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CV Trojan Football Team Welcomes First Female Player in CVHS History

By Andrew Joseph
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

The varsity football program at Castro Valley High School welcomes Leikela Lunt this season as the first female football player in the school's history.

"It is definitely an honor," said Lunt. "I think more women are joining football now than in the past."

Lunt serves as the backup kicker for the Trojans this season. She also plays soccer, which she hopes to continue playing in college.

"I was introduced to football kicking while playing soccer, because my shots often went over the goal when I was kicking the soccer ball," Lunt said.

The junior has made 4 out of 6 field goals so far this season.

"This has helped to build our community and it's great to let other female students out there know that it's okay to play football and we're open to having them on the team," said Trojans head coach Denny Molzen. "We're trying to change the culture of what a foot-

ball player is supposed to be."

Football has traditionally been seen as a men's sport, with the NFL yet to have a female on a team's roster. But at the high school level the doors are beginning to open.

The Trojan's starting kicker is happy to have Lunt share the kicking duties.

"It's really cool to be part of a program that is opening up and diversifying in getting a female on the football team," said starting kicker Paxton Morgan. "It's motivation for other girls out there to join."

Lunt's presence on the team shows fans, students, and the community that there are more opportunities for female athletes.

"It's a step in the right direction to have more female role models for young women to look up to," said Molzen. "It gives other women more opportunities and helps them feel empowered."

It means a lot to the players to have the first female varsity player in school's 62-year history.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Castro Valley High School welcomes Leikela Lunt this season as the first female football player in the school's history.

MAC: The Threat of Wildfire

By Amy Sylvestri
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In the wake of the Santa Rosa fires last year, Castro Valley residents along the Ten Hills Trail have asked the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) to help them come up with a plan to prevent such a disaster here in Castro Valley.

At Monday night's MAC meeting, they heard an update. Because of the location of the trail, it's in a "mutual threat zone" and is under the jurisdiction of the East Bay Regional Parks District (EBRPD), Alameda County Fire Department, and Cal Fire.

All agencies would respond in the event of an emergency, but all agencies must also collaborate to prepare a plan for the area, too, so that complicates matters. Recently, the MAC, fire officials, and residents took a "field trip" to assess the condition of the Ten Hills Trail.

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Public Asked to Help Prevent Illegal Dumping of Trash

By Michael Singer
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Drive down Lake Chabot Road along the lake's west side, and you can see beautiful vistas, lush trees, and occasionally, large piles of trash that were illegally dumped on the side of the road.

"Earlier this month, I saw three large piles of trash. One was so large that whomever dumped it must have had a large dump truck or they made multiple trips in a pick-up truck," says Castro Valley resident Al Chamorro.

"I drive down this road all the time and I have seen televisions, mattresses, couches, and lots of junk just left there. These piles seem to appear in areas with a lot of space to park off the road. Perhaps there is something in the piles that might identify the culprit, so officials can take it to where it came from and dump it in their front yard."



A recent illegal trash dump along Lake Chabot Road.

PHOTO BY AL CHAMORRO

In one case, Chamorro said he stopped to confront a guy on the side of the road near one of these junk piles. It turned out that the

man was actually removing the dirt for his own project.

"I wanted to ask him to pick up some of the other garbage, but

I didn't want to press my luck," Chamorro recounted. Thankfully, two days later he said he noticed an Alameda County Public Works

Agency (ACPWA) truck removing the debris.

Dumping of any materials without a permit is illegal in Alameda County and it seems to be a wider issue than just along Lake Chabot Road. ACPWA, which is responsible for maintaining clean streets and neighborhoods, reports removing some 17 tons of junk within the county every year.

"I don't think it's a problem that will easily go away," ACPWA Deputy Director John Medlock told the Castro Valley Forum. "We have stepped up efforts to keep ahead of the dumping, but the whole notion of enforcement is complex especially in how you enforce and employ the laws."

For example, the county nearly needs to catch the culprits in the act before it can impose fines on a company. Medlock notes there are hundreds of back roads, dead ends, and remote areas in Castro Valley see **DUMPING** on page 6

ADOPT-A-PET



KING is a friendly, 3-month-old tuxedo boy. He loves to cuddle and is very playful with people, toys, his siblings and cat-friendly dogs. Hayward Animal Shelter. (510) 293-7200.



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First: Female

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"It has been awesome," said center Lennart Richter. "This is a special memory that we will all hold onto for the rest of our lives—it is history."

The entire team has accepted Lunt as a member.

"My teammates have been very supportive no matter what and are always pushing me at practice to do better," said Lunt. "They don't make me feel different. They treat me as just another player on the team."

The Trojans lost their home opener last week, 44-21, against Amador Valley, though they put up all of their 21 points in the fourth quarter alone to give them some momentum for their next game on Sept. 28 against Encinal.

"Encinal has a really good program with a good physical group this year and it's our homecoming game so it's going to take a tremendous effort playing mistake-free, matching their physicality, and following our assignments to beat them," said coach Molzen.

CVHS will host against Encinal (4-1) on Friday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m.

Castro Valley Weather Sept. 19 - 23, 2018



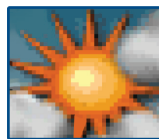
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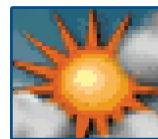
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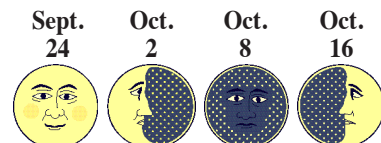
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Almanac



Past Week's Rain: 00.00
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Moon Phases



Sun sets at 7:10 p.m. today, rises at 6:56 a.m. Thursday.

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FALL FESTIVAL INCIDENT

Family of Accused Attacker Disputes Candidates' Story

By Amy Sylvestri
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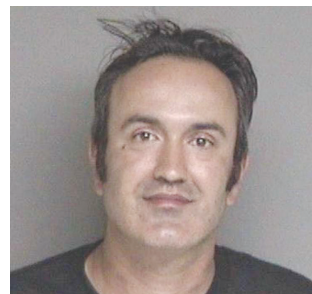
Joseph Grcar, the Republican candidate for state Assembly District 20, said he was sitting at his party's booth at the Castro Valley Fall Festival on Sept. 9 when Farzad Fazeli allegedly attacked Congressional candidate Rudy Peters.

"We were just sitting at the table and this individual ran up yelling obscenities and yelling about President Trump," said Grcar. "He threw a mug at Rudy and Rudy got up and came around the table and confronted him."



Joseph Grcar, Republican Candidate for Assembly

Grcar said that he couldn't see all of what happened in the chaos and that there were people screaming and children crying.



Farzad Fazeli, arrested for attack on Candidate Peters

Grcar said that Fazeli was aggressive and that Peters, a 56-year-old navy veteran, subdued Fazeli and brought him to the ground.

At that point, Grcar said he saw Fazeli, 35, fumbling with a pink object which turned out to be a switchblade knife. When it wouldn't open, Fazeli ran away but sheriff's deputies found him a short time later and arrested him.

Grcar's account of the incident matches the Alameda County Sheriff's Office's press release, but Fazeli's family insists that it's not entirely accurate.

Members of Fazeli's family have come to his defense on social media. His mother, Dolly Adams, a special education teacher with the Castro Valley School District, said that, while her son did initiate the confrontation, Peters was the first one to make physical contact and her son acted in self defense.

Fazeli's sister wrote of the incident on her Facebook: "...my brother was attacked by Republican candidate Rudy Peters who threw my brother to the ground which caused him to bleed. Peters is trying to spin this as a political attack against him when he was the one who started the violence."

Grcar says there is no doubt the attack was entirely politically motivated.

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THANK YOU GREEN HEARTS!

Great Job CVSan Green Hearts Team!



CVSan's Green Hearts Team of 35 volunteers monitored recycling and composting stations during the two-day 2018 Castro Valley Fall Festival. **With their help, CVSan recycled and composted almost 9,000 gallons of materials from the event. Great job and thank you volunteers and event attendees!**

For information on becoming a Green Hearts Team Member, please visit www.cvsan.org/greenhearts or email contact@cvsan.org.



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CV Volunteers Join Thousands In California's Coastal Cleanup

By Linda Sandmark
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Some 30 local volunteers helped clean up Castro Valley Creek and its adjacent walking trail Saturday, as part of California's Coastal Cleanup Day.

The creek is visible to the community on Castro Valley Boulevard and adjacent to the Castro Valley Library.

"This is one of our adopted sites which we come back to periodically," said Jennifer Trevis of the Alameda County Resource Conservation District. "What we find is that litter goes in the gutters, which flow into creeks, which empty into the bay and then the ocean. We're stopping trash here from making its way to the ocean."

She pointed out that there are several huge assemblages of garbage floating in the ocean right now, including the "Great Pacific Garbage Patch" that is twice the size of Texas.

Volunteers of all ages turned out to pick trash out of the creek area and clear the walking trail next to it. Castro Valley resident Gintautas Budvytis and his son Martynas said there were thousands of volunteer options for the Coastal Cleanup Day, so they chose one close to home. Among the discarded cups and bicycle tires, they found a perfectly good squirt gun shaped like the title character from the movie, "Finding Nemo."

"We found Nemo," said Budvytis, "and it works!"

Castro Valley Creek was restored from a cement canal to a



PHOTO BY LINDA SANDMARK

COASTAL CLEANUP DAY: Volunteers of all ages helped clean up Castro Valley Creek Saturday.

more natural configuration within the San Lorenzo Creek Watershed. Volunteer leader Amy Evans said that Friends of San Lorenzo Creek and several other groups clean up this area twice a year, on Earth Day and Coastal Cleanup Day.

"Castro Valley Library is one of our partners. They're really great about helping publicize these events and sending volunteers," says Evans.

The creek and adjacent park have become popular hangout locations, attracting some who leave

garbage behind.

Castro Valley volunteer Beverly Dahlstedt expressed dismay that such a nice area is despoiled by poor behavior.

"I'm sorry that this is necessary, and that people aren't more responsible for their own trash and cigarette butts," she said.

According to preliminary statewide numbers from the California Coastal Commission, more than 50,000 people collected upwards of 734,606 pounds, or about 367 tons, of debris on Saturday.

SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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Traffic Stop Ends in Arrest

Sunday, September 16: at 10:35 p.m., Sheriff's deputies pulled over and arrested a 44-year-old man from Stockton (San Joaquin County) on suspicion of contempt of court and possession of methamphetamine drugs. The man was driving down the Boulevard when deputies pulled him over for a traffic violation and found the illegal drugs folded up in a dollar bill in the man's pocket. The man was taken into custody.

Assault and Battery

Sunday, September 16: at 11:08 a.m., a 911 call about a loud and aggressive-sounding argument sent deputies to a home on North 6th Street near Grove Way. There, they arrested a 31-year-old man from Walnut Creek on suspicion of assault and battery on a family member. Deputies also report the man was wanted for his arrest. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$15,000 in bail.

Stayed for Pie, But Wouldn't Leave

Sunday, September 16: at 12:30 a.m., deputies arrested a 21-year-old man from Fremont on suspicion of violating a court-issued restraining order. The man was visiting a restaurant on Castro Valley Boulevard near Wilbeam Avenue but had been ordered to stay away. Deputies arrived on the scene following a call from restaurant management. The man was taken into custody.

Underage Drinking And Driving

Sunday, September 16: at 2:12 a.m., four men were arrested on suspicion of various public intoxication and drinking and driving charges along Palo Verde Court near East Castro Valley Boulevard. Deputies stopped two vehicles at the scene. The driver of the first car, a 19-year-old man from San Leandro was charged with underage drinking and driving. The

passenger, a 19-year-old man from San Leandro was charged with public intoxication. The driver of the second car, an 18-year-old man from Hayward, was wanted as part of a warrant issued for his arrest, reckless driving, and driving with a suspended license. Deputies took that man to Santa Rita Jail pending \$10,000 in bail. His passenger, a 19-year-old from Oakland was charged with public intoxication.

Homeless Encampment

Friday, September 14: at 8:55 a.m., deputies arrested a 31-year-old man with no permanent address on suspicion of violating the terms of his probation and possession of methamphetamine drugs. The man was camped out in the bushes on Grove Way near the eastbound Interstate 580 on ramp. Deputies searching the area found the man asleep with a needle full of liquid methamphetamine. The man was taken into custody.

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The Week Ahead

● Wednesday, September 19: Learn About Consumer Fraud

Seniors lose billions of dollars every year to scams. Learn how to avoid getting reeled-in by fraud aimed at seniors at a free presentation by Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) of Legal Assistance for Seniors, from 11 a.m. until noon today, at the Castro Valley Library. Topics include scams and frauds that target seniors and tips on how to recognize these scams and protect yourself.

● Thursday, September 20: Hard-of-Hearing Phone Seminar

The Aitken Senior Center at 17800 Redwood Road is holding a Clear Captions Telephone Seminar at 1 p.m. tomorrow. Stop in for more information and a demonstration of a Caption Phone. This federally funded program provides free captioned phones to the hard of hearing.

● Thursday, September 20: Youth Voices Write

A youth writing event will be held in the Children's Area of the Castro Valley Library from 4 to 5 p.m. tomorrow, to teach youth how to write letters and postcards to their elected representatives in partnership with the League of Women Voters. All are welcome to learn about literacy and civic engagement.

● Friday, September 21: Annual Cop Shop BBQ

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office will hold its 26th Annual BBQ from 5:30 to 9 p.m. this Friday at First Presbyterian Church, 2490 Grove Way in Castro Valley, with tri tip, chicken, hot links, salad, beverages and a dessert bar. For tickets (\$12 adults, \$6 children under 12) call 510-667-7770. All proceeds benefit the Sheriff's Cop Shop programs.

● Friday, September 21: New Life Band Concert

Come catch the New Life Band on their California tour at 7 p.m. this Friday. This lively band from Tanzania, East Africa, ministers to youth and students through their songs of hope. All are welcome! Faith Lutheran Church, 20080 Redwood Road, Castro Valley, 510-582-0818.

● Friday, September 21: 'Day of Peace' Celebration

The Eden Area Interfaith Council and the East Bay Regional Park District invites you to observe the International Day of Peace by joining in a celebration of peace with song, word, and prayer at the Cove Picnic Area at Lake Chabot from 6 to 7 p.m. this Friday. After this celebration you are welcome to join a contemplative walk in the park.

● Saturday, September 22: San Leandro High Reunion

The San Leandro High School Class of 1978 will hold its 40-year reunion from 6-10 p.m. this Saturday at Campos Family Vineyards, 3501 Byer Road in Byron. For complete details and online registration visit www.slhstreunion.com or call Ernie at 858-232-5419.

● Saturday, September 22: Soroptimist Garage Sale

Come and enjoy a shopping experience (clothes, tools, kids' stuff, household goods, treasures) at Soroptimist International of the East Bay's fund-raising garage sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. this Saturday at 3841 Somerset Ave., Castro Valley. Proceeds help us to help our community. Donations welcome! Please call to arrange pick-up or drop-off. For information, call 510-593-7377.

● Saturday, September 22: Get Rid of Old Mattresses

Don't dump it—recycle it! Residents of Alameda County are invited to drop off used, unwanted mattresses and box springs at a free mattress collection event at 20095 Mission Blvd. at Hampton in Cherryland from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. this Saturday, held in partnership with Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley and the Bye Bye Mattress Program. In just the past two years, over 2 million used mattresses and box springs have been collected, resulting in more than 70 million pounds of steel, fiber, wood and foam being diverted from state landfills.

● Saturday, September 22: Stroke Prevention Health Fair

Eden Medical Center will hold a free Stroke-Prevention Community Health Fair this Saturday, Sept. 22, from 2-5 p.m. at the Palma Ceia Baptist Church, 28605 Ruus Road in Hayward, which will include cholesterol and blood pressure measurement, diabetes and nutrition education.

● Saturday, September 22: Holistic Health Talks

Learn about holistic health from local practitioners at a free series of short talks from noon to 3 p.m. this Saturday at the Castro Valley Library, on such topics as discovering your life purpose, lifestyle changes for building your health holistically, home energy space clearing, and holistic pain relief. No registration is required for this free event, sponsored by the Holistic Chamber of Commerce.

● Saturday, September 22: Advancing Pay Equity

Come learn about Rizo v. Yovino, a landmark case that raises the issue whether prior salary perpetuates the gender pay gap, 4-6 p.m. this Saturday at the Richard C. Trudeau Conference Center, 11500 Skyline Blvd., Oakland. Free event hosted by the AAUW Alameda Inter-Branch Council. Visit bit.ly/AdvancingPayEquity9222018 to reserve your seat.

● Sunday, September 23: Say 'Aloha' to Summer

Join us for lively ukulele music and hula dancing to close out the Summer season from 2 to 3 p.m. this Sunday at the Castro Valley Library. The Aloha ConneXion hula dancers team up with the Serenadin' Strummers ukulele troop for this fun event for all ages! For more information, call the Library at 510-667-7903, or see Events at www.aclibrary.org/branches/csv.

● Sunday, September 23: Hayward Airport Open House

See displays of vintage aircraft, take a tour of the Air Traffic Control Tower, view custom cars, hot rods and motorcycles at the Hayward Executive Airport Open House from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. this Sunday. Airplane rides for kids ages 8-17, pre-register at bit.ly/PlaneRides4Kids. Free admission, free parking. Call 510-293-8678 for info.

● Monday, September 24: Eden Garden Club Meeting

Club Member Kristen Eagen, a longtime self-taught gardener, will demonstrate tips on propagating plants at the next meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 24, at the Moose Lodge, 20835 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley. Over the years, she has experimented starting plants from seeds and clippings. Meetings are free, guests are welcome. Info at 510 397-1268.

● Monday, September 24: Municipal Advisory Council Meeting

The Castro Valley MAC will hold a land-use meeting at 6 p.m. Monday at the Castro Valley Library. Visit acgov.org/bc/cvmac for the complete agenda.

● Tuesday, September 25: Rotary Leadership Award Students

Rotary Youth Leadership Award Students will describe their work over the past year, at the next buffet lunch meeting of the Rotary Club of Castro Valley from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 25 at Redwood Canyon Golf Course, 17007 Redwood Road. The cost of lunch is \$15 and reservations must be made by 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at cvtrotary@iCloud.com or by calling 510-402-5123. More info is available at castrovalleyrotary.org.

● Tuesday, September 25: Start Smart Teen Driver Program

The California Highway Patrol and the Castro Valley Library present "Start Smart," a teen-driver safety program at 6 p.m. on Sept. 25, at the Library for new and future licensed teenage drivers between the ages of 15-19 and their parents. CHP officers will talk about traffic collisions, their causes and avoidance techniques, seat-belt usage and driver responsibilities. To register, call 510-581-9028 (CHP) or 510-667-7900 (Library).

● Tuesday, September 25: Meet CV Women's Club Members

The Castro Valley Women's Club invites you to meet its members and learn about membership, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday during the Castro Valley/Eden Area Chamber's Food Truck Mafia "Street Eats" at Adobe Park in Castro Valley. We look forward to seeing you!

● Wednesday, September 26: Flu Shots Offered

Flu Shots will be offered from 1 to 3 p.m. next Wednesday at the Aitken Senior & Community Center, 17800 Redwood Road. The vaccinations, provided by Sutter Care at Home Nurses, are \$5. There is no cost for those covered by Medicare Part B if it is your primary source of insurance. Sutter Care will bill Medicare and verify coverage by checking Medicare Cards, but it cannot bill other insurance companies. Numbers will be passed out at 10 a.m. You must be here when your number is called or you will be given a new number. More info at 510-881-6738.

● Wednesday, September 26: Stress Reduction

Guided imagery can be used to manage anxiety and contribute to a greater sense of well-being. Hear about the science behind this practice and experience a guided imagery session at a free event from 6 - 8 p.m. next Wednesday at Eden Medical Center Office Building, 2nd floor, at 20101 Lake Chabot Road. RSVP at 925-933-0107.

Arts & Entertainment

CASTRO VALLEY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Tickets for Center for the Arts events listed below are available online at www.cvcfa.com; or at the Center Box Office, 19501 Redwood Road, Thursdays and Fridays 3-5 p.m. (phone 889-8961), or at the Castro Valley Adult School, 4430 Alma Avenue.

● **Mark Mackay**, a blazing guitarist, evocative vocalist, and songwriter steeped in authenticity, will be presented by the Castro Valley Arts Foundation at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday night, October 13 at the Center for the Arts, 19501 Redwood Road. Mackay makes his stand at the crossroads of country music and rock-and-roll. Fronting a powerhouse band, Mackay rocks the room with rowdy charm and persuasive conviction. *For tickets, see above.*

● Castro Valley Arts Foundation 2018-2019 Series

From Country to Classics, tickets are on sale now for four additional concerts — **Pasquale Esposito, Vox Fortura, Johnny Cash Tribute and The Sun Kings**, plus the New Year's Eve Cabaret. Buy season tickets and save \$5 per ticket, free ticket exchange and best seat selection. *See ticket info above.*

OTHER THEATRICAL & MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

● **"Once Upon a Mattress,"** the comic retelling of the classic Hans Christian Andersen story, *The Princess and the Pea*, runs through Sept. 30 at the Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St., Hayward. Showtimes are Fridays and Saturdays at 8, and Sundays at 2, with two shows — at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. — on Sept. 29. For tickets (\$29, \$10 preview night), call 510-881-6777 or visit www.dmtonline.org

● **Theatre Showcase**, presented by Castro Valley Dramatic Arts Academy. Watch a scene performance, enjoy light snacks and mingle with other families and instructors tomorrow, Sept. 20, at 6:30 pm., in Room 5 at Mission Hills School, 2330 Pomar Vista Ave., Castro Valley. \$15 suggested donation.

AT THE GALLERIES

● **"Paint & UnWINEd"** — a new and unique fundraiser for the Adobe Art Gallery, will be presented from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Sept. 28 and 30 at the San Felipe Community Center, 2058 D St., Hayward, featuring complimentary hors d'oeuvres, wine tasting, a raffle and surprise entertainment. Artist Tracy Vinzant will provide step-by-step of your own custom art work — no experience necessary. For tickets (\$55), call 510-888-0111 or visit haywardrec.org/1828/Paint-UnWINEd. For more info, call 510-760-4289

● **Loyal Americans: Japanese American Imprisonment During World War II**, an exhibition of artifacts and stories of people whose civil rights were violated, continues in the Special Gallery at the HAHS Museum of History & Culture through Oct. 28, at 22380 at Foothill Blvd in Hayward.

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Castro Valley Artists Gerald and Winifred Thompson

Gerald and Winifred Thompson Receive Art Leadership Awards

The Alameda County Arts Commission has announced that Gerald and Winifred Thompson of Castro Valley are the recipients of the 2018 Alameda County Arts Leadership Award for the Fourth Supervisorial District.

The Thompsons, known to their friends as Gerry and Winnie, are being recognized for their work with A.R.T., Inc. in Castro Valley, the Hayward Arts Council, and many other arts and cultural

organizations throughout the area.

Both encourage and support local artists and arts organizations to help enrich the whole community. They are also both visual artists and exhibit their paintings at many local venues.

In 2015, the Thompsons became board members of A.R.T.,



Inc. where they work closely with the Adobe Art Center in Castro Valley to help coordinate the annual Members' Show and the annual Area Artists' Juried Exhibition.

They were an instrumental part of Hayward Arts Council's move to its new home at the Hayward Adult School. In 2017, both were recipients of the Ruby Hearts of Hayward Award for their service to arts and the community.

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors will commend the Thompsons and five other award recipients — Paula Chenoweth, Mary Galde, Jonathan Bayani, Janet Koike, and Deborah Vaughan — during a public meeting on Oct. 2 in the Supervisors' Chambers in Oakland in conjunction with the County's celebration of National Arts and Humanities Month of October.

Dumping: A Heaping Problem

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alone making it hard to be at the right place at the right time.

In some cases, it's a truck for hire, also known as a non-franchise hauler, that is responsible for an illegal trash dump. Using heavy duty equipment means the professional or semi-professional hauler gets rid of the garbage in only a few minutes.

"We do have ways of knowing who is dumping from the kinds of material that is being dumped," Medlock says. "If it's dirt and asphalt grindings, construction, heavy vegetation debris, you need a truck for that. Our costs to clean up this illegal dumping eventually falls to the taxpayers in extra fees every year. If we don't take responsibility for our community then who will?"

As an alternative to dumping your trash or hiring a work crew to dump it for you, Medlock suggests people take advantage of their twice-per-year bulky pickup available from their garbage collection provider.

ACPWA is also working with other groups such as Communities United to Remove Blight (CURB) to promote better alternatives to illegal dumping.

The group will hold a community clean up along Mission Boulevard and a mattress collection at Mission Blvd. and Hampton in the Cherryland area on Sept. 22, and a mattress recycling event in Oakland on September 27.

You can report issues like illegal dumping by calling 510-670-5500, filing a request online at acpwa.org/request-services, or by downloading their mobile app.



Songwriter Kate Lamont will be performing Friday, Sept. 28, alongside Brother Theodore, Paul Keim and Safiyah Hernandez, on a night you don't want to miss!

This Week at Smalltown

• Thursday, September 20th: THE LAB Open Mic

The Lab is a monthly open mic that allows musicians, poets, and other artists to workshop pieces they are working on, in front of and among friends. Everyone is welcome! Sign-ups start at 6:50. First performances start around 7:15 p.m. Sets run between 10-15 minutes (depending on amount of performers).

• Friday, September 28th: Songwriters Showcase

Eden Area songwriters Kate Lamont, Ted Gould, Paul Keim, and Safiyah Hernandez invite you to an intimate night of songs and storytelling, surrounded by the art of Carter Nguyen, and highlighting the work of Eden Area Food Alliance & Aquaponix. Free (suggested contribution \$10) 7:30 p.m. – 10 p.m. Doors open at 7 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

District to Dispose of Books

Castro Valley Unified School District is planning to dispose of more than 2,300 books, mostly textbooks on such subjects as algebra, biology, chemistry, American literature, etc.

They will be available to the public after Nov. 13, 2018, pending approval by the Castro Valley School Board. Contact Kat Troyer at ktroyer@cv.k12.ca.us or by calling 510-537-3000 ext. 1277.

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Feeding the Hungry

Volunteers from All Saints Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church of San Leandro pack 10,000 meals on Sunday, August 26 in support for Rise Against Hunger, a national campaign to end world hunger. For more info on the organization, visit RiseAgainstHunger.org

Volunteer Opportunities Now Open

If you want to have fun, share your knowledge and enthusiasm and work hands-on with the general public, consider becoming a volunteer at the Chabot Space & Science Center in the Oakland Hills.

By helping to lead engaging, hands-on activities in the center's new exhibition spaces, you can help Chabot achieve its mission of providing opportunity and inspiration to students of all ages on the wonders of Earth and beyond.

Such volunteer exhibit guides are trained to lead daily activities in the exhibition galleries.

Shifts are available mornings, afternoons and evenings on Wednesday through Sunday. Volunteers are asked to work 8 hours per month and for at least one year.

For more information on Chabot's volunteer program, or to RSVP for the Volunteer Orientation from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6, visit chabotspace.org/ or send email to: volunteers@chabotspace.org.



Which Flu Shot is Right for You?

By Jim Miller
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

It wasn't that long ago that if you wanted to get protected from the flu, you simply got a flu shot. But now days, there are so many flu vaccine options you might feel like you are ordering off a menu.

To help you decide which flu shot is right for you, you need to consider your health, age and personal preferences. Here's what you should know.

Flu Shot Options

Just as they do every year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends a seasonal flu shot to everyone 6 months of age and older, but it's especially important for seniors who are at higher risk of developing serious flu-related complications.

The flu puts more than 200,000 people in the hospital each year and kills an average of 24,000 – 80 to 90 percent of whom are seniors.

Here's the rundown of the different vaccine options (you only need to get one of these):

Standard flu vaccines: If you want to keep things basic, you can't go wrong with a "standard (trivalent) flu shot," which has been around for more than 40 years and protects against three different strains of flu viruses. This year's version protects against two A strains (H1N1 and H3N2), and one influenza B virus.

Or, for additional protection, you should consider the "quadri-

valent flu vaccine" that protects against four types of influenza – the same three strains as the standard trivalent flu shot, plus an additional B-strain virus.

Senior specific vaccines: If you're age 65 or older and want some extra protection, you should consider the "Fluzone High-Dose" or "FLUAD."

The Fluzone High-Dose has four times the amount of antigen as a regular flu shot does, while the FLUAD contains an added ingredient called adjuvant MF59. Both vaccines provide a stronger immune response for better protection.

Egg allergy vaccines: If you're allergic to eggs, your flu shot options are "Flucelvax" or "Flu-Blok." Neither of these vaccines uses chicken eggs in their manufacturing process.

Fear of needles vaccines: If you don't like needles, and you're between the ages of 18 and 64, your options are the "Fluzone Intradermal" or "AFLURIA" vaccine.

The Fluzone intradermal flu shot uses a tiny 1/16-inch long micro-needle to inject the vaccine just under the skin, rather than deeper in the muscle like standard flu shot. While the AFLURIA

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Pneumonia Vaccines

Two other important vaccinations the CDC recommends to seniors, especially this time of year, are the pneumococcal vaccines for pneumonia. Around 1 million Americans are hospitalized with pneumonia each year, and about 50,000 people die from it.

The CDC recommends that all seniors, 65 or older, get two vaccinations – Prevnar 13 and Pneumovax 23. Both vaccines, which are administered just once at different times, work in different ways to provide maximum protection.

If you haven't yet received any pneumococcal vaccine you should get the Prevnar 13 first, followed by Pneumovax 23 six to 12 months later. Medicare Part B covers both shots, if they are taken at least one year apart.

To locate a vaccination site that offers both flu and pneumonia shots, visit Vaccines.gov and type in your ZIP code.



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FALL PREVENTION FORUM NEXT TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25: Center for Elders' Independence seniors understand that exercise is one of the key ingredients in preventing falls.

Fall Prevention Forum Tuesday

Every 11 seconds an older adult is treated in an emergency room for a fall-related injury that can lead to costly hospitalization, extensive rehabilitation, and social isolation.

To help inform the local seniors about fall prevention strategies and related resources, the Center for Elders' Independence (CEI) will host a Fall Prevention Forum from 3 to 6 p.m. next Tuesday, Sept. 25, at its PACE Center, 1850 Fairway Drive in San Leandro.

It will include live demonstrations of fall prevention techniques, and opportunities to ask doctors questions about preventing falls.

Physical and occupational therapists will also be available in the fitness gym to answer questions and demonstrate exercises designed to improve strength, balance and resilience.

In addition, attendees will be able to experience virtual reality displays, receive safety tips on how to reduce falls at home, learn ways to recognize warning signs that may be precursors to a fall, and discover the best questions to ask doctors about fall prevention.

Staying active helps prevent falls and makes it easier to recover more quickly from a fall.

"One of the major reasons people stop moving when they get older is the fear of falling," says Sadiya Kazi, CEI rehabilitation manager. "But for most people, there's a point when it's time to start moving again and incorporating exercises and activities that safely build an older person's strength and confidence."

Several community organizations will answer questions and provide resources related to fall prevention, including Alameda County's Emergency Medical Services and Senior Injury Prevention Program as well as Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay and SilverRide assisted ride service.

Now in its 36th year, CEI helps at-risk seniors to live at home, rather than in nursing homes, through its national senior health plan known as PACE (the Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly).

Although every senior enrolled in PACE meets the requirements for nursing home care, 96 percent

of its participants continue to live and thrive in their communities through its program of education and physical activity to its seniors and their caregivers.

Tuesday's Forum is free and open to the public, with light refreshments and free parking provided. Tours of the recently opened state-of-the-art San Leandro PACE Center will be conducted during the event.

For more information, please contact Dianna Garrett at 510-433-1150 or visit: cei.elders.org/events-directory.

Q&A: Have You Ever Heard of the Term 'Springing' Power of Attorney?

Q I recently heard the term "Springing" Power of Attorney, but I am not sure what that is. Can you shed any light on this?

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

A Sure. Broadly speaking, there are two general categories of financial Powers of Attorney:

(1) those that are immediately effective upon signing by the principal, and

(2) those that are only effective upon the happening of a future event, typically the incapacity of the principal. Attorneys generally call the latter a "Springing" Power Of Attorney, because they do not become effective, or "spring into life," until the happening of that future event.

Which form a client might choose will depend upon the client's circumstances.

Typically, a client who is healthy and younger would usually prefer a power of attorney that only springs into life in the future, when, and if, he or she is no longer able to manage his or her own financial affairs.

Until that event, the client — whom we often call the "princi-

pal" — calls his own shots and only he, himself, can enter into transactions that legally bind him.

By contrast, a principal who is up in years and/or sees illness or incapacity on the near horizon, may opt to sign a Power of Attorney ("POA") that is immediately effective, so as to dispense with the procedural requirement and corresponding delay necessary to establish the requisite incapacity that would make the POA effective, and thereby empower the designated Agent to act for the Principal.

How is incapacity determined? Many Springing POA's recite that incapacity is determined when two (2) physicians who have examined the principal write a letter reciting that the principal is incapable of managing his or her own financial affairs, usually due to cognitive decline, dementia or similar maladies.

Note: Notwithstanding that common requirement, I prefer to recite in POA's that I prepare that only one (1) physician need so opine, and here's why: Very often the need to establish incapacity in this context arises when the princi-



pal is residing in a nursing home.

Typically, in the nursing home setting, only one physician makes the rounds to check on each patient. To secure an evaluation and letter by a second physician in those circumstances can be difficult.

Another option for some clients is to begin with a Springing POA, but as the years pass and they decide they no longer wish to manage their own financial affairs, to sign a simple form reciting that the POA is now immediately effective. That signed form would then be kept together with the POA and handled as a single document, so that it is apparent to all who review it that the principal has opted to make the POA immediately effective.

The other alternative, of course, is to rewrite the POA entirely so as to render it immediately effective going forward.

Know that — whichever form you choose initially — you are not forever bound by that decision. So long as you are competent, you can always revoke and revise your POA to make it fit your changing life circumstances.

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Shot: Flu Vaccinations

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vaccine is administered by a jet injector, which is a medical device that uses a high-pressure, narrow stream of fluid to penetrate the skin instead of a needle.

You should also know that if you're a Medicare beneficiary,

Part B covers all flu vaccinations, but if you have private health insurance, you'll need to check with your plan to see which vaccines they do or don't cover.

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

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Will Centoni

This week's Athlete of the Week is Will Centoni, a graduate of Castro Valley High School. Centoni attends Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo and has been a member of its rodeo team.

Centoni recently finished the 2018 rodeo season, helping his team get to a ranking of 4 in the Nation and he finished as one of the crowned Champions of the season. He competed in three events against hundreds of the nations top ranked collegiate rodeo athletes from June 10-16, and finished with a first place in Bull Riding, first place in Men's All-Around, second place in Team Roping, and seventh place in Saddle Bronc riding.

Centoni earned two first place crowns by finishing with 155 points in Bull Riding to Win that event and accumulated 645 points throughout his events to win the All-Around cowboy title at the College National Finals Rodeo, held in Casper, Wyoming on June 16.



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'DAY ON THE GREENS' CHAMPIONS: George Pacheco (Rowell Ranch Rodeo Board), Cal Sakamoto (Castro Valley Sports Foundation Board and Tournament Chair), Olivia Sherman (2019 Rowell Ranch Rodeo Junior Queen), Darren Santos, Matt Brown, Darrell Santos and Ross Sakamoto. Pictured in front are young supporters of the winning foursome.

84 Golfers at Sports Foundation's 2nd 'Day on the Greens' Saturday

Eighty-four golfers turned out to support youth athletics in Castro Valley and the Rowell Ranch Rodeo at the 2nd Annual Castro Valley Sports Foundation's "Day on the Greens" Golf Tournament on Saturday.

Rowell Ranch Junior Rodeo 2018 Queen Olivia Sherman worked the tournament and assisted in presentation of awards.

The First Place Foursome of Darren Santos, Darrell Santos, Matt Brown and Ross Sakamoto shot a 59 in the best ball tournament; Second Place was won by the foursome of George Pacheco, Ken Dockter, Chuck Weidner and Oscar Villaseñor; Third Place was won by the foursome of Brian Lundberg, Don Maestas, Rick Oakes and Vic Lazzarovich.

Individual skills winners were

Longest Drive - Meghan O'Keefe (Ladies) and Ed Chang (Men); Closest to Pin (Ladies) Ashley Barbour, Meghan O'Keefe and Beth August; and (Men) Brian Lundberg, Rory Churchfield and Mike Dupuis.

Tournament Chairman Cal

Sakamoto was thankful for the support of everyone present as well as the tournament sponsors stating "supporting the student athletes of all ages in Castro Valley and the rich heritage of the Rowell Ranch Rodeo is a great investment in the future."

SPORTS NOTES

CV Wrestling Club

The Castro Valley Wrestling Club will hold a golf tournament fundraiser at Redwood Canyon Golf Course, on Saturday, Sept. 22. Visit www.planmygolfevent.com/32108-CastroValleywrestlinggolftournam for more info.

Sign-Ups for CV Track Club

Sign ups are open for Castro

Valley Track Club's cross country season. Thanks to the Lake Chabot Trail Challenge, CV Track Club offers the cross country season without dues or cost for uniform, and will pay for the hotel cost at its USATF Junior Olympics Nationals in Reno, on Dec. 8. Practices are at local parks and Canyon Middle School. For details, click on Join page at: cvtrackclub.com

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CVHS TENNIS RESULTS

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SINGLES

1. Sarah Auger (H) - Sky Kim 7-6 (6) - match stopped because all other matches completed and match had been decided, so players decided to stop.
2. Camile Camoro (CV) - Vi Nguyen 6-4, 6-1
3. Tania Beringer (CV) - Jolie Osborn-Monroe 6-2, 6-2
4. Harneel Mangat (CV) - Diane Phame 6-3, 6-1

DOUBLES

1. Karen Chen / Hannah Pilgrim (CV) - Zaina Algaddi / Jade Gonzalez 6-4, 6-3
2. Christine Xu / Aneet Mangat (CV) - Tina Truong / Ayami Tateno 6-3, 6-0
3. Komal Maharaj / Aleah Wasserbauer (CV) - Araceli Rivera / Hanna Takeda 6-1, 6-1

SEPTEMBER 12: CV 8, COLLEGE PARK 1

SINGLES

1. Elena Lottich (CV) - Sophie de Groot 3-6, 6-4, 10-5
2. Anya Mortensen (CV) - Gaby Thomas 6-2, 4-6, 10-2
3. Anna Detre (CP) - Gaby Madison 6-2, 6-2
4. Lauren Leong (CV) - Emily Malton 6-2, 6-3
5. Paige Cason (CV) - Alexis Nguyen 6-2, 4-6, 10-7
6. Sammie Lee (CV) - Kat Puglisi 7-5, 6-1

DOUBLES

1. Victoria Vitton / Marissa Chan (CV) - Emma Hart / Emma Hermanson 6-1, 6-1
2. Alex Tam / Kele Fong (CV) - Olivia Lamas / Ana Perez 6-1, 6-1
3. Helena Liu / Camile Camoro (CV) - Isabella Hankin / Hailey Burnes 6-2, 6-1

CVHS SPORTS SCHEDULE

GIRLS TENNIS

Thursday, Sept. 20, 3:30 p.m. CVHS All levels vs. Berkeley away
Tuesday, Sept. 25, 3:30 p.m. CVHS All levels vs. San Lorenzo away

CROSS COUNTRY

Thurs., Sept. 20, 4:30 p.m. CVHS All levels at Garin Park-Hayward

FOOTBALL

Thurs., Sept. 20, 5:00 p.m. CVHS freshman vs. Campolindo at CVHS

GIRLS GOLF

Thurs., Sept. 20, 3 p.m. CVHS All levels vs. Arroyo at Redwood Canyon Golf Course
Mon., Sept. 24, 8 a.m. CVHS All levels vs. Granada away
Tues., Sept. 25, 3 p.m. CVHS All levels vs. Piedmont at Redwood Canyon Golf Course

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Sept. 20, 4:00 p.m. CVHS freshman vs. Alameda at CVHS
Thursday, Sept. 20, 5:15 p.m. CVHS JV vs. Alameda at CVHS
Thursday, Sept. 20, 6:30 p.m. CVHS Varsity vs. Alameda at CVHS
Tuesday, Sept. 25, 4:00 p.m. CVHS freshman vs. O'Dowd away
Tuesday, Sept. 25, 5:15 p.m. CVHS JV vs. O'Dowd away
Tuesday, Sept. 25, 6:30 p.m. CVHS Varsity vs. O'Dowd away

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Thursday, Sept. 20, 4:00 p.m. CVHS girls JV vs. Piedmont at CVHS
Thursday, Sept. 20, 5:00 p.m. CVHS boys Varsity vs. Piedmont at CVHS
Thursday, Sept. 20, 5:00 p.m. CVHS boys JV vs. Piedmont away
Thursday, Sept. 20, 6:00 p.m. CVHS girls Varsity vs. Piedmont at CVHS
Friday, Sept. 21, time TBD, CVHS girls Varsity vs. Pinole Valley away
Tuesday, Sept. 25, 4:45 p.m. CVHS girls Varsity vs. Encinal at CVHS
Tuesday, Sept. 25, 6:00 p.m. CVHS boys Varsity vs. Encinal at CVHS
Tuesday, Sept. 25, 6:45 p.m. CVHS girls JV vs. Encinal at CVHS

REAL ESTATE GALLERY

REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Forum

GUEST COMMENTARY



Website Provides Broad Range of Search Options

The homebuying process in a megaregion such as the San Francisco Bay Area can be complicated. The larger the region, the greater the number of potential variables, including commutes, school scores, community amenities, median prices, types of housing available, rapid transit options and more.

A scenario we commonly encounter involves a couple, one working in San Francisco with the other employed in Silicon Valley. Their first question is always, "Where is the best place for us to live?" While access to BART from almost anywhere in the East Bay or Tri-Valley works for the person working in San Francisco, the other person faces horrible commutes on either I-880 or I-680. When you start factoring in school scores, affordability and quality-of-life issues, the choices fluctuate significantly.

Enter HomeArea.com, a website designed to provide extensive information for those looking to find that ideal city and neighborhood. The site provides a number of ways to crunch data, including state & city rankings, population density, median home values per neighborhood, income levels by city and more. Using data from a number of sources including the US Census Bureau, the site provides a dazzling array of data, allowing you to deep dive into local cities and neighborhoods using a wide range of criteria. You can search by cheapest housing, newest housing, lowest unemployment, most diverse, and highest home ownership, to name a few.

A fascinating search is highest household income. If you search in California, the winner is San Ramon, with a median household income of \$161,870, followed by Palo Alto at \$153,802 and Pleasanton at \$152,123. The highest ranked East Bay cities include #8 Fremont - \$122,419, #11 Union City - \$98,367 and #16 Castro Valley - \$90,075. San Francisco ranks #15 at \$103,801. Nationally, Bethesda, MD ranks #1 at \$166,380 with San Ramon at #2. The data also reveals which cities have moved up or down in relationship to each other. As an example, Castro Valley was previously ranked #33, indicating a significant growth in the area's median

income. Why might income matter? According to HomeArea.com, "Higher incomes can bring more money for school districts, more money for local government services, and more consumer spending, but can also bring higher costs of living as people flock to booming areas."

Looking for more data to help you locate the area that works best for you? This website may be the resource you need to accomplish your goals. 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.

Fall Isn't Too Late for Roofing Repair

By Samantha Mazzotta
Special to the Times

Most roofing repair advice you read says that summer is the best time to make repairs. But it's not unusual to hear the nonstop hammering of roofers finishing up repairs and replacements this time of year before the rain starts.

For shingle repairs, a few days of sunny, weather will ensure that the patching material cures properly. Go onto the roof to figure out how many shingles are damaged and need replacing, and buy replacements and supplies a few days ahead of the planned repair. Keep an eye on the weather, and when a clear

patch is predicted, go ahead. When replacing shingles, it's important to follow the offset layout of the undamaged shingles to provide the best protection against rain and weather.

Working carefully, slightly lift the edges of the undamaged shingles directly above the shingle you need to replace. Then work loose the damaged shingle and slide it out. Don't worry if you leave behind pieces of the old shingle under the roofing nails; you'll pry those out next. If the building paper underneath the shingle is torn, patch it with roofing cement.

Then, begin installing the replacement. If you're replacing

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more than one shingle, start with the lowest one first. Nail the shingles down using either 7/8-inch or 1-inch roofing nails, placing them at the tab slots.

The final shingle – or the only shingle, if that's the case – shouldn't be nailed down immediately. Instead, apply a bead of roofing cement to the underside top of the shingle and slide it into place under the shingle above it.

Once it's correctly set, carefully lift the shingle above it so that you can nail the replacement

shingle into place. Tack down the shingle above with a bit of roofing cement if necessary.

Home Tip: A torn shingle can be repaired temporarily by gluing the torn parts together with roofing cement.

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Appalled By Trash Dumping Along Lake Chabot

Editor:

I am appalled by the constant dumping of trash along Lake Chabot Road along the lake.

This has been bothering me for the longest time and I've decided it was time to speak up. (On a recent) Tuesday I saw three large piles of trash. One was so large that whoever dumped it must have had a large dump truck or they made multiple trips in a pick-up truck.

This last fall I took a road up the coast to Oregon and Washington. I was amazed at how free from litter the roadways were. Further up the highway I saw a sign that read that anyone found littering would face a fine of \$1,650.

I would have to assume that the hefty fines have been a deterrent. I would like to see signs posted along the road at the areas where most of the dumping occurs to say "No Dumping - \$2,000 Fine." A reward could also be offered to anyone able to take a photo of the dumping as it happens. This could be done without confronting anyone.

It appears that the Dept. of Public Works is working to remove the trash for which we owe them our thanks. What would make their effort even better is to find something in the piles that might identify the culprit so they can take it to where it came from and dump it in their front yard.

—Al Chamorro, Castro Valley

Blames Miley for 'Botched Management of Cannabis'

Editor:

Regarding Colin Disheroon's letter, "Pot Dispensary Owner Says Community's Problem is with 'Antiquated and Propagandized' Information," (Letters, Sept. 5).

Cannabis is not misunderstood by the general public, nor is it a quaint little herb, or some nostalgic throw-back to the sixties. Modern

cannabis is a designer drug, genetically modified to produce exponentially higher levels of THC which makes it highly addictive.

Individuals profiting from the cannabis industry (like Mr. Disheroon) understand this, and very much depend on a continuous supply of young new addicts to sustain those profits.

Additionally, the general provisions of prop. 64 allow local governance to decide the type/level of cannabis allowance. This can range from little to a fully embraced cannabis industry (cultivation, manufacture, testing, sale, etc.).

Since January 1, 2018, our district obligation to recreational users was satisfied by converting existing medical dispensaries to general dispensaries (inventory can be sourced from elsewhere). Supervisor Nate Miley decided to push into the range and legalize cannabis cultivation which we now know was a calculated first-step to bring the full industry into our district, whether we wanted it or not.

That decision has back-fired and spawned a tsunami of illegal cannabis trafficking from private residences to earn quick cash (tax free). It has also set out a "welcome mat" to every out-of-state weed trafficker and dealer looking to profit in the black-market which (of course) has triggered an unprecedented increase in local traffic.

Keep in mind that traffickers and dealers can also introduce heroin, cocaine, and meth should the cannabis black-market drop and that will be catastrophic to our community.

My great hope from this botched management of cannabis, is that Supervisor Miley's current term in office will be his last. Let's support a new supervisor who will not succumb to the monetary inducements of the cannabis industry and will re-establish a ban on cannabis cultivation to support the existing dispensaries while maintaining a safe and cohesive community

—Monica Shieman, Castro Valley

'Not Happy' with Candidate Peters Booth at Fall Festival

Editor:

On Saturday I went to the Fall Festival and was not happy with the booth featuring Rudy Peters, the Republican running for Congress against Eric Swalwell.

Apparently Peters was attacked by a man with a knife on Sunday. There is no way I would condone something like that. When I was there Mr. Peters became very voiceful when I said I liked Eric Swalwell very much.

Peters then said loudly what has Swalwell ever done! Before I could say anything another man behind me started in saying, yeah what has he done? I just left at that point.

—Jack Gayle, Castro Valley

Thanks to CVNews for Cruise Night Memories

Editor:

Kudos to C.V.N. and friends! Cruise Night was a huge success. No booths, no vendors, no street closures, no problems! It brought back memories of years gone by. Much more civilized and friendly. The best street event EVER.

Seeing such beautiful vehicles, enjoying my neighbors, visiting merchants, what a night! Best car show. Thanks again, C.V.N. Waiting for next year. August 27, 2019, 6 to 10 p.m.

—Bernice Nickel, Hayward

We Must Never Forget 9/11

Editor:

On Sept. 7, Redwood Christian Elementary School celebrated the memory of those who sacrificed everything for safe others after the 9/11 attack on our Great Country. In addition, former and current members of the military and first responders were honored for their selfless commitment to ensuring safety for all of us.

Present at the RCS Chapel were representatives from the Alameda County Fire Department, the Alameda Sheriff's Department, the California Highway Patrol, the Oakland Police Department as well as EMT's and others who do not hesitate to respond to life-threatening situations every day.

These men and women were presented to the students as those who are to be admired and appreciated. I encourage all of us to go out of our way and model thankfulness to our children for our military and first responders by simply saying "Thank you" or "We/I appreciate you" and committing to pray for their safety – and tell them you are doing so.

We must never forget 9/11 and we should never take our military or first responders for granted. There is simply too much at stake.

—Bruce D. & Linda Lee Johnson, Castro Valley

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might need to get more facts to help you work out those problems with your new project. As always, a friendly approach shows the charming Arian at his or her persuasive best.



TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Information is what energizes ambition, and this is a good time for the ambitious Bovine to expand his or her range of knowledge and to be ready for the challenges that lie ahead.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) This is a good time to consider making some long-overdue decorating changes at home or in your workplace. A splash of color can help raise spirits, even on the grayest day.



CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Learn more. Earn more. That's the formula for Moon Children looking to expand their career horizons. Investigate the best places to get those training courses you'll need.



LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your creative side helps gain attention for many of your ideas. But don't neglect the practical aspects involved in implementing their move from paper to production. Good luck.



VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A health problem should not be ignored. The sooner you check it out, the sooner you can deal with it and then move on. Some job advice comes from an unlikely source.



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A relationship takes an unexpected shift that could leave you puzzled and hurt. Asking for an explanation could help uncover the reason for this sudden turn of events.



SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your busy schedule has drawn down much of your energy levels. Restore them by spending a well-earned time out enjoying the arts -- perhaps with that special someone.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Make that presentation with confidence. Remember: When you show you believe in yourself, it helps persuade others that you truly know what you're doing.



CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Although you usually prefer doing things on your own, a group effort might be advisable at this time. Try to keep an open mind about suggestions from colleagues.

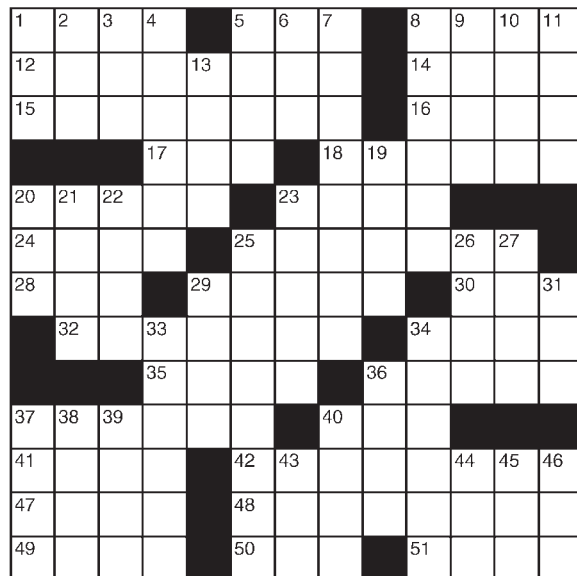


AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This could be a good time to reassess some of your recent decisions and see if any adjustments should be made based on facts that you might have just uncovered.



PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An emotionally charged situation creates uncertainty about the future of your relationship. Best advice: Talk things out while there's still time to reach a new understanding.

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He Fought the Law

Saturday, September 15: at 1:29 a.m., a 30-year-old man from San Leandro was arrested on suspicion of public intoxication and resisting arrest. Deputies found the man hanging outside a parking lot on San Carlos Avenue near Park Way. The man failed his field sobriety test but became combative. Deputies subdued the man and took him to a sobering center.

Return to John George Before Booking

Wednesday, September 12: at 7:32 p.m., deputies arrested a 29-year-old man with no permanent address on suspicion of violating a court-issued restraining order. The man was previously charged with the same crime and was now wanted as part of a warrant issued for his arrest. Deputies found the man outside a home on Crow Canyon Road near Norris Canyon Road following his release from John George Pavilion psychiatric facility. The man was taken back to John George for observation before being booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Two Arrested for Drugs

Wednesday, September 12: at 10:44 a.m., two men from Castro Valley were arrested on as part of warrants issued for their capture related to previous illegal narcotics possession charges. Deputies served the warrants to the men at a home on Haley Drive near Brickell

Way. A 55-year-old man was additionally charged with presenting a false ID to deputies. A 31-year-old man was additionally charged with possession of lock-picking tools, illegal narcotics packaged for sale, and drug paraphernalia. The men were transported to Santa Rita Jail pending \$7,500 and \$5,000 in bail respectively.

Caught Casing Vehicles

Tuesday, September 11: at 10:18 p.m., deputies arrested a 62-year-old man from Castro Valley on suspicion of prowling vehicles with the intent of breaking into them. The man was also wanted as part of a warrant issued for his capture. Deputies spotted the man looking into car windows and jiggling handles on Castro Valley Boulevard near Stanton Avenue. The man was handcuffed and taken to Santa Rita Jail.

Fast Food Parking Mess

Tuesday, September 11: at 11:38 p.m., a 35-year-old man from Castro Valley was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol. Deputies reported that they watched the man back in and out of the parking lot of a fast food restaurant on Castro Valley Boulevard near Nunes Avenue. The driver backed off a ledge and nearly rolled the car over. Deputies smelled alcohol on the driver's breath, but the man refused to take a field sobriety test. He was taken into custody.

Shooting After Hit and Run

A hit and run car accident turned into a shooting on Monday morning on I-580 in Castro Valley.

At around 4 a.m. a black Camaro and white sedan were both traveling southbound on I-238 and collided at some point near the I-580 interchange, according to the California Highway Patrol and the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.

The driver of the white sedan did not stop so the driver of the

Camaro pursued the sedan and at least one shot was fired from the sedan toward the Camaro. The sedan driver never stopped and fled the scene.

The suspect vehicle is described as possibly a late 1990s or early 2000 Ford Taurus. No one was injured.

The freeway was shut down for about an hour during the investigation, which caused a major back-up to the commute.



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Ken Martin Honored At Bocce Tournament

The Buon Tempo Italian American Club hosted its 10th Annual Big Salame Bocce Tournament at Adobe Park in Castro Valley on Saturday. The tournament has now been renamed the Ken Martin Memorial Big Salame Shoot Bocce Tournament in memory of its founder, the late Ken Martin. Above, Buon Tempo Club President Len Tallo presents a plaque to Patty Martin in recognition of the work that her husband Ken did by bringing Bocce to Castro Valley. All proceeds earned in the tournament will go directly to the George Mark Children's House in San Leandro, a facility which provides palliative and hospice care for terminally ill children and their families.

MAC: Wildfire Prevention

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At Monday evening's meeting, MAC Chair Marc Crawford chided EBRPD Chief Aileen Theile and board member Dennis Wespis for just regurgitating their general plan and not working with neighbors in the Ten Hills Trail area to create a unique plan to prevent fires.

"I don't feel like we are getting anything," said Crawford after more than an hour of discussion on fire prevention. "They just present their plan, but we need an actual plan for the area. We have special needs that have to be addressed."

Theile assured the MAC that the EBRPD fire department does all it can to prevent fires and their approach is science-based. She added that maintenance and clean-up of the Ten Hills Trail is scheduled for 2019.

"All fires are different," said Theile. "It's really difficult for us to give you a play-by-play on what would happen."

Theile advised that all home-

owners to take preventative measures including cleaning their gutter and roofs of any leaves or other debris, keeping wood piles and other materials away from your home, and making sure your address number is clearly visible from the street.

John Sullivan, who lives in the area, is spearheading the movement to reduce fire risk in the area. He told the MAC he wants to widen the trail to 100-feet to create a fire break, wants to add fire hydrants to the trail, and to create more access points along the trail for emergency responders.

Wespis said that process is always ongoing and that he will "continue the conversation" with concerned residents.

Crawford asked that the EBRPD take some time to talk in detail with residents in the area and then develop a more detailed fire prevention plan.

"I want something more specific to Castro Valley," said Crawford.

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An open letter to Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) customers clearing up questions about the Private Sewer Lateral Program.

You may have heard that CVSan recently adopted an ordinance to protect public health and the environment. This ordinance is part of a long term strategy to prevent costly upgrades to the wastewater treatment system to handle high flow levels.

CVSan's new Private Sewer Lateral (PSL) program, which takes effect on July 1, 2019, calls for inspection of older pipes for cracks, leaks, and blockages at the time a property is sold. By requiring the repair or replacement of damaged pipes, we can prevent rain runoff from entering and overwhelming the sewer system - ultimately saving money for you, our customers.

We would like to take this opportunity to answer some frequently asked questions about the program.

What is a sewer lateral?

A sewer lateral is the pipe that connects the plumbing of a home, apartment building, or commercial property to the sewer main, which is typically located in the middle of the street; maintenance of this pipe is the responsibility of the property owner. About 150 miles of sewer laterals connect to CVSan's wastewater system.

What happens if a sewer lateral has a leak?

Many properties served by CVSan were built before 1960 and still have their original sewer laterals. Older sewer laterals deteriorate over time, allowing rain that seeps into the soil to enter the wastewater system. This increased flow requires unnecessary processing at the treatment plant. Continued high flows would require costly treatment plant upgrades and that could impact rates. Sometimes, high flows cause sewer overflows, which could contaminate the San Francisco Bay and waterways.

What is the PSL program?

In some cases, a sewer lateral would have to be cleaned and inspected via video surveillance before close of escrow or transfer of title. Inspections are not required for buildings that are less than 30 years old, have replaced at least 50 percent of the lateral within 10 years of the date of sale, or that already have a compliance certificate. Only if the inspection finds severe damage would the pipe need to be fixed or replaced.

Why tie the requirement to property sales?

There has been some confusion about why CVSan decided to do this inspection at the time of sale. By tying sewer lateral inspections to the sale of the home, the buyer and seller will be able to negotiate the payment of any necessary inspections and repairs. Additionally, distressed sellers who need to sell their property quickly will have the option of applying for a six-month extension.

Is there financial assistance available?

Over the last 20 years, CVSan has allocated more than \$1 million to its Lateral Replacement Grant Program to assist property owners defray costs for repair or replacement - up to \$2,000.

CVSan has reviewed all comments submitted on the program. We remain committed to listening to your concerns and providing the best quality wastewater service to Castro Valley at a reasonable cost. Informational meetings focused on this program will begin after January 1, 2019.

Sincerely,

Roland P. Williams, Jr.
General Manager
Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan)

More information on the PSL program can be found at www.cvsan.org/PSL. If you have questions about the program, please call (510) 537-0757.

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