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ELECTION DAY 2018



PHOTO BY FRED ZEHNDR

A Castro Valley voter applies his "I Voted" sticker after casting his ballot yesterday morning at Fire Station No. 25 on San Miguel Avenue. More than 19.7 million people were registered to vote in California, the most in history for a midterm election.

Get Ready to Light Up The Boulevard

By Michael Singer
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Looking for a fun time in Castro Valley this Veteran's Day weekend?

Drop on by the Castro Valley Light Parade this Saturday, November 10 for some hometown fun. Where else can you meet in the street with your neighbors and watch Darth Vader and his Stormtroopers, antique vehicles, service dogs, veterans groups, tap dancing Christmas Trees and a visit from Santa all in one place?

This is the seventh edition of the fall community event. Like last year, there are 65 entries including floats from several CV merchants such as Crush Comics, Desserts First, Jenn's Cupcakes, and Pete's Ace Hardware.

"We've been a fixture in Castro Valley for 90 years and we want to be a force in the community and wave our Castro Valley Flag," Steve Sullivan, a store manager at

Pete's Ace Hardware, told the Castro Valley Forum.

In addition to entering a flatbed trailer with hardware goodies, the store will also be one of 16 merchants participating in the Holiday Storefront Decorating Contest.

"We want to inspire and instill the value in our community to shop local," Sullivan says. "We don't want them driving out of town to get goods and services that they can get here right in town. By promoting your business in these community activities, you foster that feeling. People want to see their local businesses do well."

Of course, the parade is just the last part of a fun-filled evening. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m., characters from Star Wars franchise will be greeting the audience. Darth Vader—who is reportedly looking for a strong Force in Castro Valley—and other characters from the films are expected to stay after the parade for photo opportunities.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF JESSICA COLLETT

A Fire damaged part of a roof at CVHS on Friday evening.

Small Fire at CVHS

An electrical fire damaged a roof at Castro Valley High School last Friday evening. Fire officials believe it began in a utility box.

Firefighters responded to the campus at 19400 Santa Maria Ave. a few minutes before 6:30 p.m., according to the Alameda County Fire Department. It took about an hour to completely extinguish the blaze.

The electrical fire was confined

to the roof between the school's administration building and the 200 Hall classrooms. No one was injured and no damage extended to the inside of the buildings.

At the time of the fire, a fund-raising event for the school's choir was in progress at the school's cafeteria, the guest were evacuated and the event was cancelled, according to the fire department.

—Amy Sylvestri

Kids' Wheelchair is Magically Transformed for Halloween

By Linda Sandsmark
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

A Vannoy Elementary School fourth-grader rode to Castro Village's Halloween in style this year, courtesy of the non-profit group "Magic Wheelchair." Volunteers transformed Jesse Briley's wheelchair into an elaborate motorcycle to go with his Grim Reaper costume.

"It's a fantastic organization. They gave him so much excitement this year for Halloween, something just for him. It's really heartwarming," says Jesse's mother Jennifer.

The Briley family applied last February for a Magic Wheelchair transformation, and was paired with volunteer Roy Villavicencio in September. It was Roy's first time decorating a wheelchair, so he and a friend took notes at the Briley's home.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF ELIZABETH McCUNE

Jesse Briley, 9, of CV, Trick-or-Treated in his Magic Wheelchair 'chopper' in Castro Village. With him is his dad, John.

Castro Valley Weather Nov. 7 - 11, 2018



Wednesday
Sunny
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Thursday
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Friday
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Saturday
Sunny
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Sunday
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Moon Phases



Sun sets at 5:04 p.m. today, rises at 6:43 a.m. Thursday.

CVSan Seeking Members for its Community Advisory Committee

The Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) is seeking two community members to fill vacancies on its 10-member Community Advisory Committee.

The committee provides guidance on wastewater and such solid waste issues as garbage, recycling, and organics.

It meets on the second Thursday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m. to provide input on the Sanitary District's programs.

Just this year the Advisory Committee assisted in creating CVSan's new residential recycling guide and in designing its Castro Valley Fall Festival booth. Currently it is working on a new website for the district.

If you want to make a difference in your community and are available for nine evening meetings a year over the next two years, submit a letter of interest to Public Outreach Specialist Natalie Croak

at 21040 Marshall St., Castro Valley 94546 by Nov. 30, 2018.

Your letter should include a statement of your interest to serve on the Community Advisory Committee and any qualifications you believe would be of interest to the Board of Directors. Members must live within CVSan's service area. This opportunity is open to high school students and adults.

For more information, visit www.cvsan.org/CAC.

Count Me In: A Way to Speak Up

By Amy Ramos
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Do you ever wish there was a way to report the discarded mattress on the corner? Or that terrible pothole in the middle of the road?

Are you unsure of whom to report these issues to?

In the recent months, I have noticed an increase in dumping on our streets, and by asking around I found out that — as with most things — there's an app for that.

Mobile Citizen is the app that can quickly get these issues seen. Mobile Citizen allows you to report issues such as potholes, graffiti, illegal dumping, and other requests for services by taking a

picture and submitting it directly to the Public Works Agency.

It's very quick and simple to use! Simply download the app onto your smartphone by searching for Mobile Citizen in the app store (iphone or android).

Once the app is installed you select your county, which for us would be Alameda County. When the county is loaded, you are given three choices. You can create a profile, report an issue, or check on your previously reported issues.

At this point, the next step is to create your profile so you can remain in contact if needed, then to report the issue. The more our community uses the app the better off we all are.

Just like in an airport, if you see

something, say something! Please remember safety first and use caution in obtaining photos of the issue at hand. If it is too dangerous you can just report the location and they can follow up with questions via your contact information.

I thought it would be helpful to pass on this information. Some of these issues are a concern for safety and others just need to be fixed. Our community can help by taking just a few moments to report.

This is not limited just to where you live either. If you see something say something!

Amy Ramos is a resident of Castro Valley, and president of Stanton Parent Club and a School District parent. You can contact her at adramos@mac.com

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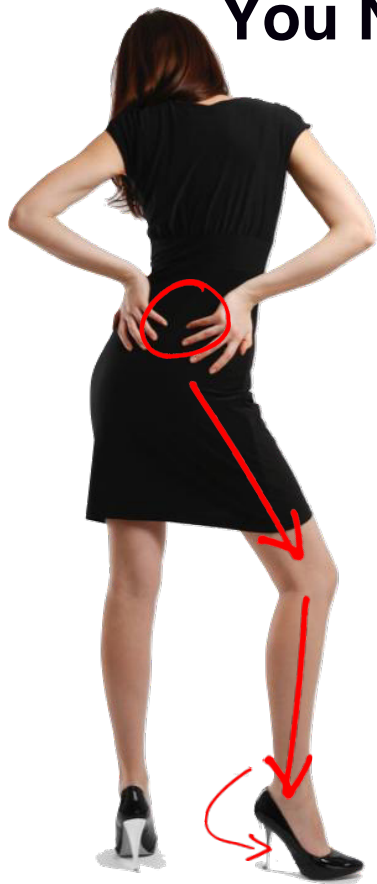
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There are three types of nerves in the body:
1. **Autonomic nerves.** These nerves control the involuntary or partially voluntary activities of your body, including heart rate, blood pressure, digestion, and temperature regulation.
2. **Motor nerves.** These nerves control your movements and actions by passing information from your brain and spinal cord to your muscles.
3. **Sensory nerves.** These nerves relay information from your skin and muscles back to your spinal cord and brain. The information is then processed to let you feel pain and other sensations.
Because nerves are essential to all you do, nerve pain and damage can seriously affect your quality of life.

What Are the Symptoms of Nerve Pain and Nerve Damage?

With nerve damage there can be a wide array of symptoms. Which ones you may have depends on the location and type of nerves that are affected. Damage can occur to nerves in your brain and spinal cord. It can also occur in the peripheral nerves, which are located throughout the rest of your body.

Autonomic nerve damage may produce the following symptoms:

- Too much sweating or too little sweating
- Lightheadedness
- Dry eyes and mouth
- Constipation
- Bladder dysfunction
- Sexual dysfunction

Damage to motor nerves may produce the following symptoms:

- Weakness
- Muscle atrophy
- Twitching, also known as fasciculation
- Paralysis

Sensory nerve damage may produce the following symptoms:

- Pain
- Sensitivity
- Numbness
- Tingling or prickling
- Burning
- Problems with positional awareness

In some instances, people with nerve damage will have symptoms that indicate damage to two, or even three, different types of nerves. For instance, you might experience weakness and burning of your legs at the same time. To further complicate matters we don't all develop the same way and different un-expected nerves can cause similar problems. This has made it very difficult to diagnose disorders caused by nerve damage based on which nerve "should" cause what.

That is, until now...

Recent advances in technology that detects nerve damage has led to more precise diagnosis for those people suffering with nerve damage disorders.

And more precise diagnosis leads to better results... results which have been published in major medical journals. With data published in 2014 showing success rates as high as 88% some back surgeons are recommending their patients try this treatment first before having back surgery (for nerve damage that leads to back pain and sciatica).

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Couple Becomes Citizens with the Help of Castro Valley Adult School

At the August U.S. Citizenship Ceremony in Oakland's Paramount Theater, 815 people from more than 80 countries became citizens and took the Oath of Allegiance to the United States.

Among them were a husband and wife, Geronima and Ireneo Petalver, who prepared for their citizenship test at Castro Valley Adult & Career Education.

The couple immigrated to the United States from the Philippines seven years ago for better opportunities. They wanted to feel prepared for their interview and be able to communicate well in English.

They took a citizenship class in spring 2018 with instructor Elizabeth Gibb and recommend it highly.

"It really helped us," Mr. Petalver said. "We had mock interviews. The actual test felt easy after we had prepared."

If you are eligible for citizenship and want to prepare for the test, the next class begins Monday, Dec. 3.



Geronima and Ireneo Petalver took a citizenship class at Castro Valley Adult & Career Education to prepare for their United States citizenship exam.

Come to the first class to talk to the instructor. If you want to work on your English first, Castro Valley Adult & Career Education offers day and evening adult *English as a Second Language* (ESL) classes.

The next ESL registration is Nov. 13 at 9 a.m. for morning classes and 6 p.m. for evening classes.

To learn more, go to www.cvadult.org or call 510-886-1000.
—Linette Escobar

SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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Fast Food Fighter

Sunday, November 4: at 2:25 p.m., Sheriff's deputies arrested a 49-year-old woman from Hayward on suspicion of assault and battery, possession of illegal narcotics, and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia. The woman was hanging outside a fast food restaurant on Redwood Road near Redwood Court when deputies arrived to investigate a reported altercation. The woman was also wanted as part of a warrant issued for her capture. Deputies took the woman to Santa Rita Jail pending \$9,000 in bail.

Driving a Stolen Vehicle And Resisting Arrest

Saturday, November 3: at 2:10 p.m., an 18-year-old man from Stockton (San Joaquin County) was arrested on suspicion of driving a stolen vehicle, possession of stolen property, and resisting arrest. Deputies attempted to stop the man on Interstate 580 and eventually pulled him over on East Castro Valley Boulevard near the 580 Market Place shopping center. The man was handcuffed and taken into custody.

Elder Abuse

Sunday, November 4: at 1:28 a.m., a 22-year-old man with no permanent address was arrested on suspicion of elder abuse, damaging a cell phone being used to call for

help, violating the terms of his parole, and resisting arrest. Deputies responded to an emergency call at a home on Summer Glen Place near Villareal Drive. There, they handcuffed the man and took him into custody. The victim was treated at the scene.

Hotel Squatters With Illegal Drugs

Thursday, November 1: at 1:39 p.m., deputies arrested two people on drug possession-related charges. A 36-year-old man from Hayward and a 39-year-old woman with no permanent address were staying in a motel on East Castro Valley Boulevard near Independent School Road. The motel manager called the Sheriff because the couple refused to leave. Deputies found both in possession of illegal narcotics and drug paraphernalia. They were handcuffed and taken into custody.

Can't Stay Away

Wednesday, October 31: at 10:48 p.m., a 31-year-old man with no

permanent address was arrested on suspicion of violating a court-issued restraining order and violating the terms of his parole. Deputies were called to a business on Redwood Road near Grove Way after the store manager noticed the man was violating the terms of his 100-foot buffer zone. The man was taken into custody.

Passenger Gave False ID To Avoid Arrested Warrant

Wednesday, October 31: at 10:48 a.m., deputies pulled over and arrested a 27-year-old man with no permanent address as part of a warrant issued for his capture. The man was a passenger in a vehicle stopped at Redwood Road near Somerset Avenue. Deputies report the man gave them a false identification to avoid being arrested for his warrant. The man was previously charged with spousal assault and violating a protection order against him. Deputies took the man to Santa Rita Jail pending \$5,000 in bail.

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Moose Lodge Swap Meet & Garage Sale

Castro Valley Moose Lodge will hold a swap meet and garage sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1. Space is available for rent inside or outside.

Proceeds will go to the child city at Mooseheart Child City and School in Mooseheart, Illinois.

Space is limited. Sign up at the Moose Lodge at 20835 Rutledge

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The Week Ahead

● Wednesday, November 7: School Bond Oversight Meeting

The Measure G Citizens Bond Oversight Committee will hold an open public meeting at 7 p.m. this evening in the Boardroom of the Castro Valley School District, 4400 Alma Avenue, regarding the expenditure of bond revenues.

● Wednesday, November 7: Fundraiser for Muir School

The Parent-Teachers-Students Organization at John Muir Middle School in San Leandro is holding a fundraiser from 2 to 9 p.m. today at Panda Express, 1271 Marina Blvd. just off I-880. Stop by the school office for a flyer to present so the organization will get credit for your purchase, or visit the John Muir Facebook page for a digital flyer.

● Thursday, November 8: Free Senior Driving Class

Eden Medical Center and the CHP present "Age Well Drive Smart" senior driving class from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. tomorrow at Eden Medical Center, 20101 Lake Chabot Road. Getting older does not mean you are a bad driver. By adapting your driving habits to your medical and physical changes, you can remain a safe driver. Call 510-727-8485 to register.

● Thursday, November 8: Redwood 4H Club Meeting

Boys and girls ages 5-18, come see what 4 H is all about at the next

meeting at 7 p.m. tomorrow at the Canyon Middle School Cafeteria. Besides animal projects, there's needle work, archery gardening, photography and more. This non-profit program has been teaching responsibility, organization and leadership for the past 100-plus years. For info, visit www.redwood4H.org or call Karen at 510-566-3672.

● Saturday, November 10: Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner

American Legion Post 68 will hold its 6th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner with turkey and all the trimmings this Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Veterans Memorial Bldg., 22737 Main St. in Hayward, co-hosted by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 68. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner served at 7. Donations are \$10 per person at the door. For more info, or a table, please call Eugene at 970-815-5315 or Edward at 510-384-7771.

● Saturday, November 10: Travel Club Meeting

The Hayward Area Travel Club invites you to attend their meeting from 9 to 11 a.m. this Saturday, Nov. 10, in Jensen Hall at Faith Lutheran Church, 20080 Redwood Road, Castro Valley. We are a local non-profit specializing in day trips for area residents. In addition, a representative from the Davis Street Family Resource Center will tell us about the services that they provide to the community. For more information, visit HaywardAreaTravel@yahoo.com

● Saturday, November 10: Hearing Loss Association Meeting

Audiologist Dr. Anish Thakkar of the "Hearing Zone" in Oakland and Alameda will be speaker at the next meeting this Saturday. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m., program at 10, at the Oakland Kaiser Hospital, Fabiola Bldg., 3801 Howe St., Room G26. Parking garage on Howe is free on Saturday. Dr. Thakkar provides hearing tests, dispenses hearing aids and assistive listening devices. He is noted for his pleasant disposition and good humor. Info at hearinglosseeb.org or 510-221-6080.

● Saturday, November 10: Medicare Overview & Update

Medicare doesn't have to be confusing. Hope Hospice will present a free class on the federal health insurance plan from 9:45 a.m. to noon this Saturday at 6377 Clark Ave., Suite 100 in Dublin. Topics include consumer rights and protections, changes for 2019, and detecting and reporting fraud and abuse. Register online at HopeHospice.com or contact Hope Hospice Community Health Educator Debbie Emerson at debe@hopehospice.com

● Saturday, November 10: Meet-in-the-Street & Light Parade

Celebrate the 7th Annual Meet-in-the-Street this Saturday starting at 3:30 p.m. followed by the Eclectic Electric Light Parade beginning at 5:30 p.m. both on Castro Valley Blvd. (the Blvd. will be closed from Lake Chabot Road to Redwood Road from 3 to 9 p.m.). Visit www.CVMMeetintheStreet.org for more information or a Light Parade entry form.

● Saturday, November 10: Amador Valley Quilters Meeting

Quilt pattern designer Sarah Goer will present her "Rules and Options of Planned Improv Piecing" lecture and will also include a trunk show of her quilts at this Saturday's general meeting of the Amador Valley Quilters, from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton. Guests are welcome!

● Sunday, November 11: Veterans Day 2018

Celebrate our local veterans from 11 to 11:30 a.m. this Sunday at the Castro Valley Veterans Memorial, 18988 Lake Chabot Road at Quail Ave. in Castro Valley.

● Sunday, November 11: Youth Orchestra Concert

The Youth Orchestra of Southern Alameda County will present its Fall Concert at 3 p.m. this Sunday at the Cal State Music Building Recital Hall in Hayward. The Symphony Orchestra will feature Bizet: "Carmen Fantasy," Beethoven: "Symphony No. 5, First Movement," and more. The YOSAC Concert Orchestra and the Horizons Ensemble will also perform their works. More info at www.yosac.com

● Sunday & Monday, Nov. 11-12: Yoga Benefit for Veterans

Castro Valley Yoga at 3160 Castro Valley Blvd. will donate all proceeds from classes on Sunday, Nov. 11, directly to the Veterans Yoga Project, an organization that offers free yoga to veterans, active duty military, and their families. On Monday, Nov. 12, Castro Valley Yoga will offer a donation-based all-levels, yoga class in support of the project from noon to 1:15 p.m. For more info, call 510-542-9655 or email perry@veteransyogaproject.org

● Tuesday, November 13: Rotary Topic: Shriner's Hospitals

Alan West, member and past president of the Club, will talk about the Shriner's Hospitals for Children at the next buffet lunch meeting, from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 13 at Redwood Canyon Golf Course, 17007 Redwood Road, Castro Valley. The cost of lunch is \$15 and reservations must be made by 9 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 11, by contacting Rotary at cvrotary@iCloud.com or 510-402-5123. More information is available at castrovalleyrotary.org

● Tuesday, November 13: School Board Meeting

The Castro Valley Board of Education will hold a regular open meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the boardroom at 4400 Alma Avenue. The meeting includes a Public Hearing on the School District's Initial Proposal to the Castro Valley Teachers Association for the 2018-2019 Collective Bargaining Agreement. The agenda and board packet will be available tomorrow, Nov. 8, at bit.ly/CVUSDBBoardMeetings

● Tuesday, November 13: Free Job Fair

The San Lorenzo Adult School at 820 Bockman Road will host a Community Resources Information Session and Job Fair on Nov. 13, with America's Job Center, Eden I&R, Meals on Wheels and Spectrum Community Services. The first event will run from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., the second from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For vendor information, contact Trish Jetson at 510-317-4224 or pjetson@slz.usd.org

● Wednesday, November 14: CV Women's Club Meeting

The public is invited to hear Stephen Steiner and Lara Mendel of the Mosaic Project, which works to unite children of diverse backgrounds and empowers them to become peacemakers, discussing the property they have just purchased in Castro Valley, at the meeting next Wednesday at 1 p.m. at 18330 Redwood Road. To attend, call 510-461-7692.

● Saturday, November 17: Hill & Valley Holiday Boutique

The 14th Annual Holiday Boutique will take place from 10 to 4 on Nov. 17 at the Hill and Valley Club, 1808 B Street, Hayward, with hand-crafted items, Christmas décor, jewelry, garden décor, soaps, and more. Lunch and refreshments available. Join us in helping to improve the lives of girls and women in the East Bay. Call Donna Whitehouse at 510-924-7622 or rambosmom@comcast.net for more information.

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● **Oakland Youth Orchestra** will present a free concert at the Center for the Arts at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 18.

OTHER THEATRICAL & MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

● **"Don't Dress for Dinner,"** a laugh-out-loud comedy that contains adult themes, a rush of sexy shenanigans, mix-ups and wild coincidences, continues through this Sunday, Nov. 11, at Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Ave., Castro Valley. Curtain time on Friday and Saturday evening is 8 p.m. with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. General admission is \$25; and \$20 for seniors and students. For tickets, visit chanticleers.org or call 510-733-5483.

AT THE ART GALLERIES

● **41st Area Artists Annual Juried Exhibition**, a competitive exhibit which features artwork from 41 selected local artists reflecting the world as they see it, will be presented through Dec. 8 at the Adobe Art Gallery, 20395 San Miguel Ave., Castro Valley. The exhibit includes a variety of media. Visit www.adobegallery.org

Downside to Gifting a Home

I am thinking about just gifting my home to my son now, in order to minimize estate administration after I'm gone. Of course, I would continue to live here as long as possible. Any downside to this?

By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Yes, there may be a big one. Consider the following:

Taxes: If your home has appreciated substantially in value since you purchased it years ago, a gift of the home during your lifetime would not be "tax smart." Here's why: Let's suppose you bought the home years ago at a price of \$75,000, but that it is now worth \$775,000. Let's also assume you have not made any improvements.

From a tax viewpoint, your tax basis in the home would be \$75K, i.e. its cost. So, if you sold it now for \$775K, you would realize roughly \$700K in gain. Even assuming you are eligible to exclude \$250K of that gain under the 'sale of home residence' exclusion,

you would still realize \$450K in capital gain upon which you would be taxed.

Likewise, if you gifted the home to your son during your lifetime, he would step into your shoes and would then also have a tax basis of \$75K. If he later chose to sell, the home would generate a large potential tax liability for him. (Whether he, too, would have the 'home residence exclusion' available would depend upon whether he met the home residency test before sale.)

In any event, his potential tax liability upon a later sale would be very substantial, and would likely increase over time as the home's value increased, because the home would continue to carry your older, low cost basis.

By contrast, if you passed the home to him as a result of your death, then under current tax law he would receive an adjusted tax basis equal to the home's fair market value at the time of your death.



Let's suppose by then the home's value has increased to \$1,000,000. That would then be his new tax basis, and this adjusted basis would then offset much of any taxable gain upon a later sale, potentially saving him tens of thousands of dollars in taxes.

So, trying to keep things simple now would potentially be very costly for your son down the road.

That said, there are ways to "have your cake and eat it, too":

If you create a lifetime transfer now, but use a technique whereby the transfer is only complete at death, then you can both eliminate estate administration and also obtain favorable tax treatment for your son.

One technique: the Life Estate Deed, which preserves your right to occupy the home for your lifetime, but gives him the 'remainder interest' after your demise. Visit our website for more information.

Medi-Cal Subsidy for Long Term Care: If you believe that you may need long term care in the future, the home transfer should be handled in a manner that complies with the Medi-Cal rules, so as to both preserve your eligibility and avoid a post-mortem reimbursement claim.

Child's Credit Issues: If your son has unpaid creditors, you may wish to re-think your plan, as the home might then be exposed to his creditors' claims.

Borrowing Unavailable: A gift now would make you ineligible to take out a conventional or Reverse Mortgage on your home to help with expenses.

In your situation, it would be wise to consult an attorney experienced in these matters to devise the best plan.

Gene L. Osofsky is an Elder Law and Estate Planning attorney in Hayward. Visit his website at www.LawyerForSeniors.com.

What You'll Pay for Medicare Next Year

By Jim Miller
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services recently announced their cost adjustments for 2019, and you'll be happy to know that the standard Medicare Part B monthly premium for most beneficiaries starting in January will be \$135.50, a modest increase of just \$1.50 per month over 2018's standard premium.

There are, however, a small group of Medicare beneficiaries (about 2 million people) who will actually pay less than \$135.50 because the 2.8 percent cost-of-living increase in their Social Security checks will not be large enough to cover the full premium increase.

Thanks to the Social Security Act's "hold harmless" provision, Medicare cannot pass along premium increases greater than the dollar increase in their Social Security checks.

In addition, there are also a small group of high-income beneficiaries (about 3 million people) that will pay higher Part B premiums because their income is above \$85,000 as a single, or \$170,000 as a married couple filing jointly.

Medicare uses modified adjusted gross income from your tax return from two years ago to

determine your premiums, which means that 2019 Part B premiums are determined by 2017 income.

So, if your income was \$85,001 to \$107,000 (or \$170,001 to \$214,000 if filing jointly), your monthly premium will increase from \$187.50 to \$189.60. Monthly premiums for singles with an income of \$107,001 to \$133,500 (joint filers with income of \$214,001 to \$267,000) will rise from \$267.90 to \$270.90. And premiums for singles earning \$133,501 to \$160,000 (\$267,001 to \$320,000 for joint filers) will increase from \$348.30 to \$352.20.

If you had higher income than that, your monthly premium for 2018 was \$428.60. In 2019, there will be an extra surcharge tier for people with the highest income.

If your income is between \$160,001 and \$499,999 (\$320,001 to \$749,999 for joint filers), you'll pay \$433.40 per month. Single filers with income of \$500,000 or

more (\$750,000 or more for joint filers) will pay \$460.50 per month.

If you fall into any of these categories and you've experienced certain life-changing events that have reduced your income since 2017, such as retirement, divorce or the death of a spouse, you can contest the surcharge.

For more on contesting or reducing high-income surcharge, see "Medicare Premiums: Rules for Higher-Income Beneficiaries" at SSA.gov/pubs/EN-05-10536.pdf.

In addition to the Part B premium increases, the annual deductible for Medicare Part B, which covers physician services and other outpatient services, will see a mild bump from \$183 to \$185 in 2019. The deductible for Medicare Part A, which covers hospital services, will increase from \$1,340 in 2018 to \$1,364 in 2019.

For more on all the Medicare costs for 2019 visit Medicare.gov or call 800-633-4227.

Free Senior Driver Class

Getting older does not mean you are a bad driver. Eden Medical Center and the California Highway Patrol present "Age Well Drive Smart" senior driving class from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 8 at

Eden Medical Center, 20101 Lake Chabot Road. By adapting your driving habits to your medical and physical changes, you can remain a safe driver. Call 510-727-8485 to register.

Class on Medicare for Family Caregivers

Medicare, the federal health insurance plan for people 65-plus and those with disabilities doesn't have to be confusing.

To help family caregivers make sense of all the options available, Hope Hospice presents, Medicare: An overview and update, part of its Family Caregiver Education Series, from 9:45 a.m. to noon this Saturday, Nov. 10.

Katy Brady from Alameda County's Health Insurance Coun-

selling and Advocacy Program (HIPCAP), will share information about coverage, options for supplementing Medicare, consumer rights and protections, changes for 2019, hospital and skilled nursing facility rights, and detecting and reporting fraud and abuse.

Any community member engaged in the role of family caregiver or expecting to soon become a caregiver is invited to attend these classes, which are held at Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Suite 100, in Dublin. Light refreshments will be served.

Register online at HopeHospice.com

or contact Debbie Emerson at debe@hopehospice.com.

Hope Hospice offers 14 classes designed to provide training, education, support, and resources for those caring for loved ones with chronic or disabling conditions.

To download a copy of the class schedule, go to HopeHospice.com and select Family Caregiver Education Series. These classes are available at no cost to all community members; however, donations to Hope Hospice are greatly appreciated. This program is supported in part by a generous grant from the Rotary Club of Pleasanton.

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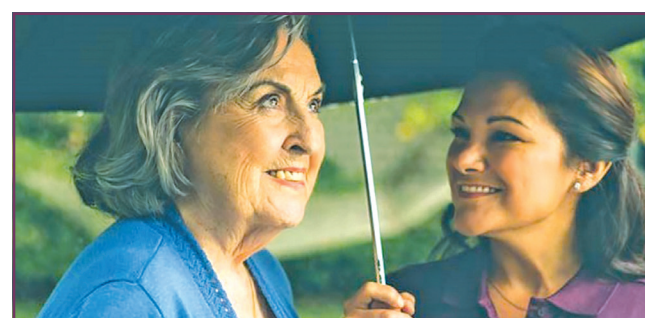
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The 2018 Castro Valley Light Parade will be held Saturday, November 10th. In conjunction with the parade, Alameda County will host it's very first Storefront Decorating Contest. We are encouraging all business to participate! The contest will be judged by the Castro Valley Lion's Club. Window Decorating must be completed by 5 PM and Judging will take place from 5-8 PM on November 10th, the day of the Parade.

The categories are: Best Use of Lights, Best Theme (both chosen by the judges); and Most Amount of Selfie Challenge Submissions which will be decided by the Community on Facebook via #CVMeetintheStreetSelfieChallenge

Decorated windows will be photographed and posted on the Castro Valley Meet in the Street Facebook Page. The winners of the contest will be announced on Facebook and contacted directly.

Top three things to remember: Please bring a chair! All parade seating is on the sidewalk. If you have something light-up to wear, November 10th is the night!

For more information:
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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



This week's Athletes of the Week are the members of the seventh grade Canyon Middle School's boys basketball team. They won the middle school's basketball championship against John Muir Middle School by a score of 28-23, at Canyon Middle School on Saturday evening, Oc-

tober 27. The team finished undefeated this 2018 season with a record of 12-0, including the play-offs. This Canyon basketball team finished last season as the sixth grade champions with a 12-0 record, as well, so this season's win concluded their back-to-back Championships.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JEFF MORGAN

The Castro Valley High School football teams' seniors played their last football game as members of the CVHS Trojans football team against Piedmont and won 48-27, on Friday, October 26, at CVHS. On a night that was celebrating seniors, the Trojans started their opening drive with a 52 yard touchdown run from, senior, Payton Morgan. It was an emotional night for the Trojans, as the seniors 'left it all out on the field' along with their teammates and after 4 hard fought quarters, they finished their season and career with a home field win, 48-27. The seniors from left:Lennart Richter #53, Matt Tognolini #52, Connor Kincaid #80, Jake Harris #24, Payton Morgan #34, Max Smith #32 (Pictured in the cut-out due to injury), Alex Zaragoza #3, Major Greene #75, Brian Trevino #55, Dasch Ainer #4, and Head Coach Denny Molzen kneeling (in the center).

Lottich Advances to NCS Championships

The West Alameda County Conference held their varsity tennis singles and doubles Championships, at Harbor Bay tennis club in Alameda, on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 2-3.

In the singles tournament, Lottich, a junior from CVHS was seeded #3 in the tournament. She had a bye in the first round, but played in the second round match against Emily Becker from Piedmont and won 6-0, 6-0, on Friday.

On Saturday, the semi-finals began and she played Angela Huang from Piedmont, the second seed, and won in a match lasting over 2

hours, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2. In the finals, Lottich had to play the #1 seed from Berkeley, Sasha Turchak, and in another long match lasting about 2 1/2 hours, Lottich won 7-5, 2-6, 6-1. As a result of winning the WACC singles championship, Lottich will be entered into the North Coast Section (NCS) singles championships, held on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 12-13, at Harbor Bay tennis club, in Alameda.

Only 16 players from the NCS, which represent about 100 High Schools, are eligible to participate in this tournament.



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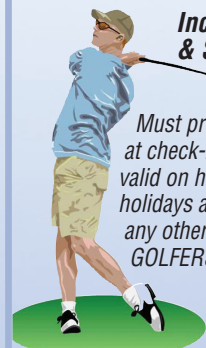
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REAL ESTATE GALLERY

REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Forum

GUEST COMMENTARY



Real Estate Pricing Reality

Meeting with a seller, a Realtor was handed a list of numbers. "Here are our obligations," the seller stated. "It includes our mortgage, 2 cars, student loans and line of credit." The agent added them together, factored in closing costs and produced a net sheet. "To pay everything off," she explained, "your home would have to sell for \$940,000. Our challenge is," she continued, "comparable sales put your current value in the range of \$860,000." "Ok," said the seller, "we will list our home at \$940,000 and not accept a penny less. Someone out there will love our house enough to buy at our price."

While this logic may have made sense a few months ago when multiple offers were driving prices upwards, the market has shifted downward and the rules have subsequently changed. In the current real

estate reality, this scenario has some fatal flaws.

1. Correct pricing strategy is to price ahead of the market: if prices are going up, you can price higher than previous sales. If values are headed down, you should list lower than previous sales.

2. Since prices are currently trending down, offers are typically being written under previous comparable sale prices. In fact, even with lower list prices, many offers are coming in under list price. A substantial number of Central County homes have closed under list price in the past few months.

3. Today's buyers are very savvy when it comes to pricing. With access to online valuation tools, they have a good idea what values should be in any given neighborhood. They will not pay more than a home is worth just because a seller "needs" to net a higher price. Even if they did, an ap-

praiser will not provide a value that is not in line with current market pricing. In reality, if buyers sense a home is priced too high, they will simply not show up.

4. Homes priced too high for the market will sit for a long time. In a declining market, the longer a home sits, the wider the gap between list price and actual value. If a seller is adamant about getting a price over perceived market value, they will not sell at all.

While understandable that a seller may want a specific amount from their sale, they need to understand they will actually only receive what the current market deems their home is worth.

Carl Medford is a licensed Realtor with Keller Williams Realty and a licensed general contractor. This article is sponsored by the Central County Marketing Association.

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Mortgage Rates Fall Back

Mortgage rates dropped slightly last week, according to Freddie Mac's nationwide survey.

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week, down from 4.86 percent a week earlier. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.94 percent.

Fifteen-year loans averaged

4.23 percent, down from 4.29 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 4.04 percent, down from 4.14 percent.

Moisture, Light, and Nutrients Lead to Success with Orchids

By Buzz Bertolero
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Q: My phalaenopsis orchids have finished flowering. How far should I cut the brown stem back and how do I get them to rebloom? Also, when should I consider repotting them?

A: Phalaenopsis orchids are one of the longest blooming and easiest to grow indoor flowering plants. Moisture, light, and nutrients are the three keys necessary for continued success.

It's natural for the old flower stem(s) to turn yellow/brown and die back, but I wouldn't cut the old stem off at the soil; instead, leave a four-inch-long section. A new flower spike should develop off the old stem in about eight to 12 weeks.

Insufficient light is the most common reason why they don't rebloom. The indirect light from a kitchen or bathroom window is usually sufficient. If this isn't possible, I'd invest in an Agrosun Gro Light from Hydro Farm. The clamp on the light is positioned two to three feet above the Orchid foliage.

During winter months, 15 to 18 hours of light is needed, and less when the days begin to get longer.

The watering schedule doesn't change once it finishes flowering. Typically, they're watered once every seven to 10 days depending on the location.

Orchids should be fed monthly with an orchid food. Gro More is one of several popular orchid fertilizers available. Its 20-20-20 is the general-purpose fertilizer for year round applications. It feeds through leaves and roots stimulating bud formation and root development.

Phalaenopsis orchids are re-potted every 18 to 24 months. When repotting, remove all the roots that are a dark-colored, soft and mushy. Sometimes they may be withered and dry, with a fiber run-



ning through the middle of the root.

Once the roots have been trimmed, center the plant with all of its roots down in the pot and add fresh, pre-moistened orchid bark. The bark should come up just below the bottom of the lower set of leaves. Then wait a week before resuming your regular watering and fertilizing routine.

Buzz Bertolero is an Advance California Certified Nursery Professional. The Dirt Gardener's website is www.

dirtgardener.com and questions can be sent by email to buzz@dirtgardener.com or on Facebook at Facebook.com/Buzz.Bertolero

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4486 LAWRENCE DR	94546: \$890,000	3 BD - 1,320 SF - 1952
18469 MAGEE WAY	94546: \$594,000	2 BD - 969 SF - 1952
20849 SAN MIGUEL AVE	94546: \$860,000	3 BD - 1,660 SF - 1948
20972 SAN MIGUEL AVE	94546: \$720,000	2 BD - 1,195 SF - 1948
2359 SOMERSET AVE	94546: \$690,000	4 BD - 2,040 SF - N/A
18426 TERRY WAY	94546: \$875,000	4 BD - 1,624 SF - 1955
20283 YEANDLE AVE	94546: \$862,000	3 BD - 1,392 SF - 1959
22739 CANYON TERRACE DR	94552: \$625,000	2 BD - 1,213 SF - 1997
25582 CRESTFIELD DR	94552: \$1,380,000	N/ABD - 3,526 SF - 1998
18778 MASTERSON PL	94552: \$1,200,000	4 BD - 2,634 SF - 1985

TOTAL SALES: 13
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$594,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$862,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,380,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$867,769

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779 BOCKMAN RD	94580: \$400,000	3 BD - 1,068 SF - 1947
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1941 VIA AMIGOS	94580: \$565,000	3 BD - 1,231 SF - 1955
15865 VIA CONEJO	94580: \$700,000	3 BD - 1,660 SF - 1944
16072 VIA DESCANSO	94580: \$550,000	3 BD - 1,000 SF - 1944
17374 VIA JULIA	94580: \$702,000	3 BD - 1,355 SF - 1951
17349 VIA MAGDALENA	94580: \$615,000	3 BD - 1,051 SF - 1947
1601 VIA RANCHO	94580: \$731,000	3 BD - 1,143 SF - 1955
17674 VIA RINCON	94580: \$550,000	3 BD - 1,000 SF - 1944

TOTAL SALES: 9
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$350,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$565,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$731,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$573,667

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A	—	1-4	13881 School St.	\$778,000	4/3	Coldwell Banker	Laurie Pfohl	510-851-3551
C	1-4	1-4	18668 Capricorn Ct.	\$949,000	3/2	Berkshire Hathaway RE	Cathy Brent	510-381-1065
W	—	1-4	469 Le Jean Way	\$995,000	3/2	J. Rockcliff RE	Lisa Ferraris	925-304-1271
C	1-4	1-4	17849 Parker Rd.	\$999,000	4/2	Berkshire Hathaway RE	Cathy Brent	510-381-1065

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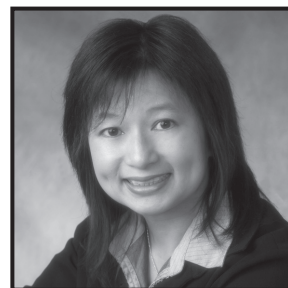
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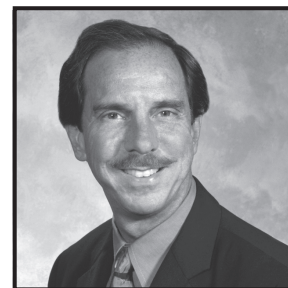
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Wrap shrubs in burlap to protect them from frosts and freezes.

Getting Those Outdoor Plants Ready for Winter

By *Samantha Mazzotta*
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

As it gets closer to the frosty season, gardeners being wondering about which outdoor plants need protection?

For exact information on which plants to protect and how, you'll want to ask at your local garden center. Each plant is different, but most are classified in the U.S. based on the growing zone in which they do best.

If a plant is classed as "hardy" for your zone, it should do all right in the cold weather, with a few precautions.

If not, or if it is a potted plant, consider bringing it inside, or wrap the plant or shrub in burlap tied with string to protect it from frosts and freezes.

Many perennials need just a fresh layer of mulch, applied before the first hard frost. Again, check with your garden center or

research your type of plant on the Internet to determine which mulch is best to use – bark, hay, straw or leaves – and how deep to mulch.

Other ways to prepare your yard for winter include clearing away any loose debris, such as leaves and fallen branches, to prevent them from blowing around in the winter. If your garden has been harvested, now's the time to turn the soil and remove any stalks and dead vines before the ground

freezes.

It's also a good time to start a compost heap, if you haven't got one already. By spring, you should have some good compost to start the next garden.

Home Tip: Trouble with squirrels invading a bird feeder? Set the feeder at least 6 feet from tree branches or roof eaves and mount it on a metal pole, which is harder to climb.

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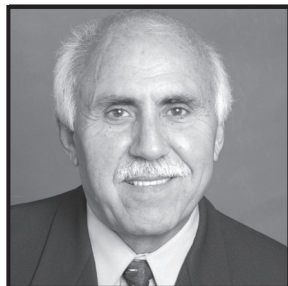
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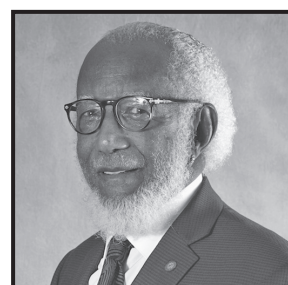
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by the EAST BAY PUBLISHING CORPORATION a California Corporation dba "THE CASTRO VALLEY FORUM" has filed in the above entitled Court a Verified Petition requesting that the Court adjudge that "THE CASTRO VALLEY FORUM" is a newspaper of general circulation.

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Horrific Attack on Pittsburgh Synagogue a Reminder of the danger of hate and bigotry

Editor:

We join communities around the nation to mourn the loss of lives due to the horrific attack on the synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA.

Once again we are reminded of the danger of hate and bigotry and the importance of advocating for compassion, acceptance and kindness.

We recognize the negative impact on our students of such tragic events and bigotry in general targeting communities and people. We support our students by listening to them and having available mental health counselors/social workers in elementary, middle and high school. Please do not hesitate to let your student's teachers, administrators or any of us know if your child needs support.

The following links include tips and information that you may find valuable:

Empowering Young People in the Aftermath of Hate (In English and En Español) bit.ly/empowering-young-people
Talking to Our Kids About Hate Crimes bit.ly/talking-to-our-kids

Schools continue to promote respect and compassion by encouraging acts of kindness and through the Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) implemented throughout the District. As adults, each one of us in our community have the responsibility to model respect and show how we embrace our differences and respect one another.

As a school district, we also recognize the importance

of ensuring that our instructional materials are inclusive and accurately portray the contributions of historically underrepresented communities in accordance with the requirements of the Fair, Accurate, Inclusive, and Respectful Education Act, also known as the FAIR Education Act (Senate Bill 48).

Joining other Bay Area communities, the Castro Valley Community Alliance will be holding two events in November. On Nov. 14th from 6-8 p.m., those attending the Poetry Slam will hear poems written and/or recited by students and community members about unity, kindness, compassion and countering hate. The event will be held at Smalltown Society at 22222 Redwood Road in Castro Valley.

On Nov. 15th, there will be a Unity Walk following a few brief remarks and introduction starting at 6:45 p.m. at the Castro Valley Public Library.

For more information visit the Castro Valley Community Alliance website: bit.ly/CastroValleyCommunityAlliance

We are proud to be a part of a community that respects all people and embraces and welcomes diversity.

—Parvin Ahmadi, Superintendent
Castro Valley School District

Grateful for Outpouring of Solidarity in the Wake of Anti-Semitic Murders in Pittsburgh

Editor:

The members and Board of Congregation Shir Ami, Castro Valley's Reform Jewish synagogue, are profoundly grateful for the outpouring of solidarity we've experienced since the anti-Semitic murders in Pittsburgh on October 27.

The community did not remain silent. The Eden Area Interfaith Council held a vigil against hate. Faith communities, friends, and caring strangers reached out by email and phone. Interfaith neighbors attended our Shabbat services to offer protection and support. All these actions have touched and heartened us.

For centuries, attacks on Jewish individuals and communities have been cynically used to divide people, especially in times of economic or political instability. We at Congregation Shir Ami stand with our Castro Valley neighbors against all forms of hatred, scapegoating, and violence.

—Ruth Hartman, Trustee
Castro Valley

A Pat on the Back to the Members of the MAC Who Brought 'Educational Goldmine' to Castro Valley

Editor:

One of the most special resources in Castro Valley is our fantastic library.

In 1962 the original library was built on Redwood Road. In October of 2009, the library moved to its new home on Norbridge. It is a great community meeting place with a myriad of resources.

Families throughout the county are able to use this facility and be thrilled with its multi-media assets for only a tiny to nothing investment.

While this library was built with much of the money coming from state grant funding in 2004, the county and the Mac board were steadfast. Once again the MAC was instrumental in this accomplishment.

In 2006, David Sadow, serving on the MAC board, introduced the appointment of Jeff Moore, to the Castro Valley Redevelopment citizens advisory committee.

This committee got the job done presenting their ideas to the county. A new, well designed, architecturally pleasing building filled with an educational goldmine.

I am hoping the MAC can do the same job to get the Veterans access to the old library.

Thanks again to the MAC for past and future work to make Castro Valley better. Thanks to Dave Sadow for his 12 years of service.

Until we get our city together, the MAC is where its at.
Trish Deslover
Castro Valley

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although your energy level is high, be careful not to commit to too many projects at this time. You'll do better focusing on just a few tasks rather than spreading yourself too thin.



TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your heart might be leading you in one direction, but pay attention to your keen Bovine intellect. I'm cautioning you to think things through before making any commitments.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your "serious" Twin has been dominant in your life for quite a while. It's time now to let that "wilder" half take you out for some good times -- perhaps with someone very special.



CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Career aspects are high for Moon Children who make a good impression. Show people not only what you can already do, but also how you can be more valuable to them in the future.



LEO (July 23 to August 22) Things start to brighten for the Lion's immediate financial future. But be careful to resist the urge to splurge. You need to tuck something away to help you through another tight period.



VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Having to do too many tasks in too short a time could lower your mood to just above the grumbling level. But if you handle things one at a time, you'll get through it all soon enough.



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your usually carefully made holiday plans could be subject to change later this month. Use this week to prepare for that possibility by starting a Plan B just in case you need it.



SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Be careful about joining a colleague's plan to solve a workplace problem. Investigate it thoroughly. Otherwise, you could find yourself in a predicament with other associates.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Slow down that high-paced whirl you've been on. Spending quiet time alone or with people you care for can be both physically and spiritually restorative.



CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Make suggestions, not demands. You'll be more successful in getting people to follow your lead if you exercise quiet patience instead of strong persuasion to get your ideas across.

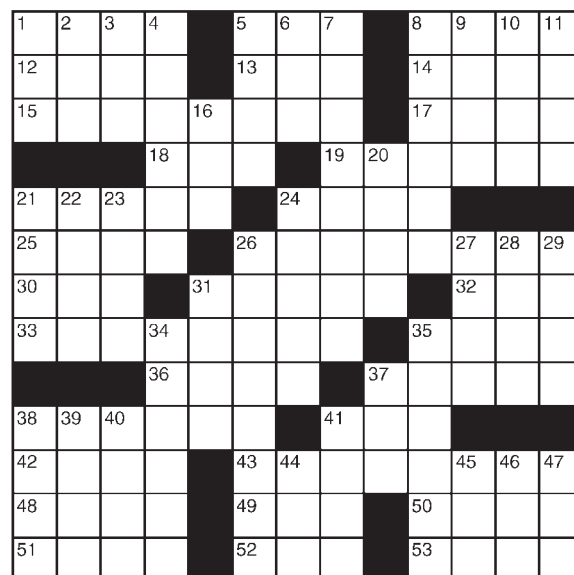


AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You still need more facts before you can make an informed career choice. One note of caution: Be careful about whom you ask for that information; otherwise, you could be misled.



PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Changing situations through the end of the week could lead to some challenging opportunities for those perspicacious Pisceans who know how to make them work to their advantage.

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Obituaries

■ **PAT BARNES**, April 26, 1944 ~ October 30, 2018. Pat Barnes, a long time resident of Castro Valley, died on October 30, 2018 in Lincoln, Calif. after an eight-year struggle with Parkinson's disease. He was the Hayward Greyhound Agent for many years before opening a Play It Again Sports store, first in Hayward in 1992 and moving the store to Alameda Southshore Center in 1994. He and his wife Patricia (Trish) both retired in 2003 and moved to the Lincoln Hills retirement community, drawn to the area because of the 11 tennis courts. They played frequently in the Husband/Wife National tennis tournaments in Palm Desert, and enjoyed the competitive games at their home courts until 2016 when Pat's health declined. He is survived by his wife Trish, his son Brent, his step-son Todd Mandle, and four grandchildren.

CASTRO VALLEY FORUM OBITUARIES

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at October's Art
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This Week at Smalltown

● Saturday, Nov. 10th: Smalltown Art Sessions

Join Smalltown and Pampas Café in the parking lot at Pampas, highlighting local art and the music of singer/songwriter Clay Basard. Pampas Café, 3483 Castro Valley Blvd., Free 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

● Saturday, Nov. 10th: Smalltown Open Studio

Come connect with other Eden area artists in a shared and informal studio environment. We provide tables and chairs, you bring art to work on. Free 2 p.m.-6 p.m.

● Wednesday, Nov. 14th: Unity Poetry/Art Slam

Join Bay Area Stands Against Hate, CV High, CV Community Alliance, and Smalltown Society as we highlight local artists, poets, and musicians around the themes of overcoming hate and spreading understanding and kindness in the community. Free 6-8 p.m.

More details on these events and others visit www.smalltown-society.com or text "Smalltown" to 797979. Smalltown Society is located at 22222 Redwood Road, Castro Valley

Reports: CV

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Wednesday, October 31: at 10:47 p.m., a 34-year-old woman with no permanent address and dressed as a vampire for Halloween was arrested on suspicion of shoplifting. Deputies responded to a call from the manager of a convenience store on Redwood Road near Grove Way about a costumed character leaving the store with unpaid merchandise. The woman was also wanted as part of a warrant issued for her capture. Deputies took the woman to Santa Rita Jail pending \$2,500 in bail.

Attempted Liquor Theft

Tuesday, October 30: at 6:51 p.m., a 40-year-old man with no permanent address was arrested on suspicion of shoplifting, possession of stolen property, and showing a false ID to authorities. Deputies were called to a grocery store on East Castro Valley Boulevard near Justco Lane after store security caught a man trying to walk out with a stash of liquor bottles without paying for it. The man was also wanted for previous theft and shoplifting charges. Deputies report the man became hostile when confronted and was subdued. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail and held without bail.

Assault with a Deadly Weapon

Monday, October 29: at 9:40 p.m., a 911 call about a loud and aggressive-sounding argument sent deputies to a home on Crow Canyon Road near Norris Canyon Road. There, they arrested a 31-year-old woman from Walnut Creek on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon and possession of illegal narcotics. The woman was handcuffed and taken into custody. The victim was treated at the scene.



'Dracula' Opening Next Week at The DMT Theatre in Hayward

The suspenseful story of "Dracula," based on Bram Stoker's classic legend of the Transylvanian vampire, comes to the stage of the Douglas Morrisson Theatre in Hayward next week.

When young Lucy Seward is stricken by a mysterious illness that took the life of her friend Mina, her father — Dr. Seward — who runs a sanatorium in South London, hires an old friend to help diagnose and treat Lucy.

The terrifying dreams that Lucy has been having coupled with the two blood-red dots they find on her throat, lead them to believe this illness might have something to do with Count Dracula, their charismatic new neighbor from Transylvania.

Van Helsing must convince his scientist friend that Count Dracu-

la is something other than human, and that to save Lucy, they must destroy him.

The play "Dracula" premiered in 1924 at the Grand Theatre in Derby, England. Three years later, it opened on Broadway, and in 1931 it became a famous motion picture starring Bela Lugosi.

The DMT production, directed by Kendall Tieck, features Kyle Goldman as Count Dracula, Geoffrey Colton as Abraham Van Helsing, Anya Cherniss as Lucy Seward, Tim Garcia as R.M. Renfield, Danny Martin as Jonathan Harker, Michael Sally as

Dr. Seward, Michaela Greeley as Miss Wells, and Jim Woodbury as Butterworth.

The production will also feature live original music by Donald Tieck.

Show times are 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15 (preview night at \$10) and Friday and Saturday nights, and at 2 p.m. on Sundays, with one Saturday matinee on Dec. 1.

The theatre is located at 22311 North 3rd St. in Hayward. For tickets (\$29), visit www.dmtonline.org/dracula or call 510-881-6777. Some discounts are available.

Light: Meet in the Street

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Starting at 5:15, there will be a pre-parade presentation by the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, the award-winning Sheriff's Mounted Posse and Honor Guard, the Young Marines, and Sea Cadets with a flag presentation and playing of the National Anthem in front of the two grandstands.

Starting at 5:30 p.m., the main light parade will feature floats from local service organizations and churches, Castro Valley Schools, Powell's Irish Dancers, the Redwood Christian High School Marching Band, motorcycle clubs, and tap-dancing Christmas Trees (a team from Hayward that has danced in the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade).

Stretching between San Miguel Avenue and Redwood Road, organizer Mel Speed says the schools will be up at the front of the line this year following the presentation of colors.

"We realized if we let the schools all march one after another, the kids would be able to turn around and enjoy the rest of the parade first hand," Speed says.

Capping off the one-hour parade will be an appearance by Santa. His float will be eventually staged at the grandstand in front of Knudsen's Ice Creamery. While there, he will invite people onto the float for a meet and greet and to take pictures.

Visit cvmeetinthestreet.org/ for more information, including street closures.

Wheelchair: Transforms

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"At first we thought Jesse wanted to be Batman, but when he met with Roy he said he wanted a motorcycle," says Jennifer.

Roy borrowed Jesse's wheelchair for a night to take measurements, then spent two months working on the makeover. The final product arrived the day before Vannoy Elementary's Halloween parade.

Jesse invited his friends over for a pizza party where the realistic-looking chopper was "revealed."

Though it looks solid, Jennifer says the motorcycle attaches to the wheelchair with twist ties and bungee cords. Roy and his friends even handmade a cloak for Jesse.

The motorcycle and costume were so impressive that Jesse won Crush Comics' Halloween costume contest, and led his school's Halloween parade.

"The kids at Vannoy are wonderful too. They're here for him, cheering him on," adds Jennifer.

Jesse will get to use the motorcycle again for San Jose's "Walker Stalker Con" in December, outfitting himself as a motorcycle-riding hero named Daryl Dixon.

Magic Wheelchair's mission is to build epic costumes for kids in wheelchairs, at no cost to the families.

More about the organization, with additional photos of Jesse and Roy, is available online at: www.magicwheelchair.org

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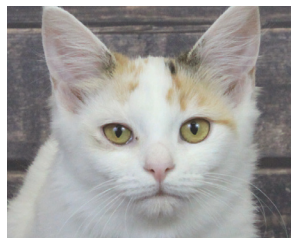
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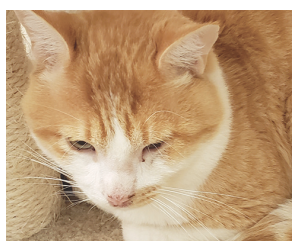
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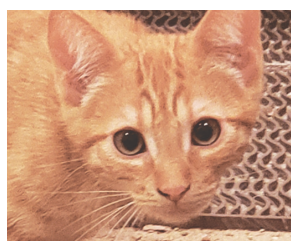
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COLBY is a cute 3-month-old, playful kitten. He and his 4 siblings hope to find a home soon. Neutered, microchipped, current on vaccinations. Love-allpawzrescue@gmail.com.

Hayward Rated One of the Most Art-Vibrant Communities

By Bruce Roberts
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

The National Center for Arts Research has just announced their 2018 list of the most Art-Vibrant communities in the entire country.

This elite list is divided into Large, Medium, and Small, based upon population, and in the Large division, they judge groups of Art-Vibrant cities in a region of more than a million people.

Number one in the country, for example, is the region combining San Francisco, Redwood City, and South San Francisco.

San Francisco, of course, would be expected to win such a rating. However, on the list for the first time, coming in 15th in the entire country, is the East Bay region of Oakland-Hayward-Berkeley.

What? Hayward rated as one of the most Art-Vibrant cities in the country? That's terrific — and due, in large part, to the expanding efforts of the Hayward Arts Council.

Founded in 1983, the Arts Council has long provided gallery opportunities for the growing pop-

ulation of local artists to exhibit their work. They currently operate four separate galleries in Hayward, but are expanding to six.

For years now, the Foothill Gallery has been the home to the Hayward Arts Council, but in September, they moved to a much larger site at the Hayward Center/Adult School, providing much more room for art displays, and office space.

In addition, since they will be on a school campus, there will be much more opportunity for interaction with students, as well as access to a Maker Space down the hall.

The new Sunset Gallery on

school campus will have an open house this Friday, Nov. 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring "Celebrate Day of the Dead" exhibition.

Continuing galleries are also at the Hayward Chamber of Commerce, the Hayward Senior Center, and the John O'Lague Gallery at the Hayward City Hall. New, however, are gallery spaces at 808 A St., a new senior facility, as well as the new, hi-tech Hayward Library — both expected to open soon.

HAC also encourages young artists by giving monetary awards to the top-named artist at each of the town's four high schools, as well as Chabot Community Col-

lege and Cal-State University East Bay.

Under the guidance of Executive Director Winda Shimizu — named 2018 Women Hall of Fame by Alameda County, as well as enthusiastic President Heather Reyes, the Hayward Arts Council is doing well.

Anyone interested in joining should find the Hayward Arts Council online at Hayward Arts Council and click on "Join Us." All new members are welcome to this thriving art community, among the top 20 in the whole country.

Bruce Roberts is Vice President of the Hayward Arts Council Board of Directors.

Park District's Robert Doyle Awarded Prestigious Medal

General Manager Robert E. Doyle of East Bay Regional Park District has received the 2018 Pugsley Award medal, the most prestigious award given for promoting and developing public parks, recreation, and conservation in the U.S.

Doyle, who began his longtime career with the Park District as a park ranger, accepted the award at the National Recreation and Park Association Conference in Indianapolis on Sept. 26.

The award is given by the

American Academy of Park and Recreation Administration.

"I did not do any of these things by myself," Doyle said in accepting the medal. "I did it with mentors who pushed me, leaders who trusted me, and generations of park champions."

Doyle has led the District as general manager since 2010.

He is a resident of Walnut Creek, where he lives with his wife, Tina Batt. He has two adult children, two adult step-sons, and two grandchildren.



East Bay Regional Park District General Manager Robert E. Doyle receives the prestigious 2018 Pugsley Award.

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