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## The Chabot is Back!

After being closed by the pandemic for more than a year, Castro Valley's Chabot Theater will reopen this Saturday at 7 p.m. with a free screening of the critically acclaimed movie "Gook."

The celebratory launch will begin at 6 p.m. with the pop-up restaurant Noodle Belly offering a special menu for movie-goers.

Since The Chabot opened in 1950, it has been a pillar of art, entertainment, and cul-

ture within Castro Valley and its surrounding areas; long-time residents and recent transplants alike have a story or memory of time spent in its auditorium.

For some, a movie at The Chabot was the first date with their now longtime spouse. For other community members, The Chabot is where they began their everlasting love affair with cinema.

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## CDC: To Mask Or Not to Mask?

By Michael Singer

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Despite last week's proclamation by the CDC, you still must wear a mask in California in all the usual places until June 15 to curb the spread of COVID-19.

The guidelines released late last week by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention allows people to go back to their normal pre-pandemic routines without having to wear a mask, but only if they have had two weeks since their last Covid shot, and with some stipulations.

"Fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance," the CDC said in its announcement.

In response, California's Department of Health said it will

keep existing mask guidance in place until June 15 when Governor Gavin Newsom said the state aims to fully reopen its economy.

"After that, the state plans to allow fully-vaccinated Californians to go without a mask in most indoor settings. You will still have the option to wear a mask if you choose," the California Dept. of Health said on its website.

Alameda County Health Care Services Agency reiterated the state's health directive.

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#### Castro Valley

Confirmed Cases = 2,573

#### Alameda County

Vaccinations = 1,670,947

Confirmed Cases = 88,148

Deaths = 1,668

#### California

Vaccinations = 34,536,581

Confirmed Cases = 3,665,904

Deaths = 61,510

as of May 17, 2021

## Park It: Swim Season Starts at Regional Parks

By Ned MacKay

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

After a year of closures, there's good news on the waterfront. East Bay Regional Park District will reopen some of its swim facilities starting Memorial Day weekend, though at limited capacity due to Covid and available staffing.

Swim areas planned for opening are the swim lagoons at Cull Canyon in Castro Valley and Don Castro in Hayward, Contra Loma in Antioch, the swimming pool at Castle Rock Regional Recreation Area in Walnut Creek and Roberts Pool in the Oakland hills.

The swim areas at Del Valle south of Livermore, Lake Anza at Tilden Park near Berkeley, and Lake Temescal in Oakland are closed currently, due to unsafe levels of cyanobacteria (blue-green algae).

The swim beaches at Shad-ow Cliffs in Pleasanton and Quarry Lakes in Fremont will be closed all season due to low water levels.

Open water swimming is available at Crown Beach in Alameda and Keller Beach at Point Richmond, both on San Francisco Bay. There is no lifeguard service at Crown and Keller beaches; you swim at your own risk. At the other facilities, swimming is allowed

only when lifeguards are present.

Except at Crown, Keller and Del Valle when it reopens, preregistration is required for all swim areas. Registration gets you an all-day swim pass from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Registration will be available up to two weeks in advance for any given date, and can be made online or by phone. The district's reservations department is open Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is closed on holidays. Phone 888-327-2757, option 2. Or visit [www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org) online.

Capacity at Del Valle is determined by the number of



Swimming is available at Crown Beach in Alameda, but there is no lifeguard so you swim at your own risk.

cars let into the park, so swim reservations won't be required.

The website also has detailed information about the park district's swim facilities,

hours and fees. Place the cursor on "Activities" at the top of the home page, then click on "Swimming."

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## Castro Valley Weather May 19-23, 2021



Wednesday  
Mostly Sunny  
High 79° Low 50°



Thursday  
Mostly Sunny  
High 74° Low 53°



Friday  
Mostly Sunny  
High 68° Low 51°



Saturday  
Partly Sunny  
High 73° Low 52°



Sunday  
Mostly Sunny  
Sunny

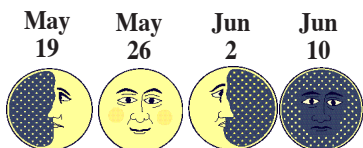
### Almanac



Sun sets at 8:16 p.m. today, rises at 5:57 a.m. Thursday.

Past Week's Rain: 00.00  
Season To Date: 10.21  
Normal To Date: 19.35  
Season Average: 21.22

### Moon Phases



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CVSAN PHOTOS

Sue and Norman Burg pick fruit during CVSan's annual fruit glean event.

## FESCO Virtual Walk Supports Program for Homeless Families

For the second year in a row, supporters of FESCO, the Family Emergency Shelter in Hayward, are walking a virtual Shuffle to support the Shelter's program for homeless families with children.

The Shuffle is a major fundraiser for FESCO, with several hundred participants securing pledges to support the Shelter program. The agency is one of the only shelters in Alameda County that keeps families together during their homelessness.

The Shelter's client families

receive food and housing, case management, family counseling, life skills training and assistance with employment and housing searches while they are in the program.

COVID-19 has made this past year especially difficult for the families who have sought FESCO's help. Job loss, income loss, and illness have made low income families even more vulnerable to housing loss and evictions.

FESCO staff work closely with each family helping them create goals and action plans

as they move toward self-sufficiency. Children's specialists provide infant/toddler group sessions, play activities and tutoring to create a more normal atmosphere for the children.

The group of churches, businesses and individuals that make up the Friends of FESCO Committee has been working toward their goal of ending family homelessness in the Eden area for more than 30 years. This year's Shuffle theme, "Get on Your Feet," is a reminder that walking for FESCO can make a difference for homeless kids and their families.

FESCO invites the community to go to FescoShuffle.org, where they can join an existing team or walk and raise funds on their own, as well as donate to one of the existing FESCO Shuffle Teams. A virtual closing ceremony on June 12 will celebrate the funds raised and winning teams whose efforts will make a difference for homeless families in FESCO's care this coming year.

Visit FescoShuffle.org between now and June 11 for more information.

—Sherry Mattson

## Hundreds of Pounds of Fruit Gleaned in Earth Day Event

From Monday, April 19 through Saturday, April 24, some 20 members of the community harvested more than 700 pounds of oranges, tangerines, grapefruit, and lemons on their own around Castro Valley.

For the first time, Castro Valley Sanitary District coordinated the independent glean event for Earth Day. The project was made possible by residents who reached out to the district and allowed access to the fruit trees in their yards.

CVSan connected volunteers to those local fruit trees and donated the tools to help volunteers glean fruit high up in the trees. The harvested fruit was donated to Greek Orthodox Church Food Pantry, Dig Deep Farms, and other local food assistance agencies.



CVSan has previously coordinated glean events during Zero Waste Week, an annual community celebration each February that inspires action

and awareness about reducing waste.

For more info on how to be part of local glean efforts, visit: [cvsan.org/Gleaning](http://cvsan.org/Gleaning).

## BART Service Increase, Promotion

In an effort to get its riders back, BART plans to increase service in June and then return to near pre-pandemic service and hours in September.

Between June 1 and June 15, 26 new weekday trips

will be added, expanding 15-minute frequencies on the lines with the highest ridership: Yellow, Green and Red. Saturday service will also get 15 new trips, all on long trains to continue facilitating social distancing.

Starting Aug. 30, BART will expand operating hours and significantly increase service:

Weekday service will be 5 a.m. to midnight with 15-minute frequencies on all lines from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday service will be 6 a.m. to midnight with five routes and added trains during peak hours for 15-minute frequency.

50% off in September

BART will offer a special promotion of 50% off all fares on Clipper for the entire month of September. The discount will apply to all fares on Clipper, including already discounted Clipper cards such as Youth, Senior, RTC, Clipper Start, and the Gator Pass.

### Improve Station Access

BART will start reopening entrances/exits that were closed during the height of the pandemic. On Saturday, all entrances at Embarcadero and Montgomery and one center entrance at Powell opened as well as the Balboa Park Station entrance. All remaining closed entrances will reopen on June 14.

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# Castro Valley School Board Announces Appointments

The Castro Valley School Board last Wednesday appointed Dr. Delnaz Hosseini as Principal of Chabot Elementary School, and selected Dr. Raul Zamora for the position of Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources.

**Dr. Delnaz Hosseini** has been a teacher and Intervention Specialist at Chabot Elementary School since 2018. This summer, she will serve as the Principal of Chabot Summer School.

Prior to joining the Castro Valley School District, Dr. Hosseini was a mentor and a coach in the Oak Grove School District in Santa Clara County where she was a teacher for 14 years and was involved in curriculum development.

In 2018, she completed her Doctorate Degree in Educational Leadership at San Jose State University, where she also completed her Bachelor Degree in Natural Science, Multiple Subject Credential and Masters Degree in Educational Leadership.

She is replacing Sarah Winding who is resigning at the end of this academic year.

"We welcome Dr. Hosseini to our administrative team as Chabot Elementary School's Principal, where in her new role she will continue her great work with staff and families to support students," said Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi.

**Dr. Raul Zamora** has over nine years of experience as a Human Resources Administrator in the Fremont School



**Dr. Delnaz Hosseini,  
New Chabot Elementary  
School Principal**

District. Before that he served as a Principal in the Sequoia High School District in Redwood City and Acalanes High School District in Lafayette.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts and teaching credential in Music from Chico State University. He earned a Master of Music Education from University of Illinois and his Doctorate in Organizational Leadership from University of LaVerne.

In addition, Dr. Zamora completed the Principal Fellowship Program at Stanford University and the Association of California School Administrators Personnel and Curriculum and Instruction Academy.

CV Schools and community are home to Dr. Zamora, where he has lived for many years with his wife and family.



**Dr. Raul Zamora,  
Ass't Superintendent  
of Human Resources**

Dr. Zamora is replacing Dr. Sherri Beetz who is retiring from the position at the end of August.

"We are incredibly grateful to Dr. Beetz for her outstanding service to Castro Valley students, staff and families for 16 years and will miss her as she begins her new journey starting in July," said Superintendent Ahmadi.

## SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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**Busted for Prostitution**  
Monday, May 17: at 12:25 a.m., Sheriff's deputies arrested a 24-year-old woman with no permanent residence on suspicion of prostitution and solicitation. The woman was traveling on Crow Canyon Road near Bollinger Canyon Road when deputies stopped her for questioning and discovered she was waving down motorists for sex. Deputies took the woman into custody.

**Burglar Tools, Bad Checks**  
Sunday, May 16: at 10:07 p.m., a 32-year-old man from Castro Valley was arrested on suspicion of possession of burglar tools, illegal drug paraphernalia, forged checks, and violating the terms of a court-issued restraining order. Deputies stopped the man for questioning after a call about a suspicious person outside an apartment on Park Way near Renton Way. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail.

**Spousal Assault**  
Sunday, May 16: at 1:24 p.m., a 911 call about a loud and

aggressive-sounding argument sent deputies to a home on Cameron Street near Grove Way. There, they arrested a 42-year-old man from Castro Valley on suspicion of spousal assault, false imprisonment, and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia. Deputies handcuffed the man and took him into custody. The victim was treated at the scene.

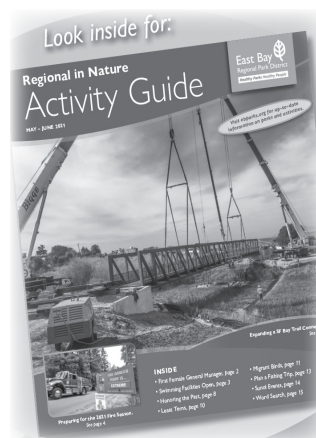
**Assault on a Family Member**  
Saturday, May 15: at 6:27 p.m., deputies arrested a 50-year-old man on suspicion of assault on a family member. An anonymous tip about the man involved in an altercation sent deputies to a grocery store parking lot on Castro Valley Boulevard near Redwood Road. Deputies took the man into custody. The victim was treated at the scene.

**Woman Cited Then Arrested for Petty Theft**  
Saturday, May 15: at p.m., a 61-year-old woman from Castro Valley was arrested on suspicion of refusing to leave an apartment complex on Santa Maria Avenue near the Boulevard. Deputies responding to the scene cited the woman and let her go. Thirty minutes later, deputies arrested the same woman at the same address on suspicion of petty theft. The woman was taken into custody.

**Joy Ride Ends in Arrest**  
Friday, May 14: at 5:31 p.m., deputies pulled over and arrested a 38-year-old man from Castro Valley on suspicion of driving a stolen vehicle and possession of stolen property. The man was traveling on Stanton Avenue near San  
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**This issue of the Castro Valley Forum contains the East Bay Regional Park District May-June 2021 Activity Guide.**

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## Honors for CV Students

**Rachael Ung** of Castro Valley was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Ung was initiated at U.C. Davis. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of se-

niors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. n.

**Wade Evans** of Castro Valley qualified for the Spring 2021 Dean's List at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

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- ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** A once-harmonious relationship appears to be hitting some sour notes. Spend some time together to see why things have gone off-key. What you learn might surprise you.
- TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** You feel a need to make some changes. Good -- you can do it on a small scale (some new clothes, for example), or go big and redecorate your home and/or office.
- GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** Control your tendency toward early boredom. A situation in your life might be taking a long time to develop, but patience pays off. Stay with it.
- CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** You might feel that you're on an emotional roller coaster this week. Don't fret; just ride it out and let things settle down. A Pisces shows understanding.
- LEO (July 23 - August 22):** Do something different for once -- compromise. A stubborn stand on an important issue proves counterproductive. You need to be open to new ideas.
- VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** A friend offers advice that you perceive as an act of betrayal. But before you turn against the messenger, pay attention to the message.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** A year of riding an emotional pogo stick finally settles down. Use this calmer period to restore frayed relationships and to pursue new opportunities.
- SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** Your words can sting, so be careful how you respond to a friend's actions. A calm approach could produce some surprising facts.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** Be careful about whose secrets you're being asked to keep. They could impose an unfair burden on a straight arrow like you.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** While you prefer taking the tried-and-true course in life, be adventurous this week and accept a challenge that can open new vistas.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** Your strong sense of justice helps you deal with a job- or school-related situation. Stay with your principles. A Sagittarius emerges as a supporter.
- PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** You need to build a stronger on-the-job support system to convince doubting colleagues that your innovative proposals are workable.





**TALL TREE COMES DOWN ONE LIMB AT A TIME.** Bruce Johnson captured this sight last week as a tall tree that had dominated the view from the deck of his Castro Valley home came down. You can get an idea of how really big the tree was when compared to the brave man who was removing the branches.

## Mask: CDC Guidelines

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"Local orders are aligned with the State and we can't be less restrictive," the agency said in a statement. "COVID19 continues to circulate at moderate levels in Alameda County and the best way to protect yourself is to get vaccinated."

The news took many states and local governments by surprise as the spread of the coronavirus is still widespread (33 million cases with more than 586,000 associated deaths) and only 37.6 percent of Americans have been vaccinated.

California has better vaccination rates (50%) and a smaller 7-day rolling average of daily new reported cases per 100,000 residents (4%) compared to New York (9%), or Oregon (13%), or Colorado (20%), according to CDC data. Alameda County has 56.5% of its population fully vaccinated and is flirting with fewer than 3% of cases in its 7-day rolling average, according to county data.

Locally, some neighborhoods in Castro Valley and San Leandro have even higher vaccination rates than surrounding cities. For example, people living in the Five Canyons and Palomares Hills neighborhoods are 67.3% fully vaccinated.

The CDC guidelines also come on the heels of the announcement that the FDA has approved the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for youths aged 12 to 15. Those who are eligible can schedule their vaccine appointments at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland, or a number of smaller venues.

"Vaccinating children has helped eradicate many diseases in our modern world and will help us end the COVID pandemic," said Alameda County Health Officer Dr. Nicholas Moss. "Expanding COVID vaccine eligibility to younger children means we can increase the amount of protection our communities have from this deadly virus."

A General Contractor B license is required for the exempt Energy Program Manager opening. The Weatherization Installers can be trainees or experienced candidates.

A part time Delivery Driver position is also available for about five hours a day, Monday through Friday, with a 9:30 a.m. start time.

Spectrum Community Services is a registered, private non-profit organization offering a wide variety of community programs and services.

For more information, visit [www.spectrumcs.org](http://www.spectrumcs.org).

## Spectrum Services Has Employment Openings

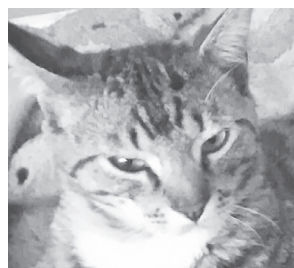
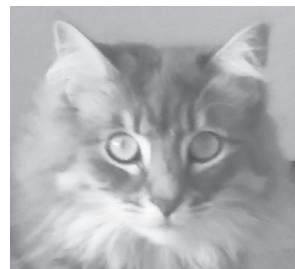
Spectrum Community Services is looking for friendly, dependable people to join their team serving seniors and low income families. Bilingual candidates are encouraged to apply.

Current Monday-to-Friday full time openings in their headquarters in Hayward include an interim or permanent Energy Program Manager, two Weatherization Installers and two Customer Service Representatives.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS

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## ADOPT-A-PET



Four sweet cats, through no fault of their own, have found themselves in quite the pickle! Sadly, their guardian passed away and they soon will be homeless. The family is moving across the country and will not take them. First is Duchess, a gorgeous 2.8 year old spayed Siamese mix. She is a happy and curious girl. Next is GeeGee, spayed, a beautiful 3 yr old, with medium length gray and white fur. She is sweet, curious and playful. She loves to wrestle with Peanut, a 1.8 year old grey and silver tabby. He is talkative when he's hungry or wants attention. Peanut is not neutered yet. And finally, there is Elijah. Elijah is a neutered, handsome 15 year old orange tabby who is calm and quiet. While a bit shy until he gets to know you, he will sit and paw/head butt you when he wants something. If you have room in your home and heart and can take in one or more of these innocent fur kids, please email [Loveallpawzrescue@gmail.com](mailto:Loveallpawzrescue@gmail.com) for more information.



**Prince Bubblegum** is a sweet boy bunny who is easy going and easy to handle. He enjoys naps on soft blankets and fresh garden greens of basil, dill, and parsley. To adopt call Hayward Animal Shelter (510) 293 - 7200.

**Beethoven** is 8 years young and full of love and stories to tell. This affectionate boy is easy going and enjoys spending time with people. To adopt call Hayward Animal Shelter (510) 293 - 7200.

## Chabot: A Landmark

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Over the years, the significance of The Chabot's presence has been woven into the very fabric of our community; the marquee and its neon lights have become an irreplaceable landmark on Castro Valley Boulevard.

Today, it remains the only independent, single-screen theater offering first-run films in the East Bay. This unique legacy is a source of pride for our community, and is one that The Chabot aims to continue. Alongside brand new films from Hollywood, The Chabot also seeks to bring local stories, works of art, and cultural events to our community.

Saturday's movie "Gook," written by Justin Chon, tells the story of two Korean-American brothers running their father's shoe store, and their unlikely friendship with a neighborhood 11-year-old black girl, during the first day of the 1992 Los Angeles riots.

Following the screening, some of the cast members will be available to discuss the importance of this movie as it relates to the recent increase in violence and hate crimes against our Asian-American community members.

All state and local health protocols will be followed.

Through funding from numerous different grant sources we have been able to begin some remodeling of our historic Chabot. The concession stand area and bathrooms are getting a significant upgrade and we are adding some lounge style seating areas in the auditorium. Plus, the Chabot is now able to serve beer and wine. Check out the website for upcoming events throughout the month of May.

## Reports: Sexual Assault and Battery

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Carlos Avenue when deputies spotted the vehicle and identified it as stolen. Deputies took the man into custody.

### Assault and Battery and Vandalism

Thursday, May 13: at 7:47 a.m., a 38-year-old man with no permanent residence was arrested on suspicion of assault and battery as well as vandalism. Deputies were called to a church parking lot on Grove Way near Redwood Road following reports of a man involved in an altercation. The man was taken into custody. The victim was treated at the scene.

### Broke into a Church

Wednesday, May 12: at 2:24 p.m., deputies arrested a 34-year-old man from Castro Valley on suspicion of loitering then breaking and entering a church property on Redwood Road near Modesto Street. The man was additionally found with illegal narcotics in his possession. Deputies additionally charged the man with resisting arrest but managed to handcuff him and take him into custody.

### Sexual Assault and Battery

Tuesday, May 11: at 11:00 a.m., a 54-year-old man from Castro Valley was arrested on suspicion of sexual assault and

battery at Eden Hospital on Lake Chabot Road. Deputies were called to the scene after hospital security report the man exposed himself and then got into an altercation with another individual. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail.

### Family Fight

Monday, May 10: at 6:14 p.m., deputies arrested a 41-year-old CV man on suspicion of spousal assault. An anonymous call about a loud argument at a home on Lessley Avenue near Redwood Road sent deputies to the scene. The man was taken into custody. The victim was treated at the scene.

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## How Much To Save for Retirement

By Jim Miller

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

How much money you need to retire comfortably is a great question that all working adults should ask themselves. Unfortunately, far too few ever bother thinking about it.

But calculating an approximate number of how much you'll need to have saved for retirement is actually pretty easy and doesn't take long to do. It's a simple, three-step process that includes estimating your future living expenses, tallying up your retirement income and calculating the difference.

### Estimate Living Expenses

The first step – estimating your future retirement living expenses – is the most difficult. If you want a quick ballpark estimate, figure around 75 to 85 percent of your current gross income. That's what most people find they need to maintain their current lifestyle in retirement.

If you want a more precise estimate, track your current living expenses on a worksheet and deduct any costs you expect to go away or decline when you retire, and add whatever new ones you anticipate.

Costs you can scratch off your list include work-related expenses like commuting or lunches out, as well as the amount you're socking away for retirement.

You may also be able to deduct your mortgage if you expect to have it paid off by retirement, and your kid's college expenses. Your income taxes should also be less.

On the other hand, some costs will probably go up when you retire, like health care, and depending on your interests you may spend a lot more on travel, golf or other hobbies. And, if you're going to be retired for 20 or 30 years



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you also need to factor in some occasional big budget items like a new roof, heating/air conditioning system or vehicle.

### Tally Retirement Income

Step two is to calculate your retirement income. If you and/or your wife contribute to Social Security, go to SSA.gov/MyAccount to get your personalized statement that estimates what your retirement benefits will be at age 62, full retirement age and when you turn 70.

In addition to Social Security, if you or your wife has a traditional pension plan from an employer, find out from the plan administrator how much you are likely to get when you retire. And figure in any other income from other sources you expect to have, such as rental properties, part-time work, etc.

### Calculate the Difference

The final step is to do the calculations. Subtract your annual living expenses from your annual retirement income. If your income alone can cover your bills, you're all set. If not, you'll need to tap your savings, including your 401(k) plans, IRAs, or other investments to make up the difference.

So, let's say for example you need around \$60,000 a

year to meet your living and retirement expenses and pay taxes, and you and your wife expect to receive \$35,000 a year from Social Security and other income. That leaves a \$25,000 shortfall that you'll need to pull from your nest egg each year (\$60,000 – \$35,000 = \$25,000).

Then, depending on what age you want to retire, you need to multiply your shortfall by at least 25 if you want to retire at 60, 20 to retire at 65, and 17 to retire at 70 – or in this case that would equate to \$625,000, \$500,000 and \$425,000, respectively.

Why 25, 20 and 17? Because that would allow you to pull 4 percent a year from your savings, which is a safe withdrawal strategy that in most cases will let your money last as long as you do.

Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

## Reverse Mortgage Loan Protections

*Q: I hear that HUD just made some important changes for borrowers of Reverse Mortgage loans to protect the borrowers' spouses. Do you know anything about that?*

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

A: Yes, indeed, and you heard correctly. On May 6, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") issued new rules to govern all Home Equity Conversion Loans ("HECM").

These added new protections for Non-Borrowing Spouses when their borrower spouse either died or moved out of the home to receive long term care outside the home. It also eliminated the burden formerly imposed upon the Non-Borrowing Spouse to establish an ownership or beneficial interest in the home within 90 days of the borrowing spouse's death.

These changes are very significant. To understand their import, here are some key questions and answers:

• *What is a Non Borrowing Spouse?*

A Non Borrowing Spouse ("NBS") is a spouse who did not join on the HECM loan as a co-borrower. The typical reason was that he or she was under the threshold age of 62 at the time of the HECM loan.

• *Under the former rule, what happened when the Borrowing Spouse died?*

The NBS formerly had a very short window, 90 days, to establish her ownership or beneficial interest in the home, a window that was often too short to permit compliance, especially if the home of the deceased spouse went into probate.

This left many NBS's without the ability to remain in the home, even with the modest 60 day extension sometimes granted under the former rule. If she could not refinance the loan, she was either forced to sell or faced foreclosure. In either event, her right to remain in the home was in serious jeopardy.

By contrast, under the new rule there is no longer any requirement that the NBS formally establish her ownership or beneficial interest in the home. She need only continue to reside in the home as her principal residence and meet other conditions of the HECM loan, e.g. pay property taxes, homeowners insurance, and HOA fees (if any).

• *Under the former rule, what happened when the Borrowing Spouse did not die but, instead, just moved out of the home to be cared for in an Assisted Living Facility or Nursing Home?*

Since this was not a "death", but a move-out, there were no protections; the NBS was either forced to refinance the home (if she could), sell the home or, again, face foreclosure. None of these events were what either spouse contemplated when the Borrowing Spouse took out the original HECM loan, and was perceived as unfair in the lead up to the current rule.

The new rule adjusts for this disparity in treatment, and now grants the NBS the right to remain in the home, just as if the borrowing spouse had died and without the need to establish her ownership or beneficial interest in the

home in any formal way. The former 90 day window is now irrelevant.

• *Must the spouses have been married at the time of the HECM loan?*

Yes, and this is one shortfall of the new rule. A later marriage does not elevate the new spouse to the role of an "Eligible Non-Borrowing Spouse". In the event of a later marriage, the only resolution is to try to refinance with a new loan, wherein both parties are co-borrowers.

• *Under the new rule, after the death or moved out of the borrowing spouse, can the NBS continue to draw upon the available loan balance?*

No, and again this may be another shortfall of the new rule.

For more on this new rule, and access to the HUD letter, itself, you may wish to visit our website and view the hotlinks provided.

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GUEST COMMENTARY



## California Paves the Way for Open Houses to Return

The release of last Thursday's statement by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention concerning masks has caused an uproar in California.

The CDC.gov website states, "Fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance."\*

This contradicts California's policy and will cause confusion as the state works towards its goal of fully reopening June 15th. Currently, the Governor's policy contradicts the new CDC statement.

This will definitely have an impact on the real estate industry, as new rules have also emerged from the California Department of Public Health concerning open houses. Banned since the

beginning of the pandemic, open houses, long a foundation of real estate sales, are likely to reemerge in the new future.

The real question is, "What will open houses look like when they are allowed once again?"

Those who have recently visited reopened restaurants will have either seen limited numbers of tables located a distance from each other, every second table cordoned off or a majority of patrons seated outside.

Clearly the intent has been to socially distance guests. Just as clear is the fact that you cannot have real estate open houses with people limited to the outside!

New regulations state that more than one party can be on the property at one time. They stop short, however, in stating just how many groups, how many to a group or what that might look like when in the home.

They also state that masks must continue to be worn at all times, and guests still need to comply with handwashing or sanitizing. Additionally, all entrants should sign in using a newly

released California Association of Realtors Property Sign-In form.

By signing, the visitors are agreeing to follow the posted rules of entry, acknowledge they have received a copy of the COVID-19 Prevention Plan and agree that they are not feeling sick, do not have any COVID-like symptoms and have not been around anyone recently exposed to COVID-19.

There are still a number of questions to be hammered out before open houses resume, and it is hoped clarification will come in the next few days. One of the primary concerns rotates around cleaning. While questions still linger, one thing is clear: open houses will soon be reappearing at homes near you.

\*[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html?mc\\_cid=6870a7c-7c2&mc\\_eid=d8240848ad](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html?mc_cid=6870a7c-7c2&mc_eid=d8240848ad)

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## Mortgage Rates Down Again

Mortgage rates have fallen for the fourth week in a row, according to Freddie Mac's weekly nationwide survey.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 2.94 percent for the week ending May 13, down from a week earlier when it averaged 2.96 percent. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.28 percent.

Fifteen-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 2.26 percent, down from 2.30 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARM)s averaged 2.59 percent, down from 2.70 percent.

"Since the most recent peak in April, mortgage rates have declined nearly a quarter of a percent and have remained under three percent for the past month," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's Chief Economist.

"Low rates offer homeowners an opportunity to lower their monthly payment by refinancing and our most

recent research shows that many borrowers, especially Black and Hispanic borrowers, who could benefit from refinancing still aren't pursuing the option."

"Additionally, the low mortgage rate environment has been a boon to the housing market but may not last long as consumer inflation has accelerated at its fastest pace in more than twelve years and may lead to higher mortgage rates in the summer."



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**REDWOOD CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL'S 2021 HOMECOMING COURT**, from left, Bethany Dominguez (San Lorenzo), Yael Cherry (Oakland), Tyanna Lacey (Castro Valley), Rayah Miller (Castro Valley), Bethany Christian (San Leandro), Britney Truscott (Castro Valley), Dominic DeCastro (Hayward), Noah Sanchez (San Lorenzo), Jonathan Burckin (Castro Valley), Theo Clausen (Castro Valley), Cody Cuento (San Leandro) and Josiah Saavedra-Flores (Hayward).

## Redwood Christian Announces its 2021 Homecoming Court

Redwood Christian High School announced its 2021 Homecoming Court at the Annual Homecoming Banquet at Ruby Hills Golf Club last month.

Elected by their class, Senior King Dominic DeCastro and Senior Queen Britney Truscott were joined by junior princesses Bethany Christian and Rayah Miller and Senior princes Jonathan Burckin and Noah Sanchez.

Also elected by their class, Junior Prince Theo Clausen and Princess Tyanna Lacey were joined by junior princesses Yael Cherry and Bethany Dominguez and junior princes Cody Cuento and Josiah Saavedra-Flores.

The banquet followed the Senior Chapel, a RCHS tradition honoring the unique talents of the graduating class and was the first of several celebratory events to honor the graduating seniors.



**Senior Queen and King, Britney Truscott (Castro Valley) and Dominic DeCastro (Hayward).**

## Big Rebounded Expected in Memorial Day Travel

Americans are showing a strong desire to travel this Memorial Day as more people get vaccinated and consumer confidence grows.

AAA Northern California expects more than 37 million people to travel 50 miles or more from home for the Memorial Day holiday period, May 27-31, an increase of 60% from 2020 when only 23

million traveled, the lowest on record since AAA began tracking travel data in 2000.

### **Know Before You Go**

- Updated guidance. The CDC says fully vaccinated people can travel domestically at low risk to themselves with precautions. For travelers who are not vaccinated, the CDC recommends practicing physical distancing, wearing a mask,

hand washing, and getting tested before and after travel.

- Plan ahead. Local and state travel restrictions may remain in place. Check the CDC's Covid-19 data tracker, municipal and state health departments, and local news for updates on coronavirus cases and continue to do so while on the road.

Masks are required on all

public transportation, including airports, in and out of the U.S.

- Be prepared. Drivers should ensure their vehicles are road-ready before embarking on a road trip.

- Avoid traffic. The busiest times on the road will be the afternoons of May 27 and May 28. Metro areas could experience double the travel times compared to a routine trip.

## Internet Discounts Available to Those Who Qualify

The FCC began accepting applications last week for a program that provides discounts on high-speed Internet service and laptops, tablets and desktop computers to income qualifying households.

The program is intended to help families and households struggling to afford Internet access during the Covid pandemic.

Eligible households can receive:

- Up to a \$50 monthly discount on broadband service and associated equipment rentals;

- One-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet or desktop computer (with a

co-payment between \$10 and \$50).

Only one monthly service discount and one device discount allowed per household.

For info and to apply, visit: [getemergencybroadband.org](http://getemergencybroadband.org).

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### ● **Fri., May 21:**

#### **Democrats Meet Online with Swalwell**

Join the Castro Valley and Hayward Area Democratic clubs for a special meeting with Congressman Eric Swalwell who will give an update on important Washington news. For Zoom link to the meeting, send an email to [cvdemclub@gmail.org](mailto:cvdemclub@gmail.org).

### ● **Sat. May 22:**

#### **Eden Garden Club Plant Sale**

Come to the plants Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. this Saturday at 3090 Massachusetts St. in Castro Valley and shop for annuals and perennials, vegetables, herbs, natives, succulents, shrubs and more. Also an assortment of pots, trays, plant stands, garden supplies, garden art and landscaping materials available. Proceeds benefit the Eden Garden Club's Garden Grants support school gardens in Castro Valley and Hayward. Please contact Pat Payne at 510-427-5261 to make donations or for more details.

### ● **Mon., May 24:**

#### **MAC Online Land-Use Meeting**

The Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council will meet in a virtual land-use session via Zoom beginning at 6 p.m. next Monday. To participate, refer to guidelines posted at: [acgov.org/cda/planning/documents/TeleconferencingGuidelinesforPublicHearings.pdf](https://acgov.org/cda/planning/documents/TeleconferencingGuidelinesforPublicHearings.pdf). The webinar is accessible at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/94808181055>, or by phone at 1-669-900-9128. Agenda available at [acgov.org/bc/cvmac](https://acgov.org/bc/cvmac).

### ● **Tues., May 25:**

#### **Rotary Topic: California Agriculture**

Walnut farmer Henry Gilbert from north of Sacramento will describe this important aspect of California agriculture at the next meeting of the Rotary Club of Castro Valley via Zoom from noon to 1:30 p.m. next Tuesday. More information is available at [castrovalleyrotary.org](https://castrovalleyrotary.org).

### ● **Sat., May 29:**

#### **Register Now for Hike for Hope**

Register now for the 2021 Hope Hospice Hike for Hope Fundraiser for \$45. Registration fee includes an event T-shirt. Child hikers 12 and under participate for free, but must be registered. Then follow the regular style of a single-day excursion on Saturday, June 5, or accept the weeklong Champion Challenge by setting a mileage goal for the week of May 29-June 5 and log progress on your participant page at [TheHikeForHope.com.Hope](https://TheHikeForHope.com.Hope).

### ● **Fri.-Sun., June 4-27:**

#### **37th Annual Lake Chabot Trail Challenge**

The Castro Valley Sports Foundation is bringing back the 37th annual Lake Chabot Trail Challenge Half Marathon, 10K and 5K Fundraiser, but this year it's going virtual. Runners will have three weeks to complete the course they registered for. It will begin Friday, June 4 and continue through Sunday, June 27. To register, visit [runsignup.com/Race/CA/CastroValley/LakeChabotTrailChallenge](https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/CastroValley/LakeChabotTrailChallenge).

### ● **Sat., June 12:**

#### **Online Art Demo by Kazumi Cranney**

A.R.T., Inc. invites its members and friends to a free online art demonstration by Berkeley artist Kazumi Cranney from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on June 12. Cranney has been painting sumi-e and haiga pictures for over 40 years. Visit [www.artinc.org/june-demo-artist](https://www.artinc.org/june-demo-artist) to view details. Email [artincv@gmail.com](mailto:artincv@gmail.com) for registration by June 10.

### ● **Sat., June 12:**

#### **Bay Area Walk for Hearing Virtual Event**

Bay Area teams are now forming for the June 12th Walk-4Hearing Virtual Walk & Celebration, from 8:45 to 10 a.m., the only nationwide event bringing attention to hearing loss and promoting the importance of hearing health. Funds raised support Hearing Loss Association of America's national awareness and education programs. Join or donate at [www.hearingloss.org/event/bay-area/](https://www.hearingloss.org/event/bay-area/)



## PG&E Offering \$250,000 in STEM Scholarships

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and 20 scholarships of \$2,500 each, based on academic achievement, participation and leadership in school and community activities, and financial need. Interested applicants can learn more and apply at [www.pge.com/scholarships](http://www.pge.com/scholarships). The application deadline is June 1, 2021. Awards will be announced in August.

Applications are open to graduating high school seniors, current college students, U.S. military veterans and adults returning to school who are PG&E customers at the time of application.

Applicants must plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study for the entire 2021-2022 academic year and be seeking

their first undergraduate degree at an accredited four-year institution in California.

Students enrolled in the following majors are eligible: Engineering (electrical, mechanical, industrial, environmental, power and/or energy), Computer Science, Information Systems or Cyber Security, Environmental Sciences.

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/s/ Atabey Ortiz

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/s/ Ruth Chen Fruin, Patrick Harold Woodring

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Lil Eden Christian Childcare Center located at 2033 100th Avenue, Oakland, CA 94603, in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): LaVerne A. Mainer, 2033 100th Avenue, Oakland, CA 94603. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced N/A.  
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## Register for Cub Scout Activities

Anyone interested in Cub Scouts this summer or this coming fall?

Cub Scout Pack 722 is based in Castro Valley and is chartered by the Vannoy Elementary PTO, still has open availability in its cub scout pack, and wants to invite all interested for early registration before the fall.

Pack 722 welcomes boys and girls from all Castro Valley schools, ages 5-10 (Kindergarten through 4th grade).

Cub Scouts is a worldwide program with a long tradition in the US centered around youth leadership, service, fun, and the outdoors. All scouts follow the "Scout Law" which includes principles such as being kind, helpful, brave, truthful and other wonderful qualities youth need today.

Pack 722 was founded over 50 years ago and has a long history of activism and service in the local community. Our events include local field trips to beaches and hiking trails, skill building meetings, service projects, collecting donations for food banks, and so much more.

Scouting follows the educational principle of "Fun with a Purpose" and our Scouts love the activities while simultaneously earning ranks and awards as they develop skills in leadership and life.

For more information about Cub Scout Pack 722, cub scouting, and for registration, please contact [cvpack722@gmail.com](mailto:cvpack722@gmail.com).

### SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 186 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CASTRO VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS ESTABLISHING RATES FOR SEWER SERVICE CHARGES

The Ordinance No. 186 amending Castro Valley Sanitary District Code Article IV, Section 4403, Regulation of Sewer Service Charges Administrative Provisions – Schedule of Charges was duly and regularly adopted by the Castro Valley Sanitary District Board of Directors at the regular meeting of said Board held on May 4, 2021.

The Ordinance amends the schedule of charges for the classifications of use for the next two fiscal years (FY), FY 2021/22 and FY 2022/23, effective on July 1, 2021 and July 1, 2022.

The adjustments to sewer service charges are for all classifications of use, including residential and non-residential categories. The average adjustment is five percent per year for residential categories and up to ten percent per year for non-residential categories.

The Castro Valley Sanitary District Board of Directors voted on May 4, 2021 at the Castro Valley Sanitary District Regular Board meeting to adopt the Ordinance as follows: Akagi – Yes; (Dooman) Woerz – Yes; Johnson – Yes; McGowan – Yes; Sadoff – Yes.

The above summary constitutes the major highlights of Ordinance No. 186. A reading of the entire Ordinance may be necessary to obtain a full understanding of the Ordinance. The new rates set by this Ordinance are posted at [www.cvsan.org/SSC](http://www.cvsan.org/SSC) and the full text of the Ordinance is available upon request via email at [contact@cvsan.org](mailto:contact@cvsan.org) or by calling 510-537-0757.

### SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 187 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CASTRO VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO DECREASE RATES CHARGED FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION.

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 by the Castro Valley Sanitary District Board of Directors to consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 187, which will amend Castro Valley Sanitary District Code Article V, Regulation of Solid Waste Disposal, Refuse, and Recycling, Sections 5302, 5303, 5306, and 5307.

The proposed Ordinance will decrease the rates charged for solid waste collection (e.g. -\$0.17 per month for standard 20-gallon garbage cart/up to a 96-gallon organics cart/up to a 96-gallon recycling cart). These changes will be effective July 1, 2021.

The Castro Valley Sanitary District Board of Directors voted on May 4, 2021 at the Castro Valley Sanitary District Regular Board meeting to approve the draft Ordinance and set the public hearing as follows: Akagi – Yes; (Dooman) Woerz – Yes; Johnson – Yes; McGowan – Yes; Sadoff – Yes.

The above summary constitutes the major highlights of Ordinance No. 187. A reading of the entire Ordinance may be necessary to obtain a full understanding. The full text of the draft Ordinance is available at the Castro Valley Sanitary District website at [www.cvsan.org/oan](http://www.cvsan.org/oan), or, to make other viewing arrangements, please contact the Clerk of the Board Stacy Marcoux at [stacy@cvsan.org](mailto:stacy@cvsan.org).

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASTRO VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) intends to amend Sections 5302, 5303, 5306, and 5307 of the Castro Valley Sanitary District Code to decrease the rates charged for solid waste collection (e.g. -\$0.17 per month for standard 20-gallon garbage cart/up to a 96-gallon organics cart/up to a 96-gallon recycling cart), to become effective July 1, 2021.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that on Tuesday, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2021, at the hour of 6:30 p.m., via teleconference only, said Board will hold a public hearing to hear and consider all comments, protests and objections to said proposed amendments to the Castro Valley Sanitary District Code. Written protests against the proposed rate decrease may be mailed or delivered to Castro Valley Sanitary District, 21040 Marshall Street, Castro Valley, CA 94546. All protests must be received prior to the close of the public hearing and must identify the owner(s) of the property or properties.

Dated: May 4, 2021

ROLAND P. WILLIAMS, JR.  
General Manager  
Castro Valley Sanitary District



## In Uniform



**Samuel Lee, Redwood Christian High School Class of 2017, will be graduating as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force next Wednesday, May 26. Lee is the son of Jeff and Elis Lee of Union City, and was appointed to the Air Force Academy by Congressman Eric Swalwell. He will be serving the country as a pilot for the next 12 years.**

## 3Crosses Discontinues Food Pantry Program



FILE PHOTO

**At the height of the Covid quarantine last year, more than 2,400 families and 10,500 individuals received fresh and packaged groceries through the church's Food Pantry.**

**By Michael Singer**  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Families relying on the food pantry at 3Crosses in Castro Valley will have to look elsewhere, church leaders said in a letter Monday.

"It is with sadness that I announce that we will be discontinuing our food pantry distribution and delivery program," Pastor Vance Hunter said in a letter to subscribers. "The provider that we received food donations from is no longer providing food; therefore, our provisions have been exhausted."

"We understand that you may be challenged by this news, but we trust and pray that God will continue to provide for you and your loved ones."

Pastor Hunter provided a list of six other distribution centers including Alameda County Food Bank, San Leandro Community, All Saints, South Hayward Parish, Oakport Drive-thru, and CrossStreets.

More than 12 percent of

Alameda County's population – some 198,950 people – are in the predicament of not having enough food, according to Feeding America.

At the height of the COVID-19 quarantine last year, more than 2,400 families and 10,500 individuals received fresh and packaged groceries through the church's Food Pantry in collaboration with the Alameda County Food Bank.

Despite changing its food partnerships in December, 3Crosses' Neighborhood Resource Center (NRC) continued with a bi-monthly distribution at its John Street campus as well as its delivery service for subscribers that were homebound.

The church said it will still honor its commitment to anyone who signed up for the Back To School Backpack and Shoe Drive. Those families should expect an update in July explaining where and how to pick up those items, Pastor Hunter said.

## LETTERS to the EDITOR

### Police, Media Must Work Together

Editor:

In spite of the negative press police agencies have been given, even though incriminating on a national level, it is important that the police and the media start to change the aggressive attitudes of people stopped by police, no matter the location.

These "defensive attitudes" always get the attention of the police. Escalation can be avoided if individuals act in a civil manner. The police and the media must work together to improve this problem.

—David Blasquez, Castro Valley

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR** must include writer's first and last names, phone number, city of residence, and must be under 300 words. We reserve the right to edit as necessary. Email Letters to: fredz@ebpublishing.com, or mail to: The Forum, P.O. Box 2897, Alameda, CA 94501.

## Obituaries

### Nell R. Klas

March 26, 1923-February 5, 2021

Her beautiful blue eyes looked to the Heavens, saw it was good, and closed them for the last time on February 5, 2021. Thus ended the earthly life and began the eternal life of Nell Klas, long-time resident of Castro Valley. The youngest of 11 children born to Lithuanian emigrants, Nell grew up in a small town in Western Pennsylvania. As a confident, adventurous young woman she moved to Washington, D.C., to work for the federal government during WWII. It was there that she met a handsome Army Lieutenant, Walter Klas, at a dance. A whirlwind romance ended in a 62 year marriage, 4 children, 10 granddaughters and 12 great-grandchildren.

Nell worked as a Real Estate agent/broker for several years before returning to work for the federal government as a loan officer for the Small Business Administration. She proudly earned her AA degree from Chabot College while in her 50's. Upon retirement she was anything but idle. Not only did she join a women's golf group, she also served on the Alameda County Grand Jury, volunteered with the Eden Medical Center Auxiliary and wrote three children's books. Her other hobbies included painting, sewing, jewelry making, crocheting, gardening, and, of course, spending time with her family. She was a great cook but rarely used a recipe. She and Walt were well-traveled, not only throughout the U.S. and Canada, but also explored Australia, New Zealand, Tahiti, Fiji, the Caribbean, Panama Canal, So. America and Europe.

Nell lived at Creekview Health Center in Pleasanton for the past 5 years, where she received excellent care. She was known for her love of music, always moving to the rhythm of a catchy tune or singing along, and her love of chocolate (in any form). She also received kind and loving care from the staff of Hope Hospice during the final months of her life. The family is most appreciative of the staff who saw to her every need over these many years, while also doing their best to keep her connected to her family during the pandemic.

Nell was preceded in death by her parents, all of her siblings, husband, Walter, and son-in-law, Lee Shilts. She leaves behind a legacy of love through her children: Barbara (Richard) Geile, Janis (James) Devany, Susan Klas, William (Terry) Klas, beautiful granddaughters, precious great-grandchildren, in-laws, nieces and nephews.

Her memorial Mass will be held Friday, May 28, 2021, 11 a.m., at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 3433 Somerset Ave., Castro Valley, CA 94546, with a private burial to follow. [Due to the Covid-19 restrictions masks must be worn inside the church.] In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to either Eden Medical Center Auxiliary, 20103 Lake Chabot Rd., Castro Valley, CA 94546, Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568 or a charity of your choice.



### CASTRO VALLEY FORUM OBITUARIES

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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

### Juan Toscano-Anderson

Our Athlete of the Week is Juan Toscano-Anderson. The Castro Valley High School graduate (2011) was recently signed to a multi-year deal to play for the Golden State Warriors.

Toscano-Anderson is averaging 5.5 points, 4.3 rebounds, and 2.7 assists in 55 games this season.

The 28-year-old was previously a 2-way player this year but found himself in the spotlight as the Warriors continue their post-season drive. After playing for the Trojans-JTA as he is known on the team—was recruited by Marquette University in Wisconsin where he played four years, making it as high as the Elite Eight in the NCAA Tournament in his sophomore year.

After college, he played in the Mexican professional basketball league and was a member of Mexico's national basketball team in 2016.



## Parks: Fire Prevention

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Once you're at the beach or pool, there are some rules intended to enhance safety for park visitors. Where lifeguards are on duty, children 12 years old and under are not permitted in the swim areas unless accompanied by a responsible, actively supervising individual 16 years or older.

Younger children must undergo a swim test before being allowed in deeper water. No alcoholic beverages, dogs, glass containers, fishing or barbecues are allowed in swim areas.

Lifeguard service always depends on weather, water level, water quality, staff availability and numbers of park visitors. The park district maintains and trains a highly professional lifeguard corps that is dedicated to maintaining its excellent safety record.

In the event of an emergency, water related or otherwise, park visitors must cooperate

with any instructions from lifeguards, police, firefighters or park rangers.

Swim availability will vary throughout the 2021 season as tier colors change and restrictions loosen, so if you plan for a swim, make sure to check the district web site's swim page when planning your trip.

### Fire Safety

Because it was such a dry winter, the park district will issue occasional red flag warnings as part of its fire prevention efforts. This is especially likely during hot, dry weather with offshore winds.

In extreme cases, regional parks may be closed. When that's the case, please cooperate by changing plans and visiting parks that remain open.

Here are some rules to observe during this season of high fire danger:

- Barbecues and campfires are only permitted in designated day-use picnic areas, campgrounds or developed recreational areas. Gas-fueled camp stoves are okay.
- There's no smoking or vaping in the regional parks.
- Gasoline-powered generators are prohibited.
- Don't drive or park your vehicle in dry-grass areas. Heat from exhaust systems can ignite a wildfire.
- Don't light an open fire on park property, except in barbecue stands and fire pits. On extreme fire days, no open fires or barbecues of any kind are allowed.
- Completely extinguish all burning fuel, then dispose of it in the concrete ash bins designed for that purpose. Don't discard coals in regular trash bins.

*Columnist Ned MacKay is a retired East Bay Regional Park District employee.*



Victoria Sandoval will be one of CVSOM's students performing this weekend at CV Street Eats.

## What's Up at Smalltown

### ● Friday, May 21: Castro Valley Street Eats

*Don't miss this Friday night!* Smalltown Society is partnering with Castro Valley School of Music to bring you a night highlighting a few of CVSOM's gifted young students. Come grab some food, listen to some live music, and support The Chabot Theater reopening.

Food Truck line-up includes: Ampuli, Golden Gate Gyros, Rosie's Mexican and Kona Ice. Castro Valley Street Eats is a weekly event sponsored by Food Truck Mafia and First Pres of Hayward. 5:30 pm-8:30 pm. 2490 Grove Way Castro Valley CA (behind Trader Joe's).

### ● Saturday, May 22: The Chabot is REOPENING!

Let the countdown begin for the first in-person experience of the year at the Chabot Theater, kicking it off with an AAPI event! We'll be showing "Gook" starring Justin Chon and David So, and having a panel discussion with special guests from the movie. In addition, local pop up Noodle Belly will be there serving up their specially crafted dishes! Stay tuned for the menu! Tickets will be available starting May 21 on our brand new website! Show starts at 6 pm. \$10 suggested donation. The Chabot Theater: 2853 Castro Valley Blvd.

## TEXTILE COLLECTION WEEK



### RESIDENTS: RECYCLE YOUR TEXTILES!

**UPCOMING COLLECTION:** June 7-11, 2021.

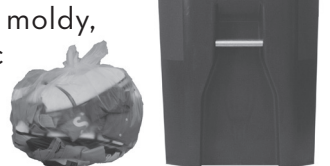
**INSTRUCTIONS:** Between June 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, place bagged textiles on the curb for no additional fee. Textiles will be collected with a special vehicle that may service your block earlier or later than regular vehicles. Please ensure bags are set out by 6:00 a.m. and visible to the Alameda County Industries (ACI) driver. Do not place bags behind or on top of carts. Single-family residents: set out textiles on your normal collection day. Multi-family residents: check with the property manager for your textile collection day or visit [cvsan.org/Textiles](https://cvsan.org/Textiles).

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