Sun Staff Reports

An Alameda County waste reduction management organization is conducting a new project to help reduce light litter and reduce landfill waste in Alameda County. Stop Waste, an organization governed by the Alameda County Waste Management Authority, in conjunction with the Alameda County Source Reduction and Recycling Board and the County’s Energy Council is conducting a pilot project that will test whether or not financial incentives to small entrepreneurs will increase the number of abandoned mattresses turned in for recycling rather than sent to landfills.

Stop Waste has provided a $100 grant to DSM, a local mattress recycler to implement the project. The financial incentives – or ‘bonuses’ – will be paid to small business waste haulers and recyclers, once the 25,000 mattresses are turned in at DSM. The program is designed to help encourage local businesses to recycle their old mattresses rather than send them to landfills.

Local Deaths

Marvin Francis Mack

JULY 18, 1950 – JAN. 16, 2015

Marvin Francis Mack, a resident of Alameda since 1976, passed away on Jan. 16, 2015, at Alameda Hospital. Marvin, known as Marvin or Mack, was born July 18, 1950, in San Francisco.

Mack was the son of Louis and Mary Mack. He was also preceded in death by his parents and son Adam. Mack was a devoted husband to his wife of 28 years, Eileen. Mack and Eileen were married on April 12, 1986.

Mack was a long-time resident of Alameda. He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served during the Vietnam War. Mack joined the Navy in 1968 and was honorably discharged in 1970.

Mack was a member of the Alameda Unitarian Universalist Church. He was a supportive and faithful member of the church and his contributions to the church are greatly appreciated.

Mack was a dedicated family man, and he loved spending time with his family. He was a devoted father to his son Adam and a loving husband to his wife Eileen. Mack was also a loving and supportive son to his parents Louis and Mary Mack.

Mack was a hardworking man, and he worked for many years in the hospitality industry. He was a dedicated employee and he was well-respected by his colleagues.

Mack’s funeral service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 24, at 11 a.m. at the Alameda Unitarian Universalist Church. Interment will follow at the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Alameda.

Marvin Francis Mack is survived by his wife, Eileen, his son, Adam, and his parents, Louis and Mary Mack. He is also survived by his brother, David Mack, and his sister, Sherry Mack.

Mack’s family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Alameda Unitarian Universalist Church or to a charity of your choice.

Graham Love Johnston


Resident of Alameda since 1976

July 18, 1930 – Jan. 16, 2015

Graham Love Johnston was born on July 18, 1930, in Blackfoot, Idaho, to Charles and Florence Johnston.

Graham served as photographer for the San Francisco Chronicle during the Vietnam War. He was a dedicated and hardworking journalist, and he was highly respected by his colleagues.

Graham was a devoted family man, and he was a loving and supportive husband to his wife, Dorothy. Graham and Dorothy were married for 64 years. In addition to his wife, Graham is survived by his children, Karen Johnston, Michael Johnston, and Thomas Johnston.

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