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Locomotive's Centenary Birthday Draws Railway Lovers to Sunol



BY VICTOR CARVELLAS

On Saturday, March 3, visitors to the 100th birthday celebration in Sunol of one of Niles Canyon Railway's star locomotives were treated to a thrilling, albeit rainy, 11-mile ride through the canyon. In March of 1924, the Baldwin Locomotive Works of Philadelphia released

the engine that became the Clover Valley Lumber Company #4.

The logging locomotive spent its working life on a single rail line delivering 30 to 40 carloads of lumber at a time to Clover Valley's mill in Oregon's Feather River Canyon until 1957 when the railway closed. It didn't cease operation entirely, as its boiler was pressed into service for producing steam at a

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Afghan Elderly Association gives - and receives - new life

BY STEPHANIE GERTSCH

Fremont is home to many communities; it's a point of civic pride. What's harder to talk about is how many of those communities can remain invisible—due to language barriers, lack of transportation, lack of money, or simply age. But it doesn't have to be this way.

In 1995, Najia Hamid founded the Afghan Elderly Association (AEA) with the goal of supporting elderly Afghani women, many of whom had fled their home country during the 80s. Starting with seven members, the program would combat isolation and offer health and nutrition education, advocacy work, and refugee support.

Rabia Shah, who has been on the board for over 20 years, recounts how her team built the association from the ground up. “At the time we started, we didn't have anything. So we had to do everything. To put out the chairs, to make food, to wash the dishes. We had no food. We had to bring it from home. We had to provide everything just to get these people out of their homes because they were home alone. That's not good for them, physically and mentally.”

Now the program serves over 400. For member Saliha Amin, Wednesday lunches are the highlight of her week. “I can't wait from one Wednesday to another Wednesday to get here. When I get here, I



feel like I'm at home.” She laughs, noting, “Sometimes family gets boring. Here I learn a lot. Because we talk about nutrition, about health, about what is going on in the world [and] Afghanistan which is our home country.”

Joining was simple. Amin remembers, “I talked to some friends and found out that there was this association of elderly people getting together. Then I came to the office and talked to Hamida [Obeid, Executive Director], and they welcomed me really easily. And I joined the group.”

Amin has been with AEA over 10 years. In that time, they helped her become an American citizen, doing all the paperwork and driving her to the consulate in San Francisco. They also helped Amin through a scary time when she was struggling to get a diagnosis from a doctor who wouldn't take her concerns seriously. “Hamida was really concerned about me, and took me at 1 o'clock in the morning and stayed until 6 a.m. to get all the labs done and the mammogram, and then I found out I had

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How K.I.D.S. like Aydin Rizqi make a difference

BY MARC VICENTE
PHOTOS PROVIDED BY
AYDIN RIZQI

Anybody at any age can achieve anything if they put in the hard work. These words are what helped propel 14-year-old author Aydin Rizqi into publishing his two children's book series.

“Ever since I was able to hold a pencil, I've had a big imagination,” Rizqi says about the start of his writing journey. “Writing helped me express my ideas into stories, since they usually played out in my head like a movie.”

Starting his journey as a writer at age seven, Rizqi wrote stories for fun and created the illustrated covers for his own works by using

Google Docs. Superhero stories like Batman, Spiderman and Dav Pilkey's Dog Man helped cultivate his ideas, and helped him decide to take his ideas to the next level by writing for more audiences. With his family's support and through websites like Upwork and Fiverr, he was able to find dedicated illustrators to help create vibrant covers and editors who could help format his work, correct any grammatical errors and also pitch his works to others. Through Barnes & Noble's publishing services, Rizqi released five books in his first published book series *Ethan Andersen and the Wielders*, which was inspired by *Percy Jackson and the Olympians*. He also released three books for his second series titled *K.I.D.S.*, continued on page 8



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Local Pediatrician Passionate About Wellness and Healthy Habits

Washington Township Medical Foundation welcomes Rishika Singh, MD

When Rishika Singh, MD, relocated to the area for her husband's job, she looked for a pediatric practice that offered a small-town feel with the support of a hospital network. She also wanted to be part of a clinical team so she could provide collaborative care to her young patients.

Dr. Singh found that balance at Washington Township Medical Foundation (WTMF), where she joined the pediatrics practice in January and collaborates with two pediatricians and a nurse practitioner.

"It's a practice connected with a great hospital," she said, "but still maintains that small-town feel in patient care." This balance is important to her philosophy of care for children and teens.

"Patients aren't just a number," Dr. Singh added. "I get to know my patients and care for each one's individual needs. I wanted a place where I could see children on an outpatient basis that was connected to a Hospital if they ever need that level of care."

Dr. Singh accepts new patients and takes appointments at WTMF's pediatrics office at 39500 Fremont Blvd. in Fremont. She looks forward to partnering with

families on their children's care, and building long-term trusting relationships.

Building Relationships of Trust

Assuring her patients, Dr. Singh noted, "I'll be there for parents and build a trust level so they can follow my advice without worry. I'm privileged to form bonds with families. Afterall, they're trusting me with their child. I've had great relationships with families in the past and I'm looking forward to building those here."

Dr. Singh is certified by the American Board of Pediatrics, and completed residency training at the Western Michigan University School of Medicine in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She earned her medical degree at B.J. Medical College in India, where she grew up.

Since childhood, Dr. Singh knew she wanted to be a doctor like both her parents. She watched her dad passionately treat patients as an internal medicine physician and mom work ardently as an obstetrics/gynecology specialist.

"I grew up in a family of doctors and saw both my parents passionate about their work," she shared. "I often tagged along with them. Medicine was a part of my life. There was nothing I wanted to do other than become a doctor."

Dr. Singh joins WTMF from Lake County Tribal Health, a clinic in Lakeport, California, where she cared for Native Americans, along with the general population. Earlier, she cared for children at the Mendocino Community Health Clinic in the Ukiah area, and at a private practice in Georgia.

Understanding Parents' Concerns

As a parent of a preschooler and a 1-year-old, Dr. Singh understands the worries and concerns of families. "Parents want to do what's best for their children," she said. "There's a lot of overwhelming



Rishika Singh, MD

and incorrect medical information online. I always tell families to Google less and talk to me more."

She's compassionate about the issues that parents encounter every day, especially regarding adolescent anxiety and peer pressure that can come from social media. She also relates to the worry that new moms often have about their newborns. "It's assuring to tell parents that most things they're concerned about are in the normal range," she said.

Dr. Singh's journey to the United States began as a medical student when she enrolled in medical electives at Weill Cornell Medicine in New York City. During this time, she decided to specialize in pediatrics. She later moved to the U.S. for a pediatric residency at Western Michigan University School of Medicine.

Her passion is wellness and preventive care—she likes to instill healthy habits and practices in children to avoid problems later on. She also incorporates integrative medicine into her treatment plans, including discussions about nutrition, mindfulness, movement and more. "I take the whole child into consideration—mind, body and spirit—and not solely treat a problem with medication."

Educating About Healthy Habits

She also likes to raise families' awareness about healthy nutrition, good sleep hygiene, and managing stress and anxiety. She often gives parents tips for dealing with issues at home.

"I see a lot of adolescents with mental and behavioral health issues, many that started because of COVID-19. We can suggest further counseling, as well as give families tools and options to use at home to relieve anxiety.

"The biggest thing for me is to find the answers and solutions for parents," Dr. Singh pointed out. "If I'm seeing a challenging patient and I can't figure it out, I'll consult with the specialists and solve it as a team. I always follow up. I'm fully involved in the care of my patients and partner with families."

When she's not caring for patients, Dr. Singh enjoys reading, watching movies, listening to music, cooking, baking and spending time with family.

To make an appointment with Dr. Singh, call WTMF Pediatrics at 510.248.1800 or visit the website for more information.

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- Rishika Singh, MD



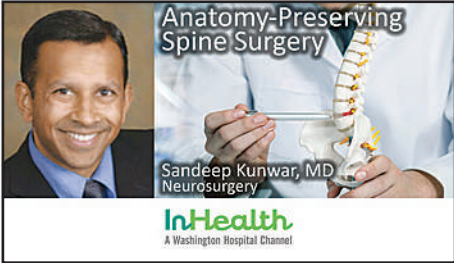
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Anatomy-preserving Spine Surgery

This video explores the benefits of anatomy-preserving spine surgery, as well as the types of conditions that may be treated with this technique. Presented by renowned neurosurgeon, Sandeep Kunwar, MD.

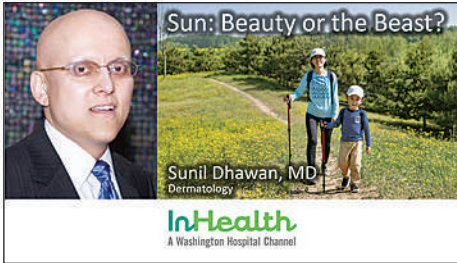




Managing Diabetes with Exercise

Did you know physical activity can help maintain or improve blood sugar levels? Join this seminar to learn more about how staying active can benefit patients with diabetes.





Sun: Beauty or Beast

Is a healthy-looking bronze suntan ever healthy? Join dermatologist Sunil Dhawan, MD, to hear how you can enjoy the sun while protecting your skin.



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Watch this interesting video to see what steps are taken when a patient come in with symptoms of a heart attack.

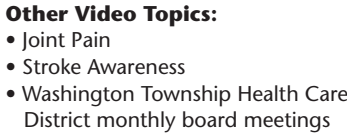




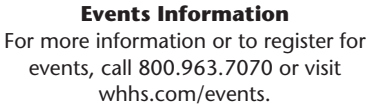
Genetic Testing for Breast Cancer Risk

This presentation provides an overview of the genetic mutations that can increase the risk of breast cancer and explain how genetic testing can help identify individuals who may be at higher risk. Presented by Dr. Bogdan Eftimie.





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There's an AT for That

Athletic trainers provide care to keep young athletes active and healthy.

March is National Athletic Training Month and the Washington Hospital Healthcare System (WHHS) Sports Medicine program is celebrating its high school athletic trainers.

In 2010, Russell Nord, MD, the medical director of Washington Sports Medicine, observed a need for a comprehensive sports injury treatment and prevention program for area high school athletes. Two years later, working with Fremont Unified School District (FUSD), the Sports Medicine Program provided an athletic trainer (AT) to work at a pilot high school covering practices and special events. Due to the success of the program, two more FUSD high schools were added. The partnerships with the school district grew when the last two district high schools were added, along with Newark Memorial High School. This provided athletic trainers on-site full time in each of the six high schools on a daily basis. Mike Rogers, ATC, director of WHHS Off-site Services, said the WHHS outreach program is a match made in athletic heaven.

Head-to-Toe Care

“Our on-site athletic trainers are there to provide immediate and emergency care, injury prevention and therapeutic intervention,” Rogers said. “In partnership with the school districts, they are on campus every day, covering practices, special events and games to provide care for any athlete that may get injured.”

Dr. Nord further explained, “Athletic trainers are on hand to examine, assess and diagnose any athletic injuries. They then work hand-in-hand with sports medicine physicians if the student athlete needs further evaluation and treatment.”

He continued, “Athletic training programs in local schools are crucial for providing valuable support to the community, filling the void in medical care for injured athletes, and preventing long-term damage through proper care and prevention.

“In the absence of ATs, the coach has to be a de facto medical professional, and that’s not their forte. Ideally, you want someone with the knowledge and training to make important decisions about an athlete’s safety and then find the right way to get them back to play and keep them safe. Embedding athletic trainers in the schools is the best way to ensure that.”



Playing to Win

Washington Sport Medicine ATs are the first point of contact for athletes experiencing injuries, many of which happen during practice. “More than 60% of injuries happen in practice, not in a game,” Rogers explained. “So if you only provide health care coverage for games, you’re missing the bulk of injuries. Athletic Trainers also serve as a safety net for the school to ensure the student is cleared to play, taking the pressure off the coach.”

California has instituted special rules for athletes who have suffered concussions during practice or sporting events. The school-based ATs are vitally important to make sure students follow the state guidelines before they return to play.

“If you get diagnosed with a concussion, you have to go through a minimum of a seven-day guided return to play,” Rogers explained. “Having someone on campus every day allows the AT to monitor and run these athletes through

the protocol, verifying they are passing each stage without increasing symptoms. Then the AT will get with our sports medicine physicians for their assessment and the final approval to go back to athletic activities.”

Health care Professionals

Like most clinical health care workers, athletic trainers must stay current with industry developments and complete 50 hours of continuing education every two years to maintain certification.

Each of the six high schools in the Washington Sports Medicine Program were designated as Safe Sports School by the National Athletic Trainers’ Association, some of the first public schools in California to earn the distinction. The schools first earned highest level of the award in 2020 and were recently renewed for another three years. The Safe Sports School program was created to recognize secondary schools around the country that provide the safest environments for

student athletes and reinforces the importance of providing the best level of injury prevention and treatment.

Community Benefit

Dr. Nord firmly believes placing athletic trainers in local schools is crucial to provide valuable support to the community, filling the void in medical care for injured athletes, and preventing long-term damage through proper care and prevention. The Washington Sports Medicine Program also provides annual athletic physicals for students at each of the six participating high schools for a nominal fee. The money received is donated back to the schools to be used for their individual athletic programs.

“Aside from helping our local athletes, the athletic trainer element of Washington’s Sports Medicine Program represents a point of pride and a shining example of community-based collaboration between FUSD, NUSD and WHHS. It’s something all parties can certainly be proud of,” Dr. Nord stated. The program is a financial collaboration between WHHS and the school districts.

“Washington Hospital definitely deserves a lot of credit for having the vision to see the community need years ago,” Dr. Nord continued. “It started after we were observing what happens in the absence of athletic trainers; when an athlete is injured it’s often initially unclear whether it’s a serious injury or not. At that point, there just really wasn’t anyone interfacing with the athletes who had the knowledge base and the training to make those decisions and get the athletes back to playing, all while keeping them safe. Now, with our outstanding athletic trainers, our student athletes are much safer.”

To learn more about the Washington Sports Medicine Program, visit whhs.com/Sports. To read more about Dr. Russell Nord, visit myWTMF.com or scan the below QR Code.



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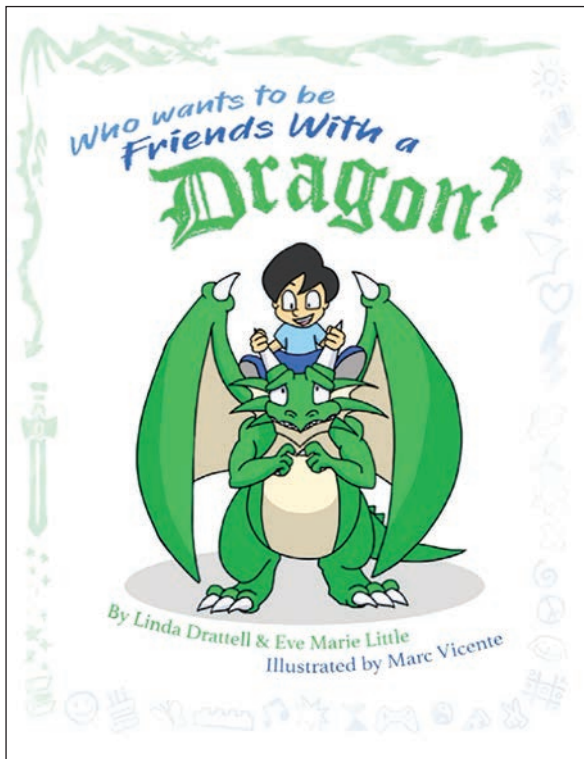
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L to R: Marc Vicente, Eve Marie Little, Linda Drattell



L to R: Marc Vicente and Linda Drattell



SUBMITTED BY
LINDA DRATTELL

The Independent Press Award (IPA), one of the most prestigious book award programs globally for independent authors, publishers, and illustrators, recognized *Who Wants to be Friends With a Dragon?* in the category of Children's Fiction as a 2024 Distinguished Favorite.

The competition is judged by experts from different aspects of the book industry, including publishers, writers, editors, book cover designers and professional copywriters. Selected IPA Award Winners and Distinguished Favorites are based on overall excellence.

"Eve and Marc and I are thrilled to receive this recognition," said Drattell, co-author of the book. "We have been so happy with the response to our book, and this adds to the excitement and continues all the momentum that we've seen for it."

Who Wants to be Friends With a Dragon?, is the story of a

dragon who hides each day in the forest, watching as children and animals play together. He wants to join them but fears they will reject him because of the size of his wings, the sharpness of his nails, the power of his tail, and the fact he can blow fire. One day, a boy approaches the dragon, accepts their differences, and invites him to play. The dragon musters up the courage to attend the boy's birthday party and, by trial and error, learns that his differences make him fit in!

In 2024, the Independent Press Award saw participation from authors and publishers across the globe, including Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, Cyprus, Germany, India, Kenya, Japan, Nigeria, Norway, Portugal, Scotland, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, and The Netherlands.

Independent Press Awards
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2nd Holi Festival

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Colors to throw at your fellow attendees will be available for purchase onsite. No outside colors will be allowed into the park. This is a family event, no alcohol, drugs or smoking.

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Niles Canyon Railway Update

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We are pleased to announce that we are operating our Saturday and Sunday steam and diesel-powered train rides during the second and third weekends through October 2024 with March through June tickets on sale now. Two ride times per day (10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.) with a train of both open and enclosed cars. Sunol departures only. Please come enjoy a 1.5 round-trip ride through Niles Canyon! All of the details are available on our website including links to purchase your

tickets online
www.ncry.org/ride/2024-train-rides/
We hope to see you on the train this year!
Speeder rides are back in April!
One day only, Saturday April 6, 2024.

Five ride times are available: 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Rides will depart from our Niles station and will be a round trip to our Brightside yard through the heart of Niles Canyon where the speeders will be turned for the return trip to Niles.

Currently we have TEN tickets total available for each departure. Do not miss

this unique chance to ride our Niles Canyon Railway and see our Niles Canyon from a different perspective. Cost is \$35 per person.

Rider requirements.

- 1. No riders under 5 years old.
- 2. Rider must sign release forms.
- 3. Passengers are required to wear close-toed shoes that fully cover the entire foot.

Clover Valley Lumber Co. #4 turns 100 in March

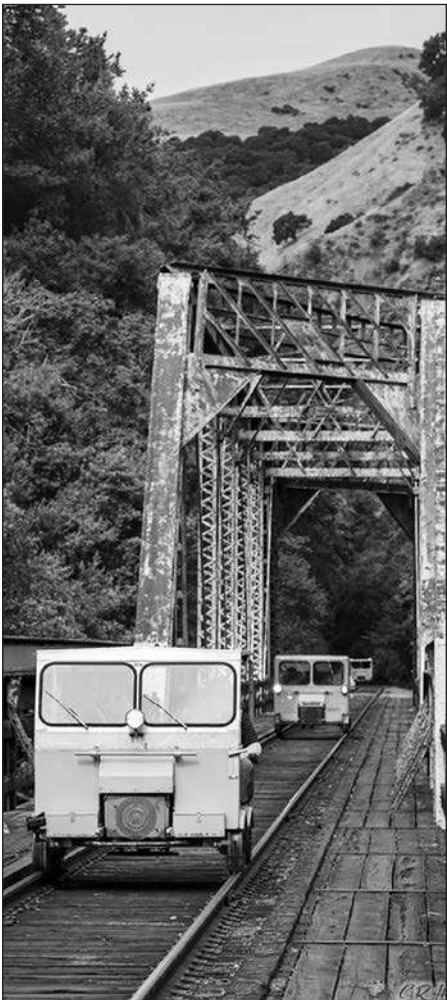
The #4 was built by Baldwin Locomotive Works for the Clover Valley Lumber Company in 1924.

Come wish the #4 a Happy Birthday by riding our steam powered trains this month! We have a limited number of replica #4 Builder's Cards which will be given to ticket purchasers in March while supplies last.

You can learn more about Clover Valley Lumber Co. #4 and our Steam Department by visiting:
www.ncry.org/about/steamdepartment/

Volunteers needed!

We have many different opportunities to volunteer this year for our Niles Canyon Railway. If you are interested, we encourage you to learn more on our Volunteer page on our website and then contact us to help you get started.
www.ncry.org/volunteer/



Niles Canyon Railway
Sunol Depot, 6 Kilkare Rd., Sunol
www.ncry.org/ride/2024-train-rides/



Celebrate Black History and Women's History Month with chamber music

SUBMITTED BY JUI-LAN LIU

Come celebrate Black History and Women's History Month with chamber music at Fremont Main Library Monday, March 25 from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

In celebration of both Women's History and Black History Month, Benicia Chamber Players, with the support of the AFM Music Performance Trust Fund, presents "A Celebration of Four Voices," a free classical string quartet concert at the Fremont Main Library.

Program includes selections from string quartets by Fanny Mendelssohn, Jessie Montgomery, Florence Price, and Ethel Smyth. All are welcome!

The Fremont Main Library is a branch of the Alameda County Library system. An

ASL interpreter will be made available with seven days' notice. The library is wheelchair accessible. For more information, visit our website at www.aclibrary.org or call (510) 745-1401.

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GRM Information Management, of Fremont, Says There are Personal Lessons to Learn From Corporate Cyber Attacks

SUBMITTED BY
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The number of cyberattacks is growing exponentially and what's accounted for is just the tip of the iceberg, as most attacks go unreported.

GRM Information Management, a national document and data management firm, with operations in Fremont, is one of thousands of businesses that have been the target of a cyberattack. As GRM specializes in data security and maintains all required industry security certifications, including SOC II Type 1 and Type II, they were unusually well-prepared to respond to an attack of their systems that took place in 2019. GRM was able to deploy corporate resources and engage external experts to assess the scope and assist in quickly resolving the attack and disabling specific systems. In large part as a result of these actions, the available information indicated that no customer data was accessed, viewed, or exfiltrated. Just this month, years later, GRM was informed by its external, professional dark web monitoring experts that there is no evidence of any GRM data being disclosed.

The fact that a company like GRM was attacked is a good reminder that no business or individual is immune to online intrusions and many of the actions GRM employed to thwart the attack translate to how individuals should attempt to prevent attacks on their personal accounts and data. Specifically, GRM experts recommend that individuals focus on some key security practices that

dramatically improve your chances of preventing an attack from taking place. A few of the most critical practices are:

- 1) **Create strong passwords and change them frequently.** This will help prevent attackers from guessing your credentials.
- 2) **Do not click on links, attachments or downloads if they look suspicious or are from an unknown party.** Clicking on these things can immediately open the door to harm; allowing malware to be downloaded to your computer, directing you to a fake site or result in the unintentional sharing of your information with a malicious party.
- 3) **Only share data and information on sites whose URL begins with HTTPS.** The presence of the "S" indicates that the site owner has implemented an enhanced level of security on their site.
- 4) **Always keep your computer updated with the most recent versions of anti-virus software.** This will help prevent new viruses and malware from infiltrating your computer and exposing personal information.
- 5) **Be prepared to freeze your accounts.** In the unfortunate event that you do suffer a cyberattack, have the necessary information at hand to quickly contact and freeze key assets like your bank account and credit card accounts.

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Culture Fest is back in Union City

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UNION CITY RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Union City is ready to kick off its 2nd Annual “Culture Fest!” Organized by the city’s youth commission, the event brings together and celebrates the different cultures of Union City. The event will be held on Saturday March 16 from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the Charles F. Kennedy Park.

Community performers from a variety of arts including Bollywood dance, classical Chinese dance, and martial arts

will put their skills on display for free. Drinks will be available for purchase—it’s a way to support the youth commission and help them put on next year’s festival.

For other information, contact Trish Heuer (TrishH@unioncity.org). This is a free event and all are welcomed. Visit the event page: www.unioncity.org/650/Youth-Commission.

Union City Culture Fest
Saturday, Mar 16
12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Kennedy Park
1333 Decoto Rd., Union City
www.unioncity.org



Spring Egg Hunt at Fremont Age Well Center

SUBMITTED BY
CITY OF FREMONT

Come and hunt some spring eggs at the AWC. We don't have a bunny, but we will be hiding eggs for you to find. Some may even have a treat inside! This is a free event. Online registration: city.fremont.gov/awcclasses

Age Well Egg Hunt
Friday, Mar 29
10 a.m.
Age Well Center
40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy.,
Fremont
(510) 790-6600
Free

Bay Philharmonic Presents Celtic Celebration

SUBMITTED BY
KARIN CONN

Bay Philharmonic is excited to announce *Celtic Celebration* on Sunday, March 17, at 3 p.m., at Chabot College Performing Arts Center in Hayward. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day, with an exciting, lively, soulful, educational, and entertaining experience. This concert will get the entire family in the Irish spirit.

Bay Philharmonic's artistic director and conductor, Jung-Ho Pak, will share colorful stories about the Celtic culture and traditions. Notable performances by Annie Dupre (vocals/violin), Caroline McCaskey (award-winning Scottish fiddler), Culann's Hounds (Irish band), San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers (beloved Bay Area fiddle group), Todd Denman (Irish uilleann pipes), Bill Wolaver (piano/arranger), Kennelly School of Irish Dance (Irish dancers), and Dunsmuir Scottish Dancers, along with the entertaining 50-piece Bay Philharmonic orchestra.

“We are pulling out all the stops to bring you an extraordinary and unique St. Patrick's Day celebration with wonderful Celtic musicians, singers, dancers, and storytellers,” says Jung-Ho Pak. “Along with engaging video, gorgeous



lighting, and stunning sets, concertgoers will get a true immersive Celtic experience. If you're looking for luck o' the Irish, this show will fill your pot of gold!”

Festivities start at 2 p.m. when the doors open, welcoming all guests to enjoy pre-show Celtic music and festive beers (including Dokkaebier's Milk Stout and other craft beers), beverages, and snacks (available for purchase). The primary performance begins at 3 p.m.

Bay Philharmonic's esteemed Artistic Director and Conductor Jung-Ho Pak has been described by *The New York Times* as a conductor who “radiates enthusiasm” and the LA Times as “a real grabber.” Jung-Ho Pak is known for his unique approach and vision for symphonic music. Pak brings over 35 years of experience conducting acclaimed professional and conservatory orchestras worldwide. As with every show, Pak will infuse his style



of creativity, knowledge, connections, passion, and enthusiastic conversational personality.

Individual show tickets are \$25 to \$67 and are available on the Bay Philharmonic website. Ticket purchasers are automatically entered into a raffle to win a pair of round-trip tickets to Ireland, courtesy of show sponsor Aer Lingus. Tickets are round-trip tickets from SFO to Dublin (Blackout Dates Apply). Additional Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the Celtic Celebration show.

Bay Phil Presents
Celtic Celebration
Sunday, Mar 17
2 p.m. Reception in lobby
3 p.m. Concert Starts
Chabot College
Performing Arts Center
2555 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward
(510) 723-6976
bayphil.org
Tickets: \$25 - \$67

Fremont Education Foundation Excellence in Education Gala - ‘Roundup for Education’

SUBMITTED BY KATHY KIMBERLIN

On Friday, March 22, The Fremont Education Foundation (FEF) will be holding their annual “Excellence in Education” dinner gala. FEF is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to enhancing the educational opportunities of students within the Fremont Unified School District (FUSD). “Roundup for Education” is the theme of this year’s event, which will honor the Candle Lighters and the FUSD Student Support Services department. Wear gala/party attire or put on some fancy western wear and giddy up to the gala!

About the Honorees:

Community Honoree: Founded in 1969, the Candle Lighters is a non-profit organization of nearly 100 volunteers dedicated to raising funds for non-profit groups and community-based projects in Fremont, Newark, and Union City. The Candle Lighters are known for hosting the Ghost House every October, which raises funds for a number of local non-profits and is a vital source of funds for those organizations.

FUSD Honoree: The FUSD Student Support Services department is tasked with providing an array of services to students and families within the FUSD. They welcome and register new students from our community and from around the world. This team was instrumental in providing critical services to many students and their families who were facing considerable hardships during the Covid crisis.

Huge thanks to our “Spur” sponsors: Fremont Bank, Kaiser Permanente, Washington Hospital, Alameda County Supervisors Haubert and Marquez, Fremont Fire Local 1689, FUDTA and Citizens for Better Community, and more.

The foundation provides additional resources, numerous services, and much-needed funding for a wide range of valuable programs. These include teacher grants to support innovative learning within the classroom, sports grants to enable greater participation in school-sponsored sports and physical activity, funding for elementary school music partnered with Music for Minors II, and more.

To attend the Round Up for Education and support the mission of the Fremont Education Foundation, visit their website at: <https://www.fremont-education.org/excellence-in-education-gala>

Roundup for Education Gala
Friday, Mar 22
6 p.m. Social hour, Food & Drinks
7 p.m. Program
Fremont Downtown Event Center
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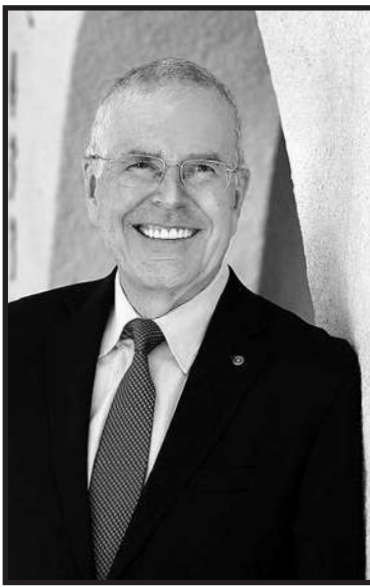


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Flash Fiction deadline extended – more time to dream!

BY ARATHI SATISH

The spring “Flash Fiction Writing Contest” held by Fremont Cultural Arts Council (FCAC) and Half-Price Books will be pushing its deadline and voting day back one week. Now the deadline to submit is Monday, April 15, and people will be able to vote for their favorites on Saturday, April 20. Over \$150 in cash and gift card prizes will be awarded to the winners.

As always, entries must be 300 words or less (including title), and fit on one side of an 8 1/2 x 11” sheet of paper in 12 pt or larger font. To submit by post, mail your entries to: Writing Contest, Fremont Cultural Arts Council, P.O. Box 1314, Fremont, CA 94538. Write the author’s name and contact information on the back or separate sheet of paper. To submit by email, send your entry as a Word or PDF compatible attachment to FCACwriters@gmail.com.

Include the author’s name and contact information in the body of the email message. You can submit up to three entries.

Al Minard, FCAC board member conducting this event pointed out, “This is one of the Fremont Creates events in April, which is turning out into a fun activity to showcase all the creative people in Fremont and the immediate area. The theme of this year’s contest is DREAMS, this could be your dream, your pet’s dream, the dream of some inanimate object or whatever kind of dream you can think and write about. We are looking forward to enjoying these stories.”

Flash Fiction Writing Contest: “Dreams”
Saturday, Apr 20
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Judging
5:30 p.m. Awards
Half-Price Books
39152 Fremont Hub, Fremont
(510) 552-4839 (Al Minard)
www.fremontculturalartscouncil.org

Senior Peer Counselors Needed

SUBMITTED BY
CITY OF FREMONT
HUMAN SERVICES
DEPARTMENT

Aging and Family Services is seeking warm and compassionate volunteers to assist older adults in its Senior Peer Counseling (SPC) Program. SPC Program assists Tri-City elders, 55 years or older, facing moderate mental health issues. A licensed professional therapist supervises the program. Interviewing now!

WHY?

Many of our elder friends and neighbors suffer from depression, isolating illnesses, grief due to the loss of a loved one, and loneliness.

WHO?

The Tri-Cities Senior Peer Counseling Program is seeking warm and compassionate volunteers to assist seniors in our community. We are looking for people at least 50 years of age and older to participate in a 36-hour training. There are no educational requirements — we believe life has been your teacher.

WHO SPONSORS THIS PROGRAM?

The Tri-Cities Senior Peer Counseling Program is sponsored by the City of Fremont’s Human Services Department.

SOUNDS GOOD BUT DOES IT WORK?

Yes! We hear from the people we serve that they feel they have found someone who truly cares. The Senior Peer Counselors report that they get back more than they give.

HOW TO APPLY

For more information or to sign up now email Jesleen Singh, MSW at JeSingh@fremont.gov or call 510-574-2064



So Much to Discover About Climate Change on Discovery Day!

SUBMITTED BY
SHIRLEY GILBERT

Girls’ eyes and minds will light up while experiencing all the educational delights of AAUW’s Discovery Day, according to member and event organizer Randy Fewel.

The special day will take place on March 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Cesar Chavez Middle School in Union City. Third, fourth, and fifth graders from New Haven Unified, Fremont Unified, and Newark School Districts are cordially invited. The theme this year is climate change. New Haven School District has donated the site.

The young people will discover how climate change affects bee habitats and populations, learn about how textile waste causes pollution, understand the effects of climate change, develop their own models designed to recognize and classify different recyclable materials using Artificial Intelligence, and more.

AAUW (American Association of University Women) has brought Discovery Day activities to young girls in our area for 35 years, and Fewel has organized the day for two years. She believes the idea is a perfect fit for the AAUW Fremont Branch. “Our mission,” she says, “is to advance gender equality for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. Generally, girls have a tougher time getting into STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) careers, and our goal with Discovery Day is to spark their interest early.”

Children must be accompanied by a mother, grandmother, aunt, or adult female caregiver. The fee for Discovery Day is \$30 for each mom and daughter and \$20 more for each additional daughter.

There will be beverages, snacks and several door prizes donated by members including passes to Hiller Aviation Museum in San Carlos; the Exploratorium in San Francisco; and the Triton Museum in Santa Clara. Financial assistance is available



for qualified students; contact Fewel at jailteacher@comcast.net.

Reserve your space on Eventbrite. Search “2024 Mother/Daughter STEM Discovery Day by AAUW and NHUSD.”

Mother/Daughter STEM Discovery Day
Saturday, Mar 23
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Cesar Chavez Middle School
2801 Hop Ranch Rd.,
Union City
www.eventbrite.com
Tickets: \$30 for one student + caregiver; \$20 for each additional student



Visiting Angels Fremont Receives 2024 Best of Home Care® – Provider and Employer of Choice Awards

SUBMITTED BY AMMA AKWABI-AMEYAW

Visiting Angels Fremont announced today that it has received both the 2024 Best of Home Care® – Provider of Choice and Employer of Choice Awards from Home Care Pulse (HCP). These awards are granted only to the top-ranking home care providers, based on client and employee satisfaction scores gathered by HCP. Visiting Angels Fremont is now ranked among a small handful of home care providers across the country who have proven their ability to provide an exceptional working experience to employees, and the highest quality care to clients.

“We want to congratulate Visiting Angels Fremont on receiving both the Best of Home Care – Provider of Choice Award and the Best of Home Care – Employer of Choice Award,” says Todd Austin, President of HCP. “Since these awards are based on real, unfiltered feedback from clients and caregivers, Visiting Angels Fremont has proven their dedication to providing a great work environment and solid training to employees, while maintaining their focus on client and caregiver satisfaction. We are pleased to recognize their dedication to quality, professionalism, and expertise in home care.”

Best of Home Care providers have contracted with HCP to gather feedback from their clients and caregivers via live phone interviews each month. Because HCP is an independent company, it can collect honest and unbiased feedback.

“We are honored to receive these awards as they demonstrate our dedication to providing excellent in-home care in our community,” says Amma Akwabi-Ameyaw, Executive Director of Visiting Angels Fremont.

At HCP, our mission is to help home care businesses create an experience that goes beyond client and caregiver expectations; ultimately improving outcomes for all stakeholders in the care continuum,” says Todd Austin, President of HCP. “We’re thrilled to recognize Visiting Angels Fremont as a Best of Home Care award-winning provider and celebrate their accomplishments in building a team of happy, qualified caregivers who provide outstanding care for their clients.”

To find out more about Visiting Angels Fremont’s commitment to excellence, please visit www.visitingangels.com/fremont or call (510) 284-0000.

Annual Egg Hunt and Bonnet Parade at Kennedy Park

SUBMITTED BY
YADIRA AYALA

The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (H.A.R.D.) is thrilled to invite the community to its 79th Annual Egg Hunt and

Bonnet Parade. Rain or shine, this spring tradition will take place at Kennedy Park in Hayward on Saturday, March 30.

The Bonnet Parade, led by the Bunny, will begin right after the Egg Hunt. Bonnet Parade participants must be 6 years and under. All bonnets must be homemade and be worn by the participants during the parade to qualify. Participants will have their homemade bonnets judged in the following categories: the prettiest, most unusual, and most colorful. Registration for the Bonnet Parade will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.

The Egg Hunt will start at 10 a.m. This year, there are four

egg hunt age categories: 1-2 years, 3-4 years, 5-6 years, and 7-9 years. New this year, H.A.R.D. will also host a hunt for participants with special needs.

Email Jessica Hallowell for more information HaLJ@HaywardRec.org

79th Egg Hunt & Bonnet Parade
Saturday, Mar 30
9 a.m.
Egg Hunt: 10 a.m.
Kennedy Park
19501 Hesperian Blvd.,
Hayward
HaLJ@HaywardRec.org



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How K.I.D.S. like Aydin Rizqi make a difference



which follows a diverse group of superpowered children who come from different backgrounds.
Through both of his book series, Aydin Rizqi has sold over 1,200 copies of his books and has garnered attention not

only from Kron 4 News, but from many prominent authors, such as Stuart Gibbs, James Riley, Stacey Lee and *Eragon* author Christopher Paolini. His books also gave him an opportunity to be part of OPEN Silicon Valley's Rising Stars Program, and through K.I.D.S. Book 1 Rizqi was given an honorable mention for The Book Fest Award on October 21, 2023.
Before attending American High School, Aydin started the Young Authors Writing Group, a club he opened at his middle school where he helps his classmates develop their writing skills and understand the tools needed in order to publish books. On top of his plan to eventually continue running his club at his new school, Rizqi also plans to attend San Jose's Youth Creative Futures Fair

Sunday, March 17 to sign copies of his book. Additionally, his latest book *The Last Mage: The Book of Spiders* will be released in around May 2024 as the first of a follow-up book series to *Ethan Andersen and the Wielders*.
"My main goal with writing my books is to inspire not just kids, but pretty much anyone who reads them," Rizqi says. "People usually say things like 'You can never write a book,' but my advice for that is to never let such criticism put you down, and instead let it make you more determined to reach your goals. I've reached out to a bunch of people about my book series over the years, and I got rejected a lot. On top of knowing the right people to help you out, you also need to have persistence to reach your goals."

Find Aydin's books online through Barnes & Noble, Amazon, or his website aydintheauthor.com, and in stores at Banter Bookshop in Fremont and the Books Inc. in Campbell. His Instagram @aydintheauthor has more information on upcoming releases as well.
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San Jose Youth Creative Futures Fair
Sunday, Mar 17
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Yerba Buena High School
1855 Lucretia Ave., San Jose

Beets

BY PAT KITE

I tried to find something exciting about Beets. Their red color was a starter. Apparently beets, being red, would make your heart go pitter-patter. If two people ate of the same beet, they would certainly fall in love. This ancient malarkey was part of the Aphrodite legend. (Aphrodite being the Greek goddess of love). If eating a beet made a person feel sexy, but the beet wasn't shared, in Pompeii you could meander over to one of the many local brothels. They had murals on the walls demonstrating how beets could inspire various passions.
Now if you had a passion for beets, unlike mine for donuts, you could grow your own. And why think small? Think huge. Super beets are prize winners at 156 pounds. So how do you grow a beet? First buy some beet seeds (sometimes titled beetroot). Most garden centers have them. Put seeds in sandy soil about two inches apart and a half-inch deep. Use a good size pot or garden

space. The seeds will germinate within 10 days. Sun is necessary. Thin to about five inches apart. You can also make successive plantings.
For gourmet chefs, remember that all parts of a beet are edible. The top leaves, called chard, are super in salad. The part normally called "beet" (taproot) grows underground, like a carrot. While there is a white beet, and a golden Detroit heirloom beet, most are reddish. The Chioggia is an Italian heirloom. Its innards have red and white rings like a candy cane. Cylindra is a Danish heirloom, long like a carrot. Okragly Ciemnoczerwony originated in the old Soviet Union. Crapaudine beets are dark purple, long and skinny.
Some date beet's ancestors back over 1,000 years. The green leaves were eaten over 2,000 years ago. Taproot beets were only later discovered by chefs. According to the USDA, beets contain significant amounts of vitamins and minerals such as potassium, sodium, iron, folate, phosphorus,

magnesium, calcium, vitamin C, and B vitamins such as thiamin, niacin and riboflavin.
Beet juice is sold in grocery stores. Always check the label to see what's in the mix. Look for beets, not sugar. Beets already are sweet. For fun, you can slice beets thin and make beet crisps. Try planting, it's springtime. Happy day.

Pat Kite's Garden



PAT KITE

L. Patricia [Pat] Kite's several garden books include *KISS Guide to Gardening*, *Gardening Wizardry for Kids*, *Raccoons*, *Ladybug Facts and Folklore* and *Silkworms*. They may be found at Amazon.com and Alibris.com.

Thomas Russell Middle School selected as 2024 California Distinguished School

SUBMITTED BY SCOTT FORSTNER
Thomas Russell Middle School (TRMS) was one of only 16 secondary schools in Santa Clara County (and 293 middle schools and high schools throughout the state) honored as a 2024 California Distinguished School by the California Department of Education.
"This is a testament to the years of hard work and diligence of our Russell staff, families, and other community members," said TRMS Principal Shangrila Mia-Ramzan. "It is an absolute honor and privilege to be a member of such an amazing team. It truly takes a village, and the WOLVERINES know how to do it!"
The California Distinguished Schools program recognizes schools for their excellent work in one of two categories: closing the achievement gap and achieving exceptional student performance. Since its inception in 1985, the

California Distinguished Schools Award remains one of the state's most important ways to celebrate exceptional schools, districts, teachers, and classified employees for their innovation, talent, and success in supporting students.
"The CA Distinguished School award reflects our commitment to establishing learning environments that foster a belief that through perseverance and teamwork, we can achieve remarkable outcomes," said Superintendent Cheryl Jordan. "TRMS celebrates community through its signature practices of interdisciplinary team and personalized learning platform strategies for learner pathways."
Former TRMS Principal Sean Anglon credited those signature practices such as Agency Building, Math Intervention and Reading Intervention as key factors in the increased student achievement. Additionally, once returning full-time from COVID years, teachers were able to again benefit from the signature practice of team tutorials.
TRMS has a student body of 795 and a staff of 52. Along with Rancho Milpitas Middle School, it was also a 2021 recipient of the California Distinguished Schools Program.



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City of San Leandro
Appoints First-Ever
Recreation and Parks
Director



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The City of San Leandro is pleased to announce the appointment of Vicente Zuniga as its first-ever Recreation and Parks Director. Zuniga brings a wealth of experience and a demonstrated commitment to community enrichment and partnerships to this newly created position. His first day in the new position is March 16th.

“We are thrilled to welcome Vicente to our team,” said City Manager Fran Robustelli. “His extensive experience, collaborative leadership style, and deep roots in San Leandro make him the perfect person to lead our new Recreation and Parks Department. We are confident that he will create innovative and inclusive programs that serve the needs of all our residents.”

Zuniga joins the City of San Leandro from the

Hayward Area Recreation and Park District, where he served for twenty-two years. In this role, he managed a diverse range of programs serving over 300,000 residents, overseeing policies and procedures, facility usage and access, ensuring seamless service delivery, and facilitating the development of impactful programming.

“I am honored to be appointed as San Leandro’s first Recreation and Parks Director,” said Zuniga. “I am passionate about creating vibrant and accessible parks and recreation opportunities for all residents. I look forward to collaborating with the community and staff to develop innovative programs that meet the diverse needs of our city.”

Zuniga is a lifelong resident of San Leandro, where he lives with his wife and three sons. He is a member of the California Recreation and Parks Association (CPRS) and the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) and holds a Bachelor of Science in Recreation from California State University East Bay.

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Afghan Elderly Association
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She continues, “The food used to be three dollars. Now it’s eight dollars. And sometimes they come by paratransit and then they pay paratransit, so it costs a lot. But it’s amazing that still they are willing to pay the little money they have to come to this program because it’s very important to them to get out of the house.”

Space is also a concern. The group used to have a second meetup location with an industrial kitchen, and were able to book their room at the Age Well Center from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Now they only have one location, from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. It’s not enough time, Shah notes. “Because they’re chatting with each other, and suddenly they have to empty this place at 4 o’clock. So they’re not happy. Because they want to stay more.”

Now the Leadership Fremont Class of 2024, a program of the Fremont Chamber of Commerce, has stepped up and is working to raise \$40,000 for the social meal portion of AEA. On May 16, they will hold a Donor Recognition Night to thank their supporters. The public is invited to attend to meet those involved and learn more about AEA’s role in the community.

Afghan Elderly Association
<https://linktr.ee/afghanelderlyassociation>

Leadership Fremont
www.fremontbusiness.com/leadership-fremont.html



cancer.” Now Amin has completed her treatment and is in good health.

It’s not always serious. A lot of the time, the ladies are just having fun: gossiping, celebrating holidays like Mother’s Day, doing arts like Henna, and holding barbeques outdoors when whether permits. They used to go much further. Amin recalls, “Before the pandemic, we used to go to Los Angeles or Las Vegas, or Monterey for a few nights. I can’t forget those memories. This association helps us with all aspects of our lives, so we are very happy.”

Rabia Shah also remembers the trips fondly, saying, “When you saw the ladies at those places, they were like beautiful children.”

Unfortunately, the program that expanded under community need dwindled again during the pandemic, when the Healthy Aging Program was put on pause and funding was diverted to meal delivery programs. Now AEA’s social meal service has been reinstated, but lack of funding limits the number of those who can attend. Hanifa Tokhi, a former health promoter for AEA and current director of the Healthy Aging Program, says, “The money is scarce these days after the pandemic. Hamida [Obeid] is trying to do her best. She’s running here and there to get a little money to provide services for these ladies.”

Synopsys champions



Ashraya Siruvole, Arisha Jain, and Aiden Yang students at Stratford Middle School, were recognized by Milpitas Mayor Carmen Montano and City Council Members for their achievements in the 2023 Synopsys Championship.

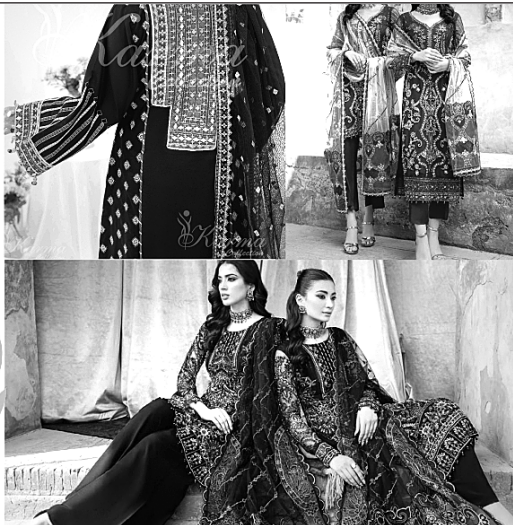
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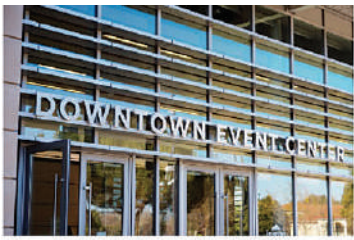
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Fremont Restaurant Week

March 22-31, 2024

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Tacos Dorados de Papa with Drink



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Kabob Sampler



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Scoop of Ube Corn Keso



Papillon
Prix Fixe Menu (5-6pm only)



Red Hot Chili Pepper
7 Course Chef's Tasting Menu
for Two



Renegade by Devout Coffee
Smashburger with
Roasted Bone Marrow
Mortadella Pizza with
Truffle Honey, Burrata



R-Haan Thai
Hai Northern Style Egg Noodle
With Curry Special



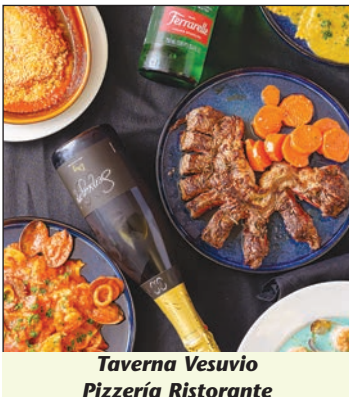
Ristorante Il Porcino
4-Course Prix Fixe Menu



SOHO Modern Japanese
Chef Dinner Tasting Menu
Brunch: Unagi Benedict
and Ube Tiramisu



Tammer Room
Original Croffle + Any Specialty
Latte



**Taverna Vesuvio
Pizzeria Ristorante**
Ravioli Deliziosa, Tagliata Ribeye,
Fettucine Allo Scoglio,
Eggplant Parmesan, Mare in Tavola



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Plug-in Hybrids Are Trending—Ford Escape PHEV

By MICHAEL COATES

Timing is everything. With a softening of demand for full electric vehicles, some automakers have declared 2024 the year of the plug-in hybrid—an EV with a back-up plan. The Ford Escape Plug-in Hybrid (PHEV) is the perfect example of the genre. It's got all the right things for this resurging market segment—name brand (Ford), popular configuration (compact SUV), track record (the current Escape model has been around since the 2020 model year; Ford has offered an Escape model since 2001).

The Ford Escape plug-in hybrid (PHEV) is one of 10 PHEV models that *Consumer Reports* recommends considering. That group spans luxury and more affordable models, sedans and SUVs, but the Escape is right in the mix of the most popular models, such as the Toyota RAV4 Prime, Hyundai Tucson PHEV and two Kias—the Niro and Sportage PHEVs (the latter of which we reviewed last month).

The Escape offers 37 miles of pure electric range, enough for most daily driving, but it also defaults to 40 mpg in hybrid mode when the 14.4 kWh battery is depleted. When the 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine cuts in, it's fairly seamless. The gas engine combines with an 88 kW electric motor to produce 210 horsepower, more than enough to make merging on an uphill on-ramp to the freeway an easy task.

Counterintuitive reliability

According to *Consumer Reports'* data, the



Escape's reliability gets better as you move from gas to hybrid to plug-in hybrid. It's not what you'd expect as the complexity of the vehicle's powertrain increases, but this is the way it's working out in the real world. Another factor might be that this fourth generation Escape was the first designed to accommodate a plug-in powertrain.

The PHEV starts at \$40,500 (our test model had extra equipment that bumped that up to \$46,815), roughly one-third (~\$10,000) more than the base gas-only version and about \$6,500 more than the least expensive hybrid model. It is a little frustrating that the most expensive Escape lacks one of the most-desired (if not always most needed) options—all-wheel drive.

What we're left with is a very competent compact SUV. It boasts 60.8 cubic feet of space when you fold down the back seat. It will seat five comfortably (not something every model in this class can claim). You can pull a 1,500-pound trailer with the optional towing package.

The Escape has a full complement of advanced technology, designed to make

your drive safer. Standard equipment includes adaptive cruise control, pre-collision assist (automatic emergency braking), lane-keeping, evasive steering assist, rear parking sensors, rear cross-traffic braking, remote start and push button start. The end-result is the Escape received a 5-Star safety rating in government testing.

More Tech

Even more tech showed up on our fully loaded tester, including active parking assist, a 360-degree view camera, head-up display (a neat pop-up number), wireless charging for your phone and a panoramic sunroof that really adds to the spacious feeling when inside.

The Ford Escape PHEV comes with a three-year, 36,000-mile bumper-to-bumper warranty and five years (or 60,000 miles) of roadside assistance. The hybrid components are covered by an eight-year, 100,000-mile warranty.

Reflecting on a week with the Escape, run on a mixture of electrons and gasoline, it felt like the car was up to any on-road task presented to it. The ride was comfortable and the highway ride was smooth and quiet.



Everything inside the cabin seemed to be where it was expected to be and functioned as predicted. With the current variety of cars on the market, that is not always the case. Score one for familiarity to go along with the car's measured reliability, zero-emission capability and all-round efficiency.

Auto Review



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An interview with San Leandro's Mayor Juan Gonzalez

By JACK ALCORN,
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Mayor Juan Gonzalez III provided Tri City Voice a recent interview. He shared the work of his administration, future development in San Leandro and some of his thoughts about the city.

The Mayor shared his vision for San Leandro. "I want a vibrant city. A family friendly city, an age friendly city that not only encourages the business community but actually enables that community to flourish. Innovation, innovation to flourish. And I think that if we're able to do that, we will continue to attract individuals and businesses to our city and drive sustainability and vibrancy."

Mayor Gonzalez spoke with pride and enthusiasm for his city when asked to name San Leandro's greatest strength. "One of its key strengths is diversity. I think that it brings an originally diverse community, there is no single ethnic or racial group that kind of dominates the landscape. So it inherently involves people having to work together, to understand each other, to embrace each other to be successful as a city," said the Mayor.

The Mayor explained that San Leandro's location has many benefits.

"Our location is incredibly powerful. We're equidistant from San Jose and San Francisco. We've got access to multiple airports. We have two highways that go through San Leandro. We're adjacent to the Port of Oakland. We have two BART stations in San Leandro," the Mayor said.

Name recognition was a challenge the Mayor expressed about the city.

"Even within the Bay Area, people say, 'Where is that? Where's San Leandro?' It's inherently problematic. You've got this neat place, with the benefit of hills, parks, beautiful things - we've got the waterfront, but nobody knows about it. So part of what I've taken on is to really be a much more active spokesperson for the city and offer a lot of encouragement and guidance to our communications team about how to do a better job of sharing the San Leandro story," shared the Mayor.

Mayor Gonzalez is a data driven leader. An economist with a Ph.D. from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Gonzalez has worked professionally on business problems such as banking regulations compliance, intellectual property challenges, and environmental concerns. The white board in the Mayor's City Hall office was filled with metrics, outputs and other evidence-based accountability.

The Mayor cited the redevelopment of Bay Fair Mall as the 'A-#1' opportunity for the City of San Leandro. "We have a lot of space there that's immediately adjacent to the BART station and easy access to two freeways. We have a new investor at the mall who is bringing innovative thinking about how to repurpose that space."

"A second phenomenal opportunity is the redevelopment work at the [San Leandro] Marina... bringing more access to the Marina area so that people can really avail themselves of that area... make it easier to get there, not just by

vehicle but also by bicycle, walking - supporting active transportation," said the Mayor.

Regarding the work of San Leandro's City Council, the Mayor said, "I think I'm proudest that our Council has developed focus... We voted to dedicate ourselves to three focus areas. The first one was focusing on public safety. The second one was focusing on homelessness and housing - the affordability of housing. And the third one was infrastructure."

A large grant from the State's Homekey project is funding development of San Leandro's Navigation Center at the Nimitz Motel on Lewelling Boulevard. "You can give them [homeless people] a single point where they can go and get behavioral services at a known geographic location, not from just rolling around, and that then transitions into permanent supportive housing as we then build another facility," said the Mayor.

The Mayor makes time to go into local classrooms to talk about how government serves people and how we work together to make a difference. Fifth grade drawings and paintings of the ideal San Leandro decorate the Mayor's office.

"There is a large Hispanic community here. It's happened several times that I'm hearing a young Latino child say something about 'the mayor is Latino.' The concept that children can see themselves in leadership is very powerful," shared the Mayor.

Mayor Gonzalez has a long history of public engagement, including serving food



Photo courtesy of City of San Leandro

for the San Leandro warming shelter, helping Big Brothers Big Sisters East Bay as a board member, and serving as President of the Bancroft Parent Teachers Association (PTA).

Over the last 30 years, Gonzalez and his wife have made San Leandro their home where they raised four children, each attending San Leandro public schools during that time. They have been active in the San Leandro community since moving here and are grateful for San Leandro's welcoming and inclusive environment.

"San Leandro is a really neat city. It has a rich history. It has people that genuinely care about the city and are willing to roll up their sleeves to be involved. It's been fantastic getting out there and working at community clean-ups...To have people call me regularly and say, 'How can I help my city?'... it genuinely warms my heart," said the Mayor.

Home & Garden

Corned Beef and Cabbage: An Irish-American Favorite

By JOHN SCHINKEL-KLUDJIAN

You might be shocked to know that Corned Beef and Cabbage, the notorious dish on St. Patrick's Day, isn't at all Irish. Even if you visited Ireland on March 17, finding this dish available in abundance would be highly unlikely. Traditionally, an Irish St. Patrick's Day meal would more likely be a beef or lamb stew, or some kind of beef pie. Corned Beef & Cabbage was a dish created by Irish immigrants, paying homage to the Irish dish Bacon and Cabbage.

Authentically Irish or not, Corned Beef and Cabbage is a delicious meal enjoyed by millions every March. Like many braised meals, there are countless recipes and ways to prepare a fantastic hunk of corned beef, including baking, braising, and boiling. Each has a slightly different finish, with baking having the most intense and salty flavor, braising having a very fatty and tender flavor, and boiling having the least salty, most-aromatic flavor.

So, why is it called corned beef anyway? Corned beef does not contain any corn, but rather, the name comes from the old-fashioned curing method where large, coarse pellets of curing salt were used to cover pieces of beef. Today, beef is usually cured with a fine powder known as pink curing salt. This is not to be confused with Himalayan Pink Salt, as curing salt contains sodium nitrate. (The pink color is added artificially as a safety measure to not be mistaken with table salt)

Common additions include beer, wine, pickling spice, herbs, and other spices.



However, if you ever come across a recipe for corned beef that calls for salt or sodium-containing broth: **ignore it.** Corned beef needs to have salt extracted from it in order to taste edible; it is one of the few times you're actually wanting to remove sodium when cooking a piece of meat. Your guests, and your heart, will thank you.

My recipe for corned beef and cabbage was developed from a recipe a local winery published several years ago. The unique ingredient: red wine. In addition to a great flavor, cooking corned beef with red wine also enhances the deep red color, making the final product beautiful, and delicious!

Wishing you a very happy St. Patrick's Day. Éirinn go Brách!



Red Wine Corned Beef & Cabbage

Level: Easy
Serves 3-4

Ingredients:

- 1 Corned beef (round or brisket, about 1.5 lbs)
- 1 Bottle of full-bodied red wine
- 2 Tbsp pickling spice
- 3 Large onions, quartered (you can leave the skin on, just remove the root tip)
- 1 Head of garlic cut in half
- 5 Large carrots peeled and chopped (or small bag of baby carrots)

- 6 Red potatoes, cut in half
- 1 Head cabbage, chopped into large strips

Directions:

Rinse the corned beef, then place in a large stock pot with red wine, pickling spice, onions, and garlic. Cover with water until covered by two inches. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer and cook for 3-4 hours, until corned beef is fork tender. Remove corned beef and wrap tightly in foil to rest. Bring the cooking liquid back to a boil and add the carrots and potatoes. Cook until tender, and add cabbage to cook for five minutes or until desired texture is reached.



THE ACWD CONNECTION



National Groundwater Awareness Week is the perfect time to highlight the importance of groundwater. In fact, more than 44 percent of the population depends on groundwater as a primary water source. Groundwater is also a critically important local water supply for ACWD and its customers, so protecting and conserving it is vital. Here are simple ways to help:

- **Fix the Drip** - Check all faucets, fixtures, toilets, and taps in your home for leaks and fix them right away.
- **Go Native** - Use native plants in your landscape. They look great, and don't need much water or fertilizer.
- **Water Wisely** - Water the lawn and plants during the coolest parts of the day and only when they truly need it.
- **Reduce Chemical Use** - Use fewer chemicals around your home and yard, and be sure to dispose of them properly.
- **Natural Alternatives** - Try natural/nontoxic cleaners when possible. Lemon juice, baking soda, and vinegar make great and safe cleaning products.

For more information on groundwater, visit: acwd.org/groundwater.

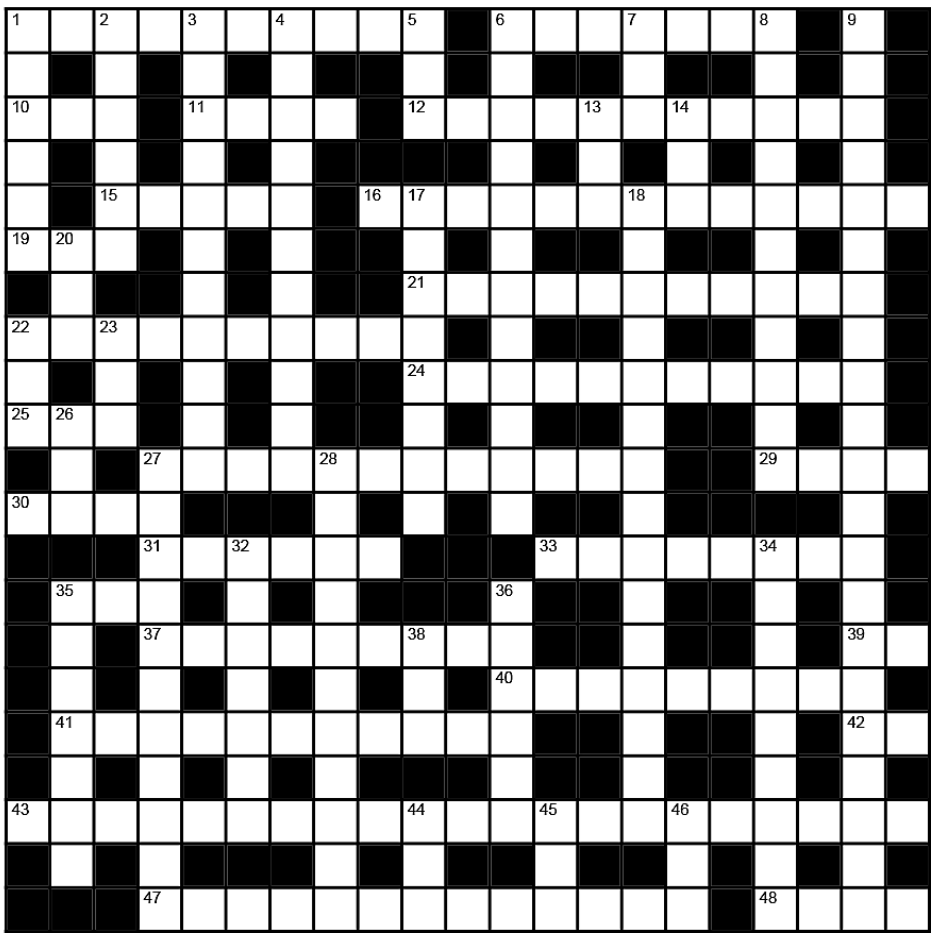


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Mind Twisters

Crossword Puzzle



- Across

1

Pedestrian lawbreakers (10)

6

Sailing spar (7)

10

" ___ or credit?" (3)

11

Alencon's department (4)

12

Damsel's rescuer (5,6)

15

Kind of yoga (5)

16

Definitely not a warm reception (6,7)

19

1957 Physics Nobel
Tsung-___ Lee (3)

21

One with a massive intellect (6,5)

22

Son of Marie Louise of Austria (8,2)

24

Conventional (11)

25

Abbr. for a software edition (3)

27

Tex-Mex dipper (8,4)

29

Austin of "Knots Landing" (4)

30

Kid (4)

31

___ Field (old Brooklyn ballpark) (6)

33

Farmer's storage (5,3)
- Down

1

Stolen, in slang (6)

2

Part of a pirate's refrain (2-2-2)

3

Spanish sherry (11)

4

Small jumping rodent (8,3)

5

Not too racy or gory, in web lingo; Abbr. (3)

6

See circles (4,8)

7

___ choy (3)

8

Flying transportation, in mythical tales: 2 wds. (5,6)

35

Confederate soldier, for short (3)

37

Parting words (3,3,3)

39

I give you ___ word (2)

40

Baked tubes (9)

41

Meet (7,2,2)

42

Therefore (2)

43

Dance, idiomatically (4,3,5,9)

47

Author quoted twice herein (6,7)

48

Qualm (4)
- 9

What "Send" triggers? (9,12)
- 13

England's Isle of ___ (3)
- 14

Helmsman's course. (3)
- 17

In a lax manner (8)
- 18

Alaska's state bird (6,9)
- 20

Doc bloc (3)
- 22

Guy Fawkes Day mo. (3)
- 23

Often the only button on a desktop computer: Abbr. (3)
- 26

Area of 1940's mil. activity (3)
- 27

Flavorful name for an East coast city (3,3,5)
- 28

Occupying last place (2,3,6)
- 32

Papyrus or cattail (7)
- 34

"Cheers!" (7,2)
- 35

Limerick writers, e.g. (7)
- 36

Upset, informally (3,3)
- 38

Big, fat mouth (3)
- 44

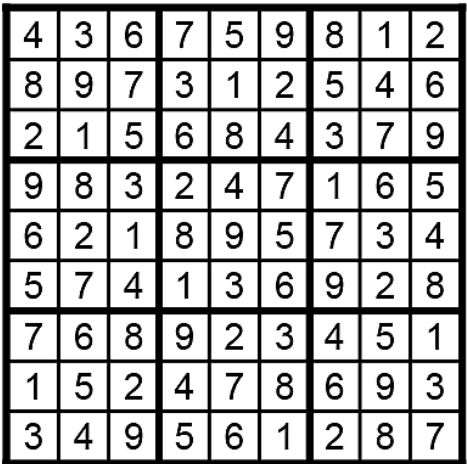
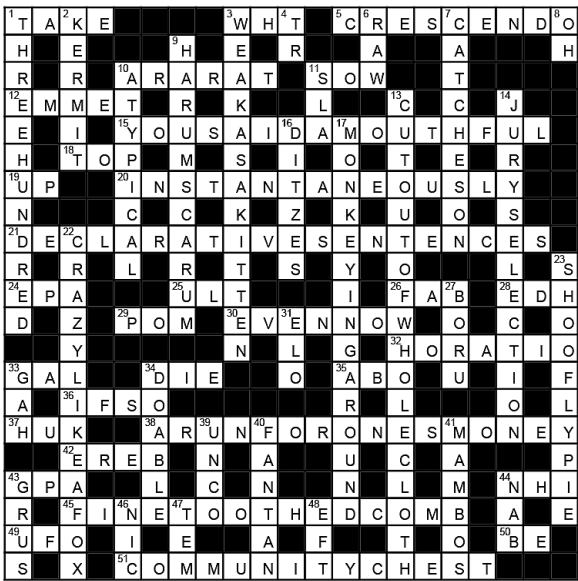
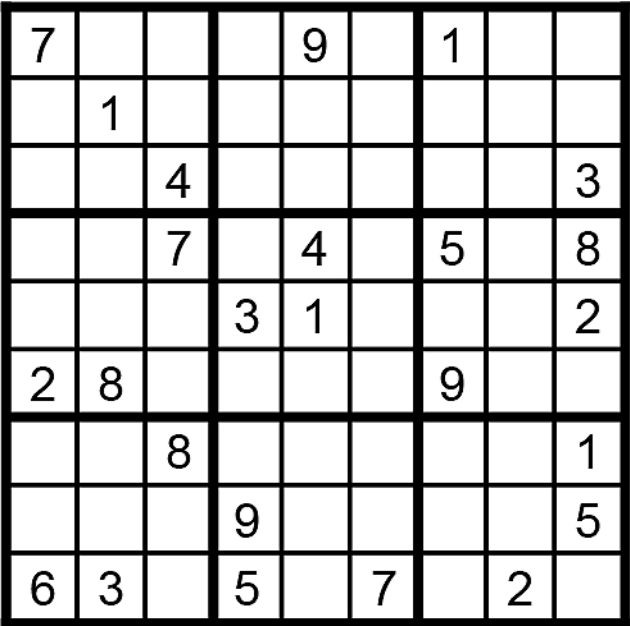
Feat for Neymar (3)
- 45

Bog (3)
- 46

Festooned with Northern, say (3)

Sudoku:

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



Tri-City Stargazer FOR WEEK: MARCH 12, 2024

All Signs: This week is pretty chill. Take it easy if you can. Fair Venus has just moved into starry eyed Pisces, which will definitely promote romance, as well as making art and appreciating art in all its forms. Take time to smell the proverbial roses and enjoy the beauty in the world around you. Remember – even though Daylight Saving Time will begin tonight and rob you of an hour; nevertheless, in the long run – you will never again be as young as you are right now.

Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20):

Two different influences are at play for you this week and they are contradictory. A strong influence still exists that makes you want to engage in sports and outdoor activities, especially team sports and competitions. (You are a competitive sign.) However, countering this impulse, you also have a desire to be low key. You might even feel rewarded by taking care of someone. You will definitely welcome some time alone to relax in privacy. You might ponder how you can get richer this year – because you can.

Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20):

This is a pleasant week! It's also an excellent time to enjoy friends and group activities. People will be friendly to you, which is a big reason why you will enjoy social occasions, parties and good times with friends and groups, including business conferences. Romance will also be warm and friendly; for some of you, a platonic relationship could become flirtatious. Despite these feel-good vibes, four planets at the top of your chart continue to arouse your ambition. Move on from failure and give your energy to what really matters.

Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20):

You look good to others this week because both the Sun and fair Venus are at the top of your chart making you shine! Others will admire you, particularly parents, bosses and authority figures. They will see how you want to work harmoniously with everyone.

Because you have this magical advantage, this is a great week to advance your agenda. Meanwhile, some of you might fall in love with your boss or an authority figure. Legal disputes might arise for others. You will also identify strongly with your political and religious beliefs now.

Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21):

You need a change of scenery! (Lucky Cancers are in fascinating places abroad.) Not only do you want to explore new places, you also want to discover new facts and beliefs, and have a consciousness-expanding experience that broadens your understanding of yourself and the world around you. Naturally, a chance to “get away from all this” is a perk! Grab it if you can. Meanwhile, disputes about shared property, taxes, insurance matters and inheritances are also likely.

Leo the Lion (July 22-August 22):

Not only is this a chill week, it's also a fortunate week for Leos because gifts, money, and assistance can come your way. These favors might be the result of disputes that have finally reached a settlement. Whatever the case, be grateful for whatever comes your way. Fortunately, if you have a grievance you will have the confidence to speak up. But avoid bickering. Meanwhile, romantic relationships will be more loving, affectionate and intense. And don't forget that this is the year when you will promote your name and good reputation.

Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22):

Lucky you! Venus has just moved into the best sign possible for this planet. (According to astrology Venus is “exalted” in Pisces.) Furthermore, this excellent configuration of Venus is now in your Seventh House, which is the House of Partnerships and Marriage. This is the best place it can be for all your relationships – friends, partners, spouses and even your enemies. All these relationships will function smoothly. This is the perfect week to patch up misunderstandings and mend broken fences. Meanwhile, you're pumped to work hard and be productive!

Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22):

This is an easy-going week. However, the theme of “work hard/party hard” is more apt for your sign. You will feel healthier and more invigorated this week; plus, your working relations will be excellent. This is a good time to review agreements and clarify the obligations you have with others. What do they expect of you? Meanwhile, you feel playful, supportive and daring! You're ready to enjoy flirtations and romance. In fact, you might even make the first move.

Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21):

You have a lovely week ahead! Both the Sun and now Venus are travelling through the most playful part of your chart. Therefore, you can expect to enjoy entertaining diversions, social outings, movies, the theatre, sports events and playful times with children. Romance will be blessed! Obviously, this is the perfect time for a vacation or fun

getaway. The main thing to remember is that it's important to set aside some time for yourself to have fun. (Also keep in mind that close relationships will flourish this year.)

Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21):

Your focus on home, family and your private world continues but in a more relaxed way this week. Make time for decorating efforts – big or small. Tidy up your surroundings. Do something that makes you enjoy your home more because this will please you when you entertain -- and this is a great week to invite people over! Enjoy the company of loved ones. Meanwhile, continue to look for ways to improve your health, as well as to improve your existing job or get a better job.

Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19):

This is a pleasant week for you because Venus will now bring attractive nuances to your daily activities. For example, your social life will be more enjoyable, especially with relatives, siblings and neighbors. You will also have a greater appreciation of your daily surroundings. Also, you might realize how much love there is in your daily world. That's why this is the time to let others know you care for them. You're the one who is enriched by feelings of caring for someone else. (Just as they are enriched by caring for you.)

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

All the zodiac signs will enjoy this week; however, you will also be focused on your wealth and assets more than usual. Perhaps you are looking for a new job or another

way to boost your income? Some of you might be shopping for beautiful things for yourself – or someone else. Meanwhile, you have the ability this week to attract money and wealth to you. This will be a fast-paced week, but you will be confident, upbeat and bold about defending your own best interests.

Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20):

Not only is this a lovely week for you, but it is powerful because the Sun is in your sign along with your ruler Neptune and fair Venus. (Venus actually enters your sign on Monday the 11th to stay until April 4th.) This makes you charming and diplomatic, which is why you will enjoy good times with friends. You will choose pleasure over work, if you can. Obviously, this is a great window of time for a vacation. It's also an excellent time to buy wardrobe items for yourself because you feel comfortable in your own skin.



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Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price Announces Felony Fraud Conviction of Former Fremont City Manager

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On March 7, Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price announced the conviction of former Fremont City Manager Mark Danaj, who pled guilty to felony fraud against the City of Fremont. The investigation and prosecution arose after it was discovered that Danaj had misused his Fremont City-issued credit card for personal expenses. The plea agreement requires Danaj to serve 90 days at Santa Rita Jail, serve two years on formal probation and pay \$316,978 in restitution to the City of Fremont.

In 2021, Danaj was fired from his job as City Manager, and while negotiating his severance package, he failed to disclose that he owed the City money on its CalCard. It was only after receiving the \$316,617 severance package that Danaj informed officials that he owed \$6,873 on the credit card. The omission of that information during negotiations is considered theft by false pretense, as it was Danaj's duty as City Manager to disclose the debt.

"This resolution brings accountability and closure to the citizens of the City of Fremont, which has long been overdue," said District Attorney Pamela Price. When a public official abuses the public's trust and position of authority and

uses it to steal taxpayer resources for his own personal gain, it erodes the framework upon which our government is based."

In the plea agreement, Danaj stipulated that he owes the City of Fremont \$316,977.74 in restitution, comprised of \$360.74 of CalCard charges for Danaj's personal expenses and the \$316,617 severance.

"When my administration took over in January 2023, we found that this case was under-charged. My predecessor had filed felony charges against Mr. Danaj for his misuse and embezzlement of public funds. However, it was still unclear why the City of Fremont had paid Mr. Danaj a severance valued over \$300,000 at the time of his termination in September 2021. Further investigation and analysis by my Public Accountability Unit revealed that the City had only agreed to pay Mr. Danaj the severance because Mr. Danaj had committed fraud. Additionally, [former District Attorney Nancy O'Malley's] brother was representing the defendant which presented an obvious conflict of interest. If my administration had not taken over this case, Mr. Danaj would not have been convicted of defrauding the City of Fremont, and the public's valid questions about Mr. Danaj's severance would never be answered."

Hayward City Council

March 5, 2024

Consent Items

- Award up to \$627,554 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for the City's approved annual action plans and execute agreements to complete three public facilities improvement projects.
- Amend resolution numbers 23-154 and 22-299 to clarify that the City's Homekey Partnership is with Bay Area Community Services Housing Corporation and to specify that council authorizes documents related to the Homekey Program.
- Approve plans and specifications and call for bids for the FY24 Pavement Improvement Project.

- Authorize an assignment/assumption of ground lease with signature flight support located at 1 Tuskegee Airmen Drive.
- Accept and appropriate an amount not- to-exceed the 18-year estimate of \$1,349,312 in funding associated with the distributor settlement agreement for Opioid Remediation and to allocate the funds in accordance with eligible uses specified in the Distributor Settlement Agreement.
- Authorize application to and participation in the Prohousing Designation Program.

Mayor Mark Salinas	Aye
Angeles Andrews	Aye
Ray Bonilla	Aye
Dan Goldstein	Aye
Julie Roche	Aye
George Syrop	Aye
Francisco Zermenio	Aye

Milpitas City Council

March 5, 2024

Consent Calendar

- Amend the Milpitas Municipal Code to prohibit and regulate cannabis uses, establishments, and operations to the fullest extent allowed by state law.
- Initiate proceedings for the Annual Levy and Collection of Assessments and Ordering the preparation of the Annual Engineer's Report for Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance Assessment District No. 95-1 (McCarthy Ranch) and District No. 98-1 (Sinclair Horizon)
- Authorize the purchase order with Econolite Controllers, Cabinets, and Battery Backup Systems.

- Receive an update on Storm Drain System Emergency Repairs and Improvements at Evans Road and Piedmont Creek and determine that the condition continues to constitute an emergency.
- Adopt a resolution to approve project plans & specifications; and award construction contract to A&B Mechanical Inc, for Alviso Adobe House HVAC System.

Mayor Carmen Montano	Aye
Evelyn Chua	Aye
Gary Barbadillo	Aye
Hon Lien	Aye
Anthony Phan	Aye

Fremont Police Log

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Wednesday, February 28

- Officers responded to a hit-and-run collision near Gateway Blvd. and Lakeview Blvd. A bicyclist was lying unresponsive on the ground. Investigation revealed the bicyclist had suffered a medical emergency and collapsed while riding. Emergency medical services declared the cyclist deceased, and the Alameda County Coroner's Bureau responded.

Thursday, February 29

- Officers responded to a nail salon on Grimmer Blvd. regarding two subjects who had assaulted a victim when he went outside to lock up his bicycle. The victim had run away to the nail salon for help. Officers arrived and arrested both subjects.
- Officers followed up on an ongoing case involving a series of residential burglaries in the Ardenwood area. The two subjects under surveillance were seen committing a residential burglary. After emerging from the residence, the subjects were arrested.
- Officers responded to an apartment complex on Fremont Blvd. regarding a subject found bleeding and vomiting in the hallway. The subject was transported to a hospital, where he admitted to using narcotics earlier that day. He was unable to articulate the cause of the injury and was making nonsensical statements.
- A subject at Paseo Padre Pkwy and Fremont Blvd. began doing pushups in the middle of traffic. The subject was in danger of being run over as traffic maneuvered around him. He ignored an officer's attempts to

stop him. The subject was also found to have an outstanding warrant and was arrested.

Friday, March 1

- Officers responded to an indecent exposure incident at a pediatric center on Mowry Ave. A subject in the parking lot was walking around with his pants down and exposing himself. Officers detained the subject and issued him a trespass notice before ensuring he left the property.

Saturday, March 2

- Officers responded to a shooting at a church on 2nd St. The victim had suffered a gunshot wound to his forearm and was bleeding from his head and shoulder. The victim was transported to a hospital for treatment, and officers located three shell casings nearby. The victim was not cooperative and provided limited details. This case remains under investigation.
- Officers responded to a robbery at a grocery store on Walnut Ave. Two subjects entered the store together, and one began filling a shopping cart with kitchen knives. The subject then attempted to push the cart out of the store. When confronted, the subject pushed the cart into store personnel, and the cart tipped over. The other subject picked up some of the knives, and both fled in separate directions. Officers detained both subjects in the area and arrested them.
- Officers responded to a vehicle theft at a residence on Fernwood Ct. In the early morning, the victim was woken by a loud bang and saw two subjects stealing his vehicle. The victim's father shouted at the subjects from the balcony to scare them away, and one subject brandished a firearm at him. The subjects left with the victim's vehicle.

Sunday, March 3

- Officers responded to a residence on Sanborn Ter. regarding a subject who was attempting to light her clothes on fire. Officers placed the subject on a mental health hold.



The First Amendment: Our Most Fundamental and Contested Right Panel Discussion

SUBMITTED BY CHRISTIANNE SELIG,
ADULT SERVICES LIBRARIAN

While most people agree that our First Amendment rights are important, there is considerable disagreement on whether all forms of expression, and all people, deserve protection.

Join the Castro Valley Library and the League of Women Voters of the Eden Area as a panel of experts from fields such as education, journalism and the law help us understand the enduring legacy of our First Amendment rights and our contemporary debates.

The discussion will take place on Tuesday, March 19 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Register at www.aclibrary.org or call (510) 667-7900.

Panelists:

Nia Rashidchi

Nia Rashidchi is the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services for the Castro Valley Unified School District. She has served in education for 28 years in various leadership roles, such as teacher, principal, coordinator, and executive director.

Katherine Ann Rowlands

Katherine Ann Rowlands is a longtime champion of local journalism, having worked as a leader for

three decades in newsrooms before becoming Owner and Publisher for the regional newswire Bay City News. Ms. Rowlands serves as President of the board of the First Amendment Coalition.

David Snyder

David Snyder is the Executive Director of the First Amendment Coalition, which educates, advocates and litigates to advance government transparency and First Amendment protections for all. Before leading FAC, David represented journalists and news companies as a lawyer. David also worked as a journalist for the Dallas Morning News and The Washington Post.

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The First Amendment: Our Most Fundamental and Contested Right

Tuesday, Mar 19

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m

Castro Valley Library

3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley

(510) 667-7900

cselig@aclibrary.org

San Leandro City Council

March 4, 2024

Recognitions

- Swearing-in of Sbeydeh Viveros-Walton to City Council District 1

Consent Calendar

- Approve an agreement with Pacific West Communities and Bay Area Rapid Transit District, submit an application to the



Sbeydeh Viveros-Walton joins San Leandro City Council representing District 1. Photo By Jack Alcorn

California Department of Housing and Community Development for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program Funds, and execute documents to accept the program funds.

- Approve a Non-Professional Services Agreement with Impec Group for citywide janitorial services for a term of five (5) years with two (2) one-year extension options for a cumulative 5-year total not to exceed \$5,014,614.
- Increase the Consulting Services Agreement Amendment Cap Authorization from 15% to 40% (from \$54,300 to \$144,795; an increase of \$90,495) of the original total not to exceed amount of \$361,998 with Lee & Ro, Inc., for the design of the Secondary Effluent Line Replacement and Davis Street Manhole eplacement, Project No. 2018.6000.

- Approve the First 5 Alameda County Memorandum of Understanding that provides funding to the San Leandro Public Library in the amount of \$10,200 and appropriate funds for early childhood learning community events and multilingual programming and materials in celebration of Dia de Los Ninos.

- Authorize a legal services agreement with Redwood Public Law LLP, for Richard D. Pio Roda to continue serving as City Attorney, and Kristopher J. Kokotaylo to continue serving as Senior Assistant City Attorney.

Mayor Juan Gonzalez	Aye
Victor Aguilar	Aye
Bryan Azevedo	Aye
Pete Ballew	Aye
Xouhoa Bowen	Aye
Fred Simon	Aye
Sbeydeh Viveros-Walton	Aye

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Questions? For Employment Questions, Call HR at 510-659-2556

FACE JOB & RESOURCES FAIR
 This event is a collaboration between **FACE** & **Rubicon Programs** - Eden Area AJCC

WHEN:
Tuesday, March 19, 2024
10:30am - 12:30pm

WHERE:
FACE - Fremont Adult and Continuing Ed
 Multi Purpose Room (MPR)
 4700 Calaveras Avenue Fremont 94538
 (510) 793-6465 - www.face.edu

****FACE MASKS RECOMMENDED BUT ARE NOT REQUIRED****

 **The Tri-City Volunteers - Mobile Food Pantry** will be distributing **FREE** food in the **FACE** parking lot from 11:30am-12:30pm. Just bring yourself and your own bag!

MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTION WITH TRI-CITY VOLUNTEERS



TCV Food Bank is a non-profit organization that provides food assistance to the residents of Alameda County. They are the largest client-direct food bank in the area, serving up to 25,000 individuals every month through their marketplace, mobile pantry and bag lunch programs. TCV receives Emergency Food from the Alameda County Community Food Bank and surplus food from the USDA. Fresh produce comes from local farmers and businesses, and they also rescue food from local businesses and grocery stores. All expired food donations are never accepted.



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MEET WITH LOCAL EMPLOYERS AND SERVICE/RESOURCE PROVIDERS:

- ⇒ Rubicon Programs Eden Area AJCC
- ⇒ **FACE:**
 - * English Second Language (ESL)
 - * Career Technical Programs
 - * BankWork\$ Career Training
 - * High School Diploma & GED
 - * Community Education
- ⇒ **Ohlone College:**
 - * Career Education Programs & Services
 - * Student Pathways Program (SPA)
 - * EOPS / CARE / Next-UP / CALWORKS
- ⇒ United States Marine Corps
- ⇒ CA Army National Guard
- ⇒ US Army Recruitment & Reserves
- ⇒ US Navy Recruitment
- ⇒ New Haven Adult School
- ⇒ Newark Adult and Career Education
- ⇒ Dream Builder Financial
- ⇒ SlingShot Connections
- ⇒ International Rescue Committee (IRC)
- ⇒ City of Fremont - Human Services
- ⇒ Fremont Family Resource Center
- ⇒ Bridges To Jobs
- ⇒ SparkPoint Fremont
- ⇒ Alameda County Social Services
- ⇒ 4Cs of Alameda County
- ⇒ Care Indeed - The Heart of Homecare
- ⇒ Pacific Homecare Services
- ⇒ Rising Sun Center for Opportunity
- ⇒ California Department of Corrections
- ⇒ MedMark Treatment Centers
- ⇒ 24-7 Nightingale Home Care
- ⇒ Bay Area Community Health (BACH)
- ⇒ East Bay Agency for Children (EBAC)
- ⇒ Eden I&R Inc. - Call 211
- ⇒ United Parcel Service (UPS)
- ⇒ Amazon
- ⇒ FedEx
- ⇒ Hively
- ⇒ Tesla
- ⇒ Sysco Foods
- ⇒ Balance Staffing
- ⇒ Music For Minors II
- ⇒ South Asian Program
- ⇒ **SAVE:** Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments

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Hayward Animal 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

Mondays and Thursdays

Food Garden Volunteer

9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Learning from experienced gardeners.
LEAF CR Stone Garden
55 Mowry Ave., Fremont
volunteer@fremontleaf.org
Volunteer agreement form is re-
quired.

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

LEGO® Time

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Use your imagination and
engineering skills to create your own
LEGO® designs.
Centerville library
3801 Nicolet Ave., Fremont
(510) 795-2629
Drop-in. For everyone.

Tuesdays

Music and Storytime

11:30 am - 12:00 pm
Join us for stories, music, and
movement.
Cherryland Community Center
278 Hampton Road, Hayward
(510) 626-8522
For babies, toddlers, kids, and
preschoolers.

Tuesdays

Comfort & Joy Ukulele R

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
A group of ukulele players with
volunteer leaders to practice familiar
songs as well as learning new.
Age Well Center at Lake Elizabeth
40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont
(510) 790-6606

Tuesdays

East Indian Seniors R

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Anyone who is retired and of Indian
origin or interested in Indian culture
is welcome to join us.
Age Well Center at Lake Elizabeth
40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont
(510) 790-6606
Second and Fourth Tuesdays of the
month

Wednesdays

Folk Dancing Social R

9:00 am - 10:30 am
Join together in the wonderful spirit
of dancing and savor the beautiful
music from all over the world.
Age Well Center at Lake Elizabeth
40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont
(510) 790-6606

Wednesdays

Book Club AWC R

10:00 am - 12:00 pm
The book club meets for stimulating
discussions.
Age Well Center at Lake Elizabeth
40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont
(510) 790-6606
Second and fourth Wednesdays of
the month

Thursdays

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

Bocce Ball Class R

11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Learn how to play Bocce Ball.
Age Well Center at South Fremont
47111 Mission Falls Ct., Fremont
(510) 742-7529
Rain will cancel class.

Arts & Entertainment

Thursdays

Chinese Calligraphy Social R

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Bring your own supplies and socialize
and have fun while doing calligraphy.
Age Well Center at Lake Elizabeth
40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont
(510) 790-6606
There is no teaching on site.

Thursdays

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

Family Board Game Night

3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Play together with family and
friends, or make some new friends at
the library.
Centerville library
3801 Nicolet Ave., Fremont
(510) 795-2629
Board games will be provided.

Thursdays

The Peaceful Poets

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Join a Milpitas-based group of
writers and appreciators of poetry.
Milpitas Public Library
160 N Main St., Milpitas
(408) 262-1171
For teens, adults, and seniors.
Last 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

Thursday, January 25 –
Saturday, March 16

Children’s Book Illustrator
show & API Exhibition

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sun Gallery
1015 E. St., Hayward
(510) 581-4050
<http://sungallery.org/>

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

Friday – Saturday, through
April 27

‘Birds! Birds! Birds!’ exhibition

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Exhibit celebrates beauty and
diversity of birdlife
Hayward Shoreline Interpretive
Center
4901 Breakwater Ave., Hayward
(510) 670-7270
haywardrec.org

Fridays, January 12 -
March 29

African Dance and Culture R\$

11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Experience the joy and vitality of
African Dance!
Age Well Center at Lake Elizabeth
40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont
(510) 790-6606

Fridays, January 12 -
March 29

Aloha Vibes R

10:30 am - 12:30 pm
A group of musicians (all
instruments welcome) who wish to
share multi-cultural and familiar
music with others.
Age Well Center at South Fremont
47111 Mission Falls Ct., Fremont
(510) 742-7529
Second and fourth Fridays of the
month

Fridays and Saturdays

Free Telescope Viewings

7:30 pm - 10:30 pm
Join Chabot astronomers on the
Observatory Deck for a free telescope
viewing!
Chabot Space and Science Center
10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland
(510) 336-7300
chabotspace.org/calendar
Weather permitting.

Friday - Sunday, March 15 –
March 23

Superhero Melodrama

8:00 pm
The 41st season of the Sunol
Repertory Theatre brings you a
two-act superhero melodrama that
runs through March 23rd.
Written by Marty Matthews, The
Rise of the Superheroes is filled with
1980s references, drama, and plenty
of laughs. In this play directed by
Klay Kunkel and Robin Spindler, a
master criminal Elementis escapes
from prison and a new, mysterious
villain emerges. The main characters,
Possum Girl, Blackfly, and
Tremendous Man open a detective
agency, in an attempt to become
relevant again and need to face off
with the city’s villains.
Sunol Glen School Theater
11601 Main Street, Sunol
<https://sunol.net/srt/index.html>
Tickets: \$20 - \$30

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

Free Beginner Pickleball Lesson

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

Saturdays, January 13 -
March 30

History Museum Visit \$

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Visit the various halls that highlight
the fossils of the San Francisco Bay
area.
Children’s Natural History Museum
4074 Eggers Dr., Fremont
(510) 790-6284

Saturdays

Teen Cohort for Outdoor
Education R\$

10 am - 4pm
Together, we can explore local parks
and learn about nature,
environmental stewardship, and
careers in Recreation. Meet new
friends, build outdoor skills, and get
to know your community as we
participate in activities, such as
Hayward Shoreline Hike and
Clean-Up, Quarry Lakes Excursion;
Coyote Hills Excursion; fishing; rock
climbing on our 28-foot rock wall,
hiking; and a Sulphur Creek Guided
Tour.
Ashland Community Center
1530 167th Avenue, San Leandro
Noel Munivez: (510) 317-2303
munnn@HaywardRec.org

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, info@samarpan-meditationusa.org

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/3nxx0is

Sundays

Larry "O" Teen Workshop

10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Used bikes, bike parts for sale and bike repair.
Larry Orozco Teen Workshop
33623 Mission Blvd., Union City
(510) 675-5487
www.unioncity.org/723/Larry-O-Teen-Workshop
RobertS@unioncity.org
Donation accepted.
Second and fourth Sundays of the month

UPCOMING
EVENTS

Wednesday, March 13

St. Patrick’s Day Craft

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Celebrate with a St. Patrick’s Day craft at the Centerville Library! This program is intended for kids ages 5 and up. Children under 9 need to be accompanied by an adult.
Centerville Library
3801 Nicolet Ave., Fremont
(510) 795-2629

Wednesday, March 13

Chinese Calligraphy and Beyond

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Get ready to embark on an enchanting journey as we explore the rich tradition of Chinese calligraphy and beyond. In this interactive class, kids will learn the basics of brush strokes and characters.
Fremont Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
510-745-1400

Wednesday, March 13

Art X Mental Wellness Workshops

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Children in grades 1-6 are invited to join this series of enjoyable special workshops to learn about various mental health topics such as mindfulness, stress/anxiety, emotions, and more.
Fremont Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1444

Thursday, March 14

Acrylic Space Paint & Sip: Orion Nebula

6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Join us for a transitional instructor-led space-themed acrylic Paint & Sip party for adults. No skill required. Great experience for friends, couples or corporate groups. Includes two drink tickets for beer, wine, or non-alcoholic beverages, and a charcuterie board.
Chabot Space and Science Center
10000 Skyline Blvd. Oakland
(510) 336-7300

Thursday, March 14

Cover To Cover Book Discussion Group

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Do you enjoy reading across genres, like sharing your thoughts on the book, enjoy hearing others’ perspectives? Then drop by the Cover To Cover Book Discussion
Newark Library
37055 Newark Blvd. Newark
(510) 284-0675

Saturday, March 16

Culture Fest ’24

12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Food vendors, performers, and Bay Area community members celebrate our cultural diversity.
Kennedy Park
1333 Decoto Rd., Union City
TrishH@unioncity.org
www.unioncity.org/650/Youth-Commission

Saturday, March 16

Irish & Celtic Concert with Chris Waltz

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
Join us and Chris Waltz on St. Paddy’s Day eve as he shares Celtic music from Ireland, Scotland and the Isle of Man. This program combines Celtic music (both traditional Irish and Scottish) on vocals, guitar, bouzouki/octave
Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley
(510) 667-7900

Saturday, March 16

Digitize and Document Your Family History

11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Are you overwhelmed with binders and bins full of genealogy notes and family photographs?
In this workshop learn how to: Create your own digital family history, create an oral history using artificial intelligence, scan and photos with free or cost-effective resources.
Fremont Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 750-1444

Saturday, March 16

Marsh Madness

10:00 am – 11:30 pm
Take a stroll through our marsh and learn more about the plants & animals that call it home. Get to know their unique traits and environments while you play a game of storytelling and science. Parent participation required. Parking fees apply where charged. Wheelchair accessible. This is a drop-in program; no registration is required.
Coyote Hills Regional Park
8000 Patterson Ranch Road, Fremont
(510) 544-3220

Saturday, March 16

Wake up the Farm

10:30 am
Say ‘Good morning!’ to the sheep and goats and lend a hand as we prepare a morning snack for the farm animals. This is a drop-in program; no registration is required. Disabled accessible. Ardenwood admission fee applies.
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
(510) 544-2797

Saturday, March 16

Space for Her: Celebrating Women in Space Science

10:00 am – 4:00 pm
This Women’s History Month, come hear from some phenomenal women and gender minorities working in space science today!
Chabot Space and Science Center
10000 Skyline Blvd. Oakland
(510) 336-7300

Saturday, March 16

Being Good Neighbors

4:00 pm – 8:30 pm
The Interfaith symposium seeks to foster understanding and neighborly relationships in the Tri-City community amidst rising anti-Semitism and Islamophobia. Interactive “Meet Your Neighbor” Conversations.
Vegetarian Community Dinner to Break Ramadan Fast. Registration is required by Tuesday, March 12 at https://bit.ly/BeingGoodNeighbors
Washington Hospital West
2500 Mowry Ave. Fremont
Free to attend

Saturday, March 16

Women’s History Month – Henna, Art, and Open Mic

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Join us for a celebration of Women’s History Month at the Fremont Main Library!
Narika and SAVE are partnering with the Fremont Main Library to create a gathering space for those wishing to celebrate Women’s History Month!
Fremont Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 750-1444

Saturday, March 16

Food Painting Fun

11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Learn how you can make paint from some of our farm foods and try using them to create your own masterpiece. This is a drop-in program; no registration is required. Disabled accessible. Ardenwood admission fee applies.
Ardenwood Farms
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
(510) 544-2797

Saturday, March 16

Stilt Walking

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Give stilts a try. It's fun. Guess why farmers used these fun tools in the past. This is a drop-in program; no registration is required. Ardenwood admission fee applies.
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
(510) 544-2797

Saturday, March 16

Bubble Extravaganza Show

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Join us for a whimsical and interactive bubble event designed especially for kids. The Bubble Lady, a master of bubble artistry, will captivate young minds with her dazzling display of giant bubbles, rainbow swirls, and mesmerizing bubble sculptures.
Hayward Senior Center
22325 North 3rd St., Hayward

Saturday, March 16

Newark Memorial Athletics Crab Feed

6 pm - 11 pm
Help raise money for the NMHS Athletics club while enjoying a crab dinner
Swiss Park
5911 Mowry Ave., Newark
rkahoalii@newarkunified.org
Tickets: \$75

Saturday, March 16

Holi Festival

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Holi Festival is back by popular demand, celebrate with colors and musical entertainment.
Cardoza Park
Kennedy Dr. & N Park Victoria Dr., Milpitas
https://www.milpitas.gov/1180/Holi-Festival

Sunday, March 17

Farmyard Games

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Join us for some old-fashioned fun! Try your hand at classic American pastimes including stilts, sack races, and the potato-spoon race. This is a drop-in program; no registration is required. Ardenwood admission fee applies.
Ardenwood
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
(510) 544-2797

Sunday, March 17

St. Patrick’s Snakes

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
St. Patrick is famous for chasing the snakes away from Ireland. Learn the lore of this amazing feat and how the truth may be more important than you realize for the future climate in the Bay Area. All ages welcome. Parent participation required. Parking fees apply where charged. Wheelchair accessible. This is a drop-in program; no registration is required.
Coyote Hills Regional Park
8000 Patterson Ranch Road, Fremont
(510) 544-3220

Sunday, March 17

Celtic Celebration

3:00 pm
Chabot College Performing Arts Center
Bay Philharmonic presents all of the beauty, culture, and passion of Celtic music and dance in one unique show. You'll see fiery Irish step dancing, soulful Scottish fiddlers and singers, and colorful Celtic storytelling.
25555 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward

Monday, March 18

Ohlone College Information

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Interested in furthering your education? Stop by the Fremont Main Library’s Lobby to learn more about Ohlone College’s offerings and get your questions answered.
Fremont Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
(510) 745-1444

Tuesday, March 19

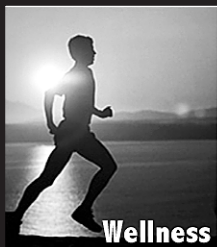
Face Job & Resources Fair

10:30 am – 12:30 pm
FACE – Fremont Adult and Continuing Ed
Multi-Purpose Room
4700 Calaveras Ave., Fremont
(510) 793-6465
www.face.edu

Tuesday, March 19

Age Well/Drive Smart Senior Driver Traffic Safety Seminar

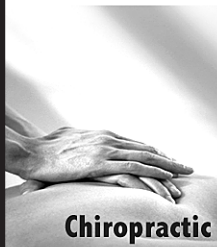
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Stay safe and save money! Conducted by the California Highway Patrol, this seminar will include compensating for age-related changes, tune-up your driving skills, rules of the road, safe driving tips; and more! Participants will receive a certificate for completing this FREE course which may lead to an insurance discount. You must be 65 or older to qualify.



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6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
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Tuesday, March 19

Read to a Dog

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Volunteers from the Ohlone Humane Society and Alliance of Therapy Dogs will be at the library with Sophie, Hana and other trained therapy dogs. They are very friendly and are so excited to hear all kinds of stories!
Fremont Library
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Job Fair – Fremont Unified School District

11:30 am – 3:30 pm
We are looking for teachers all grade levels, special education teachers all grade levels, also speech language pathologist and school psychologists, van drivers, bus drivers and special education para educators, child nutrition assistant.
Fremont Unified School District Office
4210 Technology Drive, Fremont
Professional Development Center

Wednesday, March 20

Career Ready – Job Search Workshop

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
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Wednesday, March 20

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7:00 pm – 7:30pm
Wear your pajamas and bring your favorite bedtime stuffed animal and/or blanket. We will get ready for bed through stories, songs, and movement activities.
Centerville Library
3801 Nicolet Ave., Fremont
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Thursday, March 21

Gardening 101 – Workshop

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Join the Union City Library as we welcome Lori Caldwell to teach us the basics to be a successful first-time gardener. No registration required. All library programs are free!
Union City Library
34007 Alvarado Niles Rd., Union City
https://aclibrary.bibliocommons.com/events

Friday, March 22

Roundup for Education Gala

6:00 pm Social hour, food & drinks
7:00 pm Program
The Fremont Education Foundation is a non-profit organization that serves the greater community and is dedicated to enhancing the educational opportunities of students within the Fremont Unified School District.
Fremont Downtown Event Center
3500 Capitol Ave., Fremont
www.fremont-education.org

Saturday, March 23

Meet Women Making History

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
In honor of Women’s History month, Newark Library is pleased to introduce you to women making history locally at Newark.
Newark Library
37055 Newark Blvd., Newark
(510) 284-0675

Saturday, March 23

Beginning Embroidery

1:00 pm
Victorians loved to embroider, and you will too! Learn some basic embroidery stitches and you will be able to decorate all sorts of cloth objects. Training materials supplied. This is a drop-in program; no registration is required.
Ardenwood Farms
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Saturday, March 23

Rocketfest

10:00 am – 4:00 pm
The Center is hosting our first-ever Rocketfest. These feats of engineering allow us to send satellites into orbit, study Earth’s upper atmosphere and eventually send humans to other planets. Discover more about rockets through hands-on activities, live science demonstrations, special guest speakers and more!
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1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
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12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
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Fukaya Room A&B, Fremont Main Library
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Wednesday, March 27
Morning Book Club
9:30 am – 10:30 am
We are excited to announce that our Morning Book Club selection will be The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman. The Thursday

Murder Club was originally published in the UK in 2020 but quickly became an International Best Seller and remains on the New York Times Best Seller list today.
Banter Bookshop
3788 Capitola Ave., Ste. F, Fremont (510) 585-1004

Wednesday, March 27
Spring Into Steam Event
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Free, family-friendly evening with fun STEAM activities, giveaways, FUSD's STEAM Scavenger Hunt, food trucks, music, free raffle prizes, and more.
Downtown Event Center
3500 Capitol Ave., Fremont

Saturday, March 30
National Poetry Month Workshop
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Join us for a special workshop for kids and teens to celebrate National Poetry Month.
Centerville Library
3801 Nicolet Ave., Fremont (510) 795-2629

Saturday, March 30
Egg-Cellent Eggs
11:00 am
Discover the amazing diversity of bird eggs and how they are adapted

for different environments, then make and decorate your own wild bird egg model to take home and fill with treats! All ages. Parent participation required. Parking fees apply where charged. Disabled accessible. This is a drop-in program; no registration is required.
Coyote Hills Regional Park
8000 Patterson Ranch Rd., Fremont (510) 544-3220

Saturday, March 30
Meet the Bunnies
10:30 am – 11:30 am
Come meet the farm rabbits. Learn why they have big ears, their favorite food and how they communicate. See if you can find the softest part of a bunny. This is a drop-in program; no registration is required.
Ardenwood Farms
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont (510) 544-2797

Saturday, March 31
Old Fashioned Butter Makin'
11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Discover an easy way to make butter from cream then sample your tasty concoction on crackers! This is a drop-in program; no registration is required.
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Friday, April 5
Historic Days
10:00 am
Ride a narrow-gauge train, tour the beautifully restored Patterson House Museum. Every historic day ends with an animal feeding at 3 pm.
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BART Police Log

SUBMITTED BY BART PD

Tuesday, February 27
• At 10:30 a.m. a woman identified by police as Caitlin Fox, 29, from Hollister was contacted for fare evasion at the Milpitas station. She had a \$10K arrest warrant for child endangerment and obstructing a peace officer. Fox was transported to Santa Clara Jail.
• At 9:29 p.m. a man identified by police as Zeke Sizemore, 41, from Oakland was contacted after he fare evaded into the Bay Fair station. Sizemore was arrested for felon in possession of a firearm and

ammunition; drug paraphernalia, and failure to register as a sex offender. Sizemore was transported and booked into the Santa Rita Jail without incident.

Wednesday, February 28
• At 6:16 p.m. a person identified by police as Angela Koontz, 39, from Nevada was contacted for fare evading out of Hayward station. Koontz was arrested, transported, and booked into the Santa Rita Jail for possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to register as a sex offender.
• At 6:17 p.m. a man identified by police as Michael Woods, 31, from

Antioch was detained for fare evasion at Milpitas station. Woods was arrested on two active warrants. He was booked into Santa Clara County Jail.

Friday, March 1
• At 8:41 a.m. a man identified by police as Kyle Moss, 35, from Dublin was placed under arrest at Castro Valley station for aggravated battery causing serious bodily injury. Moss was issued a BART Prohibition Order and transported to Santa Rita Jail where he was booked.

Saturday, March 2
• At 8:25 a.m. a man identified by police as David Camet, 44, from San Francisco was detained for fare evasion at Hayward station. Camet was arrested on an active warrant and for carrying a

concealed dirk or dagger and for possession of drug paraphernalia. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Monday, March 4
• At 10:30 a.m. a man identified by police as Philip Cutting, 40, from San Jose was contacted for fare evasion at Bay Fair station. Cutting was taken into custody for an outstanding warrant and booked into Alameda County Jail in Dublin.
• At 6:40 p.m. a person identified by police as Sau Le, 62, from Hayward was detained for fare evading out of Bay Fair station. Le was subsequently arrested for possession of a controlled substance and was booked into the Santa Rita Jail.

Newark Police Log

SUBMITTED BY NEWARK PD

Monday, February 26
• 10:48 p.m.: Officers responded to the area of Zulmida Avenue and Deborah Street. A 50-year old male from Newark was arrested for corporal injury and transported to Santa Rita Jail.
Tuesday, February 27
• 7:48 a.m.: Officer Orozco responded to the 36000 block of

Deborah Street regarding a disturbance. A 54-year-old unsheltered male from Newark was arrested and booked into Santa Rita Jail for trespassing and theft.
• 10:50 p.m.: Officer McCuin investigated a court order violation at the Newark Police Department. A 45-year-old female from Fremont was arrested and transported to Santa Rita Jail.
Thursday, February 29
• 4:01 p.m.: Officers were dispatched to the 5600 block of Thornton Avenue regarding a disturbance. A 42-year-old

unsheltered male from Newark was arrested for possession of narcotics paraphernalia. He was issued a citation and released on scene.
Friday, March 1
• 3:09 p.m.: Officer Quinonez was dispatched to the 37400 block of Cherry Street regarding an assault. A 51-year-old male from Newark was arrested for battery, resisting and delaying arrest. The person was booked into Santa Rita Jail.
Saturday, March 2
• 1:13 a.m.: Officer Medina observed a disturbance on the 39200 block of Cedar Boulevard.

A 46-year-old female from Fremont was arrested for corporal battery and transported to Santa Rita Jail.
• 3:19 a.m.: Officers located a 27-year-old unsheltered male from Newark at the area of I-880 southbound and Thornton Avenue with a warrant for his arrest. He was transported and booked into Santa Rita Jail.
• 10:08 p.m.: Officers responded to a vehicle facing the wrong way on the 35100 block of Newark Boulevard. Upon arrival, officers located a driver asleep behind the wheel. A 35-year-old male from Newark was arrested

for driving under influence and booked into Santa Rita Jail.
Sunday, March 3
• 8:50 a.m.: Officers conducted a probation search on the 8200 block of Gateway Boulevard. Multiple subjects were arrested for narcotics, identity theft, burglary tools, and probation violations. All arrestees were booked into Santa Rita Jail, including a 30-year-old male from Manteca; a 32-year old female from Newark; a 47-year-old female from Newark; and a 33-year-old female from Newark.

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Beware The Ides of March



WILLIAM MARSHAK

Just as in the time of Caesar's reign over the Roman Republic and his assassination in 44 BC., there appears to be an abundance of activity in this mid-month "Ides." Shakespeare popularized the notion of caution as Caesar was warned repeatedly to avoid Senate chambers on that fateful day; he ignored the advice and paid the ultimate price. His demise, however, ushered in a relatively peaceful Roman Empire.

In our time, the Ides, based on a lunar calendar, is a bit hard to pinpoint, but the changes coming in this turbulent month are hard to avoid. National debates portend political chaos in major political parties; we can assume the local equivalent will soon begin. Just as historical ides warned of significant change, so does our local landscape provide both a cautionary tale and the possibility of a long and prosperous

result. During this time development proposals will be numerous, but the result of land use changes is not so clear. Assumptions based on future patterns of customs and behaviors, especially when applied to infrastructure and transportation, can be misleading. Wishing that behaviors will change within a particular timeframe in contrast with the reality of how and when it occurs can be vastly different.

As with the passing of Caesar in his time, the truth of any result is in the eye of the beholder. Declaring that patterns will change is not certain but supporting and setting realistic goals can provide a good chance of realizing expectations. The Ides is a good time to pause and examine our inventory of amenities, essential for the physical and mental wellbeing of citizens.

We are witnessing the turbulence that results when planning is biased toward positive aspects of construction without an adequate balance of social consequences. Stability can be achieved when schools, parks and recreational activities are included as an important counterbalance to unfettered growth. Caesar was warned of unpleasant consequences... so too should our City Councilmembers take heed.

This year the Ides include the reminder of past missteps by Fremont City Council. The conviction and sentencing of past City Manager Mark Danaj who served in the Fremont administration, a marred role as City Manager of Manhattan Beach and subsequent selection as Fremont City Manager raises a question of Fremont's hiring practices and diligence procedures. Another disturbing issue is the question of Fremont's sales tax collection. It had been reported that the city of Cupertino is facing a large repayment of sales taxes from Apple sales. A similar problem appears to be surfacing for the city of Fremont related to sales tax.

The challenge of this Ides of March is to closely monitor local government. The Ides are upon us and the warning is clear. Will we listen?



William Marshak
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Pioneer Baseball Finishes Series at Cal Poly Pomona with 5-4 Victory

SUBMITTED BY
CAL STATE EAST BAY ATHLETICS

Cal State East Bay baseball completed a four-game CCAA series against Cal Poly Pomona on Sunday, March 10 at Scolinos Field. The Pioneers won 5-4 over the Broncos as both teams split the series with two wins apiece.

The Pioneers took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning on a Luke Novitske RBI single

through the left side that drove in Luke Brown.

In the top of the fourth inning, the Pioneers scored two runs on a Matthew Mandeville single down the right field line that drove in Brenden Bell and Niko Mollat for a 3-0 lead.

The Pioneers added two more runs in top of the seventh inning – one coming on a Bell RBI single to left field that scored Matthew O'Mahony and Sam Gilliam scored on a passed ball.

Cal Poly Pomona got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the seventh inning with three runs, trimming CSUEB's lead to 5-3. In bottom of the ninth inning, the Broncos would score a run and would have the tying run in scoring position but Drake Richardson struck out the next batter for the final out as the Pioneers prevailed 5-4.

Notable Stats:

- Derek Murphy picked up his first win of the season with 5.0 innings on the mound allowing no runs and only two hits.
- The save went to Richardson, which was his third of the season.
- Mandeville led the Pioneers' offense going 3-for-5 with two RBIs.
- O'Mahony had two hits on Sunday. He has at least one hit in 18 of the 20 games played this season.

Cal State East Bay: 12-8, 4-4 CCAA

The Pioneers host San Francisco State for an upcoming four-game CCAA series that starts on Friday, March 15 from Pioneer Baseball Field. First pitch of the series opener is set for 3 p.m.



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San Leandro Police arrest man in connection with the shooting of a 4-year-old child

SUBMITTED BY
SAN LEANDRO PD

On Wednesday, February 28, 2024, just after 2 p.m., San Leandro Police responded to the 400 block of West Juana Avenue regarding a shooting at a residence. Arriving officers and detectives located a 4-year-old victim suffering from a single gunshot wound to the leg. Police personnel provided first aid measures before the young boy was medically transported by ambulance.

Fortunately, the child's injury was not life-threatening.

The ensuing investigation established that a single shooter, later identified as 33-year-old Adam Johnson of Oakland, stood in the shared driveway of a multi-unit residential property, and fired around 5 shots in quick succession with a handgun into one of the residences. Johnson then fired a single shot into an adjacent residential unit, striking the 4-year-old. Officers conducting a protective sweep of the first targeted residence located the intended victim inside uninjured.

Investigators believed Johnson arrived at the target residence

intending to recover a vehicle he had reported stolen earlier.

Utilizing surveillance footage, Flock Public Safety Cameras, and law enforcement intelligence sources, Detectives were able to identify the shooter as Adam Johnson. Johnson was safely taken into custody on February 29th.

Johnson has been charged by the Alameda County District Attorney's office with two counts of attempted homicide plus a litany of enhancements and special circumstances relating to firearm use and great bodily injury.

While criminal charges have been filed, SLPD continues to urge anyone with additional information regarding this incident to contact us via any of the following methods: Detective T. Perry at (510) 577-3235, anonymous tip line at (510) 577-3278, or Text-to-Tip at 888777 (keyword: TipSLPolice).

Fremont Fire Log

SUBMITTED BY FFD

Tuesday, March 5

• At 12:04 p.m. Fremont firefighters responded to a report

of a fire at 39169 Fremont Blvd. Crews located a small cooking fire that caused damage to the front porch area and front door of the Carriage House, and was extinguished by the automatic sprinkler system. Although there was some smoke extension into the building, there was no fire extension to the interior. There were no reports of injuries.

Alameda County Fire Log

SUBMITTED BY ACFD

Tuesday, March 5

• At 1:16 a.m. the Alameda County Fire Department responded to a commercial structure fire in the 1900 block of E.14 Street in

San Leandro. The San Leandro Police Department was the agency that notified the fire department. Close to two dozen firefighters arrived and aggressively put out the fire. No community members or crew members were injured. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

California Highway Patrol Log

SUBMITTED BY
CHP HAYWARD AREA OFFICE

Saturday, February 24

• While working RESET (Regional Sideshow Enforcement Team), Sergeant Edmon along with Officers from San Leandro PD conducted a high risk stop on two suspects who fled from a stolen car after the suspects were followed by an Alameda County Sheriff's Office airplane.



CHP Sideshow Enforcement

Alameda County Sheriff's Log

SUBMITTED BY
ALAMEDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Saturday, February 24

• Around 3:30 p.m. Alameda County Sheriff's Office Eden Township Substation patrol deputies responded to the 2000 block of Miramonte Avenue and Foothill Boulevard in unincorporated San Leandro for reports of a shooting.

Deputies located an unresponsive adult male suspect in his 30s down outside of the complex. Deputies rendered aid, but he succumbed to his injuries and died at the scene. Two adult male

victims who were located in a nearby apartment at that location, also suffered gunshot wounds. Deputies performed life-saving measures on both before paramedics arrived and transported them to a nearby hospital. One victim is a 55-year-old male who sustained non-life-threatening injuries. The second victim was a male in his 30s who was critically injured and later died at the hospital.

Investigators are working with the family to sort out the details of the shooting, which they have determined resulted from a family disturbance that occurred at that location. There are no outstanding suspects and no known threat to public safety.

EARTHTALK Q&A

Using Wildlife To Track Environmental Conditions

BY TAYLOR CONNELLY

Dear EarthTalk: How are researchers using wildlife to track environmental conditions and monitor climate change?

—Jane P., South Bend, IN



In Mongolia, pigeons equipped with sensors fly around and help measure the air quality. Photo Credit: Pexels.com.

Scientists currently rely mainly on a complex network of satellites, ocean buoys, weather stations and balloons to help predict the weather and the effects of climate change, but it might not be the best solution. What if instead of using satellites and weather stations to study the planet, scientists used animals? Imagine a world where a pigeon could help gather information on air pollution.

That world already exists. In Mongolia, pigeons equipped with sensors fly around the capital city of Ulaanbaatar and help measure the air quality. Tagged elephant seals help provide nearly 80 percent of all available information on ice depth and ocean salinity in Antarctica. Geolocation sensors, often attached to animals via collars or tags, can provide scientists with near endless amounts of information on wildlife and the environment. The sensors, equipped with GPS and other advanced technology, offer a lens directly into the habitats that animals inhabit.

Using wildlife to track environmental conditions only highlights the shortcomings of current methods of collecting climate data. While satellites can gauge temperatures at the surface of a cloud-covered jungle canopy, they cannot reveal the conditions on the ground. Not the way that a monkey would be able to. Most weather stations are built on flat land and in developed areas, not in the mountainous regions that

are heavily affected by climate change. However, mountain goats or birds with sensors can easily monitor the temperatures of the region. Wildlife geolocation sensors can help fill critical data gaps, particularly in more remote areas of the planet.

Equipping fish, birds, seals and other animals with sensors can offer highly localized and timely data that current tech cannot. The sensors can provide data on animal behavior and migration patterns along with data on environmental conditions impacted by climate change. They can improve scientists' measurements on air temperature, ocean salinity, air pollution and biodiversity. Rather than using satellites to capture images of the planet's surface, scientists can study animal decisions and preferred conditions to sense the quality and health of ecosystems. Studying the environmental conditions that drive animals' movements can offer a lens directly into the habitats themselves.

Thanks to action by the Max Planck Institute of Animal Behavior, thousands of birds and animals are already outfitted with sensors, but the opportunities that wildlife tracking presents have not yet been fully realized. To implement geolocation sensors on a wider scale there must be collaboration between government agencies and the science community. The data that the sensors could provide the

scientific world would be more accurate, timely, cost-effective and non-invasive than the more popularized current methods. Wildlife tracking provides an opportunity for revolution in conservation efforts, environmental monitoring and research on climate change.

ONLINE CONTACTS

• Biological Earth observation with animal sensors

www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0169534721003165

• Animals may be the best monitors of global climate change

www.mpg.de/20828038/0912-ornr-animals-may-be-the-best-monitors-of-global-climate-change-987453-x

• Gauging the role animals can play in monitoring climate change

<https://news.yale.edu/2023/09/18/gauging-key-role-animals-can-play-monitoring-climate-change>

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THE ROBOT REPORT

Robotics companies raised \$578M in January

BY DAN KARA

Robotics investments totaled \$578 million in January 2024 as the result of 46 funding rounds. This figure was substantially lower than the trailing twelve-month average, but in line with January 2023's figure of \$523 million.

The largest robotics investment in January 2024 was a \$100 million round secured by Norway-based 1X, a developer of humanoids. Chinese humanoid developer Robot Era raised \$14 million in February.

Makers of autonomous mobile robots (AMRs) for agricultural operations were well represented among February robotics investments. Examples include Bluewhite (\$39 million), Burro (\$24 million), Saga Robotics (\$11.5 million), farm-ng (\$10M), and Ant Robotics (\$2 million).

Companies based in China attracted the greatest investment amount (\$229 million), the result of 17 rounds. The leading investments among Chinese firms included Zhuoyi Intelligent Technology, a developer of drones and other classes of unmanned systems, autonomous truck developer Senior Automation, and GUOZI, a producer of AMRs.

Companies based in the United States raised \$154 million in January 2024, while Norway, buoyed by the \$100 million 1X investment, placed third among countries with \$113 million in funding.

While Series B rounds attributed for most of the January investments, all funding types were well represented in January 2024.

Editor's note

What defines robotics investments? The answer to this simple question is central in any attempt to quantify them with some degree of rigor. To make investment analyses consistent, repeatable, and valuable, it is critical to wring out as much

subjectivity as possible during the evaluation process. This begins with a definition of terms and a description of assumptions.

Investors and investing

Investment should come from venture capital firms, corporate investment groups, angel investors, and other sources. Friends-and-family investments, government/non-governmental agency grants, and crowd-sourced funding are excluded.

Robotics companies

Robotics companies must generate or expect to generate revenue from the production of robotics products (that sense, analyze, and act in the physical world), hardware or software subsystems and enabling technologies for robots, or services supporting robotics devices. For this analysis, autonomous vehicles (including technologies that support autonomous driving) and drones are considered robots, while 3D printers, CNC systems, and various types of "hard" automation are not.

Companies that are "robotic" in name only, or use the term "robot" to describe products and services that do not enable or support devices acting in the physical world, are excluded. For example, this includes "software robots" and robotic process automation. Many firms have multiple locations in different countries. Company locations given in the analysis are based on the publicly listed headquarters in legal documents, press releases, etc.

Verification

Funding information is collected from several public and private sources. These include press releases from corporations and investment groups, corporate briefings, market research firms, and association and industry publications. In addition, information comes from sessions at conferences and seminars, as well as during private interviews with industry representatives, investors, and others. Unverifiable investments are excluded and estimates are made where investment amounts are not provided or are unclear.

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Robert Hollister

Resident of Fremont

October 11, 1939 – January 12, 2024

Robert Eugene Hollister, born on October 11, 1939, passed away at age 84 after two years of declining health on January 12, 2024. He was preceded in death by his wife Joanne Hollister.

Robert (“Bob”) was born to Eugene Delos Hollister and Luella Kay Connor Hollister in San Francisco. Bob had an older sister who tragically passed away as a girl before Bob was born. He grew up in the Piedmont area of Oakland, CA. Starting at a very young age, he worked at his Uncle’s liquor store in Oakland. Bob graduated in the late 50’s from Oakland Tech High School where he played football and was very involved in the choir. Bob could harmonize with the best of them, even as an old man!

After high school, Bob joined the Air Force, serving a total of 12 years. He served as an Air Policeman and was stationed at many bases around the world in the late 50’s and 60’s. His family can remember him telling stories of being stationed in Japan and Germany. In 1963 during his enlistment in the Air Force, Bob married Joanne Beggs. They spent their first few years of marriage stationed in North Carolina. In the mid 60s, Bob became an Air Force recruiter and returned to the Bay Area in Fremont, CA.

In 1971, Bob started his State Farm business in Fremont and then moved his office to Milpitas where he ran a successful agency for 49 years. Bob felt that he was given the opportunity of a life-time when he began his agency. He was always very thankful for State Farm, and he thoroughly enjoyed helping his clients.

As Bob approached retirement, the highlight of his day was going to eat at Dino’s Restaurant almost daily. He enjoyed the company of a group



of men that would meet regularly at Dino’s for lunch, and he appreciated the friendship and care of the employees at the restaurant.

When looking back on his life, Bob was proud of the time that he had spent refereeing high school basketball and youth baseball in Fremont. He was active in the Fremont Rotary in the 80’s and was President in 1984. Bob enjoyed watching his kids and grandkids play sports. He generously made donations to their sports programs. In fact, Bob was well-known for his generosity, often helping financially to ease people’s burdens or simply to put a smile on their faces.

Bob is greatly missed by his children Brian (Jackie), Keith (Staci), and Robin, and his grandchildren Mackenzie, Connor, and André, and the rest of his family and friends.

Bob tragically lost his father when he was a boy, but he fondly remembered that his father used to share with him ice-cream dipped in coffee. Here is to Bob Hollister, finally reunited in heaven with his father and the loved ones who went before him, certainly sharing a vanilla ice-cream dipped in coffee.

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Dorothy Louise Mortenson

Dorothy Louise Mortenson passed away March 1, 2024. She was born on March 19, 1943 in Broomfield, Colorado to Mary Ann Solomon and Frank Owen Miller.

Dorothy grew up in Colorado and graduated from Alameda High School in Lakewood, Colorado. In 1965, she married Murl Skalla. Together they raised Stacie, Shamie and Sean. The family moved to California in 1974, where Dorothy met Clyde Mortenson. She blended her family with him and his two children, Patti and Greg, and married in 1976. While in California, Dorothy worked as a Forklift Driver and Quality Control Inspector at Nummi until she retired in 1997. Clyde and Dorothy moved to their dream home in Yerington, Nevada. She stayed there until 2020, when she moved to Firestone, Colorado to be closer to family.

Dorothy loved to garden, quilt and sew. She loved spending time with family and friends.

Dorothy is proceeded in death by her husband Clyde Mortenson and her parents.

She leaves to cherish her memory her sons, Sean Skalla of Firestone, CO and Greg Mortenson of San Leandro, CA; daughters, Stacie Skalla-Ekberg of Eric, CO, Shamie Skalla of Fremont, CA, and Patti Mortenson of San Leandro, CA; and brothers Frank Miller Jr (Tippy) and James Green. She is also survived by her grand-children Kayla Rand of Reno, NV, Jerald Zepponi of Erie, CO, Alex Skalla of Madison, WI, Kenny Skalla of Elko, NV, Lauren Skalla of Firestone, CO, Michael Moody of Mesa, AZ and Nicole Skalla of Denver, CO; and her great grand-children Aubree and Landon Rand of Reno, NV.

In Dorothy’s memory, please consider making memorial contributions to the Alzheimer’s Association.

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Jose E. Rodriguez, Jr.

July 10, 1965 – March 4, 2024

Resident of Fremont

We are sad to announce the passing of our son, brother, uncle, great uncle, and great great uncle, Jose E. Rodriguez. Loving son of Jose C. Rodriguez and Jovita Rodriguez. Resident of Fremont California, he passed away unexpectedly on March 4, 2024 at the age of 58. Jose was born on July 10, 1965 in Hayward, California to Jose C. Rodriguez and Jovita Rodriguez. He is survived by his loving father Jose C. Rodriguez, sisters Anna De La O, Bertha Rodriguez, Irene Roberts and brother Victor Rodriguez. Preceded in death by his mother Jovita Rodriguez and brother Jaime Rodriguez. Jose never married, but was a beloved uncle to 15 nieces and nephews, 29 great nieces and nephews, and 4 great great nieces and nephews. And beloved godfather to Carla Santaella and Mikey Metcalf.

Jose attended Wyotech for 1 1/2 years and worked at Melins Refrigeration for 7 years as a HVAC technician. Jose's love of foosball brought him great joy and a lifetime of friends. Jose played on the Nor-Cal Foosball Sacramento team. To his foosball family he was known as Hozor. To his many nieces and nephews, he was uncle Teddy Bear. Always making us laugh and filling a room with smiles. Jose's generous and thoughtful nature impacted the lives of many, and those who loved him take comfort in the outpour of condolences from friends and family. Apart from



being the most loyal 49er faithful, Jose loved his '86 corvette and spent all of his free time working on it.

During this time of profound sadness, let us remember Jose for the loving person he was and the beautiful memories he leaves behind. His heart was filled with so much love, that he was called by our Father in heaven so that he could share it with all the angels above.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 14th from 5pm-8pm with a Vigil and Rosary starting at 6pm at Fremont Memorial Chapel, 3723 Peralta Blvd. in Fremont. A Funeral Mass will be held for Jose on Friday, March 15th, 10:30am at St. Edward Catholic Church, 5788 Thornton Ave. in Newark. The burial will follow at Irvington Memorial Cemetery in Fremont.

Fremont Memorial Chapel

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THE ROBOT REPORT

Autonomous vehicles drove more than 9 million miles in California in 2023



Two Cruise autonomous vehicles driving on the streets of San Francisco. Picture Source: Cruise

BY THE ROBOT REPORT STAFF

Autonomous vehicle (AV) companies, with the proper permits, drove 9,068,861 test miles in autonomous mode from Dec. 2022 – Nov. 2023, according to the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The organization recently released its annual disengagement reports.

The DMV's annual reports summarize when vehicles disengaged from autonomous mode during testing, based on the companies' self-reported data. Of the over nine million miles

recorded, 3,267,792 miles were completely driverless, and 5,801,069 were with a safety driver. In total, California saw an increase of about 3.3 million autonomous miles driven from the previous reporting period.

While the reports can provide insights to better understand the scale of autonomous vehicle (AV) testing in the state, they're not a good indicator of how these companies' operations compare to each other. The numbers are all self-reported and don't include insights about what kind of driving these AVs are doing. For example, some companies are testing their vehicles on less

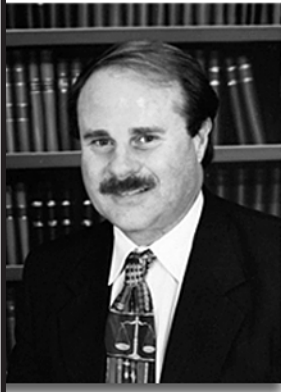
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Please call for day, evening, or weekend, appointment

Rafael Farias Garcia

January 17, 1923 – March 2, 2024

Resident of Fremont

the two US flags on Iwo Jima from his ship.

When he married Pearl Souther in 1952, she had 3 kids from a previous marriage, Fred (Angela) Garza, John S. Garza, JoAnn (Dan) Garza Madrid, whom he raised as his own. Later, he had 4 more kids with Pearl: Cindy (Larry) Garcia Bottero, Ralph James (Milann) Garcia, Gerry (Gloria) Garcia, and Eric (Suzy) Garcia. Sadly, Pearl, John, & Gerry preceded him in death.

Eric stated, "I have a lot of fond memories of Dad making and fixing things perfectly; he had a knack for it as well as a strong work ethic which I am truly grateful for. He was a great role model for working hard, taking pride in your work, and family."

Rafael worked full-time at the Alameda Naval Air Station as a jet engine mechanic for 31 years and part-time as a mechanic in Hayward's Sears Automotive Dept. Throughout Cindy's life growing up, she remembers him working two jobs for years, with only one day off a week. He certainly came from the greatest generation. He never would give up and could always come up with a workaround solution to

any problem. We just called them Garcia inventions. He loved kids, especially babies, and we'd often find him rolling around the floor playing with them. The three youngest boys played competitive soccer throughout their school years, and after Dad retired, he and Mom would make it a priority to watch them at their games. Both Mom and Dad were very creative, loved to draw, and paint holiday decorations on the windows during the holidays. With seven kids in the family and living on only one income, we didn't have much money growing up, but I think we had much more, certainly everything we really needed.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 14th from 4-8pm with a Chapel Service starting at 6:30pm at Fremont Chapel of the Roses, 1940 Peralta Blvd. in Fremont. A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, March 15th, 1pm at St Joseph's Catholic Church, 43148 Mission Blvd. in Fremont. The burial will be immediately after the church services, at Irvington Memorial Cemetery, 41001 Chapel Way in Fremont.

Fremont Chapel of the Roses

510-797-1900

dynamic public roads, so they run into fewer issues than a company testing in busy downtown areas.

There are currently 38 companies with valid permits to test AVs with safety drivers. Six of them — Apollo, AutoX, Nuro, Waymo, WeRide, and Zoox — can test without safety drivers. Pegasus Technology Holdings failed to submit a disengagement report, and the DMV says it is suspending the company's permit.

Autonomous vehicle disengagements in 2023

A disengagement occurs when a failure of the technology is detected or when the safety driver takes immediate control of the vehicle. The report includes the total number of disengagements for each company, the circumstances or testing conditions, the location, and the total miles traveled in autonomous mode on public roads for each permit holder.

Disengagements can be a tricky metric to keep track of. Each company is left to determine what a disengagement is for them and reports accordingly. For example, safety drivers may take control of a vehicle in times when they think the AV system is failing, but simulations of the incident show the vehicle would have responded appropriately. In this case, some companies might report the

disengagement, while others may choose not to.

AV companies reported 6,570 disengagements in 2023, with three companies, AutoX, Cruise, and Mercedes-Benz, reporting none. It's unclear why these companies reported no disengagements for the year, and it doesn't necessarily mean their systems had no disengagements during the reporting period. If you've followed Cruise, for example, you're well aware of its struggles.

Of the companies that did report disengagements, Zoox vehicles averaged the most miles driven per disengagement at 177,602 miles. Following Zoox is WeRide with 21,191 miles, and Waymo with 17,311 miles. It should be noted that of these three companies, Waymo has the largest and most varied service area, which could contribute to a larger number of disengagements.

For the first time, AV companies reported how many disengagements came from a safety driver, how many came from the AV system itself, or both. Zoox, for example, reported only four disengagements, all coming from a safety driver.

Waymo reported 191 disengagements from a safety driver and 21 from the AV system. Apple, which greatly ramped up its AV testing in

2023, reported 2,391 disengagements from a safety driver and 803 from the system.

Waymo, Cruise, Zoox have largest fleets, most miles

In total, there were 1,603 autonomous vehicles in operation in California during the 2023 reporting period. Around 76% of those vehicles were operated by three companies: Cruise with 510, Waymo with 438, and Zoox with 281. Cruise's permits were suspended in October, a month before the recording period ended.

Despite Cruise having the most vehicles, Waymo covered the most distance in 2023. In total, Waymo vehicles traveled 4,858,890 miles. Of those, 3,669,962 miles were with a safety driver and 1,188,928 miles were driverless.

Cruise came in second. Its vehicles traveled 583,624 miles without a safety driver and had the most driverless miles at 2,064,728 miles. Zoox vehicles traveled 710,409 miles with a safety driver, and 11,263 without.

With only 67 vehicles on the road, Apple greatly increased its miles driven in 2023. During the reporting period, its vehicles traveled 452,744 miles with a safety driver, an over 261% increase from the 125,096 miles it covered in 2022. Apple does not have a permit for driverless testing.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF FREMONT
PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FREMONT WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL SAID PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD AT 7:00 P.M., ON THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024, AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 3300 CAPITOL AVENUE, FREMONT, CALIFORNIA, AT WHICH TIME ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PERSONS MAY APPEAR AND BE HEARD.

WITHERLY LANE HOMES – 830 Witherly Lane - PLN2023-00143 - To consider a Design Review Permit, Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 8546, and a Private Street in conjunction with a proposal to subdivide the three-lot, 4.15-net-acre site into 10 single-family lots at 830 Witherly Lane in the Mission San Jose Community Plan Area and to consider a finding that no further environmental review is required pursuant to an exemption from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15183, as the project is consistent with the land use envisioned for the site as established by the General Plan for which an Environmental Impact Report (SCH#2010082060) was previously prepared and certified.

Project Planner – Marc Cleveland, (510) 494-4543, mcleaveland@fremont.gov

* NOTICE *

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

JOEL PULLEN, AICP, SECRETARY
FREEMONT PLANNING COMMISSION



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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 24CV064565

Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA
Petition of: SHEETAL GULATI for Change of Name

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner SHEETAL GULATI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: SHEETAL GULATI to SHEETAL SHARMA.

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: 04/09/2024, 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: FEB 20, 2024
THOMAS J NIXON
Judge of the Superior Court
3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26/24

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAMESFICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 604467

Fictitious Business Name(s):
SILICON VALLEY FIJIAN HOMECARE AGENCY, 842 BOGGS AVE, FREMONT, CA 94539, County of ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):
JEKOE VEIBATAKI, 842 BOGGS AVE, FREMONT, CA 94539, 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/ JEKOE VEIBATAKI
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 03/05/2024

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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CNS-3791541#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 604249

Fictitious Business Name(s):
WABI SABI CREATIVE, 35111F NEWARK BLVD PMB 532, NEWARK, CA 94560, County of ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):
VALERIE CHEUNG, 35111F NEWARK BLVD PMB 532, NEWARK, CA 94560, County of ALAMEDA

Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)

/s/ VALERIE CHEUNG
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 02/26/2024

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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CNS-3789246#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 603983

Fictitious Business Name(s):
DRIVEWAY AUTO SALE, 37525 GLENMOOR DR UNIT 15, FREMONT, CA 94538, County of ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):
DRIVEWAY AUTO TIRES LLC, 15225 FARINSWORTH ST, SAN LEANDRO, CA 94579, Business conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/08/2024

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/ SAMIULLAH SOHAIL
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 02/08/2024

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CNS-3787960#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 604134

Fictitious Business Name(s):
626 TOWING LLC, 37600 SYCAMORE STREET, NEWARK, CA 94560, County of ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):
626 TOWING LLC, 37600 SYCAMORE STREET, 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 10/21/2021

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)

/s/ SHUN GUO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 02/20/2024

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CNS-3787932#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 604591

Fictitious Business Name(s):
FIREHOUSE SUBS, 43344 BOSCELL RD, FREMONT, CA 94538, County of ALAMEDA

MAILING ADDRESS: 36685 SUGAR PINE CT., NEWARK, CA 94560

Registrant(s):
UNITED ONE VENTURE, 36685 SUGAR PINE CT., NEWARK, CA 94560

Business conducted by: A CORPORATION
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)

/s/ KAMALJIT SIDHU
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 02/16/2024

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CNS-3786866#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 604071

Fictitious Business Name(s):
J D LOPEZ CONSTRUCTION, 3484 PINEWOOD DR, HAYWARD, CA 94542, County of ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):
JESUS DARIO LOPEZ, 3484 PINEWOOD DR, HAYWARD, CA 94542

Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)

/s/ JESUS DARIO LOPEZ
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 02/15/2024

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CNS-3786862#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 604051

Fictitious Business Name(s):
SEVEN INVEST, 40087 MISSION BLVD STE #342, FREMONT, CA 94539, County of ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):
ANDREW XIONG, 40087 MISSION BLVD STE #342, FREMONT, CA 94539, 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/ ANDREW XIONG
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 02/14/2024

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CNS-3785920#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 603642

Fictitious Business Name(s):
3 IDIOTS INVESTMENTS, 47618 HOYT ST., FREMONT, CA 94539-7557, County of ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):
JAYESH PATEL, 47618 HOYT ST., FREMONT, CA 94539-7557, County of ALAMEDA

JITENDRA PATEL, 47618 HOYT ST., FREMONT, CA 94539-7557, County of ALAMEDA

HITESH SHAH, 47618 HOYT ST., FREMONT, CA 94539-7557, County of ALAMEDA

Business conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP

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/ JAYESH PATEL
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 01/26/2024

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CNS-3784933#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 603852

Fictitious Business Name(s):
ONE STAGE THEATRE / STAGE 1 THEATRE, 3285 SELDON COURT, FREMONT, CA 94539, County of ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):
FREMONT STAGE 1, 3285 SELDON COURT, 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 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/ LORRAINE VANROD
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 02/05/2024

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CNS-3784501#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 604018

Fictitious Business Name(s):
MALHOTRA MANJEET DAYCARE, 4659 CERRITOS AVE, FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDA

MAILING ADDRESS: 4833 LEON CT., FREMONT, CA 94536

Registrant(s):
MALJEET MALHOTRA, 4833 LEON CT., FREMONT, CA 94536

Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09/29/2023

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/ MANJEET KAUR MALHOTRA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 02/13/2024

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CNS-3784494#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 603162

Fictitious Business Name(s):
CONCHA DREAMS, 1674 EAST AVENUE, HAYWARD, CA 94541, County of ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):
ROSE V. AGUILAR, 1674 EAST AVENUE, HAYWARD, CA 94541

MARTINEZ LUIS EDGAR R., 1674 EAST AVENUE, HAYWARD, CA 94541

Business conducted by: A Married Couple
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on XXX

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/s/ XXX
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 01/03/2024

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CNS-3783595#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 603615

Fictitious Business Name(s):
NOR CAL TIRES AND WHEELS, 42240 FREMONT BLVD, FREMONT, CA 94538, County of ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):
SELE INVESTMENTS INC., 863 N MAIN ST., FORT BRAG, CA 95437

Business conducted by: A CORPORATION
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2024

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/s/ GHULAM ANSAR
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 01/25/2024

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CNS-3783193#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 603764

Fictitious Business Name(s):
CAF BUSTERS, 21572 MISSION BLVD, HAYWARD, CA 94541, County of ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):
CARSTENSZ AUTOMOTIVE GROUP LLC, 21572 MISSION BLVD, HAYWARD, CA 94541, 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 02/01/2024

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/s/ CHAD BAKSMATI
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 02/01/2024

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CNS-3783188#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 603942

Fictitious Business Name(s):
WONDERHOME / WONDERTHINGS / WONDERFIELD, 40147 WINDSOR COURT, FREMONT, CA 94538, County of ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):

PUBLIC NOTICES

creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Petitioner: DEBORAH A. SAMPSON, 565 FRONTIER LANE, ROSEVILLE, CA 95747, Telephone: 831-277-5530 2/27, 3/5, 3/12/24

CNS-378597#

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MOHAMMED MEHRDAD TABATABAIE CASE NO. 24PR063180

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: MOHAMMED MEHRDAD TABATABAIE

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

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on 3/22/2024 at 9:45 A.M. in Dept. 201 Room N/A located at 2120 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR WAY, BERKELEY, CA

94704. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Petitioner: ZOHREH TABATABAIE, 15500 QUITO RD, SARATOGA, CA 95070, Telephone: 408-712-1589 2/27, 3/5, 3/12/24

CNS-3785335#

TRUSTEE SALES

T.S. No. 113302-CA APN: 501-0648-067 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 9/15/2016, 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 4/3/2024 AT 12:00 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP. as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 9/26/2016 as Instrument No. 2016245070 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Alameda County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: LARRY L. MAKAIPO AND LINDA ROSE MAKAIPO, HUSBAND AND WIFE 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 FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 4655 NORTHDAL E DR, FREMONT, CA 94536-6847. 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: \$864,102.83 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 or may be the 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 the 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 (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 113302-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.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 113302-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 2/27, 3/5, 3/12/24

www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 113302-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 3/12, 3/19, 3/26/24

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T.S. No. 117682-CA APN: 092-0005-012-00 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/9/2005, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER ON 4/10/2024 AT 12:00 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP. as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 11/28/2005 as Instrument No. 2005505758 the subject Deed of Trust was modified by Loan Modification recorded on 12/19/2013 as Instrument 2013387788 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Alameda County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: JAMES ARZE AND JACQUELINE ARZE, HUSBAND AND WIFE 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: LOT 12, BLOCK 4, LYING NORTHEASTERLY OF THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD TRACKS, MAP OF THE TOWN OF NEWARK, FILED MAY 6, 1978 MAP EBP 17, PAGE 10, ALAMEDA COUNTY RECORDS, BEING ALSO LOTS 84 AND 85, BLOCK 4, AS SAID LOTS AND BLOCKS ARE SHOWN ON THE MAP OF NEWARK TERMINAL TRACT, FILED AUGUST 7, 1912, IN BOOK 27, PAGE 9 OF MAP, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF ALAMEDA COUNTY. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 36583 MULBERRY 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: \$305,771.19 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 the 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 (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 117682-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.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 117682-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 2/27, 3/5, 3/12/24

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Agustín de Miguel

May 5, 1935 – February 25, 2024

Resident of Union City



Agustín de Miguel went home to God peacefully on February 25, 2024 surrounded by his family. He was 88 years old. Agustín is survived by his wife, Gloria; his children: Pamela (Leo) Mendoza; Richard (Griselda) de Miguel; his grandchildren: Gabriel (Jayden), Alyssa, Eric, Briana, and Roman. He is also survived by his sister, Vicenta de Miguel; many brothers in-law, sisters in-law, nieces, nephews, and dear friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, Ricardo and Antonia de Miguel, his brother, Pedro; and his sisters, Teodora and Agueda.

Agustín was born on May 5, 1935 in Uztárroz, Navarra, Spain. He was the 4th of 5 children and was raised during the Spanish Civil War. He also served in the Spanish army. After his two years of service, he returned to his village where he worked in the mountains cutting trees, hunting wild boar and herding sheep.

Seeking a better life, he and his cousin Nicolás Pérez immigrated to the United States in 1966. For four years they tended thousands of sheep crossing between Nevada and Idaho. During this time, they met Walter McCloud on his hunting venture who also happened to be the Chief of Police in Pleasanton, CA. Through their developed friendship, Walter encouraged the cousins to pursue opportunities in construction in the Bay Area.

Shortly thereafter, Agustín began attending night school to learn English where he met his future wife, Gloria Rodas. They were married in St. Augustine Catholic Church in Pleasanton and later settled in Union City, CA. On March 18, 2024 they would have celebrated 52 years of marriage.

Agustín was a proud union painter and had recently received a certification from the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades Local 3 for being a 50-year member in good standing. He was also a notable member of the Unión Española de California in San Francisco. In the 1980's, Agustín was part of the volunteer construction crew who helped transform the warehouse building into the Spanish club that stands today. Additional interests include: cooking, reading, traveling, playing Mus (Basque card game), planting/tending to his vegetable garden, watching Golden State Warriors basketball, SF 49ers football, and La Liga Spanish soccer.

He was a man who valued honesty, loyalty, hard work, education, family, and friendships. He left an impact on every person he met; he did well to listen to others and give his ideas and opinions. Most importantly, he will be remembered by his children and grandchildren who never had to question whether he loved them or was proud of them because he made that so obvious. His greatest joy in life was when he was surrounded by his loved ones. He will be missed dearly.

Visitation will be held on Monday, March 18th, from 5-8pm with a Rosary and Vigil Service at 6pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 703 C St. in Union City. The Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, March 19th, 10am at Our Lady of the Rosary Church. The burial will follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward.

Fremont Chapel of the Roses 510-797-1900

SUBMITTED BY CSUEB ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

The CCAA announced its postseason awards for the 2023-24 men and women's basketball season. Five members from Cal State East Bay were recipients of honors from the conference. Named to the All-CCAA First Team were Dimitrios Klonaras and Grady Lewis, while Tyree Campbell was named All-CCAA Honorable Mention from the men's team. Payton Sterk was named to the All-CCAA Second Team and Jaela Richardson was named All-CCAA Honorable Mention from the women's team.

Dimitrios Klonaras - All-CCAA First Team

Klonaras was a leader in several categories for the Pioneers, including points-per-game (15.3), rebounding (7.6 per game), assists (80), 3-pointers (31), free throw percentage (.800) and steals (50). Among the CCAA statistical leaders, Klonaras was third in rebounds-per-game, fourth in points-per-game and

Cal State East Bay All-CCAA Honors for 2023-24 Season

second in steals. Following the week of Nov. 7-Dec. 3, Klonaras was named CCAA Player of the Week. The postseason honor from the conference was the second in his career as in 2022-23, he was named All-CCAA Honorable Mention.

Grady Lewis - All-CCAA First Team

For the second consecutive year, Lewis was an All-CCAA First Team selection as a sophomore. His .694 field goal percentage was highest in the CCAA among qualifying players. Defensively, he had 28 blocks to lead the Pioneers and had the second most in the conference. He had seven double-doubles during the season.

Tyree Campbell - All-CCAA honorable Mention

Campbell averaged 12 points-per-game (third on the team) and 3.6 rebounds per game. His season high for scoring with 28 points was on January 4 against Cal Poly Humboldt.

Payton Sterk - All-CCAA Second Team

Sterk had an outstanding sophomore season with the Pioneers. She led the CCAA with

18.5 points-per-game in the regular season. She also led the conference in 3-pointers with 83, shooting .372 from beyond the arc. Three times during the season, she tied a school record for 3-pointers in a game with seven. Her career-high 36 points on December 9 was the most by a Pioneer since joining the modern CCAA in 2009.

Jaela Richardson – All-CCAA Honorable Mention

In her senior season, Richardson had a .471 field goal percentage which was fifth highest among qualifying players in the CCAA. She averaged 11.5 points-per-game and had five double-doubles during the season. Her season high in scoring was 29 points on February 24 against Sonoma State. Her 29 total blocks were fifth-most in the CCAA. Following the 2022-23 season, Richardson was named to the All-CCAA Second Team.

Newark Memorial Athletics Crab Feed

SUBMITTED BY NEWARK MEMORIAL ATHLETICS

Newark Memorial High School Athletics is proud to announce we are hosting our Crab Feed on Saturday, March 16. Dinner will be served from 6 p.m. at Swiss Park in Newark.

All proceeds support Newark Memorial High School Athletics. There are about 750 athletes, and they need your support now more than ever. From equipment to uniforms and more, your donations are gratefully received. To purchase tickets go see

any NMHS Coach or email Athletic Director Coach K at rkahoalii@newarkunified.org

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Locomotive's Centenary Birthday Draws Railway Lovers to Sunol

lumber mill near Sparks, Nevada. That somewhat ignominious duty saved the engine, though, preventing it from being scrapped like so many others of its age. That mill was later closed and torn down, leaving the engine to the elements in an empty field. In the early 1970s, the PLA offered to take it away and the owners gladly donated it.

From Nevada it was moved to PLA facilities then located on Navy property near the



Richmond Bridge, where it remained until 1985 when the Navy developed other plans for the area. Fortunately, the abandoned railway through Niles Canyon offered prospects of a new home for the locomotive, but the engine would sit in storage in Fremont until 2005 when the PLA gained a rail connection that allowed them to move Clover Valley Lumber #4 to the Sunol - Niles Line known as the Niles Canyon Railway. Volunteers worked from 2007 to 2012 restoring the engine to pristine working order.

The engine is a 2-6-6-2 Mallet covered tanker, which means there are two pilot wheels in front, two six-wheels driver sets, and two trailing wheels. The covered boiler and oil tanks sit above the driving wheels, providing superior traction on Clover Valley's steep mount railway.

The locomotive's jointed configuration was invented by Swiss engineer Anatole Mallet (1837-1819). It is an efficient design that employs high- and low-pressure cylinders that make the best use of the boiler's steam. The front set of driving wheels

are on a separate swiveling assembly that allows the engine to negotiate the tightly winding tracks of mountainous terrain.

One of the problems facing earlier articulated designs was connecting high-pressure steam lines to the cylinders mounted on the swiveling truck, as the pivoting joints were prone to leaks. By equipping the front drivers with large cylinders, the reduction in pressure meant the steam connections were more reliable.

When the PLA began running its trains from Sunol to Niles in 1987, the historic canyon had already seen train traffic for over 100 years. In 1869, just months after the coasts of the country were joined with a golden spike in Promontory Utah, the Central Pacific bought Western Pacific and completed a line all the way to Alameda, the final leg of the First Transcontinental Railway. Niles Station was soon constructed (named after Central Pacific attorney Addison C. Niles, who later became a California Supreme Court judge) and the new town around it took the station's name.

Southern Pacific eventually absorbed the Central Pacific but invested most of its resources in the northern mainline to Benicia and Martinez. Consequently, less investment in the south meant that the tunnels and original gradings of the Central Pacific era survived to contribute to the nostalgic feel of the Niles Canyon route. Southern Pacific deeded the rights of way to Alameda County in 1984 and in 1987 the PLA entered into an agreement with the county, after which Association volunteers worked for over a year on the first part of the track reconstruction between Sunol and Brightside.

The Niles Canyon Transcontinental Railroad Historic District is on the National Register of Historic Places and provides train rides to the public year-round.

For more information, visit ncry.org and the National Park Services website, <https://www.nps.gov/places/niles-canyon-transcontinental-railroad-historic-district.htm>





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