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Homeless Camp Eviction Spotlights Greater Needs

By Michael Singer
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Nearly 60 people were evicted from a homeless encampment in a wooded area on Grove Way last Thursday. Yet despite the open arms of churches and county assistance programs, many of those displaced are unlikely to find a suitable replacement shelter.

Just after lunchtime on Oct. 17, deputies began escorting people out of the area near the eastbound entrance to Interstate 580.

Four of the people in the camp were arrested on drug-related charges including one man who had 4 ounces of methamphetamines in his pocket.

During the evacuation, two dogs tried to attack a deputy who fired his weapon. One dog died, the other was wounded. No people were injured during the removal.

The eviction comes after more than a month of outreach by deputies in response to the public outcry about increasing drug use, theft, vandalism, littering and concerns regarding public health and the environment.

"This cleanup will cost the county \$500 million to complete," Alameda County Sheriff's Sgt. Ray Kelly told the Forum, noting that deputies recently cleared out



This eastbound I-580 on-ramp in Castro Valley was closed for several days last week while encampments of homeless people were cleared from along lower Grove Way on Tuesday and Thursday.

a homeless camp underneath the Interstate 238-880 interchange for \$50,000.

"You have piles of garbage accumulated in the woods that need removing and then there are the hypodermic needles along with

the human waste that gets dumped into the nearby creek."

Melissa Moore, a homeless Castro Valley resident impacted by the removal of a homeless encampment says she was shocked that deputies shot at the dogs and

that they were even asked to leave in the first place.

"This is not acceptable!" Moore posted on various social networks. "[Deputies] were going into the area these people were at to have
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PHOTOS BY LINDA SANDSMARK

'Right Call': PG&E Defends Power Shutoff

In the face of withering criticism from some of its customers and many state, county and city officials over its handling of Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) two weeks ago, PG&E says it has confirmed more than a hundred incidents of power line damage that could have caused wildfires.

"While we understand and recognize the major disruption this PSPS event imposed on our customers and the general public, these findings suggest that we made the right call, and importantly no catastrophic wildfires were started," Michael Lewis, PG&E's senior vice president of electric operation, said last week in a prepared statement.

During the shutoff, which impacted 738,000 customers, gusts of 77 mph were recorded in Sonoma County, 75 mph in Contra Costa County and 48 mph in Alameda County.

The beleaguered utility company said it considers many factors when deciding if a Power Shutoff is needed, but an important element is how strong the winds will be.

The National Weather Service issued multiple Red Flag Warnings that lasted from Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 9, until Friday morning that included locations where 2.1 million of PG&E's customers live. The Red Flag Warning
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PG&E PHOTOS

One of a dozen photos released by PG&E last week showing damage to power lines that occurred during power shutoffs two weeks ago. Above, in Napa County where peak wind gusts of 54 mph were recorded.

MAC MEETING

Problems With RV Dwellers

By Amy Sylvestri
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

As housing costs in the Bay Area continue to soar and fewer people can afford living here, more people are taking to living in Recreation Vehicles (RVs) parked on local streets, according to the Alameda County Sheriff's office, who discussed the issue at Monday night's meeting of the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC).

"It's prevalent as a problem throughout the Bay Area and the entire state," said MAC Chair Marc Crawford.

The MAC discussed the RV problem, the rise in people sleeping on Castro Valley streets, and the issue of homeless encampments.

It's no surprise that there are limited solutions to these complex problems, but Sheriff's Office Commander Colby Staysa told the MAC that perhaps introducing an ordinance that would place further limitations on the RVs could help, calling the issue a "huge problem" with "limited tools to enforce" currently.

Crawford said that as surrounding cities restrict RV parking, Castro Valley has to keep up, otherwise facing "becoming a dumping ground" for folks forced off streets in neighboring cities.

Public Works Director Daniel Wodsenbet said RVs can park on public streets for up to 72 hours. The MAC could craft an ordinance that could further limit that period or require the RVs to be moved a set distance.

He cautioned that some structures on main roads would likely cause RV residents to retreat to more residential streets.

In other business, the MAC heard an update on the Anita Ave. sidewalk improvement project from Public Works engineer James Chu.

The MAC unanimously approved a version of improvement plans that would widen the current road to 50 feet with 7-foot sidewalks
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Castro Valley Weather Oct. 23 - 27, 2019

Wednesday
Sunny & Warm
High 83° Low 54°

Thursday
Sunny & Warm
High 86° Low 55°

Friday
Sunny & Warm
High 84 Low 51°

Saturday
Sunny
High 77° Low 51°

Sunday
Sunny
High 76° Low 49°

Almanac

Past Week's Rain: 00.00
Season To Date: 00.38
Normal To Date: 00.24
Season Average: 21.22

Moon Phases

Oct. 27

Nov. 4

Nov. 12

Nov. 19

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Partners in Comprehensive Care

Joshua Wheeler Named Castro Valley, Alameda County 'Teacher of the Year'

Joshua Theo Wheeler, an English teacher at Redwood High School, recently received a double honor when he was selected as Castro Valley School District's "Teacher of the Year," and subsequently chosen as one of two "Alameda County's Teachers of the Year."

Formerly a truck driver, Wheeler switched to a career in education 12 years ago, overcoming a diagnosis of Hodgkin's Lymphoma early on.

He accepted the district's award with moving words, marking a line of revolution from his grandparents' path to becoming citizens and working for their family, to his role as a "revolution standing on the shoulders of giants."

Wheeler says of educators, "We have the power to give knowledge, the capacity to create change, redi-



Joshua Theo Wheeler

rect trajectories, refract the paths of the wayward, enlighten, inspire, ruminate, model, live, love, and teach."

"I really know I've gotten through to my students when they are smiling about something they previously found difficult, like

writing an essay," he says. "If my students could take one thing away from their time in my class, it would be that there is a future for them, and they need to plan for that future, and that future can be as bright as they want it to be."

School Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi calls Wheeler "a relentless advocate for students."

"He has an uncanny ability to engage, motivate, and encourage young people to take charge of learning," she says.

Ahmadi welcomed the teachers and guests to an awards ceremony Oct. 3 at Castro Valley Center for the Arts. County Schools Superintendent L. Karen Monroe presented the awards. A panel of educators who reviewed the submissions picked Wheeler and Dr. Pauline Stahl of Alameda for the Alameda County honors.

Kathy Maier Named 'Teacher of the Year'

By Linda Sandsmark
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Longtime Castro Valley resident Kathleen Maier was honored as 2019 Teacher of the Year by the San Leandro School District in a ceremony Oct. 3.

The ceremony was held at Castro Valley's Center for the Arts before an audience of some 250 people.

Maier was one of 18 teachers from all over Alameda County to receive the award for their district. Because other staff members submit nominations, the award often comes as a surprise to the recipient.

That was the case with Maier, who teaches strings, woodwinds and brass at McKinley Elementary School, and Orchestra at John Muir Middle School.

Maier says her 40 years as a



PHOTO BY LINDA SANDSMARK

Kathy Maier of CV holds her award from the Alameda County Office of Education.

music teacher in public school education have brought her great joy. "If you want to become a teach-

er, follow your passion and do it, because if you love teaching the children will love learning," she says. "It's very humbling to think that people I work with took the time to write such nice things that this honor would come to me."

Maier also directs the Castro Valley Community Band through which gives several free concerts throughout the year. And, during the summer she directs the Hayward Municipal Band as well.

Maier dedicated her award to the teachers she had while growing up, to her family, and also to her students.

"My class is an elective, so the fact that they come back year after year means they're finding joy, and they're finding camaraderie, and they really want to be there," she says. "No matter where they come from, or what happened to

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At the Library: Surprising Art All Made of Discarded Paper

When Sandra Wallace saw a demonstration of paper-sculpting on YouTube a couple of years ago, the longtime Castro Valley resident thought it looked interesting.

Especially catching her eye were photos of baskets made of nothing more than tightly twisted layers of paper.

So Wallace, whose training in art was limited to a few high school classes years ago, dived in.

She began collecting and experimenting with discarded paper — newspapers, paper bags, wrapping paper — and turning them into remarkable pieces of art, often including found objects and always looking for ways to recycle materials.

Her favorites are the sturdy, thick paper shopping bags like those Trader Joe's puts your groceries in.

While many paper sculptors use traditional papier-mâché, a paste mixture of flour and water, Wallace uses Elmer's Glue to produce her works. It's not so messy and a lot easier to clean up.

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PHOTOS BY DAMON WALLACE

Artist Sandra Wallace, a longtime Castro Valley resident, with some of her art pieces currently on display at the Castro Valley Library through October 31.

Volunteers Sought at Eden Medical Center

Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley is looking for volunteers who are available to help out at least once a week during flexible hours.

Volunteers perform a variety of duties, assisting patients, visitors and caregivers at the hospital. They work in the gift shop, fill the hospital's hygiene stations, run errands, put together the welcome bags for every patient who checks in, and escort patients and visitors to the Registration Desk from the lobby.

They also help with patient discharges, including sending off the families of newborns.

Auxiliary volunteers at Eden Medical Center benefit from six

weeks of shadowing another volunteer. After three to four months, they are eligible to perform Family Support in which they can volunteer in the Emergency Department, helping patients' family and friends.

Eden also offers a patient support group which allows volunteers to talk and read to the patients, recognizing the impact of their time, talent and voices on the lives of patients, visitors and caregivers.

Volunteers must be over the age of 18 and be willing to commit to at least one year of service performing one four-hour shift per week, Monday through Friday 9

a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

To apply, or for more information, contact Eden's Auxiliary at 510-727-3080.

SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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Spousal Assault at Gas Station

Sunday, October 20: at 9:55 a.m., Sheriff's deputies arrested a 29-year-old man from Richmond on suspicion of assault on his spouse, child endangerment, and destroying public property. The man was parked at a gas station on Grove Way near Center Street when an argument got overheated. Deputies report the man also had a warrant issued for his arrest. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$5,000 in bail. The victims were taken into custody.

Can't Stay Away

Saturday, October 19: at 8:46 p.m., a 34-year-old woman from Castro Valley was arrested on suspicion of violating the terms of a restraining order asking that she keep away from a home on Sweet Lane near Strobbridge Avenue. Deputies were called to the home after the residence called to complain about the woman parked outside. The woman was taken into custody.

Felon with a Handgun

Friday, October 18: at 11:58 p.m., deputies arrested a 64-year-old man with no permanent residence on suspicion of possession of a handgun as a convicted felon and violating the terms of his probation. The man was hanging outside a business on Castro Valley Boulevard near Redwood Road when

deputies stopped him for questioning and discovered the weapon. The man was taken into custody without incident.

Four Arrested at Homeless Encampment

Thursday, October 17: at 1:47 p.m., four people with no permanent residence were arrested on drug-related offenses at a homeless encampment on Grove Way near the entrance to eastbound Interstate 580. Deputies made the arrests during an eviction of the camp (see our main story for details). A 35-year-old man at the scene was found to have 4 ounces of methamphetamine drugs in his possession. A 51-year-old woman, a 34-year-old man and a 34-year-old woman were also arrested for

possession of illegal drug paraphernalia and other illegal drugs. The older man was taken to Santa Rita Jail and held without bail.

Exposed on the Boulevard

Wednesday, October 16: at 9:33 p.m., deputies arrested a 28-year-old woman from Oakland on suspicion of possession of illegal narcotics. An anonymous tip about a woman exposing herself near the intersection of Nunes Avenue and Castro Valley Boulevard sent deputies to the scene. The woman was found wearing sunglasses and had dilated eyes. Deputies report the woman admitted to taking drugs and was found with a stimulant in her pocket. The woman was taken to Santa Rita Jail for treatment.


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Sheriff's Halloween Carnival, Costume Contest is Tonight

The Alameda County Deputy Sheriff's Activities League will be holding a Halloween Carnival from 4 to 7 p.m. this evening, Oct. 23, at 16640 East 14th Street in Ashland.

There will be face painting, lottery prizes, music, a costume contest, food, carnival games and more. Tickets are just \$1. For more info, contact info@acdsal.org.

The Activities League was created to unite members of the Sheriff's Office with the youth of Alameda County in the pursuit of reducing crime, improving the lives of area residents and enhancing the health of the community through a variety of recreational and health activities including soccer, basketball, boxing, economic development, and more.



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The Week Ahead

● Thursday, October 24: School Board Meeting

The Castro Valley Board of Education will hold a regular open meeting at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the boardroom at 4400 Alma Avenue. For the agenda and board packet, visit bit.ly/CVUSDBoardMeetings

● Friday, October 25: CVSan Employee Recognition

All businesses in the Castro Valley Sanitary District are invited to attend the 6th Annual Employee Recognition Brunch at the CVSan office, 21040 Marshall Street, where the achievements of 4R Star business employees will be recognized. RSVP to purvi@cvsan.org or call 510-537-0757 ext. 117.

● Saturday, October 26: Drug Take-Back Day

California Public Health officers will be collecting unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medicines at the Castro Valley Library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Saturday. Drop off expired and unused drugs (no questions asked) for safe disposal and destruction that might otherwise be a source of supply for illegal use and an unacceptable risk to public health and safety.

● Saturday, October 26: Kiwanis Club Pasta Dinner

The Kiwanis Club of Hayward-Castro Valley invites you to their annual Pasta Dinner from 5:30 to 8 p.m. this Saturday at the Kenneth C. Aitken Senior and Community Center, 17800 Redwood Road. Adults \$25, children (ages 10-16) \$10. Pasta with red sauce, chicken Alfredo and pesto with salad, dessert and beverage. Also a basket raffle and silent auction. For more information, call David Wilhite at 510-886-1100 or Gerry Cockrill at 510-889-5885.

● Saturday, October 26: Free SAT Practice Test

Teens are invited to partake in a free SAT practice test administered by The Princeton Review at the Castro Valley Library from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. this Saturday. In preparation for what might be the most important test of your life, this 3.5-hour workshop will offer you the opportunity to practice and find out how you would score on the new test. Get realistic practice and try your hand at the types of questions you'll face on the actual exam. You will also receive a personalized score report pinpointing your strengths and weaknesses. Registration is requested. Sign up by phone 510-667-7900 or in person.

● Saturday, October 26: Free Halloween Comic Books

To celebrate Halloween ComicFest 2019, Crush Comics at 28969 Castro Valley Blvd. will join comic book shops across the country to give away Halloween-themed comic books free to anyone who comes to their stores from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. this Saturday, with no purchase required. Visit www.halloweencomicfest.com for more information.

● Sunday, October 27: Celebrating Bahá'í 200th Anniversary

Join the Castro Valley Bahá'í Community in celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Birth of the Báb, forerunner of the Bahá'í Faith. The picnic will be at the Castro Valley Community Center Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 27. Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome. RSVP to bahaiacw@gmail.com

● Monday, October 28: Gardening Volunteers Needed

The Kenneth Aitken Senior Center is looking for volunteers to help replanting the center's garden on Monday, Oct. 28, at 10 a.m. Lend a hand and help tend the soil and plant new crops. All help is needed and appreciated. The Senior Center is located at 17800 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. Call Jen at 510-881-6742 for more information or to reserve your spot.

● Monday, October 28: Eden Garden Club Meeting

Eden Garden Club's next meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 28 at the Moose Lodge, 20835 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley. The club's Fall Bazaar, with plants, gardening items, books, crafts, household items, baked goods and more will run from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Come early for best selection. Funds raised benefit local school gardening and other environmental programs. Call 510-397-1268 for info.

● Tuesday, October 29: Rotary Mixer

There will be no lunch meeting of the Rotary Club of Castro Valley on Oct. 29. Join an informal get-together from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Adobe Center to meet club members and learn more about Rotary. For more information, visit castrovalleyrotary.org

● Tuesday, October 29: 2019 Barks & Boos

Join the Halloween fun for all ages from 5 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 29 with games, trick-or-treating at every booth, food trucks, a costume contest with prizes and trophies for the best dressed, and a pet costume contest, sponsored by the Castro Valley/Eden Area Chamber of Commerce. Call 510-537-5300 for info.

● Tuesday, October 29: Screening of "Dawn of Light"

Attend the worldwide screening of a film about the life and influence of the Báb, forerunner of the Bahá'í Faith, as seen through the eyes of eight people of American, Nepali, Chilean, Irish, Tajikistani, New Zealand, Iraqi, and Zambian backgrounds. On the 200th anniversary of his birth, the film will be screened at Castro Valley Library from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 29. Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome. Contact bahaiacw@gmail.com for more information.

● Thursday, October 31: Charity Haunted House

A Charity Haunted House with an "Attack of the Aliens" theme will be open from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Halloween night at 5926 Charter Oaks Drive, in Castro Valley. Donations will be given to the animal shelter.

● Saturday, November 2: Monarch Butterfly Class & Tour

Flying thousands of miles at speeds of up to 25 miles per hour and a mile high in the sky, Monarch butterflies return annually to the same trees at the San Leandro Marina and hunker down to spend the winter. To learn about this mysterious migration, and to take a short walking tour to see large clusters of butterflies on eucalyptus trees, register for an upcoming class at apm.activecommunities.com and use keyword "Monarch." The next classes are this Saturday from noon to 1:30 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 2 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$15 for adults, \$8 for children.

● Friday, November 8: Dynamic Dinner Dance

Purchase your tickets before November 1 for the Castro Valley Educational Foundation's annual Dynamic Dinner Dance, to be held from 7 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 8, at the Castro Valley Masonic Center at 4521 Crow Canyon Road in Castro Valley. This year's theme is Bollywood with a buffet Indian dinner by Aroma, a no-host bar, music by DJ Billy Bradford and a Bollywood dance performance. Silent and live auctions with prizes that include tickets to Disneyland. Purchase tickets now at www.cvef.org/dynamic-dance

Items for the Community Calendar as well as news submissions must be received by 6 p.m. Friday for the following Wednesday's newspaper. Send to fredz@ebpublishing.com

Arts & Entertainment

CASTRO VALLEY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Tickets for Center for the Arts events (unless otherwise listed) are available at www.cvcfa.com; or at the Center Box Office, 19501 Redwood Road, Thursdays and Fridays 3-5 p.m. (phone 510-889-8961), or at the Castro Valley Adult School, 4430 Alma Avenue.

● **"Peter and the Starcatcher,"** the Tony-Award-winning play based on the 2004 novel by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 8-9 and 15-16, by the CVHS Drama Department. The play provides a backstory for the characters of Peter Pan, Mrs. Darling, Tinker Bell and Hook. *For tickets (\$15-\$20) see above.*

● **Concert by the Oakland Youth Orchestra** will be presented free at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 17 at the Center for the Arts.

● **Canyon Choir Concert** will be presented at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20. *For tickets (prices to be determined), see above.*

● **"The Great American Sh*t Show"** with new monologues on life in the age of Trump with solo performing stars Brian Copeland and Charlie Varon, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 21 (date change). An evening of laughing and thinking, covering topics including how to deal with a family member who's all in for the Donald when you're not, trying to turn red congressional seats blue. *For tickets (\$40) see above.*

OTHER THEATRICAL & MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

● **"Cabaret,"** the Broadway hit musical set in a Berlin nightclub in the late 1920s, continues through Nov. 17 at Chanticleers Theatre. Cabaret explores the dark, heady, and tumultuous life of Berlin's natives and expatriates as Germany slowly yields to the emerging Third Reich. Musical numbers include "Willkommen," "Cabaret," "Don't Tell Mama" and "Two Ladies." Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. at Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Ave. in the Castro Valley Community Center Park. For tickets (\$18-\$25), visit chanticleers.org/ or call 510-733-5483.

● **Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker** will be presented at Chabot College Performing Arts Center in Hayward at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1. For tickets, visit nutcracker.com. For groups of 10 or more, call 800-320-1733.

● **"Next to Normal,"** the award-winning Broadway rock musical about depression, anxiety and the mental health industry, will be presented by Plethos Productions Fridays through Sundays, Nov. 8-24, at Smalltown Society, 22222 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Seating is limited. Early bird tickets are \$15 before Nov. 1 at plethos.org

ART GALLERIES & ART INSTRUCTION

● **"Celebrate the Arts,"** a gala fundraiser for the Hayward Arts Council, will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 8, in the Rotunda of Hayward City Hall, 777 B Street, with catered food, live music and a live auction with valuable tickets and hotel stays. For tickets (\$50 before Oct. 30, \$65 after), visit www.haywardartscouncil.org

● **Hayward 21st Century Library Grand Opening Exhibit** continues on the 2nd floor, featuring art by members of Sun Gallery and the Hayward Arts Council until Jan. 18.

● **Hayward Arts Council "Members Show"** will be presented by the John O'Lague Gallery at Hayward City Hall through Dec. 6. Gallery hours are 9 to 5 Monday through Friday. Sponsored by the Hayward Arts Council.

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3:50p 6:45p

5:58p 8:53p

● **"Beetlejuice"** (PG)

Fri 10/25

11:55p, 1:32a

● **"Maleficent: Mistress of Evil"** (PG)

Sat - Sun 10/26 - 10/27

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3:08p 6:03p 8:53p

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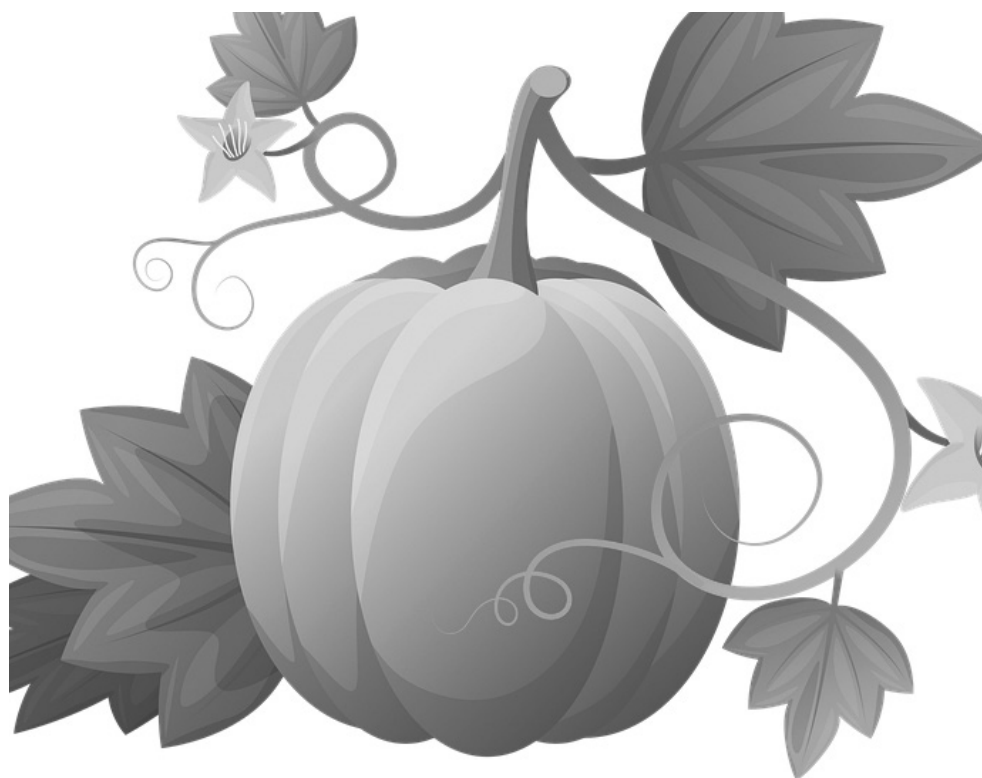
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PUMPKIN GINGERBREAD

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup whole-wheat flour
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon ginger
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
3/4 cup butter or margarine
2 large eggs
1 can (1 pound) pumpkin
1/2 cup light molasses
1/4 cup milk
1-1/2 teaspoons baking soda
Whipped cream

In a large bowl, stir together flours, sugar and spices. With a pastry blender or your fingers, cut or rub in butter until mixture resembles coarse meal. Set aside 2/3 cup of the mixture.

In a small bowl, beat eggs, pumpkin, molasses, milk and baking soda to blend. Add to dry ingredients and stir until just evenly moistened. Pour into a greased 8- by 12-inch baking pan. Sprinkle with reserved flour mixture.

Bake in a 350°F oven until top is firm to touch, about 50 minutes. Cool slightly. Serve gingerbread warm, adding whipped cream to taste.

Serves 8 to 10.

PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE

2 pounds cream cheese
1-1/2 cups sugar
3 eggs
1 cup whipping cream

2 (1-pound) cans pumpkin
2 teaspoons vanilla
1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice

Graham Cracker Crust
Sour Cream Topping

Blend cream cheese with sugar until smooth. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating until blended. Add whipping cream, pumpkin, vanilla and spice, blending thoroughly.

Pour into Graham Cracker Crust. Bake at 300°F for 1-1/2 hours or until cake sets. Remove and let rest 10 minutes, then pour Sour Cream Topping over cheesecake. Cool thoroughly before removing from pan. Chill. Makes 1 (10-inch) cheesecake.

Graham Cracker Crust

1 teaspoon soft butter
1-1/4 cups graham cracker crumbs
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup melted butter

Brush 10-inch springform pan with soft butter. Mix crumbs, cinnamon, sugar and melted butter. Press onto bottom of pan.

Sour Cream Topping

1 pound sour cream
1/2 cup sugar
2 teaspoon vanilla

Blend sour cream, sugar and vanilla until smooth.

PUMPKIN-ORANGE BREAD PUDDING

2 cups bread cubes
1/2 cup raisins
1 cup orange juice
2 tablespoons butter
1/3 cup sugar
1 tablespoon grated orange zest
1/4 teaspoon orange extract, plus a few drops
1 cup scalded milk (see note)
3 eggs, lightly beaten
1 cup pumpkin purée
Whipped cream

Preheat oven to 325°F. Place the bread cubes in buttered 2-quart 8- by 11-inch baking dish. Sprinkle on raisins. In bowl, blend orange juice, butter, sugar, orange zest, extract and milk.

Blend in the eggs and pumpkin and pour over bread mixture. Bake about 30 minutes, or until set. Serve

with whipped cream flavored with the few drops of orange extract.

Note: To scald milk, slowly heat it until small bubbles appear around the edges. Do not let milk boil.

SPICY PUMPKIN BREAD

2/3 cup vegetable oil, plus extra for greasing pan
2 eggs
1 cup sugar
1 cup canned pumpkin
1/3 cup dark corn syrup
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
1-1/2 cups flour, plus extra for preparing pan
1 teaspoon baking soda
2-1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon allspice
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup chopped walnuts
1/2 cup dried currants
Butter, optional

Beat oil, eggs and sugar with electric mixer until thick and flowing, about 1 minute. Add pumpkin, corn syrup and vanilla and mix well.

Combine flour, baking soda, cinnamon, allspice, salt, walnuts and currants in medium bowl. Add to pumpkin mixture and mix well.

Pour into buttered and floured 9x5-inch loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees until dark brown and toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, about 1 hour, 10 minutes. Cool in pan 5 minutes. Turn onto wire rack to cool completely. Cut into thin slices and serve with softened butter if desired. Makes 12 to 16 servings.

Note: For best flavor and texture, make this bread a day or two ahead, wrapped in foil and kept at room temperature.

PUMPKIN-BLUEBERRY MUFFINS

1-2/3 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground allspice

1 cup Libby's Pumpkin
1/4 cup low-fat milk
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened
1 cup packed light brown sugar
1 large egg
1 cup fresh blueberries
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
Streusel topping (see below)

Preheat oven to 350°F. Paper-line or grease 12 regular muffin cups.

Combine 1-2/3 cups flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt, cinnamon and allspice in large bowl. Combine pumpkin and milk in another small bowl. Beat butter and brown sugar in large mixer bowl until creamy. Add egg; beat until fluffy. Alternately add flour and pumpkin mixtures to butter mixture; beating just until blended. Combine blueberries and 1 tablespoon flour in small bowl. Stir gently into mixture.

Spoon batter gently into prepared muffin cups. Sprinkle Streusel Topping over batter.

Bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan for 10 minutes; remove to wire rack to cool. Store muffins in covered container.

For Streusel Topping: Com-

bine 2 tablespoons flour, 2 tablespoons granulated sugar and 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon in small bowl. Using a fork, cut in 1 tablespoon butter until mixture is crumbly.

SPICED PUMPKIN FUDGE

3 cups sugar
3/4 cup butter
2/3 cup evaporated milk
1 cup solid-pack pumpkin
1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
1 (12-ounce) package butter-scotch morsels
1 (7-ounce jar) marshmallow creme
1 cup chopped almonds, toasted
1 teaspoon vanilla

In heavy saucepan, combine sugar, butter, milk, pumpkin and spices; bring to boil, stirring constantly. Continue boiling over medium heat, stirring, until mixture reaches 234°F on candy thermometer.

Remove from heat and stir in butterscotch morsels. Add marshmallow creme, nuts and vanilla, mixing until well-blended. Quickly pour into greased 13-by-9-inch baking pan, spreading just until even. Cool at room temperature; cut into squares. Store tightly wrapped in refrigerator. Makes 3 pounds.

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ANSWERS
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Wallace's artwork is made entirely of discarded paper, and recycled found material.

Paper: Exhibit Closes at End of October

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A number of pieces of her art are currently on display in the gallery at the Castro Valley Library, but if you haven't been by recently you should do so soon, because

the exhibit will close at the end of October and it is really worth seeing.

Many of the pieces look very delicate, like fine pottery, but Wallace says they are quite strong

because of the density of tightly-rolled paper.

Her art is not for sale, created only for the joy of working on new ideas. For Sandra Wallace, they're a labor of love.

Maier: 2019 'Teacher of The Year'

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them that morning before school ... we start, and within two or three minutes they're playing. Music just does this for children. It just brings them together."

Besides learning music, children also share the excitement of being part of a successful group.

"I don't know if they even realize I get paid for having this much fun every day," she says.

Maier goes above and beyond for her students, raising funds for their activities and writing orchestration for piano soloists at John Muir's Concerto Concert during the school's Open House each spring.

"I'm a teacher because teaching is my soul," says Maier. "Walt Disney said that the greatest natural resource we have is the minds of our children. It's truly awesome to be touching the future."

The awards program, in its 30th year, is sponsored by the Alameda County Office of Education.



Kiwanis Annual Pasta Dinner This Saturday

The Kiwanis Club of Hayward-Castro Valley will hold its annual Pasta Dinner from 5:30 to 8 p.m. this Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Kenneth C. Aitken Senior and Community Center, 17800 Redwood Road. Dinner includes pasta with red sauce, chicken Alfredo and pesto, with salad, dessert and a beverage for \$25 for adults, \$10 for children ages 10 to 16. There will also be a basket raffle and silent auction. For more information, call David Wilhite at 510-886-1100 or Gerry Cockrill at 510-889-5885.

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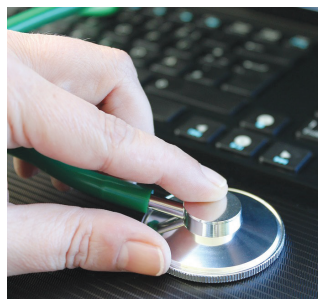
By Greg Dill
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

JUST A REMINDER that Medicare's annual Open Enrollment Period started last week and runs through Saturday, Dec. 7. This is the time of year when you can change how you get your Medicare coverage, switch health and drug plans, and add or drop Medicare prescription drug coverage.

So it's important that you review your current coverage. Check your current enrollment at [Medicare.gov/find-a-plan/enrollment/check-enrollment.aspx](https://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan/enrollment/check-enrollment.aspx).

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our popular Medicare Plan Finder, at [Medicare.gov/plan-compare/#/?year=2020](https://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare/#/?year=2020).

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If you're new to Medicare, you'll need to decide upfront how you get your Medicare coverage. Medicare Plan Finder can help with this, too. By selecting "Learn more about Medicare options before I see plans," you can compare the different ways you can Medicare coverage -- through Original Medicare (with or without extra coverage) or a Medicare Advantage plan.

see **MEDICARE** on page 9

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



ZMATA, Z Martial Arts Training Academy

This week's Athletes of the Week are the members of ZMATA, the Z Martial Arts Training Academy, who sent 12 of their athletes to the Jiu-Jitsu World League World Championships at the Azusa Pacific University Felix Event Center on Saturday, Oct. 19.

ZMATA placed seventh out of 68 Jiu-Jitsu

academies and brought home nine world medals: five World Champions, two silver medalists and two bronze medalists. Shown above are the Elite 8, from left, Justin Zaragoza, Dania Silva, Ajayzee Zaballos, Leonardo Silva, Aaliyah Zaballos, Louis Benitez, Adrian Rangel, and Jesiah Tubby with Professor Aaron Zaballos middle).

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CVHS Girls Tennis Results

On Tuesday, Oct. 15 - CV Varsity defeated Tennyson 6 to 0. *Roster:* Marissa Chan, Tania Beringer, Hameel Mangat, Hannah Pilgrim, Stephanie Thach, Aneet Mangat, Anita Simon, Lindsey Leong.

On Thursday, Oct. 17 - CV Varsity defeated San Leandro 4 to 3. *Roster:* Kele Fong, Camille Camoro, Tania Beringer, Ashley Fang, Karen Chen, Hameel Mangat, Hannah Pilgrim, Aneet Mangat, Christine Xu, Stephanie Thach.



CVHS Football Scores

On Friday, October 18 CV Varsity lost San Leandro 48-28.

On Friday, October 18 CV JV lost San Leandro 36-6.

Indoor Soccer

Registration is open for youth indoor soccer at East Bay Sports in Livermore. Youth players of all ages and abilities welcome. You can sign up as a team or join as an individual player. House teams and divisions fill quickly, so be sure to register early. For more info call: (925) 455-8300, email John Penna john@eastbaysports.net



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If you have any questions, you can always call Medicare's toll-free number, 1-800-633-4227, where representatives are available 24/7.

There's also the "Medicare & You" handbook, mailed to every Medicare household in the country each fall.

You can also get free counseling from your State Health Insurance Assistance Program, or SHIP, an independent, nonprofit organization that provides personalized counseling to people with Medicare. You can make an appointment to speak with a SHIP counselor in-person or over the phone.

They can help you sort through different health and drug plans and help find one that's right for you. They're not trying to sell you any particular product.

To contact your local SHIP office, visit Shiptacenter.org. In California, the program is called the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program, or HICAP.)

If you enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan this fall but you're not satisfied with it, you can switch plans or return to Original Medicare from Jan. 1 to March 31 next year. If you return to Original Medicare, you can also buy a Medicare prescription drug plan (Part D) during this period.

If you are having trouble paying for your prescription drug plan (Part D), you may be eligible for the Extra Help program, which helps cover your premiums, deductibles, and co-pays. Medicare beneficiaries typically save \$4,900 annually with Extra Help.

For more information, go to SSA.gov/prescriptionhelp.

Greg Dill is Medicare's regional administrator for California and other parts of the west. You can always get answers to your Medicare questions by calling 1-800-633-4227.



Some 60 homeless people were evicted by Alameda County Sheriff's deputies last week from encampments along lower Grove Way in Castro Valley. Costs to clean up the area are estimated at upwards of half a million dollars.

Camp: 'Abatement Tragic but Necessary'

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contact and tell them to keep moving on. None of the homeless there had guns. None of them have been violent or aggressive during this whole process. Almost all of them complied and left the day the abatement started. This group of homeless people was just trying to find a spot to regroup, rest, and plan their next move."

The eviction had been planned for more than a month. In a meeting at the end of September, Supervisor Nate Miley hosted representatives from Caltrans, County Public Works, the Sheriff's Office, and homeless advocacy groups including Fremont-based Abode Services and Castro Valley's First Presbyterian.

Miley recently advocated for emergency disaster funding to help the homeless in his district find better living conditions.

"The purpose of the meeting was to coordinate what each agency was going to do to provide resources for these people who

essentially lost their homes and some of their possessions," First Presbyterian Lead pastor Jake Medcalf told the Forum.

"The abatement is tragic, but it was necessary. I think the supervisor's office did a great job in making the eviction humane, but the reality is that there are not a lot of options for some of these people."

Medcalf cites a severe lack of affordable housing as the primary obstacle in finding residency for the un-sheltered. According to a survey this summer, 8,022 people in Alameda County are homeless. Half are found in Oakland.

The homeless in Castro Valley, San Leandro, and Hayward have been very careful to camp on or near Caltrans property as the state typically takes a hands-off approach.

"Many of the people who have lived in these camps for years are what we would call 'paper ready,'" Medcalf says. "They want to get housing. But, there's no housing. They have all of their documents

lined up. They are on the right lists. But they are not a priority as far as entry to housing system works."

Another obstacle for many of those displaced by the eviction are pets and personal property. About half of the homeless from the Grove Way camp had pets with them, but emergency shelters often do not take in animals.

First Presbyterian took in 15 people from the camp but won't be able to accommodate pets until December.

For now, the county and advocacy groups continue to reach out to those affected by the eviction. Meanwhile, another homeless camp has re-emerged under the 580 freeway near East Castro Valley Boulevard and Crow Canyon Road.

"There is no magic solution for this," Sgt. Kelly says. "It's not just a problem for Castro Valley but a regional problem. Some of the neighbors are angry and complain, but most are reasonable. We just keep providing resources."

MAC: Anita Ave. Project

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walks and 8 feet of on-street parking on both sides of the road with a 20-foot wide actual roadway to allow for one lane of traffic in each direction.

Once the project is complete, Anita Road from Castro Valley Blvd. to Somerset Ave. would have continuous sidewalks, enhanced crosswalks and aligned curbs, gutters, and sidewalks. Construction is currently estimated to begin in the summer of 2022.

Finally, the Public Works department also spoke about the necessity of a storm damage retention wall and related repairs on Crow Canyon Road. The construction would necessitate

the closure of the heavily-trafficked road for up to 26 weeks, and Wodsenbet said his agency is currently looking at a number of options for how to proceed while inconveniencing the least number of people.

Among the options overnight construction with total road closure, one-way traffic breaks, or extensive detours.

MAC member Chuck Moore reminded the agency that people are out there making a living. He added that he and other ranchers are dependent on things like weekly hay deliveries to stay in business.

"We are open to all ideas," said Wodsenbet.

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'BWA': Boys Weekend Away 34th Year

By Dustin Roberts
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

For the last 34 years, six best friends have made it a tradition to step away from it all, just for a moment, to enjoy each other's company over a long weekend away.

Lifelong members, Royce Valencia, Mike Engledinger, Scott Christiansen, Scott Clare, Scott Paulsen and Dwight Roberts met while attending Hayward High School. Representing the graduating classes of 1972-1974, they have remained in close contact ever since.

This year the self-proclaimed "Brethren" of the BWA crew decided to travel to a small private lake in the Sierra Foothills known as "Lake of the Pines."

The weekend began with a couple of early morning tee times at the Lake of the Pines golf course for a little friendly competition. To everyone's surprise, Acting President Royce Valencia outdid himself yet again and had custom golf

balls printed with the BWA logo as a gift for each member.

With their new balls in hand the tournament began. At the end of the day the low gross winner just so happened to be the man with all the answers, Royce Valencia, while the low net — and now three-time champion Scott Paulsen — took home the perpetual trophy.

After a perfect 80-degree, sunshine filled day on the course, the group made their way to Brethren Scott Paulsen's newly acquired home in Lake of the Pines for some much needed refreshments. It was there that Brethren Scott Clare was presented with a gift, a brand new Hilary Clinton Doll to add to his Trump Doll Collection, which he hesitantly accepted with a smile. Everyone had a good laugh as the topic of politics was carefully avoided.

The next day, the crew split into two groups for their annual Bass Derby. Captain's Dwight Roberts and Royce Valencia handpicked their teams before heading out on

the lake.

After two hours (the set time limit) Dwight and his team members Scott Paulsen and Christiansen brought home the Win, catching and releasing 18 pounds of fish.

On Sunday the brethren enjoyed an easy day watching football and attending the local Oktoberfest while reflecting on the past 34 years — more specifically how each year the trip seems to get just a little bit better.

This year the brethren had two special guests, Dwight's oldest son, Dustin Roberts, and Scott Paulsen's daughter-in-law, Erica, who brought his grandchildren Camden and Tiegna, to add to the already spectacular time.

As the weekend drew to close the BWA Brethren looked forward, as they often do, to next year's trip. In celebration of their 35th anniversary it has been decided that next year's trip will be held in Bend, Oregon. Until then, the memories of this weekend will have to do.

Radio Drama Is Back

By Sam Garvin
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

I have stopped watching television.

I'm not talking about cutting the cord with the cable company, you can have your Netflix or Hulu or Amazon, I'm moving on - back to the past.

Radio dramas are coming back in a big way, in the form of podcasts from some of the best writers and players in Hollywood.

Imagine it is 1939 and you gather the family around the Philco, with the lights turned low, and you use your imagination, in addition to the sound effects and dialogue, to play the story out in your mind. Classics like "The Shadow," "Dragnet" and "The Thin Man."

Producer Jonathan Mitchell, who created The Truth, calls it "movies for your ears."

That experience is back, with a modern flair that rivals the best that television has to offer. In fact, the recent Amazon show Homecoming starring Julia Roberts began life as a podcast.

All of these are available for free, wherever you get your podcasts or listening services. Here are a few recommendations:

The Truth - One of the originals in the field and featuring many famous voices, these are usually 30 minutes in length and come packed with plot twists that will have you talking to yourself in the car.

One of the best episodes is the 4-part series "The Off Season" about a woman who breaks into a house in the Hamptons and discovers a conspiracy involving a recently fired TV executive.

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PREPARE FOR A SCARE: This Friday, Oct. 25, "A Night of Horror" to heighten the senses with author Mark Vaz. A night of scary readings by candlelight and spooky snacks at 2849 Castro Valley Blvd. (Located to the right of the box office of the theatre) Doors open at 8 get there early, limited space. Runs till 9:30 p.m.

Welcome to Night Vale - This show is a fictional news broadcast about a creepy town in the desert where strange things go bump in the night. Imagine an X-Files playing out over your local radio station.

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The Unexplainable Disappearance of Mars - Not all of

these dramas have to be so dark. In fact, this one is performed by kids for kids, but the appeal of this serial tale works for everyone. Comparable to TV's Stranger Things, it follows a group of 12-year-olds on a quest both scientific and fantasy.

Sam Garvin has written for Dow Jones & Co. for 25 years. Now he works raising goats, cattle, hogs and pickles in Castro Valley. He can be reached at salmongarvin@gmail.com.

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19036 Masterson Pl.	94552: \$1,100,000	4 BD - 2,488 SF - 1988
19910 Edwin Markham Dr.	94552: \$1,225,000	4 BD - 2,927 SF - 1985
4629 Cristy Way	94546: \$1,245,000	4 BD - 2,067 SF - 1958

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LOWEST AMOUNT:	\$685,000	MEDIAN AMOUNT:	\$1,100,000
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1614 Brockton Way	94578: \$390,000	2 BD - 787 SF - 1991
243 Castro St.	94577: \$450,000	2 BD - 1,226 SF - 1967
2430 Fairway Dr.	94577: \$475,000	3 BD - 1,184 SF - 1972
516 Joaquin Ave.	94577: \$511,000	2 BD - 1,409 SF - 1980
2361 Fairway Dr. #3	94577: \$540,000	2 BD - 1,270 SF - 1977
13972 Aurora Dr.	94577: \$540,000	3 BD - 1,336 SF - 1961
231 Farrelly Dr.	94577: \$628,000	2 BD - 1,029 SF - 1941
474 Diehl Ave.	94577: \$660,000	2 BD - 1,506 SF - 1939
351 Pershing Dr.	94577: \$668,000	2 BD - 1,133 SF - 1939
1029 Marquette Way	94579: \$750,000	3 BD - 1,521 SF - 1956
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GUEST COMMENTARY



Realtors Introduce Concierge Services To Meet Property Improvement Demands

It is no secret that HGTV-type media has fundamentally changed the way buyers view the home-buying process. Buyer tastes have escalated with many expecting that the home they purchase will be move-in ready.

Traditional real estate markets have three levels of homes: a top-tier featuring "move-in" ready properties, a middle-tier including a range of "outdated" homes and the bottom-tier containing the "fixer-uppers."

Historically, the majority of sales occurred in the middle-tier.

The bottom level has not changed: this space is filled with contractors, investors and flippers who actively seek properties they can purchase, upgrade and flip or add to rental portfolios. These homes typically sell for 60-70% of homes selling in the top-tier.

The upper level, however, has been rapidly expanding. Buyers, lacking the skills and imagination to purchase and upgrade middle-tier properties, are demon-

strating their willingness to pay a premium to purchase top-tier homes.

This means fewer buyers are looking in the middle-tier, consequently pushing mid-level home prices closer to the bottom-tier. If sellers who own a mid-tier home want decent prices, they need to improve their home prior to sale so it moves into the top-tier.

Real estate agents, seeing the shift in buyer behaviors, have risen to the challenge by providing sellers access to qualified designers and contractors to aid in upgrading homes to meet market demand.

Some agents have self-funded improvements knowing they will be repaid at the close of escrow.

Accordingly, a growing number of real estate companies, seeing an increasing need for turnkey home improvement solutions, have established concierge-level programs.

These services completely facilitate the transformation of a home from the middle-tier to

the top-tier and can also front the funding for the project and be repaid at the close.

All of which brings up a singular question: "This may work in a hot market, but what happens in a cooling market where homes do not sell as quickly or even, in some cases, at all?"

With more companies bringing concierge-type services to the market, the jury is out as to how this will shake out. Sellers must cooperate by listing at realistic prices and be willing to have liens placed on their properties should they not sell. Those providing the funding need to work out how they are repaid should a sale not emerge as planned.

Stay tuned: we have interesting days ahead as the market shifts and buyer tastes continue to escalate.

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What's Taking So Long?

Editor:

It took roughly 11 months for the Allies to land in Normandy and march across Europe to Berlin, and those soldiers had people shooting at them the whole way.

It appears that the roadwork and pipeline project on Santa Maria Avenue will take somewhat longer. How on earth can this be?

Santa Maria was virtually closed off completely on Monday, October 14. Projects like this that drag on unnecessarily have a terrible impact on our community.

It seems to me that the MAC board and our county Supervisor should be involved and pressuring these contractors to make all haste in completing this and all other projects.

Please let me take this opportunity to thank everyone who fights through this mess and the construction in our own parking lot in order to continue to support Castro Village merchants.

Speaking for the Village, the improvements will be enjoyed by all and will soon be finished. The Santa Maria Avenue project? No promises. MAC?? Supervisor??

—Bill Saltzman, Owner
Merle's Hallmark
Castro Valley

Devil-May-Care Attitude About the Flag

Editor:

As a condominium owner at Mesa Verde, it sickens me to see our American flag out all night at Strobridge Elementary School. I can count at least six times in this very early school year in which the school has left the flag flying long after dark.

I have called the school twice on the issue, obviously a lot of good that has done.

And, of course, whoever is in charge of taking care of our red, white and blue and showing the respect of taking it down properly at the end of the school day is a union member. Thus, there will be no discipline, no sanctions against him or her.

The school and the school district seems to have a devil-may-care attitude towards our flag and what it stands for.

I can only imagine with chagrin what Strobridge Elementary must be teaching our youth.

—Steve Anticevich
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Sharon Jo Mainer

Sharon Jo Mainer, born January 26, 1947, passed on October 7, 2019, at age 72. Sharon, known to her family as Sissey, went home to be with her Savior, Jesus Christ after a courageous battle with cancer.

Sharon was an accountant for Nabisco and Pepsico. After retiring, she honed her artistic skills with flair. Sharon loved to travel, cruising to Alaska, making multiple trips to Mexico and fulfilling her dream by going to Paris.

She was very committed to her faith and her church. Sissey was a beloved aunt.

She is survived by her sister, Bonnie Tyler, brother-in-law, Charles Tyler, her nieces and nephews, Denise Olsen, Joseph Tyler, Jeremy Tyler, Kristin DeSilva and her friend of 60 years Nancy Warbasse.

Her memorial service will be held Wednesday, October 23rd at 3 Crosses Church in Castro Valley at 11 a.m.



Going the Extra Mile

Editor:

Last week, my dad (age 91) fell off a step ladder while washing his car.

He had to go to the hospital, but in the meantime, while awaiting the ambulance, the firefighters finished washing his car for him!

Thanks CV firefighters!

—Peggy LaCunha
Castro Valley

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Kim S. Andrade (Manley)

Kim S. Andrade (Manley), resident of Castro Valley was called home to the Lord on October 17, 2019. Kim was born on May 3, 1962 in Castro Valley, California to Bob and Sue Manley.

Kim was preceded in death by her father Bob and her grandmother Pat. She is survived by her four children, Brandon, Meagan, Nicole and Alex, her brother Bill and sister Tracie, her son-in-law Bernardo and her beloved grandson Jacob.

Kim attended Castro Valley High School 1976-80. She received her MA certificate from Bryman University in 2005, and practiced in Arizona before she transitioned to being a full time caregiver to loved ones.

A memorial service will be held on November 2, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Valley Baptist Church, 19835 Lake Chabot Road, Castro Valley, CA 94546. We welcome any and all who knew and loved our Mother.



Guy Theodore (Ted) Kuntz

July 7, 1921 ~ July 16, 2019

Guy Theodore (Ted) Kuntz passed away on July 16, 2019 at age 98. He was a resident of Castro Valley for more than 60 years. Born July 7, 1921, in Ottumwa, Iowa, Ted was the son of Guy Theodore Kuntz, Sr. and Cornelia (Nell) Hoffman Kuntz, and brother to older sisters Nell and Margaret.

The Kuntz family moved to Denver, Co. during Ted's early childhood. He graduated from South High in 1938 and earned a degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1942. After college Ted joined the U.S. Army Air Force. He was stationed in Cerignolo, Italy during WWII and flew missions over Europe as a navigator on a B-24. After WWII Ted moved to California where he married Betty Joan Dodson. He worked as a civil engineer at EBMUD, the Lawrence Livermore RadLab, and the Lawrence Berkeley RadLab before setting up his own business as a consulting engineer in San Leandro. In 2011 he retired and closed the business. Activities during his retirement included working as a senior volunteer at the Castro Valley office of the CHP, walking at Lake Chabot, playing mini golf, solving Sudoku and crossword puzzles, visiting the Monterey Bay Aquarium, attending his grandson's college graduation in Virginia, touring the WWII Memorial in Wash., D.C., and taking a family trip to Denver to visit his high school, college and childhood home.

Ted was preceded in death by his wife Betty Dodson Kuntz, his sisters Margaret Gerton and Nell Lively, and son-in-law Robert Hall. He is survived by his children Anne Hall and Robert Kuntz, his daughter-in-law Nida Kuntz, and grandchildren Allison, Colin, Jake, Jimmy, and Stacy. He was laid to rest at Lone Tree Cemetery in Hayward, Ca. and will be deeply missed by family and friends. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Caution dominates the Sheep's monetary aspect this week. Rams might want to shear their big spending plans until a more favorable financial picture begins to emerge by week's end.



TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Thrift counts both at home and at work. So you might want to rethink major purchases or investments. Also, be wary of a so-called revelation about a previous decision.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Both household budgets and workplace accounts might benefit from some judicious trimming of unnecessary expenses. A partnership could lead to an unexpected challenge.



CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A previously overlooked opportunity could re-emerge with a new travel-related matter. Check this out carefully to see if it's what you really want before you decide one way or another.



LEO (July 23 to August 22) This could be the start of a new career-changing phase, so start marking down your many accomplishments for those who need to know how much you have to offer. Good luck.



VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's not too early for the sometimes procrastinating Virgo to start making those long-distance travel plans. The sooner you decide where to go, when to go and how to go, the better.



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Financial matters once again figure in any major action you might take regarding career, travel or other endeavors. You'll want a ready reserve to help you back up those moves.



SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Trying to resolve a problem in a personal relationship could be more difficult than you'd expected. Look into the possibility that someone might be interfering for his or her own reasons.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A project you once rejected might be more attractive because of changes that you feel you can now work with. The weekend is especially favorable to family matters.



CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This is a good week for the gregarious Goat to enjoy being with people you care for. You might even want to show off those creative kitchen skills you're so adept at.



AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A colleague might think your attitude is patronizing or even outright insulting. True. That might be his or her problem. But you might want to take some reassuring steps anyway.



PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It's a good time to jettison those old concepts about a family matter you might have been holding on to. This will help make room for a new and more enlightened way of dealing with it.

MAC to Hear Complaints on Power Outages

(Editor's Note: Due to an editing error, last week's Page 1 story by Amy Sylvestri did not continue on page 14. The entire story follows.)

The Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) is considering putting an item about the PG&E shutoffs on the agenda of a future meeting in order to allow residents a chance to vent their frustrations and share their thoughts about the controversial move the utility made last week.

At Monday night's meeting, MAC Chair Marc Crawford said that residents want their voices to be heard and also want to hear from their representatives on the MAC even if they have no sway over the company, so he asked that the PG&E matter be discussed at a meeting in the near future.

"I think people are looking at us and saying 'You people need to take a position on this for the community' whether it is futile or not," said Crawford, adding that while the majority of Castro Valley wasn't affected, several people in the hills did have their power cut and should be granted a public forum to "air their grievances."

MAC Member Chuck Moore was among those who actually lost electricity, but said he was largely supportive of PG&E's decision because he sees how they might have felt their hands were tied when it came to avoiding a potentially disastrous wildfire.

"Even though I was out of power for a day and a half, I've

got to somewhat sympathize with PG&E," said Moore.

In other MAC actions, the council unanimously approved proposals to allow two existing massage business to continue to operate.

Recent state legislation has changed policy to let local jurisdiction require conditional use permits for massage businesses. In order to demonstrate their legitimacy, the businesses are required to maintain certification and registration with the sheriff's office and county.

The Mac approved the operation of Holiday Spa at 20455 Redwood Road and Venus Massage Therapy Spa at 20573 Santa Maria Avenue and continued the discussion of a third spa to a future meeting when the owner could be present.

At Monday night's meeting, the MAC also approved an amendment to the general plan which would allow eight properties located at 5755 through 5911 Jensen Road to be rezoned from open space to rural residential. The council also approved an application to subdivide one site into three parcels on Jensen Road.

Finally, the MAC continued an item that would have allowed a car wash as 16210 Foothill Boulevard to continue operating as is. Crawford and MAC member Ken Carbone want to visit the site before granting approval and said they had a variety of conditions of approval including adding a garbage enclosure.

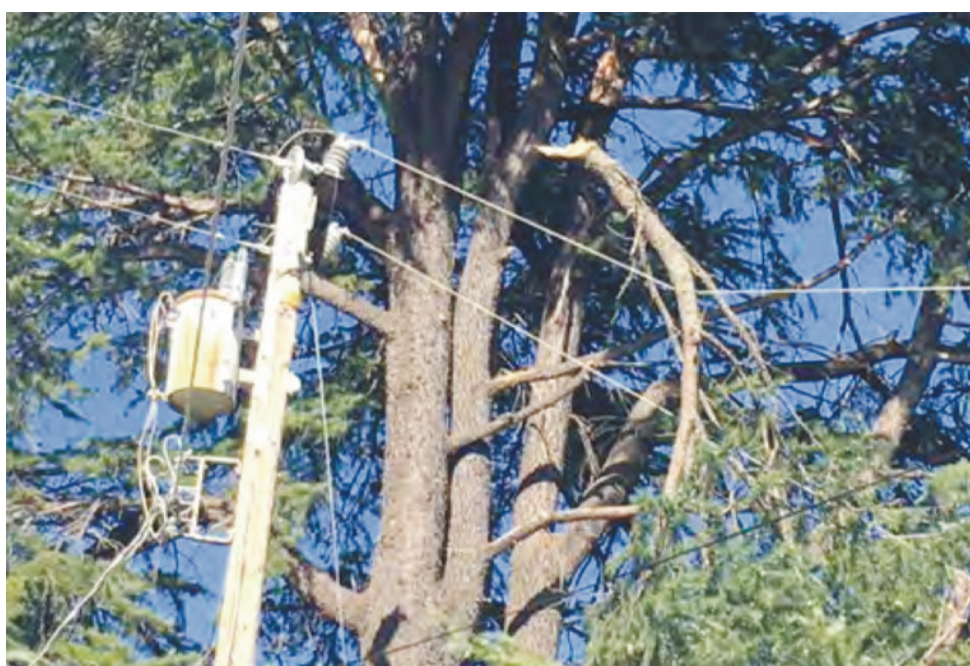
Fan of Classic Novels? CV School District to Dispose of Some 1,700 Surplus Books

Some 1,700 classic novels, text books and non-fiction works that have been classified as surplus or obsolete will be made available to the public by the Castro Valley School District.

Titles include "MacBeth," "History of Western Society," "Catcher in the Rye," "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," "Raisin in the Sun," "Goode's World Atlas," "World

Book Encyclopedia," "To Kill a Mockingbird," and "All Quiet on the Western Front," to name just a few.

The school board is expected to adopt a resolution of intent to dispose of the books at its regular meeting on Jan. 9, 2020. To request any of these books, contact Araceli Cortez at acortez@cv.k12.ca.us or 510-537-3000 ext. 1277.



A PG&E photo showing a potential source of wildfire ignition in Tehama County.

PG&E: Photos of Potential Ignition Sources

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ing encompassed a larger area than that of the shutoff.

"Our in-house meteorological team and experts from the National Weather Service and other federal agencies were in agreement that this event had the potential for strong winds and a heightened wildfire risk," said Scott Strenfel, PG&E's principal meteorologist.

"And that's exactly what happened," he said. "The winds arrived and our system sustained considerable damage, yet no fires started as power lines were de-energized."

PG&E said damages and hazards presenting potential sources of wildfire ignition were found in "nearly all" of the affected counties and released a series of photos of trees and branches that had fall-

en on power lines.

Gov. Gavin Newsom called the expansive blackout "unacceptable" and the result of PG&E's "greed and mismanagement over the course of decades."

On Friday, PG&E's CEO Bill Johnson told state regulators that while the company is busy strengthening its electrical system, it could take 10 years to make power outages unnecessary.

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The business is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1) Joseph A Di Regolo, 8500 Berta Views Dr., Salinas, CA 93907, (2) Gloria M Coats, 3679 Oakes Dr., Hayward, CA 94542. This business is conducted by an Unincorporated association other than a partnership. This business commenced on N/A.

/s/ Joseph A Di Regolo, Gloria M Coats
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The name of the business: Hair By Laurel Landgraf at 20627 Rustic Drive, Castro Valley, CA 94546 in Alameda County. Mailing address: 4044 Meadowview Drive, Castro Valley, CA 94546 in Alameda County. The business is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Laurel Landgraf, 4044 Meadowview Drive, Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced on N/A.

/s/ Laurel Landgraf
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The name of the business: PauGlam at 2721 Sheffield Place, Castro Valley, CA 94546, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1) Ruben Pulido, (2) Paulina Cano, 2721 Sheffield Place, Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by a married couple. This business commenced on N/A.

/s/ Ruben Pulido, Paulina Cano
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF THE USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

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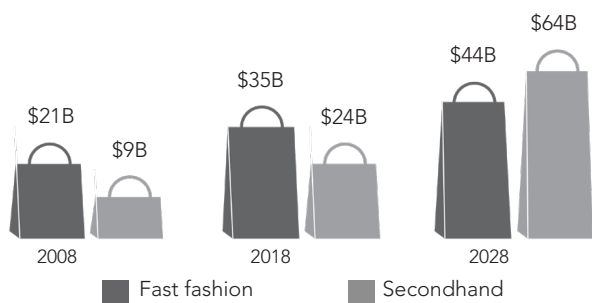
Nearly 600 people joined the 5K FamFest race Saturday morning during the 5th Annual Ashland-Cherryland Fun Run organized by Supervisor Nate Miley's office, the Deputy Sheriff's Activities League, HARD and the Healthy Communities Collaborative.

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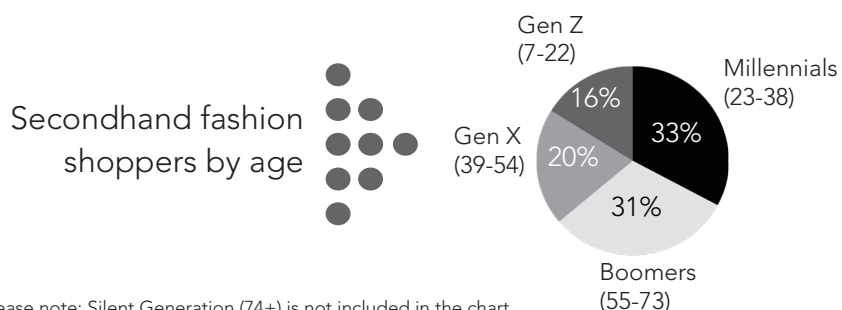
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Reports: An Aggressive Family Fight

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Family Fight

Wednesday, October 16: at 8:16 p.m., a 911 call about a loud and aggressive-sounding argument sent deputies to a home on Tye Street near Strobridge Avenue. There, they arrested a 61-year-old man from Castro Valley on suspicion of assault on a family member. The man was taken into custody. The victim was treated at the scene.

Driving Buddies Arrested

Tuesday, October 15: at 3:45 p.m., deputies pulled over and arrested two men on charges related to driving without a device that checks a person's breath before unlocking the steering wheel. The men were traveling on Center Street near Grove Way when deputies pulled over the driver—a 30-year-old man from Oakland—for expired registration and failure to have a working ignition interlock device. The passenger—a 34-year-old man from Castro Valley—was charged with violating the terms of his probation and violating a restraining order. The men were taken to Santa Rita Jail and held for as much as \$10,000 in bail.

Illegal Gun in His Possession

Tuesday, October 15: at 2:00 p.m., deputies arrested a 49-year-old man from Castro Valley on suspicion of possessing a firearm knowing that he was prohibited from doing so as part of a court-issued protective order. The man was at a home on Sydney Way near Carlton Avenue when deputies arrived and found him to be in violation of a restraining order and a gun tucked into his belt. Deputies took the man into custody.

Shoplifter Arrested

Tuesday, October 15: at 7:55 a.m., a 36-year-old woman with no permanent residence was arrested on suspicion of shoplifting from a gas station convenience store on Castro Valley Boulevard near Redwood Road. Deputies were called to the scene after the store manager spotted the woman walk out with merchandise she did not pay for. The woman was taken into custody.

Wanted Man with Stolen Merchandise

Tuesday, October 15: at 5:59 a.m., deputies arrested a 38-year-old man with no permanent residence on suspicion of possession of stolen property and giving false identification to authorities. The man also had a warrant issued for his capture. Deputies stopped the man outside a coffee shop on the Boulevard near Lake Chabot Road when they discovered his stash. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$7,500 in bail.

Drug Bust

Monday, October 14: at 5:55 p.m., a 39-year-old man with no permanent residence was arrested on suspicion of possession of stolen property, methamphetamine drugs, illegal narcotics, and related drug paraphernalia. Deputies stopped the man for questioning outside a business on Redwood Road near Castro Valley Boulevard when they discovered his stash. The man was handcuffed and taken into custody.

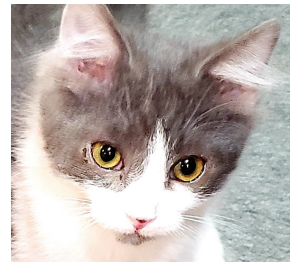
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