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THE SPOKES-PERSON FOR BIKE ISSUES



PHOTO BY FRED ZEHNDER

Jason Tilton of Bike Mobile works on one of the many bicycles brought to the Castro Valley Library on Saturday for repairs. Up to half of the students in the county do not ride their bikes due to such minor issues as a flat tire or worn-out brakes. Through the Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools program, the mobile repair clinic offers its free services to schools, community organizations and public events. It is funded by the county and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. For more information, visit bikemobile@alamedacountysr2s.org

MAC MEETING

Residents Upset Over Public Squabbling Amongst Board

By Amy Sylvestri
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

The Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council had a full agenda for their Monday night meeting, but it was the normally quiet public comment period that was the most interesting portion of the evening.

There has been palpable tension on the board ever since MAC member Dave Sadoff suggested that Ken Carbone replace Marc Crawford as the council Chair.

Carbone withdrew himself from consideration earlier this month and Crawford was ultimately reelected as chair on a 5-2 vote with members Sadoff and Linda Tangren dissenting.

That should have been the end of that. But immediately following his reelection, Crawford said that he had received complaints about Sadoff being a member of both the MAC member and the Castro Valley Sanitary District board, and that he intended to get in touch with the county's legal counsel to see if Sadoff should leave the MAC.

Sadoff's service to both boards is legal and he has been active in both for years. He and Crawford have worked alongside each other

on the MAC since 2010. Sadoff reacted with surprise that Crawford made the statement seemingly out of the blue and said he felt it was "retaliatory" for suggesting that Crawford be rotated out of the chair position.

At Monday night's meeting, Crawford, Sadoff, and the rest of the MAC were mum, but over a dozen members of the public had their say, many lauding Crawford for his dedication to Castro Valley and others calling him a bully who regularly steamrolls over other MAC members, speakers, and people with business before the MAC.

Speaker Michael Kusiak, who has long been a proponent of having MAC members elected rather than appointed by Supervisor Nate Miley, said there was no question Crawford attacked Sadoff because he was angry about the suggestion to change the chair.

"It is a retaliatory and vindictive act on Mr. Crawford's behalf," said Kusiak. "This MAC doesn't represent my Castro Valley."

Speaker Sherry Johnson pointed out that the MAC bylaws do state that the Chair position should be rotated and said that the in-fighting on the MAC was unprofessional.

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San Lorenzo Pastor Says County Trying to Shut His Church Down

By Jim Knowles
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

A San Lorenzo Baptist minister says the county is trying to take away his church's tax-exempt status and shut it down to build housing or shops that produce more tax revenue.

Rev. Michael Wilson of Cornerstone Fellowship on Lewelling Boulevard says the county has been harassing him and threatening to take away the church's tax-exemption. He says he believes that his church has been targeted with inspections by the county's health and building departments as part of a county plan to force out the church.

"What Alameda County is doing is illegal. Under our Constitution we are allowed to worship freely and at a place of our choice, especially one that has been a place of worship for seven decades," Wilson says.

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PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Rev. Michael Wilson, working on the lighting last week at Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church in San Lorenzo, says the county is illegally trying to make the church pay taxes.

BAND LINEUP FOR 2018 FALL FESTIVAL

JUST 10 DAYS AWAY

The Castro Valley/Eden Area Chamber of Commerce has announced the bands for the 46th Annual Fall Festival that will take place on the Boulevard on the weekend of Sept. 8-9

Entertaining the crowds on Saturday will be Brewer's Brass, Gilly ('90s), Bad Boy Bruce and The Blues Mob, Faux Show, Grovality, Rockhenge (Classic Rock), Dead Guise (Grateful Dead Style), and Tay and The Janglahdahs.

Performing on Sunday will be In Full Swing (the Castro Valley Adult School Big Band), The Surf Hounds, Pretending/2Jet, The Riptides, Earthquake ('60s), Standoff (Rock N' Roll) and Fleet Street (Classic Pop).

But that's only the half of it. Another big lineup of entertainment will be taking place both days on the Bedford Stage, including such favorites as the Eden Aoba

Taiko Japanese Drummers, the Castro Valley School of Music, Pallen Martial Arts, the HARD Belly Dancers, the Standoff Rock N' Roll Band, Castro Valley Performing Arts, Bedford Studios Variety Show, Bedazzled Dance Studio, Zumba Fitness, the Phil Santos Violins and the Joan Bascom Group.

Next Wednesday's (Sept. 5) Forum will have the complete program with times of all the performance events.

More than 150 vendors and artists will be on hand for what is being called the biggest Fall Festival in years, offering all kinds of food and drink, and a Kids' Zone.

The Festival runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday on the Boulevard in the Downtown. Keep in mind that the Boulevard will be closed to traffic from midnight Friday until midnight Sunday.

The Fall Festival and parking are both free.

Castro Valley Weather Aug. 29 - Sept. 2, 2018



Wednesday
Clouds then Sun
High 72° Low 59°



Thursday
Clouds then Sun
High 71° Low 56°



Friday
Clouds then Sun
High 75 Low 56°



Saturday
Clouds then Sun
High 72° Low 55°



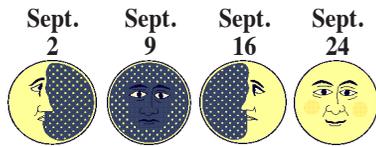
Sunday
Mostly Sunny
High 74° Low 56°

Almanac



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

Moon Phases



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CV ARTS FOUNDATION 2018-2019 SERIES

Led Zeppelin Tribute Band Will Rock Castro Valley September 7

By Terry Liebowitz
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Led Zepagain will be rocking out Friday, Sept. 7 at the Castro Valley Center for the Arts at 7:30 p.m., the opening concert for the Castro Valley Arts Foundation 2018-2019 Series.

For fans who remember Kashmir, Black Dog, Bring It Home, and the iconic Stairway to Heaven, you won't want to miss this amazing group.

With well over a million iTunes downloads, Led Zepagain are regarded as the most accurate and authentic Led Zeppelin tribute band playing today. Swan Montgomery (vocals and harmonica), Anthony David (guitar), Jim Wooten (bass), and Derek Smith (drums) use vintage equipment and costumes to complete the picture.

The band first formed in Ventura, California, but today play all over the world. They just completed a tour of South America this summer.

Led Zeppelin was an English rock band formed in London in 1968. The original members were guitarist Jimmy Page, singer Robert Plant, bass and keyboard John Paul Jones and drummer John Bonham.



PHOTO BY DIANE LYNN

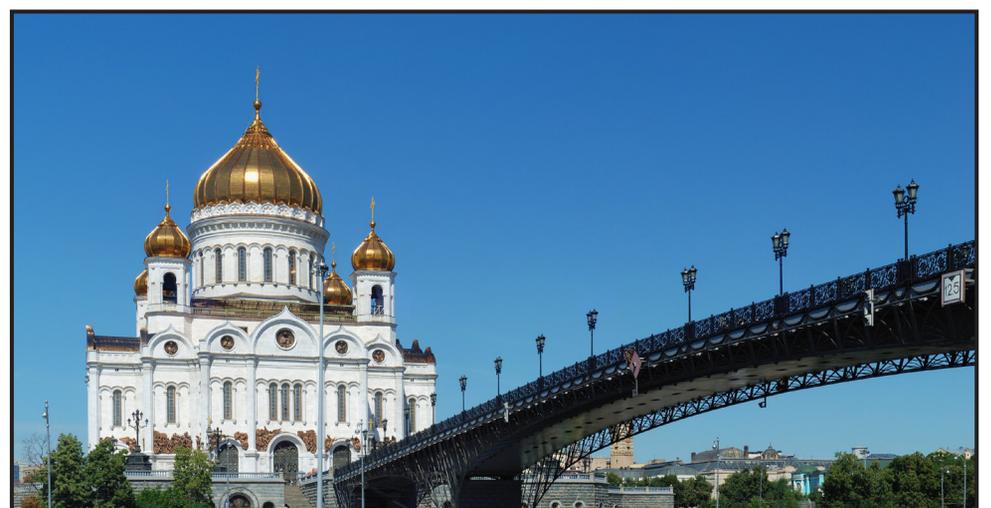
LED ZEPAGAIN brings its show to the Castro Valley Center for the Arts at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 7. It is regarded as the most authentic Led Zeppelin tribute band playing today.

Page wrote most of their music and Plant usually wrote the lyrics. The popular group is considered one of the first heavy metal groups, selling between 200-300 million units worldwide.

Led Zeppelin disbanded in 1980 after Bonham's death. Rolling Stone magazine described

them as "the heaviest band of all time", "the biggest band of the Seventies", and "unquestionably one of the most enduring bands in rock history." They were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1995.

For ticketing information, visit www.cvartsfoundation.org/shows



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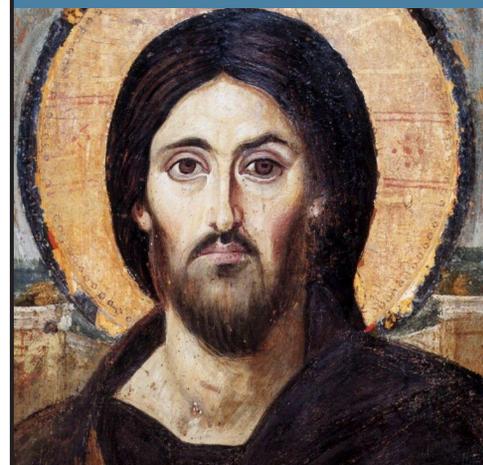
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The 2018 Castro Valley Car Show sponsored by the Moose Lodge 1491 brought in thousands of dollars that were donated to a number of community organizations.

Car Show Proceeds Donated to Local Groups by Moose Lodge

At the last summer Car Show BBQ Get Together, the Castro Valley Moose Lodge presented eight youth and community organizations donation checks from the proceeds of the 2018 Castro Valley Car Show.

The groups included the Roy Johnson Transition Program at Redwood High School (\$300), CVHS Reconnect California Student Club (\$300), CVHS Boys Basketball (\$300), Chabot Elementary Parents Club (\$650),

Oakland PD Explorers Program (\$650), Hayward Sea Cadets (\$800), 3-Crosses Men's Ministry (\$1,000) and Alameda County Sheriff's Explorers Program (\$2,000).

All these groups contributed to the success of the car show by volunteering their help before and during the event.

The Castro Valley Car Show is independently organized and presented by the Castro Valley Moose Lodge 1491. All funding of the car show comes from sponsors, dona-

tions and the participants' registration.

Their support makes it possible to donate proceeds from the event back to local youth and community organizations.

Next year's Castro Valley Car Show will be held on Saturday, June 15th. The Castro Valley Moose Lodge Car Show Committee is always looking for new committee members and community organizations to volunteer. For more information visit castrovalleycarshow.com.

SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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Back to Jail

Sunday, August 26: at 11:22 p.m., Sheriff's deputies arrested a 56-year-old man from Castro Valley as part of a warrant issued for his capture. The man was hanging outside a gas station on Castro Valley Boulevard near Redwood Road when deputies approached him for questioning. The man was previously wanted for breaking and entering. Deputies reportedly found illegal drugs in his pockets. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$10,000 in bail.

Driver's License Revoked

Sunday, August 26: at 8:26 p.m., a 60-year-old man from Oakland was arrested on suspicion of driving with an invalid license and driving without a court-required anti-drinking and driving device. Deputies pulled the man over on Grove Way near Redwood Road for a traffic violation. The man had an outstanding warrant in connection with a driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol charge. Deputies took the man to Santa Rita Jail pending \$40,000 in bail.

Disturbing the Peace

Sunday, August 26: at 3:15 a.m., deputies responded to an emergency call about a screaming match reported on Hinton Street near Belmont Way. There, they

arrested a 30-year-old man from Dublin on suspicion of violating a court-issued restraining order, violating the terms of his parole, and disturbing the peace. The man was handcuffed and taken into custody.

Can't Stay Away

Sunday, August 26: at 12:04 a.m., a 49-year-old man from CV was arrested on suspicion of violating a court-issued restraining order and violating the terms of his parole. Deputies were called to a home on Sherman Drive near Pineville Circle to investigate a suspicious person report. The man fitting the description was taken into custody.

Stolen Property

Saturday, August 25: at 1:10 p.m., deputies arrested a 24-year-old man who refused to give his ad-

dress on suspicion of possession of stolen property and violating the terms of his parole. The man was traveling on Lake Chabot Road near Carlton Way when deputies stopped him for questioning. Deputies took the man into custody without incident.

Domestic Assault

Friday, August 24: at 11:03 p.m., a 911 call about a loud and aggressive-sounding argument sent deputies to a home on Sherman Drive near Denison Place. There, they arrested a 56-year-old CV man on suspicion of assault on a family member at the residence. The man was standing in the parking lot when deputies arrived. Deputies took the man into custody. The victim was treated at the scene.

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People who suffer from neck problems will usually have sharp or dull pain on movement and can feel sharp pain radiating into the head, often causing a **headache**. In some cases, pain, **numbness** or **tingling** may also radiate into the **upper arm, lower arm, hands** or **fingers**. Problems with the neck can also cause discomfort in between the **shoulder blades** as well.

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exclusively discounted rate.

My advice, don't suffer a moment longer...

Find out if Non-Surgical Corrective Spinal Care can help you, book a consultation with Jerry, D.C. and his team now by calling (925)255-5805. You can even call on the weekend and leave a message to secure your spot as they promise to return all calls; and during the week, they are very busy, so if they don't pick up right away, leave a message.

The Week Ahead

● Wednesday, August 29: Homework Volunteer Orientations

The Castro Valley Library is looking for dedicated and enthusiastic High School student volunteers for its after-school Homework Assistance Center. Sign up for hours (Mondays to Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.) to help students tackle their homework. Two orientations will be held today; the first is for returning volunteers who should arrive between 4 and 4:30 p.m., and the second for new volunteers who should arrive at 4:30. For more info, call Nathan Silva at 510-608-1141.

● Thursday, August 30: 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/CVUSDBBoardMeetings

● Friday, August 31: Talk by Motherhood Book Author

Castro Valley Mothers Club invites CV moms to this Friday's Learn-and-Share Series at 10 a.m. with Author Suzannah Neufield who will talk about anxiety and depression in pregnancy and early motherhood, and her book, "Awake at 3 a.m." This is a free event, open to non-members. RSVP to cvmcdirectors@gmail.com or visit www.castrovalley-mothersclub.com for more info.

LABOR DAY SCHEDULES Monday, September 3, 2018

Government Operations

All Federal, State, County and City offices will be closed on Monday, except for emergency services.

Business Offices

Financial institutions and stock exchanges will be closed. Most business offices, including The Forum, will be closed.

Stores & Restaurants

Some will be open but may be operating on reduced schedules.

Public Transportation

BART and AC Transit buses will operate on a Sunday schedule on Monday.

Garbage Collection & Sanitary District

Recycling, organics, and garbage collection services will operate as usual on Monday, and the Waste Management cashier on 98th Ave., will be open, but the Waste Management Call Center and other offices will be closed.

Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) offices will be closed Monday. Call 510-506-5821 for sewer emergencies. For information regarding CVSan services and programs, visit www.cvsan.org.

● Saturday, September 1: Church Food Pantry Open

All Saints Episcopal Church, 911 Dowling Blvd., San Leandro will host a food pantry available to residents from 1-2 p.m. this Saturday. Volunteers are welcome and should report at 11:30 a.m. The Hospitality Room with snacks for guests opens at noon. Cleanup ends by 2:30 p.m. For more information visit saintsalive.net and click "Social Ministries."

● Saturday, September 1: Collecting Seeds from Your Garden

Alameda County Master Gardeners Irene Beebe and Dolores Morrison will talk about the techniques and benefits of saving seed from your garden from 11 a.m. until noon this Saturday at Quarry Lakes Regional Recreational Area, 2100 Isherwood Way, Fremont. A \$5 parking fee is payable at the park entrance. Bring your own chair if you have one. For more info, visit acmg.ucanr.edu or email acmg@ucanr.edu

● Saturday, September 1: Community Garden Open House

See what your neighbors are growing at Paradise Community Garden, 20095 Mission Blvd. in Hayward this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sharon Horgan will speak on "Attracting Bees, Butterflies and Hummingbirds" at 11 a.m. Visit exhibitor booths for California native plants, succulents, pollinator plants; beekeeping and local honey. Questions? Call Rick Hatcher 510-909-4077.

● Tuesday, September 4: Hearing on Sewer Lateral Program

A public hearing will be held on the proposed Private Sewer Lateral Program at the regular board meeting of the Castro Valley Sanitary District at 6:30 p.m. at 21040 Marshall Street. The public will have the opportunity to provide comments to the Board on this program before it votes on whether to adopt the ordinance.

● Tuesday, September 4: Ohlone Audubon Meeting

Bob Lewis will speak on his birding trip to Cuba, a side trip to Hispaniola, and an earlier tour to Trinidad and Tobago at the next free meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Carlton Plaza, 3800 Walnut Ave., Fremont. Refreshments served. For more info, visit www.ohloneaudubon.org.

● Tuesday, September 4: Buon Tempo Family Dinner

Chef Rich Goram will be serving a 5-course dinner of Tri Tip at the Buon Tempo Italian American Club's next family-style dinner at 7 p.m. on Sept. 4 at Mt. Tabor Hall, Transfiguration Church, 4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd. Wine and soda are included. Happy hour at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. Dinner is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. Reserve by this Friday by calling the dinner line at 510-483-6929 (option 1). For more info about events/membership, visit www.buontempo.org

● Tuesday, September 4: Homework Help Center Opens

The Homework Center at the Castro Valley Library offers primary and secondary students the opportunity to receive homework assistance from 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. and is open in conjunction with the Castro Valley School District schedule. Volunteers will provide assistance for individual daily assignments and research projects, skill-building for grades K-12 in math and reading, and help using technology for assignments in a safe, nurturing environment conducive to study and learning.

● Tuesday, September 4: Rotary Topic: Alzheimer's Disease

Ginny Roth, volunteer event chair with the Alzheimer's Association of Northern California and Nevada, will describe how the Association is working to help the afflicted as the incidence of Alzheimer's increases, at the next buffet lunch meeting of the Rotary Club of Castro Valley from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 4 at Redwood Canyon Golf Course, 17007 Redwood Road. The cost of lunch is \$15 and reservations must be made by 9 p.m. this Sunday, Sept. 2, at cvrotary@iCloud.com or by calling 510-402-5123. More info is available at castrovalleyrotary.org

● Wednesday, September 5: Community Blood Drive

Redwood Chapel will hold a Community Blood Drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. next Wednesday, Sept. 5, in the Gymnasium at 19300 Redwood Road, Castro Valley. Appointments are encouraged. To sched-

ule your appointment visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: REDWOOD or call 1-800 RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting Red-CrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment. Identification is required. For more info, call 1-866-236-3276.

● Thursday, September 6: Parkinson's Support Group

The San Leandro Parkinson's Support Group will hold its monthly open-discussion meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Sept. 6 at the San Lorenzo Community Church, 945 Paseo Grande. More info at 510-276-3119.

● Friday, September 7: Tech Assistance for Seniors

Meet members of Eden Area Village and get help with smartphones, tablets, and laptops, while learning how we are working together to help seniors in Castro Valley, Hayward and San Lorenzo remain active and independent in our community! Visit edenareavillage.org

● Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 8-9: Castro Valley Fall Festival

Join thousands of your neighbors at this year's 46th annual Fall Festival, Castro Valley's biggest street party of the year, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the Boulevard.

● Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 8-9: Free Dahlia Show

The San Leandro Dahlia Society holds its annual dahlia show from 10-5 on Sept. 8, and from 10-4 Sept. 9, in the Karp Room at the San Leandro Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Over 1,000 blooms will be displayed. For more info, visit sanleandrodahliasociety.org or SLDS.club

● Saturday, September 8: Hearing Loss Association Meeting

Are there activities you avoid because you can't hear well enough? Steve Sells, a hard-of-hearing engineer, will speak on "Hearing Better Through Your Own Efforts," sharing tips and technologies at the next meeting on Sept. 8. 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: info@hearinglossesb.org or 510-221-6080.

Arts & Entertainment

CASTRO VALLEY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

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

● **Led Zepagain**, the most authentic representation of Led Zeppelin in the world today, will be performing at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 7 at the Castro Valley Center for the Arts. Featured on AXS TV's "The World's Greatest Tribute Bands," this tribute is as close to the real thing that you will ever see. For tickets (\$34-\$40) see above.

● Castro Valley Arts Foundation 2018-2019 Series

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

AT THE GALLERIES

● **2nd Annual Creative Veterans Exhibit** is on display at the Sun Gallery through Sept. 29, featuring artwork by local Veterans who participated in the Veterans Art Project at the Oakland Vet Center, including visual storytelling, textile artworks, paintings, and collaborative community artworks. An Artists Reception will be held from 1-4 p.m. this Saturday, Aug. 25 from 1 - 4 p.m. Sun Gallery is located at 1015 E St. in Hayward.

● **Chinese Calligrapher Shu-chen Chen**, who teaches calligraphy in the Bay Area, will demonstrate the technique of painting with bamboo brushes and will hand out brushes, ink and supplies needed for you to become a professional bamboo brush painter also! Don't miss this hands-on opportunity from 2 - 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Adobe Art Center, 20395 San Miguel Ave., Castro Valley. As always A.R.T., Inc. demos are free for everyone.

● **"Elevate,"** Adobe Art Gallery's exhibition continues through Sept. 29 at the gallery, 20395 San Miguel Avenue. For more info, visit adobe-gallery@haywardrec.org

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

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) With your Arian charm quotient at an almost all-time high this week, plus all the facts to back you up, you just might win over the last doubters to your proposal.



TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You might be in line for that job change you applied for. But be advised that you could be called on to defend your qualifications against supporters of other applicants.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Creating a new approach to an old idea is one way to get beyond that workplace impasse. No such problems in your personal life, where things continue to flow smoothly.



CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be more forthcoming about your feelings concerning a proposed change either in your workplace or in your personal life. Your opinions are valuable. Don't keep them hidden.



LEO (July 23 to August 22) A changing situation in your life needs more patience than you appear to be willing to offer. Allowing it to develop at its own pace is the wisest course you can take at this time.



VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) With more stability in your life -- on both personal and professional levels -- this could be a good time to strengthen relationships with both friends and colleagues.



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) People have always relied on your integrity not only to get the job done, but to get it done right. So don't be pressured by anyone into cutting corners to save time.



SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) While others might get rattled over unexpected changes, your ability to adapt calmly and competently helps you make a positive impression during a crucial period.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A changing environment might be daunting for some, but the adventurous Sagittarian takes it all in stride. A friend from the past could awaken some meaningful memories.



CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) With your self-assurance rising to full strength, the bold Goat should feel confident about opening up to new ventures as well as new relationships.



AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Reaching out to someone who has been unkind to you might not be easy. But in the long run it will prove to have been the right thing to do. A friend offers moral support.



PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your keen insight once again helps you work through a seemingly insoluble problem in your workplace. The weekend offers a good chance to develop new relationships.

Appreciation of the Carrot Takes Root

Carrots are perhaps best known for their rich supply of the antioxidant nutrient that was actually named for them: beta-carotene. However, these delicious root vegetables are the source not only of beta-carotene, but also of a wide variety of other health-supporting nutrients.

Aside from being a very nutritious side dish, there may be no vegetable that rivals the carrot when it comes to adding flavor, sweetness and moisture to all manner of baked goods.



Thyme-Roasted Carrots: For a little more elegance and color, garnish with sprigs of fresh thyme or parsley.

THYME-ROASTED CARROTS

- 3 pounds medium carrots, halved lengthwise
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh thyme or 2 teaspoons dried thyme
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 400°F. Divide carrots between two greased 15-by-10-inch baking pans.

In a small bowl, mix thyme, oil, honey and salt; brush over carrots. Roast 20-25 minutes or until tender. Yields about 10 servings.

BUTTERED CARROTS

- 1 pound carrots, trimmed and scraped
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 tablespoon finely chopped parsley

Cut the carrots into very thin slices. Place them in a small skillet and add salt, pepper, sugar, water and butter.

Cover the pan and cook over medium heat, shaking the skillet occasionally. Cook about 8 minutes until the carrots are tender, the liquid has disappeared, and the carrots are slightly glazed. Take care they do not burn. Sprinkle the parsley over them and serve. Yields 4 servings.

CARROT & RAISIN SALAD

- 5 cups of shredded carrots
- 1-1/2 cups of celery, chopped
- 1-1/2 cups of mayonnaise.
- 3/4 cup of raisins.
- 3/4 cup of walnuts, chopped.
- 2 teaspoons of sugar.

- 1 teaspoon of mustard.
- 1/4 teaspoon of salt.

In a bowl, combine the carrots, celery, raisins and walnuts. Add the other ingredients and mix thoroughly. Serve on lettuce leaves. Yields 6 servings.

APPLE & CARROT COLESLAW

- 1 (12-ounce) package shredded coleslaw mix
- 4-1/2 cups shredded red cabbage
- 3 tablespoons coarse salt
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 large apples, cored
- 2 large carrots, grated
- 1/2 cup fat-free mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup fat free sour cream
- 1 teaspoon celery seed
- Ground black pepper to taste

Place a large colander into the sink. Place the coleslaw mix and red cabbage into the colander. Sprinkle lightly with salt, toss, and allow to stand 15 minutes.

Pour the vinegar into a large bowl. Grate apples into the bowl and toss with vinegar to keep from turning brown. Stir in the grated carrots, mayonnaise, sour cream, and celery seed until evenly coated. Season with black pepper to taste.

Rinse the coleslaw mix and cabbage with very cold water; drain, pressing out as much water as possible. Taste, and if still too salty, repeat the process. Pat dry with paper towels. Stir coleslaw and cabbage into apple mixture, and toss to coat evenly with dressing. Chill until ready to serve; stir before serving. Serves 6.

Nutritional information, per

serving: Calories: 139, Total Fat: 1.8g, Cholesterol: 8mg

BANQUET CARROTS

- 8 to 10 peeled carrots
- 2 beef bouillon cubes
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1/4 cup brown sugar

Cover carrots with water in medium saucepan; add bouillon cubes and garlic. Boil carrots, covered, until tender, about 20 to 25 minutes.

Add butter and brown sugar. Cover saucepan with lid until butter melts.

Stir carrots in melted margarine and brown sugar until glazed. Transfer to serving dish. Yields 6 servings

CARROT COOKIES

- 1 cup shortening
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup cooked, mashed carrots
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Orange Icing:

- Juice of 1/2 orange (3 to 4 tablespoons)
- Grated rind of 1 orange
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1-1/4 cup sifted confectioners' sugar

Beat shortening; gradually add sugar, beating until light and fluffy. Add egg, carrots and vanilla, beating well after each addition. Sift together dry ingredients; stir into carrot mixture and mix well. Stir in chopped nuts, if using. Drop by tablespoonfuls onto greased baking sheets. Bake at 350° for about 20 minutes. Transfer cookies to racks to cool.

For the icing, combine juice and orange rind with butter; stir in sifted confectioners' sugar until desired spreading consistency is reached. Add more juice or confectioners' sugar as needed.

Ice cookies with Orange Icing while still warm.

OLD-FASHIONED CARROT CAKE

- Butter, for pans
- 2 cups flour, plus more for pans
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 eggs
- 1-1/2 cups vegetable oil
- 3 cups grated carrots
- 1-1/2 cups chopped pecans

Frosting:

- 2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 stick salted butter, room temperature
- 1 (16-ounce) box powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour 3 (9-inch) round pans; Line bottom of the pans with



parchment paper.

In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt. Add eggs and vegetable oil. Using a hand mixer, blend until combined. Add carrots and pecans, if using.

Pour into pans. Bake for approximately 40 minutes. Remove from oven and cool for 5 min-

utes. Remove from pans, place on waxed paper and allow to cool completely before frosting.

For the frosting:

Add all ingredients, except nuts, into a medium bowl and beat until fluffy using a hand mixer. Stir in the nuts. Spread frosting on top of each cake layer. Stack the cakes on a serving plate and serve.

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Church: Wilson Says County is Wrong

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Wilson says he now has two tax bills, totaling \$17,000 on his desk. And the county has threatened to sue the church if the bills aren't paid.

But Wilson maintains a church should be tax exempt. Besides that, the church only has 21 members and could never afford to pay that price anyway. Wilson says that Cornerstone is an older congregation and in the last few years a lot of its older members have passed away.

"We would have to declare bankruptcy, go out of business and sell the land and I think that's what they want," Wilson says.

The church hall is rented out four to six times a year for Quinceaneras by two Catholic churches in the area that don't have a hall, and for weddings, Wilson says. He says the county told him that makes it a business, so it's taxable.

In addition, the church has had a few, small pot luck dinners. But Wilson says lots of churches have things like that and they aren't hit with tax bills.

But Alameda County officials say the church has been renting out space for events, which negates at least some percentage of the church's tax-exempt status.

"In short, a church is 100 percent exempt if it's used as a church 100 percent of the time," said Brian Hitomi at the Alameda County tax assessor's office.

"We've found that he rents rooms out commercially," Hitomi said. "Once you begin using some of the property for non-exempt purposes, then that portion being used is no longer exempt."

Hitomi said that the county has been in touch with Wilson about the use of the property, and is still in the process of determining the percentage of the exemption.

"If you rent the property out, then it's quite possible that you would lose an exemption for that area of use," Hitomi said.

So it's the county's position that the church would pay a fraction of the tax bill it received. How much of the property is exempt depends on the percentage of exemption.

But to determine the percentage of exemption, Hitomi said the county needs more information from Wilson.

"We've talked to him and asked for further verification of his rent of these properties," Hitomi said.

"We've asked for written documentation as to the nature of commercial use and we have yet to receive it. We just need that for us to

make our determination. They say they don't have them."

But Wilson says other churches have functions that raise money, in some cases a lot more.

"They had a big pot luck at Alameda Temple Baptist Church in Oakland for \$1,500 a plate fundraiser for Hillary Clinton in 2016 and the county didn't do anything," Wilson says. "We're small. So it's no equal application under the law."

Wilson says the county is wrong, the church isn't a business. These events are just church fundraisers, like all churches have.

Around six years ago, Wilson says the county told him that if the events are not the sole income of the church, it's all right. But this year he says the county told him the rules had changed.

"Now they said they can retroactively go back 10 years," Wilson says.

Wilson says he's gone to many county planning meetings and gotten an idea of what the county wants. He believes they want to put in housing or upscale shopping, attracting higher income residents to boost tax revenue.

"We're a test case," Wilson says. "If they succeed here, they'll go after other places, Goodwill and places that pay no property tax."

A quick response by multiple agencies brought a 48-acre fire on Palo Verde Road under control just after noon on Sunday.



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Large CV Grass Fire Sunday

The Alameda County Fire Department and Cal Fire responded to a report of a grass and brush fire in the area of the 6500 block of Palo Verde Road in Castro Valley on Sunday at 12:20 p.m.

The fire, known as the Palo Verde Fire, burned 48 acres on state-owned land and was quickly contained that afternoon.

A quick and coordinated response from many agencies

throughout the area responded to battle the blaze from the air and on the ground, including the County Regional Emergency Communications Center, the Castro Valley CHP, the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District, Fremont Fire Department, Alameda County Sheriff's Office, Paramedics Plus, and PG&E.

There were no reports of inju-

ries to firefighters or community members. No structures sustained any damage.

During the initial phase of the fire, firefighters staged structure protection on Dublin Canyon Road and Palomares Road, but once the forward progress of the fire was stopped, those units were released.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by Cal Fire.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Bring Back the Band Baseball Team

This week's Athletes of the Week are the members of the "Bring Back the Band" baseball team, consisting of reunited friends and coaches that had played together as 13-year-olds on a traveling team out of Castro Valley.

The coaches decided to call the team members that have all followed their baseball careers onto different teams, some in different cities, and one player, Kyle Chang, had moved to South Korea and was unable to attend.

They were able to put the team (band) back together, had one practice, and were able to get into a tournament at Twin Creeks in Sunnyvale, and won the 14U AA bracket, over the weekend

of August 4-5. The Band lost to the Hit Club 6-0 in the opener, then went on to win 15-5 against Future Pro Academy, on Saturday.

On Sunday, The Band played The Boys of Summer and won 9-3, then beat Future Pro Academy 9-3, to finish as winners of the tournament, with a 3-1 record.

Shown above, back row from left, coaches Donald Ko, Glen Cartwright, Jeff Barnes and players Nolan Barnes, Sean McGinty, Ethan Wasem, Simon Keswani, Adam Punjani, Ryan Ko and Samuel Wu; front row, Blake Barney, Ryan Cartwright, Zander Ditona and Colin Sut-edja.

Reports: Grand Theft; Drug Paraphernalia

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Grand Theft

Thursday, August 23: at 1:03 a.m., deputies arrested a 30-year-old man from CV on suspicion of possession of stolen property, two counts of grand theft, assault on a spouse, and giving law enforcement a fake ID. The man had a court-issued warrant for his arrest. Deputies spotted the man on Center Street near Sargent Avenue and stopped him for questioning. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$15,512 in bail.

Illegal Drug Paraphernalia And Probation Violation

Tuesday, August 21: at 7:55 a.m., a 48-year-old man with no permanent address was arrested on suspicion of possession of illegal drug paraphernalia and violating the terms of his probation. Deputies stopped the man for violating traffic laws as he was riding his bike on Castro Valley Boulevard near Crow Canyon Boulevard. The man revealed he had syringes in his possession. Deputies took the man into custody.

Violation of Restraining Order at Grocery Store

Monday, August 20: at 11:50 p.m., deputies arrested a 24-year-old man with no permanent address on suspicion of violating a court-issued restraining order at a grocery store on Redwood Road near Castro Valley Boulevard. The man was spotted by store security in the restroom. He had previously been banned from coming within 100 yards from the store. Deputies handcuffed the man and took him into custody.

CVHS Class of '63 Reunion

The Castro Valley High School Spartan Class of 1963 is holding a 55-year reunion on the weekend of October 5-7. The three-day weekend will begin with a no-host gathering on Friday evening, Oct. 5, at Krayon's Gallery and will feature a film presentation on Castro Valley history by Randy Vanderbilt.

The main event will be a dinner

on Oct. 6 at the Pleasanton Marriott. Then on Sunday morning, Oct. 7, classmates are invited to gather at Rudy's Donut Shop for coffee, memories and friendship.

For more information, please contact Tom Lorentzen at 510-538-7570 or send an email to: tomlorentzen@att.net. Classmates from neighboring years at CV High are also invited to attend.

Community Blood Drive September 5

Redwood Chapel in Castro Valley will hold a Community Blood Drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. next Wednesday, September 5, in the Gymnasium at 19300 Redwood Road.

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Canyon Middle School. For details, visit: www.cvtrackclub.com

CV Wrestling Club

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(Gino) Gene Frank Antonucci went to be with his Lord on August 21, 2018. Beloved husband of 52 years to Claudia, loving father to Scott, Rick (Andrea) and Lawanda, adoring grandfather to James, Julia, Brittney and Zachary. Survived by his Aunt Emma, sisters Joyce and Mareese Lynn, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Born in Elizabeth, New Jersey on January 23, 1940 to Alfred and Mareese Antonucci and moved to California at the age of 12. He played football, ran track and wrestled at San Lorenzo High and attended San Jose State before serving three years in the Army. Gene joined the Alameda County Sheriff's Deputy Reserve in the 60's. Retired from Aramark as a truck driver and made lifelong friendships with his co-workers.

Gino was very supportive of his wife's parents. He always encouraged his children and grandchildren's activities. He was an avid Bowler and Bocce player who loved to meet with friends for coffee at Rudy Donuts, and Dell's for breakfast and he enjoyed going to Eden Fit. He served as Noble Grand of the Odd Fellows and was a current member of the Buon Tempo and President of Aurora HOA. He loved all animals and his dogs Razzi and Sweetpea are missing his love and attention. Graveside service is Friday, August 31st at 11 a.m. at Roselawn Cemetery, 1240 North Livermore Ave.,

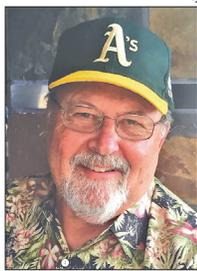
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Bud was born and spent most of his life in Castro Valley, graduating from Castro Valley High School in 1961. After graduation he joined the US Navy, where he served from 1961 to 1964. After military service, Bud returned to the Bay Area and worked as a "Telephone Man" with ATT retiring with 43 years.

Bud was a loving, generous man living a wonderful life. He loved to cheer for, and coach his children and grandchildren in sports. Bud was a water-skiing enthusiast and could be found soaking in the sun on his boat at Lake Shasta. He enjoyed being the Grill Master hosting tailgates before A's games, rides on his Harley Davidson and traveling with family to favorite vacation places New Orleans, Disneyland and Hawaii.

There will a Vigil this Friday, August 31st at 7 p.m., Funeral Services and Reception on Saturday, September 1st at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace Church, Castro Valley. Hawaiian shirts and A's hats preferred attire.

LETTERS



TO THE EDITOR
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Accuses Crawford of Running Roughshod Over MAC

Editor:

What is going on with the MAC, and who is Marc Crawford, who seems to run roughshod over the other MAC members?

On May 21, I went to a MAC meeting to hear the "Bike Pedestrian Draft Plan presentation" by Alameda County Public Works. The purpose was to present options and get feedback from the public on the County's Draft Bike/Pedestrian Plan updates.

An estimated 25 people spoke in favor of improved bike/pedestrian access in Castro Valley. Approximately two people spoke against changes. Seemingly irritated, Marc Crawford said, "The people in this room don't represent the people of Castro Valley," and then went on to say we can't have bike lanes that take up parking spots.

Apparently we can't accommodate 95% at the expense of the other 5%. There was no mention of taking away driving lanes. Ninety-five percent of the people are not going to lose parking spots, more like a dozen. And perhaps more people of all ages would use bikes if there were safer bike lanes to travel.

Does Mark Crawford truly represent the people of Castro Valley? Who voted the MAC in, nobody? And, how does the MAC know what the people of Castro Valley want, except when they express their opinions at MAC meetings? Do MAC members represent the people of Castro Valley, or their own interests and prejudices?

And why does one person on the MAC seem to have the greatest say in "what the people of Castro Valley want"? I only remember voting for one person to represent Castro Valley, Supervisor Nate Miley.

—Lawrence J. Hutchings, Ph.D., Castro Valley

Says Crawford Was Right in Questioning Sadoff's Status

Editor:

Marc Crawford is right, Dave Sadoff should choose one board to be on. He cannot serve two masters with conflicting interests.

The MAC board is acting on our behalf, as a necessary voice to the County Supervisors, who do not live in our community. They have no interest in what happens in Castro Valley. Our tax dollars are important to them, but obviously an unincorporated area is a good place to stash the Marijuana dispensary or try to jam it down our throats. Mac members worked tirelessly on this issue.

We have knowledgeable MAC members who know business and construction. How many applicants are going to line up around the building to give up 32 hours of their personal time for \$50 a meeting? Don't hold your breath.

Residents of Castro Valley need to come to terms with the fact that we will never be able to sit at the grownup table unless we incorporate. There are 14 cities in Alameda county that have elected officials representing them. You can imagine what the pie flow chart looks like. We might get a sliver of pie, but its mincemeat. Without the MAC, we might not be able to lick the plate. Our streets are in tragic disrepair, our medians are broken down and full of weeds, etc.

We have no room to complain, unless we make an effort to incorporate. Let's get a group of citizens to get signatures together and start the process. Until then, we are lucky to get pie crumbs!

—Trish Deslover, Castro Valley

Calls Sanitary District Board 'Fiscally Incompetent'

Editor:

The Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) is fiscally incompetent!

I attended the Aug. 21 Board Meeting. Without any public notice, the Board approved (5-0) a Wastewater Plan of Finance which provided for the issuance of two 30-year bonds for \$7.5MM each.

The cost to issue these bonds is \$486,800. The debt service is \$887,000 per year for 30 years. The already high sewer service rates would have to increase considerably to repay these bonds.

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The purpose for these bonds is to pay for two capital improvement projects: CVSan's portion to upgrade the capacity of the Oro Loma Sanitary District Treatment Plant (5.875MM); and the proposed Center Street Corporation Yard (7.7MM). Neither of these projects has been voted on by the Board of Directors.

CVSan has never had a problem paying for capital improvement projects, including upgrades to the treatment plant. CVSan's Reserve Fund Policy provides that reserve fund accounts can be used to fund capital improvements to the wastewater treatment plant.

Instead of issuing bonds, CVSan could simply write a check for the treatment plant upgrade from its reserve account. The Center Street Corporation yard cannot be financed by issuing bonds.

CVSan's policy has always been "pay as you go." For the Board of Directors to saddle the ratepayers with 30 years of debt payments is unprecedented, irresponsible, and contrary to their campaign promises to keep rates as low as possible.

—Ken Owen, Castro Valley

Distressed Over CVSan's Point-of-Sale Lateral Checks

Editor:

I am writing in distress over the CVSan's disinterest in solving their rain water intrusion problem. From what I understand, their focus is on private residences' failing sewer laterals. These laterals apparently lead to rain water entering the sewer system and overloading the Oro Loma processing plant.

Here's what they are proposing: A point of sale requirement to test and repair/replace laterals. This means that when you sell your home, you are required to test laterals and replace or repair them, generally at the seller's expense. This may seem like it will work except for the following facts:

In 2017, per the Multiple Listing System, 596 homes sold in Castro Valley, a town with a population of 61,388. Simple math will tell you that that is less than 1% of the problem! Given these numbers, it will take over 100 years to "fix" what they say is a pressing problem! Do we have 100 years? I think not.

Other municipalities like Oakland and Berkeley have not solved their overflow problems by implementing this practice.

I went to a CV San meeting on Aug. 7 and presented the above numbers. I proposed the following to effect a real fix: Partner with the County Building Dept. and isolate the properties that have replaced their laterals in the last 20-30 years. Then, with that list, send directives to the remaining others requiring a lateral check/fix/replacement within the next three years. That would certainly fix much more than 1% of the problem, and it would do it in far less than 100 years!

To my dismay, at the end of the meeting, they took a vote, and each Director voted for the point of sale lateral check!

We need to hold these "representative" to a simple standard – do your jobs – fix the problems you say we have – and do it effectively. The point of sale lateral is a cop out to make us think they are trying to implement a solution, even though that "solution" will not work! I think a lot of our Bay and our environment, which is why I am writing in consternation about a very inept CVSan Board that needs to be reconsidered come election time!

—Lynn Levin, Castro Valley

Attend September 17 MAC Meeting on Wildfire Hazards

Editor:

At the upcoming MAC meeting Monday, Sept. 17, East Bay Parks District must outline their plan on future fire prevention along the Ten Hills Trail in the Lake Chabot Forest Park, which all Castro Valley residents are nervously and eagerly awaiting.

A fire in the forest would demolish the adjoining homes and then continue throughout Castro Valley. Despite the best efforts of fire fighters, that is exactly what happened in Santa Rosa. Can we learn from that disaster and save Castro Valley? Absolutely yes.

A huge crowd attended a recent organized tour of the Ten Hills Trail critical fire danger area. East Bay Parks' personnel outlined their present mode of operations, but gave no hint of any changes from the status quo, despite the fact that this Ten Hills Trail forest area is now identified in Cal Fire Hazard maps as "very high hazard." This puts all of Castro Valley in peril.

How did this happen? From my house right at the edge of the forest, I have seen this mass of trees and undergrowth grow unchecked over the past 30-plus years. Now we have a huge forest. It's nobody's fault. Nature at work. The goal posts have moved. Now we must move to prevent a disaster. It's now public knowledge. We cannot sit on our hands. Let's acknowledge our predicament and together move forward, with remedial plans, before the fire comes. We have serious obligations to all Castro Valley residents.

We realize that East Bay Parks District cannot accomplish this on their present budget. Luckily, Federal State and Local governments' grants have now been earmarked for Forest Fire Prevention. So what are we waiting for? Attend M.A.C. meeting, please.

—John Sullivan, Castro Valley

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Count Me In: School Attendance

By Amy Ramos
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

School's back in session and one of the topics that has come up is attendance.

As riveting as the handbooks are, I just can't see the majority of parents having the time to read them.

Recently a few parents were in a conversation about scheduling a vacation. The parent of a kindergartner stated "It's only kindergarten and we will only be gone for one week."

There were mixed comments in the immediate group. One parent mentioned truancy, another parent was concerned about how important the instructional weeks are

during that age, and another parent mentioned accountability and how treating school like it isn't important sends the wrong message.

The message I remembered most clearly was when the most senior parent responded with the following:

"I do understand funerals happen and sometimes there are unavoidable circumstances surrounding the need to travel, however, when possible please schedule time away from school on school holidays only. Here are three reasons why..."

1. Being absent hurts your student. They fall behind in academics and miss important concepts or foundation material.

2. Being absent hurts the other

students too! The child that was absent now requires additional individual attention from the teacher.

3. Being absent hurts funding for the school and district. When your child is absent there is no funding. Schools only receive funding when your child is in attendance. Your child being absent doesn't make costs go down, it causes a gap in funding.

I understand the simple reasoning of why a parent or guardian would have a child out of school. I also understand the simple reasons given to avoid missing school.

Most commonly, being sick is definitely a reason to miss school. There is also the issue of pre-teens and teens wanting to miss school for social and emotional reasons—if this is possible.

If your child is asking to miss school days, please investigate why and reach out to help solve what might be going on. Please build attendance expectations and habits early. We're responsible for giving our kids the best start possible!

The entire community benefits from all students receiving the same opportunities and that means being PRESENT.

Amy Ramos is a resident of Castro Valley, and president of Stanton Parent Club and a School District parent. You can contact her at adramos@mac.com



Castro Valley Women's Club members (from left) Treasurer Liz Hartman, Volunteer Coordinator Carrie Mason, Director of Development Mary Gregory, Kitchen Manager Eric Gremlion, Executive Director Connie McCabe and Past President Carolyn Darcey presented a check for \$20,000 to SOS/Meals on Wheels.

MAC: Public Squabbling

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"Like many people in this room, I want to see you work together and have bylaws that are transparent and followed, and that leadership is transferred in a logical and kind way," said Johnson. "Work together and be kind and polite to one another."

Former Eden Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Mulgrew defended Crawford, saying no one does as much to look out for the town's best interests.

"Mr. Crawford cares for the betterment of Castro Valley," said Mulgrew

Peter Rosen, a frequent MAC meeting attendee and speaker, said that he's grateful for the MAC's work but critiqued Crawford's behavior.

"It's a huge commitment to be on the MAC," said Rosen. "My concern is that not only did you attack another MAC member, you did it vindictively after you'd already won the election. I don't see any reason for doing that other than to feed your own ego. That's what a bully does."

Later in the meeting, Rosen got up to speak on an agenda item about water connections in a residential area far away from his

own home and Crawford made a comment that Rosen was unnecessarily delaying an already nearly four-hour meeting.

"You live like four miles away," said Crawford as Rosen took to the podium. "Sure Peter, keep us out here later 'cause you have something to say'."

After 45 minutes of at times pointed public comments, the MAC turned to the business on the agenda. They unanimously approved an application to allow renovation at a gas station at 18950 Lake Chabot Road to build a convenience store in the place of two former car service bays on the property.

The Council also unanimously approved an application for the operation of a 14-child day care home at 21654 Dolores Street, and heard a preliminary plan for a 25,000-square-foot outpatient medical office at 20630 John Drive.

Craig Semmelmeier, developer of the Castro Valley Marketplace project, said construction on the old Daughtrey's building is scheduled to begin on Oct. 1 and that he still plans to open in spring 2019. He said he's found tenants for 70 percent of space so far.

70 Years of CV Women's Club

The Castro Valley Women's Club recently donated \$20,000 it had raised during the past year to SOS/Meals on Wheels.

The organization is celebrating its 70th Anniversary and is looking ahead to attracting more members from all walks of life who have time to meet and support worthy causes in the community.

During the past few months, the club has held a Holiday Boutique

fundraiser and has donated close to 350 hours serving meals and "Mercy Bags" that were delivered throughout the area to homebound-seniors.

Other ongoing donations include The George Mark House, the "Building Futures" organization and three \$1,000 scholarships for high school seniors given through the Castro Valley Educational Foundation.

Club officials say they are "looking for a few good women to join us" and are holding their annual Welcome Back Dinner catered by Meals on Wheels on Wednesday evening, Sept. 19. Call 510-461-7692 if you would like to attend.

Those interested can also join club members at the Chamber's "Street Eats" food trucks at Adobe Park on Tuesday, Sept. 25.

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CV Library to Offer Free Tech Classes

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Windows 10 (a two-part class) be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the Saturdays of Sept. 15 and 22.

- **Windows 10** offers a more robust and powerful computing experience.

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