspicion of making criminal threats. He was issued a prohibition order and booked into Santa Rita Jail.

- At 9:44 p.m. a man identified by police as Ceasar Johnson, 36, of Oakland was arrested at San Leandro station on suspicion of battery and damaging a communications device with intent to prevent summoning help. He was issued a prohibition order and booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Thursday, December 15

- At 7:33 p.m. a man identified by police as Justin Mitchell, 41, of San Francisco was arrested at Bay Fair station in San Leandro on four outstanding warrants. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Newark Police Log

SUBMITTED BY NEWARK PD

Wednesday, December 14

- At about 9:20 a.m. Newark officers and members of the Alameda County Fire Department responded to a report about a collision involving a motorcycle on Cedar Boulevard near Dupont Avenue. Upon arrival, they found the injured motorcyclist on the roadway. Despite medical aid at the scene,

the motorcyclist died. Police said he was a 28-year-old Fremont resident. Preliminary information showed the motorcycle was traveling north on Cedar when it struck a vehicle turning left from Dupont onto southbound Cedar. The vehicle’s driver stayed at the scene and cooperated with authorities. An investigation is continuing; anyone who witnessed it, or has information is asked to call Officer Anthony Piquette at (510) 578-4953 or send an email to anthony.piquette@newark.org. Information can also be left on the anonymous tip hotline at (510) 578-4965.

New mayor cites education as a priority in Hayward

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF HAYWARD

When longtime Hayward City Council member Mark Salinas took the oath of office December 13 to become the city’s newest mayor, he set forth a vision of Hayward becoming an “Education City.” In remarks following the ceremony, Salinas, who was born and raised in Hayward and is the first Chicano/Latino Mayor in the city’s 146-year history, drew parallels between his own experience growing up, attending Chabot College before transferring to four-year university, to that of his wife, Lety, also a Chabot alum, and the lives of Hayward families today. “My top priority is to establish Hayward as an Education City,” Salinas said, noting the presence of representatives from Hayward Unified School District, Chabot College, Cal State University East Bay and leaders of local businesses and building and construction trades unions in a packed City Council chamber. “I intend to work with the business community, the trades, Cal State East Bay, the school district and Chabot College so we can formalize a citywide promise to every Hayward student: When you graduate from a Hayward (high) school, there will be a seat waiting for you at one of these institutions. And we will do our

best to help you pay for it -- you and your family.” Salinas spoke during a special City Council meeting that was part farewell to outgoing Mayor Barbara Halliday and Councilmember Sara Lamnin and former Councilmember Aisha Wahab, and part celebration of the elections of their successors -- Salinas and new Councilmembers Julie Roche and George Syrop, who also were sworn into office December 13. Salinas added his second and third priorities would be bringing new economic activity to downtown where the COVID-19 pandemic has taken a toll on local restaurants and merchants. He also mentioned investing “appropriately in public safety” to bolster Hayward Police patrol staffing levels while building capacity for responding safely to calls involving people experiencing mental and behavioral health illness and crisis. Finally, Salinas said he remains committed to seeing through recently adopted plans for responding to homelessness and maintaining and building more affordable housing in the city. “I am committed, as are my colleagues, to improving the quality of life here in Hayward,” Salinas said. “It’s policy balances like these that will improve safety and put us on a path to equity.”



Mark Salinas is sworn in as Hayward’s newest mayor.

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Kwanzaa events celebrate traditions, values

often is used as a centerpiece during daily celebrations. On the final night of Kwanzaa, the event is closed with an African feast, called a Karamu. The name Kwanzaa is derived from the phrase “matunda ya kwanzaa” which translates to “first fruits of the harvest” in Swahili, which is the most widely spoken African language.

While the traditions and principles of Kwanzaa aren't new, the formal, week-long event started in 1966. It was developed by Dr. Maulana Karenga, a professor of African Studies at California State University-Long Beach. Karenga's idea was to promote and preserve African culture throughout the world.

In the Bay Area, several Kwanzaa events are planned:

- San Lorenzo Public Library will host a Kwanzaa Storytime for children 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, December 22 at 395 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo. Also included will be a singalong, dance activity and a Kwanzaa muhindi (corn) craft for children to enjoy. Free. (510) 284-0640.
- San Francisco Main Public Library will celebrate the first day of Kwanzaa (Umoja) with a Kwanzaa Game Day 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, December 26 at

100 Larkin St., San Francisco. Ancestors will be honored by lighting the first candle of the season, followed by family-friendly games and refreshments in the Latino/Hispanic Meeting Rooms A and B. Free. (415) 557-4400.

- MoAd Museum of the African American Diaspora in San Francisco will celebrate the third day of Kwanzaa (Ujima) 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, December 28 at 685 Mission St., San Francisco. The program will include live harp music, poetry, and a brief history of Kwanzaa and its seven principles led by the Village Project. Free. For details, visit the museum website at www.moadsf.org.

- Afro-American Cultural & Historical Society in partnership with NewPark Mall will hold a community Kwanzaa Celebration 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, December 31 at 2086 NewPark Mall, Newark. The program, on the mall's lower level, will cover the seven principles of Kwanzaa. Free; facemasks recommended. For details, visit the AACHS website at www.aachstricity.org.

To learn more about Kwanzaa, including its history and symbols, visit The Official Kwanzaa Website at www.officialkwanzaawebsite.org.



A Kwanzaa kinara holds seven colored candles. Credit: Macrovector Official/FreePik

Officials grant California girls request to keep unicorn

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Rules are rules. Animal control officials in Southern California have granted permission for a little girl to keep a unicorn at home, provided she follows strict guidelines. Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control this week shared a letter it received from a child named Madeline.

The girl wrote: “Dear LA County, I would like your approval if I can have a unicorn in my backyard if I can find one. Please send me a letter in response.”

Director Marcia Mayeda replied with a letter along with a pre-approved unicorn license, a heart-shape license tag and a plush toy unicorn -- until Madeline finds a real one. Photos of the license and Madeline's letter were posted to the agency's social media.

The licensing letter included five conditions:

- “1. The unicorn must be cared for in compliance with all animal caretaking regulations set forth in Los Angeles County Code Title 10.
2. The unicorn is given regular access to sunlight, moonbeams and rainbows.
3. The unicorn is fed one of its favorite treats - watermelon - at least once each week.
4. The unicorn's horn must be maintained to be in good health. This requires polishing at least once a month with a soft cloth.
5. Any sparkles or glitter used on the unicorn must be nontoxic and biodegradable to ensure the unicorn's good health.”

Mayeda commended Madeline for her “sense of responsible pet ownership.”

Acacia Creek Decorations

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STEPHANIE GERTSCH

Residents at senior living facility Acacia Creek enjoy seasonal flair, especially around the holiday season. A toy train, giant tree in the lobby, and photo tribute to the dining room servers, increase their Christmas fun.

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Essay contest lets students show their creativity

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NEWARK OPTIMISTS

Newark Optimist Club is accepting submissions for its 2022-2023 Essay Contest for students. This year's theme is “Who is an everyday hero that brings out the optimism in you?”

The contest is open to Newark, Fremont and Union City students who were under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2022, and have not yet completed secondary school

or its equivalent. There is no minimum age.

The top-three winning essays will each receive cash prizes (\$200, \$100, \$50) and medallions. The first-place winning essay will advance to the District Level competition and have an opportunity to win a \$2,500 college scholarship.

“The Essay Contest is designed to give young people the opportunity to write about their own opinions regarding the world in which they live,” Essay

Contest Chairman Darryl Reina said. “As Optimists, it is our goal to bring out the very best in each of them.”

Applications and official rules are posted online at optimist.org/documents/2022/programs/22-23_essay_application.pdf.

Completed essays and contest applications should be sent via email to Darryl Reina at darryl14r@aol.com by 12:00 midnight, January 20, 2023. Winners will be notified and recognized at an Optimist Club meeting on February 15, 2023. For details, call (510) 917-4060.

Ohlone College & Tesla team up again for Earn-and-Learn program

SUBMITTED BY GREG LAWSON

Ohlone College and Tesla celebrated another graduating class of the Smart Manufacturing Technology (SMTech) program at Tesla headquarters in Fremont. Tesla and Ohlone College collaborated again on Tesla's Manufacturing Development Program (MDP), where individuals interested in reskilling for the Advanced Manufacturing Sector had the chance to gain relevant knowledge and skills in manufacturing through instruction in the SMTech Program.

“Our goal is to provide individuals from all backgrounds an equal opportunity to achieve meaningful, long-term careers in manufacturing in the City of Fremont. This program provides a framework for similar partnerships nationwide aimed at educating, growing, and diversifying the manufacturing workforce,” said Dr. Rose-Margaret Ekeng-Itua, Professor of Engineering & Coordinator of the SMTech Program.

Graduates received an industry-recognized credential in 10 weeks instead of the traditional one year, and Tesla covered both the cost of students' tuition and hourly wages during onboarding. The first MDP cohort began instruction in early October, and program graduates have been offered full-time employment at Tesla.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Neighborhood lighting and wheelchair accessibility

The holiday season is here! Colorful lights across the streets and the Jingle Bells playing on the radio create the warm atmosphere we feel every year. I can almost smell the candy canes and hot cocoa with marshmallows. We try to explore new places every year to see holiday lighting. As we have a wheelchair user in the family, we try to do it as a drive-through experience.

Listed below are some of examples of beautiful neighborhood holiday lighting around the East Bay that we visited. All of them are wheelchair friendly. I have also tried to cover some individual courts and houses which have more cozy and warm decorations.

Espada and Zacate Court, Fremont

This is a quiet walking neighborhood with beautifully decorated Victorian houses. Make sure to take pictures with the Christmas tree and check out the caroler at the window. You can park your car and walk the neighborhood. This place is completely wheelchair accessible.

3342 Redwing Place, Fremont

This court is beautifully decorated with a two-story nutcracker and a giant Christmas duck.

Arkwood Street, Fremont

There is a wonderful display of a beautiful Christmas village with international Nativities, Christmas dolls, and musical lights. Lots of picture opportunities with different kinds of props. They have a hot cocoa booth. Sip some cocoa and have fun.

6716 Fountain Avenue, Newark

This family has built a festive Holiday Scene. You can walk around and enjoy the Christmas lights and sounds as the place is not very crowded and completely accessible.

4th Street Berkeley

Three blocks of sparkling colorful lights. You can drive by or park your car and stroll around while maintaining Covid-19 precautions. You Can also drive by Monterey Avenue at



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North Berkeley for a unique display.

Alameda's Christmas Tree Lane

3200 Block, Thompson Avenue

This is one of the best places to see holiday lights in East Bay. Each house has a different theme and the surroundings look like a festive carnival. You can enjoy this driving by. Try to go on a weekday night as it gets very crowded on weekends.

Oakland Temple

4770 Lincoln Avenue

Beautiful holiday decorations and a fantastic view of the Bay. Each tree is decorated. You can drive by or stroll depending on the crowd. There are a few ADA spots in the parking lot.

Widmer World

3671 Chelsea Court, Pleasanton

Located on a cul de sac, this is a very colorful place. There are collections of Christmas

decorations, and lights are synced to holiday music. You can go around the side and backyard. Park your car on the street and enjoy the show. As this is a residential neighborhood, make sure you don't make a lot of noise.

4641 Queen Anne Court, Union City

This is a court where the houses are decorated with lights and holiday figures of Santa, accompanied by music. There are many inflatables. You can drive by or park your car on the streets and stroll around.

Cripps Place, Fremont

Cripps Place is on Cripps Place, Asquith Place, Nicolet Court, Wellington Place, Perkins Street, and the stretch of Nicolet Avenue between Gibraltar Drive and Perkins Street. This is a drive-by place. It does get crowded and traffic is slow.

Train of Lights, Niles Canyon Railway

Train of Light is a unique experience for the holiday time in

Fremont. This is a 1.5-hour-long round trip through Niles Canyon at night and a very doable thing for wheelchair users if planned beforehand. The antique coaches and open cars are decorated inside and out. Santa is on board too. While at Niles Station don't miss the opportunity to take pictures with the beautifully decorated old tram.

Niles Canyon Railroad Depot is wheelchair accessible. The cars on the train have some steps but a wheelchair lift is used to board the train. It is a little hard to move around inside as the alley is very narrow. There are a couple of accessible parking spaces at the train depot both in Fremont and Sunol. If you have a wheelchair or need other special assistance, please contact them beforehand.

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