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New Pot Ordinance Approved

By Amy Sylvestri
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

A late decision from the Alameda County Board of Supervisors last week will allow dispensaries in the unincorporated area to sell marijuana to anyone over the age of 21 as soon as they open their doors in 2018.

By a vote of 3-1 (with Supervisor Wilma Chan dissenting and Supervisor Keith Carson absent), the board created a resolution on Dec. 19 to allow existing medical marijuana dispensaries to also sell recreational pot to adults.

Under the new ordinance, the Supervisors said that legal dispensaries "advance the goals of the county by supporting emerging businesses."

Though there are no cannabis dispensaries in Castro Valley, there are currently shops in Ashland and see POT on page 6



PHOTO BY EDWARD GERVASONI

Bad Start to Christmas Eve

A collision between a truck and this SUV at the corner of Cull Canyon and Crow Canyon roads Sunday morning resulted in the SUV driver being transported to Eden Hospital. The accident occurred at about 9:30 a.m. next to the Fire Station. Then Sunday night, California Highway Patrol Officer Andrew Camilleri, Sr., a 33-year old father of three who lived in Tracy, was killed when an impaired driver crashed into his patrol vehicle on I-880 near the Winton Ave. onramp in Hayward. Another CHP officer, Jonathan Velasquez, was injured.

New Year, New Laws

At the stroke of midnight Sunday, a slew of new laws go into effect in California that will likely affect nearly everyone in some way.

The one that has received the most attention, of course, is the one approved by voters in November of 2016. Prop. 64 legalized the recreational use of marijuana.

On Jan. 1, Californians age 21 and over can legally buy as much as an ounce of pot, but only at businesses registered with the state. However, using marijuana while driving – or even while riding as a passenger – is banned.

California's minimum wage will increase on Monday to \$11 per hour for companies with 26 or more employees and to \$10.50 an hour for businesses with 25 or fewer workers. Employees making at least \$45,760 a year are exempt from the minimum wage increase.

Vehicle owners will have to pay a transportation improvement fee see LAWS on page 7

The 1950 Castro Valley Fair: 'Bigger, Better Than Ever'

By John Christian
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Castro Valley boasts many annual events. The Fall Festival, the Rowell Ranch Rodeo, and the Light Parade just to name a few. But Castro Valley has been the home of many other events in the past.

The 1950 Castro Valley Fair is one such event.

The Castro Valley Fair was an end of summer celebration that began in 1947. The first fair was a humble affair, taking place on the grounds of the Castro Valley Grammar School on Castro Valley Boulevard. The next two were held at the site of the Castro Valley Community Center. Those fairs were well attended but still relatively small.

In 1950, the Castro Valley Fair Committee wanted to expand the event and make it bigger and better than ever.

Led by local clothier Ted Lawrence, the committee worked to move the fairgrounds to Castro Valley Boulevard between Baker



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE HAYWARD AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Winner of the 1950 CV Fair Parade was Paine Realty with this float that represented the chronological "evolution of a home," with trees, lumber and a model of a ranch-style home.

and Rutledge Roads. This new location was more prominent and helped to increase attendance over the previous three fairs.

It featured a large concession

area with matching green and gold booths decorated by volunteers to attract a bigger crowd.

Another goal was to make the event a little more family friend-

ly and had a very specific policy of "no hard liquor, no dice." This apparently was an issue at past celebrations.

With these goals in mind, the

committee scheduled a variety of events for the four-day celebration which ran from August 3-6, 1950.

Highlights included an amateur talent show at the Chabot Theater. The winner of the event, attorney Gene Rhodes, beat out a magician by singing romantic ballads for a raucous crowd.

Another event was a baking contest won by a Mrs. Wilkins for her "Sunshine Sponge Cake" recipe. For her efforts she received an engraved silver platter.

The Castro Valley Community Center sponsored a country themed "gingham and overalls dance." There was even a parade down Castro Valley Boulevard featuring floats built by local businesses and organizations. The winner was Paine Realty, which built a float that represented the "evolution of a home."

The float had a chronological theme with trees, then lumber, and then a large model of a complete ranch style home.

The most reported event of the fair by far was the crowning of the fair by far was the crowning of the see FAIR on back page

Castro Valley Weather Dec. 27 - 31, 2017



Wednesday
Sunny
High 60° Low 42°



Thursday
Sunny
High 62° Low 41°



Friday
Mostly Sunny
High 53° Low 43°



Saturday
Partly Cloudy
High 62° Low 46°



Sunday
Partly Sunny
High 63° Low 46°

Almanac



Past Week's Rain: 00.00
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- Place trees next to carts for pick-up on your adjusted (week 1) or regular (week 2) collection day.
- Remove ornaments, tinsel, nails, and stands. Cut tall trees into lengths no larger than six feet.
- Flocked trees will be collected, but not composted.
- Multi-family residents: place in general collection area.



Questions? Contact Waste Management of Alameda County, Inc. at (510) 537-5500.

OTHER HOLIDAY RECYCLING TIPS & REMINDERS:

- Save holiday bows and ribbon and reuse them next year.
- Save foam packaging pellets and use them in the next package you send out.
- Recycle paper wrapping paper in the blue recycling cart or white recycling bin.
- Compost uneaten holiday leftovers (all food scraps and food-soiled paper) in the green organics cart.

For more great tips, visit www.pinterest.com/CVSan

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SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Sasha Wallace's Latest Dream: Make the 2020 Olympic Team

Fifth 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

When Sasha Wallace has a dream she pursues it. Relentlessly.

It was that determination and perseverance that made Wallace a four-time state high school champion and a national collegiate champ. Her present dream is to compete in the 2020 Olympics.

The NCAA Indoor 60-meter hurdles champion currently trains with Lawrence Johnson, the track and field coach at Cal State Northridge and the 2013 USA Track and Field Coach of the Year.

One of her training partners is Brianna Rollins, the gold medal winner in the 100-meter hurdles at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. Wallace is working with the best.

"I'm in a good position to be on the next Olympic team," said the Castro Valley High and University of Oregon graduate.

She plans to run the hurdles on the track and field professional circuit beginning in January. That will pit her against the best women hurdlers in the world and take her to events around the country and overseas.

Wallace, who won state titles in the 100-meter hurdles and triple jump in consecutive years (2012 and 2013) as a junior and senior in high school, recently was elected to the Castro Valley Sports Hall of Fame.

Wallace began her track career



Olympic hopeful Sasha Wallace clears a hurdle during the 2016 NCAA Championships.

back in the third grade as a member of the 3M Track Club in Oakland. Her father was a basketball coach, but Sasha preferred track.

"I liked basketball, except for the physical part," she said. In track, you get your own lane and nobody guards you.

William Pittman, the 3M coach, introduced Wallace to many different events. It wasn't until high school that she began concentrating on the hurdles and triple jump. For her first three years that high school was Holy Names in Oakland, a small college prep school for girls. Her first state titles, as a junior, came while wearing the Monarchs' red and blue.

Fortunate for Castro Valley High was the fact that it offered academic courses that the much smaller Holy Names could not. When colleges began recruiting Wallace she discovered that she needed some classes that weren't available at Holy Names. So, she transferred to CVHS.

She admits the change wasn't easy at first.

"I went from about 40 in my class to 1,000," she said. "It was a big change, but I appreciated that it allowed me to transition to college more easily."

So, when Wallace repeated as state champion in the 100-hurdles see FAME on page 6



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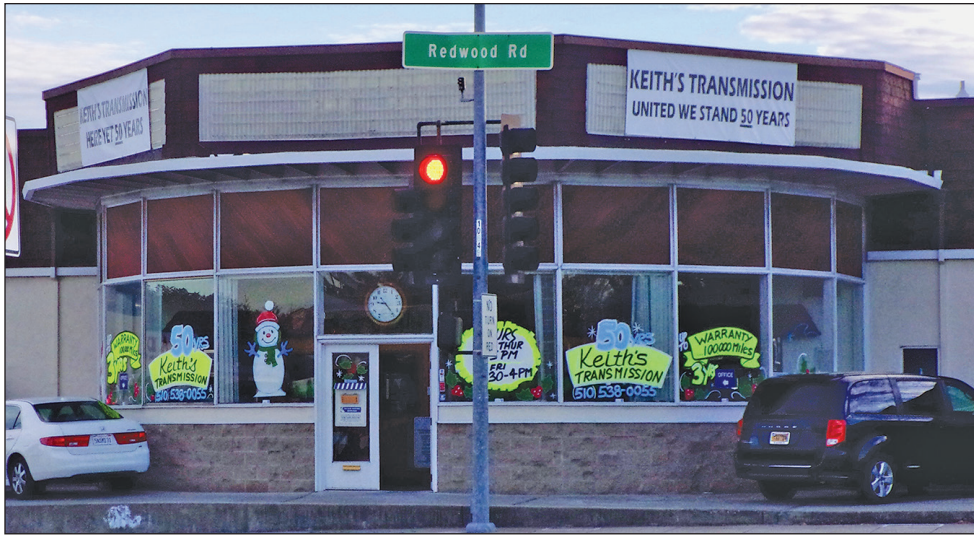


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Keith's Transmission, a longtime landmark at the corner of Grove Way and Redwood Road.

Keith's Transmission Celebrates 50 Years of Serving Community

By Linda Sandmark
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Motorists passing the shop's iconic signs at the corner of Redwood Road and Grove Way will be happy to know that Keith's Transmission isn't going anywhere.

In fact, new permanent lettering has been ordered for the "Keith's Transmission Here Yet," sign, which temporarily came down during a recent roof replacement.

Generations of locals have driven past Keith's Transmission shop and noted its upbeat, often patriotic signage. When the large block letters first came down, many lo-

cals stopped in to make sure everything was still okay.

They needn't have worried—the staff says they've proudly served the community for 50 years, and look forward to 50 more.

The shop is respected for its work on foreign and domestic cars and trucks, including vintage and classic vehicles.

Keith Jacques founded Keith's Transmission in 1967, building the company's reputation on integrity and fair prices. Though Keith passed away in 1982, the business continued with Keith's son Mike.

Over the years, not much has changed. Today Doug Columb,

who has 38 years in the auto repair industry, is managing the shop for Mike.

Keith's Transmission is still known for its transmission "transplant operations," friendly customer service, differential repair, speedy turnaround time, and 3-year/100,000 mile parts and labor warranty.

Keith's Transmission is located at 22312 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. Hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays. Check out the company website, keithscastrovalley.com or facebook page for more information.

SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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Shoplifter Handcuffed At 580 Market Place

Thursday, December 21: at 8:21 p.m., Sheriff's deputies arrested a 62-year-old man with no permanent address on suspicion of shoplifting from a grocery store on East Castro Valley Boulevard in the 580 Market Place plaza. Store security detained the man after observing him walking out of the store with an unspecified amount of unpaid merchandise. Deputies also found the man in possession of an illegal amount of marijuana drugs. The man was handcuffed and taken into custody.

Stabbing Victim Arrested at Eden Hospital

Wednesday, December 20: at 10:27 p.m., a 35-year-old man from Tracy (San Joaquin County) was arrested while being treated for stab wounds at Eden Medical Center on Lake Chabot Road. Deputies were called to the scene in connection to a report of an altercation in Oakland involving assault with a deadly weapon. The man was identified as the victim, but also had two outstanding warrants for his arrest as well related to a drunk driving incident and associating with drug dealers in violation of his probation. The man was treated for his wounds with the intent of transporting him to Santa Rita Jail to be held without bail.

Obstructing Healthcare

Wednesday, December 20: at 3:25 p.m., deputies arrested a 71-year-old man from Menlo Park (San Mateo County) on suspicion of interfering with hospital staff at Eden Medical Center. The man was visiting the hospital when he became confrontational with nurses and security. Deputies took the man into custody.

Back to Jail

Thursday, December 21: at 10:12 p.m., a 57-year-old man with no permanent address was arrested on suspicion of violating the terms of his parole. Deputies stopped the man for questioning at the intersection of Redwood Road and Grove Way. The man's parole status was checked and found to be out of compliance. Deputies took the man into custody.

Stolen Property

Wednesday, December 20: at 6:15 p.m., deputies arrested a 30-year-old man from Oakland on suspicion of possession of stolen property acquired from a grocery store on Redwood Road near the Boulevard. The man was spotted

by security leaving the store with an unspecified amount of unpaid merchandise. Deputies also reported that the man had an outstanding warrant issued for his capture. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$2,500 in bail.

Burglary and Petty Theft

Wednesday, December 20: at 9:44 p.m., a 39-year-old man from Oakland was arrested on suspicion of burglary, petty theft, possession of stolen property and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia. Deputies were called to a grocery store in the 580 Market Place plaza. Store security had detained a man for walking out without paying. The man was also found to have a warrant issued for his arrest. Deputies also found a pipe used for smoking narcotics in his possession. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$60,000 in bail.

Transient Sex Offender Failed to Register

Wednesday, December 20: at 9:44 p.m., deputies arrested a 48-year-old man with no permanent address on suspicion of failing to see **REPORTS on back page**

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The Week Ahead

● Thursday, December 28: Create Lego Structures

Come use your imagination and create Lego structures and art of all kinds from 1 to 3 p.m. tomorrow at the Castro Valley Library. Learn to make a Lego box. Free, just drop in and bring a friend. For more info, call 510-667-7900.

● Sunday, December 31: Plethos New Year's Eve Showcase

Everyone's invited to the Plethos New Year's Eve Launch Party & Showcase at Ristorante Di Palermo in Downtown Hayward from 9 p.m. New Year's Eve to 1 a.m. New Year's morning. This fun event will feature 10 musical theatre numbers, improv comedy, dancing, a countdown and balloon drop with Italian small plates and champagne toast for all. For tickets (\$50 each) or more information, visit Plethos.org

● Tuesday, January 2: Ohlone Audubon Meeting

The topic: "Indonesia—Birding the Spice Islands," with presenter Hans Peeters, who has spent a month each summer in Indonesia for the past three years. Come hear about the incredible birdlife on these enchanted islands at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Carlton Plaza of Fremont, 3800 Walnut Avenue. No admission charge. For more information, visit www.ohloneaudubon.org

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Monday, January 1, 2018

New Year's Day Schedules

● **Government:** New Year's Day will be observed as a federal, state, county and city holiday on Monday. Except for emergency services, all government offices will be closed.

● **Stores, Offices, Restaurants:** Some supermarkets, restaurants and pharmacies will be open, but some of those will be operating on a shortened schedule, so plan ahead for food and medical needs. All banks and nearly all business offices, including the Forum office in San Leandro, will be closed on Monday.

● **Public Transit:** On New Year's Eve (Sunday), special BART service to and from San Francisco starts at 8 p.m. and extends to 3 a.m. Trains will run every 20 minutes after midnight with extra trains standing by in downtown San Francisco after the fireworks show. On New Year's Day, BART will operate on a Sunday timetable with service beginning at 8 a.m. AC Transit buses will operate on a normal Sunday schedule on New Year's Day. For other transit schedules (ferries, etc.), visit transit.511.org/schedules/holiday.aspx

● **Garbage Collection:** No recycling, organics, and garbage collection services by Waste Management of Alameda County, Inc. (WMAC) will occur on New Year's Day. Instead, collection service will be one day later than usual through Saturday. In addition, the Customer Service Office will close at 1 p.m. on New Year's Eve. For Christmas Tree Collection, place tree curbside during the first two weeks of January on your regular pick-up day. For solid waste service questions, please call WMAC at (510) 537-5500 (residential) or (510) 613-8700 (commercial/business).

● **Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan)** offices will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 1-2, in observance of the New Year's holiday. Please call (510) 506-5821 for sewer emergencies. For information regarding CVSan services, visit www.cvsan.org.

● Wednesday, January 3: Diabetes Support Group

The Community Diabetes Support Group will meet at 4 p.m. on Jan. 3 at Carlton Plaza Senior Living, 1000 East 14 St. in San Leandro. The public is welcome. For more info, call Amber Bennett at 510-636-0660.

● Wednesday, January 3: Homework Volunteers' Orientation

The Castro Valley Library is looking for dedicated and enthusiastic high school student volunteers for its after-school Homework Assistance Center. If you're looking for community service hours or need some job experience for your resume, this is the perfect opportunity for you. Sign up for hours on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. and help students tackle their homework, gain valuable experience, and have fun. An orientation for volunteers will be held at 5 p.m. next Wednesday. Bring a completed and signed Homework Center Volunteer application. Call Nathan Silva at 510-608-1141 for more information, or stop by the library.

● Wednesday, January 3: Hikes for Tikes

This Hayward Area Recreation District program is for children 2 to 5 years old. The six-week program will check out a different HARD park each week, examining each through hands-on exploration and games. Come to one or visit them all and be ready for natural adventures. The program begins January 3 from 10 to 10:45 a.m. at College Heights Park at 27020 Fielding Drive in Hayward. For more information, call 510-670-7270 or visit www.haywardrec.org

● Thursday, January 4: Parkinson's Support Group

The San Leandro Parkinson's Support Group will hold its monthly meeting, with open discussion, beginning at 10:30 a.m. (not 10) on January 4 at the San Lorenzo Community Church, 945 Paseo Grande. For information call Lona White at 510-276-3119.

● Friday, January 5: Eden Area Village Meeting

Join or member forum and outreach meeting at 2 p.m. on Jan. 5 to hear about how we are working together to help seniors remain in their homes, active and engaged in their community. For more information, visit edenareavillage.org or email info@edenareavillage.org

● Saturday, January 13: Hearing Loss Association

Vance Deatherage from DCARA San Leandro will discuss "Cued Speech" or "Cued Language," a shortcut system for LipReading/SpeechReading, which may appeal to those who have struggled to learn an entirely new language. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m.; Program at 10, at the Oakland Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Fabiola Bldg., 3801 Howe St., Lower Level, Room G26. Park free on Saturday in garage across Howe. Email: athos.artist@att.net or call Kay at 510/886-4717.

● Sunday, January 14: Documentary "A Time of Justice"

The Castro Valley Community Alliance in partnership with the Castro Valley Library will be hosting "A Time of Justice" a documentary film depicting the Civil Rights struggle from 2 to 4 p.m. at the library. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion. For more information, visit sites.google.com/cv.k12.ca.us/cvcommunityalliance/home

● Sunday, February 18: "Death of a King"

Broadcaster Tavis Smiley brings "Death of a King: A Live Theatrical Experience," to Oakland's Paramount Theatre on Feb. 18, 2018, a multi-media stage presentation of Smiley's best-selling book, *Death of a King: The Real Story of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Final Year*, commemorating the upcoming 50th anniversary of his death. Joining Smiley will be renowned jazz pianist Marcus Roberts. Tickets can be purchased at Ticketmaster.com or by calling 800-745-3000.

Arts & Entertainment

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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.

● **"Cabaret"** – Join musical entertainer Tom Reardon and Bay Area stage favorites John Gonzalez, Jessica Coker Mohr, Morgan Stinson, Melissa O'Keefe and Josh Marx in a celebration of New York as they ring in the New Year with music and song from the great Broadway hits. Bring your friends and enjoy appetizers and dessert and toast 2018 with champagne, wine, beer, soft drinks (cash bar). Come early to start the party at 6:00 p.m. Show starts at 7:30, sponsored by the Castro Valley Arts Foundation. For tickets (\$55-\$60) visit www.cvcfa.com.

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 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

● **Artist Open Studio Every Thursday:** Join this informal gathering of artists working together in a friendly and helpful atmosphere. Adobe Art Center hosts provides tables, chairs and easels. \$3. Thursdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Redwood Studio 1 at the Adobe Art Center, 20395 San Miguel Ave, Castro Valley

REGULAR GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

• Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) meets on land-use issues on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, and holds general purpose meetings on most 3rd Mondays. Meetings are at 6 p.m. at the Castro Valley Library Chabot Room, 3600 Norbridge Avenue.

• Castro Valley School Board usually meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 4400 Alma Ave.

• Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at the District Headquarters, 21040 Marshall St.

• Alameda County Board of Supervisors meets every Tuesday at 10:45 a.m. in the Supervisors Chambers in Oakland.

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Spreading Christmas Joy

The Christmas cheer in Andy Bull's Five Canyons neighborhood in Castro Valley was extra bright this year. Mr. Bull, who lives on Secret Meadow Drive, handed out four dozen light bulbs to his neighbors for decorations. Next year he plans to distribute even more.



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CV Boys Wrestling to the Top

The Castro Valley Boys wrestling team is off to quite a start this season, after beating several top North Coast Section teams to win the Falcon Invitational at Freedom High School, in Oakley, on Dec. 2.

The team recorded another victory, as they hosted the fifty fifth annual Bay Area Invitational at CVHS on Dec. 9. The Trojans had two champions and seven total place-winners on their way to vanquishing a field of 36 teams.

RJ Maes earned Most Valuable Middle Weight honors beating Misa Marcia of Dublin, a section place-winner, in the finals at 139 pounds 9-4. Maes, a section place winner, gave up the first take-down, then dominated the rest of the match by applying constant pressure on his opponent to secure the victory.

Alex Sousa also came home with First-Place hardware at 161 pounds, with a hard fought sudden victory win over long time nemesis, Cameron Ghoddoucy of

Amador Valley High School. He was down by 2 points before he took Ghoddoucy down, with 1:05 left in the third period and was able to send the match into overtime during which Sousa took his opponent down to win in the sudden victory to win his first championship of the year.

Five other Trojan grapplers earned medals to help the Trojans to their tournament victory.

Isaac Morris (183) took second place, reaching the finals in his first individual high school tournament. Max Plotzeneder (153) took home a third place medal, Kristopher Darrin (146) took fifth place, and Andrew Kohl (183), and freshman Aaron Bull (107) both earned sixth place honors. Senior Charles Alejo took home an eighth place finish.

Sousa summed up their performance after the match when he said, "All of us as a team have the same goal in mind and that is: to be NCS Champs (and compete for a medal at the State Champi-

onships). When you're surrounded by hardworking teammates and coaches you can't help but want to put the extra effort in, to attain our goal."

The Trojans finished with 166 points, 26 points in front of Amador Valley, who took second place, and 38.5 points in front of their rivals San Leandro High School who left with a third-place trophy.

The Trojans will have a few weeks off and then head to Reno for a very tough Sierra Nevada Classic tournament with teams from all over the western U.S.

With the biggest tests ahead, the Trojans will focus on their goals. Maes said it best after his tournament victory, when he said, "Wrestling and winning as an individual is exciting, but when your team is succeeding with you, it's a whole different feeling."

The future looks bright for a squad that knows the only path to success is through the sweat and grind of a season of hard work.

Fame: Wallace Credits Those Who Helped

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and triple jump her senior year, it was in the Trojans' green and gold. A high school Track and Field All-American, she was honored as the California Girls Track and Field Gatorade Athlete of the Year in 2012 and 2013.

When it came to choosing a college, Sasha wanted to live out of California, but not too far out. Her choices came down to Oregon and Arizona – and she decided Arizona was too hot. Plus, in Eugene, Oregon, she'd be in "Track Town USA," not a bad place for an elite

athlete.

It was the right choice because her career blossomed at Oregon. She qualified for the NCAA Championships in the hurdles her freshman year and kept getting better.

She won two Pacific-12 titles – in the triple jump as a sophomore with a best mark of 42-feet, 3.25 inches, and in the 100-meter hurdles as a junior with a time of 13.09. She improved her hurdles time to 12.81, an Oregon school record, while finishing third in the NCAA Championships.

Wallace gave up the triple jump her senior season to concentrate on the hurdles. That led to her NCAA Championship in the Indoor 60-meter hurdles, which she considers the highlight of her career – so far – along with her participation in the 2016 Olympic Trials.

Always keeping a balance between athletics and academics, Wallace graduated Oregon in four years with a degree in business economics.

Not one to forget her roots, Sasha gave credit to several people who have helped her along the way, especially Curtis Taylor and Regina Jackson. Taylor, former head track coach at Laney College, mentored Wallace during high school and again at Oregon, where he is now an assistant coach.

Jackson, as president and CEO of the East Oakland Youth Development Center, helped find funding for Sasha to travel to elite out-of-state meets during her high school years.

"She's helped a lot of youth in Oakland," Wallace said. "We're still connecting."

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Allanah Lee

This week's Athlete of the Week is Allanah Lee, a senior at Castro Valley High School who has been a star on the CV Varsity track team for the last 3 years and will begin her fourth year this Spring.

Lee competes in the hurdles and triple jump and is ranked No. 2 in California and No. 5 in the U.S. Her personal records are: 55mH-8.91, 60mH-9.56, 100mH-14.70, 300 mH-45.77, and triple jump- 41-feet, 11-inches.

As a Student-Athlete, she maintains a 3.28 GPA. Lee began her love for track and field at a young age and all of her hard work recently paid off, as she recently signed her letter of intent to run for the Sooners at the University of Oklahoma.

She has been coached by Dooney Jones, "2015 Coach of the Year" and her father, Mike Lee, "1985 NCAA All American" 110 hurdles and retired USA world class hurdler.



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Pot: 'Winter Cannabis Summit' Last Week

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Cherryland. Those business are now eligible to apply to the state to be given priority in obtaining a temporary permit for recreational sales.

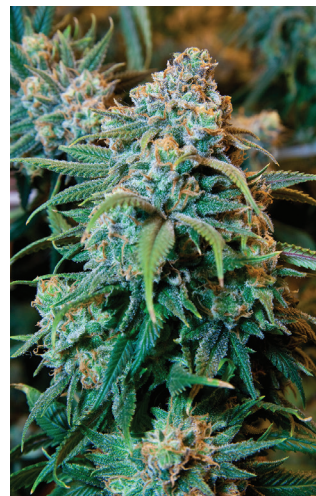
Last Wednesday, the Board of Supervisors hosted a "Winter Cannabis Summit" detailing how people in the pot business can comply with new laws related to the legalization of recreational use.

Supervisor Nate Miley, an organizer of the summit, spearheaded a successful county initiative this year to increase the number of medical marijuana shops in the unincorporated areas of Alameda County from two to five.

Pot stands to be a cash crop for both the business owners and the state and county, as government officials will collect taxes and fees. Annual license fees to sell recreational marijuana will range widely – from \$1,200 to \$78,000 depending on size and location of the businesses.

One issue with legalized marijuana is that it's an all-cash business since most banks won't deal with the pot business because it remains illegal under federal law.

At the marijuana summit last week, Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley said that the cash aspect was a concern, as she feared that employees of cannabis shops may be target for robberies. She also said that legal



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weed may bring an increase in illegal street sales because the drug will be more readily available.

Other local law enforcement officials agreed.

Alameda County Sheriff's Sgt. Bret Scheuller recently discussed how cannabis enforcement will be handled, saying his department did not support the ordinance to increase the number of dispensaries, but it's happening, so the department is doing its best to prepare.

"We are going to be 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 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.

"We have committed to policing it," said Scheuller.

California Highway Patrol Commander Steve Perea said that his officers have received additional training about what to do with drivers that they think are impaired by marijuana.

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 by the CHP in the Eden Area through the month of October and 34 were from drugged driving, up from 19 such arrests in 2016.

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

SPORTS NOTES

Nomin Sanchir

Nomin Sanchir needs your vote! She wants to participate in Fjallraven Polar to achieve her dream. Since she started hiking with the Nomadic Club, she has been in love with everything outdoors and that includes not only hiking, but climbing too. For more info and to vote, visit: <http://polar.fjallraven.com/contestant/?id=72>

Baseball

Washington Manor Baseball has opened registration for 2018. Open to boys and girls from ages 4-18. For any registration questions, email: wmjlbb@gmail.com

Castro Valley Little League

CV Little League has opened registration. Visit: castrovalleylittleleague.org/registration/

Homework Assistance Volunteers Sought

The Castro Valley Library is looking for dedicated and enthusiastic High School student volunteers for its after-school Homework Assistance Center.

Volunteers can sign up for just a few hours a week on Mondays

through Thursdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. to help students tackle their homework and gain valuable experience that can be a part of their resume.

An orientation for volunteers will be held next Wednesday, Jan.

3, at 5 p.m. Volunteers should bring a completed and signed Homework Center Volunteer application to the session.

For more information, call Nathan Silva at 510-608-1141 or stop by the library.

A NEW TAX LAW: PAY YOUR PROPERTY TAXES THIS WEEK

Residential homeowners are encouraged to pay their second installment property taxes for 2017-18 before next week to maximize potential federal income tax benefit.

Alameda County Tax Collector Henry Levy says that while the second installment of property taxes for 2017-18 isn't due until Feb. 1, the newly-enacted income tax law will limit the amount of the itemized deduction for property taxes paid after January 1, 2018.

So, if your state and local taxes are over \$10,000 you should consider paying the second installment before the end of the year in order to deduct it when you file your 2017 taxes next spring.

Taxpayers should check with their income tax advisors, but many taxpayers will lose an income tax benefit by waiting until the new year to pay the second installment.

Taxpayers can use all the payment options that are usually available. Levy recommends e-check payment option, which is payment through the web via a bank transfer called an ACH.

However, taxpayers may continue to pay by cash, check, or credit card. Visit www.acgov.org/propertytax or call 510-272-6800 if you need help locating your second installment voucher.

Unfortunately, Levy's office is not able to collect taxes now for the 2018-19 fiscal year because bills for that year will not be prepared until next September.

New Year's Eve Cabaret

New Year's Eve is Party Time right here in Castro Valley!

The Castro Valley Arts Foundation invites you to its first ever celebratory cocktail party and cabaret at the Castro Valley Center for the Arts this Sunday, Dec. 31.

The party with appetizers, music and a cash bar starts at 6 p.m., the show at 7:30.

The show features Bay Area favorites Tom Reardon, John Gonzalez, Jessica Coker Mohr, Morgan Stinson, Melissa OKeefe and Josh Marx in a celebration of New Year.

These popular stage personalities have chosen favorite songs from Broadway musicals such as Anything Goes, Westside Story, and On the Town.

Celebrate a New Year New Year's Eve without leaving town! Visit: cvartsfoundation.org for tix!

Plan for Safe Ride Home

Again this New Year's Eve, AAA is urging motorists to plan for a safe ride home before heading out to celebrate.

"Be sure you have a plan to get home safely if you're out celebrating this year," said Michael Blasky, AAA spokesman. "If that plan falls through, give AAA a call and we'll get you home."

Drivers, passengers, party hosts, bartenders and/or restaurant managers should call 1-800-AAA-HELP (1-800-222-4357) from 6 p.m. New Year's Eve until 6 a.m. on Jan. 1, state that they need a "Topsy Tow," and provide driver's name, home address, phone number and vehicle/driver location.

Topsy Tow provides a free 10-mile tow and ride home, even for non-AAA members. For mileage beyond this, motorists are charged a standard towing rate. The service doesn't include roadside assistance.

Laws: Effective New Year

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along with their DMV registration in 2018. Most will pay \$25 or \$50 depending on the value of their vehicle.

Gun owners will have to buy ammunition in person through an authorized vendor. Ammunition can still be purchased online or from a catalog, but it will have to be shipped first to a licensed vendor who can charge a processing fee.

Taking effective in 2018 is the New Parent Leave Act requiring small businesses with 20 or more workers to provide eligible employees up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave to bond with a new child. The leave must be taken within a year of the child's birth or adoption. Employers are not required to provide leave other reasons, such as a family member's medical issue.

A new law will prohibit parking enforcement officers from issuing a ticket at a parking meter or parking payment machine that is broken, and you can park at the broken meter for hours if there is no posted time limit.

A Sanctuary State regulation will restrict local police agencies from communicating with federal immigration authorities about people in custody, except for those previously convicted of felonies in the past 15 years.

Public schools, including community colleges, Cal State University and U.C. campuses, will be prohibited from collecting info about student citizenship or immigration status and that of their families.

Tenants in new housing developments will be permitted to have one or more pets if the development receives financing through state programs.

Don't Eat This if You're Taking That

By Jim Miller
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Many medications should be taken with food – any food – to increase their absorption and reduce the risk of side effects.

But some foods and medications can interact, reducing the medications' effectiveness or increasing the risk of harmful side effects.

To stay safe, you should always talk to your doctor or pharmacist to learn the ins and outs of your prescriptions, along with what foods and beverages to avoid while you're on it.

In the meantime, here are some foods you should stay away from for some commonly prescribed drugs.

Cholesterol Medications:
If you take a certain statin drug to control high cholesterol like Liptor, Zocor, Altoprev, Mevacor, or generics atorvastatin, simvastatin or lovastatin, you should avoid grapefruit and grapefruit juice. Grapefruit can raise the level of the drug in your bloodstream and increase the risk of side effects, especially leg pain.

Blood Pressure Medicine:
If you take an ACE inhibitor drug like Capoten, Vasotec, Monopril, Zestril and others to lower your blood pressure, you should limit food that contain potassium like bananas, oranges, tomatoes, spinach and other leafy greens, sweet potatoes, and salt substitutes that contain potassium.

ACE inhibitors raise the body's potassium levels. Eating too many potassium rich-foods while taking an ACE inhibitor can cause an irregular heartbeat and heart palpitations.

Blood Thinning Medications:



If you are taking Coumadin, Jantoven, or the generic warfarin, you should limit kale and other greens, including broccoli, cabbage, spinach, and brussels sprouts that contain vitamin K. These foods can block the effects of these blood-thinning medications putting you at risk for developing blood clots.

You also need to watch out for garlic, ginger, vitamin E and fish oil supplements because they can increase these medications blood-thinning abilities putting you at risk for excessive bleeding.

Antidepressants:
If you take a monoamine oxidase inhibitor (MAOI) antidepressant like Marplan, Nardil, Emsam, Parnate, or generic isocarboxazid, phenelzine, selegiline or tranylcypromine, avoid aged cheeses, chocolate, cured meats and alcoholic drinks. These contain

tyramine, which can raise blood pressure.

Normally, the body controls tyramine levels with an enzyme called monoamine oxidase, but the MAOI antidepressant block that enzyme.

Thyroid Medications: If you take a medication for hypothyroidism like Synthroid, Levoxyl, Levothyroid or generic levothyroxine, you should avoid eating tofu and walnuts, and drinking soy milk. All these can prevent your body from absorbing this medicine.

Anti-Anxiety Medications:
If you take medication for anxiety like Xanax, Klonopin, Valium, Ativan, or generic alprazolam, clonazepam, diazepam or lorazepam, you should avoid alcohol.

These medications act as sedatives, binding with the brain's natural tranquilizers to calm you down. But when you mix these

drugs with alcohol, the side effects intensify, and can cause you to feel lightheaded, sleepy and forgetful.

Antibiotics: If you're taking an antibiotic like Sumycin, Dynacin, Monodox, or generic tetracycline, doxycycline or minocycline, you should avoid dairy – milk, yogurt, and cheese, and calcium supplements and fortified foods – for a couple hours before and after taking the medicine.

Calcium in dairy products binds to the antibiotic and prevents your body from absorbing it, making it ineffective.

To find more dietary guidance on the drugs you take, see reliable health sites like MedlinePlus.gov or MayoClinic.org, or consider the excellent new AARP book "Don't Eat This If You're Taking That: The Hidden Risks of Mixing Food and Medicine" available at Amazon.com and BN.com for \$13.

FUN & GAMES

Riddle Card

- Why is asparagus like most sermons?
- What chins are never shaved?
- Why is a hive like a spectator at a show?
- What three letters turn a boy into a man?
- What word will be made shorter by adding a syllable?

Answers: 1. Because it is the end of it that people enjoy most. 2. Ur-chins. 3. Because it is a bee-holder. 4. A-G-E. 5. Short.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

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Illustrated by David Coulson

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A TWICE-TOLD TALE!

Here's a trick question: Can you figure out how twice ten is equal to two times 11?

Answer: Twice ten is twenty and two times eleven is twenty-two (too).

LINK-UPS!

Here's a list of 12 short words, divided into two columns. Turn them into six longer words by linking them together. To do this, draw a line from one word in the left column to one word in the right.

1. BEDS	ANT
2. CAR	ONE
3. DIM	IDE
4. ERR	ALLY
5. FIN	AWAY
6. GEMS	PLY

Answers: Bedsides, Bedslides, caraway, caraway, errant, finally, gemstone.

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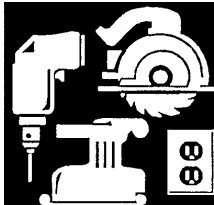
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Viola Eileen Enders Walters

June 2, 1939 ~ Dec. 10, 2017

Viola Eileen Enders Walters (affectionately known in her family as Honey) passed away in San Leandro, CA on Dec. 10, 2017. She was born at her midwife's home in Deadwood, SD to Viola Eyster Enders and Wendell Ervin Enders on June 2, 1939. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Dwight H. Enders. She is survived by her brother Wendell E Enders and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Viola lived in Lead, SD from birth to 1961, graduating from Lead High School, a graduate of Black Hills Teachers College in Spearfish, SD. She taught high school briefly in Newcastle WY and then moved to Denver, CO where she began her work in office administration that would last her lifetime. She married Douglas C Walters in Denver in 1964, before living in Florida, S. Carolina, Georgia, Oklahoma, and Denver. They were divorced in 1981.

Viola moved to San Leandro, CA in 1984, and retired from The Clorox Company in 2009. After retirement she became a volunteer at the local library and the senior center because she believed firmly in two principles; everyone should have the opportunity to read, and all senior citizens deserve loving and caring. Her greatest pleasures were her friends, quilting, making Temari, and photography. Viola enjoyed her interesting life but was always looking for her next adventure.

Lynn Howard

1943-2017

Lynn Howard, 74, of Castro Valley, California passed away peacefully at home on Monday, December 11, 2017. At the time of her passing, Lynn was surrounded by love, with daughter and best friend, Carrie Howard, holding her hand and her beloved dog, Munchkin, by her side.



Lynn Kerr was born in Oakland, California to George and Myrtle Kerr. Raised in Oakland, Lynn graduated from Fremont High School and later received her certificate in medical assisting from Laney College. Lynn got her start at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital in Oakland, and then enjoyed an impressive 30 plus year career at Kaiser Permanente in Hayward where many of her coworkers became family to her.

Lynn was truly cherished by many. Caring, compassionate, kind, and with a great sense of humor, Lynn always had a smile on her face. Lynn was also compassionate about giving back, supporting charities that cared for animals, wildlife, and the environment, as well as people in need. She loved cooking, spending time with loved ones, and taking walks, especially with Munchkin. She is, and will continue to be, greatly missed.

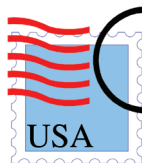
Lynn is survived by her daughter Carrie Howard of Castro Valley, California and her sister Trudy Kerr of San Leandro, California.

In the last few years of her life, Lynn fought valiantly in her struggle with Alzheimer's. A charitable fund in Lynn's honor, and to help others with this terrible disease, has been set up through the Alzheimer's Association. You can find it by visiting https://www.alz.org/join_the_cause_tributes.asp and click on 'Find a Tribute' and search for Lynn Howard.

Rather than having a memorial service, it was Lynn's wish that her family and friends gather to share stories, laughter, and each other's company. Further information on the date and time of this event will be forthcoming. (It will probably be held in warmer weather as we all knew how Lynn hated to be cold!) Please contact her daughter, Carrie Howard, to share stories or for any questions email LynnHowardMemories@aol.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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School Board Makes Good Choice in Hiring Coach Molzen

Editor:

I recently was able to attend the awards evening for the Castro Valley High School Football team. I have decided that what was announced is something that needs to be brought to the attention of our community.

First a little background. Two seasons ago the high school hired Coach Denny Molzen. At that time Mr. Molzen was not an "on campus" coach.

If you listen to Coach Molzen, he is all about the "student athlete." Student comes first. He established from the very beginning that he wanted each team, Freshmen, Junior Varsity, and Varsity, to have an accumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

His first season, one of the three squads meet that goal.

During the period between his first season and this current season, Coach Molzen was hired to be a teacher "on campus" along with retaining the position of head coach. The results of this coach being brought on campus, were obvious at the end of the season awards. All three levels obtained a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Across the country, the sport of football has been getting a lot of negative publicity. Most of it at the professional / political level, but there are many positive parts of the game that need to be recognized.

Coach Molzen is a dedicated young man. First to Education, second to organized sports and the good things they provide to the student - athletes of our community.

The school board made a good choice in hiring Denny Molzen. I hope that they can recognize this and along with our community get behind him and provide him with the support he deserves.

—Dave Kubasta
Castro Valley

Says Forum Publishes Too Many Divisive Letters

Editor:

I would like to request that you please stop publishing letters that are so divisive.

While it is known that these (political viewpoints) are a very touchy subject for a lot of people, I find it highly irresponsible of you to continue to publish such letters that only seek to divide us as a community.

As a local Free paper, I and I'm sure many others, would rather see commentary on the status of our schools, the MAC board, the lack of sidewalks, the use of our streets as a shortcut to 680, the plight of the needy and homeless, building codes that are inconsistent, a failed expenditure at Cull Canyon and many other topics that would be more productive to our families.

Please, again, stop trying to divide us and be more productive and responsible with the privilege you have as a local paper and editor.

—Jeffrey Zimmerman
Castro Valley

'Yes Virginia' Letter Still Popular with Readers

Editor:

Two thumbs way up to the Castro Valley Forum for reprinting the "Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus" letter.

If this doesn't get you in the Christmas spirit nothing will.

Thank you, and holiday best wishes to all at the CV Forum.

—Charles Scott
Castro Valley

Close Call for Castro Valley Pair on Christmas Night

Editor:

Christmas night a crazy driver didn't stop at the stop sign at Seven Hills Road and Santa Maria eastbound speeding at 30 miles an hour.

As I was about to turn left from Santa Maria that driver could have taken my son and my life a second later.

Drivers: Avoid any intersection without clear views at least 3 blocks in both directions especially at night.

This incident reminds us yet again that self-driving cars, that will replace the recklessness and fallibility of human drivers with the perfection of mathematical algorithms, can't come soon enough.

—Lois Goggin
Castro Valley

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): An old adversary wants to make amends over the holidays. The decision is yours. But wouldn't it be nice to share the upcoming new year with another friend?



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): As news of your work gets around, expect to receive a special holiday "gift" from influential contacts who could help you launch your new projects in the new year.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Instead of fussing over what you didn't do to prepare for the holidays, relax and enjoy the kudos for a job truly well done. A happy surprise awaits you early next year.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): The best way to shake off lingering holiday blues is to join loved ones in the fun and festivities of this special time. A confusing situation starts to make sense in upcoming weeks.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): Special emotional rewards mark this holiday time for Leos and Leonas who are able to open up to new relationships and the possibilities they offer in the upcoming year.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): Your efforts to make the holidays especially memorable for some people will be rewarded in some unexpected (but very welcome) ways in the upcoming year.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Be assured that your efforts to make this holiday special for everyone won't go unnoticed by those who could make some important changes in your life.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Lots of folks want you to light up their holiday parties. But try to take some quiet time 'twixt those glittering galas to spend with some very special people.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): While the current round of holiday revels has your social life on the fast track, someone special might want to keep pace with you next year, as well.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Enjoy all the fun you deserve at this holiday time. However, don't lose sight of the need to check out some of the changes the new year is expected to bring.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): What happens during this holiday time can help clear up some of the confusion jeopardizing a once-stable relationship. Follow your instincts on what to do next.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Your holidays are brightened by new friends eager to become part of your life. But don't forget to spend time with that one special person. (You know who!)

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REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Forum

GUEST COMMENTARY



Top Five Real Estate Predictions for 2018

Starting with President Trump's inauguration, 2017 was a turbulent record-setting year delivering surprise-after-surprise, including heart-breaking natural disasters, the lowest housing market inventory ever recorded and continued low interest rates.

Heading into 2018, expect more turmoil. Here are our 2018 Top Five predictions:

- Prices to continue upward as inventory shortages drive the market.

The lack of available homes to purchase is the single largest contributor to escalating prices. This will continue into 2018 for many reasons, including the lack of incentive for existing homeowners to sell, inability for move-up wannabees to find replacement homes, low interest rates encouraging owners to stay and remodel and the inability of new home builders to bridge the gap.

For those fearing we are in a housing bubble that may burst, the underlying market metrics say otherwise.

- Number of potential first-time buyers barred from ownership will increase.

As prices continue pounding upwards, some buyers are being priced out of local homes. This trend will continue as pricing increases outpace income gains.

As an example, the first eleven months of 2017 saw Alameda County prices increase an average of 18%.

- Slew of natural disasters in 2017 will have many rethinking their location.

From fires across California to floods in Southern Gulf regions, 2017's onslaught of disasters has many rethinking where they want to live. Some fire victims are already looking to relocate, hoping to sell off their lots as soon as the rubble has been removed.

- New tax bill will slow housing in California.

Historically, homeowners needed to live in a home two of the past five years to score capital gains exemptions. The new tax bill changes this to five of the past eight years, a move which will

prompt many to remain in their homes, further tightening inventory.

Additionally, changes to state and local tax deductions (SALT) will reduce the amount California homeowners can deduct, lowering the incentive to purchase.

- Mortgage interest rates will rise.

We've been saying this for two years, but many believe 2018 will finally see our 10-year run of record-low interest rates rising into the mid-to-high 4% range. This, along with increasing prices, will bar many from ownership.

Factor in a decrease in home-buying optimism and millennials relocating from urban environs to more affordable housing, 2018 looks to be a year of continued change.

Strap in tight – it looks like it will be quite a ride.

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.

Schedule Your New Year DIY Resolutions

By Samantha Mazzotta
Special to the Forum

While many home-maintenance tasks are better performed at specific times of the year, damage should be repaired as soon as possible, particularly to a home's exterior.

That certainly means a DIYer may find himself or herself tackling down a replacement shingle in frosty weather.

But, say that several damaged shingles need to be replaced, or the gutter is in good shape but just needs some cleaning and a patch or two. More extensive maintenance and repairs should take place in warm months, so that patching material and roofing cement can cure properly.

That's why now, at the start of the new year, is a good time to rough out a home maintenance calendar. It doesn't have to be precise – you don't have to block out exact days (unless you want to) – but breaking down certain tasks by month, quarter or season can really keep your maintenance on track.

January and February, with cold temperatures, dormant plants and few holiday get-togethers to worry about, are good months to reorganize the workroom or garage, sharpen tools and mower blades, and draw up a budget for maintenance or improvement projects.

March through early May get busier: late pruning of shrubs and trees needs to be done before the last frost. Garden soil needs to be turned, fertilizer put down and lawns' bare spots reseeded. Exterior damage that didn't need immediate

attention should be repaired now. Air-conditioning systems need their annual check-up by a professional.

The hot summer months, June through early September, are prime time for both exterior and interior maintenance and repair. Painting and remodeling are easier with the windows thrown open to allow fresh air in. Roofing cement cures properly. Balance all this with regular lawn care, and it's a busy time.

By late September, heating-system inspection and chimney cleaning need to be scheduled or completed – ahead of the inevitable rush that comes during the first big

cold snap. Gardens are harvested and lawns prepared for the cold months. Up north, it's time to put away lawn-care tools and set out marker stakes to keep plow trucks from churning up the lawn edges.

So, while you're making more detailed resolutions to take care of yourself and your family as the year begins, remember to make plans to take care of your home, too. The best New Year to you all.

Home Tip: Home-improvement stores often offer seasonal maintenance tips, and your computer's office software may include a maintenance calendar template to help you get organized.

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RECENT HOME SALES

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19608 Adair Drive	94546: \$878,000 3 BD - 1,594	SF - 1955
5114 Camino Alta Mira	94546: \$912,000 4 BD - 1,780	SF - 1973
1587 Knox Street	94546: \$727,000 4 BD - 1,863	SF - 1952
20643 Maria Court	94546: \$620,000 3 BD - 1,569	SF - 1993
2458 McCloud Avenue	94546: \$820,000 3 BD - 1,951	SF - 1959
4767 Mira Loma Street	94546: \$740,000 4 BD - 1,312	SF - 1955
21747 Orange Avenue	94546: \$575,000 2 BD - 848	SF - 1942
17100 Robey Drive	94546: \$860,000 3 BD - 2,230	SF - 1980
16950 Columbia Drive	94552: \$967,000 3 BD - 2,189	SF - 1987

TOTAL SALES:	12	
HIGHEST AMOUNT:	\$575,000	MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$862,500
LOWEST AMOUNT:	\$975,000	AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$862,000

San Leandro

1550 Bancroft Avenue	94577: \$479,000 3 BD - 1,680	SF - 1976
791 Dolores Avenue	94577: \$725,000 3 BD - 1,381	SF - 1948
1081 Douglas Court	94577: \$605,000 3 BD - 1,234	SF - 1942
2456 Driftwood Way	94577: \$690,000 5 BD - 1,584	SF - 1963
351 Kenilworth Avenue	94577: \$640,000 2 BD - 1,121	SF - 1926
14263 Seagate Drive	94577: \$480,000 2 BD - 904	SF - N/A
1563 136th Avenue	94578: \$750,000 3 BD - 1,834	SF - 1947
1722 140th Avenue	94578: \$550,000 4 BD - 1,604	SF - 1947

TOTAL SALES:	18	
LOWEST AMOUNT:	\$431,000	MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$617,500
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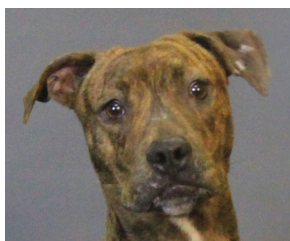
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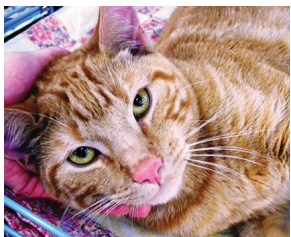
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JAY is 8-years-old and weighs 11 lbs. He has a wavy coat and a tail that almost looks braided. Jay is good with other dogs and fine with people. More info., visit: dustypawsrescue.org.

Reports: CV

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register as a sex offender and his transient status. The man was traveling on the Boulevard when deputies caught up with him and found him out of compliance. Deputies took the man onto custody.

Couple in Altercation

Tuesday, December 19: at 1:52 p.m., two people were arrested relating to a restraining order at a home on Plymouth Drive near Lawrence Drive. Deputies were called to the home following a report of an altercation at the scene. There, they arrested 50-year-old woman with no permanent address on suspicion of violating a court-issued restraining order. Her companion, a 56-year-old man from CV, was also arrested, but for assault and battery.

Couple Doing Drugs in Car

Tuesday, December 18: at 4:15 a.m., deputies arrested two people on drug and probation violation charges. The couple was parked in the 580 Market Place parking lot when a passerby called the Sheriff to report the pair was doing drugs in the car in the parking lot. A 37-year-old man was charged with possession of illegal narcotics and illegal drug paraphernalia. Deputies report seeing a pipe used for smoking methamphetamine drugs. The woman was charged with violating a restraining order. Deputies took the couple into custody.

Breaking and Entering

Monday, December 18: at 3:05 p.m., a 41-year-old man with no permanent address was arrested on suspicion of breaking and entering a structure on Center Street. The man was also charged with possession of illegal drug paraphernalia and violating the terms of his parole. Deputies caught up with the man on Center Street near the Boulevard. The man was handcuffed and taken into custody.



The 1950 Fair Parade passes spectators lined up in front of the CV Fire Department at left.

Fair: CV Has Always Loved a Good Party

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event's "Sunshine Girl." Six contestants entered the hotly contested competition. When all the votes were counted Diane Gonsalves emerged victorious.

Gonsalves was crowned by the previous year's champion Elaine Machado in front of a large enthusiastic crowd. She presided over many of the fair's events and was even a part of business ribbon cutting ceremonies well into the next year.

After four jam-packed days, the fair came to a close. The Castro Valley Fair Committee gave 50% of the proceeds to the community center and thanked the community for turning out. The event drew people from far and wide and was largely a success.

The 1950 Castro Valley Fair just goes to show that Castro Valley

has always loved a good party.

If you are interested in researching local history please visit the Hayward Area Historical Society at 22380 Foothill Boulevard in downtown Hayward. Visit our website haywardareahistory.org or call 510-581-0223 for more information.

John Christian is Associate Archivist of the Hayward Area Historical Society.

Bell-Ringing Kiwanians Project Raises Hundreds

The Hayward-Castro Valley Kiwanis Club wrapped up its Holiday Bell-Ringing project for the Salvation Army on Christmas Eve.

Twelve members of the Club and 8 members of the Castro Valley High School Key Club provided cheer and caroling at different

locations in town and collected almost \$1,700 in the Salvation Army kettles.

Additionally, the Club provided over 50 bags of Christmas candy and more than 80 toys for the "Angel Tag" project for children served by the Salvation Army in Castro Valley and Hayward.

Musical Holiday Light Show Runs In CV Until Jan. 7

Bob Frey and his family have created a 12,000-plus light show for the holidays, synchronized to music. The 35-minute show loops continuously from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. nightly at 17923 Trenton Drive. Park in front of the Frey house and tune your radio to 93.9 FM, sit back and enjoy the show.



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