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CELEBRATING FREMONT'S 50th:

The Founding of Mission San Jose and the End of Tribal Life in the San Francisco East Bay

**Fremont Main Library
Wednesday, January 18, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.**

Fremont Main Library is pleased to present The Founding of Mission San Jose and the End of Tribal Life in the San Francisco East Bay, the first in a series of programs featuring highlights of local history and growth in celebration of Fremont's 50th anniversary. The programs will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Main Library from January through September. The first program will be on January 18th.

Andrew A. Galvan, a descendant of the Ohlone, Bay Miwok, Plains Miwok and Patwin Indians whose ancestral lands comprise the greater San Francisco Bay Region will launch the series. Andrew's family has strong connections to Mission heritage back to at least 1794 when his great-great-great-great-grandfather's baptism was recorded at Mission Dolores. A few years later, Andrew's great-great-grandfather, Chief Tarino, laid the cornerstone for the first building at Mission San Jose. Almost a century later, his father, Felipe "Phil" Galvan placed the cornerstone for the present restored mission chapel. The ties continue to the present day as Andrew now holds the office of Curator at old Mission Dolores in San Francisco.

Traditional story-telling techniques learned from his father enrich Andrew's presentations about the California Indians and the Alta California Missions for an entertaining as well as informative evening.

We also welcome as honored guest, Felipe "Phil" Galvan, who will be celebrating his 80th birthday on this evening. Executive Director, The Ohlone Indian Tribe, Inc., and caretaker of The Ohlone Indian Cemetery, Mission San Jose. Felipe was instrumental in saving the Ohlone Indian Cemetery from demolition in the 1960s.

The Fremont Main Library at 2400 Stevenson Blvd. is wheelchair accessible. No reservation is required. For an ASL interpreter, call the library at least 7 working days before the event. For more information, contact the Fremont Main Library at 510-745-1401 or Janet Cronbach at 510-745-1429.

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