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Courtesy of the Olympian

Care packages for patients and healthcare workers



By AKILA CUDDALORE

In September of 2023, nine students Anwita Gandesiri, Aryahi Singhvi, Irene George, Vaishnavi Chauhan, Kavya Datt, Mahalakshmi Patchava, Hiya Yadav, and Aanya Giri assembled to create the Washington High School (WHS) chapter of the American Cancer Society. The motive for Social Media Lead, Datt, is her wish to “address a cause [she is] passionate about, to make people happier, to feel accomplished from [her] efforts to create a positive impact, and to show [her] involvement in society.”

The club meets twice a month, during which times club officers and other students brainstorm ideas for future events, plan for fundraisers, learn and share information about cancer, and play games to create community and improve morale from talking openly about such a destructive disease that’s still often a taboo topic. Additionally, officers post information about cancer through the club’s Instagram account once a month. They include quizzes in the content to help the club’s followers

learn in an interactive way and test their newly-acquired knowledge.

Since October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the officers oriented their posts that month around describing different types of breast cancer (invasive, inflammatory, etc.), listing risk factors or causes of breast cancer, teaching about symptoms of breast cancer (fatigue, coughing, development of lumps), and offering suggestions for prevention. They also called for the entire school body one October day to wear pink in acknowledgement of breast cancer. Since the start of the school year, the club officers have held two fundraisers. In partnership with Yogurtland, WHS’s ACS chapter attracted their classmates to the frozen yogurt parlor in exchange for a portion of the proceeds to fund their campaign towards raising awareness of cancer, supporting the folks fighting it, and finding a cure for the terrible disease. They hosted another fundraiser on campus, selling brownies and hot chocolate.

The money they have gathered has helped them fund their biggest project yet: making and

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Catch Phantom Art Gallery shows this January

By STAFF

Phantom Art Gallery in Milpitas features the works of local artists across a variety of ages and experience levels, with displays in Milpitas Community Center and Milpitas Library. Two exhibits are up now— “Perception and Nostalgia” and “Mandalas” —and both will have receptions during January. Currently at the library you can see the intricate mandalas of Jackie Rice-Haga near the international languages section on the first floor and the computer center on the second floor.

A City of Milpitas flyer describes Rice-Haga’s “Mandalas” exhibit:

“Jackie Rice-Haga discovered her passion for art while volunteering at her grandson’s school. She began her artistic journey by learning acrylic painting online. After eight years of dedicated exploration, she made a remarkable transition to pointillism. She was inspired by the intricate dot paintings of an Indian artist. In her mandala creations, Jackie combines brilliant colors, acrylics, sparkling glass crystals, and acrylic gems. Her work is generally done on round wood discs, beginning at the center and expanding outward while often incorporating various shapes, colors, and patterns. For Jackie, creating mandalas has been a transformative journey of self-discovery. Her collection of artwork serves as a poignant

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When It Feels Like Others Can't Understand

Washington Hospital Healthcare System Offers a Variety of Support Groups



Many different types of support groups offer information and understanding.

Where do you turn when aspects of your life are difficult and you feel like others can't understand what you're experiencing? Maybe you're facing the challenges of living with a chronic disease like diabetes, lung disease or arthritis. Perhaps you or someone you know is struggling to care for a loved one with dementia. Washington Hospital offers a number of support groups to help community members dealing with these and other issues.

"Sometimes just talking to others in the same situation can help," said Kayla Gupta, Community Outreach Manager at Washington Hospital. "Our support groups provide a caring place to turn for anyone who could use a little extra understanding."

The support groups are open to all community members, regardless of medical insurance provider. Some of the groups are in person and others are available through Zoom meetings.

Support groups may be needed for various reasons. "The stroke support group helps individuals who have had a stroke learn to understand what their new normal may be. Patients who have had strokes are not always comfortable around others, particularly if they are still in the process of recovering and haven't gained full function. In the support group, they are with others facing some of the same changes to their lifestyle and can learn from those who are further along on their healing journey," Gupta explained.

Living with a chronic condition can also be difficult. Lifestyle changes, medications, and the loss of health and mobility can be overwhelming. Support groups provide an outlet where people can share their experiences and learn from others who understand.

Caregivers Welcome

Looking after someone with a medical condition can take a heavy toll on

caregivers and family members. That's why caregivers and loved ones are welcomed at WHHS support group meetings.

The support groups are designed to provide information and connect people who are experiencing similar challenges. Some groups feature formal presentations in addition to discussion group time, when members can talk about what is on their mind.

"One of the common aspects among all the support groups is that members learn valuable information from others in the group," Gupta noted. "Participants are eager to share useful information and resources that can help make the journey a little easier for other patients, families and loved ones."

In addition to the Grief Support Group and the Stroke Support Group, there are support groups for people with breathing conditions, breast cancer, diabetes, and other types of cancer. The Mended Hearts Group

provides support to those who have had heart surgery, a heart attack, angioplasty, or other heart conditions and procedures.

"Caregiving can be incredibly challenging, both emotionally and physically," Gupta added. "You aren't only caring for another person, you are also working through your own issues. Caregivers are always putting others' needs in front of their own, but they should also look after themselves so they have the energy to care for others."

A complete list of support groups is included in the latest Washington Hospital Health & Wellness catalog, available online and in print. For an online list, with meeting times and dates, visit <http://www.whhs.com/SupportGroups> or call 800.963.7070.

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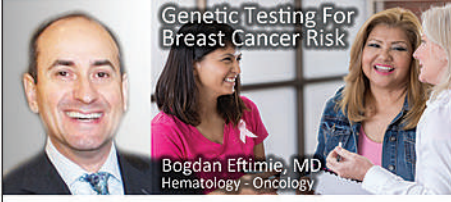
Opening Doors to Empower Victims of Interpersonal Violence

Betty Goodwin, DNP, RN, AGCNS-BC, CEN, Emergency Room



Empowering Victims of Interpersonal Violence

Learn about the screening process for abuse stemming from domestic violence, human trafficking, or elder and child abuse. This presentation includes a special message from Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments (SAVE).



Genetic Testing For Breast Cancer Risk

Bogdan Eftimie, MD, Hematology - Oncology



Genetic Testing for Breast Cancer Risk

Genetic mutations can increase the risk of breast cancer. Hematologist-Oncologist, Dr. Bogdan Eftimie, explains how genetic testing can help identify individuals who may be at higher risk and what you can do with this knowledge.



Is A Continuous Glucose Monitor Right For You?

Lina Huang, PharmD, BC-ADM, Clinical Manager, Diabetes Program



Is Continuous Glucose Monitor Right for You?

Explore the different types of continuous glucose monitors (CGMs). Several factors should be considered before deciding whether a CGM can be successfully used to monitor your glucose levels. Clinical Manager of the WHHS Diabetes Program, Lina Huang shares her expertise.



Chung-Kuang "Timothy" Lin, MD



Cervical Health: Why is it Important?
Thursday, January 11, 11 a.m.

This presentation will cover the importance of cervical health, including recommendations of Pap tests and the HPV vaccination.



Kadeer Halimi, DO



Naloxone: A Lifesaver in the Opioid Crisis
Thursday, January 18, 2 p.m.

What is naloxone (Narcan) and how can it save lives? This seminar will explore the urgent need for naloxone in our communities and its remarkable ability to reverse opioid overdoses.

Other Video Topics:

- Joint Pain
- Stroke Awareness
- Washington Township Health Care District monthly board meetings

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NEW YEAR, HEALTHIER YOU—IF NOT NOW, WHEN?
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Begin a New Approach to Food in the New Year

Washington Hospital Dietitian Offers Tips for Making Lasting Changes

As the holidays come to a close, it's time to think about the New Year and of course those resolutions. Like many people, you may resolve to lose weight every year, only to find yourself back to your same old habits halfway through January.

"I really encourage people to focus on eating a diet filled with a variety of healthy food options rather than just focusing on losing weight," said Matthew Sciamanna, a registered dietitian and director of Food and Nutrition Services at Washington Hospital. "What you eat is a major component to healthy living. If you can stick to a diet filled with a variety of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, healthy fats, and lean sources of protein, you will feel better and the weight will likely come off as a result of the lifestyle changes you make. Rather than only focusing on weight loss, focus on developing a healthier way of eating that you can live with long term."

Sciamanna continued, "To be successful, you need to have a reason for eating healthier that is meaningful to you," he added. "It could be to set a good example for your kids, to have more energy, or to better manage a chronic illness like diabetes. Losing weight could be another one, just don't get too caught up in it. Keep the focus on healthy eating. There will be barriers to success, so you need to know what's in it for you."

He suggested setting small goals that you can accomplish and then write them down. Start by picking something you know you can do right away.

"If your goal is too big or global, you make it more likely that the incremental progress you make will not meet the expectations you have. This will be discouraging and leave you more likely to pick up the older habits you were trying to change," he warned. "It also won't work to



A healthier approach to food includes improved habits at the grocery store.

just make a laundry list such as, eat more fruit or eat fewer desserts."

For example, you may decide that once a week you will have a vegetarian dinner. This is something easy you can incorporate into your life immediately.

"Having something you can be successful at right away helps you get on track," Sciamanna emphasized. "Then start setting goals that can be measured, such as deciding you will eat a serving of vegetables at lunch every day for two weeks."

He said another goal may be to say for the next week, you will have three food groups at breakfast every morning, such as fruit, protein and grains. That could include a banana, some egg whites and whole grain cereal.

"When you start getting these wins, you can build on them and it becomes easier," Sciamanna explained. "That's why you should write down your goals and keep track of how well you do. Measuring success is important."

Getting Back to Basics

Eating healthier is really about getting back to basics, Sciamanna noted. That means avoiding highly processed foods as much as possible and eating more fresh foods. His advice extends to grocery shopping tips. "Have a list to avoid impulse buys and try not to go to the store hungry. Fill your cart with items from the perimeter," he recommended. "Then you can venture into the middle to find some of the other items on your list. The middle is where you will find more of the highly processed foods you are trying to reduce, including cookies, crackers and potato chips." It's not to say you can't have these in moderation, but rather it's important to focus on a balance of foods from the major food groups.

Sciamanna said to stick to fruits and vegetables that are in season, if possible; that way you can enjoy the benefits of locally grown, sustainable food choices that offer great taste.

He also suggested eating more fish, which is a great source of lean protein and for some varieties, a source of healthy fats. Whole grains and low fat or nonfat dairy or dairy alternatives also play a role in a healthy diet.

When you decide to buy packaged products, it's important to read labels, Sciamanna said. Avoid foods with hydrogenated oils and high levels of sodium. Look for products with whole grains rather than processed. You can see this by looking for the words "whole grain" in the ingredients list or shop for raw whole grains like brown rice or quinoa.

If you want to eat a more healthy diet, you need to plan around some of the barriers so you don't get derailed. For example, if time is an issue, buy fruits and vegetables that are pre-cut so you can just grab them and go. The extra cost is worth it if it helps you stay on course.

"Get the whole family involved, or maybe a co-worker," Sciamanna recommended. "That way you don't have to do it alone. You can compare notes and share ideas on how to stick with your plan and reach your goals."

For information about programs and services at Washington Hospital that can help you stay healthy in the New Year, visit www.whhs.com. If you are looking for a primary care physician, visit myWTMF.com and review physician profiles.

"To be successful, you need to have a reason for eating healthier that is meaningful to you."
—Matthew Sciamanna, Director of Food and Nutrition Services, WHHS



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Thursday, Jan. 11
11 a.m.

Cervical Health: Why is it Important?

This presentation will cover the importance of cervical health. Topics include importance of and recommendations for pap tests, as well as the vaccination available to decrease risk of cancer caused by human papillomavirus (HPV).



Chung-Kuang "Timothy" Lin, MD
Family Medicine



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reflection of the emotions she has experienced in response to her surroundings and the evolving events in society.”
Meanwhile, “Perception and Nostalgia” is up at Milpitas Community Center (which reopens to the public in January after being closed for the holidays). The city describes artist Saranya Chandrasekaran’s work:


“Milpitas resident Saranya Chandrasekaran works in acrylic paint, pastel, and charcoal. Her Perception images include colorful animal portraits exploring the spectrum she imagines might be seen by birds, which are able to see more colors than humans. Her Nostalgia series capture scenes that remind Saranya of time spent with family and friends in her native Tamil Nadu, India. Saranya is a self-taught artist who works professionally as a software engineer. This is her first gallery exhibit.”
View “Perception and Nostalgia” through January 11 at the Community Center, and “Mandalas” at the library through January 12, after which it will

Art, Music & Writing Reception

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The public is invited to a free artists reception on Thursday, January 11 at the Castro Valley Center for the Arts. The event features a collaboration of Gerald Thompson, Winifred Thompson, and Carol Jones Brown’s visual art, with over 40 paintings on display. In addition, Susan Sarti will play jazz piano, and poet Bruce Roberts will perform. There will also be book signing by Pam Holloway and Winifred Thompson. Refreshments will be served.
The Center for the Arts is celebrating its 17th year. It provides a state-of-the-art venue for arts education and performances that are at the heart of a vibrant community.


Gerald Thompson


Winifred Thompson


Firelight by Carol Jones Brown

move to the Community Center until March 15. There will be receptions for both exhibits before they end.

Perception and Nostalgia
reception
Sunday, Jan 7
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Milpitas Community Center
457 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas

Mandalas Reception
Sunday, Jan 21
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Milpitas Community Center
457 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas

Milpitas Library
160 N. Main St., Milpitas
(408) 586-3210
www.milpitas.gov


Works in Jackie Rice-Haga’s Black Lives Matters series

Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge

By JACK ALCORN

Along the Fremont coast of the San Francisco Bay, south of the Dumbarton Bridge, lies a sprawling wildlife oasis full of migratory birds and marsh dwelling critters. The refuge provides critical habitat for threatened and endangered species.

The park was established in 1972 through the efforts of former Fremont Mayor Gus Morrison and Fremont residents. Morrison founded the Citizen's Committee to Complete the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge and lobbied Congress for the 30,000 acres of wetlands comprising the extensive recreation area. The serene park offers numerous opportunities for people to enjoy the benefits of nature.

The popular park on the water offers many trails to hike. Moderately challenging ascents through the hills or tranquil strolls along the wetlands. Several miles of bike paths traverse the grounds. Eared Grebes, American Avocets and Black-necked Stilts are some of the water fowl that reside in the marshes.

A Visitor Center near the park entrance allows guests to explore the history of the region and refuge. A boat ramp for



Fishing Dock at The Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge
Photo Credit: Jack Alcorn

launching small watercraft into channels that lead to the open water of the Bay is easily accessible at the end of the parking lot near the refuge entrance.

A couple miles drive into the refuge leads to a pier that extends one quarter mile into the San Francisco Bay. The pier is lined with benches and has a portable restroom. The highlight of the park for many locals is the public fishing dock at the end of the pier. The pier and dock provide amazing open air

views of much of the San Francisco Bay and its southern shores.

The waters of the refuge are abundant with many consumable species including Brown Rockfish; California Halibut; Red Rock Crab; and an occasional Chinook King Salmon. Catch and release fish often caught at this location include: White Croaker; Surf Perches; and White Sturgeon.

Special features of this fishing hole are:

- A fishing license is NOT required to fish from the pier
- You may fish with two poles from the pier
- Catch an unlimited number of flounder and smelt
- Fish cleaning sink on the pier

Many exotic avians can be seen flying above the pier, perched on bridge supports or on the open water of the bay. Observe Double-crested Cormorants; California Brown Pelicans; Western Sandpipers and many others in their natural habitat.

The refuge is open from sunrise to sunset. For an extended adventure or fishing trip at the refuge, stay at the Dumbarton Quarry Campground. The tent/RV park is located next door to the refuge, on the other side of the Dumbarton Bridge entrance. RV utility hook-ups, barbecue areas, restrooms, and showers are available. Each campsite has a fire pit. There is also an amphitheater for occasional activities and presentations provided by the resident naturalist. A playground for children and a large grassy area make this a great family destination.

Fremont Film Screening at library

SUBMITTED BY ALAMEDA COUNTY MAIN LIBRARY

On Saturday, January 6 and Sunday, January 7, Fremont Library will host a screening on the indie film *Fremont*. The plot of this 2023 movie takes place in Fremont and features many familiar Bay Area locations.

An IMDb summary of the plot states, “Donya, a former Afghan translator for the U.S. government, lives alone in Fremont, California. When she’s promoted to writing the fortunes at her job at a fortune cookie factory in the city, Donya’s loneliness and longing drive her to send a message out in a cookie, unsure where it may lead. Tenderly sculpted

and lyrically shot in black-and-white, Babak Jalali’s *FREMONT* is a wry, deadpan vision of the universal longing for home.”

The January screening dates will include a Q&A with movie producer Sudnya Shroff.

Fremont film screening
Saturday, Jan 6 - Sunday, Jan 7

Saturday: 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Sunday: 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Take a 4x6 hike—pass four creeks and walk almost 6.5 miles on this flat, paved trail. View marshland and amazing birdlife. Bring water and a snack. Wear sturdy footwear, bring water and dress for the weather. The trail may be muddy. Heavy rain cancels.

The hike is intended for ages 8 years and up. No registration needed; this is a drop-in program.

Naturalist for this hike:

Susan Ramos (510) 544-3182
sramos@ebparks.org

Wednesday Walk: Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline

Wednesday, Jan 3

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline

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Bird Walk

The Bay Area bursts with bird life! New and experienced birders alike are invited to join us as we discover patterns of behavior, migration, and habitat. For ages eight and up; parent participation required.

Bird Walk

Saturday, Jan 6

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Woodland Creature Garland

Join us in Sunol to celebrate the winter season. Meet at the visitor center and discover how winter reveals woodland habitats and creatures of the East Bay. Celebrate the season by creating your own garland! (This is a free drop-in program, while supplies last.) The program and instruction begin at 10:30 a.m. Please arrive early to give yourself enough time to create your garland, and no later than 11:30 a.m. to complete the craft.

Be wilderness ready; there is no cell service or running water in the park. This program is for children eight and up; adult participation required. Individual group size should not exceed six.

Naturalist for this program:

Erica Stephens
estephens@ebparks.org

Woodland Creature Garland

Saturday, Jan 6

10:30 a.m. – 12 noon

Sunol Regional Wilderness
Preserve

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www.ebparks.org/parks/sunol

\$5 parking fee

Meet the Chickens

Check out our coop full of chickens! Discover why they like to roam around the farmyard and scratch and peck at the ground while you feed them a little snack. This is a drop-in program; no registration is required. The event

is disabled accessible. Ardenwood admission fee applies.

Meet the Chickens

Saturday, Jan 6

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Ardenwood Historic Farm

34600 Ardenwood Blvd.,
Fremont

(510) 544-2797

www.ebparks.org/parks/ardenwood

Entry fee: \$2-\$4

What’s the Weather?

How is weather different from climate? What is El Niño? Explore the answers to these questions and come outside to experience and measure weather parameters like wind speed, air temperature and pressure, humidity, and cloud cover. This event is appropriate for all ages. Parent participation required. Parking fees apply where charged. Wheelchair accessible. This is a drop-in program; no registration is required.

Naturalist for this program:

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What’s the Weather?

Saturday, Jan 6

11 a.m. – 12 noon

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Outdoor Discoveries! Frogs and Toads

Explore the world around you in this preschool and homeschool nature series! Meet the naturalist at the visitor center and get ready to adventure together. The program consists of a lesson with a naturalist followed by a craft or activity. Dress for fun with clothes that can get mucky and close-toed (or toad) shoes.

The event is intended for ages four to eight; adult participation required. Younger siblings are welcome!

Outdoor Discoveries! Frogs and Toads

Monday, Jan 8

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Sunol Regional Wilderness
Preserve

1895 Geary Rd., Sunol

(888) 327-2757

www.ebparks.org/parks/sunol

\$5 parking fee

Nature Journal Stroll

Connect to your East Bay parks through nature journaling! Learn techniques while strolling

along the trail. What will we discover along the way?

Take a slow stroll from the Shadow Cliffs Pavilion with frequent stops along the way. The path is unpaved and gravel with minimal incline. The entire walk will not exceed a 1.5 miles round trip.

Beginners and all skill levels welcome! This walk is aimed at ages nine and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Participants must bring their own nature journal supplies, drinking water, blanket &/or chair.

Dress in layers. The walk occurs rain or shine. Each individual group size not to exceed six people maximum.

Naturalist for this hike:

Erica Stephens
estephens@ebparks.org

Nature Journal Stroll

Tuesday, Jan 9

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City of Fremont seeks winter item donations

SUBMITTED BY CITY OF FREMONT

As the winter rains begin, individuals experiencing homelessness are in great need of warm, dry clothing and other necessities.

The City of Fremont is partnering with Bay Area Community Services (BACS) to ask the community to lend a helping hand this winter and donate items for our unhoused neighbors. The items will be distributed through city programs and services, such as CleanStart and the Safe Parking Program, and shared with BACS to

ensure items get in the hands of those who need them most as quickly as possible.

A Homeless Services Needs List is available for those who would like to donate items. The items most needed are the following:

- Undergarments
- T-shirts
- Sweatpants
- Sweaters
- Sleeping bags
- Tarps
- Tents

All clothing items should be in adult sizes from small to XXXL.

Listed on the Homeless Services Needs List are additional drop off locations and times to make donating more convenient. See the list here:

www.fremont.gov/home/showpublished-document/14346/638385998278900865

If you have questions, please contact Paula Manczuk-Hannay in the City’s Human Services Department at (510) 574-2088 or by email: pmanczuk-hannay@fremont.gov

Every donation, no matter how small, can help ensure that our neighbors have the essential items they need to stay warm and safe this winter. If you have already donated items or plan to do so, thank you for your support and for giving back!

For other ways you can help, including making a monetary donation online, please visit the City’s How to Help webpage: www.fremont.gov/residents/homeless-response/how-to-help

Thank you for your continued interest in this topic!



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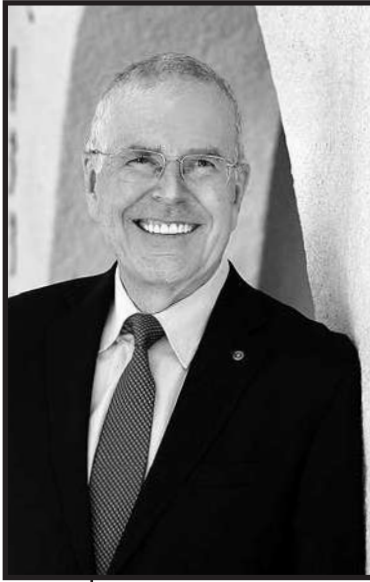


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Bankhead Presents Invites Audiences to 'Think Pink' with Legally Blonde The Musical



SUBMITTED BY LIVERMORE VALLEY ARTS

Bankhead Presents is tickled pink to present Tri-Valley Theatre Company's Production of *LEGALLY BLONDE The Musical* in the New Year. This fun, upbeat story of self-discovery with Harvard's beloved leading lady is an Olivier Award-winning Best Musical with a Book by Heather Hach and Music and Lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin, based on the novel by Amanda Brown and the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture. *LEGALLY BLONDE* will play for seven performances from January 13 to 28, 2024, at the beautiful Bankhead Theater in Downtown Livermore. Tickets are on sale now online at LivermoreArts.org.

A fabulously fun award-winning musical based on the adored movie, *LEGALLY BLONDE The Musical* follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her dreams.

Elle Woods appears to have it all. But her life is turned upside down when her boyfriend Warner dumps her so he can attend Harvard Law. Determined to get him back, Elle ingeniously charms her way into the prestigious law school. While there, she struggles with peers, professors, and her ex. With the support of some new friends, though, Elle quickly realizes her potential and sets out to prove herself to the world. With show-stopping songs, sassy humor, and a whole lot of heart, this feel-good musical is a must-see for anyone who believes in chasing their dreams, all while staying true to themselves!

Presenting *LEGALLY BLONDE*, Tri-Valley Theatre Company (TVTC) is the next act of Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre. With a new Artistic Director, Brian Olkowski, and a Board of Directors led by Glen Riggs as Board President, they are continuing the company's legacy of creating amazing musical theatre for enjoyment, enrichment, and involvement in the arts in the Tri-Valley. *LEGALLY BLONDE* marks the first production for this second chapter of the organization. TVTC is excited for what is coming and cannot wait to take audiences along on an incredible journey!

Collaborating with the organization has been an exciting new journey for Livermore Valley Arts (LVA). "We are excited to be home to the first series of performances by the newly named Tri-Valley Theatre Company," said LVA Executive Director Chris Carter. "I couldn't be happier for their Artistic Director, Brian Olkowski. With his experience, energy, and leadership, TVTC should be able to reach new heights, and I look forward to further expanding our partnership with them."

Tickets for all shows in the 2023-2024 Bankhead Presents season are available online at livermorearts.org, by calling (925) 373-6800, or at the box office windows.

Legally Blonde The Musical
Saturday, Jan 13 – Sunday, Jan 28
Saturdays: 8 p.m.
Sundays: 2 p.m.
Bankhead Theater
2400 First St., Livermore
(925) 373-6800
livermorearts.org
Tickets: \$45



Join a discussion on civic engagement

SUBMITTED BY SHIRLEY GILBERT

January 6 is a date that is etched in our consciousness, and will be, for all time, connected with the siege by a violent mob on the U.S. capital. To prevent this ever happening again, an urgent call has gone out for greater civic education and engagement and a better understanding of what it means to be an American.

The League of Women Voters of Fremont, Newark, and Union City (LWVFNUC) invites you to a panel discussion on the topic of civic engagement and its importance for the future of our democracy. It will take place on Saturday, January 6, 2024, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Niles Discovery Church in Fremont.

The panel will help define what civic engagement means in the 2020s. Some of the questions to be discussed: Why is civic engagement so important today? What should civic engagement for the 2020s entail? How can young people best develop civic readiness? And what are the challenges and how can we overcome them?

The League brings together a panel whose experience offers fresh possibilities for making civic engagement relevant and impactful. The Principal speaker is Cheryl Cook-Kallio, a 39-year veteran teacher specializing in high school civics. She has a long history of public service and volunteerism and has an M.A. in history with an emphasis on the U.S. Constitution.

Ben Sanders, Civics Education Director for the Alameda County Office of Education will moderate the panel, which will also include Julie Dunkle, founder and director of the LWVFNUC Youth Voter Movement and Fatima Khawaja, student leader at James Logan High School.

Also joining the discussion will be Newark City Council Member Matthew Jorgens and Assembly



Principal Speaker
Cheryl Cook-Kallio

Member Alex Lee of District 24, which covers part of Alameda and Santa Clara Counties.

You won't want to miss this stimulating conversation on a topic that is so important to every citizen.

Discussion on Civic Engagement
Saturday, Jan 6
10 a.m. - 12 noon
Niles Discovery Church
36600 Niles Blvd., Fremont
Open to the Public and Free of Charge
<https://my.lwv.org/california/fremont-newark-union-city>

Air District asks public to not burn wood through the New Year's holiday

SUBMITTED BY BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is asking the public to not burn wood in their fireplaces, woodstoves or outdoor fire pits through the New Year's holiday to keep air quality from becoming unhealthy.

Without additional wood burning activity, air quality is expected to be moderate throughout the Bay Area. However, wood burning through the New Year's holiday can significantly impact localized areas and neighborhoods. Wood burning can also significantly impact indoor air quality. A Spare the Air Alert is NOT in effect and wood burning is not illegal. However, wood burning is strongly discouraged.

The Air District is also asking residents to refrain from setting off personal fireworks displays through the holiday weekend. Fireworks and wood smoke can cause an unhealthy spike in air pollution and create excess smoke and ash in neighborhoods.

Like cigarette or wildfire smoke, wood smoke contains carcinogenic substances such as particulate matter, benzene and formaldehyde, which are harmful when inhaled. Wood smoke is the major source of air pollution in the Bay Area in the wintertime and is especially harmful to children, the elderly and people with respiratory conditions.

Bay Area residents can find out if a Spare the Air Alert is in effect by:

- Signing up for text alerts. To sign up, text the word "START" to the number 817-57
- Calling 1-877-4NO-BURN
- Visiting www.sparetheair.org or www.baaqmd.gov
- Signing up for automatic e-mail AirAlerts at www.sparetheair.org/alerts
- Signing up for automatic phone alerts at www.sparetheair.org/alerts
- Downloading the Spare the Air iPhone or Android app

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. For more information about Spare the Air, visit www.sparetheair.org.

Community Tree Planting Day

SUBMITTED BY URBAN FOREST FRIENDS

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr., local urban forestry non-profit Urban Forest Friends (UFF) will be hosting a Community Tree-Planting in Central Park on Saturday, January 13. The event will take place near the City of Fremont Nature Learning Center located behind Aqua Adventure Waterpark.

The City of Fremont Community Services Department will be participating along with Assembly member Alex Lee and local volunteers. This Planting Day will help the city to continue moving forward to meet our goal of planting 1,000 trees each year.

For more information please visit: <https://www.urbanforest-friends.org/>

Community Tree Planting Day
Saturday, Jan 13
Fremont Nature Learning Center
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Fremont
(510) 604-8206
<https://www.urbanforest-friends.org/>

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Care packages for patients and healthcare workers

distributing care packages. While the biweekly club meetings are hosted at the school, assembling the care packages took place on December 2 and December 9 at the Alameda County Main Library. Club officers wish to include the rest of their community in the action against cancer. Volunteers handmade cards, bookmarks, and bracelets. Using their personal money as well, club officers also bought and added journals, pens, games, puzzles, and (in partnership with the Banter Bookshop) gift cards to the parcels.

On the afternoon of December 22, they delivered the sixty packages to cancer patients, dementia patients, Alzheimer's patients, and healthcare workers at the Sandy Amos Infusion Center of Washington Hospital (WH), HERS Breast Cancer Foundation, and Brookdale North Fremont Senior Center. President Gandesiri describes the experience: "It was...a pleasure to give the gifts to the [healthcare] workers and see them get appreciation for all they do. Their kind words and sweetness...made my day...giving the gifts to the senior citizens was unforgettable, seeing their smiles and joy. It was...heartwarming...I couldn't have asked for a better feeling."

The students definitely have plans to expand the project in following years to include more cancer patients at WH and other local hospitals as well. WHS's ACS charter is in the midst of organizing a walk-a-thon for February 24, 2024 to direct public attention towards cancer. For member Kavya Datt, the campaign is personal. Datt says what she will cherish most from this experience is creating community, addressing cancer, and recognizing the struggles her family has been through. She lost her grandmother to breast cancer in 2005 and her aunt to ovarian cancer in 2019. "Cancer is such a bad disease. This is the least I can do [for the loved ones I've lost]."

Follow Washington High School's chapter of the American Cancer Society on Instagram: @whs.acs

WHS students with healthcare workers at Brookdale North Fremont's facility for seniors with Alzheimer's and dementia. (From L to R, students are Anwita Gandesiri, Aryahi Singhvi, Aanya Giri, Vaishvi Chauhan, Kavya Datt, and Mahalakshmi Patchava.)

News and Notes FROM AROUND THE WORLD

SUBMITTED BY
THE ASSOCIATION OF
MATURE AMERICAN
CITIZENS

Merry Christmas

Sleigh bells ring, big time, in the Big Apple thanks to the iconic movie star sled that's spending the holiday season in the heart of midtown Manhattan. It arrived last week in time for Christmas and is hanging out at Central Park thanks to Halesite, Long Island fire district manager, Larry Northcote. That's where the sled spends most of the year. As Northcote put it, "Every year we have a little holiday committee, and they'll spruce it up, they'll paint it, they'll fix any cracks that have developed. We do our little part to spread some holiday cheer." See the sled on YouTube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=rWrDcyjc0To

Tis the season

Bailey Davis of Columbus, OH was on her way to work. She made a rest stop and, perhaps because she was in a hurry, she left her engagement ring on the bathroom sink. She returned to her car, drove off and en route saw that her ring was missing. Back she went and, sure enough, the ring was gone.

Luckily it was an honest young man by the name of Coty Warren who found it and went online in hopes of finding the ring's owner. He found Davis' post on Facebook and called her. So relieved was she that she offered him a \$1,000 reward, which her hero, Warren, declined. A Christmas story if there ever was one! Watch the full story on YouTube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=rWrDcyjc0To

Fear not

It got pretty scary in Nashville and Indianapolis last week when pranksters posted photos on Facebook of lions on the loose in those two cities. The photos were shared "thousands of times." The posts were scary but "incredibly false," according to the authorities in each city. They noted that the pictures were eight years old and were taken in South Africa way back when. See the photo on YouTube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=SF5B-AyIODk

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.

Home for the Holidays discount continues through January 7

SUBMITTED BY
HUMANE SOCIETY
SILICON VALLEY

Thinking of adding a furry friend to your home? Through January 7 take "home for the holidays" an adult animal and get 25% off the adoption fee, courtesy of Humane Society Silicon Valley. Choose from available dogs or cats at Milpitas Animal Community Center or Petco West San Jose Neighborhood Adoption Center.

Follow these easy steps to bring home your new friend:

1. Check out our available animals online at www.hssv.org. If the animal you are interested in is in a foster home, fill out the appointment request form in the animal's online profile.

2. Visit during adoption hours. When you arrive, check in and meet with an adoption counselor who will introduce you to available animals. Adoptions are first-come first-serve, so if you are interested in adopting one specific animal, please let our staff know right away!

3. Let's go home, buddy! If you're ready to adopt, an adoption counselor will help you complete all paperwork and payment. Your new pet will be ready to go home the same day! All dogs/puppies must leave on a leash and collar and cats/kittens must leave in a carrier. These items may be purchased during your visit if you do not already have them.

Milpitas Animal Community Center

Mon – Wed: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Thurs: 12 noon – 7 p.m.

Fri: 12 noon – 7 p.m.

Sat-Sun: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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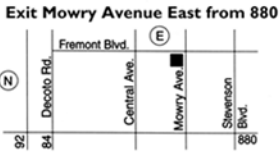
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'Stewart Udall: The Politics of Beauty' Documentary Screening

SUBMITTED BY
NILES DISCOVERY CHURCH

On January 13, Niles Discovery Church will host a Zoom screening of the documentary "Stewart Udall: The Politics of Beauty." Stewart Udall was one of America's most effective environmentalists in his role as Secretary of the Interior, yet his legacy is not well recognized. The film highlights the bipartisan nature of Udall's efforts and calls on us to work together to protect our shared natural heritage.

As the film explains, Stewart Udall valued frugality and quality-of-life over consumerism and limitless wealth acquisition. He was more concerned with people being able to live simply and resourcefully, in harmony with nature, conserving the nation's lands for the enjoyment of generations to come. Udall's humility and humanity were the cornerstones of his decision-making process. After

realizing the effects of the interstate highway system decades into the project, of which he was originally an advocate and supporter, he pivoted and stressed the importance of walkability in neighborhoods to maintain healthy communities.

Udall became well-known for overseeing the addition of several national parks, wildlife refuges, monuments, and historic and recreational sites during his time as Secretary of the Interior serving under Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. However, this film illuminates aspects of Udall's accomplishments not typically included in the history, such as his personal struggles with partisanship in trying to solve some of the world's wicked problems, as well as the tremendous support of Stewart's stalwart wife of 55 years, Ermalee "Lee" Webb Udall.

Join us on Zoom for a special screening of this documentary, followed by a discussion, Saturday, January 13, at 1:30 p.m. You can register for this screening and others by visiting bit.ly/SSDSZoom.

'Stewart Udall: The Politics of Beauty' Documentary Screening
Saturday, Jan 13
1:30 p.m.
Via Zoom: bit.ly/SSDSZoom
<https://nilesdiscoverynews.wordpress.com/>



EARTHTALK Q&A

New Year's Resolutions: Think Green This Year



It's that time of year again when you have to make some New Year's resolutions. How about factoring in climate and the environment this year? Photo Credit: Pexels

BY RODDY SCHEER AND DOUG MOSS

Dear EarthTalk: What are some New Year's Resolutions I can make to help the environment?

—M. Lind, Sturges, MI

Given the escalating environmental challenges facing our planet, directing some of our New Year's aspirations toward eco-conscious endeavors can make a tangible difference. Luckily there are lots of ways to put your resolve to work for the planet...

For starters, one of the most impactful resolutions is to adopt a more mindful approach to consumption. Commit to reducing waste by embracing practices like reusing, repurposing and recycling. Shift to buying reusable items and those with minimal packaging. Support brands committed to sustainable practices. Minimize your use of single-use plastics, another way to make a big impact without much effort. Choose stainless-steel water bottles, cloth shopping bags and glass food containers. Say no to plastic straws, cutlery and excessive packaging whenever possible.

Making more sustainable food choices is yet another way to make 2024 greener than 2023. Adopting a more plant-based diet or reduce meat consumption to significantly reduce environmental impact. Pledge to support local, organic and sustainably sourced foods. Also, strive to reduce food waste by planning meals, composting organic waste and supporting initiatives that redistribute surplus food to those in need.

Another resolution that any of us can make is to reduce personal carbon emissions. Embrace alternatives to fossil fuel-based transportation by walking, cycling, carpooling or using public transit. Also, consider investing in energy-efficient appliances, using renewable energy sources, and supporting initiatives that offset carbon emissions. While they might not be top of mind, changing up daily habits

can also reduce your carbon footprint and overall environmental impact. Conserve water by fixing leaks, taking shorter showers and using water-saving appliances. Grow your own food, support local biodiversity by planting native species, and prioritize eco-friendly practices in your daily routine.

Another way to create positive change is to speak out more for environmental policies and initiatives. Support community groups and environmental organizations, and join in local clean-up efforts or conservation projects. Engage in discussions, educate others, and advocate for sustainable practices in your workplace, schools and social circles. Spread awareness about environmental issues and inspire others to take action. Share information on social media, organize educational events, or start a community garden or recycling program. Encourage friends, family and colleagues to join in your eco-friendly endeavors, fostering a collective effort toward a greener future.

Making a resolution is just the first step—commitment is key to achieving lasting change. Progress may require adjustments and perseverance, but every step contributes to a healthier planet. By incorporating these resolutions into your New Year's goals, you become an active participant in the global movement toward environmental stewardship. Together, let us embark on this journey to protect and preserve the natural world we all call home. Cheers to a more sustainable, eco-conscious year ahead!

ONLINE CONTACTS

- 10 Sustainable New Year's Resolutions
www.centerforecotechnology.org/10-easy-green-new-years-resolutions/
- 12 Actionable and Sustainable New Year's Resolutions
<https://greencitizen.com/blog/sustainable-new-years-resolutions/>

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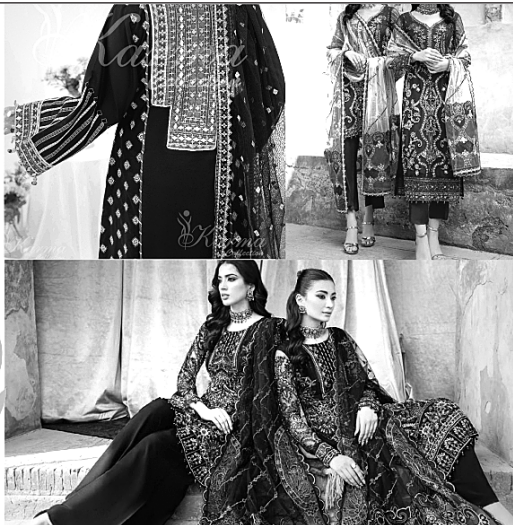
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How Polar Bears Stay Warm

Polar bears live on ice near the North Pole in the Arctic, which is covered in ice and surrounded by very cold water. But that doesn't bother a polar bear.

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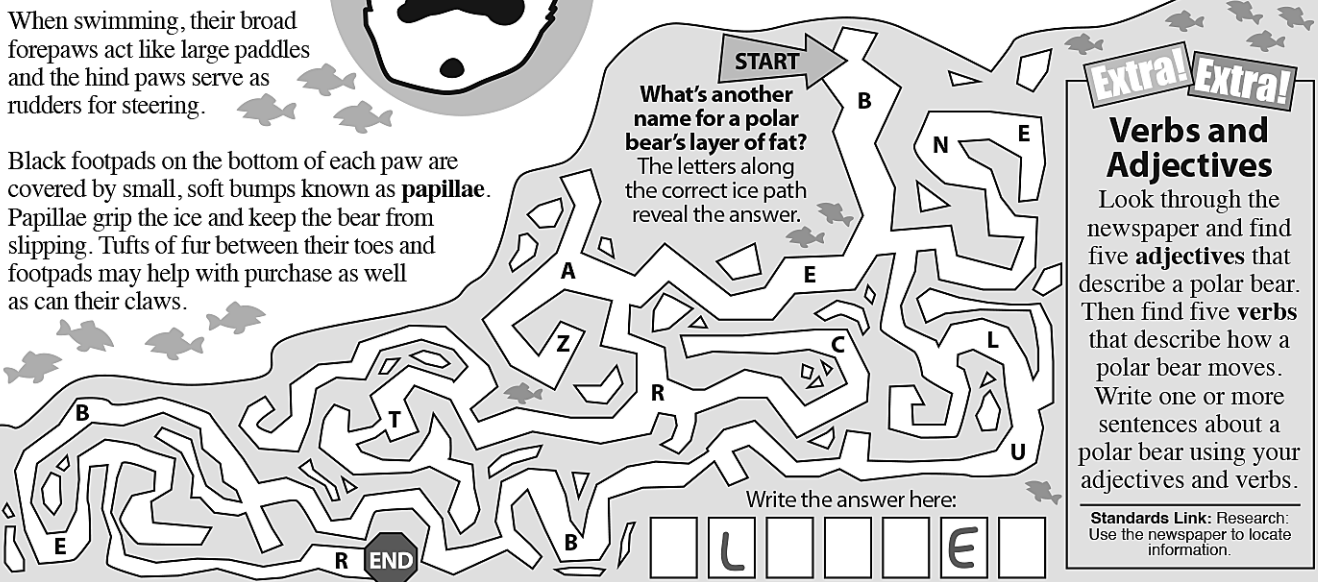
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Polar Bear Paws

Polar bear paws can grow to be 12 inches across (31 centimeters) and help distribute weight when treading on thin ice.

When swimming, their broad forepaws act like large paddles and the hind paws serve as rudders for steering.

Black footpads on the bottom of each paw are covered by small, soft bumps known as **papillae**. Papillae grip the ice and keep the bear from slipping. Tufts of fur between their toes and footpads may help with purchase as well as can their claws.



What's another name for a polar bear's layer of fat?
The letters along the correct ice path reveal the answer.

Write the answer here:

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Verbs and Adjectives

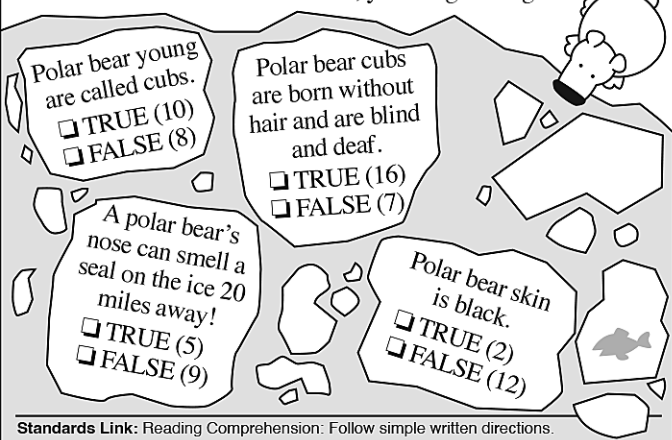
Look through the newspaper and find five **adjectives** that describe a polar bear. Then find five **verbs** that describe how a polar bear moves. Write one or more sentences about a polar bear using your adjectives and verbs.

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

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Polar Bear True or False

These statements are either all true or all false. Check your answers by adding up the numbers next to each of your answers. If the total is 33, you've got it right!



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

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HOLLOW
ARCTIC
POLAR
BEARS
LAYER
WHITE
GUARD
HAIRS
DENSE
TUFTS
OILY
PAWS

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



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

Kid Scoop Together
Life of a Polar Bear Cub

This little cub has taken some of the words out of this article. Can you find where each one belongs? Have a parent check your work.



A polar bear starts its life in a den or ice _____ that its mother _____ into the snow. The den protects the mother and the cubs from _____, cold and predators. The den stays warm inside as heat from the mother bear warms the tight _____ and the frozen walls trap the warm air.

A polar bear cub weighs only about one _____ when it is born and are about 12 to 14 inches long.

These little guys grow up to be BIG. A male polar bear can grow to be 1,200 pounds. A female about 650 pounds.

They start to get _____ at about eight weeks. They stay in the den drinking mama bear's nutritious milk for about three to four _____.

Young polar bears stay with their mothers until they are around 30 months old. By then, they have learned how to _____ in the cold and find food on their own.

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THERMAL
The adjective **thermal** means relating to or saving heat.

The **thermal** layer in Jane's jacket helped her stay warm while skiing.

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

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News Article Mix-Up

Cut out an article from the newspaper. Cut the article into four pieces. Give the pieces to a friend to see if he or she can put the article back together in the right order.

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



Why do polar bears have white fur coats?

ANSWER: Because they'd look kind of silly in Hawaiian shirts!

Write On!

Bears: Fact and Opinion

Write at least two facts and two opinions about bears.

Trash Talk

BY THE PICKUP ARTIST

This is the January 2024 edition of Trash Talk, a column devoted to cleaning up our neighborhoods, our environment, and our outlook on life.

Recycle Christmas Trees

After Christmas, most sanitation services will pick up trees for free; just follow the instructions for your specific waste management company.

- Trees cannot exceed the limit for length and may need to be cut; check with your service provider.
- Remove tinsel, lights, and ornaments. Trees are going into the chipper to become mulch.
- Put your tree on the curb the night before your regularly scheduled pickup.

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

www.MilpitasSanitation.com/wishcycling

www.WM.com/us/en/recycle-right

www.RepublicServices.com/recycling-guide

Happy New Year!

Just because we are starting a new year and the Christmas season is over, doesn't mean we have to drop our celebration of joy. We can continue to wish people well and hope for peace.

Joy doesn't need to go away because we aren't singing about it. It's kind of like Happy Hour – can't we be happy the other 23 hours of the day? Happiness is a state of mind, and only we can control it. Relish in it – be Yayful!

Trick Question for Today

What item do many people buy with the express purpose of throwing it away in landfill rather than recycling it? Think about it first, and then see the answer below.

Recycling Styrofoam

EPS, also known as Styrofoam, is a type of plastic that is commonly used for products such as cups, food containers, protective wrapping, frozen food shipping containers, and packing peanuts. It takes a long time to decompose in landfills. It's difficult to recycle, but some recycling centers can process the material.

Look for a foam recycling center near you at www.recyclefoam.org/about-foam-recycling. Alternatively, some shipping stores will also take back packing peanuts for reuse as well. I used to take packing peanuts to the shipping department where I worked. They needed to buy them anyway, so appreciated the donations. Local governments may also have drop-off locations specifically for Styrofoam packaging. Styrofoam can be

placed in some curbside recycling bins, just make sure to research beforehand whether they are accepted by your local recycling program.

Company unveils bladeless “honeycomb” wind turbines

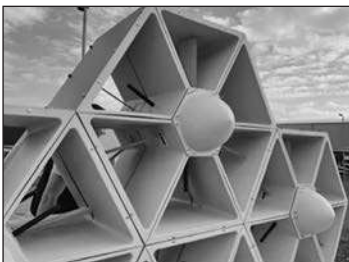
(Information based on an article written by Allison Hunt © Provided by The Cool Down)

If you've driven down Altamont Pass you've seen the traditional three-blade wind turbines. This type has been accused of killing birds, since they must be able to withstand strong winds, are solidly mounted, and are expensive to install and run. They do take a large area for an entire wind farm.



Traditional turbine

Katricks Technologies based in Scotland has developed a new method that could be an improvement. Their new honeycomb-shaped wind turbines are take less space so they are smaller and can be mounted on buildings in urban areas. They work using “oscillating aerofoils” to extract energy, instead of the typical rotations of the fan design. Too see this in action, this link



Katricks hexagonal turbine

provides some interesting videos: <https://www.katricks-technologies.com/wind-technologies>

Katricks tests show “just 1km of our roadside panels could charge 80,000 Tesla 90kW cars or power 760 homes each year.”

In any case, the smaller, simpler, and safer design's pros may outweigh any cons. Energy Industry Review even said this design “could revolutionize the way that renewable energy is generated.” (<https://energyindustryreview.com/tech/innovative-new-wind-technologies/>) Lower energy costs will benefit us all.

Other companies are also developing new wind turbine technologies. Texas company Aeromine has created a compact and efficient wind turbine (www.thecooldown.com/greentech/rooftop-wind-turbine-aeromines-energy/) and their wind turbine design) is modeled off of race cars and works in tandem with solar panels (www.thecooldown.com/solar-panels/). Both models are in active development.

Answer to Trick Question for Today

You get points if you said plastic garbage bags or trash-can liners are things that many people



Aeromine's wind turbine

use with the intention of throwing them into landfill. Consider using paper bags instead. They are recyclable, but even if tossed into landfill, they decompose faster and better.

The quotes for today:

“Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.”

- William James

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You can contact me by email at ThePickupArtist-KHCG@Outlook.com, or scan the QR code to generate an email. Your comments and suggestions could be used in future Trash Talk columns. What's on your mind?

23 things BART is proud of this year.

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BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT

We understood travel patterns were changing...so we changed with them.

1. BART listened to riders clamoring for more comprehensive service outside 9-to-5 work hours. We increased service during nights and weekends, where ridership is growing fastest. From weekend sporting events to evening concerts, BART is dedicated to being the safest, fastest, most reliable way to get where you need to go for fun.

We made historic updates to modernize our system.

2. We are now running exclusively new trains as part of the base schedule.
3. We migrated to 100% digital payments, eliminating paper ticket waste, and paving the way for our new state-of-the-art fare gates that will bolster ridership, revenue, and rider safety in 2024.
4. We rolled out the first gates to the public at West Oakland Station the last week of the year, ending the year with yet another upgrade to BART's public safety infrastructure.

We doubled down on safety and cleaning.

5. We released our Safe & Clean Plan to show the progress we have made in making our system cleaner, safer, and more reliable.
6. Customer on-time performance is at 92%.
7. We doubled the police presence in the system, and we won awards for using unarmed Ambassadors and Crisis Intervention Specialists to increase staff presence in our system and help people in need.
8. We discontinued the disruptive fare inspections during the morning commute at Embarcadero Station and re-deployed the fare inspectors to ride trains and inspect Clipper cards at more stations.
9. We started running shorter trains to enhance safety because data shows without a doubt that active spaces are safer spaces.
10. We launched our “Let's Talk About Us” campaign about domestic violence and Phase II of our Not One More Girl initiative addressing sexual harassment.



New affordable housing built on BART property.

11. We doubled the rate of deep cleaning train cars, and we increased the pressure washing of stations.

We made stations more welcoming.

12. We made it easier to pay for parking with the new Tap-and-Go feature on the Official BART Mobile App that allows customers to pay for parking with just one tap.
13. We reopened newly remodeled all-gender restrooms at Embarcadero and Downtown Berkeley stations. We now have six open underground restrooms.
14. We deployed a comprehensive strategy to clean up Civic Center, resulting in a dramatically improved station experience from previous years.
15. We now have ten brand-new escalators in downtown San Francisco and six new canopies along Market Street.
16. We're increasing the discount for low-income riders from 20% to 50% with the Clipper START program beginning January 1, 2024.

We advanced our efforts to build housing on our property.

17. BART was proud to celebrate the openings of three transit-oriented development projects - Gateway at Millbrae Station, Waymark at Walnut Creek, and Kapuso Upper Yard at Balboa Park, creating over 1,100 new

homes, including over 200 new affordable homes.

18. We advanced two additional projects by signing lease options with our selected developers at West Oakland and Phase I at Lake Merritt. These will bring nearly 1,200 new homes, including more than 400 affordable homes for riders who need them most.

We focused on responsible long-term planning to secure a thriving BART today and long into the future.

19. We delivered a balanced budget during the most difficult financial time in the history of American public transit. The Grants team secured nearly \$400 million of funds in 2023 to help pay for improvements and reinvestment within the BART system.
20. We welcomed our new Inspector General and nearly tripled the office's budget so it can expand and perform even more audits and investigations to identify waste, fraud, and abuse and ensure we are maximizing our efficiency.
21. And most impactful of all, we successfully advocated to get financial assistance from the state budget that immediately averted an impending fiscal cliff. BART stands to receive 45% of the region's allocation and we will continue to build the case for long overdue investment.

We got to know our riders and celebrated transit with our biggest fans.

22. From our book club to new anime mascots, we activated our stations and trains with fun events to welcome people back to BART.

We also haven't lost sight of the future.

23. The Link21 program was awarded \$11.3 million in project development funds from the state, reaffirming the critical role of our efforts to build a second train crossing between Oakland and San Francisco in helping the State achieve their State Rail Plan vision for Northern California. Link21 launched its first 18-member, community-based Equity Advisory Council to advise program on priority population concerns, including anti-displacement, connectivity, access, and service needs.

BART remains the best and the safest way to travel the Bay Area. We are proud of what we accomplished in 2023. But we know there's always more to be done. We can't wait to show riders what's in store in 2024 and beyond as we continue driving our vision for the future of Bay Area public transit.

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Spotlight on High School Journalism: The Olympian: Castro Valley High School

By DAVID R. NEWMAN

The newspaper industry is in trouble. According to the Pew Research Center, U.S. daily circulation is at an all-time low. Readers and advertisers have been migrating to digital news sources en masse, which has everyone wondering about the future of traditional print media.

We here at the Tri-City Voice see another picture. Seldom included in these reports is the high school newspaper scene, where journalism students are working hard on important stories that shape the way they view the world. Climate change, artificial intelligence, gender fluidity, systemic racism...these are issues that affect us all.

In this series, we take a peek at this new generation of journalists. Each month we will focus on an East Bay high school to see what goes on in their newsroom. How do they operate? What stories are they working on? What skills are they learning?

It's a story of hope and resilience. And an eternal truth...that good journalism matters, now more than ever.

It was 1956 when the sleepy town of Castro Valley founded their first high school, built by the Hayward Union High School District to accommodate a growing post-war population. That same year, the school newspaper was founded, according to the current Journalism Adviser Matt Johanson. Initially dubbed "The Achaean," it was later renamed "The Olympian" in the 1970s.

Johanson is a Castro Valley native and alumni of Castro Valley High (CVHS), where he has been teaching Journalism since 2000 (he teaches History as well). "I love it!" he exclaims. "I wouldn't trade it for anything in the world." Offered as a 0 Period elective for sophomores, juniors, and seniors, the class fulfills a one-year Career Technical Education (CTE) requirement. Many students return, however, for a second or third year, which makes Johanson very happy.

Known to his students as "Mr. J," Johanson is proud of all the good work that his Journalism class has produced over the years. "I think it's really rewarding for many of these young people to have the opportunity to create something that is so meaningful and important. The students run everything and choose all of the content. They tell the stories that would otherwise never be told."

Entering contests is an important part of the program. "We enter every contest we can find," laughs Johanson. "It's motivating for the kids and ups their level of production and quality of their work. It gives them external validation and looks good on their resume." During the 2022-2023 school year, *The Olympian* received a combined total of 19 awards in writing, photography, video, and audio, from the California News Publishers Association (CNPA) and the Journalism Education Association of Northern California (JEANC).

The 12-page *Olympian* comes out seven times per year, covering topics ranging from Taylor Swift, AP Exams, and gender-neutral bathrooms, to coverage of school sporting events, rallies, and theatrical performances. Johanson explains: "The entire class, typically 25-30 students, has three to four weeks to work on a story. These are assigned each cycle by the [Editors in Chief]. Any articles that we can't fit in the printed paper end up as bonus content on the website."

The class is composed of two groups: first year student staff writers, and more experienced student editors. "The first few issues are primarily done by the advanced students, while I give the new students a crash course in news writing, interviewing, AP style, photography, etc. That's why you'll always see me running around trying to do two things at once."

Says Media Editor Renata Gutierrez, "I think the biggest challenge as an editor is that not only do you have to finish your own article on time, but you're also responsible for editing other articles and photos and for giving advice and guidance to the younger team members." Students enjoy the unconventional structure of the class and the freedom they are given. Johanson encourages students to explore areas of interest, especially in new technologies, as the program gradually moves away from print and into multimedia. "It's kind of a novel thing for a teenager to pick up a printed paper and read it," he explains. "They pretty much won't do it unless you make them."

To promote *The Olympian*, the class produces their own videos and posts them to Facebook and YouTube. A podcast called The Trojan Horse was initiated last year by former Media Editor Drew Paxman. Photos and polls are regularly posted to Instagram. And the website is constantly being updated with new articles and featured videos.



Arts & Entertainment Editor Mason Jordan and Media Editor Renata Gutierrez film a promotional video. Photo by David R. Newman



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Johanson credits the pandemic with pushing him to focus more on online content. "I'm learning a lot, and it's a way for the students to grow their skills and our audience."

It's also a great way to connect to former students, many of whom have gone on to become authors, doctors, lawyers, and actors. Says Johanson, "It feels great to hear from them, knowing that they're successful and happy doing what they do. Some continue with journalism, but many do not. That's fine. I've never felt that they all need to go work for a newspaper."

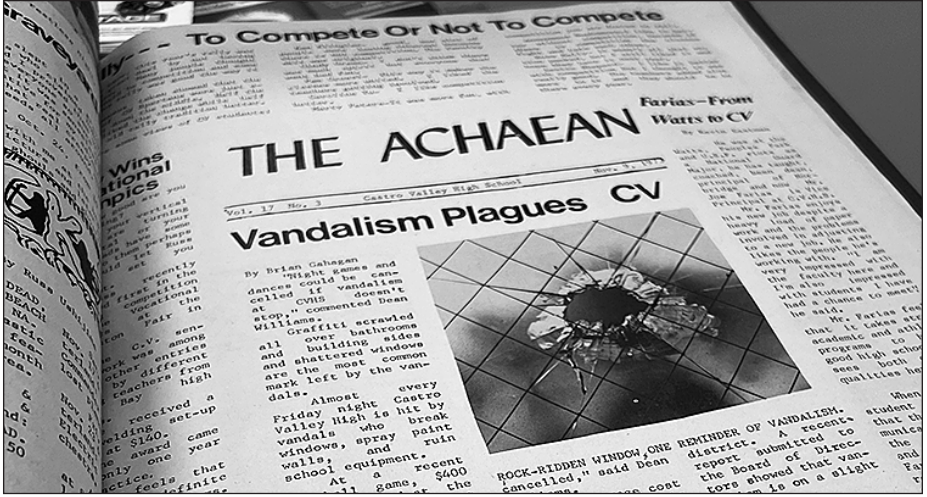
It's ironic, then, that the one of the most famous CVHS alumni is heavily involved in journalism. Her name: Rachel Maddow, of MSNBC's Rachel Maddow Show, a weekly primetime news program. Maddow is a 1990 graduate of CVHS who went on to study public policy at Stanford, and is the first openly lesbian anchor to host a major news program in the United States. In fact, she and Johanson both attended CVHS around the same time but did not know each other.

Johanson tried for years to connect with Maddow, and finally succeeded in 2012. The TV personality agreed to an interview while visiting the Bay Area to promote her bestselling book, *Drift*. It was a "defining moment" for *Olympian* Editor Anna Balassone and her small crew as they asked Maddow about growing up in Castro Valley, coming out publicly as gay, and what it was like interviewing famous people on a regular basis.

Says Johanson, "She was very warm and kind and gracious. It was a heartwarming exchange. Doing interviews gives students the confidence to talk to adults. This is what I try and teach. It's a big step for some teens. They need it."

Website: www.cvhsolympian.com

Interview with Rachel Maddow:
<https://cvhsolympian.com/news/2012/04/19/rachel-maddow-meets-olympian/>



Archives of The Olympian



Advisor Matt Johanson and Olympian staff. Photo by David R. Newman

Local History Museum Receives Aid Through Local Rotary Funding

SUBMITTED BY
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUSEUM
OF LOCAL HISTORY

The Washington Township Museum of Local History would like to formally thank the Newark Rotary Foundation and

Niles Rotary Foundation for their support of the museum and its mission in 2023.

In June of 2023, Newark Rotary Foundation awarded the museum \$3,000! This funding will help the museum continue to reach into the local community through amazing field trips. Dianne Holmes, Education Coordinator for the museum, has created top-notch programs centered around California State Standards for 3rd and 4th grade curriculum. Everyone at the museum is looking forward to moving past the stumbling block of school bus funding so that more children in Newark can experience the museum and rancho for themselves.

Additionally, in December of 2023, Niles Rotary Foundation awarded the museum \$2,100! This funding will also help the museum educate local 3rd and 4th grade students on the history of Fremont, Newark and Union City.

The number one reason that students are unable to visit the museum's two field trip sites (as reported by teachers) is lack of transportation and/or lack of transportation funding. These funds generously provided by Rotary will go toward getting students to the museum and rancho who are currently unable to do so. If bussing still doesn't work for these schools, the funds will be repurposed for discounted tours and/or box tours (which are tours that are brought directly into the classroom).

This much-needed financial support is so appreciated! Thank you again to Newark and Niles Rotary for helping the museum keep history alive in Fremont, Newark and Union City.

Washington Township Museum of
Local History
museumoflocalhistory.org



Home & Garden

Keep your houseplants safe from cats

By MELINDA MYERS
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TRUE LEAF MARKET

Growing houseplants when curious cats are in the house can be challenging. We want our cats to be safe and happy while keeping our houseplants intact. You can accomplish both with a few simple strategies.

Boost indoor gardening success by selecting plants suited to your home's growing conditions and gardening style. Then be sure to remove any toxic plants to ensure your pet's safety. Consult with your veterinarian and visit the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) website for a list of pet-safe and toxic plants.

Create a list of all the plants you are growing. Include both common and botanical names for accurate identification. Do a bit of research on the care they need and their toxicity to your pets. If you suspect your pet has ingested a toxic plant, you'll have the proper plant name when contacting your veterinarian.

Match pet-friendly plants to their preferred light conditions. An east- or west-facing window provides enough light for most indoor plants. Keep those that need brighter light within two feet of a window. Those that prefer lower light can be grown near a north-facing window or up to six feet back or off to the side of an east- or west-facing window.

Keep toxic plants out of the reach of curious cats. This can be challenging if your cat is skilled at jumping and climbing. There are so many beautiful

houseplants, it may be safer to simply avoid those that are toxic.

Make your houseplants less appealing to your cat with the smell of citrus. Spray a mixture of lemon, lime, or orange juice diluted with some water on the leaves of your plant. Or purchase one of the commercial mixes. If you don't want to spray your plants, place citrus peels in the pot.

Give your cat a pot of grass to nibble on and enjoy instead of your houseplants. Most cat grass kits contain wheatgrass, oat grass, ryegrass, or a mixture of these. A pot of cat grass can help entertain your cat, provide fiber and some micronutrients, and aid in digestion.

There are several theories as to cats' attraction to greenery. One suggests plants were used to help them regurgitate undigested parts of their prey. Many cat owners find it also works for hairballs. Another theory suggests that greens provide vitamins and minerals, and aid in digestion.

Busy and new gardeners can successfully grow a pot of cat grass. Look for an easy-care growing kit like True Leaf Market's Organic Self-Watering Cat Grass Kit (trueleafmarket.com). You'll only need to fill the water reservoir twice a week and the container helps eliminate messes and spills that often happen with traditional pots.

Prevent curious cats from knocking over any of your plant containers with the help of mounting putty. A couple of pieces on the bottom of the pot will help reduce the risk of toppling.

Prevent cats from using indoor plants as litter boxes. Cover the soil surface with coarse mulch, like cork or large nugget



mulch. If this is not an option, spray the soil surface with the citrus and water mix to help discourage digging.

Regular play can entertain your cat, help reduce stress, and even reduce plant nibbling. This is also good for your well-being and the beauty of your indoor plants.

Implement these strategies and you'll be able to help your cats and plants coexist in your home.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening* and *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* instant video and DVD series and *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by True Leaf Market for her expertise to write this article. Her website is www.MelindaMyers.com.



THE ACWD CONNECTION

2024

New Year's Water Saving Resolutions

Ring in the new year with water conservation habits that will bring water savings throughout 2024.

- Convert lawn to water-efficient landscape.
- Turn sprinklers off when rain is in the forecast.
- Add mulch to your landscape to retain moisture.
- Install a rain barrel and harvest rainwater from downspouts.
- Inspect your landscape and home regularly for leaks and make repairs if needed.
- Collect water in the shower while waiting for it to warm. Use this water for plants and landscape.

For more water saving ideas and rebate information, visit acwd.org/conserve. We wish everyone a happy and healthy new year!

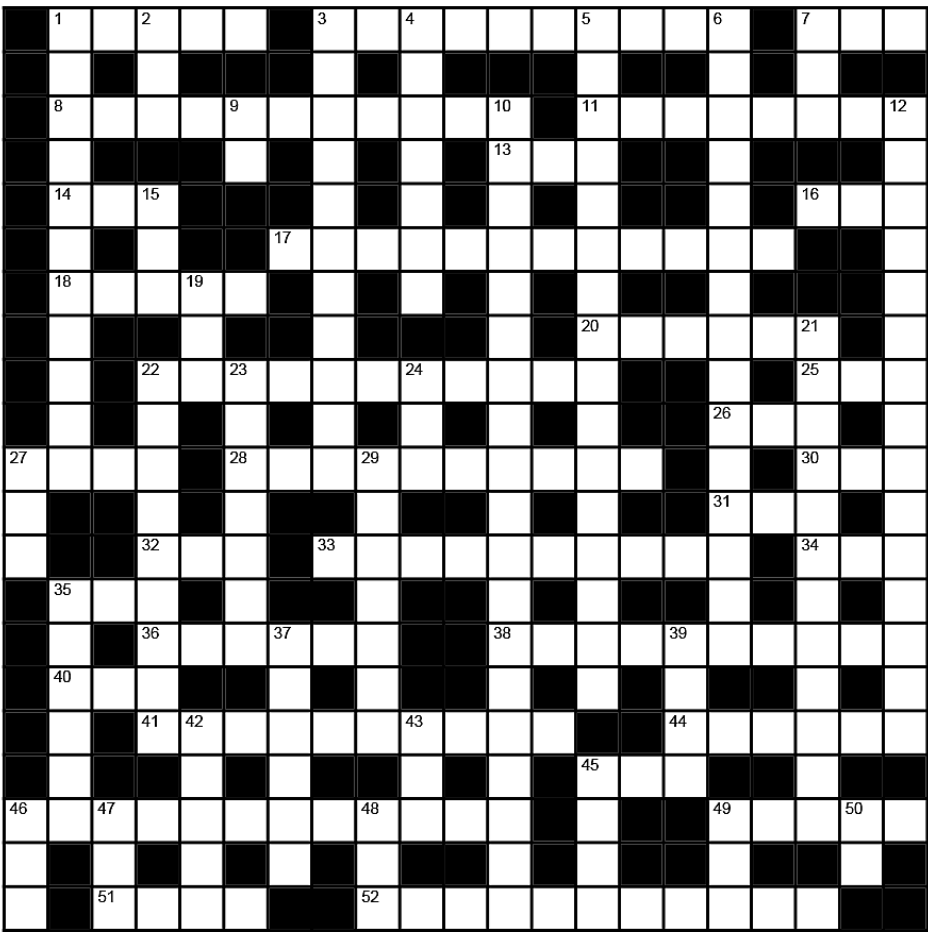


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Mind Twisters

Crossword Puzzle



- Across

1

Acrobatic feats (5)

3

High-priced fuel (7,3)

7

"Alice" waitress (3)

8

Lively quip (Part 4) (5,6)

11

Emotional disorders (8)

13

Noun-to-verb suffix (0-3)

14

Tweaks a mixing board, briefly (3)

16

In favor of (3)

17

Plan to minimize losses (4,8)

18

Location (5)

20

___ Vallarta (6)

22

Lewis Carroll poem (11)

25

Stringed instrument: Abbr. (3)

26

Protest for better wages, say (3)

27

Autogiro capability: Abbr. (4)

28

Fall guy? (4,6)

30

Boxing match div. (3)

31

G.R.F.'s choice for VP (3)

32

Asian capital (3)

33

Miscellany (10)

34

Farm animal (3)

35

Org. with a "Leading to Reading" program (3)

36

Evil spirits (6)
- 38

Bows in church (10)
- 40

Some batters, for short (3)
- 41

Must (4,4,2)
- 44

Hoosegows (6)
- 45

Audi roadster introduced in 1999 (3)
- 46

California city (5,7)
- 49

Insistent one (5)
- 51

Financial page inits. (4)
- 52

"She was a phantom of delight." (11)
- Down

1

White sale item (6,5)

2

"Give ___ rest!" (3)

3

Early US carrier (4,7)

4

School (7)

5

What C.P.A.'s wish for their clients? (4,5,7)

6

Sporting dog (8,7)

7

Display rate unit, in film and animation: Abbr. (hidden in AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PSYCHIATRY) (3)

9

Therefore (2)
- 10

Start running seriously (3,3,8,5)
- 12

Directory listings (6,9)
- 15

___ Hulka ("Stripes" role) (3)
- 19

John's "Pulp Fiction" co-star (3)
- 21

Aiming too high (12)
- 22

Spineless sort (9)
- 23

Current measures (7)
- 24

Financial paper: Abbr. (3)
- 27

Opposite NNE (3)
- 29

"Liberte, ___, fraternite" (7)
- 35

View from Jidda (3,3)
- 37

Charge on out-of-state purchases (3,3)
- 39

Jacks off, slangily (4)
- 42

Bedouin headcords (5)
- 43

Victorian, for one (3)
- 45

Bring (out) (4)
- 46

Cinch ___ (Hefty garbage bag brand) (3)
- 47

Masefield play "The Tragedy of ___" (3)
- 48

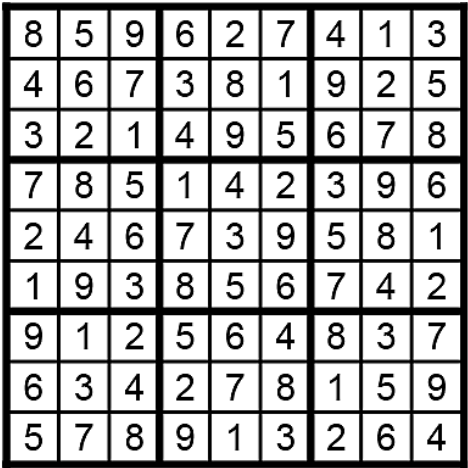
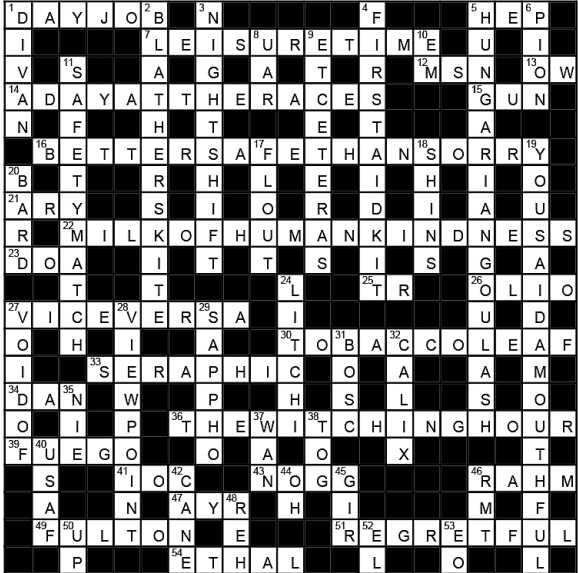
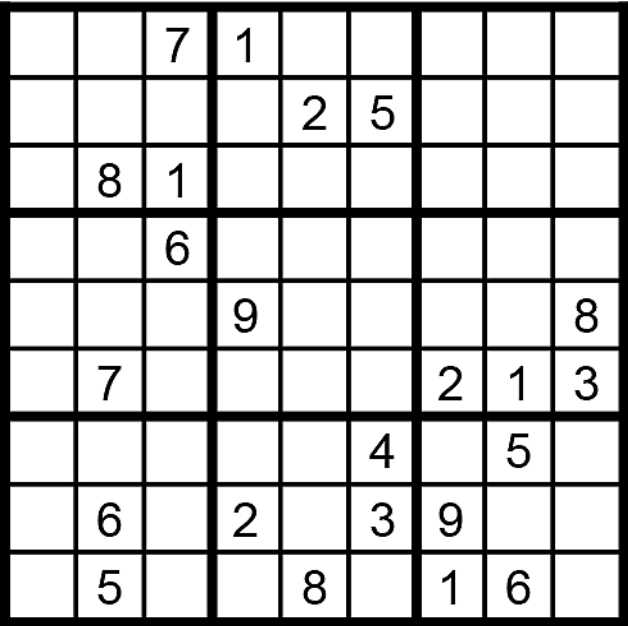
AI game competitor (3)
- 49

Caucasian language (3)
- 50

"Captain ___" (1986 Michael Jackson role) (2)

Sudoku:

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



Tri-City Stargazer FOR WEEK: JANUARY 2, 2024

All Signs: A New Year awaits us! On Monday evening, January 1, Mercury retrograde is over, which is a relief. Nevertheless, not until mid-week, will we start feeling like The Little Engine That Could. This week will be excellent for brainstorming with others. Three planets in Sagittarius will make everyone eager to travel or do something fresh, new and different! This seems to be a good way to begin the year.

Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20):

You look good to others because the Sun is high in your chart casting you in a flattering spotlight. Meanwhile, a gaggle of planets is urging you to travel. This same influence will encourage you to study and learn new things. Many of you will begin a romance with someone unusual, perhaps from another culture or country. Opportunities to earn money still exist. Meanwhile, you can't ignore that you are in a two-year window when you have to let go of people, places and possessions that are no longer relevant.

Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20):

Like Aries, you need a change of scenery! There's a good chance that you can pull this off because lucky Jupiter is still in your sign until June this year. (This blessing comes only once every 12 years.) Meanwhile, three planets in one of your Money Houses will urge you to deal with financial red-tape. Get your ducks in a row with taxes, shared property, inheritances, loans and money owed to you. You hate losing money or being overcharged, which is why you'll take care of these details.

Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20):

You are the wordsmith of the zodiac, and this week you will have to use skill when dealing with close friends, partners and spouses. This is because three planets are opposite your sign. Fortunately, one of them is Venus, which will pave the way for warm mutual understandings. However, another

is Mars, which can trigger conflict. Meanwhile, the third planet opposite your sign is Mercury, which wants to discuss practically any difficulties. So, with a little patience, you can skate through this week unscathed.

Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21):

You will be busy this week because you're motivated to get a lot done. Fortunately, you have the energy to follow through; plus, coworkers and friends are willing to help. This continues to be a popular year for you, certainly until the summer. Remember to get more sleep in the next few weeks because with the Sun opposite your sign, your energy will be flagging. You can't be all things to all people all the time. Cut yourself some slack.

Leo the Lion (July 22-August 22):

Two strong planetary influences are at play for you as this year begins. For starters, you want to work and get stuff done This is good because first comes the thought, and from the thought springs the word. From the word springs the deed, and the deed becomes habit. Habit eventually hardens into character. So, everything begins with your thoughts! Countering this, three planets are urging you to slip away on vacation. Fortunately, you're the kind of person who can handle both energies. You work hard and party hard!

Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22):

You begin this new year in a playful state of mind because the Sun is in the happiest part of your

chart! It's easy for you to feel lighthearted and grateful. Meanwhile, three other planets are sitting in the part of your chart related to home and family, which means you will be busier than usual with home projects. Venus will make you want to redecorate and entertain. So, you're putting out energy where you live because you want to start this year feeling better about your home.

Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22):

As this year begins, your focus is on home, family and private life. Your home is important to you because you are one of most social signs in the zodiac, and although you like to entertain, you also need a private refuge you can count on. Nevertheless, three planets will urge you to get out and hustle! Take it easy Monday and Tuesday, but by Wednesday, you'll be out there running errands and talking to everyone. This week you will appreciate the beauty your daily surroundings.

Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21):

As this year begins, you're busy! You have errands. You might take a short trip. You're talking to everyone. Eat well and get your rest so that you can keep up this pace! For the first half of this year, lucky Jupiter will be opposite your sign improving all your relationships, even with your enemies. It continues to be (at least, for the first half of this year) an excellent time to get married – the best in over 12 years. This lovely influence began last summer and will last until June this year.

Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21):

As this year begins, you have moneymaking ideas. However, in addition to your increased focus on earnings, you might also give thought to your belongings. Are you overwhelmed by what you own? Do you own your stuff or does it own you? This is the best time of the year to examine your relationship to your belongings, and it's the perfect time to assess how you can establish greater control of your life through what you own.

Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19):

It's a curious thing how you begin each new year with the Sun in your sign. You are the only sign of the zodiac that has this advantage! Each year, you step into fresh territory in an empowered way. You also begin each new year by attracting people and favorable circumstances. Take it easy on Monday and Tuesday, but by midweek, you'll be raring to go! This is an excellent week to network to get things done, especially working in sports, education, the entertainment world and the hospitality industry.

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

You begin this new year in gentle way. Take it easy as this week begins, especially Monday. It's the kind of week that takes a while to rev up into action. You won't mind this because you're feeling reclusive. Nevertheless, despite your desire for some privacy, a gaggle of planets is in your House of Friendships activating your relationships with not only

friends, groups, and organizations. You might also be involved in a physical competition or some kind of outdoor sports events. You can balance these two different influences however you choose.

Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20):

As this year begins, you have five planets at the top of your chart, and lucky Jupiter in your House of Communications, which means you feel upbeat and eager to talk to everyone. This is an excellent time to discuss your hopes and dreams for the future with someone to get their feedback. Two heads are better than one. Meanwhile, the highest planet right now in your chart is fair Venus, which means you look attractive to everyone. You might begin a romance with someone older or more established, even a boss.



By Georgia Nicols
www.georgianicols.com.

Connecting the ‘Dots’ with Asterisms

By KAT TROCHE

In our December Night Sky Notes, we mentioned that the Orion constellation has a distinct hourglass shape that makes it easy to spot in the night sky. But what if we told you that this is not the complete constellation, but rather, an asterism?

An asterism is a pattern of stars in the night sky, forming shapes that make picking out constellations easy. Cultures throughout history have created these patterns as part of storytelling, honoring ancestors, and timekeeping. Orion's

hourglass is just one of many examples of this, but did you know Orion's brightest knee is part of another asterism that spans six constellations, weaving together the Winter night sky? Many asterisms feature bright stars that are easily visible to the naked eye.

Try looking for these asterisms in winter and beyond:

Winter Circle – This asterism, also known as the Winter Hexagon, makes up a large portion of the Winter sky using stars Rigel, Aldebaran, Capella, Pollux, Procyon, and Sirius as its points. Similarly, the Winter Triangle can be found using Procyon, Sirius, and Betelgeuse as points. Orion's Belt is also considered an asterism.

Diamond of Virgo – This springtime asterism consists of the following stars: Arcturus, in the constellation Boötes; Cor Caroli, in Canes Venatici;

Denebola in Leo, and Spica in Virgo. Sparkling at the center of this diamond is the bright cluster Coma Berenices, or Bernice's Hair – an ancient asterism turned constellation!

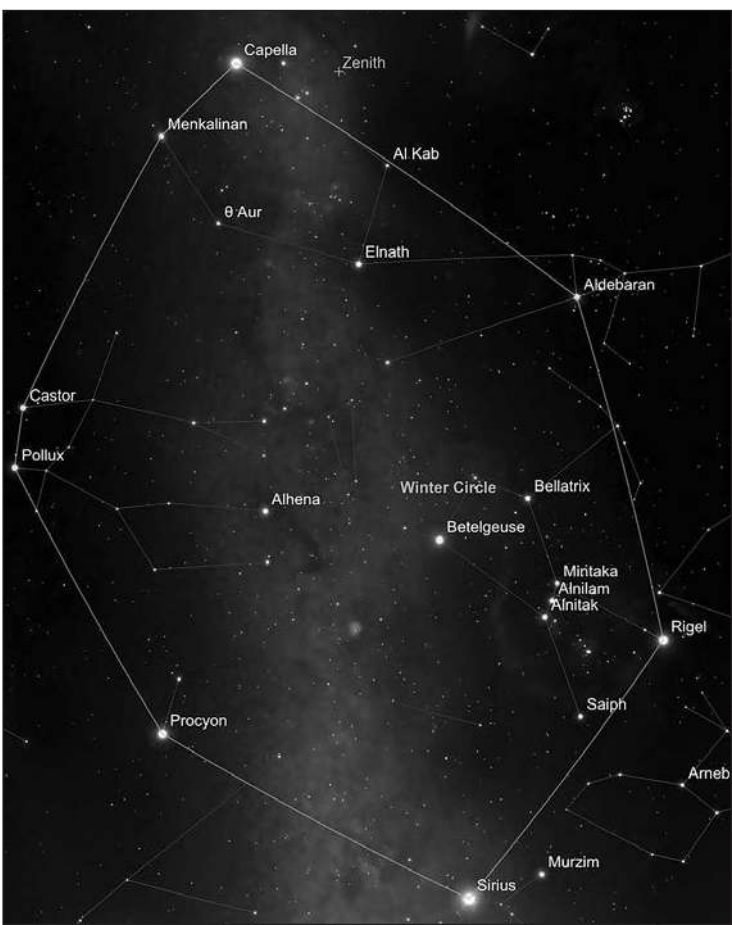
Summer Triangle – As the nights warm up, the Summer Triangle dominates the heavens. Comprising the bright stars Vega in Lyra, Deneb in Cygnus, and Altair in Aquila, this prominent asterism is the inspiration behind the cultural festival Tanabata. Also found is Cygnus the Swan, which makes up the Northern Cross asterism.

Great Square of Pegasus – By Autumn, the Great Square of Pegasus can be seen. This square-shaped asterism takes up a large portion of the sky, and consists of the stars: Scheat, Alpheratz, Markab and Algenib.

Tracing these outlines can guide you to objects like galaxies and star clusters. The Hyades, for example, is an open star cluster in the Taurus constellation with evidence of rocky planetary debris. In 2013, Hubble Space Telescope's Cosmic Origins Spectrograph was responsible for breaking down light into individual components. This observation detected low levels of carbon and silicon – a major chemical for planetary bodies. The Hyades can be found just outside the Winter Circle and is a favorite of amateur and professional astronomers alike.

How to Spot Asterisms

Use Star Maps and Star Apps – Using star maps or stargazing apps can help familiarize yourself with the constellations and asterisms of the night sky.



Stars that make up the Winter Circle, as seen on January 1, 2024 (Sky Safari)

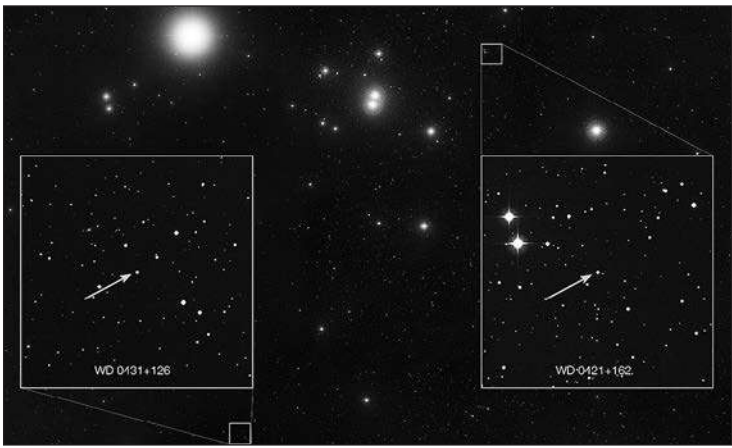
Get Familiar with Constellations – Learning the major constellations and their broader shapes visible each season will make spotting asterisms easier.

Use Celestial Landmarks – Orient yourself by using bright stars, or recognizable constellations. This will help you navigate the night sky and pinpoint specific asterisms. Vega in the Lyra constellation is a great example of this.

Learn more about how to stay warm while observing this Winter with our upcoming

mid-month article on the Night Sky Network page through NASA's website!

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The Hyades star cluster, the nearest open cluster to us. A new study led by Jay Farihi of the University of Cambridge, UK, has now found the atmospheres of two burnt-out stars in this cluster — known as white dwarfs — to be “polluted” by rocky debris circling the star. Inset, the locations of these white dwarf stars—WD 0421+162, and WD 0431+126. (NASA, ESA, STScI, and Z. Levay (STScI))

Senator Aisha Wahab Mobile Office Hours

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California District 10 State Senator Aisha Wahab's staff will be holding mobile office hours at the Union City Library on the first Thursday of every month from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

The Senator's office provides the following services:

- DMV/Auto Insurance Problems
- Consumer Complaints
- Medical Payments & Eligibility
- Unemployment Insurance Questions

Mobile office hours allow you to receive personalized assistance on various issues that impact our community.

Whether you need help navigating government services, have concerns that require attention and advocacy, or simply want to express your opinions, this event is for you.

No registration required. All library programs are free! To learn more about this and other library programs, visit <https://aclibrary.bibliocommons.com/events>

The Office of Senator Wahab is committed to serving the needs of the community. We look forward to seeing you there!

Senator Wahab Mobile Office Hours
First Thursday of every month
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Union City Library

34007 Alvarado-Niles Rd., Union City
Nissa Nack at nnack@aclibrary.org
(510) 745-1464

Milpitas Police Log

SUBMITTED BY MPD

Friday, December 22

- Around 9:20 a.m. a residential construction worker reported being robbed of his tools at gunpoint. Officers arrived within three minutes and obtained the license plate of the suspect's vehicle, a stolen vehicle

from San Jose. Simultaneously, MPD received an Automated License Plate Reader (ALRP) alert of the suspect vehicle's location. Within minutes, officers located the suspect vehicle, and a vehicle pursuit ensued into the City of Fremont.

With the assistance of the Fremont Police Department, the suspect, a 30-year-old San Jose resident was arrested and the contractor's tools were returned. Once again, our ALRP technology helped our officers quickly and safely apprehend a dangerous suspect.

Mickey Mouse will soon belong to you and me - with some caveats

By ANDREW DALTON, ASSOCIATED PRESS
ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

M-I-C-K-E-Y will soon belong to you and me.

With several asterisks, qualification and caveats, Mickey Mouse in his earliest form will be the leader of the band of characters, films and books that will become public domain as the year turns to 2024.

In a moment many close observers thought might never come, at least one version of the quintessential piece of intellectual property and perhaps the most iconic character in American pop culture will be free from Disney's copyright as his first screen release, the 1928 short "Steamboat Willie," featuring both Mickey and Minnie Mouse, becomes available for public use.

"This is it. This is Mickey Mouse. This is exciting because it's kind of symbolic," said Jennifer Jenkins, a professor of law and director of Duke's Center for the Study of Public Domain, who writes an annual Jan. 1 column for 'Public Domain Day.' "I kind of feel like the pipe on the steamboat, like expelling smoke. It's so exciting."

U.S. law allows a copyright to be held for 95 years after Congress expanded it several times during Mickey's life.

"It's sometimes derisively referred to as the Mickey Mouse Protection Act," Jenkins said. "That's oversimplified because it wasn't just Disney that was pushing for term extension. It was a whole group of copyright holders whose works were set to go into

the public domain soon, who benefited greatly from the 20 years of extra protection."

"Ever since Mickey Mouse's first appearance in the 1928 short film Steamboat Willie, people have associated the character with Disney's stories, experiences, and authentic products," a Disney spokesperson said in a statement to The Associated Press. "That will not change when the copyright in the Steamboat Willie film expires."

Current artists and creators will be able to make use of Mickey, but with major limits. It is only the more mischievous, rat-like, non-speaking boat captain in "Steamboat Willie" that has become public.

"More modern versions of Mickey will remain unaffected by the expiration of the Steamboat Willie copyright, and Mickey will continue to play a leading role as a global ambassador for the Walt Disney Company in our storytelling, theme park attractions, and merchandise," Disney's statement said.

Not every feature or personality trait a character displays is necessarily copyrightable, however, and courts could be busy in the coming years determining what's inside and outside Disney's ownership.

"We will, of course, continue to protect our rights in the more modern versions of Mickey Mouse and other works that remain subject to copyright," the company said.

Disney still solidly and separately holds a trademark on Mickey as a corporate mascot and brand identifier, and the law forbids using the character deceptively to fool consumers into thinking a product is from the original creator. Anyone starting a film company or a theme park will not be free to make mouse ears their logo.

Disney's statement said it "will work to safeguard against consumer confusion caused by unauthorized uses of Mickey and our other iconic characters."

"Steamboat Willie," directed by Walt Disney and his partner Ub Iwerks and among the first cartoons to have sound synced with its visuals, was

actually the third cartoon featuring Mickey and Minnie the men made, but the first to be released. It features a more menacing Mickey captaining a boat and making musical instruments out of other animals.

Another famous animal sidekick, Tigger, will join his friend Winnie the Pooh in the public domain as the book in which the bouncing tiger first appeared, "The House at Pooh Corner," turns 96. Pooh, probably the most celebrated prior character to become public property, took on that status two years ago when A.A. Milne's original "Winnie the Pooh" entered the public domain, resulting in some truly novel uses, including this year's horror film "Winnie The Pooh: Blood and Honey."

Young Mickey could get the same treatment.

"Now, the audience is going to set the terms," said Cory Doctorow, an author and activist who advocates for broader public ownership of works.

Jan. 1, 2024, has long been circled on the calendars of public domain watchers, but some say it serves to show how overlong it takes for U.S. works to go public, and many properties with less pedigree than Winnie or Minnie can disappear or be forgotten with their copyrights murky.

"The fact that there are works that are still recognizable and enduring after 95 years is is frankly remarkable," Doctorow said. "And it makes you think about the stuff that we must have lost, that would still have currency."

Other properties entering the U.S. public domain are Charlie Chaplin's film "Circus," Virginia Woolf's novel "Orlando" and Bertolt Brecht's musical play "The Threepenny Opera."

The books of George Orwell for example, including "Animal Farm" and "1984," both published in the 1940s, are now public domain in his native Great Britain.

"Those works aren't going to fall into the public domain in the United States for 25 years," Heald said. "It would be literally costless for Congress to pass a law saying, 'we now adopt the rule of the shorter term,' which would throw a butt ton of works into the public domain over here."

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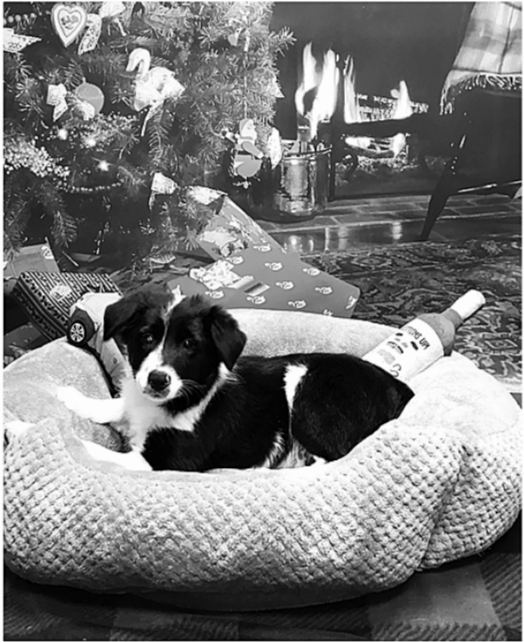
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clumsy but will get more agile the older
she gets. To meet or adopt Mary contact
Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.

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

CONTINUING
EVENTS

Tuesdays

East Bay Games Meet
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
German/Euro style board games and
card games.
Swiss Park
5911 Mowry Ave., Newark
(510) 936-2523
meetup.com/east-bay-games
sfdavidkaye@yahoo.com

Tuesdays, January 2 -
April 30
Bilingual Family Storytime / 中
英雙語故事時間

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Features movement, singing, and
action!
Milpitas Public Library
160 N Main St., Milpitas
(408) 262-1171
For babies, preschoolers, and tod-
dlers.

Tuesdays, September 19 -
May 28

It's Storytime
1:30 pm - 2:00 pm
Stories, finger plays, nursery rhymes,
musical instruments and more.
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400
aclibrary.org/locations/FRM/
fremontchildrens@aclibrary.org
For ages 18 months - 6 yrs.

Tuesdays
Mobile Food Distribution with
Tri-City Volunteers

11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Fremont Adult and Continuing
Education
4700 Calaveras Ave., Fremont
(510) 793-6465
tri-cityvolunteers.org/food
Bring your own bag.
Frist and third Tuesdays of the
month

Tuesdays, June 13 - January 9
Monthly Covid and Flu Vaccine
Clinic

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Get free Covid Booster
Newark Public Library
37055 Newark Blvd., Newark
(510) 268-210
cutt.ly/Cwdxmlma
Appointments suggested.
First Tuesday of the month

Tuesdays, January 9 –
March 26

Music and Storytime
11:30 am - 12:00 pm
Join us for stories, music, and
movement at the library.
Cherryland Community Center
278 Hampton Road, Hayward
(510) 626-8522
aclibrary.org/locations/CHY/
For babies, toddlers, preschoolers.

Wednesday
Genealogy Study Group

10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Family history research and more.
Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley
(510) 667-7900
First and third Wednesday of the
month

Wednesdays
Tropics Bingo

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

Wednesdays
Ping Pong

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Activities for people with Parkinson
Age Well Center at South Fremont
47111 Mission Falls Ct., Fremont
(510) 742-7529
issuu.com/hsdept
mtorrez@fremont.gov

Wednesdays

Talkin' Dirt R
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Online gathering of gardeners.
Local Ecology and Agriculture
Fremont (LEAF) Center
36501 Niles Blvd., Fremont
bit.ly/3UPp51i
First Wednesday of the month

Wednesdays

Free Hot Meals - Eden
Greenway
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Food truck to distribute meals and
books to the community.
Eden Youth & Family Center
680 W. Tennyson Rd., Hayward
(510) 881-7535
lindsey.vien@hayward-ca.gov
First and third Wednesday of the
month

Thursdays, December 28 -
January 25

Stay N' Play!
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Make friends, play, and explore arts
and sensory stations.
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400
Ages 12 - 36 months along with
caregivers.
Free tickets.

Thursdays, January 4 -
March 28

International Folk Dancing R\$
11:15 pm - 1:00 pm
Celebrate the cultural roots and
traditional life of various countries.
Age Well Center at South Fremont
47111 Mission Falls Ct., Fremont
(510) 742-7529
In English and Chinese.

Thursdays, January 11 -
March 28

Chinese Music Ensemble R
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Open to all who are interested in
performing traditional Chinese
music.
Age Well Center at Lake Elizabeth
40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont
(510) 790-6606

Thursdays, December 21 -
May 23

Homework Help Center
3:45 pm - 5:45 pm
Students in grades K - 8 can get help
with their homework questions.
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400
Drop-in.

Thursdays, January 4 -
December 26

CleanStart Mobile Hygiene
Unit Visit
11:30 am - 1:30 pm
At the Main library's parking lot to
provide hygiene services to the
unhoused.
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400
Recommend checking for availability.

Thursdays, January 4 - May 2
Senator Aisha Wahab - Mobile
Office Hours

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Include: DMV problems, consumer
complaints, MediCal and EDD.
Union City Library
34007 Alvarado-Niles Rd., Union
City
(510) 745-1464
aclibrary.bibliocommons.com/events
First Thursdays of the month

Thursdays - 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#events
Admission fee applies.

Thursday, January 4 - April 4

Paperwork Clinic
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Had a brush with the law and need
help organizing your paperwork?
Union City Library
34007 Alvarado-Niles Rd., Union
City
(510) 745-1464
First Thursdays of the month

Thursdays and Saturdays
Story Time

10:30 am - 11:00 am
Picture book story time
Banter Bookshop
3768 Capitol Ave. Ste. F., Fremont
(510) 565-1004
bit.ly/3VFpbcz

Thursdays and Tuesdays,
November 9 - May 23

Literacy Enrichment Program R
4:00 pm - 5:45 pm
Supporting struggling readers
through personalized lesson plans
and one-on-one tutoring.
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400
aclibrary.org/locations/FRM/
fremontchildrens@aclibrary.org

Friday, January 5 - June 7

Women Veterans - VA
Outreach
11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Learn about your VA benefits,
programs and resources.
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400
First Friday of the month

Fridays, December 29 -
May 10

Go: The Game R
3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Go is an ancient game of strategy. To
learn the game or to play it.
Union City Library
34007 Alvarado-Niles Rd., Union
City
(510) 745-1464
All ages and levels.

Fridays, December 29 -
November 29

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise
Class
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Falun Dafa classes provided by the
Classical Arts Foundation.
Milpitas Public Library
160 N Main St., Milpitas
(408) 262-1171
Language: English, Mandarin, Viet-
namese

Fridays - Sundays,
November 24 - January 7

3 Crosses Church Christmas
Village & Ice-Skating Rink \$
3:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Family activities, ice skating, food
trucks and more!
3Cross Church
20600 John Drive, Castro Valley
Skating tickets available online and
in-person until capacity is reached.
Online: www.3crosses.church

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/events

Saturdays - Tuesday,
December 2 - January 9

Winter Reading Game
10:00 am
Complete your game board to collect
your prize and enter the prize
drawing.
Centerville Library
3801 Nicolet Ave., Fremont
(510) 795-2629
aclibrary.bibliocommons.com/events/
6567ec2f1abde5420061cfe4
Check the library's open hours.
Open for all ages.

Arts & Entertainment

Saturdays
Free Beginner Pickleball Lesson
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Free pickleball lesson for beginners, taught by a USPA professional.
Hall Memorial Park
304 La Honda Dr, Milpitas
(408) 586-3210
Drop-in. Weather permitting.

Saturdays
Laugh Track City R\$
8:00 pm
Series of improvised games and scenes
Made Up Theatre
4000 Bay St. suite B., Fremont
(510) 573-3633
madeuptheatre.com

Saturdays, January 6 - May 25
Family Storytime
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
The story time features lots of movement, singing, and action.
Milpitas Public Library
160 N Main St., Milpitas
(408) 262-1171
For babies, toddlers, preschooler, family events.

Saturdays, January 6 - December 28
Computer Crew: Teen Tech Help
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Meet with a tutor to get assistance with basic tech issues.
Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley
(510) 667-7900
Checking the availability.
For adults, seniors.

Saturdays - First, January 6 - December 7
Music Hour at the Library
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Music performed by local musicians of all ages.
Newark Public Library
37055 Newark Blvd., Newark
(510) 284-0675
Checking availability. For everyone.
First Saturdays of the month

Saturdays
Pacific Bus Museum \$
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Open house
Pacific Bus Museum
37974 Shinn St., Fremont
pacbus.org
info@pacbus.org
First and third Saturdays

Saturdays, September 2 - February 17
Book Sale
10:30 am - 3:30 pm
Pop in the bookstore on the first floor for some great deals!
Hayward Public Library
888 C St., Hayward
(510) 293-8685
hayward.librarycalendar.com
First and third Saturdays of the month

Sundays
Weekly Meditation Session R
8:30 am - 9:30 am
Explore the effortless way to ultimate bliss.
India Community Center
525 Los Coches St., Milpitas
(408) 934-1130
samarpanmeditationusa.org
info@indiacc.org

Sundays, January 7 - April 14
English Conversations at the Library R
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Open to learners of any English skill level.
Newark Public Library
37055 Newark Blvd., Newark
(510) 284-0675
Recommend checking availability.

Sundays - Saturdays
Recreational Swim \$
12:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Attractions may vary.
Silliman Activity and Family Aquatic Center
6800 Mowry Ave., Newark
(510) 578-4620
bit.ly/3nxo0is

Mondays, January 8 - March 25
Beginning Zumba Gold R\$
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
This is a dance fitness program.
Age Well Center at Lake Elizabeth
40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont
(510) 790-6606

Mondays, December 18 - May 20
Advanced Math + Science Tutoring
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Offering free high school and college-level tutoring in math, physics, and chemistry.
Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley
(510) 667-7900
nsilva@aclibrary.org

Mondays, January 8 - May 20
Homework Help Center
3:45 pm - 5:45 pm
Students in grades K - 8 can get help with their homework questions.
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400
Closed on Fremont Unified School District's holidays and teacher work-days.

Mondays, January 8 - May 13
ASL Story Signing
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Story time for preschool to fifth grade, at different time slots.
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400
Drop-in.
Second Mondays of the month

Mondays - Second, November 13 - September 09
Law Librarian Office Hours
1:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Answer legal reference questions, help locate legal forms, and provide referral services where possible.
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400
aclibrary.org/locations/FRM/fremont@aclibrary.org
Walk in welcome.
Second Mondays of the month

Mondays, November 13 - October 9
Paperwork Clinic
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Legal team will be in the library to help.
Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley
(510) 667-7900
aclibrary.org/locations/csv/jrogers@aclibrary.org, mwashington@aclibrary.org
Second Mondays of the month

Mondays - Thursdays, December 5 - May 30
Homework Help Center
3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Get your homework questions answered for grades K-8.
San Lorenzo Library
395 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo
(510) 284-0640
aclibrary.bibliocommons.com/events/sanlorenzo@aclibrary.org
For kids, teens.

Mondays and Thursdays
Fruit Tree Gleaning
9:00 am - 10:30 am
Donate fresh fruits from your garden.
LEAF CR Stone Garden
55 Mowry Ave., Fremont
fremontleaf.org/glean
info@fremontleaf.org.

Mondays and Thursdays
Food Garden Volunteer
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Join us in our gardens, learning from experienced gardeners.
LEAF CR Stone Garden
55 Mowry Ave., Fremont
volunteer@fremontleaf.org
Volunteer agreement form is required.

Mondays and Thursdays
Free Hot Meals - Eden Greenway
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Food Truck to bring FREE hot meals to South Hayward.
Eden Greenway Park
25625 Cypress Ave., Hayward
(510) 881-7535
lindsey.vien@hayward-ca.gov
On the corner of Harder and Cypress Avenue.

Mondays and Wednesdays, January 8 - May 29
Homework Help for Grades K-6
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Receive homework help from the tutors.
Milpitas Public Library
160 N Main St., Milpitas
(408) 262-1171
dlara@sccl.org

UPCOMING EVENTS
Tuesday, January 2
Hikes for Tykes
10:30 am - 11:45 am
Great views of the lake and wildlife as we walk and observe.
Lake Chabot Marina & Café
17936 Lake Chabot Rd., Castro Valley
(510) 544-3187
Drop-in.

Tuesday - Friday, January 2 - January 5
Vex IQ Robotics Camp \$R
9:30 am - 3:30 pm
An overview of the world of VEX Robotics!
India Community Center
525 Los Coches St., Milpitas
(408) 934-1130
www.indiacc.org/wintercamps/
Age 8 - 13.

Tuesday - Tuesday, January 2 - January 9
Girls Who Code Registration Lottery
8:00 am - 11:45 pm
Online registration for the “Girls Who Code” program at the Cupertino Library
Online Event
sccl.bibliocommons.com/events/657b9c92e7f74a2a00471745
mlorenzo@sccl.org
For girls in grade 6 - 11 only.
Enrollment: 1/2 - 1/9.

Wednesday, January 3
Teen Board Gaming Days: Let the Games Begin!
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
We need your help in learning how to play some of the new games.
San Lorenzo Library
395 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo
(510) 284-0640
sanlorenzo@aclibrary.org

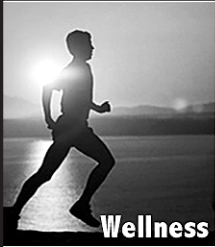
Wednesday, January 3
Art x Mental Wellness Workshops
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Special workshops to learn about various mental health topics.
Centerville library
3801 Nicolet Ave., Fremont
(510) 795-2629
Children in grades 1-6.

Thursday, January 4
Sky Dome Planetarium for Kids
1:00 pm - 5:15 pm
Join us for a magical adventure!
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400
Multiple sessions based on grade level.

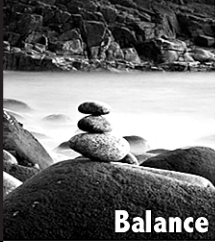
Thursday, January 4
Movie Day: Elemental
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Join us for a family friendly movie!
Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley
(510) 667-7900
Rated PG.

Friday, January 5
Crystal Woven Lattice Bracelet with John Bead R\$
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Use sparkling, Czech Crystal in a Right-Angle-Weave stitched bracelet.
Online Events
www.michaels.com
Age 18+. Zoom.

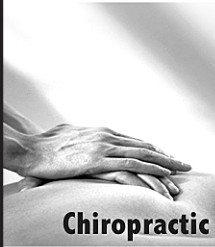
Saturday, January 6
DIY Craft Day: Paper Bag Animal Puppets
10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Join us for a DIY Craft Day!
Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley
(510) 667-7900
All day.



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Saturday, January 6
Storytime with AAC (Special Needs Friendly) R
10:30 am - 11:30 am
Build your child's communication skills through Shared Reading!
Union City Library
34007 Alvarado-Niles Rd., Union City
(510) 745-1464
prubanova@aclibrary.org
Contact Polina at (510) 745-1464 ext. 6.

Saturday, January 6
Makerspace Intro: Sewing Machine
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Get hands-on experience sewing lines and contribute to a community quilt.
Irvington Library
41825 Greenpark Drive, Fremont
(510) 795-2631
For age 13+. Signed waiver.

Saturday, January 6
Financial Aid Office Hours R
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
For anyone interested in applying for college financial aid.
Milpitas Public Library
160 N Main St., Milpitas
(408) 262-1171
rleo@sccl.org

Saturday, January 6
History in Photographs: The Oakland Speedway
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Join us for a race through the Oakland Speedway's History.
San Leandro History Museum
320 W Estudillo Ave., San Leandro
(510) 577-3990
www.sanleandro.org

Saturday, January 6
What's The Weather?
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Explore the answers to climate change and go outside to measure weather parameters.
Coyote Hills Visitors Center
8000 Patterson Ranch Rd., Fremont
(510) 544-3220
All ages.

Saturday, January 6
Saturday Stroll: Oyster Bay (Neptune Drive)
9:30 am - 11:30 am
Walk about 3 miles along the bay trail on a mostly flat loop.
Oyster Bay Regional Shoreline
1600 Neptune Dr., San Leandro
(888) 327-2757

Saturday, January 6
Reptiles and Amphibians! - with East Bay Regional Parks
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Join Naturalists in a program about local reptiles and amphibians.
San Lorenzo Library
395 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo
(510) 284-0640
sanlorenzo@aclibrary.org

Saturday, January 6
Eagle Watch
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Learn some fascinating facts about Bald Eagle as we look for recent activity.
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
(888) 327-2757
All ages. Admission fee applies.

Saturday, January 6
Wild Things
11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Explore the farm to learn a bit about these elusive wild animals.
Ardenwood Historic Farm
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
(888) 327-2757
All ages. (510) 544-2797.

Saturday - Sunday, January 6 - January 7
Fremont - Movie Screening R
Sat: 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Sun: 2 pm – 4:30 pm
Join us for a special screening of the critically acclaimed movie, Fremont.
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400

Saturday - Sunday, January 6 - January 7
Friends of the Library Audiobook Sale
Sat: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sun: 10 am -1:30pm
Audiobooks on tape and CD from all genres will be for sale.
San Leandro Main Library
300 Estudillo Ave., San Leandro
(510) 577-3970

Sunday, January 7
Practice Your English R
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
A conversation group for adults.
Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley
(510) 667-7900
www.aclibrary.org

Sunday, January 7
Lake Chabot Circumambulation
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
The hike is 9 miles and 900 feet of elevation, more or less.
Lake Chabot Marina & Café
17936 Lake Chabot Rd., Castro Valley
(510) 544-3187
Meet at Elderberry picnic area.

Sunday, January 7
New Year's Vision Board
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Come in-store to make a fun free craft!
Michaels Stores
Fremont, Milpitas, San Leandro, Union City
www.michaels.com/classes
Recommend confirming details before attending.



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Sunday, January 7
Bullet Journaling Workshop R
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Come hear about the ins and outs of bullet journaling.
Milpitas Public Library
160 N Main St., Milpitas
(408) 262-1171
rpayne@sccl.org
For ages 18+.

Sunday, January 7
ESL Conversation Club - Intermediate Level R
10:30 am - 12:00 pm
For adults looking to practice their English speaking and listening skills.
San Leandro Main Library
300 Estudillo Ave., San Leandro
510-577-3971
<https://sanleandro.libcal.com/>

Monday, January 8
Outdoor Discoveries! Frogs And Toads R
10:30 am - 12:00 pm
A lesson with a Naturalist followed by a craft or activity.
Sunol Regional Wilderness Visitor Center
1895 Geary Rd., Sunol
(510) 544-3245
Age 4-8. Parking fee applies.

Monday, January 8
Affordable Housing R
Share your thoughts about a possible \$10 to \$20 billion Bay Area-wide affordable housing bond.
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1400
Reserve: (in person) tinyurl.com/register-for-in-person, or tinyurl.com/register-for-online.

Mondays, January 8 - January 22
KidsConstruct!
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
To build and play with LEGOs, blocks, magna-tiles, and more.
San Lorenzo Library
395 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo
(510) 284-0640
For 5+ yrs.
Second and third Mondays of the month

Tuesday, January 9
ESL Conversation Club - Basic Level R
10:30 am - 12:00 pm
For adults looking to practice their English speaking and listening skills.
San Leandro Main Library
300 Estudillo Ave., San Leandro
510-577-3971
<https://sanleandro.libcal.com/>

Tuesday, January 9
The Page Turners R
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
An evening book discussion for adults.
Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley
(510) 667-7900

Tuesday, January 9
AWC Cinemas R
1:30 pm -04:00 pm
Come down to watch film "Green Book"
Age Well Center at Lake Elizabeth
40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont
(510) 790-6606

Tuesday, January 9
Kids Club: Making Winter Friends with Clay \$R
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Learn to sculpt winter figures using soft air-dry clay.
Online Events
www.michaels.com
All ages. Zoom.

Newark Police Log

SUBMITTED BY
NEWARK PD

Tuesday, December 12

- 11:33 a.m.: Officer C. Torres investigated a report of a residential burglary that occurred in the 39900 block of Cedar Boulevard. The suspects entered the residence by using keys from a lockbox. The loss was a television.
- 2:24 p.m.: Officer McCuin investigated a vandalism to a vacant business in the 5600 block of Jarvis Avenue. The armed security guard reported someone had broken a window to the building and requested NPD search the building. It appeared that damage was caused during an attempt to steal copper from the business.
- 4:48 p.m.: Officer C. Torres investigated a carjacking. The suspect went to a car dealership in a neighboring city and took a vehicle on a test drive. During the test drive, the suspect stopped

in the area of Milani Avenue and ordered the car salesman out of the vehicle while brandishing a knife. The suspect fled in the vehicle and the victim was not injured. The stolen vehicle was later located by a neighboring agency and towed as evidence. The case was forwarded to the Detectives Division.

Wednesday, December 13

- 3:24 p.m.: Officer Williams was dispatched to a restaurant for a report of a male subject seen looking over the bathroom stall in the women's restroom. Officer Williams saw the subject in the area. Upon attempting to contact the subject, he immediately fled. Officer Williams located and identified him as a 29-year-old unsheltered male. Officer Williams is working with the victim and is actively investigating the incident.

Thursday, December 14

- 9:00 a.m.: Officer Orozco investigated a domestic violence incident that occurred on Bennington Drive. A 61-year-old female out of Newark was arrested and booked into Santa Rita Jail.
- 7:43 p.m.: Officers responded to an armed robbery involving a handgun that occurred at a business on

Cedar Boulevard. The clerk provided a suspect description and Officer Losier located the suspect after a foot pursuit. The 18-year-old male out of Hayward was taken into custody and booked at Santa Rita Jail. Officers recovered the loss from the robbery and the suspect provided a full confession.

Friday, December 15

- 5:25 p.m.: Officer Orozco investigated the burglary of a United States Postal Services mail truck while parked in the 35000 block of Buckingham Drive.

Saturday, December 16

- 2:46 a.m.: Officers responded to Cedar Boulevard for a report of a domestic violence incident. Officer Herrera arrested a 42-year-old male out of Newark for domestic violence. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail.
- 8:40 p.m.: Officers responded to Newark Boulevard and Central Avenue for a report of an intoxicated subject stumbling in the street. Officer Swadener located a 27-year-old male out of Newark and arrested him for being drunk in public. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

ABC Reminds Licensees to Help Prevent DUIs and Check Identifications Carefully

SUBMITTED BY
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT
OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
CONTROL

The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) reminds ABC licensees to prevent DUIs and check identifications closely to prevent underage drinking during the 2023 New Year's holiday weekend. ABC also encourages the public to have a plan in place for a sober driver to get everyone home safely.

ABC is partnering with the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to help keep communities safe through New Year's Day. Remember to designate a sober driver, use public transportation, or a ride-hailing service.

"We want everyone to get home safe this holiday season," said ABC Director

Joseph McCullough. "Remember to make a plan before you celebrate. ABC licensees can also help keep communities safe by carefully checking identifications and ensuring customers are not overserved."

The department has several education and prevention programs available to ABC licensees that promote responsible service of alcoholic beverages. ABC Agents and local law enforcement officers will be out this holiday season to monitor compliance and increase public safety.

Visit ABC's website to see how the department protects communities through education, prevention and enforcement programs designed to increase compliance with California's alcoholic beverage laws.

ABC is a department of the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency.

Alcoholic Beverage Control
www.abc.ca.gov

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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	Rewarding volunteer opportunity! Deliver meals to seniors SOS Meals on Wheels Fremont, Newark, Union City 1-2 hour volunteer shift M-F, 10:30am - 12:30 pm 10-15 clients per route Contact John, 510-244-0165 John@sosmow.org www.sosmow.org	ABWA – Pathfinder Chapter American Business Women's Association Provides opportunities for women for leadership, education, & networking. Virtual meetings – 3rd Wednesday of each month. 6:45 pm to 8:30 pm. Call Donna at 510-299-4332 or send email to pathfinderabwa@gmail.com www.abwa-pathfinder.org	THE HISTORIC SHINN HOUSE 1251 Peralta Blvd, Fremont, CA Open for public tours \$4 adults, \$2 Children (7-13) on the: First Wednesday of each month, and Third Sunday of each month from 1 PM to 4 PM. Groups of six or more need to make a reservation Groups of five or less are welcome without a reservation We will enforce current local CDC Guidelines All tours are Docent led and last about one hour. More information and large group reservations call: (510) 795-0891	
Fremont Cribbage Club Meets to play weekly, every Weds. We play a Cribbage Tournament starting at 5PM. at BRONCO BILLY'S PIZZA at 41200 Blacow Road, Fremont We welcome experienced players and will work with new players hoping to learn the game. Email:Accgr43@gmail.com For more information.	LOVE to WRITE? WANT to WRITE? WRITER'S BLOCK? Fremont Area Writers (FAW) is here to HELP! Zoom meeting 4th Saturday of the month (off July & Dec) 2:00-4:00 PM Great speakers! * All genres! * Critique groups available! Email scotttfrombayside@yahoo.com for Zoom link before the meeting. Writers' Salon meets 4th Monday of the month (occasional exceptions) Join us via Zoom 7:00-9:00 PM Read, discuss or just listen. Email up.dragonfly.com@gmail.com for Zoom link before the meeting. Everyone is welcome! www.cwc-fremontareawriters.org		NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES protecting and preserving your benefits Meets at Noon the 4th Friday at Fremont's Age Well Center at Lake Elizabeth Come meet new and old friends, discuss developments regarding your benefits, share your experience and knowledge and get involved. For info: www.NARFE.org or 800-456-8410 (5am-2pm PT M-F) or leave msg for Jeannie at 510-792-6327	
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	Serious Mental Illness Free 8-week course for caregivers of someone with a serious mental illness starting Jan 6, 2024, from 9:00-11:30 in Fremont. Registration is required. Contact: Joe Rose at 510-255-3903 or Email F2F@NAMIacs.org https://www.NAMIacs.org https://www.NAMI.org/f2f	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	BINGO - BINGO... LETS YELL BINGO!!! Fremont Elks Lodge (510-797-2121) 38991 Farwell Drive - Fremont Every Thursday - Doors open @ 4:30pm. Flash/Strips start 6:00... Regular Paper games start 6:30pm. Packs: 1/\$20 2/\$25 3-5/\$30 6-8/\$35 9-12/\$40 FREE COFFEE - WATER - POPCORN SNACKBAR AVAILABLE Grab some friends & Come on down!!	

Fremont Police Log

SUBMITTED BY HPD

Wednesday, December 13

- A victim reported being robbed in his garage by four subjects with handguns on Griffith Ave. The victim was parked next to the subject's vehicle when he witnessed the subject shoplifting from a department store. The subjects followed him home and took his belongings at gunpoint. This case remains under investigation.
- Officers responded to a report that a subject had intentionally rammed into a victim's vehicle after a breakup that had escalated into domestic violence. The victim had driven away, but the subject

chased after her in his vehicle and rammed her vehicle near Grimmer Blvd and Auto Mall Pkwy. The victim pulled into a gas station, and the subject rammed her car again, then confronted her with a knife, slashed one of her tires, and drove away. This case remains under investigation.

Thursday, December 14

- Officers responded to a hotel on Cushing Pkwy to assist Fremont Fire Department with a suspected overdose. When officers arrived, FFD had pronounced the subject deceased. During the unattended death investigation, officers found contraband indicating narcotics. Alameda County Sheriff's Office responded for the unattended death investigation.
- Officers located a stolen vehicle at a residence on Sterne Pl. Detectives observed a

subject leaving the scene in another vehicle and attempted to stop him. The subject fled but turned down a dead end. He fled on foot but was eventually captured. Officers located a loaded firearm inside his vehicle and arrested the subject.

Friday, December 15

- A victim found her home on Redstone Ter ransacked. Officers saw two subjects running from a vehicle parked near the residence. The officers initiated a short foot pursuit and saw the subjects enter a nearby condo complex. Officers established a perimeter and located one juvenile subject hiding under a vehicle. The other subject was not located. Investigation revealed that the subjects were trying to steal a vehicle near where the burglary occurred. The burglary had been committed several hours earlier by unknown subjects. This case remains under investigation.

• A victim was home alone when she heard two subjects break into her apartment on Sundale Dr. The victim remained quiet in her bedroom as the subjects ransacked the residence. The subjects left after hearing the victim in her room. Cash, as well as several credit cards and jewelry items, were missing. This case remains under investigation.

Sunday, December 17

- Fremont Fire Department responded to a fire at a construction site near Lopes Rd. and Accelerator Ave. The fire had burned part of a multi-story building that was nearly complete. FFD believed the fire was suspicious and requested FPD to respond. Officers located a gas can near where the fire began. This case remains under investigation.
- Officers responded to a report regarding a subject who had intentionally hit a victim

with her vehicle at an apartment complex on Fremont Blvd. The two had just come back from a birthday celebration and had been involved in an argument on their way to drop the victim off. When the victim exited the vehicle and paused in front of it, the subject accelerated the vehicle and struck the victim with it. The victim was transported to a hospital for medical treatment.

- A delivery driver located a toddler wandering the street on Mission View Dr. The juvenile appeared lost and was unsure of his home address. After two hours of searching, officers identified his residence and returned the child safely to his family.

BART Police Log

SUBMITTED BY BART PD

Thursday, December 21

- At 6:26 a.m. a man identified by police as Antonio Aguilar, 39, from Hayward was contacted in the free area of Hayward station. Aguilar was arrested and booked into Alameda County Jail for possession of a controlled substance.
- At 9:20 a.m. a man identified by police as Mikel Brumfield, 34, from Oakland was taken into custody at Castro Valley station. Brumfield was booked into Alameda County Jail for carrying a concealed dirk or dagger; and for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia.
- At 7:49 p.m. a man identified by police as Howard Pasley, 59, from San Leandro fare evaded to exit San Leandro station. Pasley was not in possession of a clipper card. Pasley was arrested for

violating a court order and possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. Pasley was transported to Santa Rita Jail for booking.

- At 8:23 p.m. a man identified by police as Paulo Damasco, 43, from Foster City was reported to have a firearm at Bay Fair station. Damasco was arrested for receiving stolen property; carrying a concealed weapon; and possession of a firearm while under the influence of a controlled substance. Damasco was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Friday, December 22

- At 9:22 p.m. officers contacted Eduardo Ibanez-Carrera, 33, from San Francisco for fare evading to exit Bay Fair station. Ibanez-Carrera was arrested for a warrant and booked into Santa Rita Jail.
- At 9:52 p.m. a woman identified by police as Alysia Romero, 23, from Martinez was detained for fare evading out of Bay Fair station. Romero was arrested for two

outstanding warrants and for providing false identification. Romero was booked into the Martinez Detention Facility.

Saturday, December 23

- At 5:47 p.m. a man identified by police as Juan Velazquez, 49, from Sacramento fare evaded to exit Bay Fair station. Velazquez was arrested for outstanding warrants and booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Tuesday, December 26

- At 12:02 p.m. a man identified by police as Kelvin Rodriguezbello, 24, from Hayward was located during a train patrol check at Bay Fair station. He was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphenalia. Rodriguezbello also had an active arrest warrant.

Wednesday, December 27

- At 9:30 a.m. man identified by police as Brett Badiali, 26, from Hayward was detained for fare evasion at Hayward station. Badiali was arrested for narcotics and two active warrants. Badiali was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

CHP Log

SUBMITTED BY CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL HAYWARD AREA OFFICE

Saturday, December 23

- While returning from a pursuit call in San Jose, the crew of H-32 monitored a broadcast from Alameda County Sheriffs of a pursuit traveling westbound on I-580, west of Foothill Road. Hayward CHP units and H-32 were in position and located the suspect vehicle traveling westbound on I-580, west of 164th Avenue. H-32 began calling the pursuit allowing ground units to follow at a safe distance.

The suspect eventually foot bailed from the vehicle and fled into a backyard where he attempted to hide in a garbage can. The crew of H-32 directed CHP units and Oakland Police units to the suspect's location and he was subsequently taken into custody.

Wednesday, December 20

- While patrolling their beat in San Leandro, Officer T. Rodriguez and his Field Training Officer, Officer T. Brown stopped to assist a disabled motorist who ran out of gas. While checking on the occupants of the disabled vehicle, Officer T. Rodriguez observed a punched ignition and the lack of license plates. Officer Brown conducted a record check which revealed that the car was stolen. The driver was taken into custody for vehicle theft and a probation violation. The owner of the vehicle was called and he was grateful that his car was recovered.

Official Statement from Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price on Deadly Shooting of Oakland Police Officer

SUBMITTED BY CALIFORNIA DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Attorney's office is standing by to assist in any way we can and to support the Town in this critical time.

I also called the President of the Oakland Police Officers' Association, Barry Donelan, to offer condolences to the officer's family and colleagues from myself and on behalf of the Alameda County District Attorney's office. While the investigation is ongoing, I assured Mr. Donelan that my office stands ready to prosecute whoever is responsible and hold them accountable for killing this officer.

Today [December 29, 2023] an Oakland Police Officer lost his life in a deadly shooting. This is a tremendous tragedy for our entire community and extremely traumatizing for our law enforcement partners across the County. The deadly violence that we have experienced in Oakland in recent years has no place in Alameda County. The murder of this young officer is inexcusable.

I spoke to Oakland Mayor Sheng Thao this morning and offered my condolences. I also assured Mayor Thao that the Alameda County District

Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price

Newark Police Investigate Vandalism at Temple

SUBMITTED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

On Friday, December 22, 2023, at approximately 8:35 a.m. Newark Police received a report of graffiti at the Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Hindu Temple located at 36665 Cedar Boulevard. Officers responded and met with temple leaders who described the vandalism as meant to intimidate them. Based on the content of the graffiti it is believed that the defacement was a targeted act, and the vandalism is being investigated as a possible hate crime.

Any acts or threats of violence, property damage, harassment, intimidation, or other crimes motivated by hate or bias are considered very serious and given very high priority. Officers are investigating, collecting evidence, and reviewing surveillance footage from

nearby businesses in order to establish the chain of events and bring those responsible to justice.

We would like to thank our community members for their continued support and the trust they place in our organization as we investigate this crime. We stand united with our community and are urging community members with any information regarding this incident to come forward and speak with investigators.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation should contact Newark Police Investigations Unit Detective Sergeant Yama Homayoun at (510) 578-4920 or via email at Yama.Homayoun@newark.org.

Information can also be left anonymously on the "Anonymous Tip" hotline at (510) 578-4965.

Alameda County Fire Log

SUBMITTED BY ACFD

Monday, December 25

- At 5:43 a.m. Alameda County Fire Department (ACFD) responded to a large apartment fire in the 14000 block of E.14th Street in San Leandro. Multiple 911 callers stated smoke and fire were coming from a first-floor apartment. Upon arrival, ACFD found heavy smoke and fire showing from a center hallway apartment. Firefighters initiated a mobile attack, working to keep the fire from spreading through the apartment complex. There were no reported injuries to the residents or firefighters. Three people have been displaced.
 - The Red Cross was notified to assist with temporary housing and other assistance. The cause of the fire is under investigation.
- ## Wednesday, December 27
- At 8:27 a.m. ACFD was called to Mulford Point Drive at San Leandro Marina for a structure fire at the former Harbor Master's office. A huge plume of smoke could be seen for miles.



The former Harbor Master's office at San Leandro Marina burned December 27.

Unfortunately, the unoccupied building was destroyed by fire.

The U.S. Coast Guard, along with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, were notified. ACFD's Crew 8 members placed booms in the water to contain debris. No one was injured, and the cause is under investigation.

Hayward Police Log

SUBMITTED BY HPD

Tuesday, December 26

- Officers responded to a south Hayward neighborhood after receiving reports of mail thefts. Officers saw a vehicle in the area that matched the description of the car involved in the theft. Officers pulled the car over to investigate and learned the driver was unlicensed. Prior to the car being towed, an inventory search was conducted, and evidence of the previously reported mail theft was found along with a loaded handgun. The driver was placed under arrest.

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Chinese automaker BYD plans a new EV plant in Hungary as part of its rapid global expansion

By ELAINE KURTENBACH,
ASSOCIATED PRESS BUSINESS WRITER



The Hayn sedan from Chinese automaker BYD. Source: www.byd.com

BANGKOK (AP) -- Chinese automaker BYD said Friday December 22 that it plans to build a new electric vehicle plant in Hungary, its first car factory in Europe, as part of its rapid global expansion.

Hungary will be the center for its European operations, BYD said in a notice on its Weibo social media account.

BYD, based in the southern Chinese city of Shenzhen, said it plans to create thousands of jobs in creating a "local green ecosystem" for manufacturing its electric vehicles. The factory will have an advanced production line and will be built in phases, it said without giving details on the amount of money to be invested.

BYD is among EV manufacturers making fast inroads into Europe, to the extent that European regulators have begun a probe into Chinese government support for the industry. The company, whose name stands for "Build Your Dreams," began direct EV sales in Hungary in October.

The company says it plans to launch three new models in Europe within the coming year in addition to the five models it is already selling that include sedans, hatchbacks and SUVs. BYD has 230 outlets in 19 European countries, it says.

The factory is to be based in Szedged in southern Hungary, near the border with Serbia and Romania. The city, Hungary's third-largest, is a center for education and technology. BYD also has a bus manufacturing facility in Hungary.

BYD has been at the forefront of a wave of Chinese electric car exporters that are leveraging their fast-developing technology and low prices to compete with Western and Japanese brands in their home markets. That compares with 464,654 Teslas sold in China in the same period, up nearly 38% for a 12% market share, it said.

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Jeremy Randall Martin

September 13, 1997 – December 15, 2023

Resident of Fremont

Jeremy Randall Martin passed away unexpectedly on December 15th, 2023, at the age of 26. He is survived by his loving parents Randall and Christie Martin and brother Aaron Martin. Grandparents Christopher “Papa” and Alicia “GG” Moore, Irma “Omi” Martin and Randall Martin Sr. Aunts and Uncles Jay and Lisa Risinger, Shirley Albright, Donna Webster, Tina Laguna, Carol Ann Martin and Andy and Maria Martin. Numerous cousins and extended family. He is preceded in death by his Great Grandparents Charles and Emma Moore.

Jeremy was born September 13th, 1997, in Hayward, California. He was a graduate of San Jose State University in May 2023 with a Bachelor of Science in Journalism and worked at NBC Bay area news as part of their production team. Jeremy was an avid collector of all things collectible and a lover of Comic-Con but most of all enjoyed spending time with his beloved family and friends. Jeremy’s dream was to become a News Journalist and eventually a News Anchor, all driven by his profound desire to contribute meaningfully to his community.

Being born with a congenital heart disease, he spent many summers at Camp Taylor, a place dedicated to families of children with heart disease. Jeremy took his experience and passion for helping others with the same condition by becoming a mentor and camp counselor, giving new and existing families hope for the future.



Jeremy will be remembered as a loving son, grandson, nephew and cousin. His smile, his larger-than-life dimples and his heart of gold. His love for everyone and his ability to bring out the good in all will live on forever.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 6th, from 3-4pm with a Funeral Service starting at 4pm at Fremont Memorial Chapel, 3723 Peralta Blvd. in Fremont.

If you would like to send flowers, please send them to Fremont Memorial Chapel for his service or donations in Jeremy’s name can be made to Camp Taylor, Inc, P.O. Box 581259 Modesto, CA 95358 or directly on their website at www.kidsheartcamp.org/donate.

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Joan Louise Noland

August 21, 1936 – November 26, 2023

Resident of Fremont



guitar and singing songs with the children. She graduated in 1976 from Ohlone College with an Associate in Arts degree. She became a licensed realtor soon after and worked as a realtor for over 20 years until her retirement.

Joan was a member of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Fremont since the 1960’s where she actively served in various capacities over the years including church secretary, council member, and worship team guitarist.

Joan was someone who will long be remembered for her genuine interest in others, encouraging kindness, and hospitality. She was one to ask about the details of your life and remember them. Her steady positive presence will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her son Dennis Noland and daughter Kate Werner. She is preceded in death by her husband Henry and son Daniel Noland. Joan is also survived by loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life service will be held at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 1301 Mowry Avenue in Fremont at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 13, 2024.

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Clarence Dowden Jr.

January 17, 1927 – November 10, 2023

Resident of Discovery Bay

I am truly a native Californian. I was born in Los Angeles, California, January 17, 1927. I went to Hamilton High School in Los Angeles and left Hamilton High School on January 16, 1945 when I enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard and went to boot camp in Alameda, California.

After boot camp I was assigned to the U.S.S. General H. F. Hodges (A.P. 144) on April 6, 1945. The ship departed San Francisco. Two days after Germany surrendered on May 10, 1945, we proceeded with U.S. Army troops for Philippine Islands for the attack of Japan.

We left the Philippines from Manila Bay with wounded troops and soldiers rotated to the States. We left San Francisco for New York via the Panama Canal. We stayed in a shipyard for 10 days and departed July 1945 for Naples, Italy to pick up Army Troops and headed for the Philippines for a final push against Japan. When on August 14, 1945, Japan surrendered and we had orders to return U.S. Army Troops to Boston, Mass. For discharge, for which the troops were happy.

We made three trips to India to bring troops back to U.S. for

discharge. On January 31, 1946 we departed New York for Seattle, Washington via Calcutta, India. We arrived at Seattle where on March 1, 1946, the U.S.S. General H. R. Hodges (A.P. 144) was transferred to the Merchant Marines. I was transferred to Wilmington, GA separation center for discharge, but I re-enlisted in the regular U. S. Coast Guard. I served on various Coast Guard cutters. My last ship was USCGC Polar Sea (WAGB-11). We sailed to the Arctic Ocean, South American Ports, and the Antarctic Ocean.

I bought a 1960 Thunderbird auto from Earl Hart Sr. He introduced me to his daughter and we went out on dates and we were married in July 1961. I got transferred to a cutter in Alameda and bought a house in Fremont. Rosemary, my wife, died November 2000. In 2003 I moved into Country Inn. A few years later Merrill Gardens bought out Country Inn.

No services were held for
Clarence.
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Indiana man is rescued after six days surviving on rainwater

ASSOCIATED PRESS

A 27-year-old man survived for six days on only rainwater while pinned tightly inside his crashed pickup truck beneath a highway bridge in northwest Indiana, police said.

His ordeal ended when two men scouting for fishing spots Tuesday afternoon noticed the badly damaged vehicle, its white airbag deployed, and reached inside.

"They touched the body, and the person turned their head and started talking to them. So, that got a little rise out of them," Sgt. Glen Fifield of the Indiana State Police told local news outlets.

The truck went off Interstate 94 ahead of a bridge over Salt Creek, missing the guardrail and likely rolling several times before landing on the other side of the creek, hidden out of sight from the road above, Fifield said at a news conference.

Matthew R. Reum, of Mishawaka, Indiana, was freed from the wreckage Tuesday evening by first responders working under bright floodlights, then airlifted to a hospital in South Bend with life-threatening injuries, Fifield said.

"He made it through the night. He is alive," Fifield told The Associated Press. He said Reum remained in critical condition Wednesday morning.

South Bend Memorial Hospital released a statement on Reum's behalf thanking people for their support and well wishes, "including the good Samaritans who found him, the first responders and his caregivers."

"No matter how tough things get, there is a light at the end of the tunnel, sometimes in the least expected way," Reum said in the statement.

Mario Garcia, one of the fishermen who found the wreck, said Reum was awake and "very happy to see us," after being exposed to the elements since Dec. 20.

"It almost killed me there, because it was so shocking" to find him alive, Garcia said during a Tuesday news conference in the nearby city of Portage, The Times of Northwest Indiana reported.

Garcia, of Hobart, said Reum told them he had screamed and yelled for help but only heard the "quiet sound of water."

Reum told them his cell phone had fallen out of reach and his body was trapped, preventing him from calling for aid.

Fifield said Reum hadn't been reported missing. He said Reum drank rainwater to survive his ordeal.

"Had it not been for the two individuals that were walking the creek this afternoon, this incident more than likely would have had a different outcome," Fifield said in a statement. Reum's "will to survive this crash was nothing short of extraordinary."

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Fernando Montejano

August 8, 1953 – December 20, 2023

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Fernando Montejano born on August 8, 1953 in the state of Michoacán Mexico. Graduated Stanford in Culinary Arts. Married his wife Margarita Montejano on September 25, 1976. Fernando and his wife Margarita first met in elementary school but connected in high school years where they became sweethearts.

Fernando passed on December 20, 2023 in Fremont surrounded by loved ones. He is survived by his wife Margarita,

their three children Patricia, Mayra, Fernando Jr, daughter in law Nikki, son-in-law's Ken and Brian and seven grandchildren Isaiah, David, Anthony, Noah, Parker, Penelope and Peyton.

He was a man of faith and dedicated his life to spending time and bringing joy to his family. He made them his priority until his last day.

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By RUSSELL GLOOR, NATIONAL
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*Ask Rusty – If my wife claims now,
will it hurt my Social Security amount?*

Dear Rusty: I am 69 years old, and my wife turned 70 early this year. I am still working full time. My wife is not working, but she got a letter from Social Security saying she should take her Social Security as soon as possible. My question is: Since my wife has reached her full retirement age, can she take her SS without it affecting mine when I claim? I plan to work at least another year, depending on how the economy goes (I may have to work longer if it doesn't get better). I have IRAs and a 401k to pull from when I retire. Signed: Anxious Husband

Dear Anxious: The reason your wife received a letter from Social Security (SS) suggesting she claims now is because her benefit reached maximum some time ago at age 70. Thus, there is no reason for her to wait beyond age 70 to claim. By delaying past age 70 your wife is losing money, so she should apply as soon as possible.

I suggest your wife call Social Security at 1 (800) 772-1213 (or your local office) right away to request an appointment to apply for her benefits, and she should be sure to request six months of retroactive payments (SS will pay up to six months retroactively).

If your wife has a "my Social Security" online account, she can also apply online at www.ssa.gov/apply, but she should be sure to request six months of retroactive benefits in the "Remarks" section of the online application. Because your wife is more than six months past age 70, getting six months' retroactive benefits will not reduce her age 70 benefit amount. Nor will your wife claiming her benefits now negatively affect your Social Security when you later claim.

Even though you plan to continue working, likely beyond 70 years of age yourself, you should not wait beyond age 70 to claim, for the same reason: Your benefit will reach maximum when you are 70. You can apply for your benefits up to four months in advance, and specify you want benefits to start in the month you turn 70. If you haven't already done so, you may wish to create your own "my Social Security" online account now at www.ssa.gov/myaccount, which will make it easier for you to apply online when the time comes next year. Applying online is, by far, the most efficient way, but you need to have your online account set up first to do so.

Just so you know, there is no need to worry that you won't get credit for work income earned after you have

applied for your benefits. Even after you are collecting benefits, Social Security will automatically review your earnings each year when that info is received from the IRS (after you file your income tax return). If your most recent earnings are higher than those in any of the 35 years of lifetime earnings used to calculate your benefit when you claim, Social Security will automatically increase your monthly payment amount. In other words, you shouldn't delay past age 70 to claim Social Security because you're working—you'll still get credit for those earnings, automatically.

So, I suggest that your wife take fast action to apply for her Social Security benefits to avoid losing any more money, and that you plan to apply for your benefits to start when you turn 70. There is no financial advantage to waiting beyond age 70 to claim, even if you continue working.

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NOTICE OF TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the ALAMEDA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT has fixed **Thursday, February 8, 2024, at the hour of 6:00 P.M.** in the Board Room of the District Office Building, 43885 South Grimmer Boulevard, Fremont, California, or on Zoom

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83940282641?pwd=TVdUNlpiBU0dCbWJkdzBPcGw3cytZUT09 (passcode: **244332**), or by calling any of the following phone numbers: 1-669-900-9128 or 1-346-248-7799 OR 1-301-715-8592 followed by **839 4028 2641**, as a time and place for a public hearing to review and consider and potentially act on the following development-related charges that are proposed to be collected by said DISTRICT, which, if adopted, would take effect on **May 1, 2024:**

Facilities Connection Charges, along with subsequent annual adjustments to the Facilities Connection Charges, hydrant flow test charges, jumper meter assembly charges, and meter installation charges.

At the hearing, any person interested may appear and present comments on the proposed development-related charges.

Following the conclusion of the hearing, this Board of Directors may, by resolution, fix the development-related charges to be collected by said DISTRICT, effective May 1, 2024.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any person interested may inspect the proposed facilities connection charges in the office of the District Director of Finance and Administration at 43885 South Grimmer Boulevard, Fremont, California, **Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon, and 1:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M.**

MARIAN HSU
District Secretary
Board of Directors
Alameda County Water District

A. Facilities Connection Charges

1. Residential Meter Facilities Connection Charges

Category	Current Eff. May 1, 2023	Proposed Eff. May 1, 2024	Change
SFR Incremental Portion	\$6,194	\$7,666	
SFR Equity Buy-In Portion	\$3,734	\$3,651	
SFR Total	\$9,928	\$11,317	14%
MFR Incremental Portion	\$5,202	\$6,439	
MFR Equity Buy-In Portion	\$3,137	\$3,067	
MFR Total	\$8,339	\$9,506	14%

2. Residential Dormitory Meter Facilities Connection Charges

Category	Current Eff. May 1, 2023	Proposed Eff. May 1, 2024	Change
Dorm Incremental Portion	\$3,715	\$4,599	
Dorm Equity Buy-In Portion	\$2,241	\$2,191	
Dorm Total	\$5,956	\$6,790	14%

3. Non-Residential Meter Facilities Connection Charges (potable)

Meter Size	Current Eff. May 1, 2023	Proposed Eff. May 1, 2024	Change
5/8" Incremental Portion	\$6,194	\$7,666	
5/8" Equity Buy-In Portion	\$3,734	\$3,651	
5/8" Total	\$9,928	\$11,317	14%
3/4" Incremental Portion	\$9,291	\$11,499	
3/4" Equity Buy-In Portion	\$5,603	\$5,477	
3/4" Total	\$14,894	\$16,976	14%
1" Incremental Portion	\$15,487	\$19,165	
1" Equity Buy-In Portion	\$9,340	\$9,128	
1" Total	\$24,827	\$28,293	14%
1.5" Incremental Portion	\$30,977	\$38,330	
1.5" Equity Buy-In Portion	\$18,681	\$18,255	
1.5" Total	\$49,658	\$56,585	14%
2" Incremental Portion	\$49,563	\$61,328	
2" Equity Buy-In Portion	\$29,889	\$29,208	
2" Total	\$79,452	\$90,536	14%
3" Incremental Portion	\$108,423	\$134,155	
3" Equity Buy-In Portion	\$65,385	\$63,893	
3" Total	\$173,808	\$198,048	14%
4" Incremental Portion	\$185,872	\$229,980	
4" Equity Buy-In Portion	\$112,091	\$109,530	
4" Total	\$297,963	\$339,510	14%
6" Incremental Portion	\$418,216	\$517,455	
6" Equity Buy-In Portion	\$252,207	\$246,443	
6" Total	\$670,423	\$763,898	14%
8" Incremental Portion	\$495,663	\$613,280	
8" Equity Buy-In Portion	\$298,912	\$292,080	
8" Total	\$794,575	\$905,360	14%

B. Hydrant Flow Test Charge

	Current Eff. May 1, 2023	Proposed Eff. May 1, 2024	Change
Hydrant Flow Test Charge	\$241	\$257	1.6%

C. Metered Jumper Assembly Charges (6" Meter + RP Device)

	Current Eff. May 1, 2023	Proposed Eff. May 1, 2024	Change
Metered Jumper Assembly Charges (6" Meter + RP Device)			
Deposit (6" Meter + RP Device)	\$5,240	\$5,748	9.7%
Monthly Rental	\$237	\$278	17.3%

D. Meter Installation Charge

Meter Size	Current Eff. May 1, 2023	Proposed Eff. May 1, 2024	Change
3/4"	\$306	\$306	No Change
1"	\$364	\$364	No Change
1-1/2"	\$554	\$554	No Change

CNSB #3770335

CIVIL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 23CV054165
Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA
Petition of: TONG CUI for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner TONG CUI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
TONG CUI to GRACEY ENYI TONG CUI
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 23, 2023, Time: 9:30AM, Dept.: 14, Room: --
The address of the court is 1221 OAK ST., OAKLAND, CA 94612
(To appear remotely, check in advance of the hearing for information about how to do so on the court's website. To find your court's website, go to www.courts.ca.gov/find-my-court.htm.)
A copy of this Order to Show Cause must be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: TRI CITY VOICE
Date: DEC 05, 2023
CHARLES A SMILEY
Judge of the Superior Court
12/26/23, 1/2, 1/9, 1/16/24

CNS-3766833#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Fictitious Business Name(s):
HAPPY SUE-PER DOGGY CARE, 950 CHERRY CLEN CIRLCE, FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
ATSUMI ERLING, **950 CHERRY CLEN CIRLCE, FREMONT, CA 94536**, County of ALAMEDA
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ ATSUMI ERLING
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 12/21/2023
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).
1/2, 1/9, 1/16, 1/23/24

CNS-3769933#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 602800
Fictitious Business Name(s):
SALON H K-BEAUTY, 47946 WARM SPRINGS BLVD., FREMONT, CA 94539, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
AURA K-BEAUTY SALON LLC, 47644 BANNON CT., FREMONT, CA 94539 (CALIFORNIA)
Business conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ KA CHI WONG
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on DECEMBER 14, 2023
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.
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12/26/23, 1/2, 1/9, 1/16/24

CNS-3767199#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 602777
Fictitious Business Name(s):
BHANDAL P PIZZ, D MOUNTAIN MIKE'S PIZZA, 5333 THORNTON AVE., NEWARK, CA 94560, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
GURPREET KAUR, 5255 ORKNEY CT., NEWARK, CA 94560
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Business conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2006
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ GURPREET KAUR
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 12/13/2023
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.
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12/26/23, 1/2, 1/9, 1/16/24

CNS-3766829#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 602774
Fictitious Business Name(s):
THREE SISTERS PIZZA LLC DBA MOUNTAIN MIKE'S PIZZA, 5255 ORKNET CT., NEWARK, CA 94560, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
THREE SISTERS PIZZA LLC, **5255 ORKNET CT., NEWARK, CA 94560**, County of ALAMEDA
Business conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ GURPREET KAUR
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 12/3/2023
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.
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12/26/23, 1/2, 1/9, 1/16/24

CNS-3766827#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 602287
Fictitious Business Name(s):
SAB'S TRANSPORTATION, 39605 STEVENSON PL 129, FREMONT, CA 94539, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
BAHIAS TRANSFER, 39605 STEVENSON PL 129, FREMONT, CA 94539, County of ALAMEDA
Business conducted by: A CORPORATION
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/06/2023
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/ SARABJIT SINGH
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 11/27/2023
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.
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12/19, 12/26/23, 1/2, 1/9/24

CNS-3766132#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 602543
Fictitious Business Name(s):
A FLOR DE PIEL ARTESANAL JABONES, 26 HUNWOOD WAY APT 2, HAYWARD, CA 94544, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
MARIA AUXILIADORA SILES FLORES, **26 HUNWOOD WAY APT 2, HAYWARD, CA 94544**, County of ALAMEDA
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/07/2023
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/ MARIA AUXILIADORA SILES FLORES
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 12/07/2023
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.
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under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/19, 12/26/23, 1/2, 1/9/24

CNS-3764862#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 602371
Fictitious Business Name(s):
I AM JANITORIAL- HOUSEKEEPING SERVICES, 5178 MOWRY AVE., FREMONT, CA 94538, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
ANALIDA ARCENEAUX, **5178 MOWRY AVE., FREMONT, CA 94538**, County of ALAMEDA
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ ANALIDA ARCENEAUX
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 11/30/2023
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.
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12/19, 12/26/23, 1/2, 1/9/24

CNS-3764858#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 602183
Fictitious Business Name(s):
1. FREMONT TOYOTA, LLC 2. FREMONT TOYOTA, 5811 CUSHING PARKWAY, FREMONT, CA 94538, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
FREMONT AUTOMOBILE DEALERSHIP, LLC, 5851 CUSHING PARKWAY, FREMONT, CA 94538 (CA)
Business conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 6/7/1999
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/ AHMED AZZAM
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on NOVEMBER 17, 2023
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.
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12/19, 12/26/23, 1/2, 1/9/24

CNS-3764799#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 602167
Fictitious Business Name(s):
CITY NAILS, 3884 DECOTO RD, FREMONT, CA 94555, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
HUNG & M Y CORP, 3884 DECOTO RD, FREMONT, CA 94555 (CALIFORNIA)
Business conducted by: A CORPORATION
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/20/2023
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/ HUNG T DO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on NOVEMBER 17, 2023
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12/12, 12/19, 12/26/23, 1/2/24

CNS-3763118#

GOVERNMENT

CITY OF FREMONT SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

As Introduced December 12, 2023
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREMONT adding chapter 5.100 Short-term rentals to the Fremont municipal Code
On December 12, 2023, the Fremont City Council introduced the above ordinance adding short-term rental regulations. The new chapter creates a permit requirement to allow short-term rentals while preventing the conversion of long-term rentals to short-term rentals. Short-term rentals must be the host's primary residence, including bedrooms or an entire unit, but not in ADUs, JADUs, accessory structures or RVs. Each host is limited to one short-term rental in the City and one short-term rental per unit, but there is no limit on the number of days short-term rentals may be rented. Short-term rentals are not permitted in below market rate units or units created by an urban lot split (SB9). Short-term rentals may be prohibited by CC&Rs and written approval to operate a short-term rental from an HOA is required if applicable.
The proposed ordinance includes requirements for the operation of short-term rentals to protect neighborhood character and address adverse impacts of short-term rentals. The host is responsible for compliance with all federal, state and local laws and ensure the short-term rental meets health and life/safety requirements. Host must notify neighbors within 100 feet of short-term rental and provide the contact information for the host and/or local contact person. Guest parking must be provided onsite and maximum occupancy is two per bedroom in the short-term rental. No exterior alterations to the unit or exterior signage are allowed. A short-term rental permit cannot be transferred or assigned to another person. The host must include permit information in short-term rental listings and share the Good Neighbor Guidelines with guests. All trash and refuse must be stored out of public view in proper containers and commercial and assembly uses are prohibited.
The new chapter includes provisions for denying an application and suspending or revoking a permit. This process includes an appeal procedure. The ordinance also declares violations of the ordinance to be nuisances and, pursuant to state law, sets the fines for violations at \$1,500 for the first violation, \$3,000 for the second violation and \$5,000 for each additional violation. Finally, the ordinance creates an approximate amnesty period for existing short-term rentals to comply with the new regulations and obtain a permit.
A certified copy of the full text of the ordinance is posted in the office of the City Clerk, 3300 Capitol Avenue, Fremont, and is available for review upon request. The second reading for adoption is currently scheduled for January 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall, 3300 Capitol Avenue, Fremont.
1/2/24

CNS-3769487#

SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE TO BE ADOPTED BY THE NEWARK CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Newark, at its City Council meeting of Thursday, January 11, 2024, at or near 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, David W. Smith

City Hall, 37101 Newark Boulevard, Newark, California, will consider the second reading and adoption of the following:
ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK ADDING CHAPTER 17.15 TO THE NEWARK MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH THE BY RIGHT HOUSING (-BRH) OVERLAY DISTRICT, REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY INTO THE -BRH OVERLAY DISTRICT AND MAKING RELATED MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 17, ZONING, OF THE NEWARK MUNICIPAL CODE.
The Housing Element update identified sites that could be developed with housing. Some of these sites were "reused" sites from prior housing elements. State law provides that these "reused" sites be rezoned to allow residential uses "by right" without discretionary review if the project complies with objective standards and at least 20 percent if the residential units are designated as affordable to lower-income households. The "reused" sites are: 6765 Thornton Ave, 6711 Thornton Ave, 6749 Thornton Ave, 6781 Thornton Ave, 6733 Thornton Ave, 6825 Thornton Ave, 36965 Olive St, 36601 Newark Blvd, 36976 Mulberry St, 6537 Thornton Ave, 6625 Thornton Ave, 6609 Thornton Ave, 6716 Thornton Ave, 6553 Thornton Ave, 36937 Cherry St, 6788 Thornton Ave, 37900 Cedar Blvd, 37750 Timber St, 37640 Cedar Blvd, 5545 Cedar Ct, 37053 Cherry St, 3726 Sycamore St, 38290 Cedar Blvd, 37257 Filbert St, 37243 Filbert St, and Filbert St/APN 92-131-1-9.

The City desires to amend the Zoning Code by adding Chapter 17.15, By Right Housing (-BRH) Overlay District, to implement the Housing Element and more specifically identify the applicability standards for residential development that may be developed by-right without discretionary review. The City also desires to amend the Newark Zoning Map by applying the By Right Housing (-BRH) Overlay District to specific parcels throughout the City and making other miscellaneous related changes.

The proposed ordinance is available for public inspection on the City website at https://www.newark.org/departments/city-manager-s-office/agendas-minutes, or in the Office of the City Clerk, David W. Smith City Hall, 37101 Newark Boulevard, Newark, California, during regular business hours on weekdays. All interested parties may attend the meeting and be heard. Sheila Harrington, City Clerk
1/2/24

CNS-3768426#

CITY OF UNION CITY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CITY PROJECT NO. 17-29

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals for the work shown on the plans entitled: UNION CITY BLVD, BIKE LANE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, CITY PROJECT NO. 17-29, will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Union City, City Government Building, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, California, until Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 2:00PM PST, at which time they will be publicly opened and read in the Council Chambers of said building. The Engineer's estimate for this project is \$16.7 million. The Contractor shall possess a Class A and/or C-12 California contractor's license at the time this contract is awarded. Bids are required for the entire work described herein. This contract is subject to the State contract nondiscrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code Section 12990. Bid Package & Bid Package Location. All the project work is to be done in accordance with the bid package on file with the Public Works Department - City of Union City, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, California 94587. Eligibility to bid on this project requires bid package to be electronically obtained from the City. Bid package may be obtained at no charge via email request to the City at publicworks@unioncity.org. Non-biddable plans and specifications shall be available to view at various Builders' Exchanges throughout the Bay Area and on the City of Union City website at www.unioncity.org. General Work Description: The work to be done, in general, consists of roadway widening into the existing median to facilitate installation of buffered bike lanes, construction of curb, sidewalk, and curb ramps, traffic signal modifications, street lighting improvements, drainage improvements, pavement rehabilitation (dig-outs and repairs), cold planing, overlay of roadway, signing, striping and landscape improvements and other related work indicated and required by the plans, Standard Specifications and these special provisions. All questions should be emailed or fax to Tommy Cho of City of Union City, email: tommyc@unioncity.org. The successful bidder shall furnish a Payment Bond, a Performance Bond, and a Maintenance Bond.

Minimum wage rates for this project as predetermined by the Secretary of Labor are set forth in the special provisions. If there is a difference between the minimum wage rates predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and prevailing wage rates determined by the Department of Industrial Relations for similar classifications of labor, the contractor and his subcontractors shall pay not less than the higher wage rates.

Pursuant to Section 1773 of the Labor Code, the general prevailing rate of wages in the county in which the work is to be performed has been determined by the Director of the wage rates appear in the Department of Transportation publication entitled General Prevailing Wage Rates, (current semi-annual which have been predetermined and are on file with the Department of Industrial Relations are referenced but not printed in said publication.
11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26/23

CNS-3758742#

PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF WILLIAM EDWARD SPICER CASE NO. 23PR052511

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise

PUBLIC NOTICES

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: CYNTHIA S. CHO, 3900 NEWPARK MALL ROAD, THIRD FLOOR, NEWARK, CA 94560, Telephone: 510-818-0000
12/19, 12/26/23, 1/2/24

CNS-3765612#

TRUSTEE SALES

T.S. No.: 22-6856 Loan No.: *****202 APN: 531-0033-019 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/12/2012. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: EUSEBIO M. LEAL Duly Appointed Trustee: Prestige Default Services, LLC Recorded 10/5/2012 as Instrument No. 2012330170 in book --, page -- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Alameda County, California, Date of Sale: 1/11/2024 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: Fallon Street Steps, Alameda County Courthouse, 1225 Fallon Street, Oakland, CA 94612 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$121,995.31 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 5592 DEWEY PL. FREMONT California 94538 A.P.N.: 531-0033-019 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. 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. All checks payable to Prestige Default Services, LLC, NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 793-6107 or visit this Internet Website www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 22-6856. 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 Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. 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 (800) 793-6107, or visit this internet website www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 22-6856 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: 12/1/2023 Prestige Default Services, LLC 1920 Old Tustin Ave. Santa Ana, California 92705 Questions: 949-427-2010 Sale Line: (800) 793-6107 Patricia Sanchez, Trust Sale Officer NPP0444218 TO TRI-CITY VOICE 12/19/2023, 12/26/2023, 01/02/2024 12/19, 12/26/23, 1/2/24

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T.S. No. 112201-CA APN: 525-0231-072-00 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST. DATED 12/23/1997. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 2/21/2024 at 12:00 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 12/29/1997 as Instrument No. 97344821 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Alameda County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: ROBERT O. AND DOROTHY R. MCCOWEN 1976 LIVING TRUST WITH EITHER ROBERT O. OR DOROTHY R. MCCOWEN AS TRUSTEE DATED DECEMBER 9, 1976 WILL SELL AT

PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, 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 FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; AT THE FALLON ST. EMERGENCY EXIT OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1225 FALLON ST., OAKLAND, CA 94612, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is: 35980 ARGONNE STREET, NEWARK, CA 94560. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$2,042,835.33 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust, the undersigned, caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell, to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. 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. The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 112201-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement

information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective 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 (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 112201-CA 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. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP 8880 Rio San Diego Drive, Suite 725 San Diego, California 92108 12/26/23, 1/2, 1/9/24

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T.S. No. 085939-CA APN: 092A-0614-042-00 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST. DATED 2/23/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 2/8/2024 at 9:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 3/7/2007 as Instrument No. 2007096653 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Alameda County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: ROCIO ANDRADE MEDINA AND, ARTURO GOMEZ, WIFE AND HUSBAND AS JOINT TENANTS WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, 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 FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; at the Fallon Street Steps Alameda County Courthouse, 1225 Fallon Street, Oakland, CA 94612 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 35980 ARGONNE STREET, NEWARK, CA 94560 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is:

\$360,413.38 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 280-2832 or visit this Internet Web Site WWW.AUCTION.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 085939-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective 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 (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 085939-CA 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. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (800) 280-2832 CLEAR RECON CORP 8880 Rio San Diego Drive, Suite 725 San Diego, California 92108 12/19, 12/26/23, 1/2/24

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4 ways robotics, AI will transform industry in 2024

BY ANDERS BILLESØ BECK, VP OF INNOVATION AND STRATEGY, UNIVERSAL ROBOTS

It's time to reflect upon the trends from the past 12 months while looking ahead at what 2024 has in store for the world of robotics.

2023 was an exciting year for innovation. The emergence of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies, including generative AI, captured global attention and dominated headlines. However, the adoption of generative AI for businesses is still very much in its early stages and questions around how best to harness this technology remain at the forefront of many minds.

Digital transformation is an ongoing process, so we can expect to see this year's breakthrough trends continuing to shape society into next year. But how will these trends impact robotics and what can the manufacturing industry expect to see next year?

1. AI will set a new pace of development in robotics
AI is transforming the world of software development, making it cheaper, faster, and more effective. Software is a key component of automation, and with AI, software developers will be able to create more customized and optimized solutions for various tasks and challenges. If software development has sometimes felt like digging with a shovel, the introduction of AI is like bringing two horses and a plow to the process. However, automation expertise will remain a scarce and valuable resource in the process of AI revolutionizing manufacturing.

It has been interesting, and perhaps surprising, to see AI changing the lives of office workers before it touches working practices in most factories. I look forward to seeing the benefits of machine learning reach more manufacturers in 2024. After all, the technology is already there – we have many partners developing applications using AI to allow our robots to perform more complex

and diverse functions. For example, AI allows robots to have human-like perception, handle variation, move parts precisely, adapt to changing environments, and learn from their own experience.

With time, these capabilities will lead to unprecedented flexibility, quality, and reliability in manufacturing.

2. Developments in robotics software will enable more sharing and reuse

Robotics software is the glue that binds users to their mechanical counterparts – a digital connectivity that transcends physical interaction.

Software developments are enabling a new dimension of collaboration – connecting the people who use robots. 2024 will see software developments leading to new levels of sharing and reusability. Imagine a world where, instead of reinventing the wheel, we leverage existing software assets — components, interfaces, algorithms — across multiple applications. It's a principle that already underpins our UR+ partner ecosystem, streamlining innovation and reducing time-to-market. I can't wait to see this evolve in 2024.

3. Companies will fuse IT and OT using data to improve operations

The future of manufacturing is intricately linked to IT/OT integration as data will underpin innovation and efficiency. Research shows that the manufacturing industry has been at the forefront of adopting cloud-based software services and we are already seeing some customers use these to enhance quality, cost efficiency, and predictability. That makes me confident that 2024 will see the growth of data-driven logistics and manufacturing systems.

Many still have an outdated view of the cloud as merely being a data collector and backup function, as we know it from our private lives. But the real potential and power don't lie in storing data or even in linking machines. The real transformative leap comes when cloud-based software services connect humans and machines and help manufacturers simplify complex processes and make smarter decisions.

The benefits of this digital evolution are significant. Remote access to manufacturing data enables quick responses to issues and continuous automation improvement. With dynamic systems now essential, trusted cloud technologies offer the latest in security and state-of-the-art services. Industrial Internet of Things

he began chasing him while wielding a metal pipe.

Deputy Public Defender Kleigh Hathaway said Carmignani had repeatedly doused unhoused people, including Doty, with bear spray.

“Self-defense can be fierce, it can be effective and it can be disabling,” Hathaway said. “And why wouldn't it be? You're fighting for your life.”

In closing arguments Tuesday December 19, Assistant District Attorney Courtney Bell conceded that Carmignani had a history of aggression, saying that he may have used bear spray on unhoused people in the Marina District on at least one occasion, the San Francisco Chronicle reported.

A confrontation between Carmignani and Doty started after Doty and two others set up tents outside the home of Carmignani's parents, who live next door to him in the upscale Marina District. Carmignani said in an interview with KPIX-TV that he had asked Doty to move away because they were blocking his parent's entryway.

He said he called 911 but no one responded, so he went out to talk to the homeless people and that the only thing he had on him was pepper spray.

“I didn't go out there to fight anyone. I'm trying to get them down the road, go to the park,” Carmignani told the television station.

San Francisco jury finds homeless man not guilty in beating of businessman left with brain injury

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS

A San Francisco jury on Friday December 22 found a homeless man not guilty after being accused of using a metal pipe to beat a businessman who suffered a broken jaw, fractured skull and traumatic brain injury in an attack caught on video that fueled debate about crime and homelessness in the city.

Garret Doty, 25, was charged with three assault and battery charges for the April 5 beating of Don Carmignani. Doty pleaded not guilty.

Prosecutors said Doty beat Carmignani in an act of revenge. But Doty's defense attorneys said he was acting in self-defense after Carmignani sprayed him with bear spray.

The attack on Carmignani, a businessman who served briefly on a Fire Department commission, happened two days after the stabbing death of Cash App founder Bob Lee.

Lee's killing unleashed a wave of criticism against city officials by prominent tech leaders. Among the critics was tech billionaire Elon Musk, who took to Twitter to mourn Lee's death and blame San Francisco for what he called the city's lax attitude toward crime. A tech consultant is awaiting trial in Lee's killing.

The attack on Carmignani fueled a narrative of a city in chaos. But Doty's defense attorney argued Doty acted in self-defense and released surveillance video showing Carmignani spraying Doty before

SPORTS

Newark Optimist Club Basketball Classic

By APRIL RAMOS
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TODD TOKUBO

From Thursday, December 28 to Saturday, December 30, the



36th Annual Newark Optimist Club Girls Holiday Basketball Classic was held at Newark Memorial High School. Head Coach of Newark Memorial's Girls' Varsity team, Darryl Reina explains, "The Newark Optimist Club has been the name and financial sponsor for the past 13 years. Their support of the tournament and youth of the Newark community has been instrumental, and certainly appreciated."

Every year, eight Varsity and Junior Varsity (JV) teams come to participate in the Optimist Club tournament. Local teams this year included American (Fremont), Irvington (Fremont), Mt. Eden (Hayward), San Leandro, and Newark Memorial High Schools. Other teams traveled from San Jose and San Luis Obispo area including Valley Christian and Arroyo Grande High School.

Teams, players, and volunteers were busy during the three day tournament. From 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. games were being played on the court and volunteers ran the concession stand and ticketing at the door which

helped the event run smoothly. Coach Reina notes, "The cooperation of our players and their families to make themselves available over the holidays each season to play in and work the event has been greatly appreciated."

The first half of the days were scheduled for JV games, while Varsity teams took over the court in the evening.

Junior Varsity winning teams that progressed after the first round of games included Valley Christian (San Jose), Irvington, San Leandro, and Newark Memorial. Three JV teams of the Tri-City area were taking control of the winning bracket. The JV championship game was played between Valley Christian and San Leandro. San Leandro won with a comfortable 20-point game of 34-14.

Varsity teams that won their first round of games were Aragon, Lynbrook, Arroyo Grande, and Foothill. In the quarterfinals, Lynbrook had a significant win against Aragon with a final score of 60-39, while Arroyo Grande finished 11-points ahead against Foothill, 48-37.

Foothill High School took third place beating Aragon 62-29. Lynbrook and Arroyo Grande secured their slots in the championship game. Lynbrook High School (San Jose) started



with dominance and firmly held the lead for the entirety of the

Mission Valley Cross Country Qualifiers

SUBMITTED BY LEE WEBB

Mission Valley Cross Country, a non-profit based in Union City,



had a historical day this past November in Madera. The team attended a meet that was a qualifier for Nationals. Among their achievements, 42 athletes qualified, 5 full teams qualified, 18 medals were raked up by the team.

Mission Valley Track and Field/Cross Country team has also begun their Holiday Giving tradition. The team collects donations to give to the less fortunate in the area including

those with disabilities and veterans. The team accepts the following:

- Toys
- Food
- Gift cards
- Clothes
- Blankets

For more information visit, www.missionvalleytrackandfield.com.

Blackhawks Hal Nunn Alumni Game

SUBMITTED BY SCVHA BLACKHAWKS

What an amazing night! Thanks to our alumni, our Blackhawks shoot-out players, our bake sale and silent auction donors, the event volunteers and everyone who came out to be a part of this community event. Proceeds of the silent auction will go toward Child Advocates of Silicon Valley and bake sale proceeds will support the Blackhawk Goalie Club.



For more information on the team visit, www.blackhawks.org.



remained ahead taking advantage of their free throw opportunities. At the final buzzer Lynbrook took the championship title at 52-49.

After another successful year Coach Reina recognizes the effort to keep the tournament running, "The longevity [of the tournament] is primarily due to the vision and dedication of former and current coaches, and through the support of our Athletic Directors over the years."

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