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Fremont native rediscovers his artistic passion

NILES WELCOMES GALERIE ARTAX, WHERE ART AND COMMUNITY MEET

By MONIKA LEE

Have you ever fantasized about quitting your day job to follow your passion? Fremont native, Ben Vose took that brave leap and did just that to open Galerie Artax—Niles’ new art gallery and studio. Vose said, “I don’t want to be an old guy and wish I would have spent time pursuing something that I thought was really worthwhile, so I’m giving myself a year and then we’ll see what happens from there.”

Vose graduated from Washington High School and then went back to teach physical education at his alma mater. He loved to create art as a child but quit as a teenager because his brother became a professional artist, and he didn’t want his brother to outshine him. In retrospect, he thinks that was a bad decision.

His passion for art resurfaced about five years ago when he started sculpting whimsical figures. Vose joined an art group and became part of the local art scene. As he worked alongside other artists, he envisioned a space to bring artists and the community together through workshops and other events.

“Community has always been a big part of my life in different aspects, and I loved art, so I wanted to combine the two,” Vose said. He also wanted a space for artists to showcase and sell their art. Galerie Artax is the culmination of that dream. The name is a nod to Artax the horse from the book and film *The Never Ending Story* which had a profound effect on Ben and has inspired his art.

Ben hosted a holiday market at his studio on Dec. 14 that brought together Bay Area artists whose unconventional creations came in a variety of art forms, such as crochet, stationery, screen printing, books and jewelry—sting ray earrings, anyone? There was even a claw machine with key chain prizes made by a local artist that was a popular attraction.

Galerie Artax offers art workshops for all ages, special events, art exhibitions and event space rentals. An array of art is on display at his studio; from humorous and cute items like children’s books, colorful stationery, cartoon prints and pug drawings; to fantastical pieces like dragon sculptures and original paintings of ethereal women and unicorns. A unique offering at his studio are sculpture kits that



Ben Vose established Galerie Artax to bring artists together for workshops and events. Photo by Monika Lee

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Native American consultant Andrew Galvan (right) worked with Fr. Anthony Le (left) to make sure the museum accurately showed the story of the Ohlone people. Photo by Victor Carvellas

St. Joseph Chapel opens at mission

HISTORICAL BUILDING WELCOMES PILGRIMS AND TEACHES LOCAL HISTORY

By VICTOR CARVELLAS

On Sunday, Dec. 15, about 200 attendees witnessed the blessing of the newly opened St. Joseph Chapel of Healing at Mission San Jose. The chapel occupies the main hall of the building housing the Mission museum and gift shop, which was closed early September for renovations. Mission San Jose Catholic Church’s pastor Fr. Anthony Le gave a warm speech, led the attendees in prayer, and expounded on his vision for the new chapel and its potential as the Diocesan Shrine of St. Joseph to become a beacon for spiritual pilgrims across the Bay Area and beyond.

The building housing the chapel, museum and gift shop is the oldest intact structure in Alameda County. Erected in 1809, it housed the Franciscan friars who established the Mission in 1797. The area occupied by the chapel was formerly designated as a screening room for an instructional video introducing museum visitors to the Mission’s history. A wall supporting the screen separated the viewing space from a storage area, but now the wall has been removed, and the storage space has become the chapel’s sanctuary where the altar and apse house both old and new furnishings, including the Mission’s treasured reliquaries. Many of the items were retained on the Mission property when the old wooden church was removed to San Mateo in the early 1980s.

Several of the artworks on the chapel’s freshly painted wall were commissioned especially for the site. The freshly refurbished interior features several rows of wooden pews whose polished surfaces gleam beneath a white-washed ceiling supported by rough-hewn beams.

The renovations substantiate Fr. Anthony’s view of the site as a beacon to draw and welcome those on pilgrimage to engage in prayer and celebrate mass. The spiritual purpose of the chapel is complemented by the instructional purpose of the adjacent museum. Carefully curated exhibits lead visitors on a journey from Old Testament times, the life of St. Joseph, the Holy Family’s flight and the Nativity of Jesus, to the Franciscan period and the contributions of Ohlone to the economic and spiritual life of the Mission from the Franciscan period to today.

The Ohlone exhibit has special significance for Andrew Galvan, Ohlone descendant and Native American consultant to the Mission. When Father Fermin Francisco de Lasuen founded the mission in 1797, the location was an Ohlone village called Oroysom. Galvan and his family are long-time members of the community served by the Mission, but his strong sense of history meant that he didn’t always feel that the story of the Ohlone stood out against the backdrop of Spanish “missionization” and Mexican domination of the lands surrounding the mission after 1833. “When I was brought in [to curate the Ohlone exhibit in 2008],” says Galvan, “it felt like a door that had been closed to me had opened.”

Over the last year Galvan has worked in partnership with Fr. Anthony designing the current restoration. The result is an experience for museum goers and pilgrims alike that not only focuses on St. Joseph, but also pays homage to the rich history of the local native people. “I’m happy with the direction of the museum,” says Galvan.

The current restoration is the latest of several significant developments on the site. The original 1809 adobe church was destroyed by the Great Hayward Quake of

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New housing ordinance causes rift in Fremont

CITY COUNCIL PASSES TOUGHENED RESTRICTIONS TARGETING HOMELESSNESS DESPITE PROTESTS

By PANASHE MATEMBA-MUTASA

On Tuesday, Dec. 17, Fremont Police Chief Sean Washington introduced a controversial ordinance targeting homelessness to the city council. The proposal ignited heated debate among the council and residents, ultimately passing despite sharply divided opinions. While some attendees expressed hope for change, others left feeling disheartened and frustrated.

“I’ve listened to what some residents are saying, and they’re saying is that what we’ve implemented so far isn’t working,” said Mayor Raj Salwan, who voted in favor of the ordinance.

Building on last month’s RV crackdown, the new ordinance significantly broadens its scope, targeting the removal of personal property left on any public space—including buildings, parks, streets, open areas and waterways. It also allows authorities to enforce the abatement of belongings left unattended on public property for 24 hours or more.

Police Chief Washington spoke to the complex nature of homelessness solutions, saying it’s important to solve the crisis with compassion and dignity while also maintaining law and order. One of the goals of the ordinance he outlined was seeking voluntary compliance by giving offenders warnings before implementing enforcement.

“I do not believe as a police chief that we can arrest or cite our way out of this problem,” Washington said. “But I also need to have those tools for those in our community that may defy lawful orders.”

But the police chief’s attempt at presenting a balanced approach didn’t assuage some residents’ concerns. Resident Terry King took to public comment and pleaded with the council to sit on the issue before passing a motion, saying she believes it only criminalizes homelessness.

“It is cold and rainy tonight,” King said. “Do we really want to be kicking people out of their tents? Where is our humanity?”

Council member Kathy Kimberlin voiced her concerns, warning that the ordinance would strain the city’s already overburdened police force, while Vice Mayor Desrie Campbell argued that investing in shelter beds for the homeless would be a more effective solution. However, with the mayor and council members Raymond Liu, Yajing Zhang and Yang Shao backing the measure, Fremont seems to be taking a tougher stance on homelessness.



Building on last month’s RV crackdown, the new ordinance significantly broadens its scope, targeting the removal of personal property left on any public space. Photo by staff

Washington Hospital Service League Offers Academic Scholarships

Applications accepted now through April 2025



The Washington Hospital Service League has been in existence for 69 years—longer than the Hospital itself. During that time, countless community members have been introduced to Washington Hospital through the efforts of these volunteers. In addition to hours donated at the Hospital, the Service League contributes to the youth of the area through educational and scholarship opportunities.

The Service League’s scholarship program has awarded nearly \$391,905 in scholarships since its establishment in 1961. The first scholarship of \$150 was awarded to a nursing student training at Highland Hospital in Oakland.

Today, the Service League grants two \$1,000 scholarships annually, which are renewable for three additional years, based on the student’s academic performance and continued focus on health care. A

one-time scholarship of \$1,000 for a Washington Hospital volunteer is also awarded. This year, the Service League will also offer two memorial scholarships of \$1,000.

These scholarships are available to students in the Washington Township Health Care District—which includes Fremont, Newark, Union City, and parts of South Hayward and unincorporated Sunol—who are pursuing studies in a health-related field. Students who currently volunteer at Washington Hospital are also eligible. The scholarships are awarded each year to graduating high school seniors and/or current college students.

By providing scholarships, the Service League hopes to help students with their education and career goals, and also hopes that in turn, those student may someday be able to give back to the community

by providing health care. Service League Scholarship Chair Dian Zarzycki notes the pleasure they receive by giving assistance and support to budding doctors, nurses and other health care professionals in the local community.

Qualifications for the Washington Hospital Service League scholarship include:

- U.S. citizen/permanent resident.
- Resident of the Washington Township Health Care District or be a current volunteer at Washington Hospital.
- Age 22 or younger as of December 31, 2025.
- Accepted into an accredited school, college, or university offering a bachelor’s or higher degree in a health-related field.
- Full-time student, able to provide required transcripts.

• Contributor to the community with at least 100 hours of volunteer service or working in a health-related field.

• Three letters of recommendation from the Director of Volunteer Services, employer, counselor/advisor, or teacher.

• Not have been previously awarded a WHSL health career scholarship (see application for detailed requirements).

Application deadline is Tuesday, April 1, 2025. Applications can be found online at <https://www.whhs.com/Scholarships> or picked up at the main desk in the Hospital lobby at 2000 Mowry Ave.



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Patient-Centered Physician Joins Fremont Warm Springs Clinic

New WTMF primary care provider focuses on preventive, geriatric care



Magin Alexander, MD

Washington Township Medical Foundation recently welcomed Magin Alexander, MD, to its Warm Springs Family Practice Clinic in Fremont. A primary care physician with a special interest in preventive and geriatric care, Dr. Alexander combines evidence-based medicine, compassion and partnership to provide patient-centered care. Her practice spans various medical services, placing emphasis on preventive care services and management of chronic medical conditions.

Dr. Alexander values strong communication and collaboration with her patients. She strives to create a partnership where patients feel comfortable sharing their concerns, knowing they will be met with empathy and understanding. This collaborative approach fosters a supportive environment that promotes better health outcomes and patient satisfaction.

“Each of my patients is a valued individual,” Dr. Alexander explained. “I want to make sure they feel heard and understood.”

Dr. Alexander graduated in 2013 from Calicut Medical College in Kerala, India. After practicing there in the primary care sector for five years, she moved to the United States in 2018 to complete an internal medicine residency at the University of Nevada, Reno. During her residency, Dr. Alexander spent significant time at the VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System, where she developed a strong interest in geriatric patients and managing chronic medical conditions. Her areas

of interest include managing chronic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, gastrointestinal and thyroid disorders, among others. She is board certified in Internal Medicine.

“Our population is aging,” Dr. Alexander noted. “Establishing a relationship with elderly patients can present unique challenges. Many elderly patients face physical limitations, cognitive decline or memory issues that can impact their ability to communicate effectively. Additionally, they may have deeply ingrained beliefs about health care or past experiences that have shaped their expectations of care. Socio-economic, ethnic and cultural barriers often come into play. Building trust often requires extra time and patience to address these barriers and create a safe, supportive environment.”

When dealing with complex medical issues, Dr. Alexander ensures patients are not overwhelmed. “When a patient has a complex medical issue or multiple conditions, I reassure them that our journey together begins with this first appointment,” she said. “We focus on addressing the most pressing concerns initially, while planning follow-up visits to ensure every issue is thoroughly managed over time.”

Dr. Alexander also highlights the importance of comprehensive health care. “Care includes sharing knowledge, a proactive approach to preventive care, integrating lifestyle modifications, patient education and personalized treatment plans,” she explained. “Empowering

patients with the right tools and information is key to helping them take control of their health.”

Dr. Alexander is a strong advocate for preventive care, particularly when it comes to early cancer detection. She believes routine screenings play a crucial role in identifying potential health issues before they develop into more serious conditions. For instance, she stresses the importance of regular breast cancer screenings, colorectal cancer checks and skin examinations, all tailored to each patient’s age, family history and individual risk factors.

“I educate my patients about the significance of mammograms, colonoscopies and other cancer screenings,” she explained. “I highlight early detection, which can lead to more effective treatment and better health outcomes. By incorporating cancer screenings into my overall approach to preventive care, my patients are equipped to take proactive steps in managing their health, ultimately contributing to the reduction of cancer incidence and the improvement of long term well-being.”

Dr. Alexander is a South Asian, fluent in English and Malayalam and with a working understanding of Tamil and Hindi. She understands her patients’ culture and lived experiences and recognizes some of the major challenges in the medical conditions they bring to her arise from lifestyle concerns. With a prevalence of chronic diseases including diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, heart disease, kidney disease and stroke in

East Bay residents, she noted she will be working proactively with her patients to address their concerns. Regular follow-up and lifestyle modifications are pivotal in managing chronic medical conditions, alongside pharmacological management.

“For instance, in diabetes management, I take a multifaceted approach with my patients that includes detailed patient education, dietary counseling, and close monitoring of glucose levels and potential complications,” she said. “I emphasize the importance of lifestyle changes such as increased physical activity and balanced nutrition, while also tailoring pharmacological treatments to each patient’s unique needs. This comprehensive strategy ensures patients feel empowered to manage their condition effectively and improve their overall quality of life.”

Dr. Alexander and her husband, a software engineer, recently moved to Fremont from the South Bay. She’s excited about her new role at Washington Hospital Healthcare System.

“I am so happy to be in a supportive and friendly environment,” she said. “There’s a great team spirit here, and I know this is a place where I can grow personally and professionally. I am looking forward to developing meaningful relationships with my colleagues and patients alike.”

For more information or to make an appointment with Dr. Magin Alexander, call 510.248.1065.

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Beating the alcoholidays



In his recent column, Daniel O’Donnel shared nonalcoholic recipes for mulled wine. tricityvoice.com/no-whining-about-mulled-wine/ Photo credit: Daniel O’Donnel

RISKS OF ALCOHOL AND WAYS TO DE-CENTER AT HOLIDAY GATHERINGS

By **STEPHANIE UCHIDA**

In the Bible, the first miracle Jesus performs is turning water to wine at a wedding—at the behest of

his mother Mary no less. Although Jesus initially balks at the request, all involved agree that the festivities would be in danger if the booze ran out. This familiar religious story underlines the connection between alcohol and human social ties. Felipe Bolivar Rincon, M.D., an addiction medicine specialist and primary care provider with Kaiser Permanente, explains that ever since humans tried fermented fruit and

learned how it could lower inhibitions, alcohol has played an important cultural role. “We have a sense that this will heighten the experiences of our social gatherings...It opens up more conversations and some of us will find more enjoyment, maybe enjoy a little bit more the music and the food. It also will decrease that feeling of satiety so we want more and more.” We need strong ties with fellow humans to survive and

thrive; alcohol can encourage even the naturally shy to get out and party and have more positive experiences with others. However, alcohol comes with great harm that can destroy the benefits it brings in moderation. The National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) defines a standard drink as 14 grams of alcohol. The physical amount varies greatly depending on the concentration in a particular alcoholic drink. For women and the elderly, an unhealthy level of drinking is any more than three drinks in one sitting or more than seven in a week. For men, it’s more than four in a sitting and 14 in a week. However, for many this limit may be lower. People tend to underestimate the risks of alcohol, and 5 to 10% of the population suffers from alcohol-use disorder. Alcohol can lead to a long list of health issues, including insomnia, anxiety, and depression, liver damage, high blood pressure, heart problems, memory loss, impaired cognitive function and cancer. Alcohol is the fourth most common preventable cause of death in the U.S., and it’s associated with about a third of violent deaths, motor vehicle accidents, suicide and homicide. The scale of the risks can come as a surprise when alcohol is framed as a harmless and even healthy lifestyle choice. Bolivar Rincon says, “A lot of my patients say, ‘But Doc, didn’t we used to say that a glass of wine per day was healthy?’” However: “Whatever low-dose protective mechanism

alcohol can have on the heart, it’s completely offset by its harm in other systems.” People can start drinking to deal with insomnia, stress or anxiety, but alcohol itself exacerbates those symptoms, so people drink even more and end up in a destructive cycle. Over the holidays, conscientious hosts can find themselves in the dilemma of the Biblical Mary—how to throw a celebration without wine’s help. Bolivar Rincon advises hosts to make alcohol “pull” rather than “push.” Let guests ask for alcohol rather than offering it proactively, and certainly respect a no. “We’re in a very pushy culture,” Bolivar Rincon says. “‘Oh, just have one. Enjoy it with all of us. Have a toast.’ No. Let’s refrain from doing that.” Conversely, present nonalcoholic options with flair. “The alternatives [should be] centralized and visible and hopefully very attractive. Because you’re competing against alcohol. Ideally it should be sparkling water with flavors, mocktails, beautifully [displayed].” Hosts can also plan games that break the ice and encourage socializing, getting everyone’s energy up and lowering inhibitions without the help of alcohol—no drinking games. Ideally, gatherings can strengthen bonds among friends and family, preventing people from becoming isolated and drinking alone, but without leading guests into heavy social drinking. Similarly, guests should attend with a plan in mind and stick to it. Bolivar Rincon says, “Know what triggers you. Know at what limit you

go overboard. Know what happens when you feel very happy, or very depressed or very anxious, what’s going to happen to your levels of alcohol. And be comfortable with saying no.” People can give reasons for abstaining such as “I’m trying to be healthier,” or “I want to get up early tomorrow,” but even “I’m not drinking tonight,” should be enough. Ultimately it’s no one else’s business. Those with substance-abuse disorders can take medications prescribed by a physician to decrease cravings before social events. These won’t cause an extreme reaction like throwing up, but they decrease the attraction and reward of drinking. “In our field we’re very aware that this can be a tough season,” says Bolivar Rincon. While Jesus transformed water to wine, and even used wine as the symbol for his blood, he also compared himself to light, bread, a vine, a shepherd and water, and each has a different significance. Wine is only one part of the human experience, and humans can flourish without it. Even around Jesus’ official birthday. *Kaiser has resources for substance abuse disorder treatments. healthy.kaiserpermanente.org/northern-california/health-wellness/addiction-and-recovery/drug-and-alcohol-treatment Alameda County also has a health-wellness/addiction use treatment and referral: 1-844-682-7215 www.acbbcs.org/substance-use-treatment/*

Ohlone College recognized as a 2024 champion for Campuswide Math Success



The award reflects the dedication of Ohlone College’s math faculty and staff in fostering academic success. Photo courtesy of Dr. Celina Barrios

PRESTIGIOUS MATH AWARD HONORS FACULTY, STUDENTS, AND OHLONE COLLEGE’S COMMITMENT TO DEVELOPING BRIGHT FUTURES IN STEM

Submitted by **DR. CELINA BARRIOS**

Ohlone College has been named a 2024 *Champion for Excellence in Placement* by the Campaign for College Opportunity, receiving the

distinguished Campuswide Math Success Award. This honor celebrates Ohlone’s outstanding achievement in supporting students to successfully complete transfer-level math courses within one year of enrollment during the 2022-2023 academic year. The award reflects the dedication of Ohlone College’s math faculty and staff in fostering academic success, advancing equitable access to math education, and helping students chart bright futures in STEM and beyond. President Charles Sasaki congratulated the Ohlone community for this

outstanding achievement, “This recognition reaffirms the transformative work happening at Ohlone College. Our faculty’s dedication to equity and academic rigor is giving students the opportunity to succeed and thrive. By leading the way in math education, we are paving bright futures for our students in STEM, ensuring they achieve their dreams and meet the needs of a dynamic workforce. Congratulations to our students, faculty and the entire Math Department for this well-deserved honor.” This award highlights Ohlone’s success in implementing *AB 1705*,

a statewide policy that has revolutionized course placement and dramatically increased access to transfer-level coursework for California community college students. Ohlone College stands out as a leader in driving equitable placement and student achievement in math. Dr. Lori Silverman, Dean of STEM, highlights our faculty’s valiant efforts in providing students with the academic guidance they need to succeed, “The Ohlone Math faculty’s unwavering passion for their field and their deep commitment to student success have always

been an integral part of their teaching philosophy. It’s gratifying to see these efforts finally being recognized beyond the Ohlone College community. I’m proud that our dedicated faculty are receiving the recognition they truly deserve for their hard work and dedication. A heartfelt thank you to our Ohlone students who earned this accolade through their continued success.” The Campaign for College Opportunity celebrated Ohlone College and other honorees during an Instagram Live event on Wednesday, Nov. 13. Ohlone College invites the

campus community to join this celebration by following Ohlone College social media pages to see events like this happening regularly. This achievement underscores Ohlone College’s ongoing commitment to academic excellence, equity, and empowering students to succeed in higher education and the workforce.

Closing out the year in Downtown Hayward



In 2024 Hayward welcomed new businesses and a more walkable downtown. Photo courtesy of Downtown Hayward Improvement Association.

By **NICK YOO**,
**Assistant District Manager
of Downtown Hayward
Improvement Association**

As 2024 comes to a close, Downtown Hayward prepares to step into 2025 with a revitalized look and feel. Over the past year, the Downtown Hayward Improvement Association (DHIA) has been hard at work implementing projects that elevate the neighborhood's charm, convenience and sense of community.

Finishing touches for a new chapter

With Downtown Hayward growing through new residents and businesses, the neighborhood has undergone upgrades. Colorful planters now line the streets. At night, newly installed strand lights along Foothill Boulevard create a cozy ambiance.

The City of Hayward is also nearing completion of its Main Street Complete Streets

project. As a vital thoroughfare, Main Street has undergone extensive upgrades to better connect housing, retail and transit hubs like BART. Designed to prioritize safety and accessibility, the project includes new bike lanes, ADA-compliant curb ramps, sidewalk repairs and sustainable landscaping.

Roadway enhancements, including restriping and curb extensions at key intersections, aim to slow traffic and foster a more walkable, pedestrian-friendly environment. These changes are not just infrastructure upgrades, but they are also an investment in the neighborhood's future, paving the way for safer, more enjoyable multimodal transportation.

New businesses in the neighborhood

New businesses will be opening their doors in the new year, including at Lincoln Landing, Hayward's largest and newest multifamily community. On the ground floor, a fresh dining option is coming in 2025: Sourdough &

Co (sourdoughandco.com)! Known for their signature sourdough bread, the restaurant offers a diverse menu of sandwiches, salads and soups.

Meanwhile, a new coffee shop is making its debut at the Hayward Public Library. Zocalo Coffee (www.zocalocoffee.com), beloved for its amazing brews and community-focused events in San Leandro, is opening its second location in Downtown Hayward.

Rummi Mart (www.instagram.com/rummimart) is another new addition to Hayward's vibrant community. This unique market blends global flavors with local charm, offering an exciting variety of authentic foods like Afghani bread and Halal meat.

For the latest updates on Downtown Hayward Improvement Association, visit downtownhayward.com and follow us on Instagram @DowntownHayward, and Facebook @DowntownHaywardCA.

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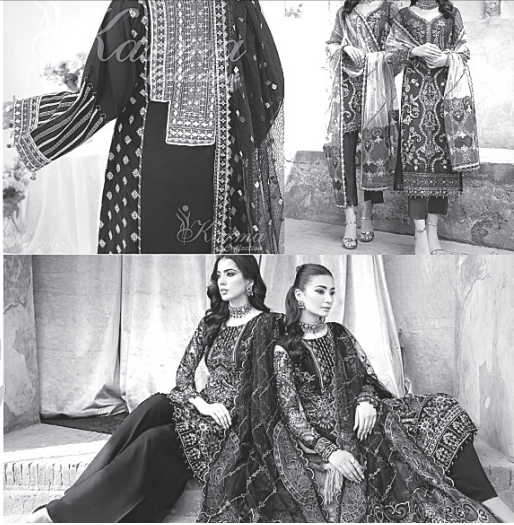
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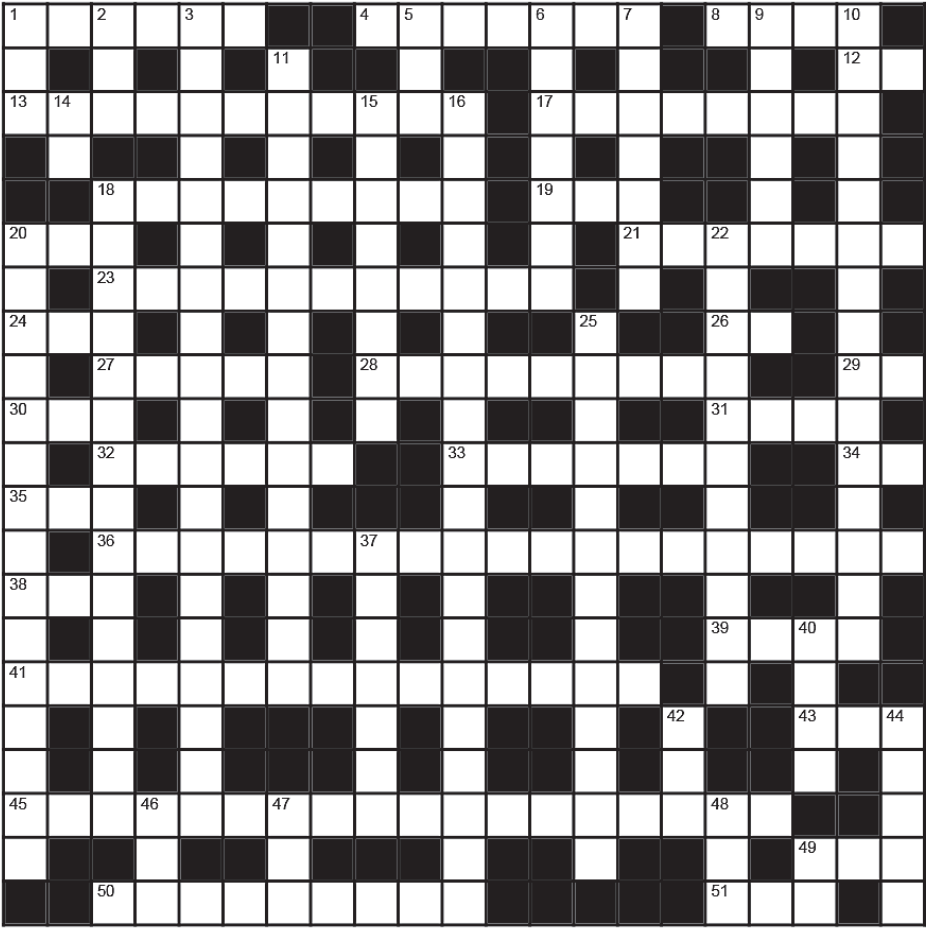
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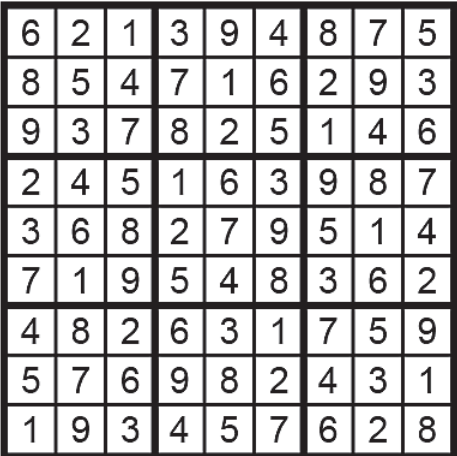
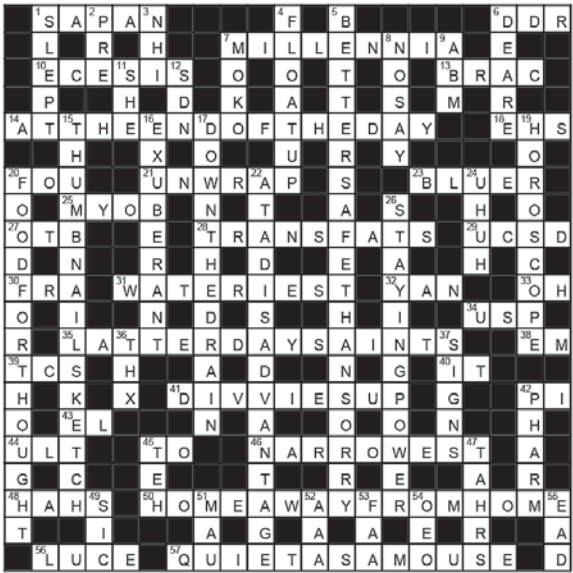
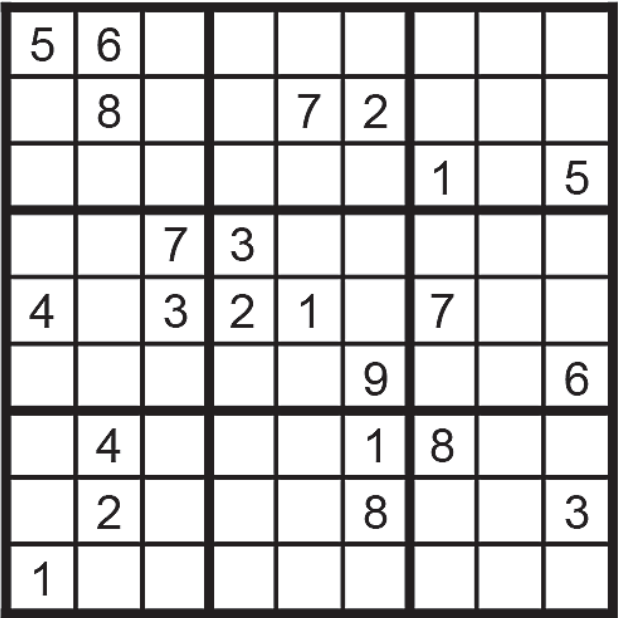
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17	Assets minus liabilities (3,5)	43	AOL, e.g.: Abbr. (3)		(6,4,4,5)
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19	Portico: Abbr. (3)	49	Generator: Abbr. (3)		(3,12)
20	Shocked shorthand (3)	50	Iowa port on the Missouri (5,4)	20	Breakfast spread (6,9)
21	Climbs (7)	51	Ger. handheld internet access	22	Narrow escapes (5,6)
23	Sorceress (11)		device (or, '60s U.S. scientific	25	Bigwig (4-4-1-4)
24	Dull suffix (3)		satellite prog.) (3)	37	Dressy shoe (4,3)
26	"No kidding!" (2)			40	Bearing (4)
27	Kid's marble (5)	Down		42	Dead letters? (3)
28	Catholic sacrament (4,5)	1	NYC-based paper (3)	44	Shoot at a target (5)
29	Spanish definite article (2)	2	____ Amin (3)	46	Phone trio (3)
30	Hi-speed coupes (3)	3	Start running seriously (3,3,8,5)	47	Greek goddess of the night (3)
31	Drops (4)	5	Big bird (3)	48	Mark Tatulli comic strip with no
32	In other words (4,2)	6	Classical compositions (7)		dialogue (3)
33	Folks angling for a job? (7)	7	Color once thought to be the	49	Execute (2)
34	*Part of Georgia named for a		same as beige (3,4)		
	relative of baseball legend Ty (2)	9	Snapper (6)		

Sudoku:

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



Tri-City Stargazer FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 24, 2024

All Signs: The holiday season can present challenges for everyone. George Burns said, "Happiness is having a large, caring, close-knit family living in another city." I think the key is to avoid over planning in an attempt to uphold every tradition. Be grateful for your health and your ability to share good times with loved ones. Dec. 24 is a laid-back, easy-going freewheeling day—if you let it. By midday Dec. 25, life can be emotionally cozy. Stay in the moment. What matters most is not what's under your tree—but who is around it. Happy holidays to all my dear readers.

Aries the Ram (March 21-April 20):

This week the Sun is at the top of your chart. This means you look great in the eyes of others. Furthermore, Venus in your House of Friendships makes this an excellent time to enjoy parties. In fact, Venus will guarantee that all your relationships will be warmer and more rewarding. Because Mercury is no longer retrograde, many of you will move forward with travel plans, because who likes to explore the world more than you? No one. Meanwhile, your ability to make big plans (more optimistic than ever before) guarantees exciting times ahead!

Taurus the Bull (April 21-May 20):

This week you're emboldened to do something different. Obviously, you'll enjoy travel and unfamiliar experiences. Grab any chance to learn something new because it will be rewarding. You might have a discussion that promotes a metaphysical or religious journey because you're more receptive than usual to these ideas. Meanwhile, fair Venus is at the top of your chart, which means you might be more involved in artistic matters. This also means you might strike up a flirtation or a new romance with someone in authority who might be able to help you.

Gemini the Twins (May 21-June 20):

You're curious about change, new information, new faces and new places! This is why you'll love to travel this week. In particular, you will appreciate the artistic creations of others. You'll also be attracted to people from different backgrounds. Despite unexpected changes to your daily routine,

something might occur that prompts you to get in touch with your deeper self. Meanwhile you are focused more than usual on cash flow, and joint resources – including debt.

Cancer the Crab (June 21-July 21):

This can be a challenging week for you because the Sun is opposite your sign, which will rob you of your energy. Therefore, it's important to acknowledge this and go to bed earlier. Meanwhile, this is the perfect week to get things done through teamwork. You might even consult an expert. Fortunately, this week, gifts, goodies and favors from others will come your way. Intimate relationships will be passionate and memorable. (Well, you are spending more time in bed.) Practical matters will favour you. In fact, this is a solid week to ask for a loan because doors will open for you.

Leo the Lion (July 22-August 22):

You love festivities and tradition. Fortunately, Venus is opposite your sign this week, which is the best placement for all relationships—love affairs, relations with partners, coworkers and even enemies. For example, this is the perfect time to extend an olive branch. (Mistletoe might be too much.) Meanwhile, your true good fortune is that the placement of the Sun in your chart this week will help you be productive. You will tackle tasks with efficiency and effectiveness. You might also be more health conscious.

Virgo the Virgin (August 23-September 22):

Lucky you! This week the Sun is sitting in the most pleasure-seeking part of your chart, which means

you're up for fun times during the holidays. It's ironic because normally, you're the sign of service. Nevertheless, this week your primary drive is to set your own priorities. However, this placement of the Sun will enhance your ability to relate to children. In fact, all your relationships will be lighter. Venus will also promote warmer relations with coworkers. In fact, someone might begin a work-related romance?

Libra the Scales (September 23-October 22):

The stars are giving you conflicting messages this week. In one way, you're better prepared than other signs because your focus is already on home and family. This means you're pumped for the holidays! Because you love your home and the appearance of your surroundings, you're giving attention to details so everyone feels welcomed. By contrast, the conflicting energy of the placement of your Sun, means you want to relax by yourself in a comfy robe. Fortunately, your ruler Venus will encourage romance, social outings, parties, and playful activities with children.

Scorpio the Scorpion (October 23-November 21):

Fortunately, you have the energy to tackle this holiday season because the Sun is attracting your attention to your immediate surroundings. This will increase your interaction with friends, neighbours, siblings, relatives and business associates. The acceleration of your daily tempo will feel natural. You'll have more energy to communicate to others. Meanwhile, Venus will encourage you to make your home look attractive by dabbling in

redecorating ideas. In turn, this encourages you to entertain at home. You can see why you're a winner this holiday season!

Sagittarius the Archer (November 22-December 21):

You'll be relieved to know that Mercury is no longer retrograde in your sign. This is a relief because this means fewer errors, mixed-up communications and transportation delays. Admittedly, the shadow phase of Mercury retrograde will last until Jan. 3 next year, which means although the frustrations of Mercury retrograde have been reduced; nevertheless, you will be wise to wait until after Jan. 3 to buy expensive items like ground transportation, computers and cell phones. Meanwhile, a lovely influence from Venus this week will sweeten your words. It will also heighten your appreciation of your daily surroundings.

Capricorn the Goat (December 22-January 19):

All hail Capricorn! This week the Sun is in your sign, so it's your chance to re-charge your batteries for the rest of the year. This will also make you feel chatty and eager to socialize during this holiday week. You like to present well to your public world. Added to this strong advantage, Venus in your Money House will attract money to you. This is why this is an excellent week for financial negotiations or investments. You will also enjoy buying beautiful things for yourself and loved ones.

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

You are a social sign, and you adore your friends. Nevertheless, there are conflicting influences in your chart this week. You're content with your own company

while all the party shenanigans take place elsewhere. However, countering this, is the fact that fair Venus is in your sign, and Venus will make you want to have a good time with friends. (Venus ranks pleasure above work.) Therefore, although you will attract fun-loving situations, you may choose at times to sit things out.

Pisces the Fish (February 19-March 20):

The Sun is sitting in your House of Friendships. This means your attention will naturally turn to others. In particular, you will enjoy hanging out with people who share your values, especially because right now, your idealism is aroused. Mercury is still in the shadow phase of its prior retrograde; nevertheless, it is at the top of your chart prompting you to make plans about your professional life. Is this the time to learn a new skill? This is also an excellent time to talk to bosses to get their input. (Secret love affairs are likely.)



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Balloon menorah brings the community together to celebrate Chanukah

Submitted by
CHAYA FUSS

The eight-day holiday of Chanukah, the festival of lights, starts on a different day each winter, and in 2024 the first day is actually Dec. 25. Therefore, Chabad of Fremont will host its 12th annual Chanukah Lighting on the 29th, the fifth day of the festival, at the Downtown Event Center. This event is a

staple of the holiday season and brings together hundreds of people from all walks of life to celebrate the universal messages of freedom and light.

Local dignitaries and city officials will attend and the event will feature a giant Balloon menorah. Each year has a new unusual menorah, and past ones have been made of ice or LEGO bricks. Complimentary Hanukkah donuts and holiday treats

will be served, and the DJ will keep the night fun with Chanukah music. The event will also feature a craft corner and complimentary gifts for the first 300 attendees.

“Our response to rising anti-semitism must never be to cower or hide our faith,” said Rabbi Moshe Fuss “The story of Hanukkah shows the tremendous power of light to overcome darkness. There is no better response to

the negativity we encounter than to gather together in even greater numbers and celebrate the light of the menorah and the timeless lessons of Chanukah.”

12th Chanukah Lighting
Sunday, Dec. 29
3:30pm
Fremont Downtown Event Center
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Chabot Space and Science Center holds New Year Balloon Drop

By STAFF

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hundreds of colorful balloons. Drop times start at 11am. As space is limited, guests are encouraged to arrive 30 minutes before scheduled start time.

Drop times:
11am: Ages 5 and under
12pm: Ages 6 – 12
3pm: Ages 5 and under
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Balloon drop tickets must be purchased in addition to regular admission. The cost

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New Year Balloon Drop
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For the kids who can’t stay up until midnight, Chabot Space and Science Center holds balloon drops throughout the day. Photo credit: Victor Carvellas

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Mission Museum reopens after renovations



The new chapel used to be a screening room and storage area.



Father Anthony Le shows a guest through the newly renovated Mission Museum.



(Left to Right) Father Anthony Le, Mission San Jose Business Manager Gina Mehta and Family of Faith Secretary Grace Lichauco are pleased with the restoration.



The museum includes artwork and historical dioramas. All photos by Victor Carvellas

1868. A wooden structure built to replace it stood until the early 1980s when a religious group bought the building and moved it to San Mateo. That move made way for the current mission north of the museum. That iconic structure replicated the original adobe and was completed in 1985. It was

renovated in 1997 as part of the bicentennial celebration of the Mission's founding. The next major change came in 2008 when Galvan redesigned the Ohlone room of the museum. Sixteen years have now passed; as Galvan notes, the present changes come "as a breath of fresh air" in keeping

with recent changes to the administration and Father Anthony's infusion of new life into the Mission's purpose of spreading the Gospel.

Father Anthony acknowledges the "ups and downs" of history, but believes the fundamental call of the Church remains

the same: "to welcome all people, regardless of background or circumstance, and accompany them on their journey of faith... The Pilgrim Center is designed to be a beacon of hospitality, embracing travelers from all walks of life."

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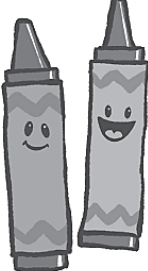
Christmas Around the World

Nearly everyone celebrates some sort of holiday in the winter. For many people, it's **Christmas**. Let's take a trip to celebrate with kids around the globe!

Frohe Weihnachten

Merry Christmas from Germany

The advent calendar is long part of the German tradition to help children countdown the days until Christmas Eve. The calendar has 24 doors with little surprises inside and starts December 1. Each day, children open a calendar door until Christmas Eve arrives.



Color one space on the advent calendar below every day through Christmas Eve!

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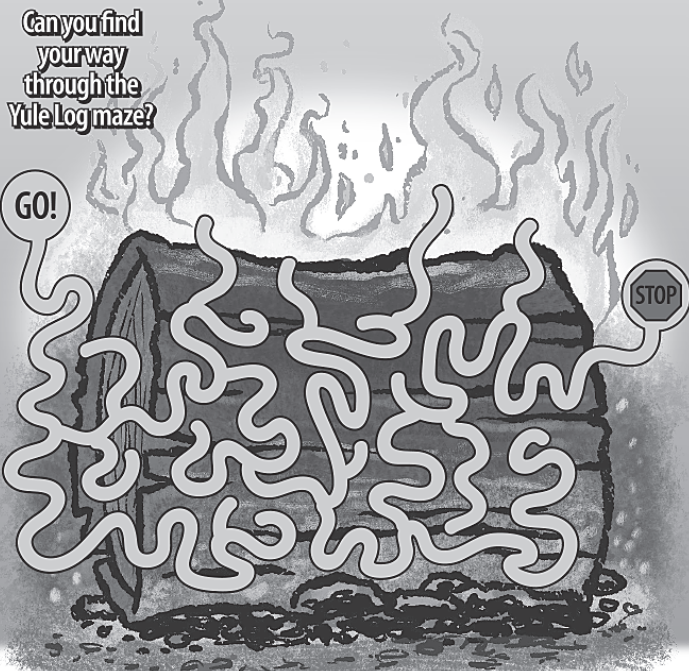
Joyeux Noël

Merry Christmas from France

In France, some families find a large log to burn. They call it the **Yule Log** and light it on Christmas Eve using a piece of unburned log from the year before. Some save the ashes from the Yule Log, believing these ashes can ward off sickness and other misfortunes.

Today, instead of burning a Yule Log, many French people make and eat a beautiful chocolate cake in the shape of a log.

Can you find your way through the Yule Log maze?





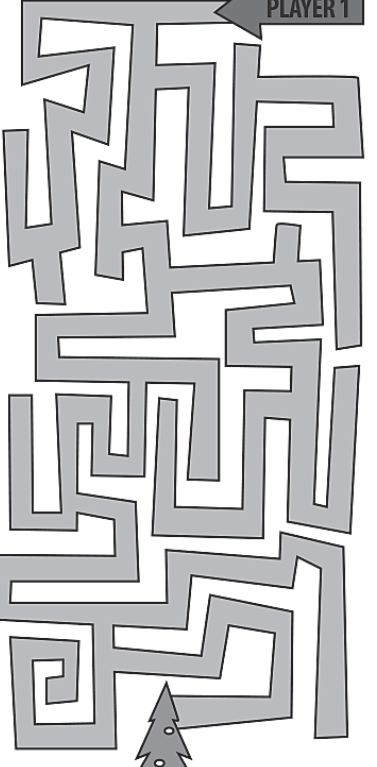
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Christmas Trees

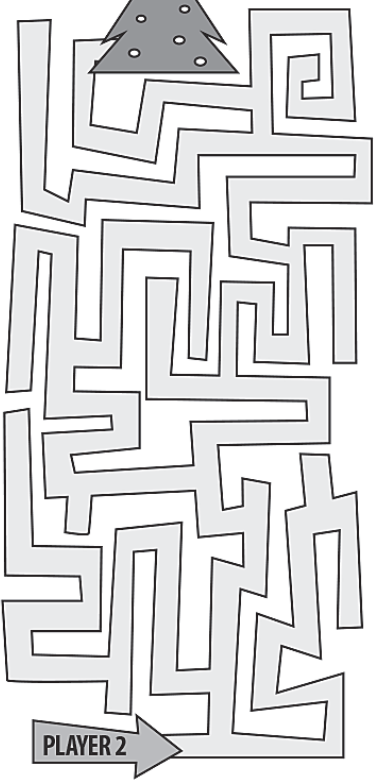
Germany is credited with starting the Christmas tree tradition over four centuries ago. Christians in Germany brought decorated trees into their homes. Some built Christmas pyramids of wood and decorated them with evergreens and candles if wood was scarce.

Race a family member to the Christmas tree!

PLAYER 1



PLAYER 2





God Jul

Merry Christmas from Sweden

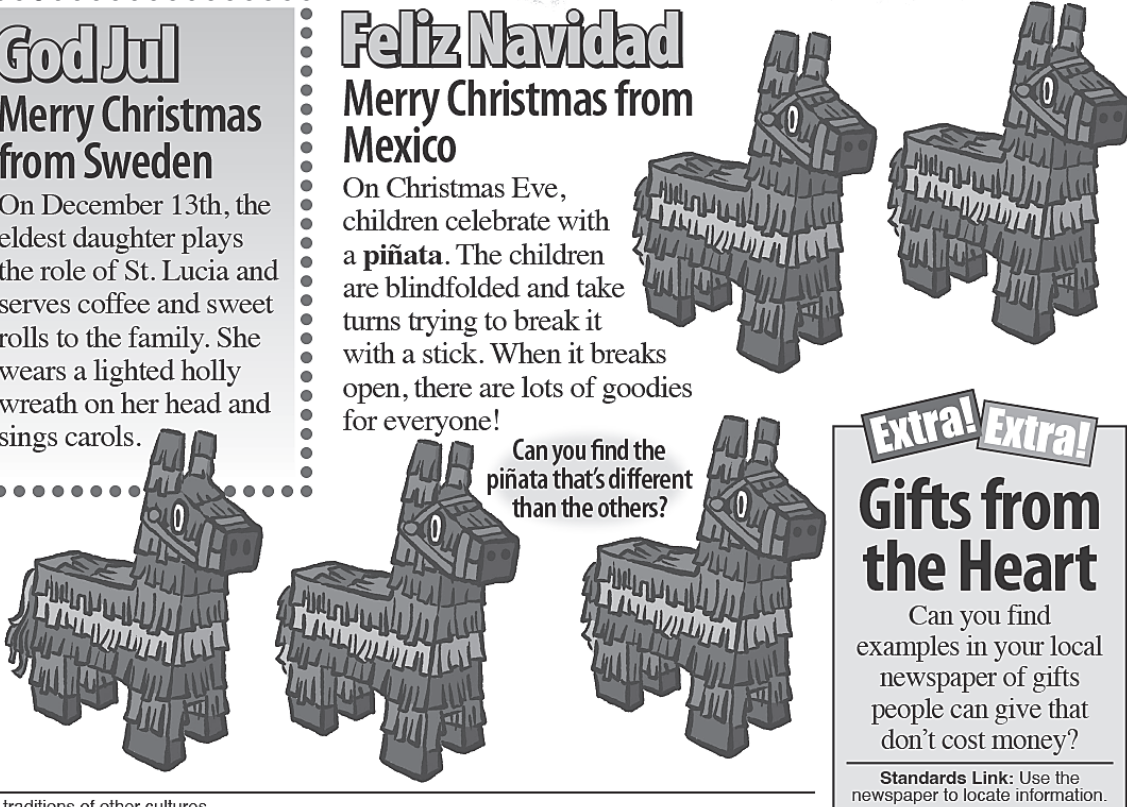
On December 13th, the eldest daughter plays the role of St. Lucia and serves coffee and sweet rolls to the family. She wears a lighted holly wreath on her head and sings carols.

Feliz Navidad

Merry Christmas from Mexico

On Christmas Eve, children celebrate with a **piñata**. The children are blindfolded and take turns trying to break it with a stick. When it breaks open, there are lots of goodies for everyone!

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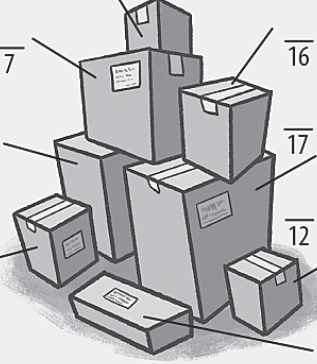
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Where in the world are these packages being shipped? Use the code to find out!



15 14 8 9 18 5 11

9 14 2 12 16 7

12 4 18 10 1

6 14 5 3

16 18 8 18 15 18

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

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

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

Kid Scoop® VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:

ROLE

The noun **role** means a character played by an actor.

Steven played the **role** of Ebenezer Scrooge in the school play.

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



FROM THE Kid Scoop® LESSON LIBRARY

Explore the World

Look through the newspaper to find examples of foods, products, words, names, etc., that show a connection between our community and the rest of the world. Clip the items and attach them to the correct region on a map.

Standards Link: Compare everyday life in different places.



Who delivers Christmas presents to cats?

ANSWER: Santa Claws.

Write On!

My Family Tradition

What is your favorite family holiday tradition? Write about it!



Correction

By STAFF

For the story "A new era for Fremont local

government" by Panashe Matemba-Mutasa, the six city councilmembers should be listed as District 1 Teresa Keng, District 2 Vice

Mayor Desrie Campbell, District 3 Kathy Kimberlin, District 4 Yang Shao, District 5 Yajing Zhang and District 6 Raymond Liu.

Letters Policy

The Tri-City Voice welcomes letters to the editor. Letters must be signed and include an address and daytime telephone number. Only the writer's name will be published. Letters that are 350 words or fewer will be given preference. Letters are subject to editing for length, grammar and style. tcv@tricityvoice.com



The Fremont CONNECTION



City of Fremont Holiday Closure

Scheduled for Dec. 24, 2024 – Jan. 1, 2025 (Police and Fire Services Not Affected)



As in years past, the City of Fremont will be implementing a Holiday Closure for many non-public safety City services. Some City offices will be closed from Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2024, through Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025. City Holidays are observed Dec. 24, 25, and 31, 2024 and Jan. 1, 2025, while limited City services will be offered Dec. 26, 27, and 30, 2024. City offices and facilities participating in the Holiday Closure will re-open for business on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025. This closure will not affect police and fire services.

Offices that are Taking Part in the Holiday Closure Include:
City Hall, 3300 Capitol Ave., Building A and Building B (Administrative offices)
Fire Administration, 3300 Capitol Ave., Building A
Development Services Center/Permit Center, 39550 Liberty St.
Maintenance Center, 42551 Osgood Rd.
All Community Centers and Recreation Buildings
Age Well Centers at Lake Elizabeth and South Fremont (also closed Dec. 23)

Tri-City Animal Shelter, 1950 Stevenson Blvd.
During the Holiday Closure:
Parks and Recreation
Registration Desk, 3300 Capitol Ave., Building B is open for walk-in registration of recreation programs from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 26, 27, and 30.
Parks and Recreation Division will offer camps and other programs at some facilities. Visit RegeRec.com for more info.
Human Services will provide limited services for Youth & Family Services and Family Resource Center.
Healthy Start Program will provide limited services.
Afghan Elderly Association will not be providing services.
Youth & Family Services will have on-call crisis counselors to respond to youth referred from the Alameda County Crisis Receiving Home.
The Fremont Police Department and Fremont Fire Department will continue to provide public safety services.

A minimum number of City staff will be available in an on-call status to provide emergency maintenance services such as responding to storm-related issues.
Regularly-scheduled street sweeping will occur on Dec. 26, 27, and 30, 2024; weather permitting. No street sweeping on City-observed holidays. (We will make every effort to provide service on a different day.)
Addressing Services will be suspended starting Dec. 23, 2024. Addressing services will resume on Jan. 2, 2025.
The Tri-City Animal Shelter at 1950 Stevenson Blvd. will be closed on City-observed holidays: Dec. 24, 25, and 31, 2024, and Jan. 1, 2025. Shelter staff will still be onsite caring for the animals, but the shelter will not be open to the public. For urgent matters, such as reclaiming a found pet, please email animalshelter@fremont.gov or call 510-790-6645. Animal Services Officers will have limited hours during these dates.

There will be no garbage, recycling, and yard waste collection by Republic Services on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Collection service will be delayed one day during these weeks due to holidays. (Friday services will occur on Saturday.) Call 510-657-3500 for more information.
The Fremont Tennis Center will be open for public play, weather permitting. There will be some limited holiday public hours; call 510-790-5510 for more info.
Many City facilities and programs experience a reduction in service demand during the Holiday Closure dates. The City anticipates the Holiday Closure will have little or no impact on service delivery efficiency.
For more information on the Holiday Closure, please visit city.fremont.gov/holidayclosure or call 510-284-4093.

City's Construction and Development Services Not Available During Holiday Closure

During the City of Fremont's Holiday Closure, all construction and development services will be unavailable. Here are additional details:
The City's online permitting portal, Citizen Access, will be unavailable starting Mon., Dec. 23, 2024, at 5 p.m. through Thurs., Jan. 2, 2025, at 8 a.m. Online requests for permits and building inspections will not be available during this time. This includes planning, building, and engineering permits. Please keep this in mind when planning construction and development projects requiring these types of permits.
To schedule a building inspection for Thurs., Jan. 2, 2025, the City's Inspection

Scheduling Phone Line will be available starting Mon., Dec. 30, 2024. The phone number is 510-494-4885. Online inspection scheduling through Citizen Access will not be available until Thurs., Jan. 2, 2025, at 8 a.m.
General email accounts and phone lines will not be monitored during the Holiday Closure. Staff will not be responding to emails received during the closure. Community members should avoid sending any emails during this time.
The City's Development Services Center/Permit Center, located at 39550 Liberty St., will be closed. It will reopen on Thurs., Jan. 2, 2025, at 8 a.m.

Who to Call for Services in Fremont

Alameda County Water District Report Water Main Breaks: (510) 668-6500 PG&E View or report power outage: 1-877-660-6789 If you see downed power lines, leave the area immediately and call 9-1-1. Then, call PG&E at 1-800-743-5000. Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District & Alameda County Public Works Agency Report Flooding of Alameda Creek: (510) 670-5480 Union Sanitary District Report Sanitary Sewer Emergencies: (510) 477-7500	City of Fremont - Debris (on side of road) or blocked storm drains Maintenance Operations: (7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.): (510) 979-5700 - Fallen Tree/Limbs Maintenance Operations: (7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.): (510) 979-5799 - Streetlight Outage Bear Electric Solutions: 1 (800) 462-3271 - Flood and Fallen Tree/Obstacles in middle of road Fremont Police Non-Emergency: (510) 790-6800, ex 3. - Traffic Signal Outage Fremont Transportation Engineering: Business Hours: (510) 494-4745
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IN AN EMERGENCY, CALL 9-1-1. For non-emergency after-hours calls (4:30 p.m. - 7:30 a.m.), contact Fremont Police Non-Emergency at (510) 790-6800, ex. 3

Holiday Tree Collection Guidelines for Fremont

Republic Services is offering FREE curbside holiday tree collection from Mon., Dec. 30, 2024, through Fri., Jan. 10, 2025. No need to call to request this service. Simply use one of the following methods for curbside collection or drop-off:
Green Compost Cart: Cut the tree into pieces to fit loosely in your compost cart with the lid closed. Place the cart at the curb on your scheduled collection day.
Black Landfill Cart: This option is for trees that are flocked, contain fire retardant, or have decorations or tinsel. Please cut up your non-compostable tree so pieces fit loosely in the trash cart with the lid closed. Place the cart at the curb on your scheduled collection day.

Non-compostable trees can also be collected as part of a bulky pickup.
Curbside Collection: For trees under 6 feet in height, place the entire tree in the gutter on your collection day. If your tree is over 6 feet in height, cut the tree in half and place both halves in the gutter on your collection day. Please ensure your tree is in the gutter, not on the sidewalk, and free of all decorations.
Drop Off at Republic Services: Between Thurs., Dec. 26, 2024, and Fri., Jan. 31, 2025, take your tree to the Republic Services customer center at 42600 Boyce Rd. in Fremont (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Please speak with the office personnel first. Compostable



trees may be dropped off for free, and non-compostable trees may be dropped off for a \$5 charge payable via cash or credit/debit card.
Bulky Trash Pickup: Schedule a bulky trash pickup by calling Republic Services at 510-657-3500.

California's New Daylighting Law Provides Another Tool for Safer Streets

Intersection Daylighting

Leaving a clearance of 20 feet provides a greater field of visibility for all roadway users (as shown in scenarios #3 and #4), whereas not providing that clearance greatly reduces the visibility (as shown in scenarios #1 and #2).

The new Daylighting Law (AB 413), which was implemented at the beginning of this year, makes it illegal to park within 20 feet of the approach of any marked or unmarked crosswalk, even if the curb is unpainted. The goal of the new law is to improve the safety of all roadway users by increasing visibility at intersections.
Removing the obstruction of parked vehicles will allow drivers to have a clear view of pedestrians waiting to cross the street while at the same time allowing pedestrians to see approaching

cars without having to step into the intersection to see past a parked vehicle before crossing. Forty states currently have similar laws in place, and while this new law won't be enforced in California until Jan. 1, 2025 (unless signs already restrict parking), there's no reason not to start leaving at least 20 feet (or the length of one large car) between your car and a marked/unmarked crosswalk.
Learn more at city.fremont.gov/daylightinglaw.

Home & Garden

Pomegranate: ornaments on a tree



Pomegranate trees can be ornamental or fruit bearing. All photos by Madhrika Singh



Harvest pomegranates when the fruits begin to crack.



Pomegranate salsa levels up a gathering.

By **MADHVIKA SINGH**

While I become exhausted from a long summer, my pomegranate trees love the heat and can go on and on without breaking a sweat. Requiring relatively little care and upkeep, pomegranate is fairly easy to grow into a tree, shrub or a bush. It can be planted as a bare root, a young plant or from cuttings. As a home gardener, I do not have any personal experience in growing a pomegranate tree from seed, although I’ve heard it can be done, and I might experiment with that someday.

Pomegranates grow well in zones 8-10 but some labels include zone 7 too. They need a location that gets full sun for over eight hours per day. Ones that receive less than this amount of sunlight will still grow but might not fruit well, if at all. Young pomegranate plants need consistent watering and a balanced fertilizer, but once established, they don’t bother the gardener much. Pomegranate trees are generally pest-resistant, and I have easily been able to take care of any issues they encountered. If I

spot aphids, which can typically be seen in an over fertilized plant that has lots of new growth, I simply wash them away with a water hose every few days. If your plant is set up to be watered by drip irrigation, make sure that the emitter is not sitting too close to the base of the trunk to avoid rot.

Pomegranate trees can either be ornamental or fruit-bearing. Ornamental cultivars have showy flowers and may also produce inedible fruit. Both types of trees are either self-pollinating or cross-pollinated by insects or hummingbirds. Planting multiple trees nearby can improve fruit setting. Once the fruit has set, it takes six months or so to be ready. One indication of readiness that some gardeners go by, is the fruit beginning to crack open. Although this method is easy, it can reduce shelf life. I utilize cracking to determine readiness for the first few fruits and then harvest the rest, definitely before any rain. However, the fruit can also crack prematurely due to inconsistent watering or excessive rain before the fruit is ready.

I have two kinds of pomegranate trees in my backyard:

eversweet and cranberry, which require similar care and upkeep. When I first planted them, I amended the naturally occurring clay soil in my backyard with compost. Initially, the plants needed to be watered regularly, but once they had established, the rains took care of the irrigation in the winter. In spring and summer, deep watering once every week was all I did. The years I gave them fertilizer, the trees put on lush leaves, but the years I did not fertilize, I didn’t notice any difference in fruit quality. It appears that the trees did not mind some neglect as long as they were getting enough sunlight and water.

Pomegranate can be trained as trees, espalier, or as arching shrubs. Training them to grow as trees requires skill and patience and could result in reduced harvest depending upon what needed to be pruned away for the desired shape. During pruning and harvesting, be sure to wear protective gear to protect against the plant’s big woody thorns. Once the fruit has been harvested and the tree has shed its leaves, the tree can

be pruned. I have kept mine at a height where the fruit is accessible without a ladder.

Upon harvesting, the fruit can be enjoyed right away, stored at room temperature for a week or two or stored in the refrigerator in a paper bag for about four weeks. If storing the fruit, don’t forget to check for any fruit that is developing mold or rotting. The extracted arils can be frozen and used as desired. To open the fruit, slice off the top and bottom ends with a sharp knife. Then slice it along the sides and pull apart to reveal the juicy arils, gently separating them from the pith. The arils can pop open and squirt out juice. Some people suggest taking out the arils under water, but I prefer to just be careful.

When it comes to the recipes with pomegranate, an important ingredient is patience. It takes time to open the fruit to take the arils out. While I can eat the pomegranate arils as is or in salads and smoothies, making a salsa takes it to the next level for an upcoming get together or ups the game for an ordinary menu. Mix together

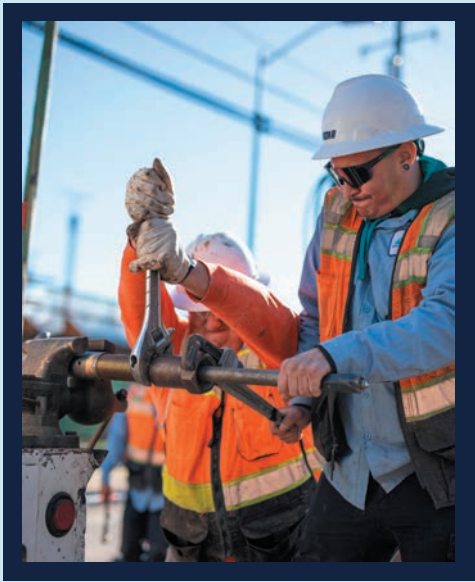
pomegranate arils, finely diced white onions, mangoes, finely chopped mint leaves, salt and pepper to taste and a squeeze of lime or lemon. Serve with freshly baked tortilla chips. If raw is not up your alley, then you can juice pomegranate or make syrup. Other than fruit dishes, pomegranate also makes the best fall gifts for family and friends. Our family also shares with the local food banks and at places of worship that accept such donations.

Note: This article gives an overview of growing plants, sun and soil requirements, moisture needs etc. Plant health and growth will vary based on various factors. This article is intended for gardening and culinary inspiration only. Please consult your healthcare provider should you have any questions or concerns about adding any new foods or ingredients to your diet. Also, I have used the term “tree” to refer to a pomegranate plant, tree, shrub or bush for ease of reading.

The ACWD Connection

Water Emergency? We’re here for you every day!

ACWD Water Emergency Hotline: 510-668-6500



Emergencies don’t take the holidays off! Water leaks or major line breaks happen any day of the week.

ACWD is ready 24/7, 365 days a year to address water emergencies and keep our community safe. Don’t hesitate to give us a call.

Happy Holidays from ACWD!

Arts & Entertainment

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

Continuing Events:

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

Wednesday, Dec. 4 – Friday, Feb. 21

The Bridge and the Point: A Photographic Investigation

11am – 4pm

Exhibit images were shot by students in the Advanced Photography class at Ohlone College during the Fall 2024 semester. Professor Paul Mueller and his class visited abandoned industrial areas around Alameda Point and Dumbarton Bridge, places familiar to those who live in the area, but generally overlooked by everyone else.

Louie-Meager Art Gallery, Smith Center for Fine and Performing Arts

Ohlone College

43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont

Free and open to the public

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

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/3VFpbc

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

Sunday, Dec. 1 – Monday, Jan. 14

Life is a Joy Exhibit

11am – 4pm

Portola Art Gallery presents

“Life is a Joy - New and Recent Works Inspired by Tomorrow and Yesterday,”

expressive oil paintings by award-winning artist Marsha Heimbecker of San Mateo.

Portola Art Gallery

75 Arbor Rd., Menlo Park

www.portolaartgallery.com

650.321.0220

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/3nxx0is

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

Saturday, Dec. 28

Winter Magic Show

1 – 2pm

Come warm yourself this season with a little fun and a whole lot of wonder! All ages are welcome. Magician Mike Della Penna is known for

captivating the 3-to-8-year-old crowd with his laughter-filled, participatory magic shows.

Space is limited.

Fremont Mian Library

2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont

510.745.1400

Sunday, Dec. 29

End of the Year Reflection Hike

9:30am – 12:30pm

Reflect on 2024 and start the new year ready to connect to nature on this 3-mile moderate hike through the hills of Sunol.

Sunol Regional Wilderness

Visitor Center

1895 Geary Rd., Sunol

www.ebparks.org/sites/default/files/NP-Sunol-Nov-Dec-FLY-ER.pdf

Parking: \$5 (cash only)

Sunday, Dec. 29

12th Chanukah Lighting

3:30pm

The event will feature a giant balloon Menorah. Hanukkah donuts and holiday treats will be served, and the DJ will play Chanukah music. The event will also feature a craft corner and complimentary gifts for the first 300 attendees.

Fremont Downtown Event Center

3500 Capitol Ave., Fremont

www.ChabadFremont.com

Sunday, Dec. 29

Kwanzaa

12pm - 5pm

Enjoy the traditional arts of West African dancing, the centuries-old Griot art of storytelling and brush arts, as Master Artists lead hands-on demonstrations of each.

11:30 Doors Open

City Hall Rotunda

777 B St., Hayward

Saturday, Jan. 4

Fix-a-flat Bicycle Workshop

11am – 12:30pm

Bike Easy Bay will teach you the basics of finding holes and patching flat tires, an essential cycling skill for anyone. For all ages.

Fremont Main Library

2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont

510.745.1400

aclibrary.bibliocommons.com/events

Saturday, Jan. 11

Nature Learning Center Open House

10am – 2pm

Looking for some adventure? Join us at the Nature Learning Center's Open House for a day of discovery!

Nature Learning Center

40224 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont

Monday, Jan. 13

Appointments for Tax-Aide

AARP Tax-Aide returns to the Castro Valley Library for appointment-only, on-site tax preparation on Wednesdays and Thursdays starting February 5, 2025 through April 10, 2025. No walk-ins are permitted. The library will start taking appointments on Monday, January 13, 2025, by phone or in person.

Castro Valley Library

3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley

510.667.7900

Tuesday, Jan. 21

Artist informational session

6:30pm - 8:30pm

For artists (visual, performance, musical, literary) who are interested in participating and learning more about Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month in April

Artist Walk

3888 Artist Walk Common, Fremont

fremontcreates.com

Saturday, Jan. 25

Diamonds in Education Gala

6 – 10pm

Help raise funds for students. Buffet dinner, casino games, live and silent auction and more

Paradise Ballroom

4100 Peralta Blvd., Fremont

www.diamondsineducation.com

Tickets: \$175/ \$150



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Phone: 510-657-6200

Email: customerservice@fudenna.com

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ORDINANCE NO. 553

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK AMENDING CHAPTER 3.16 OF THE NEWARK MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY (HOTEL) TAX

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 7280 of California Revenue and Taxation Code, the legislative body of a city may levy a tax on the privilege of occupying a room or rooms, or other living space, in a hotel, inn, tourist home or house, motel, or other lodging for a period of less than 30 days; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 3.16 of the Newark Municipal Code establishes a transient occupancy tax ("TOT") which, through resolution, is set at ten percent (10%) within the City of Newark (the "City"); and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to continue to exercise local control over local funds for local needs – allowing the City to be self-reliant and requiring any new local funding approved by its voters are spent for Newark residents and cannot be taken by Sacramento; and

WHEREAS, for victims of heart attacks, strokes, accidents and other emergencies, seconds can make a difference, and a measure supporting local funding will help ensure fast 911 emergency response times; and

WHEREAS, additional local funding is needed to repair potholes and maintain streets on more than 105 miles of streets in the City; and

WHEREAS, for any additional local funding, the City will continue its high standards of fiscal accountability and transparency by requiring that any money generated must be spent only on the community priorities, and not for any other purpose; and

WHEREAS, through an engagement effort and discussion around the City's budget, residents identified City service funding priorities such as repairing potholes and City streets, maintaining neighborhood police patrols, fire protection and 911 emergency medical response, upgrading fire stations to ensure rapid response times, accommodate modern firefighting and life-saving emergency equipment, improving emergency dispatch for rapid response during an earthquake or major disaster and enhancing parks and recreation programs and maintaining sports fields and children's play structures as priorities for any future spending; and

WHEREAS, additional local funding from a TOT (hotel) measure will ensure that visitors to Newark contribute towards City services they use and that the burden will not fall on homeowners as only hotel and lodging guests pay this tax; and

WHEREAS, the People of the City of Newark desire to increase the TOT rate.

NOW, THEREFORE, the People of the City of Newark do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Recitals.

The above recitals are true and correct and made a part of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Municipal Code Amendment.

Chapter 3.16, "Transient Occupancy Tax" of the Newark Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as to read as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (deletions in ~~strike~~through; additions in underline).

Section 3. Severability.

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, provisions of this Ordinance are severable. The People of the City of Newark hereby declare that they would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase hereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases be held unconstitutional, invalid, or unenforceable.

Section 4. Amendment or Repeal.

Chapter 3.16 of title 3 of the Newark Municipal Code may be repealed or amended by the City Council without a vote of the People. However, as required by Article XIII C of the California Constitution, voter approval is required for any amendment provision that would increase the rate of any tax levied pursuant to this Ordinance or impose the tax on a person not currently subject to the tax. The People of the City of Newark affirm that the following actions shall not constitute an increase of the rate of a tax:

A. The restoration of the rate of the tax to a rate that is no higher than that set by this Ordinance if the City Council has acted to reduce the rate of the tax;

B. An action that interprets or clarifies the methodology of the tax or any definition applicable to the tax so long as interpretation or clarification (even if contrary to some prior interpretation or clarification) is not inconsistent with the language of this Ordinance;

C. The establishment of a class of person that is exempt or excepted from the tax or the discontinuation of any such exemption or exception other than the discontinuation of an exemption or exception specifically set forth in this Ordinance; and,

D. The collection of the tax imposed by this Ordinance, even if the City had for some period of time failed to collect the tax.

Section 5. Codification.

Upon adoption of this Ordinance pursuant to the voter approval referenced above, the City Clerk, in consultation with the City Attorney, is hereby authorized and directed to codify this Ordinance in the Newark Municipal Code.

Section 6. Publication and Effective Date.

Within fifteen (15) days from and after adoption, this Ordinance shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in Alameda County and circulated in the City of Newark, in accordance with California Government Code Section 36933. If this Ordinance is approved by a majority of the voters voting on the issue at the November 5, 2024, election, pursuant to Elections Code Section 9217, this Ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the Council declares the results of the election.

The foregoing ordinance was approved by the following vote of the People of the City of Newark at the November 5, 2024, General Municipal Election:

YESES: 12,721

NOES: 3,093

The foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Newark on December 14, 2024 by its Declaration of the vote at the November 5, 2024 election:

AYES: Council Members Apodaca, Collazo, Jorgens, Vice Mayor Freitas, and Mayor Hannon

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The Mayor is hereby authorized to attest to the adoption of the Ordinance by the voters of the City by signing where indicated below.

ATTEST:

MICHAEL K. HANNON
Mayor

SHEILA HARRINGTON
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

KRISTOPHER J. KOKOTAYLO
City Attorney

Exhibit A

Chapter 3.16 TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX

3.16.010 Definitions.

Except where the context otherwise requires, the definitions given in this section govern the construction of this chapter:

A. "Hotel" means any structure, or any portion of any structure, which is occupied or intended or designated for occupancy by transients for dwelling, lodging or sleeping purposes, and includes any hotel, inn, tourist home or house, motel, studio hotel, bachelor hotel, lodginghouse, roominghouse, apartment house, dormitory, public or private club, mobile home or house trailer in a fixed location except a mobilehome located within a mobile home park where the tenant is an employee of the owner or operator of the mobile home, or other similar structure or portion thereof.

B. "Occupancy" means the use or possession, or the right to the use or possession of any room or rooms or portion thereof, in any hotel for dwelling, lodging or sleeping purposes.

C. "Operator" means the person who is proprietor of the hotel, whether in the capacity of owner, lessee, sublessee, mortgagee in possession, licensee, or any other capacity. Where the operator performs his functions through a managing agent, such person shall also be deemed an operator for the purpose of this article and shall have the same duties and liabilities as his principal. Compliance with the provisions of this chapter by either the principal or the managing agent shall, however, be considered to be compliance by both.

D. "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, social club, fraternal organization, joint stock company, corporation, estate, trust, business trust, receiver, trustee, syndicate, or any other group or combination acting as a unit.

E. "Rent" means the consideration charged, whether or not received, for the occupancy of space in a hotel valued in money, whether to be received in money, goods, labor or otherwise, including all receipts, cash, credits and property and services of any kind or nature, without any deduction therefrom whatsoever.

F. "Tax Administrator" means the director of finance.

GF. "Transient" means any person who exercises occupancy or is entitled to occupancy by reason of concession, permit, right of access, license or other agreement for a period of thirty consecutive calendar days or less, counting portions of calendar days as full days. Any such person so occupying space in a hotel shall be deemed to be a transient until the period of thirty days has expired unless there is an agreement in writing between the operator and the occupant providing for a longer period of occupancy. In determining whether a person is a transient, uninterrupted periods of time extending both prior and subsequent to the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter may be considered.

3.16.020 Tax imposed.

For the privilege of occupancy in any hotel, each transient is subject to and shall pay a tax as established by city council resolution based on a percentage in the amount of fourteen percent (14%) of the rent charged by the operator. The tax constitutes a debt owed by the transient to the city which is extinguished only by payment to the operator or operators of the hotel at the time the rent is paid. If the rent is paid in installments, a proportionate share of the

tax shall be paid with each installment. The unpaid tax shall be due upon the transient's ceasing to occupy space in the hotel. If for any reason the tax due is not paid to the operator of the hotel, the city council may require that such tax shall be paid directly to the city clerkTax Administrator.

3.16.030 Exemptions.

No tax shall be imposed upon:

A. Any person as to whom, or any occupancy as to which, it is beyond the power of the city to impose the tax provided in this chapter;

B. Any federal or state officer or employee when on official business;

C. Any officer or employee of a foreign government who is exempt by reason of express provision of federal law or international treaty.

No exemptions shall be granted upon a claim therefor made at the time rent is collected under penalty of perjury upon a form prescribed by the city clerkTax Administrator.

3.16.040 Operator's duties.

Each operator shall collect the tax imposed by this chapter to the same extent and at the same time as the rent is collected from every transient. The amount of tax shall be separately stated from the amount of the rent charged, and each transient shall receive a receipt for payment from the operator. No operator of a hotel shall advertise or state in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, that the tax or any part thereof will be assumed or absorbed by the operator, or that it will not be added to the rent, or that, if added, any part will be refunded except in the manner provided in Section 3.16.060 of this chapter.

3.16.050 Registration.

Within thirty days after the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter, or within thirty days after commencing business, whichever is later, each operator of any hotel renting occupancy to transients shall register said hotel with the city clerkTax Administrator and obtain from ~~him~~them a "transient occupancy registration certificate" to be at all times posted in a conspicuous place on the premises. Said certificate shall, among other things, state the following:

A. The name of the operator;

B. The address of the hotel;

C. The date upon which the certificate was issued;

D. "This Transient Occupancy Registration Certificate signifies that the person named on the face hereof has fulfilled the requirements of the Uniform Transient Occupancy Tax Ordinance by registering with the City ClerkTax Administrator for the purpose of collecting from transients the Transient Occupancy Tax and remitting said tax to the City ClerkTax Administrator. This certificate does not authorize any person to conduct any unlawful business or to conduct any lawful business in an unlawful manner, nor to operate a hotel without strictly complying with all local applicable laws, including but not limited to those requiring a permit from any board, commission, department or office of this city. This certificate does not constitute a permit."

3.16.060 Reporting and remitting.

Each operator shall, on or before the last day of the month following the close of each calendar quarter, or at the close of any shorter reported period which may be established by the city clerkTax Administrator make a return to the city clerkTax Administrator, on forms provided by ~~him~~them, of the total rents charged and received and the amount of tax collected for transient occupancies. At the time the return is filed, the full amount of the tax collected shall be remitted to the city clerkTax Administrator. The city clerkTax Administrator may establish shorter reporting periods for any certificate holder if he deems it necessary in order to insure collection of the tax and he may require further information in the return. Returns and payments are due immediately upon cessation of business for any reason. All taxes collected by operators pursuant to this chapter shall be held in trust for the account of the city until payment thereof is made to the city clerkTax Administrator.

3.16.070 Penalties and interest.

A. Original Delinquency. Any operator who fails to remit any tax imposed by this chapter within the time required shall pay a penalty of ten percent of the amount of the tax in addition to the amount of the tax.

B. Continued Delinquency. Any operator who fails to remit any delinquent remittance on or before a period of thirty days following the date on which the remittance first became delinquent shall pay a penalty of delinquency penalty of ten percent of the amount of the tax in addition to the amount of the tax and the ten percent penalty first imposed.

C. Fraud. If the city clerkTax Administrator determines that the nonpayment of any remittance due under this chapter is due to fraud, a penalty of twenty-five percent of the amount of the tax shall be added thereto in addition to the penalties stated in subsections A and B of this section.

D. Interest. In addition to the penalties imposed, any operator who fails to remit any tax imposed by this chapter shall by interest at the rate of one-half of one percent per month or fraction thereof on the amount of the tax, exclusive of penalties, from the date on which the remittance first became delinquent until paid.

E. Penalties merged with tax. Every penalty imposed and such interest as accrues under the provisions of this section shall become a part of the tax required to be paid by this chapter.

3.16.080 Failure to collect and report tax.

If any operator fails or refuses to collect the tax and to make, within the time provided in this chapter, any report and remittance of the tax or any portion thereof required by this chapter, the city clerkTax Administrator shall proceed in such manner as he may deem best to obtain facts and information on which to base his estimate of the tax due. As soon as the city clerkTax Administrator procures such facts and information as he is able to obtain upon which to base the assessment of any tax imposed by this chapter and payable by any operator who has failed or refused to collect the same, and to make such report and remittance, he shall proceed to determine and assess against such operator the tax, interest and penalties provided by this chapter. In case such determination is made, the city clerkTax Administrator shall give a notice of the amount so assessed by serving it personally or by depositing it in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the operator so assessed at his last known place of address. Such operator may within ten days after the serving or mailing of such notice, make application in writing to the city clerkTax Administrator for a hearing on the amount assessed. If application by the operator for a hearing is not made within the time prescribed, the tax, interest and penalties, if any, determined by the city clerkTax Administrator shall become final and conclusive and immediately due and payable. If such application is made, the city clerkTax Administrator shall give not less than five days' written notice in the manner prescribed in this section to the operator to show cause at a time and place fixed in said notice why said amount specified in the notice should not be fixed for such tax, interest and penalties. At such hearing, the operator may appear and offer evidence why such specified tax, interest and penalties should not be so fixed. After such hearing, the city clerkTax Administrator shall determine the proper tax to be remitted and shall determine the proper tax to be remitted and shall thereafter give written notice to the person in the manner prescribed in this section of such determination and the amount of such tax, interest and penalties. The amount determined to be due shall be payable after fifteen days unless an appeal is taken as provided in Section 3.16.090.

3.16.090 Appeal.

Any operator aggrieved by any decision of the city clerkTax Administrator with respect to the amount of such tax, interest and penalties, if any, may appeal to the city council by filing a notice of appeal with the city clerk within fifteen days of the serving or mailing of the determination of tax due. The city council shall fix a time and place for hearing such appeal, and the city clerk shall give notice in writing to such operator at his last known place of address. The findings of the city council shall be final and conclusive and shall be served upon the appellant in the manner prescribed above for service of notice of hearing. Any amount found to be due shall be immediately due and payable upon the service of notice.

3.16.100 Records.

It shall be the duty of every operator liable for the collection and payment to the city of any tax imposed by this chapter to keep and preserve, for a period of three years, all records as may be necessary to determine the amount of such tax as he may have been liable for the collection of and payment to the city, which records the city clerkTax Administrator shall have the right to inspect at all reasonable times.

3.16.110 Refunds.

A. Whenever the amount of any tax, interest or penalty has been overpaid or paid more than once or has been erroneously or illegally collected or received by the city under this chapter, it may be refunded as provided in subsections B and C of this section, provided a claim in writing therefor, stating under penalty of perjury the specific grounds upon which the claim is founded, is filed with the city clerkTax Administrator within three years of the date of payment. The claim shall be on forms furnished by the city clerkTax Administrator.

B. An operator may claim a refund or take as credit against taxes collected and remitted the amount overpaid, paid more than once or erroneously or illegally collected or received when it is established once in a manner prescribed by the city clerkTax Administrator that the person from whom the tax has been collected was not a transient; provided, however, that neither a refund nor a credit shall be allowed unless the amount of the tax so collected has either been refunded to the transient or credited to rent subsequently payable by the transient to the operator.

C. A transient may obtain a refund of taxes overpaid or paid more than once or erroneously or illegally collected or received by the city by filing a claim in the manner provided in subsection A of this section, but only when the tax was paid by the transient directly to the city clerkTax Administrator, or when the transient having paid the tax to the operator, establishes to the satisfaction of the city clerkTax Administrator that the transient has been unable to obtain a refund from the operator who collected the tax.

D. No refund shall be paid under the provisions of this section unless the claimant established his right thereto by written records showing entitlement thereto.

3.16.120 Actions to collect.

Any tax required to be paid by any transient under the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed a debt owed by the transient to the city. Any such tax collected by an operator which has not been paid to the city shall be deemed a debt owed by the operator to the city. Any person owing money to the city under the provisions of this chapter shall be liable to an action brought in the name of the city for the recovery of such amount.

3.16.130 Violations—Designated.

No operator or other person shall fail or refuse to furnish a supplemental return or other data required by the city clerkTax Administrator, or render a false or fraudulent return or claim. No person required to make, render, sign or verify any report or claim shall make any false or fraudulent report or claim with intent to defeat or evade the determination of any amount due required by this chapter to be made.

3.16.140 Violations—Penalty.

Any person, firm, corporation or organization violating any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months in the county jail, or by both such fine and imprisonment. A person, firm, corporation or organization shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each day during any portion of which a violation of this chapter is committed, continued, or permitted by the person, firm, corporation or organization and shall be punishable as provided in this section.

3.16.150 Remedies cumulative.

All remedies prescribed under this chapter shall be cumulative and the use of one or more remedies by the city shall not bar the use of any other remedy for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this chapter.

3.14.160 Independent community oversight committee.

The city council shall, prior to July 1, 2025, establish an independent community oversight committee to review the expenditure of the revenue from this transient occupancy tax. The committee shall consist of five members to be appointed by the mayor and approved by the city council. The terms of the committee members and their specific duties shall be established by resolution of the city council.

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12/17, 12/24, 12/31/24, 1/7/25

CNS-3878533#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610922
Fictitious Business Name(s):
EASY CLEANING SQUAD, 3573 EUGENE ST, FREMONT, CA 94538 County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
ANDRESSA FERREIRA, 3573 EUGENE ST, FREMONT, CA 94538
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/ ANDRESSA FERREIRA.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 11/27/2024.
NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
12/24, 12/31/24, 1/7, 1/14/25
CNS-3881295#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 611133
Fictitious Business Name(s):
UNITY L4 INTERNATIONAL, 35958 COPPER ST., UNION CITY, CA, 94587, County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
YIRUN LI, 35958 COPPER ST., UNION CITY, CA 94587
YUXIA LI, 35958 COPPER ST., UNION CITY, CA 94587
Business conducted by: MARRIED COUPLE
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/ YIRUN LI
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 12/1/2024
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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12/24, 12/31/24, 1/7, 1/14/25
CNS-3880396#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610965
Fictitious Business Name(s):
THE SVL AGENCY, 36167 EASTERDAY WAY, FREMONT, CA 94536 County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
SILICON VALLEY LATINO INC, 36167 EASTERDAY WAY, FREMONT, CA 94536
Business conducted by: a Corporation
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09/16/2024.
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/ ALEJANDRO ONTIVEROS
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 12/03/2024.
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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12/24, 12/31/24, 1/7, 1/14/25
CNS-3880394#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610948
Fictitious Business Name(s):
DOTCOM, 34618 FREMONT BLVD, FREMONT, CA 94555 County of ALAMEDA
Registrant(s):
UZMA ALMAKKY, 34618 FREMONT BLVD, FREMONT, CA 94555
Business conducted by: an Individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 8/19/1995
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/ UZMA ALMAKKY.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 12/02/2024.
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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12/24, 12/31/24, 1/7, 1/14/25
CNS-3879962#

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 593508
The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name(s):
The Fictitious Business Name Statement filed on 11/18/2022 in the County of Alameda.
MAGIKID ROBOTICS LAB, 2675 STEVENSON BLVD #101, FREMONT, CA, County of: 94538.
Registered Owner(s):
ROBOTECHO INC., 3685 MADISON COMMON, FREMONT, CA 94538
This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to this section that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ YUNJIA XU
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda County on DEC 09, 2024.
12/17, 12/24, 12/31/24, 1/7/25
CNS-3879064#

CIVIL

PLAINTIFF-IN-INTERVENTION'S STATEMENT OF DAMAGES
COMPLAINT-IN-INTERVENTION FILED:
OCTOBER 13, 2023

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
UNLIMITED JURISDICTION
CASE NO. 22CV016190
CITY OF FREMONT, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PETITIONER,
V.
LESZEK J. SZYMANSKI; AND DOES 1-25, RESPONDENTS
ZCA HOMES LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED

LIABILITY COMPANY, PLAINTIFF-IN-INTERVENTION, V. LESZEK J. SZYMANSKI; AND DOES 26-35, INCLUSIVE. DEFENDANTS-IN-INTERVENTION Plaintiff-In-Intervention ZCA HOMES, LLC ("ZCA") submits the following Statement of Damages pursuant to C.C.P. Section 425.11(c): ZCA seeks damages in the above-entitled action against Defendant-In-Intervention Leszek J.

Szymanski as follows:
(1) Damages for breach of contract in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00
(2) Interest at a rate of 10% per year on damages from October 24, 2022, until judgment is entered.
(3) Attorney fees in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.
(4) Costs in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00.
Dated: 12/6/2024
Alvis Quashnock and Associates, LLP
By: Marie G. Quashnock

PUBLIC NOTICES



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

2024 CODE UPDATE - HOUSING ELEMENT IM-PLEMENTATION (PLN2025-00074)

Public Hearing (Published Notice) To Consider Adoption of a Resolution for Objective Design Standards for Historic Homes Associated with State law Compliance and an Ordinance for Associated Text Amendments to the Historic Resources Chapter (FMC Chapter 18.175); and to Consider Exemptions for the Proposed Amendments From the Requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Each on a Separate and Independent Basis, Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061 (Review for Exemption), §15183 (Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning), §15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies), and §15378 (Project).

APPLICANT: City of Fremont

PUBLIC HEARING: Notice is hereby given that the Fremont City Council will consider Planning Commission recommendation to introduce an ordinance to amend FMC Chapter 18.175 and adopt a resolution to implement the proposed Historic Objective Design Standards on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 3300 Capitol Avenue, Fremont, California, at which time all interested parties may appear and be heard.

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

James Willis, Senior Planner

Location: 39550 Liberty Street, Fremont
Mailing: P.O. Box 5006, Fremont, CA 94537-5006
Phone: (510) 494-4449
E-mail: jwillis@fremont.gov

CNSB # 3881599

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 611075

Fictitious Business Name(s):
DOMESTIC TRUCK DRIVING SCHOOL, 7921 ENTERPRISE DRIVE UNIT E, NEWARK, CA 94560, County of ALAMEDA
MAILING ADDRESS: 4414 CRERTFIELD DR., SAN RAMON, CA 94582

Registrant(s):
SHARIF AHMED AHMADI, 4414 CRERTFIELD DR., SAN RAMON, CA 94582

Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/01/2020

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/ SHARIF AHMED AHMADI

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 12/06/2024

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CNS-3879061#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610564

Fictitious Business Name(s):
TINA NAFEI, 1860 MOWRY AVE, FREMONT, CA 94538 County of ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):
TINA NAFEI, 1860 MOWRY AVE SUITE 303, FREMONT, CA 94538

Business conducted by: an Individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/25/2007.

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/ TINA NAFEI,

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 11/12/2024.

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CNS-3879025#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 611071

Fictitious Business Name(s):
GENIUS KIDS FREMONT MISSION, 43423 MISSION BLVD., FREMONT, CA 94539, County of ALAMEDA

MAILING ADDRESS: 990 YUCATAN CT., FREMONT, CA 94539

Registrant(s):
SHIKSHA LLC, 990 YUCATAN CT., FREMONT, CA 94539

Business conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 07/01/2023

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

/s/ VAISHNAVEE RAGAVAN

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 12/06/2024

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filed before the expiration.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 12/17, 12/24, 12/31/24, 1/7/25

CNS-3878126#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610876

Fictitious Business Name(s):
STARBIRD, 33018 CARRARA TERRACE, UNION CITY, CA 94587 - 2164 County of ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):
FLORENCE TSANG, 33018 CARRARA TERRACE, UNION CITY, CA 94587

Business conducted by: an Individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 08/15/2024.

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/ FLORENCE TSANG

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 11/26/2024.

NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 12/17, 12/24, 12/31/24, 1/7/25

CNS-3877294#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610944

Fictitious Business Name(s):
KHAKH COURIERS, 29394 TAYLOR AVE, HAYWARD, CA 94544, County of ALAMEDA
MAILING ADDRESS: PO BOX 55031, HAYWARD, CA 94544

Registrant(s):
PARAMJIT SINGH KHAKH, PO BOX 55031, HAYWARD, CA 94545

Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/16/2019

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/ PARAMJIT SINGH KHAKH

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 12/02/2024

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). 12/17, 12/24, 12/31/24, 1/7/25

CNS-3877292#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610923

Fictitious Business Name(s):
MASTERING SPANISH, 6404 MARKET AVE., NEWARK, CA 94560, County of ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):
TSU-KE WANG, 6404 MARKET AVE., NEWARK, CA 94560

Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/02/2024

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/ TSU-KE WANG

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 12/02/2024

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). 12/10, 12/17, 12/24, 12/31/24

CNS-3877014#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610773

Fictitious Business Name(s):
CASH NOW FREMONT, 38790 PASEO PADRE PKWY, FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):
SA FINANCIALS INC., 38790 PASEO PADRE PKWY, FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDA

Business conducted by: A CORPORATION
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/04/2003

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/ SUKHRAJ GHUMAN

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 11/21/2024

NOTICE: In accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a fictitious name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 12/10, 12/17, 12/24, 12/31/24

CNS-3877005#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610788

Fictitious Business Name(s):
MISSION PEAK BROKRES / MISSION PEAK / MISSION PEAK FINANCIAL SERVICES / MISSION PEAK BUSINESS BROKERS / MISSION PEAK COMMERCIAL BROKERS / MISSION PEAK COMMERCIAL / MISSION PEAK COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE / MISSION PEAK COMMERCIAL LOANS / MISSION PEAK LOANS / MISSION PEAK BUSINESS LOANS / MISSION PEAK COMMERCIAL GROUP / MISSION PEAK CAPITAL / MISSION PEAK PROPERTIES / MISSION PEAK REAL ESTATE ADVISORS / MISSION PEAK BUSINESS ADVISORS / MISSION PEAK INVESTMENT ADVISORS / MISSION PEAK FUNDING GROUP / HARRY SIDHU / MISSION PEAK REALTY / MISSION PEAK REAL ESTATE SERVICES, 46560 FREMONT BLVD, STE 111, FREMONT, CA 94538, County of ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):
MISSION PEAK BROKERS INC., 46560 FREMONT BLVD STE 111, FREMONT, CA 94538

Business conducted by: A CORPORATION
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/12/2010

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/ HARPREET SIDHU

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 11/22/2024

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CNS-3875854#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610759

Fictitious Business Name(s):
AUTO EMPORIUM, 420 MOWRY AVE #A, FREMONT, CA 94536, County of ALAMEDA
MAILING ADDRESS: 28720 VISTA GRANDE DR., HAYWARD, CA 94544

Registrant(s):
MUHAMMAD IMRAN, 28720 VISTA GRANDE DR., HAYWARD, CA 94544

Business conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/23/24

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/ MUHAMMAD IMRAN

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 11/21/2024

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CNS-3875726#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610799

Fictitious Business Name(s):
DUTY FREE TERPENE, 30099 AHERN AVE, UNION CITY, CA 94587 County of ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):
TERPENE BELT PROCESSING, LLC, 30099 AHERN AVE, UNION CITY, CA 94587

Business conducted by: a limited liability company
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2023.

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

S/ SHAREEF F SISSI

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 11/13/2024.

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 12/10, 12/17, 12/24, 12/31/24

CNS-3875725#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610764

Fictitious Business Name(s):
EHSAAS CANDLES / EHSAA, 3312 MORNING VIEW TERRACE, FREMONT, CA 94539, County of ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):
PARUL PATEL, 3312 MORNING VIEW TERRACE, FREMONT, CA 94539, County of ALAMEDA

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

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

CNS-3875725#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610764

Fictitious Business Name(s):
EHSAAS CANDLES / EHSAA, 3312 MORNING VIEW TERRACE, FREMONT, CA 94539, County of ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):
PARUL PATEL, 3312 MORNING VIEW TERRACE, FREMONT, CA 94539, County of ALAMEDA

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

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

CNS-3875725#

/s/ PARUL PATEL

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 11/21/2024

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CNS-3875721#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 610457

Fictitious Business Name(s):
TWO SHOT PEST CONTROL, 3619 FIRST ST, LIVERMORE, CA 94551 County of ALAMEDA

Registrant(s):
MASON OSBORNE, 3619 FIRST ST, LIVERMORE, CA 94551

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/ MASON OSBORNE,

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 11/04/2024.

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 12/24/24

CNS-3875276#

GOVERNMENT

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Union City will hold a public hearing on the following matter:

4477 & 4489 Horner Street (APN: 482-15-11) Tentative Parcel Map (TPM-24-002)

Please be advised that Dilip Kishnani, applicant, on behalf of Eric Hassett, property owner, is seeking approval of a Tentative Parcel Map (TPM-24-002) for 4477 & 4489 Horner Street (APN: 482-15-11), within the RS 4500 Zoning District. The proposed project includes the subdivision of an existing 15,000 square-foot parcel into two parcels: one 6,750 square-foot parcel occupied by an existing single-family residence at 4477 Horner Street and one 8,250 square-foot parcel occupied by an existing single-family residence at 4489 Horner Street.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that this project is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Section 15315, *Minor Land Divisions*, of the CEQA Guidelines.

This item will be heard at a public hearing by the Planning Commission at the meeting listed below. Comments may be submitted in writing prior to the hearing or at the hearing consistent with the instructions, which can be found at <https://www.unioncity.org/199/City-Meetings-Video>. The project planner, Natalie Dean, can be reached at (510)-675-5382 or via email at NatalieD@unioncity.org.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, January 16, 2025
Said hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m.
City Hall-Council Chamber,
34009 Alvarado-Niles Road
Union City, CA 94587

The Planning Commission meeting packet can be found at <https://www.unioncity.org/199/City-Meetings-Video>.

Meeting packets which include the meeting agenda and staff report are generally available online the Friday before the meeting.

If you challenge the above-described project to court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Planning Commission public hearing for this project or the City Council public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission or the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

CARMELA CAMPBELL, AICP
Economic & Community Development Director
12/24/24

CITY OF FREMONT PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City of Fremont City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the following proposal. Said public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 7, 2025, Council Chambers, 3300 Capitol Avenue, Fremont, CA, at which time all interested parties may attend and be heard:

RENT REVIEW ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS, ANNUAL REPORT AND ADMINISTRATION FEE ADOPTION - Public Hearing (Published Notice) to Adopt Amendments to Revise the Rent Review Program Administration Fees and the Notice Requirements for Residential Rent Increases to Conform with State Law, Review the Annual Report on the Rent Review Ordinance and Adopt the Administration Fee for FY 2024/25 (Continued from the November 19, 2024 City Council Meeting)

Information on how to participate will be made available, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting, on the agenda posted online.

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

SUSAN GAUTHIER, CMIC – CITY CLERK
12/24/24

CITY OF UNION CITY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CITY PROJECT NO. 23-26 NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for the main distribution switchboard specifications entitled: **PROCUREMENT OF MAIN DISTRIBUTION SWITCHBOARD, CITY PROJECT NO. 23-26**, will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Union City, City Government Building, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, California, until **Tuesday, January 14th, 2025, 1:30PM PST**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read in the Council Chambers of said building.

Bids are required for the entire work described herein. This contract is subject to the State contract nondiscrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code Section 12201.

Bid Package & Bid Package Location: All of the project work is to be done in accordance with the bid package on file with the Public Works Department - City of Union City, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, California 94587. Eligibility to bid on this project requires bid package to be electronically obtained from the City. Bid package may be obtained at no charge via email request to the City at publicworks@unioncity.org. Non-biddable plans and specifications shall be available to view at various Builders' Exchanges throughout the Bay Area and on the City of Union City website at www.unioncity.org.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all quotes and/or to waive any quotes irregularities to the extent permitted by the law. If the City elects to award a contract to procure the switchboard, the contract will be awarded in accordance with California Public Contract Code Section 20162 and other applicable law to the responsible bidder submitting a responsive bid with the lowest bid price. The bid opening will remain valid for 90 days after 12/24, 12/31/24, 1/7/25

CNS-3879584#

PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER SCOTT MIROV CASE NO. 24PR102940

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by RUSSELL MIROV in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.

The Petition for Probate requests that RUSSELL MIROV 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 JANUARY 29, 2025 at 9:45 A.M. in Dept. 201 Room N/A located at 2120 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR WAY, BERKELEY, CA 94704.

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

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

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner: 540 DEODARA DR, LOS ALTOS, CA 94024, Telephone: 650-533-8448

12/24, 12/31/24, 1/7/25

CNS-3881274#

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SUSAN M. FITZSIMMONS CASE NO. 24PR102454

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: SUSAN M. FITZSIMMONS

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JEAN M. FITZSIMMONS in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JEAN M. FITZSIMMONS 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 with full authority. (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 on 01/22/2025 at 9:45AM in Dept. 201 located at 2120 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WAY BERKELEY CA 94704 BERKELEY COURTHOUSE.

REMOTE APPEARANCE: The Court allows, but does not require, all parties who wish to attend the hearing on the above date and time, including those who wish to state objections, to appear by audio or video technology. The parties should consult the court's website for the specific telephonic and video applications available. The parties may also contact the probate clerk in the respective department for information concerning remote appearances. Parties must be present at least five (5) minutes before the scheduled hearing time.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (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: JOSEPH D. DERMER - SBN 237985 5448 THORNWOOD DRIVE, SUITE 200 SAN JOSE CA 95123 Telephone: (408) 395-5111 12/17, 12/24, 12/31/24

CNS-3879123#

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF GRACE C. TEXERA CASE NO. 24PR101157

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: GRACE C. TEXERA

A Petition for Probate has been filed by STEVEN TEXERA in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.

The Petition for Probate requests that STEVEN TEXERA 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

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without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on 1/17/2025 at 9:45 A.M. in Dept. 202 Room N/A located at 2120 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR WAY, BERKELEY, CA 94704.

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

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

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: SRIJANA DHAKHWA, 900 MISSION AVE 11C, SAN RAFAEL, CA 94901, Telephone: 415-488-5552
12/17, 12/24, 12/31/24

CNS-387811#

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOSEPH HAICHIAG CHOU AKA JOSEPH HAICHIANG CHOU CASE NO. 24PR097097

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: JOSEPH HAICHIAG CHOU AKA JOSEPH HAICHIANG CHOU A Petition for Probate has been filed by LILIAN CHOU and KENNETH CHOU in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.

The Petition for Probate requests that LILIAN CHOU and KENNETH CHOU be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on 1/6/2025 at 9:45 A.M. in Dept. 202 Room N/A located at 2120 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR WAY, BERKELEY, CA 94707.

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: LILIAN CHOU & KENNETH CHOU, DONAHUE FITZGERALD LLP, 1999 HARRISON STREET, 26TH FLOOR, OAKLAND, CA 94612, Telephone: 510-451-3300
12/17, 12/24, 12/31/24

CNS-3877413#

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF GAIL L. PERRY CASE NO. 24PR101135

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: GAIL L. PERRY A Petition for Probate has been filed by ROGER A. BROWN JR. in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.

The Petition for Probate requests that ROGER A. BROWN JR. be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions

without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on 1/8/2025 at 9:45 A.M. in Dept. 202 Room N/A located at 2120 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR WAY, BERKELEY, CA 94704.

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

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

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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PUBLIC AUCTION/SALES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION / LIEN SALE

NOTICE HEREBY IS GIVEN that a mobilehome registered to GEORGIA R. MAGG aka GEORGIA R. MAAG and OMAR BRODRICK (TOD Beneficiary), and described as a 1971 ESPRIT mobilehome, Decal Number ABD5726, Serial Number S869, Label/Insigania Number A478942, and stored on property owned by Millennium Housing of California ("The Tropics MHP"), at 33000 Almaden Boulevard, Union City, CA 94587, Alameda County (specifically, those goods located/stored at 291 Maui Circle within the park), will be sold by public auction at The Tropics MHP on **January 21, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.** and such succeeding sale days as may be necessary, and the proceeds of the sale will be applied to the satisfaction of the lien, including the reasonable

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This sale is conducted under the authority of California Civil Code § 798.56a and Commercial Code §§ 7209-7210.

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/s/ Stephanie D. Rice
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TRUSTEE SALES

T.S. No. 126996-CA APN: 543-312-24 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 9/24/2018. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 2/5/2025 at 12:00 PM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 9/28/2018 as Instrument No. 2018189103 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Alameda County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by MARY ALICE SASS, AS TRUSTEE OF THE 2007 SASS LIVING TRUST DATED MARCH 23, 2007 WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; AT THE FALLON ST. EMERGENCY EXIT OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1225 FALLON ST., OAKLAND, CA 94612 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: LOT 29 BLOCK 3, AS SAID LOT IS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF TRACT 3002, NORTHGATE UNIT NO. 1, CITY OF FREMONT, ALAMEDA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, FILED JULY 25, 1968 IN BOOK 57 OF MAPS, PAGES 73 TO 79, INCLUSIVE, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF ALAMEDA COUNTY. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 34216 AUCLAND PL, FREMONT, CA 94555-2326 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation

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Historic photo collection highlights Park District events from the 1960s to 1980s

FINAL MARTIN J. COONEY PHOTO COLLECTION RELEASED TO MARK 90TH ANNIVERSARY

Submitted by JEN VANYA

The East Bay Regional Park District proudly announces the release of Special Events, the fourth and final Martin J. Cooney photo collection released this year to celebrate the Park District's 90th anniversary. This historic four-part digital photo collection was researched and curated by Park District

Archives staff and volunteers. The collection includes People in Parks, Park Landscapes, Park Workers, and the latest, Special Events. All four Martin J. Cooney photo collections are available to view on the Park District's Celebrating 90 Years webpage. The photo collection focuses on events ranging from media photo opportunities, public and staff events to groundbreakings and dedications between the mid-1960s to 1981. "At the culmination of our 90th anniversary year, it gives me great pleasure to share this final time capsule of photos

documenting the milestone events and activities during this important era of the District's growth," said Archives Program Supervisor Brenda Montano. "We are so fortunate to have this treasure trove of photos to share with the public." In 1934, the Park District was able to garner 71% approval from Alameda County voters during the Great Depression, when the public may not have been focused on parklands. During the campaign for the vote the Park District sparked public enthusiasm through events like the ones represented in these photos.

In 2016, Martin J. Cooney's family donated over 15,000 negatives taken from the 1960s to the 1980s to the Park District. Cooney's commercial studio provided professional photography services to the Park District during that time. While Cooney took some of the photos, most were taken by Nancy McKay, who became his apprentice in 1968 while working in the Park District's Public Affairs Department and served as its primary photographer for more than 37 years. Additional Cooney photo collections were donated in association with the Oakland Tribune



The dedication of Alameda State Beach in 1967 (later renamed Crown Memorial State Beach) saw lively entertainment. Photo Credit: EBRPD Archives, Martin J. Cooney Photography Collection.

archives and are housed at the Oakland Museum of California. Visit the Park District's 90th Anniversary webpage, www.ebparks.org/celebrating-90-years, to explore other interactive photo collections, story maps, and online exhibits.

Deaf Plus Adult Community receives \$2,000 grant from Alameda County Board of Supervisors

Submitted by TERESA NOLD, Executive Director, DPAC

Deaf Plus Adult Community (DPAC), a Bay Area organization serving Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing adults with Autism or other intellectual or developmental disabilities, is thrilled to announce it has received a \$2,000 grant from the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. This generous funding will support DPAC's ongoing mission to provide accessible services and enhance social and community integration opportunities for its consumers. With the grant, DPAC hosted a special outing to

GloFari at the Oakland Zoo on Dec. 23. This unique event offers consumers an inclusive and enriching opportunity to explore the dazzling holiday light displays, connect with peers, and experience the joy of the season. DPAC was founded to address the critical lack of safe, accessible services for Deaf individuals with disabilities. It remains the only community-based day program and supported employment program in the region specifically designed to meet the needs of Deaf adults with Autism or other disabilities. The organization's holistic approach includes a blend of center-based activities,

community engagement, and employment development to foster social connectedness, vocational skills, and a higher quality of life. "At DPAC, we believe every individual deserves full linguistic access and the opportunity to thrive in a supportive and engaging environment," said Teresa Nold, Executive Director of DPAC. "This grant will allow us to create a memorable holiday experience for our consumers, many of whom face significant barriers to accessing community events."

Deaf Plus Adult Community (DPAC)
www.deafplus.us



Left to Right: Teresa Nold, Executive Director (holding Holiday Cheer sign), Haroon Khan, Supported Employment Manager; Danny Warren, Day Program Team Leader; Elisa Marquez (Santa Hat); Diana Lo (a consumer of DPAC); instructor Zachary Kohler (red shirt); instructor Khalvyn Edmond, Kim Shives (consumer); Josiah Cheslik (red hair), Day Program Manager and Frank Gavarette (consumer). Photo courtesy of Teresa Nold.

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Letter to the Editor

Rodeos and animal welfare - a christmas question

Thousands of Nativity Scenes now grace the nation’s churches, civic centers and homes in the spirit of peace and goodwill to all. Most feature farm animals adoringly gathered around the Holy Family in a manger: cattle, horses, sheep, goats, pigs, chickens, et al. Ironically, these are the very same animals exploited

in the nation’s rodeo arenas throughout the year, where they are routinely terrorized, brutalized, crippled and sometimes killed, all in the name of a bogus, macho “entertainment.” I can’t believe that either Jesus or God would approve. Nor should anyone else. The nation’s religious community should be taking

the lead on this issue, one involving ethics, morals and animal cruelty. Sermons are in order, and silence is NOT golden. Sincerely, **Eric Mills, coordinator ACTION FOR ANIMALS Oakland**

Hayward City Hall hosts Kwanzaa celebration

Submitted by **FAYETH GARDENS**

Kwanzaa, a Kiswahili word that means *first fruits*, is a traditional harvest celebration filled with family, community and cultural traditions. Fayeth Gardens will observe this holiday with an event at Hayward City Hall on Sunday, Dec. 29, the 4th day of Kwanzaa. Guests can enjoy the traditional arts of West African dancing, the centuries-old Griot art of storytelling and brush arts, as Master Artists lead hands-on demonstrations of each. Bring a sense of adventure, comfortable clothes and shoes and an open mind to

take a trip to Africa with this cultural passport! Highlights include a delectable, healthy Soul Food lunch prepared by Food Network Celebrity Chef Tamearra Dyson and a keynote address by Professor Manu Ampim, historian and primary researcher specializing in Africana Studies. Professor Ampim has conducted first-hand research on classical African studies in two dozen countries around the world for the past 35 years and is the author of several books including his latest work, *A History of African Civilizations* (2023). The celebration will also honor BOS District

2 Supervisor Elisa Marquez and Hayward Councilmember Angela Andrews, along with many Tri-Valley and Bay Area businesses, to celebrate this 4th Nguzo Saba principle of Kwanzaa that occurs on Dec. 29—Ujamaa—a Kiswahili word that means cooperative economics to support local businesses. The event can be registered for on Eventbrite. (Search Fayeth Gardens Kwanzaa.) **Kwanzaa Sunday, Dec. 29 12pm - 5pm 11:30 Doors Open City Hall Rotunda 777 B St., Hayward**

Milpitas death investigation

Submitted by **MILPITAS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

On Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 8:52pm, Milpitas Police officers were dispatched to the Turing Apartments at 1355 McCandless Drive to conduct a welfare check after family members had not heard from their loved ones for several days. Officers were able to gain access to the apartment and located

Vinh Nguyen, Betty Pham, and their two children, ages 9 and 4, deceased inside. All appeared to have a single gunshot wound. Nguyen has been identified as the suspect responsible. A handgun, which was legally registered to him, was found at the scene. We are deeply saddened by this tragedy. The loss of their lives was preventable, and we urge those in need to seek support, to prevent incidents like this from happening again.

Suicide Prevention/Mental Health Resources: The City of Milpitas has a Suicide Prevention Task Force that partners closely with Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services, an agency that coordinates regional suicide prevention efforts. To connect with a trained volunteer counselor, the County Suicide Crisis Hotline can be reached 24/7 at 1.855.278.4204, or by texting Renew to 741741. Services are free and confidential. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1.800.273.8255) provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress.

EarthTalk

Glass recycling woes: Is it even worth it?



Critics point out that glass recycling is often a money-loser for the cities and towns that end up underwriting it. Credit: Pexels.com.

By **PRAVIT KOCHAR**
Dear EarthTalk: Is it true that glass recycling isn’t worthwhile and that some municipalities are stopping doing it? —R. Bigelow, Houston, TX

sustainable way to reduce waste and conserve resources. But in recent years—while glass remains theoretically recyclable and environmentally friendly—a growing number of municipalities have been discontinuing glass recycling, citing various challenges. The high cost of transporting and processing heavy and fragile glass is one such challenge. Recyclers complain that the expense of managing glass outweighs the potential profits. Also, the market for recycled glass has declined due to the availability of cheap virgin materials, as reported by the American Chemical Society (ACS). Tacoma, Washington, is one city that

suspended glass recycling due to its costs. Glass recycling also faces significant challenges due to contamination. When glass is mixed with other recyclables in single-stream systems, shards can contaminate paper and plastics, rendering entire batches unrecyclable. And sorting and separating

different types of glass—such as colored and clear—adds to the complexity and cost of the process. Glass recycling does save energy and reduces landfill waste. Producing glass from recycled materials consumes significantly less energy than doing it from raw materials. Furthermore, recycling reduces the need for extracting raw materials like sand, which has its own environmental footprint. When recycling programs are halted, glass waste often ends up in landfills, where it can take hundreds of years to decompose. This not only increases environmental pollution but also undermines public confidence in the broader recycling system. To address these challenges, investment in better recycling infrastructure is needed. Technologies that can separate and process glass more effectively can make recycling programs more viable. Additionally, expanding bottle redemption programs could incentivize consumers to recycle glass responsibly.

Government incentives could encourage manufacturers to incorporate more recycled glass into their production processes, creating a sustainable market for these materials. Collaboration between public and private sectors can also help reduce costs and increase the economic feasibility of glass recycling. The environmental benefits of glass recycling make it worth preserving. Improved infrastructure, market reforms, and responsible recycling practices can work together to make it a viable solution once again. **CONTACTS** Why glass recycling in the U.S. is broken : <https://cen.acs.org/materials/inorganic-chemistry/glass-recycling-US-broken/97/i6> Why is glass recycling going away?: <https://www.roadrunnerwm.com/blog/why-is-glass-recycling-going-away>

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Galerie Artax offers art workshops, special events and art exhibitions



Ben Vose (far right) and local artists joined a holiday market on Dec. 14. All photos by Monika Lee



Hayward Artist Ben Seto participated in the holiday market with watercolor cartoon prints and comic books.



Galerie Artax focuses on unusual and whimsical art.



Local artists displayed their work at the holiday market.



The gallery sells model building kits based on Ben Vose's sculptures.

enable kids to assemble and paint sculptures based on the originals made by Vose.

Ben Vose welcomes artists to present their work to him for potential display in

his gallery. He is especially interested in unusual art that tells a story. Ben said, "I'm looking for something a little bit different. There are a lot of weird people out there

looking for weird things... and, also, cute stuff."

Ben is also looking for artists and other community members who would like to teach a workshop—on topics

not necessarily related to art. "It doesn't have to be art specific. If somebody wants to teach people how to plant roses or something like that, I would be open to it."

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Lions Club and firefighters spread holiday cheer to local children



Seventy-five gift bags went to children in need. Photo courtesy of James Varghese

Submitted by
JAMES VARGHESE

The Lions Club of Hayward Silicon Valley and Hayward Fire Department teamed up this week to bring joy to underprivileged children in the community through their annual Holiday Gifts for Kids program. This program has been conducted for the last three consecutive years to make sure that children in need have something to celebrate during the Christmas season.

The Lions Club, which is well known for its volunteering activities, raised funds to buy toys and gifts for children thanks to a contribution from Eva Roza Trust. The members of the club prepared 75 gift bags that reflected the holiday spirit and delivered the same to the fire station. The local fire fighters from Hayward,

who often come across families in need during their duty, delivered the gifts.

"As firefighters, we are committed to the safety and wellbeing of our community, and that means supporting the people in our community who are most in need," said one of the Fire Department officials. "It is our pleasure to work with the Lions Club for this initiative. There is no feeling quite like seeing the happiness in a child when they get a present."

Sunil Bhakta, president of the Hayward Silicon Valley Lions Club, stated, "It's all about bringing smiles to these kids' faces. We understand that many families in our community struggle financially, especially during the holidays. By providing gifts to these children, we hope to ease their burden and spread some holiday cheer."

OPINION

For Christmas Eve, we're re-running Editor in Chief Emeritus Bill Marshak's traditional Christmas editorial.

Here comes Santa Claus!

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

Bill Marshak
Publisher/Editor in Chief
Tri-City Voice

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

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

generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished. Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove?

Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real?

Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Logan High School student crowned California Silver Glove State Champion



Jorge Sanchez claimed California State Champion title representing Northern California. Photo courtesy of Trish Heuer

Submitted by
TRISH HEUER

A round of applause is in order for Jorge Sanchez, a rising star in the boxing world, who has earned the prestigious title of California Silver Glove State

Champion. A dedicated student at Logan High School, Jorge's exceptional achievement is a testament to his grit, discipline and the support he receives from his training home, Brick House Boxing Gym in Union City. The Silver Glove Tournament is no ordinary competition. Spanning four grueling months, it pits champions against one another in a test of skill, endurance and determination. Jorge's journey began by clinching the Northern California Championship, outclassing a competitive field of nine top-tier boxers to secure his spot at the state level. At the California State Championship, Jorge represented Northern California in a bracket featuring champions from Central, Southern and Border California. Over two hard-fought bouts, he emerged victorious, claiming the coveted title of California State Champion. Next month, his next challenge lies at the Regional Silver Glove Championship, where he will represent California against champions from six neighboring states. Success at regionals would pave the way for him to participate in the National Silver Glove Tournament in Missouri this February. Coach Johnny Gusman, a proud mentor at Brick

House Boxing Gym, also celebrated the efforts of another standout athlete, Michael Bazan. Michael showcased exceptional talent at the State Championship, winning his first bout to advance to the finals. Though he fell short in a razor-close decision, his performance exemplified the skill and perseverance Brick House Boxing athletes are known for. "I am incredibly proud of Jorge and Michael. Their hard work, dedication and passion for learning the craft of boxing are inspiring. These young athletes represent the best of our gym and our community," shared Gusman. Brick House Boxing Gym is seeking partners willing to help fund travel expenses, equipment and resources to continue supporting promising athletes like Jorge and Michael. These contributions are crucial to sustaining the gym's mission of nurturing young talent and keeping their championship dreams alive. Union City can take pride in Jorge Sanchez's success as he prepares to represent California on the regional stage. With unwavering community support, the road ahead looks bright for these young athletes and their journey toward boxing greatness.

Hayward State Champions head to Atlanta All-Star football game

SIX MOREAU CATHOLIC ATHLETES SELECTED TO PERFORM IN PEACH STATE GRIDIRON CLASSIC

Submitted by
DION EVANS

The Moreau Catholic football program has six CIF State Championship athletes who have been selected to compete in Homer, Georgia at the Peach State Gridiron Classic. This prestigious All-Star football game is led by Coach Lamar Daniels and has elite Prep Athletes representing 14-States. A team draft was held for the athletes participating in the game, players were separated into two teams: Team Dream and Team

Work. Jeremiah Charles and Jalen Arnold have been selected for the Offense, Team Dream. Jameson Ransburg, Peyton Collins and Seth Evans have been selected for Team Dream's Defense. The lone Mariner selected to join "Team Work" was player Miles Moore, who will be competing as Tight End. The six Moreau Catholic athletes will travel to Georgia the day after Christmas for three days, the events will commence with an All-Star football game held on

Sunday, Dec. 29 at 1:30pm. The Peach State Gridiron Classic will be streaming LIVE from Banks County High School in Homer. "These young men have demonstrated exceptional skill, dedication and sportsmanship throughout their high school careers," says Keith Minor, head football coach at Moreau Catholic High School. "They are all dominant players who have consistently performed at the highest level. I am incredibly excited to watch them compete against some of the best talent in the

country and represent our community at the Peach State Gridiron Classic." Seth Evans is the lone underclassmen. Evans, in his junior season, is very familiar with winning championships. In 2019, Evans won the gold medal in the United States of America Weightlifting's (USAW) annual Youth National Championship, held in Anaheim; Seth competed as a member of Speed Power Strength (SPS) gym in Oakland. In 2021, Evans was dubbed the "Strongest 13-year old in America"

sweeping all gold medals and breaking the Pacific Weightlifting Association's records at the USAW Annual Youth Nationals event, held in Detroit, MI. "When I turned in my competition weightlifting shoes to return to my football cleats, I believed I could help win a State Championship with my brothers. We did it! Now I know what it feels like to win a championship in two sports," shared Seth Evans.

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Affordable housing project leaves some land for restoration



Members of Eden Housing and Caltrans (Left) with Sogorea Te’ Land Trust members and Ann Maris of Friends of San Lorenzo Creek (Right) celebrate the transfer of three acres of riparian land to the local indigenous group for management. Photo credit: Toku Hankins of Plantify (www.plantify.org/)

LAND BACK MOVE MARKS BITTERSWEET RESOLUTION TO RUBY MEADOW CONFLICT

By **STEPHANIE UCHIDA**

In the fall of 2023, a Castro Valley neighborhood bid farewell to most of Ruby Meadow, a patch of nature left untouched when the Caltrans Foothill Freeway project was canceled. Most of the space was purchased by Eden Housing and repurposed for affordable housing, amid resident concerns about pollution of San Lorenzo Creek, displacement of wildlife and felling of old growth trees.

One point of contention was that Eden Housing

did not conduct an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and evaluate alternate sites, which might have forced them to move the planned development to a different area. Sidewalks and a bus stop within half a mile were requirements for the Bond Measure A1 funding used to build the development. (Sidewalks have been added.) No tenants have moved in yet, but when they do limited street parking may also become an issue.

A year later, residents are finding a bright spot in the giving of three acres of land to Indigenous group Sogorea Te’ Land Trust. This portion of Ruby Meadow was a Caltrans conservation easement for environmental damage done elsewhere. According to Sogorea Te’s website, the site will be maintained and managed

under a conservation easement funded by a perpetual endowment from Caltrans. The title was transferred to Sogorea Te’.

Earlier in 2024, the same Native group was able to purchase a site in Berkeley that’s currently a parking lot, but historically was a massive shell mound. In that case the group paid \$25.5 million dollars to acquire the paved over land. And building a planned park and cultural center will cost more. The three-block area could have been developed into housing and retail, which highlights an interesting parallel between Berkeley and Castro Valley: Housing and environmental advocacy tend to get pitted against each other when most care about both.

Ann Maris, board director of Friends of San Lorenzo Creek,

remembers the Caltrans Class Action lawsuit of the ‘70s. The same failed freeway project that left Ruby Meadow untouched was set to displace low-income tenants living along the proposed route until a lawsuit blocked the project.

“Castro Valley is officially an environmental justice priority population that needs help. That means residents are impacted more by pollution than the average Californian,” Maris said. She also pointed out that the site did not pass inspection as a conservation easement, and Caltrans will need to do two additional years of restoration. However, to Maris, a Native group knowledgeable with local flora and fauna is a good choice to take charge of the habitat restoration.

Still, trees and bushes on either side of the creek have

been removed, even in the conservation area. Where before residents couldn’t see across the creek, now the new housing on the opposite side is plainly visible. Western Red Bats living in the trees have likely been displaced. Eden Housing did leave felled trees in place for a day or so to allow animals to migrate away from the meadow. Maris is encouraging pro-deer neighbors to grow plants deer like.

Even with this loss, the transfer of the land is a win in several ways. It’s the first waterway that has been given back to the Ohlone people and the first land given back in Hayward or in unincorporated Alameda County. This move could encourage further land back moves in Hayward to Sogorea Te’ or similar groups. Maris mentions 10

empty acres near her house designated not for housing. There are more sites that can benefit from Native stewardship.

“Most everyone I’ve talked to is really happy that this historic event has happened in our neighborhood in the middle of such a sad loss,” said Maris. “It doesn’t take away the loss, but it gives us some hope for the future.”

sogoreate-landtrust.org/
Caltrans Class Action lawsuit: www.hayward-ca.gov/your-government/departments/city-managers-office/238

LEGO Center holds holiday-themed experience through Jan. 1



“‘Inside’ by Nathan Sawaya contains over 88,000 LEGO bricks. Photo by Stephanie Uchida

MEET LEGO GINGERBREAD MAN

By **STEPHANIE UCHIDA**

For families looking for creative indoor activities for the week after Christmas, the LEGO Discovery Center in Great Mall Milpitas, is sporting a holiday theme,

with a special add-on feature through the end of December. The Holiday Bricktacular setup includes activities like building a sleigh mobile or an ornament and decorating a LEGO gingerbread house. The Bay Area-themed mini land has also been infiltrated by quirky Santa LEGO figures for a scavenger hunt. These are included with regular admission. For

certain time slots through January, guests can add on a VIP experience where kids can take photos with a friendly LEGO gingerbread man and craft an ornament.

The LEGO Discovery Center also unveiled new artwork for the front lobby. The giant heart made of 88,748 LEGO bricks, titled “Inside” and constructed by Nathan Sawaya, was

originally created for the San Francisco General Hospital Foundation’s annual Hearts in San Francisco sculpture series and was loaned out temporarily to the Discovery Center by San Francisco General Hospital Foundation.

Guests are encouraged to participate in “Build to Give” to donate a LEGO set

to a child in need. All they need to do is build a LEGO heart, and post online with the hashtag #BuildToGive.

LEGO Discovery Center Bay Area
870 Great Mall Dr., Milpitas,
Admission: \$27.99+ Bricktacular VIP Experience +\$6.99
Dec. 24, 26, 27: 11:30am,

1:30pm, 3:30pm
Dec. 28: 10:30am, 12:30pm, 2:30pm, 4:30pm
Dec. 29, 30: 11:30am, 1:30pm, 3:30pm
Dec. 31: 1pm, 3pm
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