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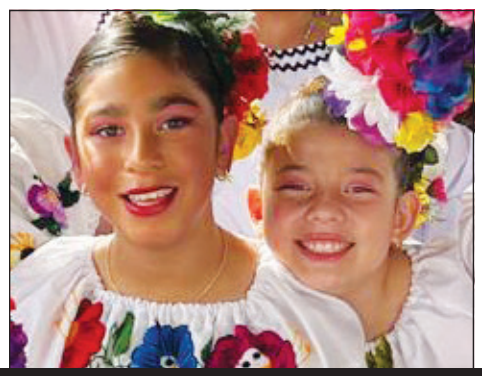

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Bay Area sparkles for the season

ORGANIZATIONS AND RESIDENTS START LIGHT-CENTRIC ACTIVITY

By **STAFF**

With the clocks turning back, the Bay Area has much less evening light. Luckily, events coming up for November and December celebrate lighting things up! (But not actually setting things on fire. Not in this dry fall.)

Locals driving up Mission Boulevard in the evening might see Niles Canyon Railway's Train of Lights cross the railroad overpass. The cars are decorated for the holidays inside and out. Tickets sell out as soon as they go on sale in October. Learn more at www.ncry.org.

Oakland Zoo has implemented a plan-ahead pricing and block ticketing system for its animal-themed lantern festival Glowfari. Currently, tickets are available for dates through Nov. 27, and prices change depending on the dates and times. After the zoo closes, animatronic animal lanterns light up the paths of the zoo in elaborate scenes. This year's themes are the Nile, barnyard animals, mountain animals and dinosaurs. www.oaklandzoo.org

The East Bay has two light parades through downtown streets: Castro Valley's on Nov. 9 (www.edenareachamber.com), and Niles' on Nov. 29 (www.niles.org). Both involve floats and marchers from local schools and community organizations. Niles will also have a tree lighting ceremony.

The historical homes of Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (HARD) are showing off for the season too. Tour the lighted and decorated Mt. Eden Mansion on Dec. 3, McConaghy House on Dec. 4 and Meek Mansion on Dec. 5. www.haywardrec.org

Local cities are having their annual downtown tree lightings in early December. Fremont will hold their Holidays at the Plaza on Dec. 6 (www.fremont.gov) and Hayward's Light Up the Season will take place Dec. 7 (www.hayward-ca.gov).

After regular hours at Oakland Zoo, animated lanterns explore the animal world from the poles to the desert. Photo credit: Stephanie Uchida

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The sculpture 'Bear Hunt' by Douglas Tilden welcomes students to the California School for the Deaf campus. Photo by Panashe Matemba-Mutasa

Local deaf school's future is uncertain

LOW WAGES AND UNDERFUNDING COULD MEAN RELOCATION FOR HUNDREDS OF LOCAL DEAF STUDENTS

By **PANASHE MATEMBA-MUTASA**

The California School for the Deaf (CSD) in Fremont has long been a sanctuary for hearing-impaired students throughout Northern California. But after more than 160 years of supporting the region's deaf children and their families, the school now faces the threat of closure.

Teachers, staff and alumni gathered in CSD's Klopping Theater on Tuesday, October 22 to voice their concerns about the school's future, citing issues such as low wages, aging facilities and dwindling enrollment. American Sign Language teacher Ty Kovacs warned that without state intervention, around 400 local deaf students could lose what many of them consider their second home.

"We have built a culture of community. Being deaf is normal here, and everyone signs," Kovacs said. "What we are facing is a cultural genocide."

A first-year teacher's salary after taxes at CSD is around $2,750 a month, compared to the state average of just over $4,000 a month, according to the California Department of Education. Data published on Apartments.com reveals the average rent for a one-bedroom apartment in Fremont is $2,430, 88% of the take-home pay for a beginning teacher at CSD. To survive, many CSD staff commute over 100 miles to Fremont or live in their vehicles.

Those who still can't make ends meet are searching for employment elsewhere. Since 2017, the school has lost 272 staff members. More than 45 employees have transferred to the California School for the Deaf in Riverside, the sister school to CSD Fremont, because wages are the same while the cost of living is lower. This migration has fueled conversation about a possible relocation of the Fremont campus to cheaper areas of Northern California, namely Sacramento. But many have built their lives in Fremont and are not ready to uproot.

"I acted on this stage, so I feel torn about relocation," alumna Jacinda Baldwin said as she passionately signed to attendees. "This is home for me."

With the community divided on whether or not resettlement is the solution, it's unlikely a decision will be made soon. If they do go through with the move, staff and families could feel less squeezed financially: comparative data on BestPlaces.net reveals the cost of living in Sacramento is 45.2% cheaper than in Fremont. The median home cost is the biggest factor in determining this cost of living difference, with this cost being 68% less expensive in Sacramento than in Fremont.

CSD school nurse Karen Brungess believes the relocation discussions are unnecessarily complicating the situation. What she truly wants—and what she believes is the key to resolving the issue—is a salary increase. Since joining the school in 2014, Brungess has witnessed many nurses leave for better-paying opportunities elsewhere. Now, with only three full-time and two part-time nurses, the school has turned to the community to fill in the gaps and deliver essential health services to students on campus.

"We can't recruit and retain," Brungess said. "People will show interest, find out the pay and then say no thank you."

As difficult as it can be working in an understaffed environment for low wages, Brungess stays because of her commitment to the students. She finds joy in watching the kids learn and grow. She says if the state can more adequately fund the CSD, it would be the "perfect" place to work.

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Cuts connect cultures around the world

PAPERCUTTING EXHIBIT OPENS AT OLIVE HYDE ART GALLERY

By **STEPHANIE UCHIDA**

The word "cleave" is a contronym—a word with opposing definitions—meaning both to separate and to connect. Olive Hyde's current exhibit "Connecting Cuts" explores this paradox through the medium of papercutting, showing how this one art form brings together people and cultures. Artists on display come from around the Bay Area, across the States and from China.

Papercutting is exactly what it sounds like: intricate designs created by carving shapes in positive and negative space into paper. The form is represented in cultures around the world, such as Indonesia, Poland, Germany, Mexico, China and Japan. Bay Area residents likely saw some examples of papel picado banners for Day of the Dead celebrations.

Guest curator Bianca Levan explored different art forms and music growing up, but none of them presented the chance for self-expression she was searching for until she stumbled upon papercutting. She remembers thinking, "This is the most beautiful thing I've ever seen! I'm gonna give that a try!" She continues. "My first papercutting was with a box cutter and a paper bag, and instantly I was just Oh sh– there's something here."

Some artists layer different colors of paper, or even turn the sheets into 3D art, but Levan prefers to work in 2D black and white. The process has a meditative quality. "You start off with this black piece of paper, or this question, and you don't know what it is. Then as you sit there and start to carve away different pieces, it kind of reveals an image. At the end of it I don't necessarily have an answer, but there is something about sitting with the question and working through them while I'm papercutting that helps ground me."

Bianca Levan's works in black and white have a meditative quality. Courtesy of Bianca Levan

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Palliative Care Program Helps Patients Suffering with Serious Illness

Services Help with Pain, Coordination of Care, Stress, Family Concerns, and More

November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month, a time to acknowledge those who suffer from serious illness and end of life, and the families and loved ones who care for them.

People sometimes confuse palliative care with hospice care, since they both provide services to the seriously ill. Palliative care patients are provided with curative medical treatment that isn't limited to a specific time frame or diagnosis. Palliative care helps patients manage symptoms for a variety of illnesses for as long as possible. Hospice provides comfort mostly at the end of life.

Washington Hospital Healthcare System provides a Palliative Care Program that includes a wide range of services and coordination of care. Krishna Suri, DO, a board-certified internal medicine doctor, takes a special interest in palliative care. "Palliative care aims to be a resource providing quality symptom management and adept guidance of care," he emphasizes.

The Hospital's Palliative Care Team (consisting of doctors, nurses, social workers, nurse practitioners, spiritual care coordinator, and other specialists) works with patients' primary care providers to assess their needs and develop a plan of care, according to Dr. Suri.

How Palliative Care Helps

The program includes helping patients and families:

- Navigate the health care system
- Identify goals of care
- Address complex symptoms and difficult treatment choices
- Ensure that preferences for medical care match goals and values
- Receive psychosocial, emotional and spiritual support
- Anticipate and plan next steps as a disease progresses

Working with a team that understands the needs of those suffering with serious illness can help foster communication, encouraging families to discuss important issues and, if needed, arrange for counseling. Discussions often include complex pain, depression, anxiety, fatigue, shortness of breath, constipation, nausea, loss of appetite, and difficulty sleeping.

"My philosophy of care has always been, 'Care does not end at the prescription,'" Dr. Suri explains. He likes to spend time with his patients and their families to understand their comprehensive needs and support systems. "Getting to know my patients and their loved ones is what drives me," he says.

Who the Program Helps

"Palliative care isn't just for cancer patients, as many people sometimes believe," Dr. Suri notes. In addition to cancer, the program can help a wide variety of patients, including those suffering from:

- Congestive heart failure
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- Kidney failure (end-stage renal disease)
- Dementia
- And other chronic illnesses

"Palliative care aims to be a resource providing quality symptom management and adept guidance of care." –Krishna Suri, DO

Living with serious illness can be debilitating and overwhelming for patients and families. The Palliative Care Team can provide an extra layer of support to relieve stress by providing psychosocial, emotional, and spiritual support for patients and families.

According to the National Hospital and Palliative Care Association, studies show that palliative care significantly improves patients' quality of life. It can ease the burden on families, and make a patient's experience with a health care system less stressful and traumatic.

Each year an estimated 56.8 million people, including 25.7 million in the last year of life, need palliative care, according to the World Health Organization, yet only about 14% receive it. Dr. Suri concludes, "As their health care needs evolve, families need relevant patient-centered guidance to navigate transitions in care that are unique to their values and preferences."

How to Get Palliative Care

To request services from the Palliative Care Program, a patient or family member should ask their physician for a referral. The Washington Hospital Palliative Care Team can offer support to patients and their families 365 days a year, both during their stay and after discharge. For more information on Washington Hospital's Palliative Care Department, see whhs.com/PalliativeCare or scan the below QR code.

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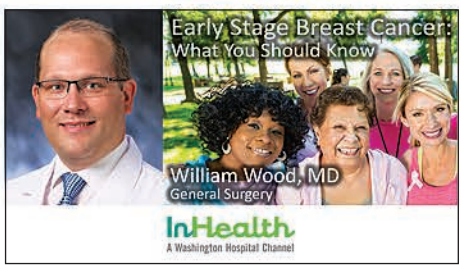

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Hayward Hills Man Elated After Swift Recovery from Varicose Vein Surgery

Patient Lauds Rakesh Safaya, MD, as a 'Miracle Doctor'

Feeling healthy, Kurt Dowling is all smiles.

One of Dowling's creations, a chocolate cheesecake with fresh fruit and a peach glaze

"It's obvious he cares deeply about his patients and has a great attitude." –Kurt Dowling, vascular patient

Kurt Dowling, 67, of Hayward Hills has seen many doctors over the years, but none impressed him as much as Rakesh Safaya, MD, a vascular surgeon with Washington Township Medical Foundation.

The manager of Deens Electronics in Fremont, a family business, is very grateful after an easy recovery from varicose vein surgery. He was amazed by how smoothly it went. "Dr. Safaya is a miracle doctor," Dowling says with a smile.

"I was dealing with varicose veins for 15 years and finally decided to do something about it," recalls Dowling, who works closely with his grandson at Deens and is a hobby pastry chef. "I liked Dr. Safaya right away. He was sincere, honest, intelligent, humble, and very professional. It's obvious he cares deeply about his patients and has a great attitude."

Same-Day Procedure

In July, Dr. Safaya operated on Dowling at Washington Hospital in a same-day procedure called a saphenofemoral ligation with multiple stab phlebectomies, a minimally invasive procedure to remove varicose veins. Dowling recalls: "Afterwards, they wheeled me out of the Hospital and I stood right up. No pain; no medication, just an aspirin. I was up on my leg the next day."

He was referred to Dr. Safaya by his primary care physician, after feeling that his enlarged bulging veins were unsightly. "I was wearing compression stockings, and the veins were still bulging and popping out of my leg. Now, I have no more veins bulging and I'm walking normally."

In fact, a week after surgery, Dowling was feeling well enough to be active, including standing in the kitchen to bake pastry and cheesecake for family and friends, and posting his creations on social media. He attributes his swift recovery, in part, to overall good health and a healthy lifestyle.

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Dowling had met with Dr. Safaya four times before committing to the vein procedure. He methodically researches his doctors online, and likes to get to know them. He was impressed by Dr. Safaya's training at the Bronx Lebanon Hospital in New York City, and Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas; and by his vast experience; and certification by the American Board of Surgery. In speaking with family and friends about his upcoming surgery, he soon learned that Dr. Safaya was well known in the community.

"I like to do research and spend time with any doctor I'm considering. Dr. Safaya has been in practice for years, and I appreciated his intelligence and attitude," Dowling notes. The key to successful surgery is trust in the doctor, according to Dowling, something he quickly developed with Dr. Safaya. "He spent a lot of time explaining the procedure. Some doctors want to rush you out of the office."

What Causes Varicose Veins

Varicose veins are a common condition caused by weak or damaged vein walls and valves that keep blood flowing toward the heart. Weak or damaged valves and vein walls can cause blood to pool and even flow backward. Problems can occur, mostly in the legs, when blood pressure increases inside the veins.

Varicose veins are caused by age, pregnancy, being overweight or obese, sitting or standing for long periods, smoking, taking contraceptives or hormone replacement, leg injury, or inactive lifestyle. People with a family history of varicose veins may also be at risk. Untreated varicose veins are usually not serious, but can cause inflammation, swelling and blood clots.

Dowling doesn't know what caused his varicose veins, but suspects that working as a maître d' earlier in his career, and being on his feet a lot, may be to blame. From 1984 to 1997, he worked at several upscale Sunset Boulevard, Beverly Hills, restaurants serving the rich and famous. "I've served Marlon Brando, Raquel Welch, Clint Eastwood, Dolly Parton, Mike Tyson—you name 'em," Dowling says as he rattles off a list of restaurant clientele. It was during this time that he first became interested in pastry making.

He advises others suffering from varicose veins to consider the surgery. "I would recommend the surgery as long as you're a good candidate. After it's done, you'll feel good about yourself." He continues, "Dr. Safaya is a great surgeon. I'd put a star next to his name. I don't say that about just any doctor."

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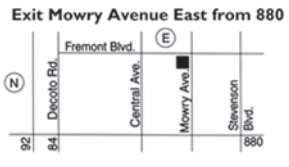

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160 years of education for the deaf is threatened

'We have built a culture of community. Being deaf is normal here, and everyone signs,' says American Sign Language teacher Ty Kovacs. Photo by Andrew Joseph

"If that one thing changes, people would be falling over themselves to work here," Brungess said. "It's a beautiful place."

Aselefech Tiku agrees. So much so, that she lives in her car and commutes from Stockton to be a counselor to high-school girls. Having been in this role for 22 years, Tiku has been a key activist for students and staff at CSD, facilitating collaborations with unions and going to the capitol to be a mouthpiece for her colleagues. But years of ignored efforts have left Tiku exhausted.

"I believe the state doesn't see us or listen to us," she said.

Tiku is anxious thinking about the future of her workplace. But most of all, she fears for the futures of the children.

"If we're not here, where will the students go?"

Letter to the Editor

How to have fun slinging mud and save the environment

There are ways to scale up our political process in Fremont – here's how. Given the progressive direction of negative campaigning that bruises egos and reputations and denies the public of real strategies that set policy, a better way is possible. The cost of mailers probably approaches $100,000. With two candidates that's $200,000. The wholesale cost of a 15-gallon tree ready to plant is about $60. That means you can plant around 3,333 trees if the negative campaigning money is spent on Fremont's canopy. That's easy.

The fun part is the mudslinging contest! An appropriate piece of open land, with good water supply, must be selected by impartial members of City management (is that possible?). Then the candidates must stand at a 15-yard distance as their campaign managers hand them soft mud balls. Let the mud slinging begin. Once it is finished each candidate must gather his received mud balls and insert acorns from the tree of his choice. He or she will then need to toss their mudballs in an appropriate location in the confines of our fair city. I suggest the East Bay Regional Park District but others may have a better location. Please not next to our sewer infested bay or the protected wetlands.

It may take years, but we will know eventually which candidate has achieved the best environmental goals. My take on this year's candidates is that they are all outstanding individuals that for unknown reasons have chosen a poorly paid and difficult job, and that they spend lots of money to arrive at this demanding position. Their details of how they will function with city management are hard to discern based on their mailings, so this is an alternative for the years ahead that we can all enjoy.

Richard Godfrey
Fremont Mud Salesman

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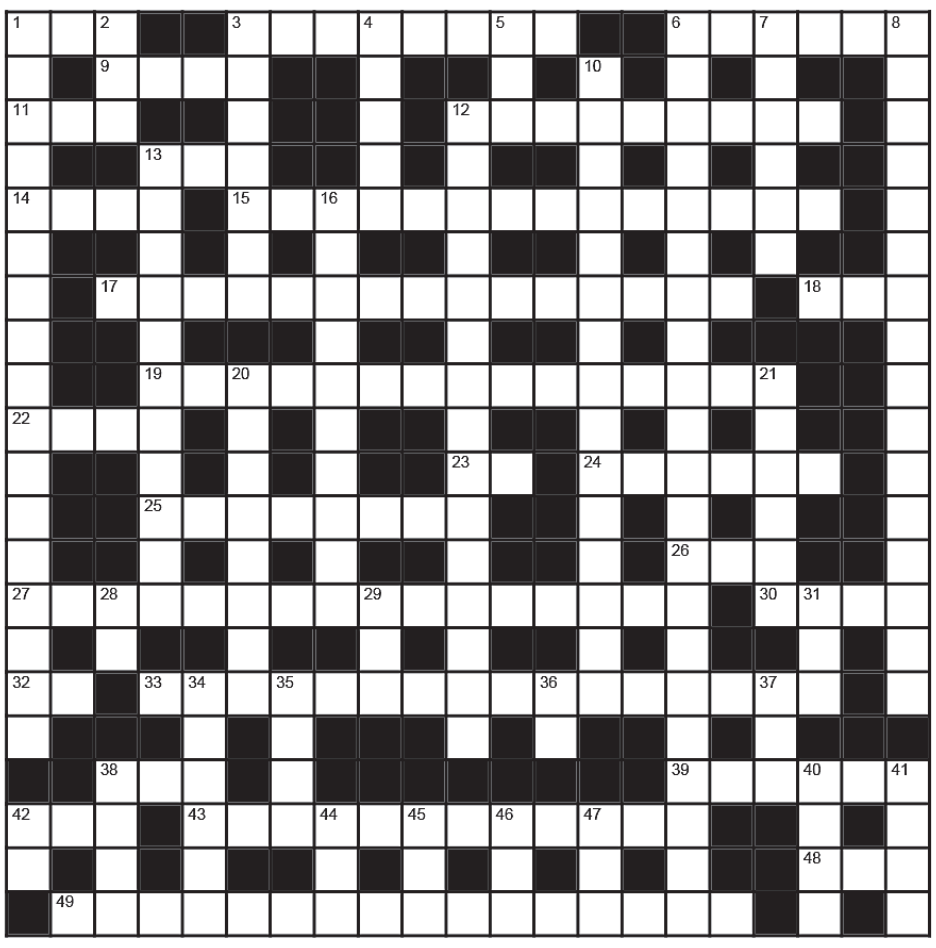

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3 Cole-slaw maker (8)
6 One who takes spoils (6)
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12 Request to one on a sofa (5,4)
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20 Establish conclusively (4,4)
21 Successful transplantation (6)
28 "Captain ___" (1986 Michael Jackson role) (2)
29 Cariou of "Sweeney Todd" (3)
31 "Babylon 5"'s news network, in brief (3)
34 Ancient Chinese divination book (1,5)
35 Bender (4)
36 Above (2)
37 From 30 days ago onwards: Abbr. (3)
38 Censorship-fighting org. (4)
40 "The Perfect Storm" rescue gp. (4)
41 Goose eggs (4)
42 Part of "be" (2)
44 Philip Roth's "___, the Fanatic" (3)
45 Juliet, to Romeo (3)
46 Comedian Margaret (3)
47 Offline, online (3)

Sudoku:

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

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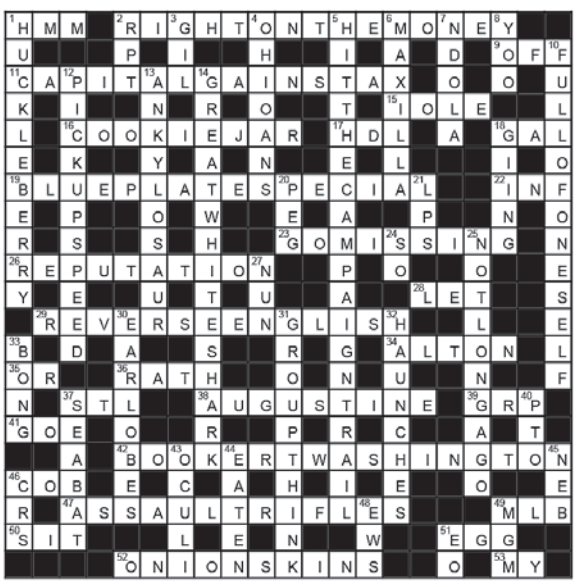

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Tri-City Stargazer FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5, 2024

All Signs: This is a challenging week. Right at the beginning, we're faced with chores, duties and responsibilities. Passionate feelings of anger and resentment might arise on Thursday. Unfortunately, these feelings will linger for the rest of the week; they could lead to aggressive behavior. But why even go there? There are times when we need to use our common sense, which unfortunately, is not that common.

Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20):

Increased chaos and activity on the home front might create tension for you this week. This angst could be due to residential moves, redecorating, renovations or visiting guests that won't go home. By Thursday, difficulties with bosses, parents and authority figures will be a challenge. There will be tension. Fortunately, lucky Jupiter is in your House of Communications boosting your optimism and keeping you in a positive frame of mind! Meanwhile, this continues to be a time of giving up things—but you're ready.

Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20):

You need more rest this month while the Sun is opposite your sign. That's because the Sun represents your energy, and it is now as far away from your sign that it can get all year. (We're talking about your chart, which is about six inches.) You will need more sleep. At the beginning of the week, you have the energy to deal with the wealth and resources of others. However, by Thursday and for the rest of the week, disputes might arise. Avoid controversy. Who needs it? Instead, focus on how to boost your income.

Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20):

You are industrious as this week begins! You're keen to not only boost your income but spend money. Note that it's in your best interests to cooperate with others on Monday and Tuesday because it will serve you. Financial disputes will be unavoidable on Thursday. This is your time of harvest, which means you can see what is working and what is not. Do not linger on failure. Instead, make the most of what you have achieved. With Jupiter in your sign now, and Saturn at the top of your chart you're in a position to call the shots.

Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21):

You're powerful this week and you know it. After all, fiery Mars is in your sign boosting your energy, making you assertive about anything that you want to achieve. Ironically, your goal now is to have fun! In fact, a vacation would be the perfect outlet for you. For those of you who are working, coworkers will be supportive because they see you're willing to roll up your sleeves. However, by Thursday, difficulties with partners and close friends might arise. Someone might be trying to look for someone else to take the blame. Run away!

Leo the Lion (July 22-August 22):

Home and family are your concerns right now. Some of you might be more involved than usual with a parent. Nevertheless, you feel sociable this week because both Mercury and Venus are in the part of your chart that promotes socializing, romance, sports and fun times with children. Be aware that by Thursday, situations could turn ugly. Someone might be working against your best interests. Be ready and if you suspect that something funny is going on—it is. By the end of the week, cooperate with others, especially partners and close friends.

Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22):

You're bursting with energy in the beginning of this week, which is why short trips, conversations plus increased reading and writing will keep you on the go. Situations at home will also demand your attention. Family conversations, home repairs, home redecorating projects and plans to entertain will give you a packed schedule. Be patient with your kids on Thursday. Avoid power struggles because nobody wins. Remember that Jupiter is still at the top of your chart making you look successful. It will stay there until next summer, which can happen only once every 12 years. Enjoy this advantage!

Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22):

Many issues in your life right now make you question your values—what really matters? At a more mundane level, you are concerned with monetary issues, cash flow and major purchases. Fortunately, both Mercury and your ruler Venus are in your House of Communications, making your words tactful and diplomatic. Because you will appreciate your surroundings more than usual, this is an excellent week to take a short trip. Travel plans and a chance to expand your world will help make you be performance ready for your stellar success next year.

Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21):

This is another powerful week for you because the Sun is in your sign recharging your batteries and helping you project yourself to others with charisma and dazzle! Financial matters concern you. Fortunately, you can attract money to you now; plus, many of you will have moneymaking ideas. In fact, your ability to attract money to you for the remainder of this year is remarkable. You might inherit. You might benefit indirectly through your partner. Avoid squabbles on Thursday, especially with relatives and neighbors. Steer clear of controversy because it could be nasty.

Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21):

Mixed planetary influences will create contradictions for you this week. With Mercury and Venus in your sign, you're keen to socialize and share your ideas with others. No question. Nevertheless, because the Sun is hiding in your chart, you also want to keep a low profile. You will have to juggle these contradicting influences as best you can. By Thursday, nasty disputes about money, possessions and values will likely erupt. Steer clear of this. Instead, look to partners and close friends for mutual support. Meanwhile, this is an excellent time to shop for wardrobe items.

Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19):

This is a popular time for you, which is why others might look to you for your ideas. They see you as knowledgeable, realistic and practical. For the most part—you are. Nevertheless, on Thursday, you might find yourself at odds with others. People seem contrary. Even those close to you might be disagreeable. Don't get mired down by all this. Instead focus on your job and your health because these are the areas in your life where you can make things better.

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

You're definitely high viz. this week because the Sun is at the top of your chart thrusting you in a flattering spotlight! This means that others admire you and see you as being capable and competent – even if you don't do anything special. Interactions with younger, creative people will be strong now. You might be attracted to a friend in a romantic way. Vacations and fun times appeal, especially sports, socializing, the arts, the entertainment world and exciting travel. Keep your head down on Thursday when people are fighting.

Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20):

So much is happening right now, which is why you want to escape somewhere you can relax. Let's face it. You need a change of scenery! Nevertheless, with both Mercury and Venus at the top of your chart, people are listening to you. They are looking to you for advice. They also admire you! Therefore, be mindful of your actions. Remember this advice on Thursday when difficulties with parents, bosses and authority figures as well as family members will be challenging. Do what you can to keep the peace.

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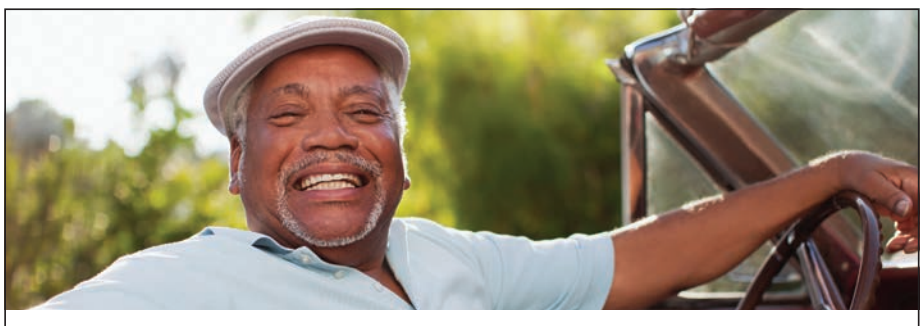

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Cities and organizations plan light-up events

After regular hours at Oakland Zoo, animated lanterns explore the animal world from the poles to the desert. Photo credit: Stephanie Uchida

Over in Union City, ordinary residents are encouraged to take center stage for holiday lighting. Through Nov. 29, they can register for the "Best Home for the Holidays" contest. Individual homes or clusters of homes can compete for the brightest or most unique exterior decorations. Judging will take place the second week of December, and the winner will receive a sign to display for the rest of the month. www.unioncity.org/reg (search "Best Home")

In Fremont, Crippsmas Place with its lights and unique characters will return from Dec. 7 to 28. The local display encourages donations to local charities. www.crippsmasplace.org

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Sr Systems Eng, ADAS&AD (Job#A1845) Impr Lucid's ADAS&AD systs **REQ**: MS or fgn equiv in AutoEng, SystEng, EEng, CompSci, or rel fld& 2yrs exp analyzg veh comp issues& perf veh test. $160,300-$200,200.

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Sr CAD Eng, Interior Systems& Components (Job#G906) Dev conceptual des of auto body int components.
REQ: BS or fgn equiv in MechEng, MechatronicsEng, or rel fld&5yrs prog, post-bacc wk exp in des eng-rel occ. $166,878-$186,878.

Sr SW Eng, AD Localization (Job#G1506) Des, prototype, test rel& launch AD SW feats. **REQ:** MS EEng, CompSci or rel field&3yrs as SW Eng or any occ where SW dev release proc&AD tech dev&deploymt exp gained. $180,100-$218,400.

Embedded SW Eng Charging, Platform SW (Job#G1887) Des & Dev complex platform SW (low lvl& midware) **REQ:** MS CompSci, CompEng, EEng, or rel fld&1yr exp as SW Eng or any occ where embed SW eng exp was gained. $177K-$218,400.

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Mgr, Exterior Systems (Job#K1773) Build, lead&mentor Ext Trim eng team. **REQ:** BS or fgn equiv MechEng or rel fld&6yrs prog, post-bacc exp in any AutoEng-rel occ. Regional trvl req up to 5%. $208,468-$228,468.

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Sr Global Supply Mgr, Body Ext(Job#M1389) Collab w/Eng& SuppQual to ID potential supplr. **REQ**: BS or fgn equiv EngMgmt, SuppChain or rel fld&4yrs exp job offrd or any job title/occ where supp chain eng exp was gained. $139,900-$177,840

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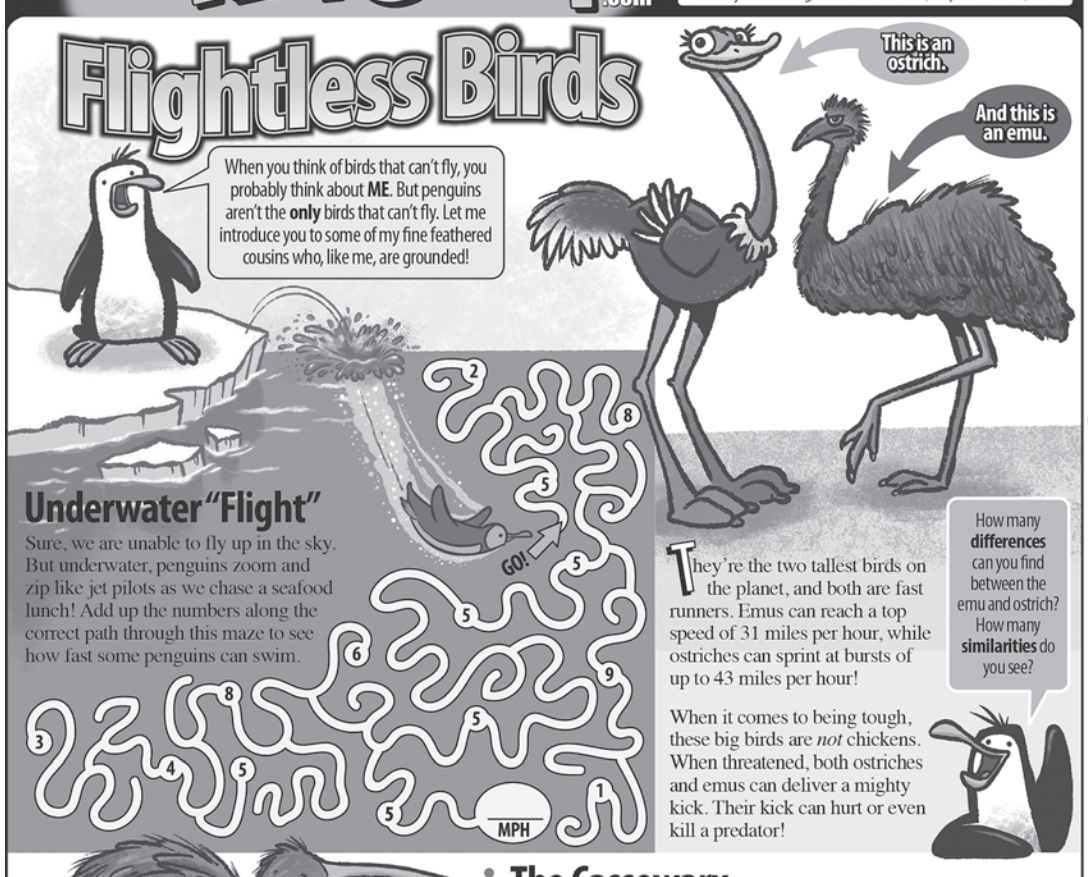
Flightless Birds



Underwater "Flight"

Sure, we are unable to fly up in the sky. But underwater, penguins zoom and zip like jet pilots as we chase a seafood lunch! Add up the numbers along the correct path through this maze to see how fast some penguins can swim.

They're the two tallest birds on the planet, and both are fast runners. Emus can reach a top speed of 31 miles per hour, while ostriches can sprint at bursts of up to 43 miles per hour!

When it comes to being tough, these big birds are *not* chickens. When threatened, both ostriches and emus can deliver a mighty kick. Their kick can hurt or even kill a predator!

How many **differences** can you find between the emu and ostrich? How many **similarities** do you see?

Meet the Kiwi

Replace the missing words to learn about my cousin the kiwi, an unusual bird from New Zealand.

HEARING FUR DANGER PLANTS STUCK NOSTRILS

Kiwis have soft fluffy feathers that feel almost like _____. The feathers around their long beaks act like a cat's whiskers, keeping them from getting _____ in tight spaces.

A kiwi uses its legs and feet for digging. Kiwis have a great sense of smell thanks to the _____ at the end of their beaks. A kiwi uses its great sense of hearing to avoid _____ and find food.

Kiwis are **omnivores**, eating worms, insects, snails, frogs, berries, seeds and _____.

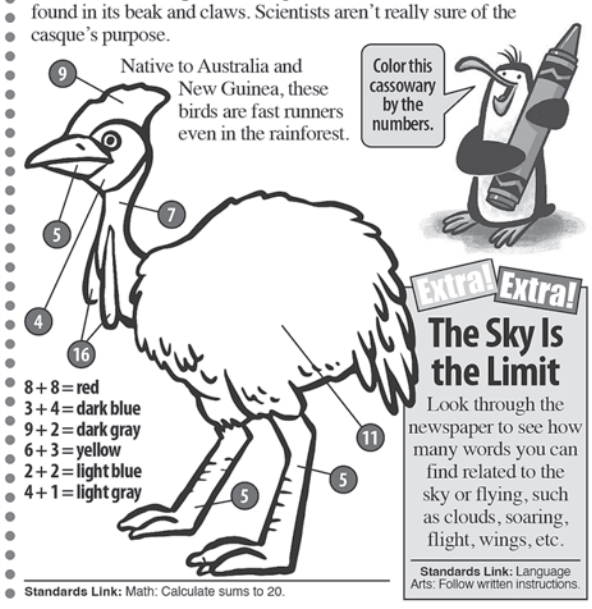
Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow written instructions.

The Cassowary

Some species of cassowaries have a hard, fin-shaped helmet on their heads, called a **casque**. The casque is made of keratin, the substance found in its beak and claws. Scientists aren't really sure of the casque's purpose.

Native to Australia and New Guinea, these birds are fast runners even in the rainforest.

Color this cassowary by the numbers.



8 + 8 = red
3 + 4 = dark blue
9 + 2 = dark gray
6 + 3 = yellow
2 + 2 = light blue
4 + 1 = light gray

Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums to 20.

Extra! Extra!

The Sky Is the Limit

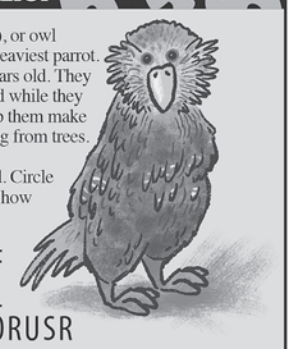
Look through the newspaper to see how many words you can find related to the sky or flying, such as clouds, soaring, flight, wings, etc.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow written instructions.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

The kakapo (kay-kay-po), or owl parrot, is the world's heaviest parrot. They can live to be 100 years old. They are excellent climbers. And while they cannot fly, their wings help them make soft landings when jumping from trees.

Sadly, they are endangered. Circle every other letter to reveal how few are still in the wild.



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

Standards Link: Follow written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

BERRIES
CASQUE
CLAWS
EMU
FAST
FLY
FUR
KICK
KIWIS
MILES
OSTRICH
PILOTS
SKY
SWIM
TOUGH

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

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Flights of Fancy

Imagine you are going to fly to an island vacation. Look through the newspaper for 10 things you'd need on your trip. Decide which are WANTS and which are NEEDS.

Standards Link: Distinguish wants vs. needs.

Write On!

Up and Away!

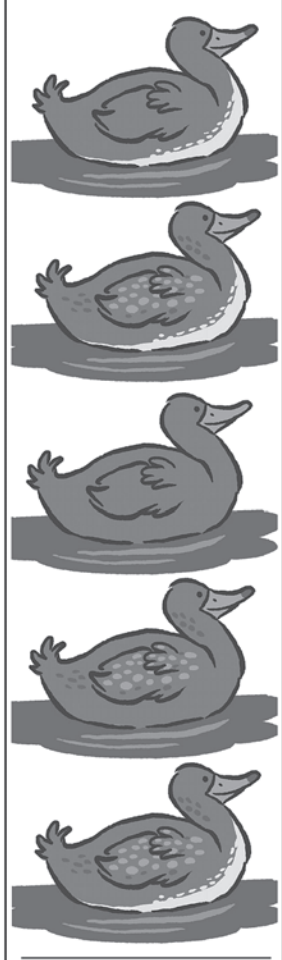
Imagine you had wings and could fly. Where would you go? What would you do?

Kid Scoop Together

Steamer Ducks

The steamer duck is native to the rocky shores of the Falkland Islands. The way these ducks splash water behind them when swimming reminded explorers of old steamer ships.

Look closely. Can you find the two identical steamer ducks?



Standards Link: Language Arts: Spell grade-level words correctly.

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Papercutting exhibit explores different cultures

In this work Bianca Levan explores moving forward while lacking a clear direction. Courtesy of Bianca Levan.

Bianca Levan has been working in papercutting for 12 years. Courtesy of Bianca Levan

Bianca Levan's works in black and white have a meditative quality. Courtesy of Bianca Levan

'You start off with this black piece of paper, or this question, and you don't know what it is. Then as you sit there and start to carve away different pieces, it kind of reveals an image. At the end of it I don't necessarily have an answer, but there is something about sitting with the question and working through them while I'm papercutting that helps ground me.' - Bianca Levan

The intricate work also gives the artist abundant time to ponder. Levan laughs, "Every single time I'm like, Why am I doing this? This makes no sense!" Still, the time and labor invested contribute to the overall power of the work. As do little imperfections along the way. "If you look closely, there are mistakes in [my papercutting.] Not every blade of grass is the same, or leaf is the same."

In her works, Levan explores themes of mortality, change and identity, incorporating images of landscapes, the ocean, trees and roads symbolizing the "life paths that we're all on." Her work "Traveler, There is No Path, The Path is Made by Walking" shows a road winding through mountains in a dreamlike landscape. It connects to Levan's feeling of lacking a defined path for her life, and the idea that keeping forward momentum is more important than knowing exactly where you're going.

The works in the exhibit show how much variety of expression can fit into thin paper. For example, Melanie Kehoss brings both color and light to her papercutting with lightboxes that portray tableaus of history, such as the cocoa and sugar trades. Sam Wróbel combines a Polish form of papercutting with the colors of Louisiana in birds, people and crayfish.

This is Levan's first curatorial experience, and she found the atmosphere at Olive Hyde Art Gallery collaborative and supportive. Home curator for the exhibit, Leah Andrews, said, "It's been such a fulfilling experience collaborating with Bianca. She is not only a talented papercut artist, but she is so knowledgeable about her craft. Her ambition has shaped this project into an exhibition beyond expectations."

"Connecting Cuts" will open Thursday, November 7. Those curious about the art of papercutting or the pieces on display can attend the opening reception on Nov. 15, in-person tour on Nov. 24, or a virtual talk on Dec. 2.

Connecting Cuts
Thursday, Nov. 7 - Saturday, Dec. 14
Gallery hours: Thur - Sun; 12pm - 5pm
Olive Hyde Art Gallery
123 Washington Blvd., Fremont
510.791.4357
olivehydeartguild.org
Opening Reception
Friday, Nov. 15
7pm - 9pm
In-Person Curatorial Tour
Sunday, Nov. 24
12pm - 1pm
Online Artist Talk
Monday, Dec. 2
6pm - 7pm

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Newark celebrates Day of the Dead

The event celebrated Newark's Hispanic community. Photo credit: Adriana Lopez

10TH FESTIVAL ATTRACTS CROWD OF 2,500

Submitted by **EDDA RIVERA, Newark Recreation and Community Services Department**

The holiday in Mexico, "Día de Los Muertos" (Day of the Dead) is a celebrated tradition in Latin America, particularly in Mexico. This joyful occasion allows people to remember and honor their deceased loved ones through food, drinks, festivities and activities that those who have passed enjoyed in life. It is a beautiful expression of remembrance and tribute.

The 10th anniversary celebration of Día de Los Muertos took place on Saturday, October 26, 2024, attracting nearly 2,500 attendees. To accommodate this large crowd, a portion of Thornton Avenue was closed. Magnolia Plaza was authentically transformed, featuring sounds and costumes that reflected the rich Latin culture of the community. The event showcased Hispanic culture at its finest, with beautifully crafted Día de Los Muertos altars displayed around Thornton Avenue, allowing families to create memories while honoring their loved ones. The entire area became a vibrant cultural experience. The celebration included performances by Mariachi Los Halcones, local ballet folkloric dance groups, and Arena Caliente, a popular Mexican band, which delighted attendees.

Newark Community Promotores lent their invaluable support in managing the Mexican Lotería, a game beloved by children, as well as coordinating all the children's craft and art activities, such as the sugar skull decorations, a traditional craft for Dia de Los Muertos. The Public Works Department, Parks & Maintenance staff assisted with event logistics, and the Police Department ensured safety throughout the celebration. City Council Member Sucy Collazo has earned special thanks for organizing this wonderful cultural event.

Families thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment, vibrant and colorful altars and unique local craft vendors at the celebration. The entire community embraced the spirit of Día de Los Muertos and looks forward to continuing this cherished event in the City of Newark for years to come.

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Ohlone College celebrates the arts with 'Shakespeare in Love'

Ohlone Theatre and Dance department debut 'Shakespeare in Love.' Photo courtesy of Ohlone Communications

Submitted by **OHLONE COMMUNICATIONS**

Ohlone College's renowned Theatre and Dance department is proud to present "Shakespeare in Love," a stage adaptation by Lee Hall, based on the Oscar-winning film by Marc Norman and Tom Stoppard. This production not only showcases the extraordinary talents of Ohlone students, but also underscores the vibrant role of the arts in shaping the bright futures of our community.

"Shakespeare in Love" tells the story of young Will Shakespeare, a playwright struggling with writer's block as the deadline for his new play looms. Inspiration strikes when he meets the spirited Viola, a woman determined to break societal norms by performing on stage, a place reserved only for men. Their whirlwind romance unfolds amidst mistaken identities, cunning plots and the vibrant life of the Elizabethan theater, leading Will to create one of his greatest works of art.

This production exemplifies Ohlone College's commitment to fostering creativity and providing students with opportunities to shine both on and off the stage. From the actors bringing the characters to life to the dedicated crew working behind the scenes, every student involved plays a crucial role in making this performance a success. Additionally, the presence of students in the audience, many of whom are experiencing live theater for the first time, highlights the transformative power of the arts in education.

The performance contains mature content; viewer discretion is advised. There will be no late seating for this show.

For more information about this production and other upcoming events, visit www.ohlone.edu/theatredance/performances

Shakespeare in Love
Nov. 8, 9, 14, 15, 16
8pm
ASL interpreted performance on Nov. 15
Smith Center at Ohlone College
43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont
Tickets: 510.659.6031
www.smithcenter.com
$15 Student Admission, $20 General Admission
Parking: $4

Home & Garden

Disposing of problem plant debris

This peony plant is infected with blight—but precautions can prevent the disease from coming back. Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com

Disease-causing organisms can survive on garden tools, so be sure to disinfect with a 70% alcohol solution. Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com

Clear plastic bags trap heat, killing weed seeds. Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com

By **MELINDA MYERS**

You've probably read that you should remove and dispose of pest-infected and diseased plant material to reduce these problems in next season's garden. This is not as easy as it seems. Most compost piles do not heat up and maintain hot enough temperatures to kill weeds, weed seeds, disease organisms and insect pests. In many locations burning is not allowed and it negatively impacts air quality. So, what's a gardener to do?

Start by calling your local municipality and asking about disposal options. Many communities allow you to dispose of invasive plants in the garbage after placing them in a clear plastic bag labeled invasive.

Solarization is an option for managing weeds. Place small amounts of plant debris in clear plastic bags. Then place the bags in a warm sunny location before composting. For larger quantities, set the problem plant debris on a sheet of plastic and securely cover it with a two- to six-mil clear plastic tarp. Plastic helps create a greenhouse effect, trapping heat while blocking access to water. Seeds will sprout and then seedlings and other plants are killed by the high temperatures and lack of water. It is most effective when the days are long and hot enough to kill plant insect pests and diseases. Most plant pathogens are killed when moist soil remains at 145°F for 30 minutes, 160°F for bacteria, and 180°F for weed seeds.

If battling jumping worms, the University of Maryland has found creating a solarization package is effective for managing them in soil, compost and mulch. Spread a sheet of clear plastic on the ground. Place a six- to eight-inch layer of mulch, compost or soil on the plastic tarp, leaving enough excess to wrap and completely and securely cover the enclosed material. On a sunny day, the material inside can reach 150°F. Research varies on the number of days needed to kill the jumping worms. Several university sources recommend three or more days of at least 104°F or 105°F to kill the eggs, cocoons and adult jumping worms.

Burying diseased material can help reduce the source of future infection of some diseases. Dig a hole, fill it with plant debris, mix it with soil and then cover it with an inch or two of disease-free soil. Speed up the decomposition of buried material by shredding it before burying it. Avoid growing plants susceptible to the disease in that location the following season.

Remember to disinfect your pots, stakes and tools that may have housed or touched diseased plants. Disease-causing organisms can survive on these items, increasing disease risk in next year's garden. Soak pots for 30 minutes in a 10% bleach solution, rinse with clear water and air dry. Store in a clean location. This is much more effective with clay and ceramic pots than plastic. Consider rotating plantings as you would in the garden and changing display areas when using plastic containers if you do not want to dispose of them.

Disinfect garden tools by dipping them in a 70% alcohol solution using rubbing alcohol or something similar for at least 30 seconds. Or you can spray your tools with a disinfectant spray containing about 70% alcohol.

Investing time in prevention will result in fewer problems and better results in next year's garden.

Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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Arts & Entertainment

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

Continuing Events:

Mondays, Wednesday, Fridays Oct. 14 – Dec. 20

EnhanceFitness Fall Prevention Course $R
9:30am - 10:30am
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Ralph & Mary Ruggieri Senior Center
33997 Alvarado-Niles Rd., Union City
510.876.8809
spectrumcs.org
Suggested donation for 10-week course: $54

Mondays and Tuesdays

Practice Your English at Fremont Main Library
Monday: 7pm - 8pm (starting 11/4)
Tuesday: 4pm - 5pm
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Mondays and Thursdays

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

Tuesdays

East Bay Games Meet
6pm - 10pm
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

East Indian Seniors R
2pm - 4pm
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

Tuesdays

Music and Storytime
11:30am - 12pm
Join us for stories, music, and movement. For babies, toddlers, kids, and preschoolers.
Cherryland Community Center
278 Hampton Road, Hayward
510.626.8522

Tuesdays

Comfort & Joy Ukulele R
1:30pm - 3pm
A group of ukulele players with volunteer leaders to practice familiar songs as well as learning new.
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Thursdays

Historic Days
10am – 4pm
Ride a narrow-gauge train, tour the beautifully restored Patterson House Museum. Disabled accessible. Ardenwood admission fee applies.
Ardenwood Farms
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
510.544.2797
Drop in program

Thursdays

Family Board Game Night
3:30pm - 5:30pm
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
5pm - 8pm
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

Thursday, Nov. 7 - Saturday, Dec. 14

Connecting Cuts Exhibit
Witness the art of Bay Area artists' papercutting, intricate designs created by carving shapes in positive and negative space into paper.
Gallery hours: Thur - Sun; 12pm - 5pm
Olive Hyde Art Gallery
123 Washington Blvd., Fremont
510.791.4357
olivehydeartguild.org

Thursdays and Saturdays

Story Time
10:30am - 11am
Picture book story time
Banter Bookshop
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Saturdays

Laugh Track City R$
8pm
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
12pm - 2pm
Free pickleball lesson taught by a USPA professional.
Hall Memorial Park
304 La Honda Dr, Milpitas
(408) 586-3210
Drop-in. Weather permitting.

Saturdays

Teen Cohort for Outdoor Education R$
10am – 4pm
Meet new friends, build outdoor skills, and get to know your community
Ashland Community Center
1530 167th Ave., San Leandro
Noel Munivez: 510.317.2303
munn@HaywardRec.org

Sundays

Farmyard Games
1pm
Try your hand at classic American pastimes including stilts, sack races, and the potato-to-spoon race. Drop in program; Ardenwood admission fee applies.
Ardenwood Farms
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(510) 544-2797

Sundays - Saturdays

Recreational Swim $
12:30pm - 5pm
Attractions may vary.
Silliman Activity and Family Aquatic Center
6800 Mowry Ave., Newark
(510) 578-4620
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Sundays

Larry "O" Teen Workshop
10am - 12pm
Used bikes, bike parts for sale and bike repair. Donation accepted.
Larry Orozco Teen Workshop
33623 Mission Blvd., Union City
510.675.5487
www.unioncity.org/723/Larry-O-Teen-Workshop
RobertS@unioncity.org
Second and fourth Sundays of the month

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Nov. 6

Job and Resource Fair
11am - 1pm
Meet with local employers and organizations and obtain resources.
Hayward Public Library
Fremont Room (2nd Floor)
888 C. St., Hayward

Friday, Nov. 8

VA medical outreach team
10am - 2pm
Medical providers will be on-site to help veterans with medical resources and services.
Veterans Memorial Hall
22737 Main St., Hayward

Saturday, Nov. 9

LEGOs for kids 11+
2 – 4pm
Come and build with a group of friends or for parents and children. We will save your creation until the next time the Club meets. The sets are on a first-come basis.
Newark Library
37055 Newark Blvd., Newark
510.526.3720

Saturday, Nov. 9

Friends of the San Leandro Library DVD Sale
10am - 3pm
Check out a large selection of DVDs. All DVDs are $1 each or buy 3 discs, get 1 disc free. Proceeds benefit the San Leandro Library's programs and services.
San Leandro Main Library
300 Estudillo Ave., San Leandro

Saturday, Nov. 9

6th Annual Let's Talk About Housing Fair
9am – 1pm
Meet experts who can guide you through mortgage and financial challenges, and learn about down payment assistance and loans. Registration required.
Chabot College
25555 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward
Student Center Cafeteria, Building 2300
a1chs.org/in-the-community

Saturday, Nov. 9

Screening "Dynamite Dan"
7:30pm
A comedy-drama about warehouse loader (Kenneth MacDonald), falsely accused of burglary by corrupt foreman (Boris Karloff). With the help of his girlfriend and fighting skills he struggles up the ladder of success.
Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum
37417 Niles Blvd., Fremont
NilesFilmMeseum.org
510.494.1411

Friday, Nov. 15

Connecting Cuts Opening Reception
7pm - 9pm
Those curious about the art of papercutting or the pieces on display can attend the opening reception
Olive Hyde Art Gallery
123 Washington Blvd., Fremont
510.791.4357
olivehydeartguild.org

Sunday, Nov. 17

"Nature's Best Hope" conference
1-5pm
Featuring Keynote Speaker Doug Tallamy
Mayer Theatre, Santa Clara University
500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara
bringingbackthenatives.net/20th-anniversary-conferences-agenda-registration
$50

Boutique Calendar

Dominican Sisters Holiday Boutique
Saturday, Nov. 16
10am - 3pm
43326 Mission Circle, Fremont
msjdominicans.org

PEO Boutique
Saturday, Nov. 16
9:30am - 3:30pm
New Bridges Presbyterian Church
26236 Adrian Ave., Hayward

Mistletoe Madness
Saturday, Nov. 30
10am - 4pm
Marina Community Center
15301 Wicks Blvd., San Leandro
http://www.mistletoemadness.net/

Believe Holiday Boutique
Saturday, Dec. 7
9am - 3pm
American High School
36300 Fremont Blvd., Fremont
https://ahsboutique.weebly.com/

Newark Optimist Club Essay Contest

'HOW OPTIMISM HAS PAVED MY ROAD TO SUCCESS'

Submitted by
DARRYL REINA

The Newark Optimist Club Essay Contest is now open to Newark, Fremont and Union City students who are under the age of 19 as of Oct. 1, 2024, and have not yet completed secondary school or its equivalent. There is no minimum age.

The top three Club essays will receive cash prizes—$200, $100, $50—and medallions, with the first-place essay advancing to the District Level competition and have an opportunity to win a $2,500 college scholarship.

"The Essay Contest is designed to give young people the opportunity to write about their own opinions regarding the world in which they live," Essay Contest Chairman Darryl Reina said. "As Optimists, it is our goal to bring out the very best in each of them."

For more information and application, that includes the official rules, students may go to Optimist.org/documents/2024/programs/24-25_essay_application.pdf

Completed essays and contest applications must be received by 12 midnight, Jan. 19, 2025. Essays and applications are to be sent via email to Darryl Reina, Chairman, at darryl14r@aol.com. For more info: Call or text 510.917.4060.

Winners will be notified and recognized at an Optimist Club meeting on Feb. 12.

Schools share October updates

By **STAFF**

San Leandro High School held a grand opening for their new gymnasium on Wednesday, Oct. 23. The project was made possible by Measure N, a $198 million bond for school facilities improvements, which locals voted for in 2020.

Ohlone college held a cultural event for Filipino Heritage Month on Oct. 24, thrown by the college's Asian and Pacific Islander Affinity Group. Featuring street food, a history gallery, and karaoke, the event attracted 100 attendees.

San Leandro High School has a new gym! Photo Courtesy of Paul Sanftner

Conference discusses restorative power of native plants

A scrub jay pauses for thought in a San Leandro garden. Photo by Kathy Kramer

Submitted by
KATHY KRAMER

Doug Tallamy, ecologist, inspirational speaker and best-selling author of *Nature's Best Hope*, will be the keynote speaker at the conference "Nature's Best Hope" which will take place at Santa Clara University on Sunday, Nov. 17.

Tallamy points out that we are all focused on the climate crisis—as we should be—but that even if we could solve the climate crisis today we would still have a real and accelerating biodiversity crisis. North America has lost three billion breeding birds in the last 50 years, and insect numbers are in drastic decline nearly everywhere. The U.N. predicts that one million species will go extinct in the next 18 years.

"These losses are not an option if we humans wish to continue happily on this planet," Tallamy says, "for it is plant and animal diversity that creates the stable and productive ecosystems on which we depend. We are at a critical point of losing so many species from local ecosystems that their ability to produce and provide the oxygen, clean water, flood control, pollination, pest control, carbon storage, etc.—the ecosystem services that sustain us—will become seriously compromised."

He points out in a clear and engaging way why we must—and how each of us can—successfully address the biodiversity crisis at the grassroots level. Tallamy's message that every property owner must improve the ecological integrity of landscapes under his or her control by adding native plants and restoring habitat around our homes, offices or place of worship, in local parks and wherever else we can weed and plant, has resonated with many in the Bay Area.

Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour founder and conference coordinator Kathy Kramer pointed out, "Compared to 20 years ago native plant gardens, nurseries and designers can now be readily found. Having a native plant garden really is the way to bring nature home: In my own garden in San Pablo I have seen 40 species of birds, and 16 kinds of butterflies, skippers and moths. It is such a pleasure to see such a natural environment from my own kitchen window!

Register for the conference at bringingbackthenatives.net.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ORDINANCE NO. 552 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK ADDING CHAPTER 5.42, "TOBACCO RETAILERS", TO THE NEWARK MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, the California Constitution, Article XI, Section 7, provides cities and counties with the authority to enact ordinances to protect the health, safety, welfare, and morals of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, approximately 480,000 people die in the United States from smoking-related diseases and exposure to secondhand smoke, making tobacco use the nation's leading cause of preventable death; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that tobacco kills 98 million people and causes over 1.4 trillion dollars in economic damage each year; and

WHEREAS, 5.6 million of today's Americans who are younger than 18 are projected to die prematurely from a smoking-related illness; and

WHEREAS, tobacco use is the number one cause of preventable death in California and continues to be an urgent public health issue; and

WHEREAS, tobacco use among priority populations in California contributes to health disparities and creates significant barriers to health equity; and

WHEREAS, despite the State's efforts to limit youth access to tobacco, youth are still able to access tobacco products in California; and

WHEREAS, the federal Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, enacted in 2009, prohibited candy and fruit flavored cigarettes largely because of these flavored products are marketing toward youth and young adults, and younger smokers and more likely than older smokers to have tried these products; and

WHEREAS, according to the California Department of Public Health, flavored tobacco products are used by the majority of youth and young adult tobacco users (86.4% and 57.7%) in California; and

WHEREAS, mentholated and flavored products have been shown to be "starter" products for youth who begin using tobacco and that these products help establish tobacco habits that can lead to long-term addiction; and

WHEREAS, research indicates that the FDA ban in 2009 on all flavored cigarette products (except menthol) led to a 6% decrease in youth tobacco use and a 17% decrease in the likelihood of a youth becoming a cigarette smoker; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that laws prohibiting the sale of flavored tobacco products lead to decreases in youth tobacco use; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, California passed SB 793, which amended the California Health and Safety Code Section 104559.5 to prohibit the sale of most types of flavored tobacco products, including flavored electronic cigarettes, non-premium flavored cigars, as wells as flavored enhancers; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, California voters passed Proposition 31, which upheld SB 793; and

WHEREAS, 75.64 percent of voters in Alameda County voted yes to uphold SB 793; and

WHEREAS, California Health and Safety Code Section 104559.5 still allows the sale of flavored loose-leaf pipe tobacco and premium cigars with a wholesale price of twelve dollars ($12.00 or more), as well as flavored shisha/hookah tobacco if sold in licensed stores that only allow people twenty-one (21) years of age on the premises at any time; and

WHEREAS, the health effects of non-cigarette tobacco products such as cigars, cigarillos, smokeless tobacco, and shisha are substantial as demonstrated by research that shows that non-cigarette tobacco products have addictive levels of nicotine, harmful toxins, and dangerous carcinogens; and

WHEREAS, unlike cigarette use that has steadily declined among youth, the U.S. has seen a surge in teen e-cigarette use, and youth e-cigarette use remains a serious public health concern; and

WHEREAS, research has consistently shown that increases in cigarettes prices will result in less smoking across various sociodemographic populations; and

WHEREAS, a systematic review by the U.S. Community Preventive Services Task Force found that a 20% price increase would reduce demand for cigarettes by approximately 10.4%, the prevalence of adult tobacco use by 3.6%, and initiation of tobacco use by young people by 8.6% and

WHEREAS, youth are particularly responsive to changes in tobacco prices and evidence suggests that tobacco companies deliberately target youth with price reductions; and

WHEREAS, although federal and state law ban the sale of individual cigarettes, neither federal nor California state laws restrict the sale of individual little cigars and cigars; and

WHEREAS, neither federal nor California law set a minimum price for tobacco products; and

WHEREAS, minimum price markups and related laws in other states have been shown to be effective at increasing the price of cigarettes but may remain vulnerable to price manipulation by the tobacco industry without attention to coupons and discounts; and

WHEREAS, by selling tobacco products, pharmacies reinforce positive social perceptions of smoking, convey tacit approval of tobacco use, and send a message that it is not so dangerous to smoke; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Newark has a substantial interest in protecting youth and underserved populations from the harms of tobacco use; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Newark finds that a local licensing system for tobacco retailers is appropriate to ensure that retailers comply with tobacco control laws and business standards of the City of Newark in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Recitals.
The above recitals ("Recitals") are true and correct and made a part of this Ordinance.
SECTION 2. CEQA. Approval of the amendments is exempt from further environmental review under the general rule in California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) that CEQA only applies to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. As a series of text amendments and additions, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment.
SECTION 3. Newark Municipal Code Chapter 5.42
Chapter 5.42 "Tobacco Retailers," of the Newark Municipal Code is hereby added to read as displayed in Exhibit A, incorporated and made a part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, provisions of this Ordinance are severable. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase hereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases be held unconstitutional, invalid, or unenforceable.
SECTION 5. Publication and effective date. Within fifteen (15) days from and after adoption, this Ordinance shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in Alameda County and circulated in the City of Newark, in accordance with California Government Code Section 36933. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced and read before the City Council of the City of Newark by Vice Mayor Freitas at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Newark held on October 10, 2024.

This ordinance was read at the regular meeting of the City Council held October 24, 2024. Council Member Jorgens moved that it be adopted and passed, which motion was duly seconded, and said ordinance was passed and adopted.

AYES: Council Member Jorgens, Vice Mayor Freitas, and Mayor Hannon
RECUSED: Council Members Apodaca and Collazo
NOES: None
SECONDED: Vice Mayor Freitas
APPROVED: Mayor Hannon
ATTEST: City Clerk Harrington
APPROVED AS TO FORM: City Attorney Kokotaylo

EXHIBIT A

5.42.010 Definitions.
The following words and phrases, whenever used in this chapter, shall have the meanings defined in this section unless the context clearly requires otherwise:
"Administrator" means the Community Development Director or designee.
"Arm's length transaction" means a sale or transfer, in good faith and for valuable consideration between two informed and willing parties, as determined by the parties, neither of which is under any compulsion to participate in the transaction. A sale or transfer for which a significant purpose is avoiding the effect of the violations of this chapter is not an arm's length transaction.
"Cigar" means any roll of tobacco that is wrapped in tobacco leaf or in any other substance containing tobacco, with our without a tip or mouthpiece. "Cigar" includes but is not limited to, tobacco products known or labeled as cigar, cigarillo, little cigar, blunt, blunt wrap, or cigar wrap.
"Coupon" means any voucher, rebate, card, paper, note, form, statement, ticket, image, or other issue, whether in paper, digital, or other form, used for commercial purposes to obtain an article, product, service, or accommodation without charge or at a discounted price.
"Department" means the Community Development Department.

"Drug paraphernalia" shall have the definition set forth in California Health and Safety Code Section 11014.5, as that section may be amended from time to time.
"Electronic smoking device" means any device that may be used to deliver any aerosolized or vaporized substance to the person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to, an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, vape pen, or e-hookah. Electronic smoking device includes any component, part, or accessory of the device, and also includes any substance that may be aerosolized or vaporized by such device, whether or not the substance contains nicotine. Electronic smoking device does not include drugs, devices, or combination products authorized for sale by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, as those terms are defined in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.
"Flavored Tobacco Product" means any tobacco product that imparts:
1. a taste or odor distinguishable by an ordinary consumer, other than the taste or odor of tobacco, either prior to or during the consumption of such tobacco product, including but not limited to tastes or odors relating to any fruit, chocolate, vanilla, honey, candy, cocoa, dessert, alcoholic beverage, mint, wintergreen, menthol, herb, or spice; or
2. a heating, cooling, or numbing sensation distinguishable by an ordinary consumer during the consumption of such tobacco product.

"License" means a tobacco retailer's license as defined below.
"Licensee" means a tobacco retailer with a tobacco retailer's license.
"Manufacturer" means any person, including any repacker or relabeler, who manufactures, fabricates, assembles, processes, or labels a tobacco product; or imports a finished tobacco product for sale or distribution into the United States.
"Nominal cost" means the cost of any item that is transferred from one person to another for less than the total of: (1) twenty-five percent of the full retail value of the item exclusive of taxes and fees; plus (2) all taxes and fees previously paid and all taxes and fees still due on the item at the time of transfer.
"Nonsale distribution" means to give, within the jurisdictional limits of the City, a tobacco product or coupon at no cost or at nominal cost to a person who is not a tobacco seller.
"Person" means any natural person, partnership, cooperative association, corporation, personal representative, receiver, trustee, assignee, or any other legal entity.
"Pharmacy" means any retail establishment in which the profession of pharmacy is practiced by a pharmacist licensed by the State of California in accordance with the Business and Professions Code and where prescription pharmaceuticals are offered for sale, regardless of whether the retail establishment sells other retail goods in addition to prescription pharmaceuticals.
"Proprietor" means a person with an ownership or managerial interest in a business. An ownership interest shall be deemed to exist when a person has a ten percent or greater interest in the stock, assets, or income of a business other than the sole interest of security for debt. A managerial interest shall be deemed to exist when a person can or does have or share ultimate control over the day-to-day operations of a business.
"Public place" means any place within the City, public or private, that is open to the general public regardless of any fee or age requirement, including, for example, bars, restaurants, clubs, stores, stadiums, parks, playgrounds, taxis, and buses.
"Retailer" means tobacco retailer as defined herein.
"Sale" or "Sell" means any transfer, exchange, barter, gift, offer for sale, or distribution for a commercial purpose, in any manner or by any means whatsoever.

"Self-service display" means the open display or storage of tobacco products in a manner that is physically accessible in any way to the general public without the assistance of the retailer or employee of the retailer and a direct person-to-person transfer between the purchaser and the retailer or employee of the retailer. A vending machine is a form of self-service display.
"Tobacco product" means
1. any product containing, made of, or derived from tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption or is likely to be consumed, whether inhaled, absorbed, or ingested by any other means, including but not limited to, a cigarette, a cigar, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, or snus;
2. any electronic smoking device and any substances that may be aerosolized or vaporized by such device, whether or not the substance contains nicotine; or
3. any component, part, or accessory of (1) or (2), whether or not any of these contains tobacco or nicotine, including but not limited to filters, rolling papers, blunt or hemp wraps, hookahs, mouthpieces, and pipes.

"Tobacco product" does not mean drugs, devices, or combination products authorized for sale by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, as those terms are defined in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.
"Tobacco retailer" means any person who sells, offers for sale, or does or offers to exchange for any form of consideration tobacco products. This definition is without regard to the quantity of tobacco products sold, offered for sale, exchanged, or offered for exchange., electronic cigarettes, electronic cigarette products, electronic cigarette paraphernalia, tobacco products or tobacco paraphernalia.
"Tobacco retailing" means engaging in the activities of a tobacco retailer. .
"Tobacco retailer's license" means the license issued pursuant to this chapter that authorizes tobacco retailing at a certain location and by a certain tobacco retailer.

5.42.020 Requirements and prohibitions.
A. Tobacco Retailer License Required. It is unlawful for any person to act as a tobacco retailer in the City without first obtaining and maintaining a valid tobacco retailer's license pursuant to this chapter for each location at which that activity is to occur. Tobacco retailing without a valid tobacco retailer's license is a nuisance as a matter of law. This chapter shall not be construed to apply to penalize individuals engaged in the purchase, use, or possession of tobacco products prohibited by this Chapter that are not engaged in tobacco retailing nor shall it be construed to penalize employees of licensees under this Chapter.
B. Lawful Business Operation. In the course of tobacco retailing or in the operation of the business or maintenance of the location for which a license issued, it shall be a violation of this chapter for a licensee, or any of the licensee's agents or employees, to violate any local, State, or Federal law applicable to the sale of tobacco products.
C. Display of License. Each tobacco retailer license shall be prominently displayed in a publicly visible location at the licensed location.
D. Positive Identification Required. No person engaged in tobacco retailing shall sell or transfer a tobacco product to another person without first examining the identification of the recipient, as required by State law, to confirm that the recipient is at least the minimum age under State law.

E. Minimum Age for Persons Selling Tobacco. Persons employed by a tobacco retailer under this chapter that sell tobacco products must be at least the minimum legal sales age established by state law.
F. Self-Service Displays Prohibited. Tobacco retailing by means of a self-service display is prohibited.
G. False and Misleading Advertising Prohibited. A tobacco retailer or proprietor without a valid tobacco retailer license, including, for example, a person whose license has been revoked:
1. Shall keep all tobacco products out of public view. The public display of tobacco products in violation of this provision shall constitute tobacco retailing without a license; and
2. Shall not display any advertisement relating to tobacco products that promotes the sale or distribution of such products from the tobacco retailer's location or that could lead a reasonable consumer to believe that such products can be obtained at that location.
H. Signage Violations. It is a violation of this chapter for any licensee to violate any local, State, or Federal law regulating exterior, storefront, window, or door signage.
I. Drug Paraphernalia. It is a violation of this chapter for any licensee or any of the licensee's agents or employees, to violate any local, State, or Federal law regulating controlled substances or drug paraphernalia.
J. Nonsale Distribution of Tobacco Products Prohibited.
1. No tobacco retailer nor any agent or employee of a tobacco retailer shall engage in the nonsale distribution of any tobacco product or coupon in any public place.
2. No person, motivated by an economic or a business purpose, shall knowingly permit the nonsale distribution of any tobacco product or coupon: (a) anywhere in any public place under the legal or de facto control of the person; or (b) through any agent or employee of the person. This provision shall not apply to coupons incidentally distributed in connection with a printed or electronic publication, such as, for example, magazines, newspapers, and websites, so long as that person's distribution of a publication containing coupons is not primarily motivated by an economic or a business purpose to distribute coupons.
3. No tobacco retailer may honor or redeem, or offer to honor or redeem, a coupon to allow a consumer to purchase a tobacco product for less than the full retail price.
4. No tobacco retailer may sell any tobacco product to a consumer through a multiple-package discount or otherwise provide any such product to a consumer for less than the full retail price in consideration for the purchase of any tobacco product or other item.
5. No tobacco retailer may provide any free or discounted item to a consumer in exchange for the purchase of any tobacco product.
K. Minimum Pack Size for Cigars.
1. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, no tobacco retailer shall sell, offer for sale, or exchange for any form of consideration:
a. Any single cigar, whether or not packaged for individual sale;
b. Any number of cigars fewer than the number contained in the manufacturer's original consumer packaging designed for retail sale to a consumer; or
c. Any package of cigars containing fewer than five cigars.
d. Cigars at a price of less than eight dollars per package of five cigars, including all applicable taxes and fees.
2. This subsection does not apply to the sale or offer for sale of a single cigar for which the retail price exceeds five dollars, including all applicable taxes and fees. This amount may be increased annually by the Consumer Price Index, as determined by the City Council and adopted by resolution.
3. This subsection shall apply to cigars, cigarillos and any other cigar product regardless of the terminology used for the product.
L. Flavored Tobacco Products. It shall be unlawful for any tobacco retailer to sell any flavored tobacco product.
1. Presumptive flavored tobacco product. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that a tobacco product is a flavored tobacco product if a tobacco retailer, manufacturer, or any employee or agent of a tobacco retailer or manufacturer has taken action directed to consumers that would be reasonably expected to cause consumers to believe the tobacco product is a flavored tobacco product. Any communication by or on behalf of the manufacturer or retailer of a tobacco product that such tobacco product imparts a taste or odor other than the taste or odor of tobacco, or that imparts a heating, cooling, or numbing sensation, constitutes presumptive evidence that the tobacco product is a flavored tobacco product. This includes but is not limited to public statements that a product is flavored, such as describing the product as "chill," "ice," "fresh," "arctic," "sweet," "spicy," or "frost."

5.42.030 Limits on eligibility for a tobacco retailer license.
A. No license shall be issued to authorize tobacco retailing at other than a fixed location.
B. No license shall be issued to authorize tobacco retailing at a location where tobacco products are prohibited from being distributed pursuant to Title 17.
C. No license shall be issued to a location or a tobacco retailer where prohibited pursuant to Section 5.42.110.
D. Proximity to other tobacco retailers or other uses. No license may issueto authorize tobacco retailing within 1000 feet of a tobacco retailer location already licensed pursuant to this chapter or a public park, a child day care facility, or school, as measured by a straight line from the nearest point of the property line of the parcel on which the applicant's business is located to the nearest point of the property line of the parcel on which an existing licensee's business is located or on which a public park, a child day care facility, or school is located. This restriction does not apply to an applicant who has been selling tobacco products consistent with all Federal, State and local laws and regulations as of the effective date of this chapter.
E. Pharmacies. No license may issue, and no existing license may be renewed, to authorize tobacco retailing in a pharmacy.

5.42.040 Application procedure.
A. Application for a tobacco retailer's license shall be submitted in the name of each proprietor proposing to conduct tobacco retailing and shall be signed by each proprietor or an authorized agent thereof.
It is the responsibility of each proprietor to be informed regarding all laws applicable to tobacco retailing, including those laws affecting the issuance of a tobacco retailer's license. No proprietor may rely on the issuance of a license as a determination by the City that the proprietor has complied with all laws applicable to tobacco retailing. A license issued contrary to this chapter, contrary to any other law, or on the basis of false or misleading information supplied by a proprietor shall be revoked pursuant to Section 5.42.110(D) of this chapter. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to vest in any person obtaining and maintaining a tobacco retailer's license any status or right to act as a tobacco retailer in contravention of any provision of law.

All applications shall be submitted on a form supplied by the Department and shall contain the following information:
1. The name, address, and telephone number of each proprietor of the business seeking a license;
2. The business name, address, and telephone number of the single fixed location for which a license is sought;
3. A single name and mailing address authorized by each proprietor to receive all communications and notices (the "authorized address") required by, authorized by, or convenient to the enforcement of this chapter. If an authorized address is not supplied, each proprietor shall be understood to consent to the provision of notice at the business address specified in subsection (A)(2);
4. Proof that the location for which a tobacco retailer's license is sought has been issued a valid state tobacco retailer's license by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration;
5. Whether or not any proprietor or any agent of the proprietor has admitted violating, or has been found to have violated, this chapter and, if so, the dates and locations of all such violations within the previous five years;
6. A statement signed by each proprietor that no drug paraphernalia is or will be sold at the location for which the license is sought;
7. Such other information as the Department deems necessary for the administration or enforcement of this chapter as specified on the application form required by this section.
B. A licensed tobacco retailer shall inform the Department in writing of any change in the information submitted on an application for a tobacco retailer's license within ten business days of a change.
C. All information specified in an application pursuant to this section shall be subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act (California Government Code Sections 7920 et seq.) or any other applicable law, subject to the laws' exemptions.

5.42.050 Issuance of license.
Upon the receipt of a complete application for a tobacco retailer's license and the license fee required by this chapter, the Administrator shall issue a license, which shall be effective beginning January 1 of each year, unless substantial evidence demonstrates that one or more of the following bases for denial exists:
A. The information presented in the application is inaccurate or false. Intentionally supplying inaccurate or false information shall be a violation of this chapter;
B. The application seeks authorization for tobacco retailing at a location for which this chapter prohibits issuance of tobacco retailer licenses. However, this subsection shall not constitute a basis for denial of a license if the applicant provides the City with documentation demonstrating by clear and convincing evidence that the applicant has acquired or is acquiring the location or business in an arm's length transaction and the license is issued no later than 30 days following the acquisition of the location or business;
C. The application seeks authorization for tobacco retailing for a proprietor or location for which this chapter prohibits a license to be issued, including the provisions of Section 5.42.110;
D. The application seeks authorization for tobacco retailing that is prohibited pursuant to this chapter (e.g., mobile vending), that is unlawful pursuant to this Code or that is unlawful pursuant to any other law;

E. The location for which a tobacco retailer's license is sought lacks a valid state tobacco retailer's license by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

5.42.060 License renewal and expiration.
A. Term and Renewal of License. A tobacco retailer's license is invalid if the appropriate fee has not been timely paid in full or if the term of the license has expired. The term of a tobacco retailer license is one year. Each tobacco retailer shall apply for the renewal of their tobacco retailer's license and submit the license fee prior to expiration of the term.
B. Expiration of License. A tobacco retailer's license that is not timely renewed shall expire at the end of its term.

5.42.070 Licenses nontransferable.
A. A tobacco retailer's license may not be transferred from one person to another or from one location to another. A new tobacco retailer's license is required whenever a tobacco retailing location has a change in proprietor(s).
B. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, prior violations at a location shall continue to be counted against a location and license ineligibility periods shall continue to apply to a location unless:
1. The location has been fully transferred to a new proprietor or fully transferred to entirely new proprietors; and
2. The new proprietor(s) provide the City with clear and convincing evidence that the new proprietor(s) have acquired or is acquiring the location in an arm's length transaction.

5.42.080 License conveys a limited, conditional privilege.
Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to grant any person obtaining and maintaining a tobacco retailer's license any status or right other than the limited conditional privilege to act as a tobacco retailer at the location in the City identified on the face of the permit. For example, nothing in this chapter shall be construed to render inapplicable, supersede, or apply in lieu of, any other provision of applicable law, including but not limited to, any provision of this Code, or any condition or limitation on smoking in an enclosed place of employment pursuant to California Labor Code Section 6404.5. For example, obtaining a tobacco retailer license does not make the retailer a "retail or wholesale tobacco shop" for the purposes of California Labor Code Section 6404.5.

5.42.090 Fee for license.
The fee to issue or to renew a tobacco retailer's license shall be established from time to time by resolution of the City Council and shall be included within the City's Master Fee Schedule. The fee shall be calculated so as to recover the cost of administration and enforcement of this chapter, including, for example, issuing a license, administering this chapter, retailer inspection and compliance checks, documentation of violations, and prosecution of violators, but shall not exceed the cost of the regulatory program authorized by this chapter. All fees and interest upon proceeds of fees shall be used exclusively to fund the program. Fees are nonrefundable except as may be required by law.

5.42.100 Compliance monitoring.
A. Compliance with this chapter shall be monitored by the Community Development Department. The City may designate any number of additional persons to monitor compliance with this chapter.
B. Compliance checks shall be conducted so as to allow the Police Department to determine, at a minimum, if the tobacco retailer is conducting business in a manner that complies with laws regulating youth access to tobacco products. When the Police Department deems appropriate, the compliance checks shall determine compliance with other laws applicable to tobacco retailing.

5.42.110 Suspension and revocation of license.
A. Suspension or revocation of tobacco retailer license for violation. In addition to any other penalty authorized by law, a Tobacco Retailer License shall be suspended or revoked if the Department finds or a court of competent jurisdiction determines, after the licensee is afforded notice and an opportunity to be heard, that the licensee, or any of the licensee's agents or employees, has violated any provision of this Chapter.
1. Upon a finding of a first violation of this Chapter at a location within any 5 year period, the License shall be suspended for 30 days.
2. Upon a finding of a second violation of this Chapter at a location within any 5 year period, the License shall be suspended for 90 days.
3. Upon a finding of a third violation of this Chapter at a location within any 5 year period, the License shall be suspended for 1 year.
4. Upon a finding of four or more violations of this Chapter at a location within any 5 year period, the License shall be revoked with no new license issued for a five year period.
B. Procedures. If the licensee contacts the Administrator to challenge the finding of a violation, the Administrator shall provide written notice of a hearing, not less than five business days after the notice, at which the tobacco retailer may show cause, at a time and place specified in the notice, why a violation does not exist. Should the tobacco retailer fail to present evidence at such hearing establishing, in the reasonable determination of the Administrator, that a violation does not exist, the Administrator shall provide written notice to the tobacco retailer that the notice of violation is upheld. If a license is subject to revocation, the Administrator shall provide written notice of revocation along with the reasons for revocation, facts suggesting violation, the penalties for violation, and ability to appeal pursuant to subsection C. Within five days of the mailing of notice of revocation, the tobacco retailer shall cease the operation of the business for which the license was issued.
C. Appeal of Revocation. A decision of the Administrator to revoke a license is appealable to the City Manager and must be filed with the City Clerk within ten days of mailing of the Administrator's notice of revocation. If such an appeal is made, it shall stay enforcement of the appealed action. An appeal to the City Manager is not available for a revocation made pursuant to subsection D. The date, time, and place of appeal hearings shall be provided in writing to the tobacco retailer with at least ten days' notice and copies of hearing rules. If the tobacco retailer fails to present evidence establishing that tobacco retailer is entitled to retain the license, the City Manager shall uphold the revocation and give written notice to the tobacco retailer. Within five days of the mailing of the notice of upheld revocation, the tobacco retailer shall cease operation of the business for which the license was issued.
D. Revocation of License Wrongly Issued. A tobacco retailer's license shall be revoked if the Administrator finds, after the licensee is afforded notice and an opportunity to be heard, that one or more of the bases for denial of a license under Section 5.42.050 existed at the time application was made or at any time before the license issued. The decision by the Administrator shall be the final decision of the City.

5.42.120 Enforcement.
A. Each incident of violation of this chapter is an infraction. The Department may impose administrative penalties as follows:
1. For a first violation of this Chapter within any one year period, one hundred dollars ($100);
2. For a second violation of this Chapter within any one year period, two hundred dollars ($200); and
3. For a third or subsequent violation of this Chapter within any one year period, five hundred dollars ($500).
B. Civil Enforcement by the City.
1. Fines. Violations of this chapter are subject to a civil action brought by the City of Newark, punishable by a civil fine not less than two hundred fifty dollars and not exceeding one thousand dollars per violation.
2. Injunctions, Nuisance Abatement, and Code Enforcement. In addition to other remedies provided by this chapter or by other law, any violation of this chapter may be remedied by a civil action brought by the City Attorney including, for example, administrative or judicial nuisance abatement proceedings, civil or criminal code enforcement proceedings, and suits for injunctive relief. Where the City pursues a civil action to remedy a violation of this chapter, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recovery of attorneys fees if the City elects, at the beginning of that action, to seek recovery of its own attorneys' fees pursuant to Government Code Section 38773.5 as currently drafted or as amended.
C. General Provisions.
1. Cumulative Remedies. The remedies provided by this chapter are cumulative and in addition to any other remedies available at law or in equity.
2. Violations. Causing, permitting, aiding, abetting, or concealing a violation of any provision of this chapter shall also constitute a violation of this chapter. A violation exists for each day on which a tobacco product is offered for sale in violation of this chapter. A violation also exists for each individual retail tobacco product that is distributed, sold, or offered for sale in violation of this chapter.
3. Nuisances. Violations of this chapter are hereby declared to be public nuisances.
4. No Testimony for Persons Under Eighteen. Whenever evidence of a violation of this chapter is obtained in any part through the participation of a person under the age of eighteen years old, such a person shall not be required to appear or give testimony in any civil or administrative process brought to enforce this chapter and the alleged violation shall be adjudicated based upon the sufficiency and persuasiveness of the evidence presented.

CNSB # 3866126

BULK SALES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (SECS 6104, 6105 U.C.C.)
Escrow No. FSBC-0272401058
Notice is hereby given to the Creditors of: YONLI CORPORATION, Seller(s), whose business address(es) is: 4161 CUSHING PARKWAY, FREMONT, CA 94538, that a bulk transfer is about to be made to: FALAKNUMA LLC, Buyer(s), whose business(es) address is: 4161 CUSHING PARKWAY, FREMONT, CA 94538.
The property to be transferred is located at: 4161 CUSHING PARKWAY, FREMONT, CA 94538.
Said property is described in general as: ALL STOCK IN TRADE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL AND OTHER PROPERTY of that business known as: BEST ASIAN BISTRO and located at: 4161 CUSHING PARKWAY, FREMONT, CA 94538
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY, ESCROW DIVISION, 2099 GATEWAY PL, STE 500, SAN JOSE, CA 95110..
The bulk transfer will be consummated on or after the NOVEMBER 22, 2024.
The bulk transfer is subject to Section 6106.2 of the California Commercial Code. If Section 6106.2 applies, claims may be filed at: FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY, ESCROW DIVISION Escrow No. FSBC-0272401058R, 2099 GATEWAY PL, STE 500, SAN JOSE, CA 95110. PHONE (408)437-4313, FAX (408)392-9272. This bulk transfer does NOT include a liquor license transfer. All claims must be received at this address by the NOVEMBER 21, 2024
So far as known to the Buyer(s), all business names and addresses used by the Seller(s) for the three (3) years last past, if different from the above are: NONE
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this document on the date(s) set forth below.
FALAKNUMA LLC
Date: OCTOBER 24, 2024
2910339-PP TRI CITY VOICE
11/5/24

CNS-3867776#

CIVIL

SUMMONS
(CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER *(Número del Caso)*:
22CV403049
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT *(AVISO AL DEMANDADO)*: JASMINE GONG; HENRY GONG
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF *(LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE)*: NAREN CHAGANTI
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (*www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp*), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.
There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (*www.lawhelpcalifornia.org*), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (*www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp*), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of $10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.
¡AVISO! *Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.*
*Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (*www.sucorte.ca.gov*), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.*
*Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (*www.lawhelpcalifornia.org*), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (*www.sucorte.ca.gov*) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de $10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.*
The name and address of the court is *(El nombre y dirección de la corte es)*: SUPERIOR COURT FOR SANTA CLARA COUNTY, 191 N. FIRST STREET, SAN JOSE, CA 95113
The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is *(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es)*: NAREN CHAGANTI, 713 THE HAMPTONS LN, TOWN & COUNTY, MO 63017 (650) 248-7011; NAREN@CHAGANTI.COM
DATE *(Fecha)*: 8/8/2022 10:49 PM
Clerk *(Secretario)*, by M. BUI, Deputy *(Adjunto)* *(SEAL)*
10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19/24

CNS-3865962#

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 24CV080617
Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA
Petition of: GINA MARIE SALAZAR for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner GINA MARIE GUEVARA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
GINA MARIE GUEVARA to GINA MARIE SALAZAR
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: 1/17/2025, Time: 9:30 A.M., Dept.: 103, Room: N/A
The address of the court is 661 WASHINGTON STREET, OAKLAND, CA 94607
(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: OCTOBER 9 2024
THOMAS I NIXON
Judge of the Superior Court
10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12/24

CNS-3862458#

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF FREMONT
PLANNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETNG

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FREMONT WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS. SAID PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD AT 7:00 P.M., ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 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.

ANEW WELLNESS SPA - CUP – 40611 Grimmer Boulevard Unit A – PLN2024-00075 - To consider a Conditional Use Permit for a massage establishment for therapy and day spa services in the Irvington Community Plan Area, and to consider a categorical exemption from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities, and on a separate and independent basis, a finding that the project is subject to no further environmental review pursuant to 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 – Clarissa Flores, (510) 494-4545, cflores@fremont.gov

WINTER 2024/2025 CODE UPDATE – CITYWIDE – PLN2025-00065 - To consider amending various chapters within Fremont Municipal Code Title 2 (Administration and Finance), Title 8 (Health and Safety), Title 17 (Subdivisions), and Title 18 (Planning and Zoning), and related amendments to the Warm Springs / South Fremont Community Plan, to clarify and enhance definitions, procedures, and standards related to development and use of property within the City and implement the 2023-2031 Housing Element; and to consider exemptions for the proposed amendments from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), each on a separate and independent basis, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061 (Review for Exemption) and §15183 (Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning).
Project Planner – Winnie Mui, (510) 494-4453, wmui@fremont.gov; Mark Hungerford, (510) 494-4541, mhungerford@fremont.gov

For further information on any of the above items, contact the respective project planner above for that particular project.

* 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
FREMONT PLANNING COMMISSION

CITY OF Fremont

CNSB # 3867566

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF FREMONT
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF FREMONT WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL. SAID PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD AT 3:00 P.M., ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024, AT THE CITY OF FREMONT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CENTER, NILES CONFERENCE ROOM, 39550 LIBERTY STREET, FREMONT, CALIFORNIA, AT WHICH TIME ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PERSONS MAY APPEAR AND BE HEARD.

MISSION OAK – 43512 Ellsworth Street – PLN2023-00220 - To consider a Discretionary Design review for the new construction of a 24-unit rental residential project comprised of 18 one-bedroom units and six (6) two-bedroom units, , with 10% of the units reserved for Low Income Housing. An existing two-story register eligible historical house on the site would be preserved and the ground floor would be converted for commercial uses; and to consider an exemption from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per, without limitation, CEQA Guidelines Section 15332, Infill Development Projects, and a finding that no further environmental review is required pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15183, as the project is consistent with the density established by the General Plan, for which an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (SCH#2010082060) was previously prepared and certified, and CEQA Guidelines 15162 and 15163, as none of the circumstances requiring preparation of a subsequent or supplemental EIR have occurred. Each of the forgoing provides a separate and independent basis for CEQA compliance.
Project Planner – Spencer Shafsky, (510) 494-4452, sshafsky@fremont.gov

For further information on any of the above items, contact the respective project planner above for that particular project.

* NOTICE *

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

CLIFFORD NGUYEN
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

CITY OF Fremont

CNSB # 3867558

CITY OF Fremont

2025-2028 SOCIAL SERVICE GRANT PROGRAM
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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

The City of Fremont will award approximately $979,000 in Social Service Grant Funds and $100,000 in Opioid Settlement Funds annually to non-profit organizations over the next three fiscal years (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028). Agencies funded through this Request for Proposals (RFP) process will receive funding for FY 2025-2026, as well as FY 2026-2027 and FY 2027-2028, pending availability of funds, satisfactory mid-year evaluations, Senior Citizen Commission (SCC) or Human Relations Commission (HRC) recommendations, and City Council approval.

To learn more about the Funding Impact Categories, Criteria, Application Process, and Deadlines, please go to the City of Fremont website.

A **Mandatory** Pre-Application and all RFP materials will be available via ZoomGrants at https://www.zoomgrants.com/zgf/SSG2528 starting Friday, November 1, 2024.

Agencies must submit completed proposals via ZoomGrants by Friday, December 13, 2024 (5:00PM PST).

To learn more, go to the City website to *Human Services, Human Services in the Community, City Funded Grants, Social Service Grants Program or use QR code* below.

CNSB # 3866932

CITY OF Fremont

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WINTER 2024/2025 CODE UPDATE - CITYWIDE – PLN2025-00065

To consider amending various chapters within Fremont Municipal Code Title 2 (Administration and Finance), Title 8 (Health and Safety), Title 17 (Subdivisions), and Title 18 (Planning and Zoning), and related amendments to the Warm Springs / South Fremont Community Plan, to clarify and enhance definitions, procedures, and standards related to development and use of property within the City and implement the 2023-2031 Housing Element; and to consider exemptions for the proposed amendments from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), each on a separate and independent basis, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061 (Review for Exemption) and §15183 (Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning).

APPLICANT: City of Fremont

PUBLIC HEARING: Notice is hereby given that the Fremont Planning Commission will consider a recommendation to the City Council for adoption of the proposed amendments on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 3300 Capitol Avenue, Fremont, California, at which time all interested parties may appear and be heard.

Any questions or comments on the project should be submitted to:

Winnie Mui, Associate Planner
Mark Hungerford, Senior Planner

Location: 39550 Liberty Street, Fremont
Mailing: P.O. Box 5006, Fremont, CA 94537-5006
Phone: (510) 494-4453 / (510) 494-4541
E-mail: wmui@fremont.gov / mhungerford@fremont.gov

CNSB # 3867563

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610107
Fictitious Business Name(s):
ENGINEERING FOR KIDS, 46560 FREMONT BLVD #106, FREMONT, CA 94538, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
SSB EDUCATION LLC, **46560 FREMONT BLVD #106, FREMONT, CA 94538**, 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 MAY 2012
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/ HARISH UTAMSING
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 10/21/2024
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.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26/24

CNS-3866341#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610108
Fictitious Business Name(s):
ROUND TABLE PIZZA, 46600 MISSION BLVD, FREMONT, CA 94539, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
RAH SAMI PIZZA LLC, 46600 MISSION BLVD, FREMONT, CA 94539, County of ALAMEDA
Business conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on APRIL 2012
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/ HARISH UTAMSING
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 10/21/2024
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.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26/24

CNS-3866338#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610203
Fictitious Business Name(s):
EZ PACKING AND SHIPPING, 31157 SAN BENITO ST., HAYWARD, CA 94544, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
MIKE ZHU, 31157 SAN BENITO ST., HAYWARD, CA 94544
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [$1,000].)
/s/ MIKE ZHU
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 10/23/2024
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.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26/24

CNS-3866337#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610131
Fictitious Business Name(s):
HIN REAL ESTATE / HIN MANAGEMENT, 38371 ALTA DR., FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
SKYLINE PROPERTY INVESTMENT, 41041 TRIMBOLI WAY #1402, FREMONT, CA 94538
Business conducted by: A CORPORATION
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/15/2024
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/ CHARLES HIN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 10/22/2024
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.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19/24

CNS-3865573#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 609876
Fictitious Business Name(s):
SEBAS GARDENING SERVICES, 5274 BELVEDERE ST., OAKLAND, CA 94601, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
PEDRO SEBASTIAN MATEO, **5274 BELVEDERE ST., OAKLAND, CA 94601**, County of ALAMEDA
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/09/2024
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/ PEDRO SEBASTIAN MATEO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 10/10/2024
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.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19/24

CNS-3865245#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 609218
Fictitious Business Name(s):
TIKI PALMS AVENUE, 29455 NEW HAMPSHIRE WAY, HAYWARD, CA 94544 County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
NICOLE BETTIUS, 29455 NEW HAMPSHIRE WAY, HAYWARD, CA 94544
Business conducted by: an Individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [$1,000].)
S/ NICOLE BETTIUS,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 09/10/2024.
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.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12/24

CNS-3863304#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 609591
Fictitious Business Name(s):
GAMEDAY MEN S HEALTH HAYWARD, 24301 SOUTHLAND DRIVE, SUITE 200, HAYWARD, CA 94545 County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
SATPATHY HEALTH AND WELLNESS PC, 24301 SOUTHLAND DRIVE, SUITE 200,HAYWARD, CA 94545 (CA)
Business conducted by: State or Local Registered Domestic Partners
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/ SARITA SATPATHY
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 09/27/2024.
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.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
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CNS-3862461#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 609824
Fictitious Business Name(s):
CHILDREN'S INNOVATION CENTER, 4212 WESTMINSTER CIR., FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
SHANTI BALARAMAN, 4212 WESTMINSTER CIR, FREMONT, CA 94536
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/ SHANTI BALARAMAN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on OCTOBER 9, 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.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12/24

CNS-3862460#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 609838
Fictitious Business Name(s):
COLLEGE PERSPECTIVE, 2345 WOODTHRUSH WAY, PLEASANTON, CA 94566-5326, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
EMMELINE CHEN, 2345 WOODTHRUSH WAY, PLEASANTON, CA 94566
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/1/2024
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/ EMMELINE CHEN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on OCTOBER 9, 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.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12/24

CNS-3862459#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 609587
Fictitious Business Name(s):
EXPRESSION8 ART ACADEMY, 39190 PASEO PADRE PKWY, FREMONT, CA 94538 County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
EXPRESSION8 ART INC, 39190 PASEO PADRE PKWY, FREMONT, CA 94538 (CA)
Business conducted by: a Corporation
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09/12/2024.
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].)
EXPRESSION8 ART INC
S/ PRASHANT LAXMIL NEKKANTI
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 09/27/2024.
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.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
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CNS-3862183#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 609745
Fictitious Business Name(s):
PERALTA DISCOUNT LIQUOR #2, 4342 THORNTON AVE, FREMONT, CA 94536 County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
PERALTA DISCOUNT LIQUOR LLC, 4342 THORNTON AVE, FREMONT, CA 94536
Business conducted by: a limited liability company
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [$1,000].)
PERALTA DISCOUNT LIQUOR LLC
S/ RESHAM SINGH ,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 10/04/2024.
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.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5/24

CNS-3861183#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 609474
Fictitious Business Name(s):
UP RIVER SOLUTIONS, 1550 STAFFORD AVE, HAYWARD, CA 94541; MAILING ADDRESS: 1090 B STREET #130, HAYWARD, CA 94541 County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
SARA LAMNIN, 1090 B STREET #130, HAYWARD, CA 94541
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/ SARA LAMNIN,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 09/24/2024.
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.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
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CNS-3861182#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 609314
Fictitious Business Name(s):
ZC MOTORS, 4223 PERALTA BLVD, FREMONT, CA 94536 County of ALAMEDA
MAILING ADDRESS: 1414 EL CAMIMNO HIGUERA, MILPITAS, CA 95035
Registrant(s):
ZACHARY CHAMALI, 1414 EL CAMIMNO HIGUERA, MILPITAS, CA 95035
Business conducted by: an Individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 07/01/2024.
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/ ZACHARY CHAMALI,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 09/16/2024.
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.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
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CNS-3861169#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 609749
Fictitious Business Name(s):
GRIMMER LIQUOR & GROCERY, 43410 GRIMMER BLVD., FREMONT, CA 94538 County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
KAMALJEET SINGH INC., 43410 GRIMMER BLVD., FREMONT, CA 94538
Business conducted by: a Corporation
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [$1,000].)
KAMALJEET SINGH INC.
S/ KAMALJEET SINGH ,
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 10/04/2024.
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.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
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CNS-3861168#

GOVERNMENT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
RE: Annexation of Territory to Community Facilities District
CITY OF UNION CITY
Community Facilities District No. 2006-1
(Public Services),
Annexation No. 9 (Florence Street)
Notice is hereby given that the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Union City (the "City") adopted its "Resolution Declaring Its Intention To Authorize the Annexation of Territory (Florence Street) to Community Facilities District No. 2006-1 (Public Services" (the "Resolution of Intention")

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to annex territory to Community Facilities District No. 2006-1 (Public Services), (the "CFD") under the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, constituting Chapter 2.5 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5, commencing at Section 53311, of the California Government Code (the "Act"). Under the Act and the Resolution of Intention, the Council gives notice as follows:
1. The text of the Resolution of Intention, with Exhibits A and B thereto, as adopted by the Council, is on file with City Clerk and reference is made thereto for the particular provisions thereof. The text of the Resolution of Intention is summarized as follows:
a. Under the Act, this Council is undertaking proceedings for the annexation of territory to the CFD, the boundaries of which are shown on a map on file with the City Clerk.
b. The purpose of the CFD is to provide for the financing of police services, fire protection and suppression services, paramedic services and park maintenance (the "Services") as more fully described in the Resolution of Intention.
c. The method of financing the Services is through the imposition and levy of a special tax (the "Special Tax") to be apportioned on the properties in the CFD under the rate and method of apportionment described in the Resolution of Intention and Exhibit B thereto. The Special Tax requires the approval of two-thirds of landowner votes voted at a special election called for that purpose by the Council, with each landowner having one vote for each acre or portion of acre such owner owns in the CFD.
d. The Resolution of Intention directed the preparation of a CFD Report that shows the Services by type and that are required to adequately meet the needs of the CFD and the estimated costs of the Services. The CFD Report will be made a permanent part of the record of the public hearing specified below. Reference is made to the CFD Report as filed with the Clerk.
e. As set forth below, the Council will hold a public hearing on the establishment of the CFD with its Services and Special Tax.
2. The time and place established under the Resolution of Intention for the public hearing required under the Act are Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 7:00 p.m at a Special City Council Meeting or as soon as possible thereafter, in the City Hall, Council Chambers, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, California.
3. At the hearing, the testimony of all interested persons or taxpayers for or against the establishment of the CFD, the extent of the CFD or the furnishing of the specified Services will be heard. Any person interested may file a protest in writing as provided in Section 53323 of the Act. If 50% or more of the registered voters, or six registered voters, whichever is more, residing in the territory proposed to be included in the CFD, or the owners of one-half or more of the area of land in the territory proposed to be included in the CFD and not exempt from the special tax, file written protests against the establishment of the CFD and the protests are not withdrawn to reduce the value of the protests to less than a majority, the Council shall take no further action to create the CFD or levy the special taxes for a period of one year from the date of decision of the Council, and if the majority protests of the registered voters or landowners are only against the furnishing of a type or types of Services within the CFD, or against levying a specified special tax, those types of Services or the specified special tax will be eliminated from the proceedings to form the CFD.
4. The proposed voting procedure shall be by special mail or hand-delivered ballot to the property owners within the territory proposed to be included in the CFD.
Dated: October 31, 2024 City Clerk, City of Union City
11/5/24

CNS-3867879#

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
RE: Annexation of Territory to Community Facilities District
CITY OF UNION CITY
Community Facilities District No. 2006-1
(Public Services),
Annexation No. 8 (Turk Island)
Notice is hereby given that the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Union City (the "City") adopted its "Resolution Declaring Its Intention To Authorize the Annexation of Territory (Turk Island) to Community Facilities District No. 2006-1 (Public Services" (the "Resolution of Intention") to annex territory to Community Facilities District No. 2006-1 (Public Services), (the "CFD") under the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, constituting Chapter 2.5 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5, commencing at Section 53311, of the California Government Code (the "Act"). Under the Act and the Resolution of Intention, the Council gives notice as follows:
1. The text of the Resolution of Intention, with Exhibits A and B thereto, as adopted by the Council, is on file with City Clerk and reference is made thereto for the particular provisions thereof. The text of the Resolution of Intention is summarized as follows:
a. Under the Act, this Council is undertaking proceedings for the annexation of territory to the CFD, the boundaries of which are shown on a map on file with the City Clerk.
b. The purpose of the CFD is to provide for the financing of police services, fire protection and suppression services, paramedic services and park maintenance (the "Services") as more fully described in the Resolution of Intention.
c. The method of financing the Services is through the imposition and levy of a special tax (the "Special Tax") to be apportioned on the properties in the CFD under the rate and method of apportionment described in the Resolution of Intention and Exhibit B thereto. The Special Tax requires the approval of two-thirds of landowner votes voted at a special election called for that purpose by the Council, with each landowner having one vote for each acre or portion of acre such owner owns in the CFD.
d. The Resolution of Intention directed the preparation of a CFD Report that shows the Services by type and that are required to adequately meet the needs of the CFD and the estimated costs of the Services. The CFD Report will be made a permanent part of the record of the public hearing specified below. Reference is made to the CFD Report as filed with the Clerk.
e. As set forth below, the Council will hold a public hearing on the establishment of the CFD with its Services and Special Tax.
2. The time and place established under the Resolution of Intention for the public hearing required under the Act are Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 7:00 p.m at a Special City Council Meeting or as soon as possible thereafter, in the City Hall, Council Chambers, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, California.
3. At the hearing, the testimony of all interested persons or taxpayers for or against the establishment of the CFD, the extent of the CFD or the furnishing of the specified Services will be heard. Any person interested may file a protest in writing as provided in Section 53323 of the Act. If 50% or more of the registered voters, or six registered voters, whichever is more, residing in the territory proposed to be included in the CFD, or the owners of one-half or more of the area of land in the territory proposed to be included in the CFD and not exempt from the special tax, file written protests against the establishment of the CFD and the protests are not withdrawn to reduce the value of the protests to less than a majority, the Council shall take no further action to create the CFD or levy the special taxes for a period of one year from the date of decision of the Council, and if the majority protests of the registered voters or landowners are only against the furnishing of a type or types of Services within the CFD, or against levying a specified special tax, those types of Services or the specified special tax will be eliminated from the proceedings to form the CFD.
4. The proposed voting procedure shall be by special mail or hand-delivered ballot to the property owners within the territory proposed to be included in the CFD.
Dated: October 31, 2024 City Clerk, City of Union City
11/5/24

CNS-3867878#

CITY OF FREMONT
PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the City of Fremont City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the following proposal. Said public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 19, 2024, Council Chambers, 3300 Capitol Ave., Bldg. A, Fremont, CA, at which time all interested parties may attend and be heard:
RENT REVIEW ORDINANCE ANNUAL REPORT AND PROGRAM FEE – Public Hearing (Published Notice) to Review the Annual Report on the Rent Review Ordinance and Adopt the FY 2024/25 Annual Fee
AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2023/24 ACTION PLAN – Public Hearing (Published Notice) on amending the FY 2023/24 Action Plan and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into An Agreement with Abode Services for $89,000 in Emergency Solutions Grant Funding for the Sunrise Village Shelter.
Information on how to participate will be made available, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting, on the agenda posted online.
If you challenge any decision of the City Council in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.
SUSAN GAUTHIER, CMC – CITY CLERK
11/5/24

CNS-3867589#

City Council OF
THE CITY OF UNION CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Union City will hold a public hearing on the following matter:
Chevron/Power Market Project: AG-24-002, A-24-002, UP-24-005, SD-24-007; 31300 Alvarado-Niles Road (APN: 463 -0104-006-00)
The applicant, Samir Hijazi of Archissance, on behalf of H & S Energy Products, LLC, the property owner, is seeking General Plan Amendment (AG-24-002), Zoning Map Amendment (A-24-002), Use Permit (UP-24-005), and Site Development Review (SD-24-007) approvals to demolish the existing 1,232 square-foot gas station canopy and 1,522 square-foot convenience store/smog check station and construct a new 2,875 square-foot canopy, 2,375 square-foot convenience store, new trash enclosure, and related site improvements on a 21,902 square-foot (0.502-acre) site. The project site is in the Union Landing Commercial (CUL) Zoning District, which does not permit service stations; therefore, the applicant is requesting to rezone the site to Community Commercial (CC), where service stations and gas station marketeers are a conditionally permitted use. A related General Plan amendment is proposed to update the City's General Plan Land Use Diagram from the Regional Retail Commercial land use designation to Retail Commercial. The property is located at 31300 Alvarado-Niles Road (APN: 463-0104-006-00).
The Planning Commission of the City of Union City reviewed the project at their October 17, 2024, Regular Meeting and recommended approval to the City Council on a 5-0 vote
NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, which determined that the project would not result in any significant environmental impacts with the incorporation of mitigation measures.
This item will be heard at a public hearing by the City Council at a Special Meeting at the time and place listed below. Comments may be submitted in writing prior to the hearing or at the hearing consistent with the Instructions on How to Address the Legislative Body which can be found at https://www.unioncity.org/199/City-Meetings-Video.The project planner, Natalie Dean, can be reached at (510)-675-5382 or via email at NatalieD@unioncity.org.
City Council SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, November 19, 2024
Said hearing will be held at 5:00 p.m., or soon thereafter as possible
City Hall - Council Chamber
34009 Alvarado-Niles Road
Union City, CA 94587
The City Council meeting packet and instructions on how to virtually attend the meeting and provide your comments can be found at https://www.unioncity.org/199/City-Meetings-Video.
Meeting packets which include the meeting agenda and staff report are generally available online the Friday before the meeting.
If you challenge the above-described project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Planning Commission public hearing for this project or the City Council public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission or the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.
CARMELA CAMPBELL, AICP
Economic & Community Development Director
11/5/24

CNS-3867345#

CITY OF FREMONT
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE
As Introduced October 8, 2024
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FREMONT AMENDING FREMONT MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.20.560 TO AMEND THE COMPOSITION OF THE PATTERSON HOUSE ADVISORY BOARD
On October 8, 2024, the Fremont City Council introduced the above ordinance, amending Fremont Municipal Code Section 2.20.560 to amend the composition of the Patterson House Advisory Board.
A certified copy of the full text of the ordinance is posted in the office of the City Clerk, 3300 Capitol Avenue, Fremont, and is available for review upon request. The second reading for adoption is currently scheduled for November 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall, 3300 Capitol Avenue, Fremont.
SUSAN GAUTHIER, CMC – CITY CLERK
11/5/24

CNS-3865310#

CITY OF FREMONT
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE
As Introduced October 8, 2024
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FREMONT AMENDING FREMONT MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 10.05.550 RESTRICTING ON-STREET PARKING TO 72 HOURS AND ADDING SECTION 10.05.555 RESTRICTING OVERSIZED PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS
On October 8, 2024, the Fremont City Council introduced the above ordinance, amending Fremont Municipal Code Section 10.05.550 restricting on-street parking to 72 hours and adding Section 10.05.555 restricting oversized parking in residential areas.
A certified copy of the full text of the ordinance is posted in the office of the City Clerk, 3300 Capitol Avenue, Fremont, and is available for review upon request. The second reading for adoption is currently scheduled for November 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall, 3300 Capitol Avenue, Fremont.
SUSAN GAUTHIER, CMC – CITY CLERK
11/5/24

CNS-3865309#

CITY OF FREMONT
PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the City of Fremont City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the following proposals. Said public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 12, 2024, Council Chambers, 3300 Capitol Ave., Bldg. A, Fremont, CA, at which time all interested parties may attend and be heard:
AMENDMENTS TO THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE AND CENTERVILLE TRAIN DEPOT PAID PARKING PROGRAM
Public Hearing (Published Notice) to Consider Adopting a Resolution Amending the Master Fee Schedule for Various Public Works Engineering Fees to Reflect Current Cost of Services, Support Community Interest in Monthly Parking at Centerville Train Depot, and to Ensure Full Cost Recovery; Make Findings of CEQA Exemption.
This Notice is in accordance with the provisions of Sections 66016 through 66018 of the California Government Code (advance notification of fee increases). If you challenge any decision of the City Council in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.
Questions about this public hearing items should be directed to Public Works Management Analyst II, Tiffany Curotto, at 510-494-4548 or tcurotto@fremont.gov.
SUSAN GAUTHIER, CMC - CITY CLERK
10/29, 11/5/24

CNS-3865306#

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
MASTER FEE SCHEDULE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVENthat the City Council of the City of Newark at its City Council meeting of Thursday, November 14, 2024, at or after 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 37101 Newark Boulevard, Newark, California will hold a public hearing to consider the Master Fee Schedule. The City Council will review proposed new fees or adjustments to existing fees for services or functions performed by the City in a governmental and/or proprietary capacity. Data establishing the estimated cost required to provide the service for which the fee or service charge is levied, and the revenue sources anticipated to provide the service will be available to the public at the Office of the City Clerk beginning November 4, 2024. Please email the City Clerk at city.clerk@newark.org or call 510-578-4278 to obtain a copy.

If you challenge a City action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Newark at, or prior to, the public hearing. All interested parties may attend the meeting and be heard.
SHEILA HARRINGTON, City Clerk
10/29, 11/5/24

CNS-3865272#

CITY OF UNION CITY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CITY PROJECT NO. 18-17
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Sealed proposals for the work shown on the plans entitled: **RUGGIERI SENIOR CENTER GENERATOR UPGRADE PROJECT CITY PROJECT NO. 18-17**, will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Union City, City Government Building, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, California, until **Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 1:30PM PST,** at which time they will be publicly opened and read in the Council Chambers of said building.
The Contractor shall possess a Class A or C-10 (Electrical) California contractor's license at the time this contract is awarded.
Bids are required for the entire work described herein. This contract is subject to the State contract nondiscrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code Section 12990.
Pre-Bid Site Visit. A pre-bid site visit is scheduled **at 1:30 PM, Wednesday, October 30, 2024.** All prospective bidders are strongly encouraged. The visit will include an overview of the existing and proposed generator locations, the electrical room and the room currently housing the transfer switch.
Bid Package & Bid Package Location. All the project work is to be done in accordance with the bid package on file with the Public Works Department - City of Union City, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, California 94587. Eligibility to bid on this project requires bid package to be electronically obtained from the City. Bid package may be obtained at no charge via email request to the City at **publicworks@unioncity.org**. Non-biddable plans and specifications shall be available to view at various Builders' Exchanges throughout the Bay Area and on the City of Union City website at www.unioncity.org.
General Work Description: The project is to replace the existing emergency generator at Ruggieri Senior Center located at 33997 Alvarado-Niles Road, in the City of Union City, California. The work generally includes the removal of existing fence, generator and footing, concrete path, main switchboard, automatic transfer switch, and associated conduit and feeder; abandon and cap existing gas service connections; construction of concrete masonry unit wall, generator footing and concrete path; installation of generator set, manual transfer switch, automatic transfer switch, docking station, distribution panel, electrical meter main with breaker, splice boxes, pull boxes and associated conductors and conduits; testing, inspection and documentation as required; coordinate with new service upgrade and construction with PG&E; provide temporary power and/or un-interruptible power supply to avoid any potential of power interruption; clean and maintain jobsite and demobilize.
All questions should be emailed or fax to **Tommy Cho, email: tommyc@unioncity.org**. The successful bidder shall furnish a Payment Bond, a Performance Bond, and a Maintenance Bond.
Minimum wage rates for this project as predetermined by the Secretary of Labor are set forth in the special provisions. If there is a difference between the minimum wage rates predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and prevailing wage rates determined by the Department of Industrial Relations for similar classifications of labor, the contractor and his subcontractors shall pay not less than the higher wage rates.
Pursuant to Section 1773 of the Labor Code, the general prevailing rate of wages in the county in which the work is to be done has been determined by the Director of the wage rates appear in the Department of Transportation publication entitled General Prevailing Wage Rates, (current semi-annual which have been predetermined and are on file with the Department of Industrial Relations are referenced but not printed in said publication.
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PROBATE

NOTICE OF AMENDED PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ELLEN NADINE MORROW
CASE NO. 24PR095224
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: ELLEN NADINE MORROW
AN AMENDED Petition for Probate has been filed by ROGER BOAZ in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.
The AMENDED Petition for Probate requests that ROGER BOAZ be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The AMENDED Petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The AMENDED 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 NOVEMBER 30, 2024 at 9:45 A.M. in Dept. 202 Room N/A located at 2120 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR WAY, BERKELEY, CA 94704.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner: KONSTANTINE A. DEMIRIS (240089) THE DEMIRIS LAW FIRM, P.C., 1255 TREAT BLVD., SUITE 300, WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597, Telephone: 925-378-2520
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: TINA MARIE MCCABE AKA TINA M. MCCABE AKA TINA MCCABE
CASE NO. 24PR094819
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of TINA MARIE MCCABE AKA TINA M. MCCABE AKA TINA MCCABE.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by DENNIS T. DYSTHE in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DENNIS T. DYSTHE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 11/20/24 at 9:45AM in Dept. 201, Room: TBA located at 2120 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WAY, BERKELEY, CA 94704
REMOTE APPEARANCE: The Court allows, but does not require, all parties who wish to attend the hearing on the above date and time, including those who wish to state objections, to appear by audio or video technology. The parties should consult the court's website for the specific telephonic and video applications available. The parties may also contact the probate clerk in the respective department for information concerning remote appearances. Parties must be present at least five (5) minutes before the scheduled hearing time.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner
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CHICO CA 95928
Telephone (530) 891-4000
10/22, 10/29, 11/5/24

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CHARLES PRESTON MORROW
CASE NO. 24PR095178
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: CHARLES PRESTON MORROW
A Petition for Probate has been filed by ROGER BOAZ in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.
The Petition for Probate requests that ROGER BOAZ be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The Petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on NOVEMBER 20, 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.
Attorney for Petitioner: KONSTANTINE A. DEMIRIS (240089) THE DEMIRIS LAW FIRM, P.C. 1255 TREAT BLVD., SUITE 300 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597, Telephone: 925-378-2520
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FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF FORREST PATTERSON
CASE NO. 24PR091616
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: FORREST PATTERSON
A Petition for Probate has been filed by DONALD PATTERSON in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.
The Petition for Probate requests that DONALD PATTERSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The Petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on DECEMBER 2, 2024 at 9:45 A.M. in Dept. 202 Room N/A located at 2120 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR WAY, BERKELEY, CA 94704.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner: GLEN L. MOSS, 1297 B STREET, HAYWARD, CA 94541, Telephone: 510-583-1155
10/22, 10/29, 11/5/24

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TRUSTEE SALES

TS No: CA08001464-23-1 APN: 531-0218-064-00 TO No: 230542616-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED February 19, 2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On November 22, 2024 at 12:00 PM, at the Fallon Street emergency exit to the Alameda County Courthouse, 1225 Fallon St., Oakland, CA 94612, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on March 2, 2004 as Instrument No. 2004088833, and that said Deed of Trust was modified by Modification Agreement and recorded July 8, 2008 as Instrument Number 2008209342, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Alameda County, California, executed by JORGE R. CORDOVA, A MARRIED MAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of DOWNEY SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, F.A. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 105 VISA COURT, FREMONT, CA 94538 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 made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be $442,326.37 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 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 visit the Internet Website address www.nationwideposting.com or call Nationwide Posting & Publication at 916.939.0772 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08001464-23-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 916.939.0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA08001464-23-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: October 11, 2024 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08001464-23-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Loan Quema, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.nationwideposting.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Nationwide Posting & Publication AT 916.939.0772 NPP0466499 To: TRI-CITY VOICE 10/29/2024, 11/05/2024, 11/12/2024
10/29, 11/5, 11/12/24

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TS No: CA08001202-23-1 APN: 525-0962-009-00 TO No: 230455979-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED June 1, 2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On November 19, 2024 at 12:00 PM, at the Fallon Street emergency exit to the Alameda County Courthouse, 1225 Fallon St., Oakland, CA 94612, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on June 9, 2005 as Instrument No. 2005234029, and that said Deed of Trust was modified by Modification Agreement and recorded March 6, 2013 as Instrument Number 2013087090, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Alameda County, California, executed by ADOLFO VALDEZ AND MARIA R. VALDEZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE CAPITAL as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is

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being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 40192 BLANCHARD STREET, FREMONT, CA 94538 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 made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be $551,882.84 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 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 visit the Internet Website address www.nationwideposting.com or call Nationwide Posting & Publication at 916.939.0772 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08001202-23-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 916.939.0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA08001202-23-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: October 3, 2024 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08001202-23-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Loan Quema, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.nationwideposting.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Nationwide Posting & Publication AT 916.939.0772 NPP0466178 To: TRI-CITY VOICE 10/29/2024, 11/05/2024, 11/12/2024
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-24-990564-AB Order No.: 240276414-CA-VOI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/13/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): ARMANDO G. RAMIREZ AND JULIE E. RAMIREZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded: 3/22/2007 as Instrument No. 2007114497 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of ALAMEDA County, California; Date of Sale: 11/12/2024 at 12:00PM Place of Sale: At the Fallon Street emergency exit to the Alameda County Courthouse, located at 1225 Fallon St., Oakland, CA 94612 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: $712,677.57 The purported property address is: 2505 BEGONIA STREET, UNION CITY, CA 94587 Assessor's Parcel No.: 087-0010-015-00 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website http://www.qualityloan.com, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-24-990564-AB. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: 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. 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PERRY WILLIAMS

September 11, 1959 – October 5, 2024

Perry Williams passed on October 5, 2024 with his family and loved ones at his side. He was born on the 11th of September 1959 in Alton Illinois, the second son to Raymond and Laurel Williams. "P-Dog" enjoyed making everybody laugh, and you'd think he was an old friend when he called you "Bubba." Perry will be greatly missed by his partner of 25 years Robin Quinn, as well as everyone at Santino Foods, where he had been a mechanic for the past 15 years.

CYDNEY "CYD" JEAN SMITH

October 15, 1956 – October 28, 2024

Cydney Jean Smith, 68, of Newark, CA, passed away on Monday, October 28, 2024. Born on October 15, 1956, Cyd was a beloved figure in her community and an inspiring leader in various industries where she dedicated over 40 years of her career in management roles.

Cyd graduated from Mt. Eden High School in 1974 and furthered her education at Chabot College, which paved the way for her extensive professional life. She was known for her unwavering commitment and the significant impact she had on her colleagues and the many people she mentored.

Family was the cornerstone of Cyd's life. She is survived by her son, Dwayne Smith; daughter, Sarina Smith; and her cherished grandchildren, Destiny Kawas, Devin Smith, Jahleiah Smith, Michael Smith, and Romeo Winder-Smith. She was preceded in death by her mother, Arlene Basista, and father, George Quellich Jr.

Cyd had a profound love for children, not only her own and her grandchildren but also those of close family friends. She was a constant presence at their sporting events, birthday parties, and hosted all holiday events at her home, creating memorable experiences for everyone involved.

Her commitment to her family and professional life leaves a legacy of love, leadership, and community involvement that will be fondly remembered and sorely missed by all who knew her.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2024, from 12pm-1pm with the Memorial Service to begin at 1pm at Fremont Memorial Chapel, 3723 Peralta Blvd. in Fremont.

Zoom Write-In offers break from election frenzy

THE FREE WRITING EVENT IS SPONSORED BY FREMONT AREA WRITERS AS PART OF THE CALIFORNIA WRITERS CLUB

Submitted by **TISH DAVIDSON**

Fremont Area Writers (FAW) invites community members to step back from the political noise and visit a calmer universe of inspiration by joining the free Zoom Social Write-In on Nov. 9. Fremont Area Writers' motto is "Writers Helping Writers." Everyone from beginners to experienced authors is welcome to jump start their creativity by responding to writing prompts and then socializing with other people interested in writing. The Write-In is *not* a critique session. It is completely non-judgmental, and you do not need to live in Fremont to attend.

How the Zoom Write-In Works:

At the Write-In people will be randomly assigned to a Zoom room with three other writers. Writers are given several word or photo prompts. Choose a prompt and write whatever comes to mind for 10 minutes. At the end of the writing period, each person in the room reads their response to the prompt. Because the writing time is short, there is no expectation that the results will be polished or even complete. Time to chat with the other writers follows the readings. Writers are then reassigned to a different Zoom room with different people and a different writing challenge. Again, writers can share their responses followed by socializing.

The Write-In is sponsored by Fremont Area Writers, one of 21 branches of the California Writers Club. In addition to the Write-In, FAW meets on Zoom from 2pm to 4pm on the fourth Saturday of each month where guest speakers discuss various aspects of writing and publishing. The speaker at the Nov. 23 meeting is Jane Cleland, author of the acclaimed Josie Prescott mystery series. She will speak on using red herrings to distract readers. You do not need to live in Fremont to join the general meetings. Participation in either event is free. More information is available at https://cwc-fremontareawriters.org.

Free Zoom Write-In
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2pm – 3:30pm
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Request Zoom link for either event from scottfrombayside@yahoo.com

Local people do good

Lions Club of Hayward Silicon Valley donated to support children fighting cancer. Left to right: Koshy John, G.Gopakumar, James Varghese, Khush Bodhan, Supriya, Sindhu and Biju Nair. Photo courtesy of James Varghese

By **STAFF**

Orthopedic surgeon Dr. Alexander Sah, a Fremont native and medical co-director of the Institute for Joint Restoration & Research and medical director of Outpatient Arthroplasty Program at Washington Outpatient Surgery Center, has performed the world's first 50 knee replacements with the THINK Surgical TMINI® Miniature Robotic System paired with the Zimmer Biomet Persona® Knee implant portfolio. In 2024 Dr. Sah was selected to perform the first-ever Zimmer Persona knee replacement surgery on the THINK platform. The technology has received clearance from the FDA and will become available throughout the U.S.

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Local schools were fundraising for Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. On Friday, Oct. 26, Stratford School Milpitas conducted a cash drive in support of the National Breast Cancer Foundation at their Stratford 25th Anniversary celebration. They raised a total of $3,010.

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The Hayward Silicon Valley Lions Club also donated in support of cancer patients, in collaboration with SOLACE Charities USA. At a recent meeting, the Lions Club presented a check for $15,000 to SOLACE representatives. The amount will support 60 children battling cancer.

November's Night Sky Notes

A view of the 2023 Perseid meteor shower from the southernmost part of Sequoia National Forest, near Piute Peak. Debris from comet Swift-Tuttle creates the Perseids. Photo credit: NASA/Preston Dyches

Comet McNaught over the Pacific Ocean. Image taken from Paranal Observatory in January 2007. Photo credits: ESO/Sebastian Deiries

SNOWBALLS FROM SPACE

By **KAT TROCHE**

If you spotted comet C/2023 A3 (Tsuchinshan-ATLAS) in person, or saw photos online this October, you might have been inspired to learn more about these visitors from the outer Solar System. Get ready for the next comet and find out how comets are connected to some of our favorite annual astronomy events.

Comet Composition

A comet is defined as an icy body that is small in size and can develop a "tail" of gas as it approaches the Sun from the outer Solar System. The key traits of a comet are its nucleus, coma, and tail.

The nucleus of the comet is comprised of ice, gas, dust, and rock. This central structure can be up to 80 miles wide in some instances, as recorded by the Hubble Space Telescope in 2022 – large for a comet but too small to see with a telescope. As the comet reaches the inner Solar System, the ice from the nucleus starts to vaporize, converting into gas. The gas cloud that forms around the comet as it approaches the Sun is called the coma. This helps give the comet its glow. But beware: much like Icarus, sometimes these bodies don't survive their journey around the Sun and can fall apart the closer they get.

The most prominent feature is the tail of the comet. Under moderately dark skies, the brightest comets show a dust tail, pointed away from the Sun. When photographing comets, you can sometimes resolve the second tail, made of ionized gasses that have been electronically charged by solar radiation. These ion tails can appear bluish, in comparison to the white color of the dust tail. The ion tail is also always pointed away from the Sun. In 2007, NASA's STEREO mission captured images of C/2006 P1 McNaught and its dust tail, stretching over 100 million miles. Studies of those images revealed that solar wind influenced both the ion and dust tail, creating striations—bands—giving both tails a feather appearance in the night sky.

Coming and Going

Comets appear from beyond Uranus, in the Kuiper Belt, and may even come from as far as the Oort Cloud. These visitors can be short-period comets like Halley's Comet, returning every 76 years. This may seem long to us, but long-period comets like Comet Hale-Bopp, observed from 1996-1997 won't return to the inner Solar System until the year 4385. Other types include non-periodic comets like NEOWISE, which only pass through our Solar System once.

But our experiences of these comets are not limited to the occasional fluffy snowball. As comets orbit the Sun, they can leave a trail of rocky debris in its orbital path. When Earth finds itself passing through one of these debris fields, we experience meteor showers! The most well-known of these is the Perseid meteor shower, caused by Comet 109P/Swift-Tuttle. While this meteor shower happens every August in the northern hemisphere, we won't see Comet Swift-Tuttle again until the year 2126.

See how many comets (and asteroids!) have been discovered on NASA's Comets page, learn how you can cook up a comet, and check out our mid-month article where we'll provide tips on how to take astrophotos with your smartphone!

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OPINION

Happy Election Week, everyone! This editorial originally ran on Nov. 8, 2016.

Not the end... just the beginning

By **WILLIAM MARSHAK, Editor-in-Chief Emeritus**

Today is Election Day and many who did not vote early are heading to the polls to cast their ballot. Despite all the hoopla over the presidential race, state ballot measures and propositions, there are important contests on the local scene as well. A spirited contest for mayor and council seats in Fremont and many other cities; public organizations (i.e. water districts, sanitation districts) are now open to voter discretion. For example, citizens are being asked to approve significant bonds (indebtedness) for a variety of causes. As individuals, most of us carefully consider something like a 30-year mortgage on a home; we should carefully consider public debt as well.

To those who cast their ballots, a "well done" is appropriate. But, the election does not end the matter of government, it is just the beginning.

Electing officials who appear to agree with a voter does not automatically translate into everything that voter wants to accomplish. Our government, especially at the local level, relies on public input to help guide votes during an official's term of office. It is the responsibility of each community to support or, if in disagreement, nudge officials in a different direction. Activism is not just a word; it is the bedrock of a representative democracy.

Without citizen involvement, corruption is not only possible but more likely due to indifference except from those with selfish interests. Economic considerations are not always a bad thing, but without the active participation of citizens, few checks and balances exist. A glaring, extreme example from the past is the transgression of those elected to office in Bell, California. Without oversight monetary discipline was discarded and corruption rampant. Citizen oversight of government is essential.

In some cases, people elected to lead their community have decided that once in office, they can do as they please or simply support a voting bloc. This defeats their purpose of true representation and listening to constituents. Those elected hold a special place in our government and promise to reflect what is best for their neighbors. This promise is one that should be constantly monitored throughout their tenure.

Election Day is not the end…It is the beginning.

Culture wars fuel a resistance

Before Sunol, a pride flag ban was unheard of in deep blue Alameda County. Photo credit: Benson Kua, shared with Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 2.0 Generic license

PARENTS, STUDENTS AND TEACHERS COME TOGETHER TO HALT THE CHAOS ROILING SCHOOL BOARDS AND COMMUNITIES

By **EVELYN NIEVES**

Residents of the tiny East Bay town of Sunol, California like to say that it used to be a tight-knit community. Bordered by chaotic commuter roads, just over a hill from Silicon Valley, the census designated place (population 920) abuts a wilderness preserve and vibes like a rural haven.

Horse ranches dot the rolling hills; families join 4-H, and civic life revolves around the K-8 Sunol Glen School, the town's lone school, with about 270 students.

But more than a year ago, this prosperous country town lost its peace and it has yet to find it again. Friends have become enemies, heads have rolled and more than three months after a hard-fought close school board recall election, neighbors remain suspicious and resentful of each other. Signs for competing candidates hang on fences. A new election in November will pit familiar antagonists against each other all over again.

It turns out that even a secluded enclave where everybody knows everybody is no refuge from the nation's culture wars.

Sunol's fight started like many others: with a gay pride flag. A few parents complained about a pride flag flying outside the school. One month later, after a chaotic meeting, the Sunol Glen Unified School District voted 2-1 to ban all banners but government flags. That vote came after a parent threatened to sue the district for displaying what he called one "special interest" flag (pride) over another (say, the Gadsen "Don't Tread on Me" flag). This argument, used in other pride flag bans, seemed reasonable to some. To others, in Sunol and well beyond it, it announced that the culture wars had arrived.

Before Sunol, a pride flag ban was unheard of in deep blue Alameda County. Not to mention the vote came only one month after a neighboring district, San Ramon Valley Unified School District in (also deeply blue) Contra Costa County, beat back efforts to curtail Pride events. Somehow, far-right groups such as The Heritage Foundation and Moms for Liberty, its close ally, had managed to rebrand the flag — at least to conservatives. To them, the rainbow banner created in San Francisco in 1978 represented not inclusion but special interests that may impede religious liberties. This even in the cradle of the Pride movement.

After Sunol, residents of Alameda and Contra Costa counties, who had begun monitoring the anti-LGBTQ+ parental rights groups disrupting local school board meetings, decided to band together. About 150 organizers — parents, teachers, students, and concerned citizens — first met in April (after many Zoom meetings) with one overriding goal: to stop the chaos roiling school boards and rending communities. In short, to avoid another Sunol.

Several months in, the bicounty coalition Lift Up Public Schools, or LUPS, has more than 250 members and hundreds of allies in affiliated groups. It monitors a dozen school board elections in Contra Costa County and two dozen school board elections in Alameda County, all to be decided in November. Volunteers do everything from canvassing and making calls to hosting forums and sharing information on relevant events and groups, all while accelerating a national movement.

More and more communities are tackling and knocking out the parental rights groups. In the last year, their endorsed candidates have lost more races than they've won, even in conservative districts. Pride flag bans are facing a backlash, with those who pushed for them sometimes being recalled — again, even in conservative districts. Republican Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, who codified Moms for Liberty's positions against mentioning race or gender in schools (as with the state's so-called "Don't Say Gay" law), has acknowledged that widely unpopular book bans have gone too far.

As for Moms for Liberty, which still calls itself a "nonpartisan" grassroots group, it has racheted up culture war conspiracy theories that are inspiring a groundswell of opposition, said Liz Kelly Mikitarian, founder of STOP Moms for Liberty.

Moms for Liberty, which says it has 130,000 members in 48 states, is pushing easily disproved notions (repeated by Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump on the campaign trail) that public schools are a pipeline to secret sex change clinics performing forced gender reassignments on children.

"They've doubled down on the most bizarre conspiracies," said Mikitarian, a retired kindergarten teacher (and disaffected Republican) who founded STOP Moms for Liberty in Brevard County, Florida, in 2022 in the same school district where Moms for Liberty was born in 2021.

As the election season has heated up, so has STOP Moms for Liberty, she said. The unfunded social media-driven movement has grown to at least 25,000 members in 46 states, according to Mikitarian.

She added that it has grown so fast that it has had to create organizing structures — a membership director, diversity director, senior advisory team and national advisory board. It is also partnering with two allies, Democracy and Education and the School Board Integrity Project, on a national school board project.

The Contra Costa County chapter of STOP Moms for Liberty has become the national organization's most active, Mikitarian said. Beyond strong leadership, she said, the group has been organizing with committed partners it keeps finding and joining with for the cause. "It's a model for how grassroots organizing can be done," Mikitarian said.

In the Bay Area, where the backlash against the parental rights groups is robust, LUPS works closely with the Alameda County and Contra Costa County chapters of STOP Moms for Liberty, PFLAG of the San Ramon Valley and the American Association of University Women.

These groups, with hundreds of members apiece, have their own school board projects. They also share information, support actions and join with other groups — some established, some, like LUPS, springing up to tackle numerous school board elections, including Sunol's upcoming school board election, the result of its July 2 recall.

Erica Dahl, a LUPS founder who also founded the Contra Costa County chapter of STOP Moms for Liberty (with 280 members), said the group attracts volunteers because it is not merely protesting the "extremists." The Contra Costa Chapter also shares information, supports work outside LUPS territory and outside the Bay Area and continues to grow partnerships to outlast the election cycle. "We wanted to do more than play Whac-a-Mole," she said.

Underscoring the growing pace of the movement, Dahl, a teacher of deaf and hard of hearing children in Alameda County, also leads the California state chapter of STOP Moms for Liberty, with five subgroups (Contra Costa, Alameda, Yolo, Shasta and Placer counties) and the Western region (Nevada, Washington, Wyoming, Oregon and Alaska).

Among the many volunteers who've made the election a full-time job, Ogie Strogatz, a long-retired community volunteer in Contra Costa County, helped found LUPS as a member of an East Bay chapter of the American Association of University Women. She had committed to attending and monitoring every one of her local school board meetings and found something "exciting" about bumping into other community members doing the same, she said.

Once the coalition was formed, and the groups began to grow and coalesce, Strogatz was able to skip a meeting to attend a protest or hold a forum or do candidate interviews — in other words, to participate in other important components of the movement, she said.

"The idea of really good organizing is that you broaden and deepen the variety of people who are willing to speak out," she said. "The metaphor in organizing is that it's like being in a choir and holding a really long note. You can take your breath and know that the rest of us are holding it."

Of course, the results of all these efforts won't be clear until November. As with the presidential election, both sides are working furiously and assuming nothing.

"We are solely focused at this point on three things," Mikitarian said. "That's helping people to hold their current school boards accountable, restoring more sanity on these school boards and really focusing on Project 2025, the conservative playbook largely written by Trump's former aides and confidants."

She won't predict what will happen this election.

Dahl was also circumspect. Since the fate of the school board wars depends partially on who wins the presidential election, it is hard to claim victory just for having momentum, she said.

Still, from the ground, "It feels like we can do this," Dahl said as she headed out to another school board meeting. "It feels like we're winning."

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Scouting for Food program helps collect donations

Alameda County Firefighters help the Boy Scouts collect and organize donations. Photo courtesy of Eve Marie Little

Last year, the BSA Mission Peak District collected 51,500 pounds of food. Photo courtesy of Eve Marie Little

On November 16, leave out your donations for pickup by the Boy Scouts. Photo courtesy of Eve Marie Little

Submitted by
EVE MARIE LITTLE

November is a month dedicated to giving. The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) in the East Bay area is dedicating their efforts to returning the favor to their communities during this period through the Scouting for Food program. Since 1988, the Boy Scouts of America have been gathering food and clothing across the country, making it the largest single-day food drive in the entire nation.

On Saturday, Nov. 16, BSA will collect food and clothing around the entire East Bay area. Residents are requested to leave non-perishable food and gently used clothing items visible by 9am that morning for easy collection. On Nov. 2-3 or 9-10 weekends, the BSA Scouts will distribute door hangers to inform their neighbors about the upcoming collection on Nov. 16. The canned food will be distributed to Alameda County through the Alameda County Community Food Bank. There are some food donations that stay in the city where they were collected. Newark Troop 186 and Newark Pack 441 donate all their food collection to the Viola Blythe Center where director, Debbie Rodriguez, states they are extremely low and in desperate need for this big donation.

Last year, these Newark troops worked very hard for two Saturdays along with the Alameda County Firefighters volunteers who came out to help collect, separate and sort these items to a large appreciation of the Viola Blythe Center.

The Boy Scouts of America Mission Peak District's Scouting for Food director, Don Uriu, is particularly enthusiastic about this year's event. He mentions, "We've handed out a record 80,000 door hangers in Union City, Fremont and Newark, aiming for a record collection this weekend." Last year, the BSA Mission Peak District managed to collect 51,500 pounds of food, 620 pieces of clothing and $5,100 in donations, along with 5,900 service hours.

Every donation is crucial, especially considering the rising costs of living and the financial challenges many families face each month. If you are interested in personally dropping off your donation on Saturday, you can drive to Holy Spirit Church at 37588 Fremont Blvd., Fremont from 10:00am to 2:30pm.

For more information about Scouting for Food, visit the website at: ggacbsa.org/scouting-for-food/. Money Donations are even more important because these organizations have better buying power and can purchase seven times the amount of food and items they are needing the most in their inventory. To donate online go to: donate.accfb.org/vfd/MissionPeak/.

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Flash Fiction contest winners inspired by frogs

ALINA NAZARETH TIES FOR SECOND-PLACE FOR 'DEAR BURGLAR'

By **STAFF**

The fall Flash Fiction contest, with the theme "Frogs" was held on September 28. Over the next few weeks, this paper will run the winning entries. Below is a submission that tied for second place, "Dear Burglar" by Alina Nazareth.

To read all the winners, go to: fremontculturalartscouncil.org.

Dear Burglar

Dear Burglar,

You emptied my house of the memorabilia that took me four decades to build. I am so angry, but I was raised Catholic and I never swear. So I'll rely on a different F word to get me through this letter. I hope you read it someday, somewhere.

FROG. You took the ring designed by the grandfather-I-never-met. The gold is inferior but someone will pay a lot for a ring that symbolizes three generations of family*.

FROG. My engagement ring! The one that my best friend* gave me when he asked me to marry him. It was a quiet night spent in each other's arms. It's the ring with the smallest diamond that made the biggest promise.

FROG. My pink diamond! The one my parents splurged on to commemorate our first international trip together. Now that I am a parent*, I know the pink was really a deep red love*.

You know, my daughter* stood by me as I entered that pitch-dark home. Her eyes widened with panic at the missing motion sensors and her tiny body bruised when I pushed her out of our home* to safety. She listened quietly while I dialed 911—a number she just learned in preschool!

You must have thought of her as a liability but the next time you come this close, you will feel how strong she has made me.

I tell myself that harder criminals than you will deliver karmic justice when you land in prison. But the truth is you don't matter. You couldn't even get me to swear. So, keep my scrap metal, dear burglar, but you will never have the beautiful memories that turn them to gold.

p.s. *Family, friend, parent, love, daughter, and home hold immense universal value far beyond material things.

Bus returns to local museum

The 1924 bus was restored in 1989 by Mike Demeter. Photo courtesy of Pacific Bus Museum

The coach was operated in the San Francisco Bay Area from 1926 until 1949. Photo courtesy of Pacific Bus Museum

THE PACIFIC BUS MUSEUM'S LATEST ACQUISITION IS A 100-YEAR-OLD COACH WITH A STORIED PAST

Submitted by
TOM BAKER

The Pacific Bus Museum is thrilled to welcome an old friend back to Northern California.

In Sept. 2024, we acquired Peninsula Charter Lines #216 from the Museum of Bus Transportation in Hershey, Pa. The return of this coach back to the Bay Area to become part of the Pacific Bus Museum's fleet, represents a homecoming for this coach that was operated in the San Francisco Bay Area from 1926 until 1949.

Bus #216 (serial 10465) was built in 1924, the last of an order (206-216) for the Pacific Electric Railway. It had a standard Fageol body and a 4-cylinder Hall-Scott engine (50 serial 483) and 4-speed Brown-Lipe transmission.

After its short service with the Pacific Electric Railway in Los Angeles, in 1926 four Fageols (213-216) were sent north and leased to fellow Southern Pacific Railroad subsidiary, Peninsular Railway (PRy). PRy needed these buses to provide replacement bus service as a result of street improvements that forced abandonment of some of their trolley service. At the end of the lease, the ownership of #216 was transferred and repainted into Peninsular dark red with gold-leaf lettering. In 1933, #216, along with sister #215, passed to Floyd Pearson (Palo Alto Transit Co.) and subsequently to John Demeter and Frank Knapp (Palo Alto City Lines) in 1941 and ran in city service until 1949.

This bus was preserved by its successor Peninsula Transit Lines and restored in 1989 by Mike Demeter, then the owner-operator of Peninsula Charter Lines out of East Palo Alto, Calif. It was converted to the 6-cylinder Hercules JXB gasoline engine with a distinctive Diamond T manifold mated to a manual transmission it still has today. In 1990 #216 was featured in a Pacific Bus Museum charter trip to celebrate its restoration.

During its time in Palo Alto, just 16 miles across the bay from the museum in Fremont, it was seen multiple times in the Redwood City Parades and was on display for the 1992 Bus Bash in San Jose. Mike donated the bus to the Museum of Bus Transportation in Hershey Pa. where it became one of the gems of their collection until the Pacific Bus Museum acquired it in September of 2024.

#216 is a remarkable survivor and the Pacific Bus Museum is thrilled to bring this 100-year-old bus home to Northern California!

More information is available at the Museum website: https://pacbus.org/museum-roster/216-peninsula-charter-lines/

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