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Grants mean big win for Wildlife Center

EDUCATION AREA, AMPHITHEATER AND MORE ARE PART OF NATURE CENTER'S IMPROVEMENTS

By DAVID R. NEWMAN

On Thursday, Nov. 7, local officials and environmentalists celebrated the completion of a year-long renovation project at Sulphur Creek Nature Center, the beloved wildlife education and rehabilitation facility owned and operated by Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (H.A.R.D.).

Key enhancements include a new outdoor education area with a manicured lawn and classroom pavilion, an amphitheater made from reclaimed eucalyptus trees, new signage, a welcome kiosk with site map, improved seating areas and a pollinator garden.

Said H.A.R.D. Board of Directors President Peter Rosen, "This is my favorite site in the park district. I grew up going to camps here, and my daughter went to camp here last summer. These renovations make it so much more welcoming now. It's because of this place that I wanted to become a naturalist, and we hope it inspires others to do the same."

The renovation cost of \$688,000 was paid for through grants and donations from various agencies, including a \$498,000 grant from the Outdoor Environmental Education Facility (OEEF) - a California State Parks program, a \$100,000 grant from the Fremont Bank Foundation and a \$40,000 grant from the H.A.R.D. Foundation.

H.A.R.D. General Manager James Wheeler declared it a victory, despite the challenges brought on by the pandemic. "This has been a long time coming. We promised we'd make improvements, and I feel like today it's better."

Wheeler also cited H.A.R.D.'s inclusion in a recent online publication entitled "Special Districts Impacting Mental Health in Their Communities", created by the California Special Districts Association. "We've all heard of Nature Deficit Disorder (NDD) and we know about the benefits of being outdoors. It's places like this that play such a crucial

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Park staff cut a ribbon to open the new pavilion. Photo courtesy of HARD



Raj Salwan wins Fremont mayoral race with landslide win. Photo courtesy of Raj Salwan

Fremont's future with Mayor-elect Raj Salwan

RAJ SALWAN BECOMES THE CITY'S FIRST INDIAN AMERICAN MAYOR

By PANASHE MATEMBA-MUTASA

Raj Salwan's rise from the child of struggling immigrants to a local government official embodies the American Dream. On Tuesday, Nov. 5 he made history with a landslide win in Fremont's mayoral race, becoming the city's first Indian American mayor. His victory ignited celebrations across social media, with community members sharing heartfelt messages on platforms like Facebook and X. Now, as the celebrations quiet down, Salwan says he's ready to get to work, committed to serving the city he's long called home.

"I think people are feeling disillusioned with government and they're looking for folks who are going to roll up their sleeves and get things done," Salwan said as he explained why he believes he was the ideal mayoral candidate.

Prior to joining city council, leading the city of Fremont wasn't on Salwan's radar. The mayor-elect had followed in his father's footsteps and became a veterinarian. Still, he had a heart for public service. Salwan would later join local boards and committees

that allowed him to make a difference where he believed it mattered. But it was his appointment as Chairperson for the city's Human Relations Commission that opened his eyes to the potential he had to improve the city's issues. From there, he ascended through the ranks of local government, serving as Planning Commissioner before landing his most recent role as a council member.

Now, with the metaphorical key to the city in his hands, Salwan says he wants to make the city more vibrant. In addition to addressing homelessness and public safety, the new mayor has a "downtown vision" for Fremont, and would like to welcome more entertainment and dining options.

"People complain all the time that they have to go to San Francisco to have fun, and it shouldn't be that way," Salwan said.

Salwan also said that unity is a core value for him, and believes a sense of togetherness will ultimately make Fremont successful. As one of the most diverse cities in the Bay Area, Fremont has a lot of perspectives to consider as it makes decisions. Whether it's addressing the housing crisis, improving traffic or making the streets safer at night, he believes the city can only achieve if the people are united.

"I want to make sure this next chapter is something that we can be proud of."

Sunol K-8 anticipates building's 100th year milestone

STUDENT ARTWORK CELEBRATES HISTORICAL COMMUNITY BUILDING

By STEPHANIE UCHIDA

A town of 900 to 1,200 inhabitants, Sunol lies in the hills halfway between the East Bay and Tri-Valley areas. Named for Antonio Maria Sunol and Maria Bernal Sunol, who owned 14,000 acres of ranch land in the area in the 1800s, the town boasts the Sunol station of Niles Canyon Railway, a small downtown, and a K - 8th Grade school of about 250 students.

There's a communal feeling at the school, where everyone seems to know everyone. Older kids tend to look after the younger ones. In 2025, the school will reach a triumphant milestone—100 years in its main building, built in 1925.

Art teacher Heather Cass describes the kids as "respectful, kind and well rounded." In preparation for the School's 100th birthday—a celebration is planned for the end of April next year—students took on a project to draw the exterior of their beloved school building.

Cass describes, "Students were asked to show their love of their school through creating it using one point perspective, architectural, design techniques and the elements of art. They were also asked to take a few artists' liberties to show the school as they view it."

Staff and teachers voted on their top three submissions, which were by three 8th Grade students: Aiyana Colombage—1st place, Angad Mann— 2nd place and Cassian Cox Solozano—3rd place.

Preserving a community building for so long is especially significant when many older Sunol structures have been lost to wildfires over the years. (Read more at www.sunol.net/place/.) Hopefully the students will keep their building for many graduating classes to come.



Aiyana Colombage stands in front of the school with her drawing. Photo credit: Stephanie Uchida



How to Cope With Grief During the Holidays

Local Psychiatrist to Present Free Online Seminar

We all know the holidays represent a time of celebration and cheer, but this time of year can also intensify feelings associated with grief for people dealing with great change or loss in their lives. Even if you are feeling joyful during these holidays, you may be in the company of friends or family members who are struggling. A local mental health clinician is sharing her expertise to help you or those around you to understand and cope with grief during the holidays.



Neeru Kumar, MD

Neeru Kumar, MD, a board-certified psychiatrist with Washington Township Medical Foundation, will present, “Coping with Grief and Bereavement During the Holidays,” on Monday, Dec. 4 at 9 a.m. Watch this free, online seminar to learn about the different types of grief, how they may be intensified this time of year, and coping strategies to help yourself or others deal with it. It can be viewed at [YouTube.com/whhsInHealth](https://www.youtube.com/whhsInHealth) or [Facebook.com/WashingtonHosp](https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonHosp). You can tune in to watch the seminar debut at the above time and date, or beginning the following day at your convenience on the Hospital’s YouTube channel.

“Grief is not only present when mourning the death of someone in your life,” explained Dr. Kumar. “It can also come from a major life transition, the breakdown of a marriage or other relationship, the death of a beloved family pet, or when entering a new phase of life. People may also experience pre-loss grief when the passing of a loved one or a significant life event is imminent.”

During her presentation, Dr. Kumar will explain the complex stages of grief. It

is important to know that recovery from grief does not always flow in one direction. Someone can start feeling better weeks or months after a loss or major change, only to revert to a place of sadness. Grief can be triggered by one’s normal routine being interrupted by gatherings, travel, and ceremonies that are common during the holiday season. This time of year can also intensify feelings of loneliness and isolation that are often present when mourning the loss of someone.

There are many strategies to cope with your grief during the holidays and seek support from others. Dr. Kumar will cover these and additional effective coping skills during the seminar:

- Acknowledge your feelings. Recognize when you have strong emotions like anger, fear, irritability and guilt. Work through them and do not judge yourself for how you feel.
- Create ways to honor your loved one. Write a letter to your lost loved one; hang up their stocking; share memories about them; make their favorite dish; or visit their gravesite.

- Plan ahead and set personal boundaries. Planning ahead and setting personal boundaries can help manage anxiety and protect you from emotional breakdown.
- Practice self-care and avoid overindulgence. Take good care of yourself by exercising, eating healthy foods, getting enough sleep, and using moderation with sweets and alcohol.
- Set realistic expectations for yourself. Realize this year will be different from past ones. Choose carefully when and where you want to go and leave early if you need to.
- Surround yourself with support and ask for help. Spend time with people who care about you and don’t be afraid to get support when you need it.

It is important to remember everyone deals with traumatic events differently. Even though someone may look happy when celebrating with others at an event does not mean they are not depressed or anxious. “I tell my patients there is no right or wrong way to grieve and you are free to do it your own way,” added Dr. Kumar. “When you feel extreme sadness, it is OK to cry, because it is a testament of your love for the one you have lost. And when you are happy or enjoying yourself, do not feel guilty. All of these feelings are an important part of your recovery journey.”

Dr. Kumar recommends for those who are grieving to seek out a grief support group through a local church or hospital. If you feel hopeless or have lost the will to live, contact your doctor or ask a friend or family member for help immediately. For information on a free, weekly in-person grief support group at Washington Hospital, call 510.818.6569. To learn more about Dr. Kumar and her services, go to <https://www.mywtmf.com/find-a-doctor/neeru-kumar-md> or scan the QR code below.



“I tell my patients there is no right or wrong way to grieve.”
– Neeru Kumar, MD

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Given the prevalence of diabetes in our community, many households have felt the impact of this condition. Dr. Thomas Collins-Pallet hosts a conversation on how diabetes can be managed through lifestyle changes and medication.

WTMF Welcomes New Internist to Union City Clinic

Hanisha Geedipally, MD, comes home to care for her community



Hanisha Geedipally, MD

“Patient care is not one-size-fits-all and I want to help my patients find the best path to health for them.”
–Hanisha Geedipally, MD

A Bay Area native, Hanisha Geedipally, MD, found her passion for medicine at an early age. First in elementary school in Fremont, and later in middle and high school in Cupertino, Dr. Geedipally was fascinated by human anatomy and physiology and read everything she could in her local libraries about medicine, disease processes and caring for the community. After graduating from high school in 2010, she moved to India to attend SVS Medical College, then completed her internship and residency in internal medicine in Pennsylvania in 2024. The seed planted to care for the community so many years before bloomed when Dr. Geedipally returned to Alameda County in October to practice at the Washington Township Medical Foundation (WTMF) Nakamura Clinic in Union City. As part of the internal medicine care team, she will care for adult patients with a variety of diagnoses in her practice, including diabetes.

After training for 14 years, this is Dr. Geedipally’s first opportunity to practice as part of a clinic team. “I wanted to come home,” Dr. Geedipally shared. “And it was very important to me to work with a hospital that really cared about the community. Washington Hospital Healthcare System (WHHS) fits that description.”

“They also really care about their physicians and other care providers,” she continued. “I felt that warmth and welcome from the minute I first spoke

with them. I knew I wanted to practice here, where I felt supported.”

She also felt welcomed by her new patients. Dr. Geedipally admits to a small case of nerves on her first day in the office seeing patients, but described the patients she’s seen as, “lovely, the best, and so receptive to me.”

Each One, Teach One

According to the 2020 national census, like Dr. Geedipally’s family, nearly half the population in southern Alameda County are of South Asian descent. This ties in perfectly with her passion to teach her patients more about a healthy lifestyle as she treats them.

“I am passionate about patient education,” she said. “With cultural understanding, it is a critical part of the process. One of the advantages I will have with the Asian population in general is that I can really understand and relate to their lived experiences, because I come from that same background. That allows me to truly cater my advice to their specific lifestyle, because I know what they do at home. I know what their diets consist of, how they approach activities of daily living, and how they see medical intervention. When I talk about these things with them, they know I understand.”

A prime reason patient education is so important is to highlight preventable diseases and stop them before they can

cause serious damage. For South Asian patients, that includes diabetes. She explained studies have shown South Asians have a higher risk of developing type 2 diabetes than other ethnic groups and may develop it at younger ages than people from other ethnic backgrounds. In addition, South Asians experience significant morbidity and mortality from complications of diabetes, most notably coronary artery disease, cerebrovascular disease and chronic kidney disease. These are all preventable outcomes from uncontrolled diabetes.

“Prevention is a huge aspect of primary care, so I want to take a more collaborative approach to my management, and that includes not just medications and medical treatment, but lifestyle changes, dietary changes, all of that,” Dr. Geedipally noted. “At the same time, I don’t want to be a task master. Patient care is not one-size-fits-all and I want to help my patients find the best path to health for them, then help them work toward that. It’s not me telling them what to do, and then my job is done,” she continued. “I won’t be dismissive of their challenges. We will work together to make sure they feel heard.”

Continuing Education

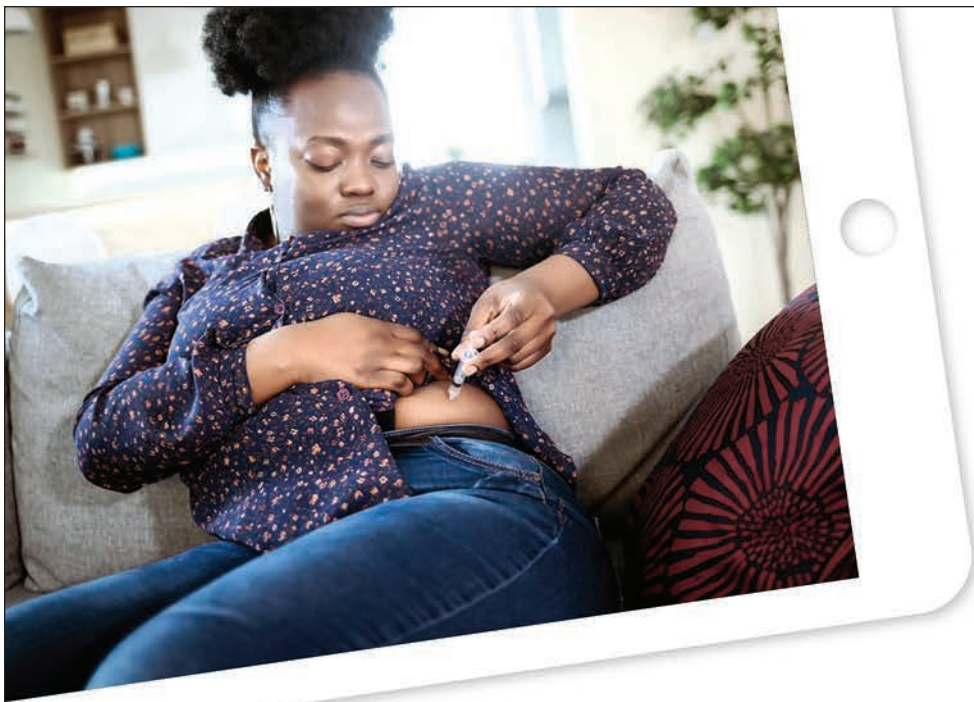
Dr. Geedipally’s continuing education is as crucial as the education she will provide to her patients. She’s looking forward to learning from her WTMF physician peers as well as University

of California San Francisco (UCSF) Health physicians through the strategic partnership WHHS has with UCSF Health for a comprehensive and integrated regional health care network to provide access to specialized care.

“I know I will have opportunities for mentorship with my fellow WTMF internists,” she said. “I’m really excited to learn more from these physicians and other team members who have been providing excellent care over the years. It’s also very helpful to have strategic partners at UCSF when we need to reach out for specialty consults or if I have questions.

“Continuous learning – lifelong learning – will help me become the best physician I can be,” she continued. “I know I will be able to provide outstanding care to my patients with this strong support system behind me.”

For more information on Internal Medicine services at Washington Township Medical Foundation, visit <https://www.mywtmf.com/services/internal-medicine/>. To learn more about Dr. Geedipally, scan the below QR code.



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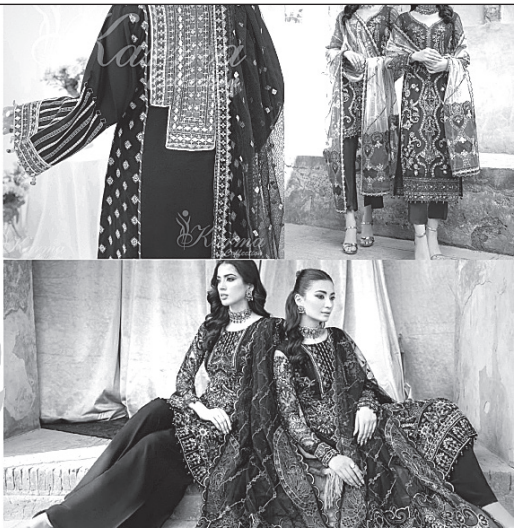
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By **STAFF**

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Mexican and Filipino cultures come together in Downtown San Leandro on Saturday, Nov. 16 with food, music, vendors, beer garden, family activities and more. The free event is presented by Downtown San Leandro and West Coast Makers. Runs 12pm - 6pm at 222 Davis Street. downtownsanleandro.com/special-events/

The same Saturday, Plethos will hold “Mystery at the Dirty Bird” at the bar’s new Paradise Lounge. Set at a 1930s charity auction, the show encourages audiences to help solve “The Case of Joe DiMaggio’s



Jenna Mastas shows off a sun tattoo. Photo courtesy of Sun Gallery

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Ohlone College updates

By STAFF

Ohlone hosted its annual Día de los Muertos celebration on Tuesday, Oct. 29, gathering 200 attendees for food, music and altars. The afternoon opened with a mariachi band, and MEChA students, led by co-advisors Professor Jennifer Jovel and Professor Eli Barbosa, gave a ballet

folklorico performance. The event was organized by MEChA, with the support of the Lytton Center. For Nov. 2024, Ohlone has announced Faculty Instructional Designer Jackie Vetter as faculty of the month. Her 15-year journey at Ohlone began with Curriculum and Scheduling Coordinator and Newark Center Site Coordinator positions. Now she leads professional development workshops for faculty. She advocates for educational equity and effectiveness in online classes.



Jackie Vetter, Faculty Instructional Designer, is Ohlone College's Nov. 2024 faculty of the month. Photo courtesy of Dr. Celina Barrios, Public Information Officer



Ohlone's Día de los Muertos opened with music from a mariachi band. Photo courtesy of Dr. Celina Barrios, Public Information Officer

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The Gift of Reading

Reading is powerful! If you read 20 minutes a day just for the fun of it, you would read about 1.8 million words in year! That amount of reading gives kids an edge in school.

The newspaper offers great ways to play games that help you read more. A subscription to a newspaper brings reading opportunities to your doorstep every day!

Draw a line connecting each gift with its exact twin. Circle the gift that is one-of-a-kind.

Valuable Headlines

The number code below assigns a value to every letter of the alphabet. Figure out the "value" of a headline in the newspaper. Then see if you can find another headline with a higher value.

Example: **MAYOR VISITS SCHOOLS** = 261

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Word Game

Can you find the letters that spell the word **SUBSCRIPTION** on one page of the newspaper? Circle each letter then connect the letters in the order that spells **S-U-B-S-C-R-I-P-T-I-O-N**. Color in the design made by the lines.

Subscription: An agreement to buy a publication for a certain period of time.

1. After you finish reading the newspaper, cut a square out of one page.

2. Fold the square over.

3. Fold it a second time.

4. Cut the edges of the folded paper.

5. Carefully unfold the paper to reveal a snowflake shape!

6. Make more newspaper snowflakes to decorate your home for the holidays!

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- a happy person
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Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

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Look at a photograph in the newspaper. Discuss with a partner what you think happened before the picture was taken. Write about what you think happened after?

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write a narrative that develops a plot and setting and an appropriate point of view.

Write On!

Good Advice

Write a piece of good advice for people to remember.

Rockstar Reader

the Georgia 1,000 Books B4 Kindergarten Program, which challenges kids to read 1,000 books before their first day of kindergarten.

Her story caught the attention of Carla Hayden, the 14th Librarian of Congress.

Dalayah Marie Arana is a regular at her local Gainesville, Ga. library. Recently she completed

librarian and wants to help children learn to read at a young age.

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Dalayah with Carla Hayden at the Library of Congress.

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Lucid Air Pure – Another award for the hometown hero



The Lucid Air exudes luxury from every angle. Photos courtesy Lucid Motors



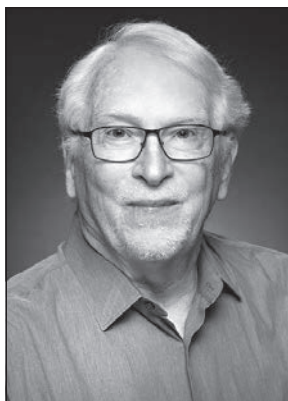
Inside the Air has the kind of cockpit luxury buyers expect.
Photos courtesy Lucid Motors



The backseat of the Pure has limousine-like legroom. Photos courtesy Lucid Motors



The car looks natural visiting a local pumpkin farm. Photo credit: Michael Coates



Auto Review

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or diminishing of its capabilities and features. A full complement of safety features come as standard. As with many other luxury cars, options can upgrade any manner of features, from more colorful paint to larger wheels or a more robust stereo system.

By **MICHAEL COATES**

This past month the Lucid Air Pure picked up another award, this one local, and because of that, maybe a little more precious. The luxury electric sedan was named the Best Overall Vehicle in the Western Automotive Journalist's (WAJ) annual Best of the Bay competition.

Lucid's headquarters are in Newark in the Tri City Voice's circulation area, so this is another win for the home team. This award came from the local group of automotive writers and content creators. It came after a day-and-a-half of 16 WAJ members driving 14 vehicles brought to the program by nine manufacturers.

Judges (which included me) said, "The Lucid is a

tour de force of technology and suspension tuning. With the entry-level Pure model (\$69,000 base price with leases for less than \$600 per month), it's a real option for mid-luxury shoppers; 400 horsepower, cheek-deforming acceleration and 420 miles of range due to incredibly efficient motors. Hard to beat."

It's hard to add much to that other than I concur.

The Changing EV Landscape

This is not the first time I have driven the entry-level model of the Lucid Air, nor the first time I have been impressed by it. I had a chance to drive all four Air models earlier this year and reported on the drives in Clean Fleet Report. The car is a refined delight to drive in any of its three drive modes

(Smooth, Swift and Sprint). Even the most aggressive drive mode doesn't diminish the luxury feeling of the car, while emphasizing its abilities to accelerate and corner.

The Lucid Air Pure comes with a choice of six exterior colors and interior trims that have sustainable sourcing of materials as a priority. That interior is something of a magic trick on Lucid's part. Looking at the exterior of the car, it is clearly a midsize model (an inch shorter than the Mercedes EQE sedan). Once you step inside you're greeted with an interior that is comparable to that of a full-size car. That spacious interior includes limousine-like seating room in the back seat.

Along with space, the interior includes a more traditional set up than its chief rival, Tesla. Rather than

the minimalist approach of its rival from Fremont, the Lucid has a 34-inch cockpit display screen as well as an iPad-size screen at the head of the center console with additional controls.

Luxury Cues

Numbers are sometimes cold. Example in point—0.197 coefficient of drag (cd). While the number's abstract, the exterior of the Lucid Air is not. Its smooth silhouette is distinctive, particularly in the sea of SUVs, making aerodynamics something pleasing to the eye. Virtually every angle reinforces what those numbers mean. This car glides through the air, increasing its range.

Luxury also means performance, something delivered by the Lucid Air with ease. It was not difficult

to replicate the 4.5-second 0-60 acceleration using the Sprint mode.

Big Little Things

Lucid's designers and engineers have an eye for detail, ranging from interior fabrics to an exceptionally large and functional rear trunk.

Charging the Lucid Air is almost a premium operation. Its efficiency is not limited to how it rations electrons on the road. Using one of Lucid's home chargers, you can add 80 miles of range in an hour. Stop at a high-powered DC fast charger, and you can potentially add 200 miles in 17 minutes.

Although the Pure trim level is the "entry level" for the Air line-up (which continues with the Touring, Grand Touring and Sapphire trims), there is no detectable de-contenting



The Fremont CONNECTION



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City of Fremont salutes our dedicated community volunteers who generously give of their time to help our city and community. Their commitment and tireless energy truly embody the spirit of community!

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Boards and Commissions, and much more. Thank you for all that you do!

If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities with the City of Fremont and our various departments, please visit city.fremont.gov/volunteer.



Composting for the Holidays

As you start to prepare for the holiday season, the City would like to remind you of that perfect place to toss your food scraps, food-soiled paper items, and expired leftovers ... the green bin! This helps create compost, a valuable resource that farmers, landscapers, and gardeners can use to grow healthy food and reduce greenhouse gases. For a reminder of what's acceptable for your green bin, check out the City's Composting Guide at city.fremont.gov/composting.

To start composting right from your kitchen, simply gather your food scraps and soiled paper items and then toss them into your green bin. Free countertop compost pails are available from Republic Services by completing an online form at city.fremont.gov/compostpail. If you're hosting a holiday gathering, don't forget to have composting and recycling bins easily accessible for your guests.



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Home & Garden

Accent walls define a space

A SIMPLE DIY PROJECT CAN PERSONALIZE A HOME



Accent walls can highlight a feature like a fireplace or window. While this wall was a logical focal point, in the room, the high ceilings and irregular shape made the job of painting much more difficult. Photo Credit: Stephanie Uchida



Painting up to rounded convex corners is difficult. You may have to choose where the “edge” should be and tape there. Luckily, as long as you tape carefully, the line will appear natural from a distance. Photo Credit: Stephanie Uchida



Remove outlet covers and tape around windows and baseboards before painting. Photo Credit: Stephanie Uchida

By **STEPHANIE UCHIDA**

The term “Millennial Grey” pokes fun at the 2010s trend of styling interiors in the most “meh” colors possible. A browse through Redfin shows that when homes are staged for sale, they usually take on an inoffensive blandness. When the prop furniture leaves, a sea of white and beige remains. But this blank canvas presents an opportunity.

Painting accent walls is a simple home decorating project with lasting benefits. You can start with a small area, or paint multiple walls for a more ambitious project. But once painted, the wall will give a room personality until painted over again.

This is a very common DIY project and no specialized knowledge is needed. Hardware stores sell all the needed materials, and employees in the paint section can also give tips for choosing the right shade and sheen. It’s helpful to take measurements of the wall beforehand so employees can advise one how much paint is needed.

Note: This is just one person’s DIY experience, and results will vary.

Painting Materials

- Tape measure
- Rag and bucket
- Surface cleaner

- Ladder
- Frog tape
- Screwdriver
- Drop cloth
- Paint rollers
- Paint brushes
- Paint tray
- Paint in the chosen color

Process

The Home Depot has a comprehensive guide to painting accent walls, but this is the basic method I used. First, wipe the wall with a soapy rag to remove smudges, and go over one more time with clean water. Let dry. Then tape the edges of the wall, baseboards, any windowsills, smoke detectors, etc so they are protected from paint splatters. Press the tape down firmly so it has a good seal, and make sure lines are straight. Remove outlet plates, to replace when paint is dry. Put down a dropcloth to catch drips. To avoid paint fumes, open a window, run a fan or wear a KN95 mask while working.

Stir the paint. First, use the brushes to create an outline around the wall and any taped-up areas. Next, pour paint into the tray and work with the rollers to paint the middle. Most walls have some texture, so roll up and down and side to side at different angles to get complete coverage. Step back

and look for unpainted “speckles.” Go over those areas again. If you find more speckles later, you can go back over with a brush. The paint will dry cleanly.

Allow paint to dry for at least a day, then remove the tape. The tape should leave a clean line. If the line looks wobbly because the tape wasn’t properly placed, you can make corrections with a small detail brush. If there are paint splatters on surrounding walls, they need to be painted over. I was lucky enough to find some leftover white paint at my place from the last time the walls had been painted. Definitely keep any leftover paint from your project in case you need to make future revisions.

Painting accent walls can take anywhere from a couple hours to an entire day. But the painting itself goes surprisingly quickly once prep work is done. This is a project that can be easily completed in a weekend, including time to buy materials and let paint dry.

Choosing a Wall

An article from The Spruce advises choosing a wall that acts as a natural focal point for the room to make the accent wall. Obviously, you want people to notice and appreciate your work. Walls with a feature like a fireplace or window can also make

good accent walls. On the other hand, Paper Moon Painting advises choosing a featureless rectangular wall, or at least a wall with symmetry, so people notice the color and not the odd shape the color takes.

A more practical matter to keep in mind is choosing a wall with concave edges. This is because there will be a line where the accent color stops, and it’s more difficult to mark a straight line on a convex surface. Also, for higher ceilings, a taller ladder is required.

Color

Accent walls can be any color—and even textures like wallpaper, brick, or wood. While there are general principles to keep in mind—such as that darker colors in a matte finish will suck the light from an enclosed space, and that bright colors should be paired with neutrals to avoid overwhelming a space—it’s more important to choose a color that reflects your personality. You aren’t staging this home to please the common denominator; you’re living here. Even if other people find your colors too loud or weird, too old-fashioned or too depressing, the point is they make you feel content.

In my case, I chose a eucalyptus green for the living area, because I like a natural vibe. For the office,

I chose a seafoam green because that’s the darkest room and the color makes it more cheerful. The bright sky blue of the bedroom wall reminds me of my bird.

Wall complements

Once the paint is dry, wall art, furniture, cushions and plants in complementing colors can bring the room together. A lived-in space won’t be all matchy-matchy, but it’s good to think about what you already have and what affordable items can highlight the new color.

Accent wall alternatives

Renters have less freedom for personalizing their space, and may not be allowed to do any painting. But there are temporary ways to add a splash of color to walls. Places like Target and Walmart sell large wall stickers that can create a similar impression, and peel off easily.

Overall, painting accent walls is an accessible project, and definitely less costly than other home renovations. Yet I think the value is deeper than simply prettifying. When so much of what’s going on in the world feels out of our hands, investing in a small part of our environment that we can control is a surprisingly big boost to mental health. Whatever color that comes in.

The ACWD Connection

Help on Tap: Customer Assistance Program

The Alameda County Water District recognizes that some customers may experience difficulty paying their water bills. Help on Tap provides income-qualified residential customers with a \$63.75 credit, covering 100% of the typical bimonthly water service charge.

Income Guidelines

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4	\$78,000 or less
5	\$91,450 or less
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R= Reservations Required
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
Exercises to build strength and balance in adults ages 65+
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
Practice English with tutors.
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont
aclibrary.org

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.
Age Well Center at Lake Elizabeth
40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont
510.790.6606

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. 6 – Jan. 4

Alameda County Veterans Art Exhibition

Library Hours
Images of over 200 artworks by 26 Veterans from the Alameda County Veterans Art Partnership.
Hayward Public Library
888 C St., Hayward
www.haywardartscouncil.org

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
3768 Capitol Ave. Ste. F, Fremont
510.565.1004
bit.ly/3VFpbpc

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
munnn@HaywardRec.org

Sundays

Farmyard Games

1pm
Try your hand at classic American pastimes including stilts, sack races, and the potato-spoon race. Drop in program; Ardenwood admission fee applies.
Ardenwood Farms
34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont
(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
bit.ly/3nxo0is

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

Thursday, Nov. 14

Alameda County Veterans Art Exhibit Reception

2 – 4pm
Images of over 200 artworks by 26 Veterans from the Alameda County Veterans Art Partnership. Free and open to the public.
Hayward Public Library
888 C St., Hayward
www.haywardartcouncil.org

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

Saturday, Nov. 16

Holiday Bazaar

9am – 1pm
Handcrafted gifts, holiday gift baskets, plants and garden-related, jewelry, books, children's toys and housewares. All proceeds benefit School Garden Grants awarded to CVUSD and HUSD Schools.
Faith Lutheran Church
20080 Redwood Rd., Castro Valley
510.427.5261

Saturday, Nov. 16

Mystery at the Dirty Bird!

6pm
This immersive, audience-interactive show features historical, illustrious and infamous Bay Area luminaries from history and folklore. Event for ages 21+
Dirty Bird Lounge
926 B St., Hayward
Plethos.org
Tickets: \$55

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

Wednesday, Nov. 20

Music at the Mission: Chronos

7pm
Music will transport the audience through the journey of struggle and triumphs of American history.
The San Leandro Twilight Series
All Saints Episcopal Church
911 Dowling Blvd., San Leandro
Tickets \$40

Saturday, Nov. 23

Music at the Mission: Chronos

3:30pm
Music will transport the audience through the journey of struggle and triumphs of American history.
Fremont Happy Hour Concert Series
Mahuron Event House
Advanced reservations required due to limited seating.
(Address will be given upon registration)
Tickets \$70 (Include wines and hors d'oeuvres)
www.musicatmsj.org

Tuesday, Nov. 26

Taiwanese Free Thanksgiving Dinner

3:30pm – 6:00pm
The Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce of S.F.B.A. and Love of Taiwan Association sponsor their 24th Thanksgiving dinner.
Centerville Presbyterian Church
4360 Central Ave., Fremont
510.432.7353

Tuesday, Dec. 3

Karaoke for a Cause

7pm
Giving Tuesday fundraiser for the nonprofit theatre company with a holiday-themed twist. Get you (or a singer of your choice) a spot on the holly jolly performer's list.
Dirty Bird Lounge: Bird of Paradise Room
926 B St., Hayward
Plethos.org

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Hayward Nature Center receives updates for new generation to enjoy



Once a wellness retreat, Sulphur Creek rehabilitates injured wildlife and hosts summer camps. Photo by David R. Newman

role in the health and mental health of our community. It's quiet here. It's restorative."

Nestled in the Hayward hills, the Sulphur Creek Nature Center is home to dozens of birds, amphibians, reptiles and mammals, including a coyote and a fox. The site straddles a small section of Sulphur Creek, named after the sulphur water bubbling up from nearby springs. In 1970, H.A.R.D. acquired the property, then a wellness

retreat, and transformed it into the animal sanctuary it is today.

The center, a popular place for school field trips and camps, is one of only a handful of wildlife refuges in the Bay Area, and includes a fully staffed animal hospital, a museum with interactive exhibits, enclosures that house the animals and a few short hiking trails. The new addition effectively doubles the space.

The primary purpose of the center is to rehabilitate injured or sick animals and release them back into the wild. Some species, however, have found a permanent home here, as returning them to nature has been deemed too risky.

Said H.A.R.D. Board Member Sara Lamnin, "This is a special place where memories are made. It's an exciting time to be here, with all of these projects coming to fruition. People

always ask me about Sulphur Creek, and I'm happy to say that the possibilities have just expanded greatly with what we can do here and how we do it."

Hayward resident Lily Tran started working at the center a year ago. "I love owls, so I was looking for a place where I could work with them. I was surprised to discover a place in my own backyard!" She has been amazed at the transformation, and enjoys

educating families. "It's really fun talking with the parents who came here as kids. Now they're sharing it with their children. This place brings a lot of joy."

Sulphur Creek's Wildlife Rehabilitation program is accepting select native California wildlife for intakes. Contact 510.881.6747 about injured animals in need of help.

Sulphur Creek Nature Center

1801 D St., Hayward
www.haywardrec.org/1991/Nature-Centers

Free admission and parking Hours:

Tuesdays - Fridays -

12:00pm-4:00pm

Saturdays and Sundays -

10:30am-2:30pm

Mondays - Closed



An outdoor amphitheater made from reclaimed trees looks out over the newly landscaped space at Sulphur Creek. Photo by David R. Newman

PUBLIC NOTICES



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與翁于岳聯絡. 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

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 eventuales por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 o 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 & COUNTRY, 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#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610156
Fictitious Business Name(s):
NRYITA ANAND ACADEMY OF DANCE, 2434 OLIVE AVE, FREMONT, CA 94539 County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
ARCHANA PATKAR, 2434 OLIVE AVE, FREMONT, CA 94539
Business conducted by: an Individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2024.
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/ ARCHANA PATKAR
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).
11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3/24
CNS-3869286#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610462
Fictitious Business Name(s):
TENG ACUPUNCTURE, 2140 PERALTA BLVD STE 112, FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDA
MAILING ADDRESS: 3031 CHRISTINE CT., FREMONT, CA 94536
Registrant(s):
TESHU TENG, 3031 CHRISTINE CT., FREMONT, CA 94536
Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/18/2019
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/ TESHU TENG
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 11/16/2024
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.
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11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3/24
CNS-3869283#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610347
Fictitious Business Name(s):
PICTURE PERFECT PHOTOGRAPHY, 40137 KELLY ST, FREMONT, CA 94538 County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
LORI CRUZ, 40137 KELLY ST, FREMONT, CA 94538
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/ LORI CRUZ
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 10/30/2024.
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
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11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3/24
CNS-3869287#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610178
Fictitious Business Name(s):
ERIN LORRAINE MEDIA, 2904 HILLEGASS AVE, BERKELEY, CA 94705 County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
ERIN LORRAINE WOODWARD, 2904 HILLEGASS AVE, BERKELEY, CA 94705
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/ ERIN LORRAINE WOODWARD
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.
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11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3/24
CNS-3868371#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 611007
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.
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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
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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
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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 TRIMBOL 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
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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-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.
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10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19/24
CNS-3865573#

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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.
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10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12/24
CNS-3863304#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 609591
Fictitious Business Name(s):
GAUDAY 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 Partnership
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars [\$1,000].)
/s/ SARITA SATPATHY
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 09/27/2024.
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10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12/24
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
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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 10/12/2024
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].)
/s/ EMMELINE CHEN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on OCTOBER 9, 2024
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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].)
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CNS-3862459#

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10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12/24
CNS-3862459#

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-3862183#

PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RONALD L. MYERS CASE NO. 24PR098475
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: RONALD L. MYERS AKA RONALD LEE MYERS AKA RONALD LMYERS
A Petition for Probate has been filed by ALAN K. MYERS in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.
The Petition for Probate requests that ALAN K. MYERS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on 12/18/2024 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: AMBER C. HASKETT, ESQ., HASKETT LAW FIRM, P.C., 5820 STONERIDGE MALL ROAD, SUITE 207, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, Telephone: 925-460-8850
11/12, 11/19, 11/26/24
CNS-3869892#

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. GORDOVA, 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 DESCRIBED IN THE FLYING DEED 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 inaccuracies of the FLYING DEED or the 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 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

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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 NPP046499 To: TRI-CITY VOICE 10/29/2024, 11/05/2024, 11/12/2024 10/29, 11/5, 11/12/24
CNS-3864932#
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 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

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Marjorie M. Pine
Resident of Discovery Bay
February 21, 1928 – November 5, 2024

Gregory Brahaney
Resident of Fremont
December 7, 1951 – November 2, 2024

Muniratanam Naiker
Resident of Redwood City
July 22, 1952 – November 3, 2024

Jessica L. Manning
Resident of Fremont
July 17, 1981 – October 25, 2024

Gloria J. Contreras
Resident of Fremont
April 28, 1943 - November 2, 2024

Joseph S. Virzi
Resident of Fremont
February 19, 1964 – October 29, 2024

Raymoki Engler
Resident of Fremont
October 30, 1959 – October 30, 2024

Ervin B. Mayer
Resident of Union City
June 16, 1930 – October 28, 2024

Cyd Smith
Resident of Newark
October 15, 1956 – October 28, 2024

Tricia Redd
Resident of Fremont
February 6, 1971 – October 23, 2024

Beatrice Jimerson
Resident of Hayward
October 28, 1947 – October 13, 2024

Arthur J. Jones, III
Resident of Fremont
April 10, 1975 – October 2, 2024

Iris Annie Petersen
Resident of Newark
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BARBARA JENKINS

August 26, 1946 – October 15, 2024



Barbara Jenkins, a 40+ year resident of Fremont, CA, passed away suddenly on October 15, 2024 at the age of 78. Barbara was born in Oakland, CA to Edward and Sara Bush.

Barbara graduated in 1964 from Tennyson High School in Hayward, CA. Immediately after graduation, she moved to Washington DC to begin her professional career as an executive assistant. While living on the East Coast, she met her future husband, Wilbur E. Jenkins, and Silver Spring, MD became her new home. After her marriage of 11 years ended, she returned to her native CA, where she worked for 30 years as a Human Resource Manager for several technology companies before her retirement.

Barbara was a strong advocate for women, equal rights, education, and personal and professional development. Her involvement in the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) became an important part of her life. Barbara encouraged independence and sharing of opinions and perspectives. She was also active in the Fremont Chamber of Commerce, One Child, and other local organizations.

Barbara was an avid golfer, enjoying golfing with her women's clubs, and golf vacations with friends. She loved the SF 49ers, SF Giants, and Golden State Warriors, supported other Bay Area professional and college sports teams, and would not hesitate to vocalize her excitement (or frustration) with plays and final results.

Barbara will be remembered by her family and friends for her warmth and compassion, her tenacity, the guidance she offered to others, and her overall love of life. She will be remembered lovingly by everyone whose life she touched.

Barbara is survived by her loving sisters, Donna and Laura Bush, Robin (Steve) Sawamura and her two nephews, Scott and Brian Sawamura. She is predeceased by parents Edward and Sara Bush, and brothers Keith and David Bush.

A celebration of life will be held on November 22, 2024 at Spin A Yarn Steakhouse, 45915 Warm Springs Blvd., Fremont, CA 94539. In memory of Barbara, contributions can be made to the Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund at www.sbmfec.org. SBMEF grants and scholarships provide females with funds for post-secondary education and ongoing professional development.

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IRIS ANNIE PETERSEN

August 21, 1932 – September 27, 2024



Iris Annie Petersen was called home on September 27, 2024 to be with her beloved husband Pete, beloved sister Teresa, and beloved mother, Iris. Born in Dundee, Scotland on August 21, 1932, Iris left her beloved Scotland in 1957 to be with her family in California and was a long time resident of Newark, CA (66 years). Beloved mother to Paul (Sandee), Sharon (Jack), Linda (Don), Tracy (Franz). Beloved step-mother to Dave (Dottie), Harold, Edele (Gary).

Beloved grandmother to Christopher, Sean (Jennifer), Andrea, Eric, Jason, Rachel, Veronica, Doug (Nicole), Heather, Rachel, Sara (Zachary), David (Ashley), Chris (Cyndi), and Thomas (TJ).

Beloved great-grandmother to Bennett, Aurora, Jeremy (Brianna), Natalie (Ethan), Zoe (Jacob), Ayden, Liam, Kiyomi, Taiyo, Davey, Frankie. Beloved great-great grandmother to Greenlea.

Beloved sister to Teresa (John). Beloved aunt to Iris (Roger) and Nicole (David). And a great friend to many. Preceded in death by a very special companion, Ben. A beautiful lady, Iris brought love and joy to all she came in contact with. Throughout Iris's beautiful life, she was able to travel to many beautiful places including Italy, Scotland, and Hawaii. However, all of these places took 2nd place to Iris's favorite place... PEPPERMILL in Reno. Hands down Iris's favorite place, which gave her so much joy over the years and she took many wonderful trips there with her children and other family members. Iris will be so missed, but her lasting impact on her family and friends will be a source of Love, Hope, and Joy now and always.

A celebration of life will take place on Saturday, November 16, 2024 at 11am, at the Fremont Memorial Chapel, 3723 Peralta Blvd., Fremont, CA with a reception to follow directly after the celebration.

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Turmeric

By **PAT KITE**

Some folk rave about turmeric. Other folk have no idea what they are talking about. Let’s look.

Turmeric is a tropical plant that grows near the forest floor. It is a perennial herb. Pieces of the root system, rhizomes, are planted. First, you must purchase a turmeric tuber or rhizome. These are easiest to find at an Asian grocery store. You can also order on the internet. The tuber is related to ginger.

Turmeric will grow well in full sun to partial shade. It can be somewhat sensitive to scorching in extreme temperatures so if you’re in a hotter climate, partial shade (especially in the afternoon) may be beneficial. Slice this tuber so you have just one eye per slice. Obtain generous size containers. Place each slice in

good potting soil. The potting soil should be damp or moist, not wet. Wet equals rot. To create usable turmeric, prepare to wait about 10 months.

The name turmeric comes from the Latin word *terra merita*, which means “meritorious earth”. In North India, turmeric is called “haldi”, and in the south it is called “manjal”. This spice is rumored to have been cultivated in the Gardens of Babylon in the 8th century BC.

Turmeric is sacred in the Hindu religion and is used in wedding ceremonies. In the ancient Indian Vedas, people who ate turmeric were called Nishadas, which translates to “Turmeric Eaters”.

Turmeric spread through trade routes to the Middle East, Africa and Europe. It was brought to Jamaica in the 18th century by European colonizers.

Pat Kite’s Garden



PAT KITE

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

Russell City decision delayed

HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL RESCHEDULES DISCUSSION OF REPARATIVE JUSTICE MEASURES FOR 2025

By **PANASHE MATEMBA-MUTASA**

The Hayward City Council has postponed a planned work session and potential legislative action on

proposals for the Russell City Reparative Justice Project. Initially scheduled for later this year, these discussions will now take place in early 2025, allowing additional time for a comprehensive review of the proposed reparative justice measures.

According to city officials, the delay aims to enable a more thorough analysis of the reparative justice proposals and to prepare more detailed recommendations for consideration by the newly

elected City Council.

“We understand that this rescheduling may cause concerns,” city representatives said in a statement, acknowledging the input and continued engagement of Russell City community members in the project.

While the revised schedule may cause a brief delay, Hayward officials emphasized that they remain committed to reaching a timely resolution on the matter. New dates for the work session and legislative action

are expected to be announced in the coming months.

The Russell City Reparative Justice Project addresses historical injustices faced by the Russell City community, and Hayward officials say the added timeframe will help ensure that the final decisions align closely with the community’s needs and expectations. Community members are encouraged to stay involved as the City Council prepares to revisit the topic in the new year.

Flash Fiction contest winners inspired by frogs

PATRICIA DOYNE TIES FOR SECOND-PLACE FOR ‘SOME ENCHANTED EVENING’

By **STAFF**

The fall Flash Fiction contest, with the theme “Frogs” was held on Sept. 28. Over the next few weeks, this paper will run the winning entries. Below is a submission that tied for second place. To read all the winners, go to: fremontculturalartscouncil.org.

Some enchanted evening

By **PATRICIA DOYNE**

I’m King, and my word is law—except to my daughter. When you think “princess,” you think ball gowns, jewels, tiaras, right? But my daughter Lucinda romps around in jeans and sneakers, with her pockets full of beetles. Pond scum under her fingernails. Feeds baby mice to her snakes.

Lucinda says she’s a biologist. Hangs around the moat collecting mayfly, larva, and tadpoles. Next to her four-poster bed, she’s installed an aquarium complete with water plants, snails, and newts. She picks this stuff up with her bare hands! Does this sound like a princess?

Lucinda developed a special fondness for a tiny

bullfrog she named Froggy-Boy. When she caught him as a tadpole, she carried him around in a glass jar. As he changed, she kept the jar in a backpack. When full grown, Froggy Boy rode on her shoulder. She trapped flies for him, and sometimes robbed spider webs for delicacies. “Here, have something scrumptious, Froggy-Boy,” she’d say.

Her sisters thought this was hilarious. “Kiss your little green friend,” they teased. “Maybe he’ll turn into a prince.” Lucinda would just laugh, and feed Froggy-Boy another horsefly.

But one morning, one of Lucinda’s sisters spotted a young man peeking out from the curtains of

Lucinda’s four-poster bed. As his foot hit the floor, it was clear he wore nothing but his smile. The sister screamed.

“It’s just Froggy-Boy,” said Lucinda. “A prince, actually. He was enchanted, and I reversed the spell.”

I was so proud of Lucinda. Finally she was acting like a real princess—battling sorcery, helping fellow royals, even seeking my opinion now and then. So I didn’t ask too many questions. Froggy-boy was a simple man—good looking, eager to please.

But the Queen and Lucinda’s sisters never did buy her enchanted-frog story.

Music at the Mission presents ‘Chronos’

20TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON KICKS OFF NOV. 20 AND 23

Submitted by **BILL EVERETT**

Music at the Mission [MAM] embarks on their Twentieth Anniversary Season with “Chronos.” Named for the Greek god of time, the program kicks off with a powerful call to freedom by Oakland native Alex Taite who makes his MAM debut and brings his captivating interpretations of traditional Black spirituals. This first half of the program, “In the Time of Strife,” will transport the audience through the struggles and triumphs of a pivotal chapter in American history. Following is a one-movement string quartet, “Source Code,” by Jesse Montgomery which centers on a melody derived from Black spirituals. “The spiritual is a significant part of the DNA of black folk music, and subsequently most (arguably all) American

pop music forms that have developed to the present day,” Montgomery writes.

The program continues with British composer Errollyn Wallen’s “Sojourner Truth” for violin and piano. The work is based on the life of abolitionist and women’s rights activist Sojourner Truth. Carlos Simon’s string quartet “Elegy: A Cry from the Grave” is a sorrowful yet hopeful piece. The composer describes it as “an artistic reflection dedicated to those who have been murdered wrongfully by an oppressive power; namely Trayvon Martin, Eric Garner and Michael Brown.”

For the second half, the program continues with “In the Time of Love.” Johannes Brahms’s “Werther” Piano Quartet no. 3 was written during the final illness of his close friend, Robert Schumann, when Brahms was torn between despair for his friend and love for his friend’s wife, Clara Schumann.

The program ends with “Clocks” by Miguel del Aguila, which

takes an imaginary visit to a clock museum. The final movement, “The Joy of Keeping Time,” takes place after the museum closes and the clocks come to life in an exuberant jam session.

“Music has an unparalleled ability to touch the heart and stir the soul,” said Aileen Chanco, MAM Founding Director. “In times of both strife and love, music has the power to heal, to uplift and to remind us of our shared humanity.”

Tenor, Alex Taite performs on many Bay Area opera stages, currently sings with the San Francisco Opera Chorus and is writing two song books of spirituals. He will be joined by pianist Aileen Chanco, violinists Eugenia Wie and Liana Berube, violist Ivo Bokulic and cellist Eileen Moon.

“Chronos” will be presented as part of MAM’s new Fremont Happy Hour Concert Series at the elegant event house of Martha Mahuron in Fremont. It starts at 3:30pm on Saturday,

Nov. 23 and will be exquisitely catered by Beyond the Board Catering. Advanced ticketing is required. “Enjoy your afternoon wine and hors d’oeuvres with us!”, says Board President, Larry Matteucig. “This is a perfect, intimate setting for a performance. The audience isn’t an observer, but truly a part of the musical experience... We are grateful to the Alameda County Arts Commission Artsfund program for their support!”

Chronos will also be performed on the San Leandro Twilight Concerts Series at MAM’s new second venue, All Saints Episcopal Church in San Leandro, Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 7pm.



Liane Berube will play violin. Photo courtesy of Music at the Mission

Music at the Mission: Chronos
Wednesday, Nov. 20
7pm
The San Leandro Twilight Series
All Saints Episcopal Church
911 Dowling Blvd., San Leandro
Tickets \$40

Saturday, Nov. 23
3:30pm
Fremont Happy Hour Concert Series
Mahuron Event House
Advanced reservations required due to limited seating.

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Arroyo wins helmet game, crushing San Lorenzo 43-9

THE DONS FINISH THE REGULAR SEASON QUALIFYING FOR NCS PLAYOFFS



Arroyo running back Willie Johnson runs through the Grizzlies defense in the fourth quarter. Photo by Andrew Joseph



The Arroyo offense in stance on the Grizzlies 21-yard line during the first quarter. Photo by Andrew Joseph



Arroyo running back Willie Johnson takes off running for a Dons touchdown in the third quarter. Photo by Andrew Joseph

By **ANDREW JOSEPH**

The Arroyo Dons beat the San Lorenzo Grizzlies in a convincing 43-9 victory at home Saturday, Nov. 9 in a Western Alameda County Conference (WACC) Shoreline league game. The Dons finished the season in a league second place improving to 8-2 overall and 4-1 in league to qualify for the NCS playoffs which was our goal the whole season,” said Arroyo head coach Jeff Pride. “Offense wins games and defense wins championships and that’s what got us here today.”

In a crosstown rivalry called the ‘helmet game,’ these two teams look forward to this matchup every

year because of the history between them being the only two schools in the city of San Lorenzo. Arroyo set the tempo early when starting running back Joseph Estes ran 78-yards for a touchdown to make it a 7-0 Dons lead in the first quarter.

“On that first touchdown I had, I saw the receiver go to block the defensive back and right then I knew I had to take off running not letting anyone touch me so I could put the first points on the board and make a statement,” said Arroyo starting running back Joseph Estes.

San Lorenzo responded in the second quarter when senior running back Rene Ramirez caught a pass for a touchdown, however Arroyo blocked the PAT to make the score a 7-6 Arroyo lead with 10:44 remaining in the first half. San Lorenzo settled for a field goal on

their next possession to take a very surprising 9-7 lead to silence the Arroyo bleachers.

The Dons got the ball back again just before time expired in the second quarter. Estes proved to be the fuel to this Dons offense running in another touchdown on a first and goal with 43 seconds left to go into halftime with the 13-9 advantage. There was a visible regroup and refocus by Arroyo at halftime after they let San Lorenzo manage to keep the score so close.

“The message to our players at halftime was let’s just refocus,” said coach Pride. “We’ve built our offensive scheme around Estes because we know what he brings to the table and he came out here and proved that.”

Arroyo’s defense completely shut down San Lorenzo’s offense in the second half allowing no points from them.

Willie Johnson and Estes both scored touchdowns in the third quarter to make it a 29-9 lead heading into the fourth quarter. Just when San Lorenzo was trying to score a touchdown deep in Dons territory, Arroyo’s Gabe Flores caught an interception at the six yard line to stop a potential scoring drive for the Grizzlies. The Dons offense set up Estes to run the length of the field for an impressive 94-yard rushing score for his fourth total touchdown of the evening to make the lead 35-9 with 11:37 remaining in the game. Estes finishes this regular season with a team high total of 18 touchdowns.

“I saw a wide open gap on the edge and I just took off and ran 94-yards for the touchdown,” said Estes about his last touchdown.

Johnson scored his second touchdown of the game

halfway through the fourth quarter to seal the statement victory. Arroyo was able to spread the ball evenly with the pass and run game both proving effective and tiring out the San Lorenzo defense. They took over this game in all phases in the second half to give no doubt that they belong in the NCS playoffs this season.

“Joseph has been instilling confidence in us all year and we showed that we came to play today,” added Shelton. “We want to go out there into the NCS playoffs with the mentality to prove we belong and put our school on the map.”

The importance of winning this game has more implications for Arroyo as they seek to make a NCS playoff run and try to make history for their emerging program. This back to back win for the Dons after a bitter loss to league

champion Alameda does a lot for their locker room mentality and momentum heading into week one of the playoffs.

“These two back to back wins feels good right now heading into NCS playoffs now we just have to keep doing what we do best and keep this momentum going,” said Estes.

The Dons face the St. Vincent de Paul Mustangs on Saturday, Nov. 16 on the road in Petaluma in round one of the NCS playoffs. The Mustangs are 9-1 overall and undefeated at 5-0 in their league Redwood Empire Bay. San Lorenzo ends their season 2-8 overall and 0-5 in the WACC Shoreline league.

Newark holds successful turkey drop

POLICE DEPARTMENT AND GROCERY OUTLET DONATE 290 TURKEYS

Submitted by **AL NAGY**

Having enough food for Newark citizens during the holidays isn’t something to gobble about. The Newark Police Association, along

with the Newark Grocery Outlet store, delivered 290 turkeys to the Viola Blythe Center the last week in October. This annual “Turkey Drop” event plays a tremendous role in the lives of Newark citizens, states Debra Rodriguez, Viola Blythe Executive Director. She explains that Viola Blythe Center regularly helps more than 500 families

each month with food and clothing, adding that they couldn’t help so many people without the support of the Newark Police Association, schools, businesses, Boy Scouts and individuals who support the Center.

One of the favorite parts of this event is the “infamous Turkey Brigade” that the Police Association forms when transporting

the holiday meat from the delivery truck to the freezer at the Viola Blythe Center warehouse. The Center will additionally purchase another 200 chickens so that clients can have a choice between a chicken and a turkey.

According to Rodriguez, October also kicks off Viola Blythe’s Barrel Program, where they place barrels in businesses and

schools to collect food and new toys. The Scouts will also have their annual “Scouting for Food” drive on Saturday, Nov. 16 with the collected food given to the Viola Blythe Center for distribution. Every single donation plays an important role in Newark.

Making sure that everyone has enough food during these holidays is

important and Viola Blythe thanks the community for all their help to address this critical need.

Mission Valley Athletic League holds cross country championship

WASHINGTON AND MISSION HIGH SCHOOL CLAIM OVERALL TEAM WINS



Kenji Kawabata of Newark Memorial seconds before winning first place in the Boys’ Varsity 3-mile. Photo by April Ramos



MVAL championships held at Quarry Lakes in Fremont saw hundreds of athletes from around the Tri-City. Photo by April Ramos

By **APRIL RAMOS**

Eight high schools across Fremont, Newark and Union City competed once again in the Mission Valley Athletic League (MVAL) cross country championship. Quarry Lakes in Fremont was packed with hundreds of runners and supporters who were anxiously waiting for races. Five races were scheduled: Frosh/Soph Boys 2-mile, girls’ and boys’ junior varsity 2-mile and girls’ and boys’ Varsity 3-mile. Each course wrapped around the lakes of the Fremont park. The first group to hear the race gun go off was the Frosh/Soph boys. The 81 runners had the

second largest group of the day. Running the 2-mile course, Mission San Jose of Fremont and Moreau Catholic of Hayward took over the top five spots on the results sheet. Within the top three, first place went to Santiago Henriquez – Moreau Catholic with a time of 10:29. In second and third were Mohammad Iqbal and Ahaan Sood, both of Mission San Jose with 10:50.3 and 11:01.9, respectively. Junior Varsity girls and boys were next on the course, up to run another 2-mile race. The girls’ JV team had all jerseys crossing the finish line in the top three

within 30 seconds of each other, sending huge cheers and competitive energy throughout the crowd. Ultimately, Aditi Duggal of American took first place. Only three seconds behind at 14:11.8, was Stephanie Leung of Mission San Jose. In third came Grace Liu of James Logan with 14:26.7. The boys’ JV 2-mile was up next with the largest group of the day with 82 racers. The top two winners of the 2-mile were American’s Gabriel Wang and Benson Tang at 11:33.3 and 11:35.5, respectively. Newark Memorial’s Spencer Dix took third with 11:44.4. The last two races of the day were the most anticipated

fast paced races of the girls’ and boys’ Varsity runners. Newark Memorial Varsity girls sweep the top three spots. First, second and third places were Junior, Alice McCarty with a time of 17:47.4, Senior Grace Veloza 18:11.8 and Senior Rahwa Fekadu 18:35.9. With Newark Memorial in the top three, the school earned confirmed first in the overall team score. All three girls showed major improvement from last year as McCarty, Veloza and Fekadu placed third, ninth and sixth, respectively, in 2023’s MVAL championship. The Varsity boys were the final runners of the meet. Another Newark Memorial

first place winner crossed the finish claiming another win for the lone Newark school. Junior, Kenji Kawabata, completed the 3-mile race in 14:52.4, making his average mile time 4:57.5. Kawabata improved his time from 2023 where he came in third with a time of 15:36.5. In second, came Issac Luong of Kennedy and Michael Tellez following behind, with times of 15:08.8 and 15:25.2, respectively. Although it was a competitive environment, students from all schools were cheering on runners in the last 200 meters of the race who needed extra motivation and energy from onlookers. Untimely, the

meet created a supportive space for all runners. Next is the North Coast Section Meet of Champions on Nov. 23 at Hayward High School. For a full list of results of the MVAL meet, visit www.diablotiming.com

Fremont high schools claim league tennis titles

IRVINGTON WINS SINGLES, MISSION TAKES DOUBLES, IN GIRLS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS



Irvington coach Ian Vacin stands with Barry Poole, Christine Chang, Olivia Hung, Kuhu Samant, Hannah Bi and Mission coach Paul Nissler. Photo courtesy of Barry Poole

By **VIDYUTH SRIDHAR**

South Fremont residents had much to cheer about on Nov. 7. In the Mission Valley Athletic League’s (MVAL) girls’ tennis championships, Irvington High School’s Samika Prasad won the singles championship, while Mission San Jose’s Hannah Bi and Kuhu Samant claimed the doubles trophy. After more than a month of regular-season contests, the league championships — held from Nov. 5-7 at James Logan High School in Union City— saw all eight MVAL varsity teams compete in singles and doubles tournaments. In both contests, competitors were slotted into a five-round seeded bracket based on their record during the season. Despite being a high school freshman, Prasad entered the singles tournament as the #1 seed—

bumped up from #2 after a player injury. Playing a total of five matches, Prasad advanced from the opening Round of 32 to the finals without dropping a set — receiving praise from her coach. “She’s played well above her years,” Irvington’s head coach Barry Poole said. “She just stayed composed, and just focused on what she had to do.” In the finals, Prasad prevailed in the first set (2-1) against American High School’s (Fremont) Shreeya Sharma, who forfeited midway through the set due to an ankle injury. Coming into the doubles tournament, Bi and Samant also held the #1 seed. They won each of their first three games in straight sets. However, the pair were challenged in the semifinals, defeating Irvington’s Diya Vacin and Miranda Huang in a third-set tiebreaker (2-7,

6-0, 6-2). In the finals, Bi and Samant faced another Irvington freshman — Olivia Hung — and senior Christine Chang, ultimately triumphing in three sets (2-6, 6-4, 6-2). Mission team captain Moksha Rawlani credited Bi and Samant’s complementary backgrounds as key to their success. “Hannah and Kuhu are both strong singles players, [but] their strengths and weaknesses balance each other out.” Despite the loss, Poole also celebrated his team’s doubles performance. “It was fun to watch Christine and Hannah exchange howitzers with each other,” Poole said. “Christine and Olivia did a great job.” Heading into the North Coast Section (NCS) Girls Tennis team championships, Mission San Jose qualified as the #6 seed, and will



Irvington coach Barry Poole stands with Samika Prasad, Shreeya Sharma and American coach Michael Lindsay. Photo courtesy of Barry Poole

face Berkeley High School Berkeley at 5 pm on Nov. 12 at Fremont Tennis Center. In addition, with their MVAL victory, Bi and Samant have qualified for the NCS doubles tournament, which starts on Nov. 18. “We definitely will be moving into NCS strong,” Rawlani said. “Hannah and Kuhu have some tough

matches coming up, but being the strong duo they are, I’m sure they will have no issues with it.” In addition, Prasad’s victory qualifies her for the NCS singles tournament, beginning on Nov. 18. Hung and Chang are seeking an at-large wildcard berth into the NCS doubles tournament, which will

be decided by an NCS committee on Nov. 14. “This is probably one of the strongest teams I’ve had the pleasure to coach at Irvington,” Poole said. “They won the matches they were supposed to, and fought through the ones they lost.”

OPINION

The Democracy Dice-Roll

TRI-CITY VOTERS APPROVE \$1.4 BILLION IN LOCAL BONDS

By **DAN PULCRANO,**
Publisher

Democracy got a healthy workout last week. The



president-elect’s persistent claims of voter fraud and election stealing evaporated on Tuesday when results showed that he had won a majority of both the nation’s electoral votes and the popular vote. Alameda County defied the national trend, giving hometown candidate Kamala Harris 73% of the vote. The county’s district attorney was recalled by voters who felt Pamela Price was soft on crime. Public safety and homelessness figured heavily in the talking points of local city council and mayoral candidates who tapped into voter nervousness about keeping neighborhoods clean and safe.

Another sign voters want to get tougher on crime is the passage of California’s Prop 36, which will increase penalties for retail theft. It won by 65% in Alameda County, 4% less than statewide. In Fremont, Raj Salwan was elected as the new mayor, and Teresa Keng and Yajing Zhang won seats. Teresa Cox appears to have edged out Raymond Liu by 62 votes. Newark re-elected Mayor Michael Hannon, gave Terrence Grindall a full term and green-lighted Eve Marie Little for the remainder of an unexpired term. Gary Singh was elevated to Union City mayor after eight years on the council,

and Lance Nishihira was top of three for the District 1 city council seat. Voters here seem pretty happy to invest in local schools. Bonds were passed for Fremont Unified, New Haven Unified and Newark Unified, \$1.4 billion in aggregate. Ka-ching! Newark approved a transient occupancy tax and voters in Union City ratified a gross receipts tax on businesses that will give the city \$3.5 million a year to spend on essential services, Eric Swalwell and Ro Khanna will continue to represent the region in U.S. Congress, after each collected almost two thirds of the votes; Assemblyman

Alex Lee slam dunked by a similar percentage. Swalwell and Khanna will be limited in what they can do, however, with a split house, a Republican president and U.S. Senate and a packed Supreme Court. Elon Musk will spend even less time at the Fremont Tesla plant as he takes up as the White House’s cost-cutting billionaire in residence. The stock market is way up. The election is a nice holiday present for the ultra rich, bad news for the unhoused, the undocumented and the unlawful. For the rest of us in the middle, well, it’s worth paying attention.

Hula takes center stage at Pleasanton Fairgrounds

HAWAIIAN DANCE, FOOD AND MUSIC IN THE BAY AREA

By **VICTOR CARVELLAS**

November 1 through 3 at Pleasanton Fairgrounds dozens of hula ensembles converged for the annual Iā ‘Oe E Ka Lā Hula Competition, one of the area’s longest running festivals of Hula and Hawaiian culture. It is the oldest hula festival outside of Hawai’i. Men, women and children dressed in traditional and modern hula attire entertained large

crowds with the expressive dance native to Hawaii. Great food and beautiful arts and crafts rounded out the event. The festival and competition was sponsored by the Kumu Hula Association of Northern California, founded in 1978 by Ehulani “Auntie Ehu” Enoka Lum. This year’s celebration was dedicated to King David Kalāhaua, the 7th King of the Hawaiian Kingdom who reigned from 1874 to his death in 1891. Under pressure from missionaries, Queen Ka’ahumanu of Hawaii had banned public hula performance in 1830, but, at Kalāhaua’s coronation, hula was performed, and the

dance form reentered public life to become an icon of Hawaiian culture. After arriving in San Francisco in 1969 Autie Ehu wanted to introduce that Hawaiian culture to Californians and wanted Hawaiians to have a taste of home. She brought together the few scattered Hawaiians in the Bay Area into a community through producing hula events and presenting classes, inviting experts from Hawaii on the hula, the Hawaiian language, music, genealogy, food and more. She held her first luau in her new home in 1970, then, later she produced events at Hayward’s Centennial Hall and the Hayward

Plunge. After she and her husband Gordon Lum founded the Kumu Hula Association of Northern California, the growth in hula’s popularity and influx of Hawaiians to the area called for larger venues, and Kumu Hula eventually made the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton its annual home. A Kumu Hula is a master teacher in the art of hula who leads a school or hālau and hula itself is the expression in movement of chants (oli) and songs (mele). Such schools teach not only dance but costuming, lei-making, chanting and singing, and the rituals and customs associated with the spiritual

aspects of hula and its patron goddess, Laka. A Kumu Hula receives decades of training and is graduated in a uniki ceremony only when it is believed the student will use their knowledge responsibly. Beloved Auntie Ehu passed away in 1991. After she died, the City of Hayward named April 20 “Ehulani Day” in honor of her contributions to the Hawaiian community. Today, the Kumu Hulu president is Auntie Ehu’s daughter Deanie Villiados. The organization also sponsors a May Day festival in Downtown Hayward, an event that lovers of Hawaiian culture should definitely not miss. **Kumu Hula Association** www.kumuhulaassociation.com



All ages performed at November’s event. Photo Credit: Victor Carvellas



The Iā’Oe E Ka La Hula Competition is the Bay Area’s longest-running Hula festival. Photo Credit: Victor Carvellas

Net zero, but for kittens?

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The crisis of pet overpopulation is starkly evident in our community. With limited resources, Ohlone Humane Society (OHS) has conducted 467 trap-neuter-return (TNR) operations for the Tri-City community in 2024 alone. TNR is a critical strategy to control the outdoor, unowned cat population, preventing the birth of thousands of unwanted kittens. Additionally, we’ve distributed 112 spay/neuter vouchers to independent trappers, empowering more people to take direct action. Yet these efforts, conducted by a patchwork of nonprofit animal welfare organizations like ours, are only making a small dent in the problem. The lack of veterinary services and the exponential growth of

unwanted animals make it impossible to keep up. What many don’t realize is that female cats can become pregnant as young as four months old and can get pregnant again within a few weeks of giving birth. With three to four litters per year per mama cat, this results in hundreds of kittens fighting for survival. Every year, animal rescues face the heartbreaking prospect of leaving hungry, injured, or pregnant animals where they are found because they do not have the capacity to take them in. It’s exhausting. But we keep working because we believe all animals deserve compassion and respect—and who else will advocate for them? As an all-volunteer organization, we’re incredibly proud of the impact we’ve made thanks to the generosity and community spirit of local animal lovers. But the current approach

of merely doing what we can with what we have is not sustainable. Every year the problem grows, pushing our goal of preventing pet overpopulation further and further away. That idea of sustainability prompted the question of what “net zero, but for kittens” might look like. Getting our community to the point where every pet had a home (or a good chance of getting one in a short period of time), would be a moonshot that would likely take 15 to 20 years of dedicated work. But I also believe it’s doable. Three main things would need to change. Part of the answer is more vets, maybe hired through the city or county. We need to move more cats through TNR and not only need more veterinarians to help us but we need more volunteers to help as well. OHS will provide training. For many pet owners, financial constraints lead

to heartbreaking decisions, including surrendering beloved pets because they cannot afford food or medical care. Ohlone Humane Society steps in to fill this gap. In 2024, we’ve distributed over 9,688 pounds of pet food, helping families keep their pets during difficult times. Additionally, we have helped 22 low-income and unhoused individuals with veterinary care assistance. By providing this support, we prevent unnecessary surrenders and keep pets with the families who love them. Whether rescues, vets or shelters, we need to be working with each other and not against each other. Not any one of us can do this alone. Some might argue that resources could be better spent elsewhere or that no matter how much we do, it will never be enough to solve the problem. While it’s true that the challenges are

immense, and sometimes it feels like we are only scratching the surface, we believe that every life saved and every animal helped makes a difference. The work we do ripples through the community—by preventing pet overpopulation, we reduce the strain on local shelters and municipalities. By helping pet owners keep their pets, we reduce the emotional and financial burden on families. The work of Ohlone Humane Society is a testament to what can be achieved when a community comes together. In 2024 alone, our 170 volunteers have dedicated over 9,000 hours to saving and improving the lives of animals. But we cannot do this alone. We need more volunteers, more donations, and more awareness to continue this vital work. Visit the website to learn more: www.ohlonehumanesociety.org

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All the world’s a stage at *Shakespeare in Love: The Play*

OHLONE COLLEGE THEATER DEPARTMENT CAPTURES FUN AND WIT OF 1998 FILM



A set with staircases, catwalk, and balcony adds to audience immersion. Photo credit: Sunyo Suhaimi



Player (Renee Jacqueline) and playwright (Chava Suarez) begin a romance. Photo credit: Frederick Hom



Chava Suarez plays a young William Shakespeare, and Renee Jacqueline co-stars as the free-spirited young woman he falls for. Photo credit: Sunyo Suhaimi



Actors Tristan Tumacder (L) and Diego Rozo (R) stage one of the play’s lively fight scenes. Photo credit: Frederick Hom

By **HUGO VERA**

“The show must go on” at Ohlone College’s production of *Shakespeare in Love: The Play*. Based on the screenplay for the 1998 Best Picture-winning film *Shakespeare in Love*, director Michael Navarra Smith transports audiences to Elizabethan England in this postmodern retelling of how the legendary ‘Bard of Avon’ came to be.

Theatergoers meet young William Shakespeare (played by Chava Suarez), a gifted writer but one who is plagued with writer’s block as he struggles to write a play worthy of the court of Queen Elizabeth I (Sakeenah Abdullah) while also trying to appease his backer Philip Henslowe (Charles Monk). Inspired

and aided by his best friend Kit Marlowe (Gabriel Lew), Shakespeare makes progress on his experimental tragedy ‘Romeo & Ethel the Pirate’s Daughter.’ If that title doesn’t sound like the finished product, it’s because it most certainly is not.

When young William falls for the lovely Viola De Lesseps (Renee Jacqueline), his courtship of her and subsequent quarrels with her loathsome fiancé Lord Wessex (Humza Khan) and his ‘Yes-Men’ pave the way for some of literature’s greatest stage tragedies and comedies in this whirlwind examination of love, pain, humor and self-discovery.

Leading the charge in the story’s narrative is Suarez’s performance as Shakespeare himself. Suarez’s charisma

and the on-stage chemistry with co-stars make for a compelling portrayal while also establishing young Shakespeare as a relatable “everyman.” Suarez’s performance is further bolstered by Lew and Jacqueline’s respective depictions of Kit Marlowe and Viola De Lesseps. The duo of Suarez and Lew utilize Vaudeville antics and physical comedy to sell their unbreakable bond. This bond is rivaled only by Suarez and Jacqueline’s chemistry which expertly conveys a dynamic between the star-crossed lovers that pays homage to romances past and present.

Other noteworthy performances include—but are not limited to—that of Sakeenah Abdullah as Queen Elizabeth I,

Tristan Tumacder as Ned Alleyn, Cassidy Chase as Nurse and Humza Khan as Lord Wessex. Abdullah’s commanding stage presence is a perfect parallel to Judi Dench’s depiction of Queen Elizabeth I in the 1998 film as the character exudes a regal aura juxtapositioned with an authoritative essence. The trio of Tumacder as Alleyn, Chase as Nurse and Khan as Lord Wessex are also sure to elicit laughs and applause as the respective journeys that each of their characters embark on highlight the ulterior motives of those influencing Shakespeare in his youth.

Aiding in the audience’s suspension of disbelief, which is crucial for any stage show, is the immaculate production design. The

core set, which utilizes stairways, a catwalk doubling as a balcony and other rotating elements provides a seamless transition each time the setting is changed. The use of projectors also aids in establishing the many locations of the play, from the Rose and Curtain Theatres of Elizabethan London to the River Thames, Viola De Jessep’s bedroom and Shakespeare’s writing desk. A trap-door in the stage is even utilized in a climactic portion of the final act which will leave audiences in an uproar of laughter and applause as the physical comedy of the show is cranked to capacity.

For fans of Shakespeare’s works as well as those who enjoyed the 1998 film of the same name, Ohlone College’s production of

Shakespeare in Love: The Play is sure to please all who attend. Due to the subject matter, sensual references and other innuendos, this show is best suited for late-teen to adult audiences.

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