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MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT: Volunteers Dave Domingo, Reece Hauf, Carol Dietz-Walker, Don Shearer, Hannah Mack, Kristine Cataldo, and Lily Lucy packed up bags of kiwis for people to enjoy during the holidays at the Alameda County Food Bank.

ALAMEDA COUNTY FOOD BANK

Volunteers Deliver the Goods

By Amy Sylvestri
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Kiwis were bagged, apples were boxed, and the potatoes patiently waited to be packed last week at the Alameda County Food Bank as hundreds of volunteers prepared donations so that needy families would have a healthy Thanksgiving meal.

The food bank on Edgewater Drive in Oakland, supplies nourishment for one-in-five Alameda

County residents, according to Norma Batongbacal, the food bank's communications manager.

"That number has not gone down after the recession," said Batongbacal. "I don't know if other parts of the county have made a recovery but in the Bay Area, the cost of living is so high, the rents are so high, that the number of people we help has remained up there."

The holidays are a busy time of the year at the food bank, with

plans to distribute over 30 million meals now through the end of the year. The food bank also receives about 60 percent of its annual donations during the holiday season.

Some of that comes from non-perishables donated during food drives – especially those barrels you see in grocery stores.

The bank can turn one dollar in cash into six dollars worth of food because of deals they have set up with farms and food companies.

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County Gears Up For Legalized Pot

By Amy Sylvestri
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Due to the passage of Prop. 64 by California voters last year, adults over the age of 21 will be legally able to buy recreational cannabis starting on January 1, but many details about how sales and enforcement will work have yet to be determined.

Next month, the state will begin accepting online applications for temporary business permits, good for 120 days. That gives marijuana business owners time to compile the additional information needed to get the required permanent licenses, including security plans and insurance.

Though there are no cannabis dispensaries in Castro Valley, there are currently medical marijuana shops in Ashland and Cherryland. Since those businesses were in operation before September 2016, they are eligible to apply to be given priority in obtaining a temporary permit for recreational sales.

A big question remains about recreational marijuana consumption and how police can monitor legal sales and regulate drivers who might be under the influence.

Under state law, all dispensaries must have 24-hour video surveillance to deter crimes. But since current pot sales are a cash-only business because marijuana is still illegal federally, most banks won't get involved.

To that end, the state's cannabis agencies are holding a workshop with state-chartered banks and credit unions next month to discuss regulatory and compliance issues, and approaches to banking

cannabis-related businesses.

At a recent MAC meeting, board member Chuck Moore asked Alameda County Sheriff's Sgt. Bret Scheuller how cannabis enforcement will be handled.

Scheuller said that in addition to statewide legalization, the unincorporated areas also will see the number of dispensaries and cultivation areas increase to a total of five because of an ordinance recently passed by the Board of Supervisors.

Scheuller said the sheriff's office did not support the county's ordinance, but it's happening and so is recreational use, so the department is doing its best to prepare.

"We are going to the a very active partner in trying to police these (growers and stores)," said Scheuller. "We've never had to deal with legal cultivation before. It's a cash crop. It's a commodity. Also, the black market is here and it is going to remain."

Scheuller said they look at Colorado and other areas where recreational marijuana is in use as a guide, but California is a much larger state and he anticipates it will have its own unique experience with legalization.

Scheuller said that trouble stemming from marijuana – thefts, fires from illegal grows, etc. – have gone up "exponentially" since medical marijuana use was made legal 20 years ago.

MAC Chair Marc Crawford pointed out that since cannabis is a cash-only business, delivery drivers and other workers would probably be robbery targets.

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SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Milano Known Simply as 'Seven'

First in a series profiling the 16 new members of the Castro Valley Sports Hall of Fame. The induction banquet will take place April 21, 2018, at Redwood Canyon Event Center.

By Lowell Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Around the Cal baseball program he's known simply as "Seven," as in, "Hey, Seven, how's it going?"

Bob Milano wore No. 7 for 26 years – four years as an assistant coach and 22 years as head coach

of the Golden Bears. He retired after the 1999 season with 688 wins, the most of any head coach in the 125-year history of Cal baseball.

As a first-year assistant under Jackie Jensen in 1974, Milano didn't want the players calling him "Coach" because there were four coaches. "Bob" seemed too familiar and "Mr. Milano" was way too formal.

When a player named Randy Hooper suggested "Seven" as a moniker, Milano jumped on it. He's been "Seven" ever since. His license plate: 7 CAL.

The Bears retired Milano's No. 7 in 2003 – one of only four Cal baseball numbers to be retired. It was a fitting tribute to a man who led the Bears to three College World Series (1980, 1988 and 1992) and six NCAA Regional appearances.

Milano was named Pacific-10 Conference Southern Division Coach of the Year in 1980, when the Bears won the division title and finished third in the College World Series, and again in 1992. During his career he coached 15

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Christmas Tree Lighting Friday



The Holiday Season will be brightened by thousands of sparkling lights Friday evening as hundreds gather for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Castro Village.

The evening's festivities begin with the arrival of Santa Claus on a fire engine at 5 p.m. The tree lighting will take place at 6.

Live musical performances by the Castro Valley High Madrigals, the Castro Valley School of Music and the Castro Valley Performing Arts Center, and free photos with Santa will round out the evening, winding up at 8 p.m. Forecast is for dry weather.

Castro Valley Weather Nov. 29 - Dec. 3, 2017



Wednesday
Mostly Sunny
High 62° Low 43°



Thursday
Mostly Sunny
High 63° Low 44°



Friday
Partly Sunny
High 62° Low 45°



Saturday
Mostly Cloudy
High 61° Low 45°



Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High 59° Low 42°

Almanac



Past Week's Rain: 00.40
Season To Date: 03.58
Normal To Date: 04.22
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Sun sets at 4:51 p.m. today, rises at 7:06 a.m. Thursday.

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Dec 3



Dec 9



Dec 17



Dec 26

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Ring in New Year at Arts Center

By Terry Liebowitz
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Castro Valley Arts Foundation invites you to ring in the New Year at the Castro Valley Center for the Arts with a dazzling cabaret and a champagne toast, December 31 at 7:30 p.m.

Bay Area musical theater and cabaret favorite Tom Reardon has invited John Gonzalez, Jessica Coker Mohr, Morgan Breedveld, Melissa O'Keefe and Josh Marx to join him in a celebration of the buzz and glamour of the city that never sleeps.

These popular stage personalities have chosen favorite songs from Broadway musicals such as Anything Goes, Westside Story, and On the Town. Musical Director Joe Wicht and Daren A.C. Corollo complete the artistic team.

Bring your friends and celebrate early as the New York ball drops in Time Square at 9 p.m. our time!

Added to the festivities is a party in the Exhibition Room with appetizers and a cash bar serving wine and champagne. Come early to start the party at 6 p.m. and celebrate a New York New Year's Eve without leaving town!

Ticket prices are based on date of purchase: \$45 through tomorrow, Nov. 30, increasing to \$55 Dec.1-25, and \$60 Dec. 26-31. See www.cvartsfoundation.org for tickets.

Terry Liebowitz is a founding member of the Castro Valley Arts Foundation.



GET YOUR TICKETS NOW: Musical theatre favorite Tom Reardon brings a team of popular stage personalities to the Center for the Arts in Castro Valley on New Year's Eve beginning at 7:30 p.m.

CASTRO VILLAGE

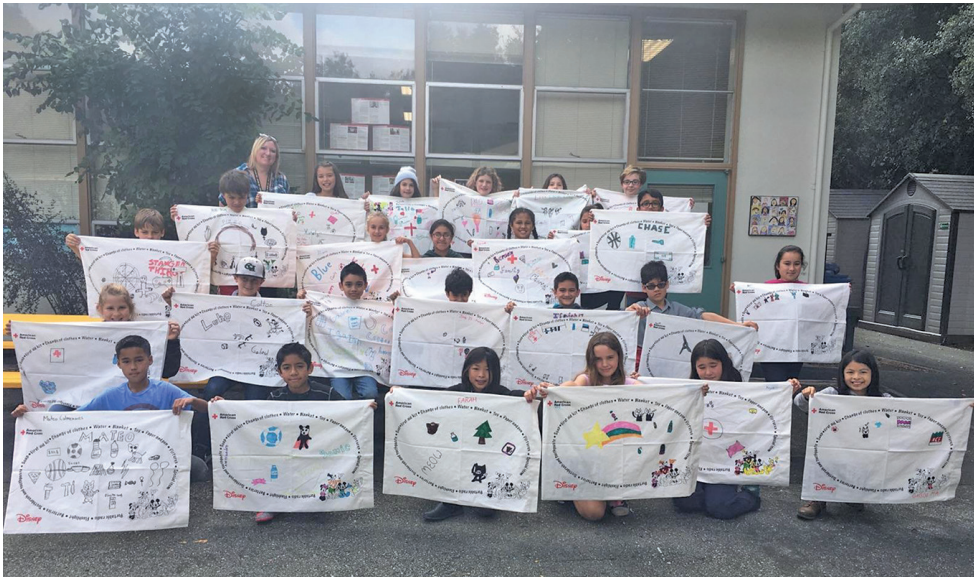
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Members of Mrs. Evans' fourth grade classroom at Palomares Elementary show off their pillowcases, which they decorated and took home to use in case of an emergency.

In (Pillow) Case of Emergency

Palomares Elementary School recently participated in the Pillowcase Project, a disaster preparedness program where elementary students decorate pillowcases to be used as emergency supply kits. "The goal is to help empower

students to take action in preparing for emergencies and understand what are the best ways to stay safe during emergencies that may occur in their community," says Principal Jennifer Tomita. "Students are also taught best ways to prevent and stay safe during a

home fire, as well as coping skills to help manage stress during emergency and everyday situations."

Palomares third through fifth graders participated in the project.

The Pillowcase Project was inspired by events in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Students from Loyola University carried out their valuables in pillowcases as they were evacuated.

The Walt Disney Company has funded the Pillowcase Project through the Red Cross since 2012. The program's activities include teaching kids how to create emergency kits and family emergency plans.

CHP's Toy Drive Returns

The Castro Valley California Highway Patrol's CHiP's for KiDs Toy Campaign began this week. Last year's drive was a huge success due to the generosity of the community.

Donate new and unwrapped toys at the CHP office on Redwood Road and the following locations in CV: Walgreen's, Rite Aid and CVS pharmacies on the Boulevard, and TJ Maxx in Castro Village.

SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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Shoplifter Nabbed

Sunday, November 26: at 4:15 p.m., Sheriff's deputies arrested a 22-year-old woman who refused to give her address on suspicion of shoplifting from a grocery store on the Boulevard in the 580 Market Place center. The woman was spotted walking out of the store with about \$90 worth of unpaid merchandise. She was also charged with violating her probation. She was taken into custody.

Family Assault

Saturday, November 25: at 7:59 p.m., a 911 call about a loud and aggressive-sounding argument sent deputies to a home on Zeno Street near Somerset Avenue. There, they arrested a 37-year-old woman from CV on suspicion of assault on a family member. Deputies handcuffed the woman and took her into custody. The victim was treated at the scene.

Assault and Battery

Saturday, November 25: at 9:09 p.m., a 35-year-old man from CV was arrested on suspicion of assault and battery against an associate at a home on Renton Way near Park Way. Deputies were called to the scene after reports of a fight at the home. The also had a warrant issued for his capture. Deputies took the man to Santa Rita Jail pending \$5,000 in bail.

Back to Jail

Friday, November 24: at 10:41 a.m., deputies pulled over and arrested a 50-year-old man from Castro Valley on suspicion of possession of methamphetamine drugs and driving with a suspend-

ed license. The man was traveling on Lake Chabot Road near Orange Avenue when deputies stopped him for a traffic infraction. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail and held without bail.

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Pot: Drugged-Driver Arrests

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"I think it's going to be a mess, myself," said Crawford.

Castro Valley California Highway Patrol Commander Steve Perea also told the MAC that his officers have received additional training about what to do with drivers who appear to be impaired by marijuana.

With alcohol, it's a simple breathalyzer test, but determining the level of cannabis intoxication is different, Perea said.

Officers must use their observation skills during field sobriety tests and find probable cause for an arrest. At the station, an officer with specific training as a "drug recognition expert" can request a blood test which can determine levels of THC present.

"When it comes to recognize impairment, it's different than drinking," said Perea.

In 2017, there were 441 DUI arrests from the Castro Valley CHP through October and 34 were from drugged-driving alone with no alcohol aspect - that's up from 19 drugged-driving arrests in 2016.

"We get good, strong convictions in drug arrests," said Perea. While officers are receiving extra training, some of what happens after legalization remains a mystery.

"With Prop. 64, we are in uncharted territory," said Perea. "We want to get ahead of it as much as possible."

More info on the state's recreational pot policies available on the California Bureau of Cannabis Control website, www.bcc.ca.gov

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Special Holiday Events

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Sun., Dec. 3	11 a.m.	Christmas Tree Ceremony
Sun., Dec. 10	11 a.m.	Candle Lighting Ceremony
Sun., Dec. 17	11 a.m.	Burning Bowl Ceremony
Sun., Dec. 17	Noon	Christmas Party
Sun., Dec. 24	11 a.m.	Christmas Truce Play
Sun., Dec. 31	4 a.m.	World Healing Meditation
Sun., Dec. 31	11 a.m.	White Stone Ceremony

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The Week Ahead

● Now: *Re/Max Accord Holiday Food Drive*

Re/Max Accord at 3327 Castro Valley Blvd. is running a food drive in partnership with the Alameda County Food Bank to help those in need and end hunger in our community through Dec. 5. Please participate!

● Thursday, November 30: *Design Thinking for Innovation*

Attend a free workshop on Design Thinking for Business Innovation focusing on new categories of jobs being created daily, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. tomorrow at the Castro Valley School of Music, 3300 E. Castro Valley Blvd. Pre-register by calling 510-397-0721.

● Friday, December 1: *Month-Long Holiday Boutique*

Sun Gallery is holding its Annual Holiday Boutique with local artisans special creations and wares Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 17, at 1015 E St. in Hayward. Offerings include vintage clothing, unique jewelry and many hand-crafted items. A portion of the of sales helps support the Sun Gallery's children's programs and our local artists and crafters. Visit www.sungallery.org

● Friday, December 1: *Eden Area Village Meeting*

A monthly member forum and outreach meeting will be held at Hayward City Hall (ask at front desk for room number) at 2 p.m. on Dec. 1 about a virtual village of volunteers helping seniors remain active and engaged in the community. For info, visit edenareavillage.org

● Friday-Sunday, Dec. 1-3: *Book Sale*

The Friends of the Castro Valley Library hold a 3-day Book Sale 6-8 p.m. this Friday (Members' Night, memberships available at the door), Saturday 10-4, and Sunday 1-4 when books will be \$3 a bag. The sale includes a wide-range of books, plus CDs and DVDs. Proceeds provide financial support for the programs and services of the library.

● Friday & Saturday, Dec. 1-2: *Free Creekside Craft Show*

The 14th Annual Creekside Holiday Art & Craft Show will be held from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. this Friday and 10-5 on Saturday at Creekside Community Church, 951 MacArthur Blvd., San Leandro. Food and drink for sale each day, plus a raffle and parking. A chili cook-off will be staged from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Friday night with a suggested donation of \$5-\$7. Visit creeksidecommunity.org/events/2017/12/1/holiday-arts-and-crafts-show. Proceeds will benefit the Mercy Brown Bag Program.

● Saturday, December 2: *Buon Tempo Annual Crab Feed*

The Buon Tempo Club invites everyone to the annual Bob Grazzini Memorial Crab Feed on Dec. 2 at Transfiguration Church, 4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd. Cocktails at 5, all-you-can-eat dinner at 6, a benefit for the Buon Tempo Scholarship fund. For tickets (\$45), call 510-483-6929, select Option 3 and leave your name, phone number and the number of tickets. Tickets must be paid for by Nov. 29. Write checks to Buon Tempo Club, mail to Rick Martens, PO Box 2625, Fremont, CA 94536

● Saturday, December 2: *Hayward Lights Up*

Hayward's annual Light Up the Season holiday event takes place from 3:30-6:30 p.m. this Saturday, Dec. 2, with a Christmas tree-lighting ceremony beginning at 6 p.m. inside City Hall. Santa and Mrs. Claus will kick off the event when they arrive by fire truck at City Hall Plaza at 3:30 p.m. Children's rides, face painting, balloon creations, live musical performances and photos with Santa.

● Saturday, December 2: *Soroptimist Holiday Boutique*

Shop for holiday crafts, gift items, jewelry, photography, hats, wardrobe accessories, gardening items, stained glass, soaps and lotions, dog and cat items, cosmetics, knitted/crocheted items, bake sale goods, plus raffle prizes at Soroptimist of the East Bay 13th Annual Holiday Boutique from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 2 at the Hill and Valley Club at 1808 "B" St., Hayward. Lunch and refreshments also available. All proceeds go to help support the goal of Soroptimist - improving the lives of women and girls. For more information, visit rambosmom@comcast.net or call Donna Whitehouse at 510-924-7622

● Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 2-3: *Christmas Bake Sale*

St. Gerard Women's Club of St. John's Catholic Church, 264 East Lewelling Blvd. in San Lorenzo is holding its Christmas Bake Sale and raffle beginning after the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Dec. 2 and after all the Masses starting at 7:30 a.m. on Dec. 3. A continental breakfast will be available on Dec. 3 and the raffle after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Lots of baked goods, prizes and a "trinkets & treasures" booth. For more info, call Evelyn McMillen at 481-2467 or Cheryl Hoffmann at 278-2906.

● Sunday, December 3: *Chanukah Chocolate Gelt Factory*

What do chocolate, science and your kid all have in common? Chanukah! This Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m., join us at Chabad of Castro Valley, 20912B Redwood Road, as we satisfy those cocoa cravings, while mastering the science behind the ancient art of chocolate making. And kids will create their own LED Menorah to hang in their car window, all for \$7. To find out more or to sign up your child for the fun, contact chanie@jewishcastrovalley.org or call 510-342-9326

● Sunday, December 3: *CV Middle Schools' Mattress Sale*

Castro Valley's middle schools' music departments will hold a fund-raising name-brand mattress sale from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. this Sunday, at Canyon Middle School Cafeteria. All sizes and styles, with layaway and delivery available. Full factory warranties. Twins from \$199, kings from \$399. Info at bit.ly/beds4castrovalley

● Sunday, December 3: *Congregation Shir Ami Tot Talk*

Children up to 5 and their parents or caregivers can learn a little bit about being Jewish, socialize and have fun making edible menorahs for Chanukah, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Congregation Shir Ami, a small, friendly, Reform synagogue at 4529 Malabar Ave. in Castro Valley. If you would like to attend, RSVP to bonnie@congshirami.org. Visit www.congshirami.org or www.facebook.com/CongShirAmi

● Tuesday, December 5: *Ohlone Audubon Meeting*

Members are invited to share 10 of their favorite pictures at the next meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue. The traditional holiday cookie exchange will follow. All are welcome and cookies are not required. For more info: www.ohloneaudubon.org

● Wednesday, December 6: *Diabetes: Dealing with Emotions*

Dr. Pereria will discuss "Dealing with Emotions while living with a Chronic Disease" at the Diabetes Support Group meeting at 4 p.m. on Dec. 6 at the Carlton Plaza, 1000 E. 14th St. in San Leandro. Those with a chronic illness and their partners are invited to attend this free meeting. For more info, call Amber Bennett at 510-636-0660.

● Tuesday, December 5: *Mega Energy Project Challenges*

The Rotary Club of Castro Valley will host Nick Lavingia who will

share what it takes to deliver that gallon of gas to your car and other technology, cultural and political challenges, at the next meeting at noon, Dec. 5, at Redwood Canyon Golf Course. While at Chevron, Lavingia supported well over \$200 billion in international projects. Buffet lunch is \$20. Reserve by 9 a.m. Dec. 4. For more information, visit www.castrovalleyrotary.org or call at Jim Negri at 650-996-9173.

● Thursday, December 7: *Annual Carlton Holiday Boutique*

Get a head start on holiday shopping for gifts, crafts and treats from local vendors and artisans from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 7 as Carlton Senior Living at 1000 E. 14th St. in San Leandro hosts its Annual Holiday Boutique. Shoppers will also get to enjoy a delicious Hot Cocoa Bar with toppings galore. Fun event for all ages! Call 510-636-0660 for any questions.

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.

● **"Stage Door,"** a play about a group of young actresses who have come to New York to study acting and find jobs, will be presented by the CVHS Drama Department on Dec. 1, 2 and 8 at 7 p.m., and Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. The show takes place at Mrs. Orcutt's boarding house, where the hopes and ambitions of 16 young women are revealed in scenes of entertaining comedy. *For tickets (\$13-\$15), see above.*

● **Canyon Middle School Choir** will present a concert at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5. *For tickets (\$7-\$10), see above.*

● **"Holiday Fun,"** a concert by the Creekside Middle School Choir, will be presented at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 6. *For tickets (\$7-\$10), see above.*

● **Creekside Middle School Concert** featuring the Concert Band, Concert Orchestra and Jazz Band for an evening of musical fun at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 11, showcasing what the bands have been working on for the past semester. *For tickets (\$5-\$7), see above.*

● **Creekside Symphonic Band & Symphonic Orchestra Concert** will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 11 along with the Creekside Jazz Band. *For tickets (\$5-\$7), see above.*

● **Canyon Middle School Orchestra** will present a concert at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 12. *For tickets (\$5-\$7), see above.*

● **Castro Valley High School Orchestra** will present a concert at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13. *For tickets (\$10-\$12), see above.*

THEATRICAL & MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

● **"Christmas in OZ"** - Celebrate the 85th anniversary of the East Bay Children's Theatre at the World Premiere of this new Broadway-style holiday musical running through Dec.17 at Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Ave. in Castro Valley. It's Christmas, and somewhere in Kansas, Dorothy is lonely for her friends back in Oz. And so, she builds herself a magical wish machine, and returns to the Emerald City--just in time for the big holiday celebration. Show times are Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 7 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. For more information, or to book tickets, visit www.ebctOnline.org or www.Chanticleers.org or phone 510-SEE-LIVE.

● **"Salem: With Scenes from Arthur Miller's 'The Crucible,'"** directed by Miriam Ani, will be presented by the Castro Valley Dramatic Arts Academy at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1 and 2, at the Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 North 3rd St. in Hayward. Visit www.artful.ly/store/events/13558 for tickets (suggested donation: adults \$25, students \$15)

● **Holiday Concert:** Special Songs for a Special Time of the Year, will be presented by the Morrisson Theatre Chorus under the direction of César Cancino Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 21, 22, and 23 at 8 p.m., and Sunday Dec. 24 at 2 p.m. at the Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St. in Hayward. For tickets (\$18-\$12), visit www.dmtonline.org or call 510-881-6777.

AT THE GALLERIES

● **Runes Revealed - Contemporary Artists Respond to an Ancient Alphabet,** a mixed media exhibition by Nordic 5 Arts inspired by the ancient form of writing no longer in use, will be on display from Dec. 2 (with a reception from 1-3 p.m.) until Jan. 13, at the Adobe Art Gallery, 20395 San Miguel Ave. in Castro Valley. Select works will also be on exhibit from Nov. 30 to Jan 5 at PhotoCentral Gallery, 1099 E St. in Hayward. For info, visit www.nordic5arts.com

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

CV United's 2009 Boys Green Soccer Team

This week's Athletes of the Week are the members of Castro Valley United's 2009 boys green soccer team, who took home the Premier 5 NorCal State Cup in Manteca on Sunday, Nov. 19.

The NorCal State Cup includes a series of games over three months with the elimination rounds taking place in Manteca. In the quarter final game, CV faced SMC Earthquakes in a 5-3 win in overtime.

CV played Union City Premier in the semi-finals game and won 5-1 to advance to the Championship game. CV United battled Woodland SC Atletico for the cup and captured the top spot with a 5-3 win.



Shown above: top row from left, Coach Dave Barrett, Maddox Treloar, Marco Bustamante, Harris Yousufi, Matias Nunez, Jack Gillis, Ezra Mahteme and Coach Anna Padgett; bottom row, Nathan Widdel, Jax Padgett, Jackson VanKleeck, Hans Giesler III, and Luciano Paredes.

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CVHS Represents at NCS Championships

The North Coast Section (NCS) hosted the singles and doubles tennis championships at Marin Tennis Club in San Rafael on Tuesday, Nov. 14, and Friday, Nov. 17.

NCS represents approximately half of northern California, with over 3000 girls tennis players participating. The players in this tournament represent the best High School tennis players in Northern California, with only 16 girls competing. Two of them were Elena Lottich and Rachel Dong from the Castro Valley girls team.

Lottich, a sophomore, CV's number 1 player and WACC-Foothill singles champion, was seeded number 4 in the tournament.

Dong, a senior, and the CV's number 2 player, was unseeded.

In the first round of the tournament, Dong played Audrey-Marie Ralofs, from St. Patrick-St. Vincent-Vallejo, losing 6-2, 6-3.

Lottich beat Thanish Arul, from Mission San Jose, in the first round, 6-1, 6-0. She played Eliza Bates from Acalanes, in the second round, and won a 3 set match, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1.

In the semi-finals, she played the number 1 seed, May Zhu from California HS, with Lottich losing 6-1, 6-0. As a result, Lottich played for third place in the tournament, and won against Camilla Tarpey-Schwed from Tamalpais, 6-2, 6-1.

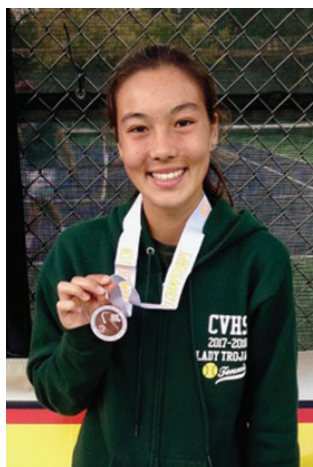


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Elena Lottich, CV's No. 1 Player

Sports: Milano Elected to the Hall of Fame

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All-Americans and 49 all-conference selections, including national Freshman of the Year Xavier Nady in 1998.

Many of Milano's players at Cal reached the major leagues, including Nady, Jeff Kent, Bob Melvin, Kevin Maas, Rod Booker, Chuck Cary, Lance Blankenship, Jerry Goff, Darren Lewis, Matt Luke, Geoff Blum and Tyler Walker.

Two of his former players are big league managers: Melvin with the Oakland A's and Bryan Price with the Cincinnati Reds.

In addition to his Cal achievements, Milano was assistant coach for the 1988 U.S. Olympic Gold Medal team, head coach of the 1997 U.S. National Team and assistant coach for Team USA in the 1985 Intercontinental Cup.

Milano raised a family in Castro Valley while coaching at Cal. His son and three of his four daughters attended Stanton Elementary and A.B. Morris Junior High. Bob even served one year as president of Castro Valley National Little League.

A committee of the Castro Valley Sports Foundation recently elected Milano to the Castro Valley Sports Hall of Fame. He already is a member of the Cal Athletic Hall of Fame, the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame, the Bishop O'Dowd High Hall of Fame, the Burlingame High Hall of Fame and the Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame (he taught and coached at Burlingame before being hired at Cal).

A former standout catcher at Bishop O'Dowd and Cal (he was all-conference and led the Bears in hitting in 1960), Milano got his dream job when he succeeded Jensen as head coach at Berkeley in 1978.

"I just loved teaching the game that meant so much to me," he said. "I loved the camaraderie and the relationships you build with players that last way past graduation."

Beloved as he was — and still is — in Berkeley, Milano was no



Bob Milano led Bears to a record 688 wins

Maas, who played three years at Cal before signing with the Yankees. "The alums who played for him, we all love him."

Maas, an engineering major, recalled that Milano introduced him to many of his engineering professors. "He cared about academics as well as baseball," Maas said. "He showed that he cared about what mattered to me."

As a tribute and sign of respect for the long-time Cal coach, the Cal Baseball Foundation last year established the Bob Milano Scholarship Fund, honoring "Bob's legacy of commitment to the academic and athletic excellence of Cal's baseball athletes."

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Bob and his wife, Diane, currently live in Walnut Creek.

pushover as a coach. Anyone who had to attend one of his "Dawn Patrols" will attest to that. When a player broke a team rule, or otherwise messed up, he was told to report to the track stadium at 5:30 the next morning. Milano would meet the player there and put him through a rigorous routine that included running and lots of stadium stair climbing.

"He struck a great balance between being a hard-ass and really caring about his players," said

Reports: Drugs and Assault

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Breaking Bad At Burger Joint

Friday, November 24: at 4:21 p.m., a 31-year-old man from Hayward was arrested on suspicion of destruction of private property and violating his parole at a fast-food restaurant on the Boulevard near Stanton Avenue. Deputies were called to the scene after the shift manager called to complain about the man smashing items on the property. The man was handcuffed and taken into custody.

Trespassing Transient Charged with Assault

Wednesday, November 22: at 10:40 p.m., deputies arrested a 54-year-old man with no permanent address on suspicion of trespassing on private property, possession of illegal drug paraphernalia, and assault on a family member. The man had been spotted camping behind a business on Redwood Road near Lessley Avenue, prompting a police visit. The man was taken into custody. The victim was treated at the scene.



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Thanks to All Involved in 2nd Year of CVHS Water Polo

Editor:

Thank you to all those involved in the completion of the second year of Castro Valley High School Water Polo – the Players, who never give up, the dedication of the Coaches, Parents, the School district, and HARD, as well as the kids and parents that played before the high school team got officially established.

Thanks also to the welders that made and modified the cages, and to Chabot Swim Club for the first season pool use. It took a long push for many years to make this happen.

It is so great to see the water polo practices and games as we

drive by the pool. Let's keep it going and push to modernize and expand the Castro Valley Aquatic Center!

—Pat Hassett
Castro Valley

Tax Reforms? Says the 'Jokes on Us!'

Editor:

Have you heard the latest grim fairy tales? Historic Federal tax "reforms," offset by \$2-trillion in Federal debt and reduced social programs, might mostly benefit billionaire investors. But their windfall will "trickle down." They're too smart to foolishly invest it in automation to save on labor costs. Motivated by patriotism, they'll hire more workers and pay higher wages.

Also, Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction have finally been discovered – hidden in the attic of his presidential palace.

And, whenever the National Anthem plays on TV, the President always stands with his right hand over his heart and holding his stylish red MAGA hat in his left hand.

Joke's on us!

—Stu Ryan
Castro Valley

Says Trump 'Not a President That Should Be in Power'

Editor:

The letter-writer that indicated that our economy was doing really good was right. Trump is proving he is a great businessman! That's where most everything else stops.

Do you remember Replace Obamacare, the Wall that the Mexicans will pay for, Drain the Swamp, doesn't think McCain was a war hero, making fun of a person with a disabling disease in his campaign, trying to invoke Little Rocket Man to do something stupid?

Trump was accused of sexual misconduct by 16 women before running for President. Since this was a women writer to the Forum, she certainly must remember the locker talk that Trump had with Billy Bush.

Now all of these things may not be impeachable offenses, but that's not a president that should be in power.

—Jack Gayle
Castro Valley

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GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Now that you've resolved all doubts about an important decision, you can surprise a lot of people by defending your stand with your strong and well-reasoned arguments.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): The holiday mood stirs your need to nurture everyone from the family cat to great-grandma. But don't overdo it, especially with teens, who like to feel grown up.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): Enjoy basking in the warm love of family and close friends. But don't fall into a prolonged catnap yet. There's still much to do before you can put up your paws and relax.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): Avoid pushing others to work as hard as you do on a common project. Instead, encourage them to do their best, and they might well reward you with a pleasant surprise.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Like the sensible Libra you are, you no doubt started your holiday shopping already. But be careful to keep within your budget. Shop around for the best buys.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Love and friendship remain strong in your aspect over the next several days. This is a good time to develop new relationships and strengthen old ones.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): A beloved family member has news that will brighten your holidays. Also expect to hear from friends who had long since moved out of your life.



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PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Your party-going activities pick up as the holiday season takes off. Enjoy your plunge into the social swim as you make new friends and renew old friendships.

Obituaries

Irene Weiner

Feb. 26, 1949 ~ Nov. 8, 2017
Resident of Castro Valley



Irene Weiner, longtime Castro Valley resident, has died due to complications of Crohn's disease. She is survived by her husband of 37 years Stuart and her daughters Sarah and Allison and son-in-law Bob.

Irene was born into a Naval family and lived throughout the world - born in the Panama Canal zone with postings in Germany, Spain and many domestic ports.

Irene was a graduate of Cal State Hayward with a BA in European History. Irene had a wicked sense of humor and was a smart, passionate and loyal friend. She will be missed.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, December 2nd at 1:00 p.m. at Jess C Spencer Mortuary in Castro Valley.

■ TONINI, Eli Anthony
■ WEINER, Irene

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Eli Anthony Tonini



Eli Tonini of San Leandro passed on November 16, 2017 in Oroville at age 95. He is survived by niece Janice Hill (husband Aaron), nephews John Pagano (wife Linda), Robert Pagano, grand-nephews Tyson Hill, Kevin Pagano (wife Cori).

Preceding him in death were his wife of 60 years Theresa Elsie, Italian immigrant parents, Antonio and Rose Tonini, stepfather Frank Alasia, and sister Carol Tomicich (Trefon).

Eli was born in 1921 at home in Hayward. As a child he worked with his stepfather taking care of the rabbits and chickens at the California Home Rabbitry in Hayward during the depression. He graduated from Hayward High School in 1939. During World War II, Eli served for 3 1/2 years in the US Army with the 355th Bomber Squadron in the US and in Guam. He flew in B29's.

Eli lived in San Leandro for 63 years. He worked as Building & Grounds Supervisor for the San Lorenzo Unified School District for 35 years until his retirement in 1983. He was a member of the Buon Tempo Club, Columbo Club and San Leandro Branch of ICF. As an Oakland A's fan, he would be at the Coliseum for Wednesday afternoon baseball games. He was a caring man and a hardworking and devoted husband and a lover of plants who raised and shared beautiful orchids. His beloved dog, Tigee, was very special to him.

The family is most appreciative of the wonderful care that Eli received from Daniela's Country Home Care in Oroville for about 4 and a half years, Hayward Convalescent for 4 years and HomeAide Home Care.

Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 18 at St. Leander Catholic Church, 474 W. Estudillo Avenue, San Leandro. Inurnment will follow at 12:20 p.m. at Calvary Catholic Cemetery, 1100 Hillcrest Road, Hollister. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Alzheimer's medical research charity of your choice.

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REAL ESTATE GALLERY



REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Forum

GUEST COMMENTARY



Proposed Tax Reform Hurts Homeowners

Most people I know would support a simpler tax system.

Let's face it: while the current system provides employment for a veritable army of accountants and taxation attorneys, there are so many layers, complexities and loopholes that most normal folks have no idea what is actually in the tax code.

While many like the idea of incentives bolstering economic growth and are enamored by the concept of a medical system that actually works, they do not want increases added to their current tax burden. Additionally, they do not want to lose benefits they currently depend upon.

Consequently, there is a groundswell of opposition to the current tax reform bill (HR 1, passed by the House of Representatives 11/16/17) which will have a significant negative impact on homeowners across the nation.

The Senate version, currently being worked on, is no better.

After examining the Senate proposal, the National Association of Realtors (NAR) affirms it is as harmful as the House bill, stating, "The Senate's proposal, much like the House bill ... creates significant headwinds for homeowners and homebuyers, while providing only a tempo-

rary cut for middle class homeowners.

Unlike the House bill, the Senate chose to eliminate all state and local taxes (SALT) including state and local income and sales taxes as well as state and local real estate taxes. This change will make it more difficult for homeowners to itemize their mortgage interest and when they do, they will face a much lower benefit from homeownership. In a perverse way, only those who can afford very expensive homes will be able to benefit from the real estate provisions of the tax code."

In response, David Stark, Public Affairs Director, Bay East Association of Realtors explains, "NAR's analysis of the Senate tax reform package revealed the following attacks on home ownership:

- Reduces the benefits of the mortgage interest deduction;
- Increases the time home-

owners must live in their homes to qualify for the capital gains tax exemption;

- Eliminates the interest deduction on all home equity loans;
- Eliminates the deduction for all state and local taxes including property taxes and
- Eliminates the deduction for moving expenses with an exemption for military families."

With California hit extra hard due to our high average incomes and stratospheric housing prices, Realtors in Alameda County are rallying to counter the current legislation.

Additionally, NAR has issued two calls-for-action, encouraging Realtors and homeowners to contact their representatives.

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

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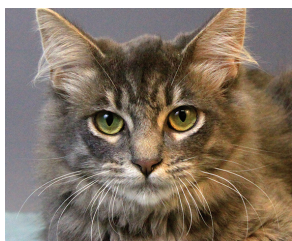
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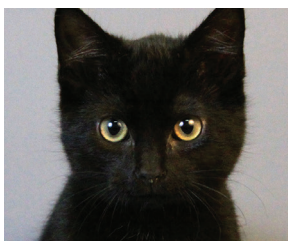
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Favorites From the Sew 'n Sews Opens at John O'Lague Galleria

By Winda I. Shimizu
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

John O'Lague Galleria presents "Favorites from the Sew 'n Sews" a unique exhibit featuring an array of sewing techniques, exotic textiles and the creative use of the artists' daily experiences portrayed in their quilts.

Eight artists and 58 quilts are included in this colorful show by the Sew 'n Sews, a mini-group of the African American Quilt Guild of Oakland.

The featured artists are Blanche Brown, Dolores Vitero Presley, Carolyn Pope, Julia Vitero, Norma Mason, Pat Bailey, Marylin Handis, and Ann Robinson.

"We are honored to accept an invitation from Hayward Arts Council to display our favorite quilts at John O'Lague Galleria at the Hayward City Hall," said Presley. "Every quilt tells a story."

Sew 'n Sews was established 12 years ago with the purpose of



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SEW 'N SEWS: Back row from left, Blanche Brown, Dolores Vitero Presley, Carolyn Pope and Julia Vitero; front row, Norma Mason, Pat Bailey, Marylin Handis and Ann Robinson.

sewing and supporting each other in their creative endeavors. "Favorites from Sew 'n Sews" show promotes camaraderie and the power of creativity.

"Favorites from the Sew 'n Sews," sponsored by the Hayward Arts Council, will be on display through February 9. An artists' reception will be held this Friday, Dec. 1, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at John O'Lague Galleria.

For more information, visit www.haywardartscouncil.org or call 510-538-2787 or email hac@haywardartscouncil.org.

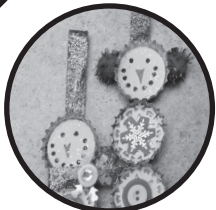
Winda I. Shimizu is Executive Director of Hayward Arts Council.

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