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TRACK CHAMPION

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ALLANAH LEE, a junior at Castro Valley High School and a member of the track team, won the Varsity girls triple jump at the Western Alameda County Conference Championships with a leap of 41 feet, 11 inches, ranking her at No. 2 in California and No. 7 in the U.S.

Local Saddle Bronc Rider Takes 2nd Place in Rodeo Competition

By Amy Sylvestri
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Thousands of fans packed the stands at the 97th annual Rowell Ranch Pro Rodeo on Saturday and Sunday – just as they do every third weekend in May for one of Castro Valley's biggest traditions.

The Rowell Ranch Rodeo began in the 1921 as a small event in Hayward organized by Harry Rowell, "the Rodeo King of the West."

Back then, Longhorn cattle would be gathered each spring for branding and local cowboys would get together to show off their rodeo skills.

A few years later in 1925, the rodeo moved to its current location on Dublin Canyon Road and it's been a big draw for rodeo fans from the Bay Area and beyond ever since.

Rowell went on to become the director of the Bay Area's first Grand National Rodeo, in 1941 at the Cow Palace. He was eventually inducted to the National Cowboy Hall of Fame.

These days, the rodeo arena in Castro Valley is run by the Hayward Area Recreation District, with the stipulation that once a year its made available for the rodeo – Sunday's events kicked off with the traditional lone rider carrying a American flag on horseback from "Harry's Hills" into the area.



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As always, there was roping, riding, music and food. One highlight was the "cowboy experience" where fans can meet the cowboys and talk a bit about the sport of rodeo.

"It's always a fun day and the kids love it," said Shawn Richards, who brought his kids from Lathrop to watch the show.

As for this year's competitive events, local cowboy Ethan Lemmons from Castro Valley did well in the saddle bronc riding competition on a horse named Clamper with a time of 78.5 seconds, but he came in second to Tyrell Smith of Montana, who won by staying in the saddle for 84.5 seconds on a

see **RODEO** on page 15

Watershed Expo

By Linda Sandmark
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Palomares Elementary School hosted hundreds of third graders from Castro Valley and beyond, at its 11th Annual Watershed and Science Expo last Thursday. Over 800 students participated, including Palomares students who served as tour guides.

"This is one of our most exciting events of the year," says principal Jennifer Tomita. "We're fortunate to have this space to share with Castro Valley students and the surrounding community."

"We couldn't do it without our wonderful staff, parents, volun-

teers and vendors. It's a great day of learning for all."

Palomares Elementary School has the advantage of being located in a rural area with a creek running alongside the campus. Students were invited to stop at nearly 30 different activity stations to observe nature and science in fun settings – along the creek, on nearby trails, inside classrooms and on the playground.

Students got to check Palomares Creek's oxygen level and temperature, learn which trailside plants are safe to touch, and observe how water, light, and fire can affect the rings of a tree.

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PHOTOS BY LINDA SANDMARK


Student guides from Palomares Elementary School led plant life tours on the campus.

Castro Valley Weather


May 24 - 28, 2017




Wednesday
Clouds then Sun
High 72° Low 56°




Thursday
Clouds then Sun
High 70° Low 56°



Friday
Clouds then Sun
High 70° Low 55°




Saturday
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High 71° Low 53°



Sunday
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High 75° Low 54°

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June 17

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A group of The Hike for Hope hikers pose for a picture at the top of Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore on May 6. This year's hike raised \$107,000 in cash and in-kind donations.

Hike for Hope Raises Thousands

The seventh annual Hike for Hope, a benefit for Hope Hospice on May 6, raised more than \$107,000 in cash and in-kind donations.

Held at Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore, the Hike is one of Hope Hospice's largest fundraising events of the year. A total of 526 hikers registered to support Hope Hospice, remember loved ones and enjoy the beautiful outdoors.

This year's event was the highest grossing fundraising hike since

The Hike for Hope first launched in 2010. The event has now raised more than \$660,000 for Hope Hospice since that time.

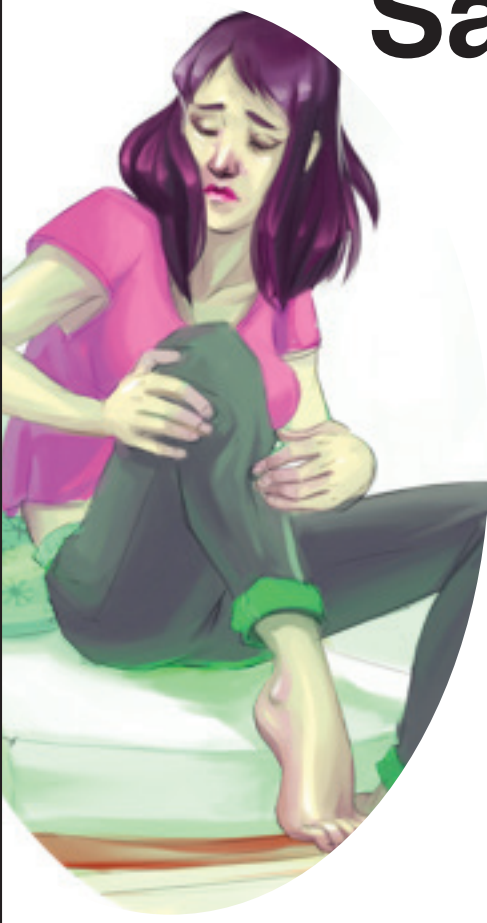
"The Hike for Hope celebrates the joy our loved ones brought us and raises funds for Hope Hospice," says Brian Kehoe, chair of The Hike for Hope committee. "We all enjoyed meeting the hikers who came to support Hope Hospice and to talk to the families whom we have helped."

Hope Hospice CEO Bob Boehm said the event wouldn't be possible without the participation of dozens of volunteers and the support of corporate sponsors.

"We are grateful to everyone who participated," Boehm said.

All of the Hike's net proceeds are used to care for the more than 2,600 area residents Hope Hospice serves each year.

Visit TheHikeForHope.com to see the placings of the teams and individuals, and to view local corporate and in-kind sponsorships.



Say Goodbye to Nerve Pain

with it you may experience excruciating pain and/or some very strange symptoms...

There are three types of nerves in the body:

1. Autonomic nerves. These nerves control the involuntary or partially voluntary activities of your body, including heart rate, blood pressure, digestion, and temperature regulation.

2. Motor nerves. These nerves control your movements and actions by passing information from your brain and spinal cord to your muscles.

3. Sensory nerves. These nerves relay information from your skin and muscles back to your spinal cord and brain. The information is then processed to let you feel pain and other sensations. Because nerves are essential to all you do, nerve pain and damage can seriously affect your quality of life.

What Are the Symptoms of Nerve Pain and Nerve Damage?

With nerve damage there can be a wide array of symptoms. Which ones you may have depends on the location and type of nerves that are affected. Damage can occur to nerves in your brain and spinal cord. It can also occur in the peripheral nerves, which are located throughout the rest of your body.

Autonomic nerve damage may produce the following symptoms:

• Too much sweating or too little sweating

• Lightheadedness

• Dry eyes and mouth

• Constipation

• Bladder dysfunction

• Sexual dysfunction

Damage to motor nerves may produce the following symptoms:

• Weakness

• Muscle atrophy

• Twitching, also known as fasciculation

• Paralysis

Sensory nerve damage may produce the following symptoms:

• Pain

• Sensitivity

• Numbness

• Tingling or prickling

• Burning

• Problems with positional awareness

In some instances, people with nerve damage will have symptoms that indicate damage to two, or even three, different types of nerves. For instance, you might experience weakness and burning of your legs at the same time. To further complicate matters we don't all develop the same way and different un-expected nerves can cause similar problems. This has made it very difficult to diagnose disorders caused by nerve damage based on which nerve "should" cause what.

That is, until now...

Recent advances in technology that detects nerve damage has led to more precise diagnosis for those people suffering with nerve damage disorders.

And more precise diagnosis leads to better results... results which have been published in major medical journals. With data published in 2014 showing success rates as high as 90% some back surgeons are recommending their patients try this treatment first before having back surgery (for nerve damage that leads to back pain and sciatica).

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MAC MEETING

Jamison Way Townhouses Approved

By Amy Sylvestri
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

A DEVELOPMENT FEATURING 27 two-story townhouses on the 3000 block of Jamison Way was approved unanimously by the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) at their Monday night meeting.

The townhouses will be clustered in eight buildings in four rows. Each unit will be about 1,600-square-feet and have a two-car garage.

The townhouse project was first brought before the MAC last November and, at the time, a few neighbors expressed concerns about privacy, as the second floor of the buildings could see into their yards. But the owner, Todd Deutscher, said window location and other improvements should mitigate that problem.

"I've tried to take a good neighbor approach, it will be aesthetically pleasing with minimum impact," said Deutscher.

Decades ago, the site was used for agricultural purposes and MAC member Dave Sadoff told Deutscher to take further soil samples to make sure there is no residual contamination. Deutscher assured the MAC that all appropriate measures have already been



Award-Winning Artist

State Senator Bob Wieckowski presented local artist Andrew Kong Knight the 7th Annual Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Award earlier this month. Knight, who has taught drawing and painting in the Bay Area for more than 20 years, painted many of the large public murals on buildings in Hayward.

taken, but Sadoff encouraged further testing.

"People are litigious," said Sadoff. "You can't go cheap on this."

Cell Phone Antenna
Also at the MAC meeting, the board tabled a proposed permit to

build a Verizon cell phone tower at the Holy Cross Episcopal Church at the corner of Center Street and Heyer Avenue.

The MAC has been historically critical of cell phone towers ever
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CVSan Vote To Increase Sewer Fees

By Michael Singer
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Last night's meeting of Castro Valley's Sanitary District (CVSan) is likely to result in a five percent fee increase on your next property tax bill—and potentially more public criticism.

CVSan's May 23 board meeting—held too late to report on for press time—included review of a plan that if passed would increase wastewater service fees to \$399 per year for 12 months starting July 2017. That fee would increase another five percent to \$419 starting July 2018.

Currently, Castro Valley homeowners pay \$380 annually for sewer service. Businesses would see the same incremental fee increases. Shops and stores are partially assessed on the type of sewage output they produce; a restaurant processes much more wastewater than say a realtor's office.

Roland Williams, general manager of the sanitary district, notes that the proposed service increase is a fee and not a tax or a special assessment. Monies from the fee increase would help offset cost
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He Got Away, She Didn't

Sunday, May 21: at 7:49 p.m., Sheriff's deputies arrested a 26-year-old woman with no permanent address on suspicion of aiding and abetting a criminal during an arrest proceeding. The woman was hanging outside a drug store on the Boulevard near Marshall Street when deputies arrived looking for a male suspect who had fled the scene with the woman's help. The woman was also found to have a warrant issued for her capture. Deputies searched the woman's purse and found several illegal narcotics and drug paraphernalia. She was also charged with resisting arrest. Deputies took the woman to Santa Rita Jail pending \$7,500 in bail.

Crouching Convict, Hidden Gun

Saturday, May 20: at 3:54 p.m., an 18-year-old man from Hayward was arrested as part of a warrant for his capture and possession of a concealed handgun. Deputies stopped the man as he was traveling on Redwood Road near the Boulevard. During questioning, deputies found the gun hidden under the man's clothes. Deputies took the man to Santa Rita Jail pending \$20,000 in bail.

Stolen Property

Friday, May 19: at 10:40 a.m., deputies arrested a 22-year-old man from San Leandro on suspicion of possession of stolen property and supplying officers with a false identification. The man was traveling on Grove Way near Center Street when deputies were called to investigate a shoplifting incident. During questioning, the man handed over a false ID. Deputies discovered an unspecified amount of unpaid merchandise in the man's pockets. He was taken into custody.

Wanted Man with Drugs And Stolen Property

Friday, May 19: at 10:09 p.m., a 36-year-old man with no permanent address was arrested on suspicion of possession of stolen property, possession of illegal narcotics, and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia. The man also had an outstanding warrant issued for his capture. Deputies responded to a call about a shoplifter at a drugstore on Castro Valley Boulevard near Marshall Street after store security caught him leaving with an unspecified amount of merchandise. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$10,000 in bail.

Hospital Trespasser

Thursday, May 18: at 2:41 p.m., deputies arrested a 60-year-old woman from Castro Valley on suspicion of illegally entering a restricted area of Eden Medical Center on Lake Chabot Road. The woman was also wanted as part of a warrant issued for her arrest. Deputies responded to a call by hospital security to assist with the woman's trespassing. The woman was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$5,000 in bail.

Illegal Narcotics

Wednesday, May 17: at 8:20 p.m., a 64-year-old woman from CV was arrested on suspicion of possession of illegal narcotics. Deputies stopped the woman outside a business on Grove Way near Center Street when they discovered her stash. The woman was handcuffed and taken into custody.

Two-Wheeled Drug Possession

Wednesday, May 17: at 1:50 a.m., deputies arrested a 26-year-old man from Alameda on suspicion of possession of illegal narcotics, illegal drug paraphernalia, and violating the terms of his probation. The man was riding a bicycle on Castro Valley Boulevard near An-

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The Week Ahead

● Wednesday, May 24: School Board Public Hearings

The Castro Valley Board of Education will hold a regular open meeting beginning at 7 p.m. next Wednesday, May 24, which will include public hearings on the opening of collective bargaining agreements with the Castro Valley Teachers Association. The complete board packet will be available on Friday, May 19, at www.cv.k12.ca.us

● Friday, May 26: Jenny Lin Memorial Service

At the 23rd anniversary of the loss of Jenny Lin, her family is hosting a memorial service beginning with a reception at 6:15 p.m. on Friday, May 26, at the Castro Valley Library. The Ceremony begins at 7 p.m. followed by a Candlelight Walk.

● Saturday, May 27: Muslim Panel

The Hayward Area Historical Society Museum presents "Speaking for Ourselves: A Panel of Your Muslim Neighbors" from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 27, at 22380 Foothill Blvd. Five practicing Muslims discuss being Muslim in America, Islamophobia, the challenges of ISIS, and how we can be better neighbors and friends in our community.

● Monday, May 29: Memorial Day Service

Lone Tree Cemetery at 24591 Fairview Ave. in Hayward will hold its 114th Annual Memorial Day Service beginning at 11 a.m.

● Friday, June 2: Eden Area Village

Eden Area Village is developing a non-profit membership based neighborhood "Village" that will help people in the Castro Valley, Hayward, and the San Lorenzo areas stay in their homes as they age. Public outreach meetings are held the first Friday of each month at 2 p.m. at Hayward City Hall. Next meeting is Friday June 2.

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MEMORIAL DAY SCHEDULES

Monday, May 29, 2017

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Business Offices

Banks, stock exchanges and most business offices, including The Forum, will be closed.

Stores, Pharmacies, Restaurants

Some will be open. Check ahead to be sure of hours.

Public Transportation

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

Garbage Collection

Recycling, organics, and garbage collection services will occur as scheduled by Waste Management of Alameda County, Inc. (WMAC). For solid waste service questions, please call WMAC at 510-537-5500 (residential) or 510-613-8700 (commercial/business). WMAC offices, the 98th Avenue Cashier, Hayward Pay Station, and the Call Center will be closed Monday, May 29th.

Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) offices will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2017 in observance of Memorial Day. Call 510-506-5821 for sewer emergencies. For information regarding CVSan services and programs, visit www.cvsan.org.

● Saturday, June 3: Introduction to Tarot Board Game

Have a nagging question or issue? Join practical-mystic, Amber Jayanti to play this fun-filled, educational tarot board game designed to open participants both to problem solving and learning the basics of the Qabalistic Tarot's Ageless Wisdom, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 3 at the Castro Valley Library. This is a beginners-only group and is limited to nine participants. For more information or to register, call the Library at 510-667-7900 or visit www.aclibrary.org.

● Sunday, June 4: Learn About the Sikh Religion

The Eden Area Interfaith Council invites you to learn about the Sikh Religion from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 4, at the San Lorenzo Library. For more information, visit edeninterfaith.org

● Monday-Wednesday, June 5-6-7: Preschool Enrollment

Castro Valley Unified School District's open enrollment for Alma State Preschool will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 5, 6 and 7, for low income families of children who are 3 and 4 years old. Come to the District Office at 4400 Alma Avenue.

● Saturday, June 10: Luncheon & Fashion Show

St. Gerard Women's Club invites you to its Salad Bar Luncheon and "Hats Off to Fashions" show featuring vintage attire by the models from "Good Will bags" on June 10 from 11 a.m. (lunch at noon) to 2:30 p.m. at St. John's Church Hall, 264 E. Lewelling Blvd., San Lorenzo. There will also be door prizes and a bag raffle. For tickets (\$15) call Eva Lowe at 510-586-0376. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

● Saturday & Sunday, June 10-11: Annual Bazaar

The Eden Japanese Community Center's annual Bazaar, a weekend fundraiser with Japanese food, a raffle, bingo, and carnival-type games for kids, will be held from 3-8 p.m. on Saturday, June 10, and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday, June 11 at the Community Center, 710 Elgin Street in San Lorenzo. Enjoy BBQ Teriyaki Chicken and Rib Dinner. Sushi, Udon, Chicken Curry, Shaved Ice, and learn more about the programs our community center offers.

● Wednesday, June 14: Toastmasters Open House

Top of the Hill Toastmasters Club is hosting an Open House on June 14 at All Saints Church, Faith Formation Center, 22824 Second St. in Hayward at 7 p.m. No admission charge. Door prizes, refreshments served. For more info, visit www.toastmasters.org or call Eugenia at 510-537-1662.

Arts & Entertainment

CASTRO VALLEY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Tickets for Center for the Arts events listed below are available online at www.cv.k12.ca.us/cfa; or at the Center Box Office, 19501 Redwood Road, Thursdays and Fridays 3-5 p.m. phone 889-8961; or at the CV Adult School, 4430 Alma Ave.

● **"Spring Into the Light"** will be presented by the Creekside Middle School Choirs at 7 p.m. this evening, May 24. For tickets (\$7-\$10) see above.

● **"Willy Wonka Kids,"** Roald Dahl's timeless story of the world-famous candy man and his quest to find an heir, will be presented by the Castro Valley Theatre Academy at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 2, and at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 3. For tickets (\$5-\$12) see above.

THEATRICAL & MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

● **"Elvis Has Left the Building,"** a comedic farce, will be presented by Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Avenue in Castro Valley from June 30 to July 23. It is December 20, 1970 and Elvis Presley has disappeared. No one, not even his wily manager "The Colonel," knows of his whereabouts. Hi-jinks abound as the Colonel takes desperate measures to replace a man who is irreplaceable. This hilariously funny story will keep you guessing until the end. General admission is \$25 (\$20 for seniors 60+ and military). For more information or tickets, call 510-733-3483 or visit chanticleers.org

ART GALLERIES & EVENTS

● **"Wake, Sleep, Repeat: Repetition in the Everyday,"** an exhibition open to all Bay Area artists and featuring a variety of media encompassing the numerous ways repetition is embedded in our daily lives, is on display at the Adobe Art Gallery, 20395 San Miguel Ave. in Castro Valley. For more information, call 510-881-6735, or visit adobe-gallery@haywardrec.org

● **Artist Open Studio Every Thursday:** Join this informal gathering of artists working together in a friendly and helpful atmosphere. Begin something new or work on an unfinished art project. 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.

● **"Unmentionable: The Indiscreet Stories of Artifacts,"** an original exhibition exploring topics and artifacts that we, as a society, find uncomfortable to talk about, including race, lifestyle, politics and personal adornment, will be on exhibit thru July 30 at the HAHS Museum, 22380 Foothill Blvd., Hayward.

● **Art IS Education,** sponsored by Hayward Arts Council, features the works of Hayward students at the John O'Lague Galleria in Hayward City Hall thru tomorrow. Gallery hours: M-F 9-5. For more exhibits and events, visit www.haywardartscouncil.org/

● **Artist Demonstrations,** sponsored by ART, Inc. every 2nd Saturday of the month at the Adobe Art Center and Gallery at 20395 San Miguel Avenue in Castro Valley, California.

● **"Welcome Home Project"** and **"In My Own Backyard,"** a dual exhibition, opens this Friday, May 26, at the John O'Lague Galleria in Hayward City Hall, sponsored by the Hayward Arts Council. "The Welcome Home Project" is a collection of 20 stories and photos of formerly incarcerated Alameda County residents who were able to turn their lives in a positive way. "In My Own Backyard" features digital prints of 35 Hayward landmarks by Jeanne Bertolina. The public is invited to an artists' reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 9, at the Galleria, 777 B Street, downtown Hayward. The gallery is open Monday to Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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 at the County Administration Bldg., 1221 Oak St. in Oakland.



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Hispanic Council Awards

The Hispanic Community Affairs Council of Alameda County celebrated its 35th Annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon earlier this month at the Doubletree Hotel in Newark.

From over 150 applications, the council awarded 60 scholarships totaling \$79,500 on May 5.

The recipients included three students from Castro Valley: Marco Guillen, who is graduating from Castro Valley High School and will be attending San Jose State, majoring in Political Science; Alicia Castañeda, a 2016 graduate of Redwood Christian High School who will be a sophomore at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona, majoring in Communications; and Joel Castañeda, who is also graduating from Redwood Christian High School and will also be attending Grand Canyon University majoring in Biology.

"We are proud that from a start in 1986 awarding \$2,000 to four students, we have awarded almost \$1.6-million to over 2,300 students," said board member and Fundraising Chair, Bettina Flore, also of Castro Valley. "Students are selected on the basis of academic excellence, community service and financial need."

The Hispanic Community Affairs Council is a volunteer-driven organization which allows it to award 100 percent of all contributions to the scholarship fund to students. Its commitment is to increase the number of Latino/Hispanic students attending colleges and universities throughout the United States.

Since its inception, it has supported all students, including the Dreamers, many of whom are the first in their family to attend college.

For more information, visit www.hcac-ac.org or you can contact Bettina Flores by email at: bettina4335@sbcglobal.net.



Marco Guillen



Alicia Castañeda



Joel Castañeda

42 Students Graduate from Castro Valley Adult School

By Linette Escobar
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Raul Ibarra remembers the visualization exercise his teachers asked him to do at his orientation for the high school diploma program at Castro Valley Adult & Career Education.

The teachers asked him to visualize graduation day and how it would feel. For many students, it seemed a long way off.

At Castro Valley Adult & Career Education, students come back to complete their high school education as adults. They face many obstacles including balancing the demands of work and family, being non-native English speakers, or confronting serious life challenges.

Being able to visualize his goal helped Raul stay motivated. Raul was among the 42 students who received diplomas or GED's through the school this year at a ceremony last Wednesday. Raul was able to finally realize that triumphant feeling he had visualized at orientation.

Many students credited their



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Nick Felice and Raul Ibarra spoke at the May 17 graduation at Castro Valley Adult School.

success to the personalized support and positive environment offered at the adult school.

Graduation speaker Nick Felice would pass the adult school sign on his way to go hiking, and it would always be in the back of his

mind. He finally went in one day and signed up for GED classes.

He found all the staff very nurturing and supportive in a way he hadn't felt in his high school years. He even joked that the garden was a big plus for him at the school.

Fittingly, he is now pursuing a career in park services and his goal is to have a happy and balanced life.

Raul Ibarra also spoke at graduation and acknowledged the difficulties some students face in persisting, "It wasn't easy for some of

us. It was rough. Some of us had to walk to school, had family responsibilities, no internet or computer. But we managed to get it done even though it was difficult."

Adult School Director, Susie Passeggi, says, "Adult schools are an important resource in our society to people who did not finish their education. It helps people re-direct their lives and get better paying jobs. This helps families and communities. We're so proud of our graduates."

Raul could be a spokesperson for the school. He ended his speech by quoting Washington Irving: "Great minds have purposes. Others have wishes."

Raul added, "If you are still looking for your purpose the Castro Valley Adult & Career Education program can lead you."

If you think you could use support to finish your high school diploma or GED, contact Castro Valley Adult & Career Education at (510) 886-1000.

Linette Escobar is Marketing Director for Castro Valley Adult & Career Education.



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Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day

The Story of Memorial Day

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces.

The holiday, which is currently observed every year on the last Monday of May, originated after the American Civil War in 1868, when the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union veterans, established it as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the Union war dead with flowers.

It was officially proclaimed on 5

May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11.

On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there.

The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states.

The South refused to acknowl-

edge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I, when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring all Americans who died fighting in any war.

It marks the start of the unofficial summer vacation season, while Labor Day marks its end.

Many people visit cemeteries and memorials, particularly to honor those who have died in military service. Many volunteers place an American flag on each grave in national cemeteries.

A Big Travel Day for Americans

AAA is projecting that, beginning tomorrow, more than 4.8 million Californians will be traveling for the upcoming Memorial Day Weekend, the most in more than a decade.

"The positive growth we've seen throughout the travel industry this year is moving into summer," said John Moreno, spokesperson for AAA Northern California. "More people will be spending money on travel this Memorial Day."

Nationwide, AAA predicts that more than 39 million Americans will travel 50 miles or more away from home over the long weekend, about a million more travelers than last year – taking to the roads, skies, rails and water, and creating the highest Memorial Day travel volume nationwide since 2005.

The Memorial Day holiday travel period is defined as Thursday, May 25 to Monday, May 29.

About 4 million Californians will drive to their destinations, an increase of almost 3 percent over last year, despite higher gas prices. The average price for a gallon of



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gas is expected to be around \$3.

Add this sobering thought: AAA expects to rescue more than 330,000 motorists this Memorial Day weekend, with the primary reasons being lockouts, flat tires and battery-related issues.

While road trips continue to reign supreme for Memorial Day, more Californians will fly, ride the

train or bus, or take a cruise vacation compared to last year. The top domestic destinations are Orlando, Seattle, Las Vegas, New York City and Honolulu.

Average fares for the top 40 domestic flight routes will be 9 percent higher this Memorial Day, with an average round trip ticket landing at \$181.

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O'Lague Galleria Will Host Dual Exhibition

By Winda Shimizu
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

The John O'Lague Galleria at Hayward City Hall presents a dual exhibition – “Welcome Home Project” and “In My Own Backyard” from May 26 through July 28.

“The Welcome Home Project” is a collection of 20 stories and photos of formerly incarcerated Alameda County residents who were able to turn their lives in a positive way.

With the theme “Getting out and Staying Out,” nationally acclaimed photographer Ruth Morgan photographed the featured men and women. Morgan will be present at the reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 9.

Morgan’s exhibits include *Maximum Security*, documented conditions inside San Quentin Prison which led to reforms. Other exhibits include *Sentence Unseen*, a series about youth dealing with parental incarceration, and *We’re Still Here: The Piqua Shawnee Tribe*.

Micky Duxbury wrote the stories accompanying the photographs. Duxbury conducted the interviews that are testimony to the power of resilience and determination in the face of the stigma and barriers that most formerly incarcerated individuals face.

“Whether I was on the inside or the outside, I didn’t feel worthy of

living a regular life, but now my eyes are open to a different path,” expressed Yema Lee.

Lee’s story and portrait summarize the essence of this exhibition. The “Welcome Home Project” is a program of Community Works West, an Oakland-based nonprofit that engages youth and adults in arts, education, and restorative justice programs to interrupt and heal the far-reaching impact of incarceration and violence by empowering individuals, families, and communities.

Also on display will be “In My Own Backyard” an encore showing of digital prints of Hayward landmarks by Hayward Arts Council Board member Jeanne Bertolina.

“In My Own Backyard” features a creative colorful composition of 35 buildings in Hayward.

Join us for the reception on June 9 at John O'Lague Galleria, 777 B Street, downtown Hayward. The gallery is open Monday to Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hayward Arts Council sponsors the two exhibitions. The council stimulates community interest in the arts, promotes opportunities for artists to exhibit, and encourages public participation in free art demonstrations.

Winda Shimizu is Hayward Arts Council’s Executive Director. Visit www.haywardartscouncil.org for local art exhibits and events.



Teachers and volunteers brought students to study Palomares Creek’s ecology at Palomares Elementary School’s Watershed and Science Expo.

Expo: Students Tour Palomares Creek

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Other highlights included a beekeeper, crafts, microscopes, and even a dog trained to do agricultural inspections. A WildLIFE Assembly introduced a variety of live animals at the event.

Third graders from Stanton, Marshall, CV Elementary, Jensen Ranch, Proctor, Hesperian, Del Rey, Colonial Acres and Golden Oaks were able to attend the Watershed and Science Expo this year.

The event was co-sponsored by the Alameda County Clean Water Program. Palomares Elementary School is located at 6395 Palo Verde Road in Castro Valley.



Retired Palomares Elementary School teacher Sherry Johnson points out local bodies of water and land, en route to a Palomares Creek tour.

Moo-ving Experience To Behold

CATTLE DRIVE WILL KICK-OFF COUNTY FAIR OPENING DAY

For the first time ever, Alameda County Fair is bringing a real, live cattle drive through Downtown Pleasanton to kick off its Opening Day celebration.

The cattle drive will start at the intersection of Main Street and Stanley Ave. where real cowpokes will guide the herd of cows through the center of town and into the Fairgrounds. The event will start at 10:30 a.m. and will last approximately 45 minutes on Friday, June 16.

While Pleasanton’s downtown is typically known for more upscale shopping and dining, the cowboys, horses and steers should feel right at home with the town’s colorful heritage.

“This is a first for us,” said Jerome Hoban, the Fair’s CEO. “After months of planning, we are excited to bring a real, western experience to our community.”

“A hundred and fifty head of cattle forging their way through the downtown will be a fun and unforgettable sight for kids and grownups alike.”

While supplies last, many downtown businesses will offer free Fair tickets to customers on opening day. Participating businesses will be listed on the Fair’s website.

Main Street will be, of course, closed during the event, while side streets will implement rolling closures to keep traffic moving. Teams will clean up after the animals on the spot.

The fun will continue with special attractions through Sunday for the Fair’s “Western Weekend” celebration.

Super group Sugar Ray will perform opening night to kick off the Big O Tires Concert Series for 2017.

The fair runs from June 16 to July 9, but will be closed on June 19, 20, 26 and 27. Purchase tickets in advance (before June 15) and save up to 33%.

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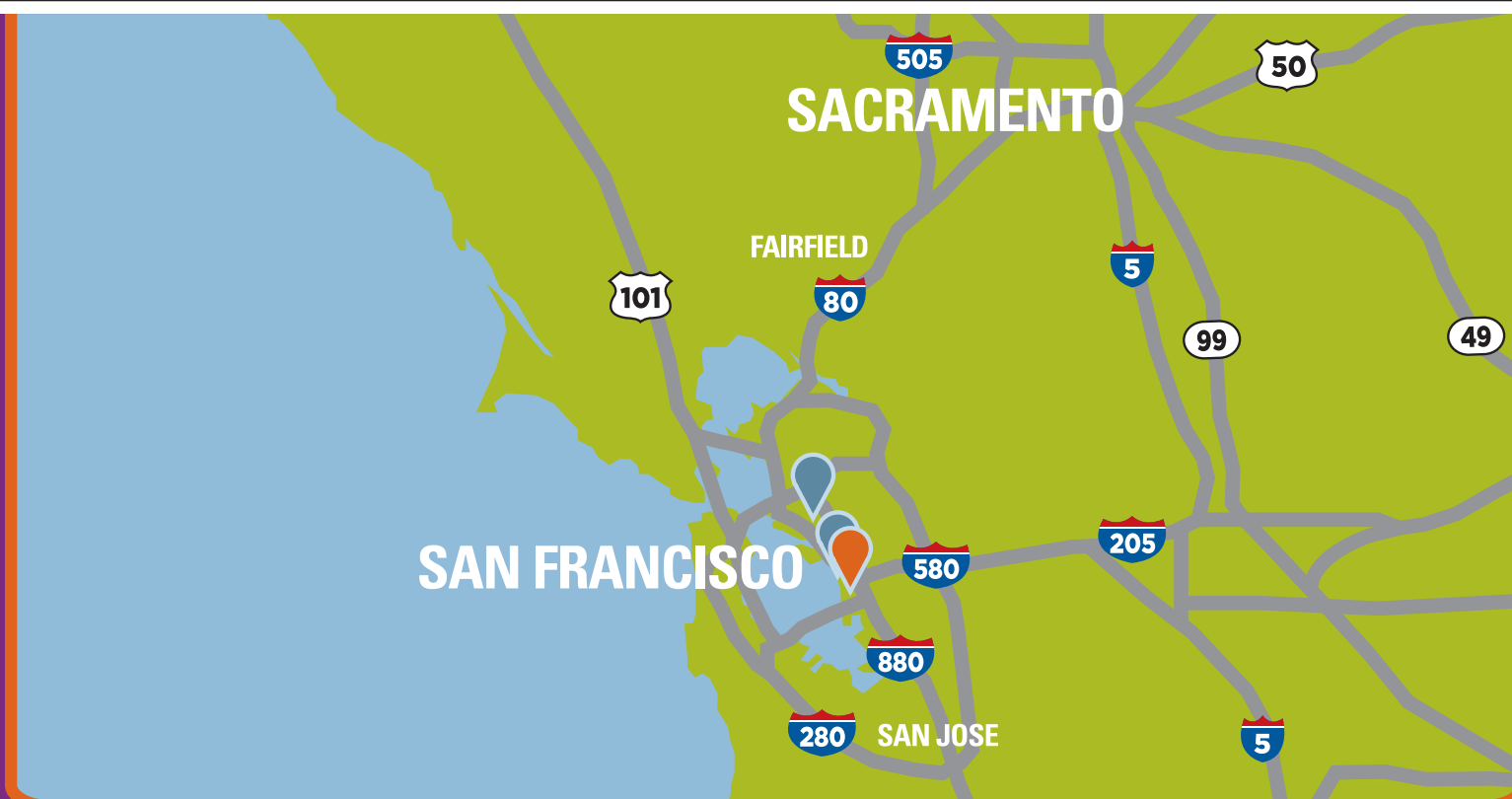
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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Alex Williams

This week's Athlete of the Week is Alex Williams, a junior at Redwood Christian High School.

Williams finished the regular season by throwing a one-hitter against St. Joseph's of Alameda, on Thursday, May 18. He amassed 12 wins for the season, in helping the Eagles to an 18-4 season record and finished as League Champions (10-2 in league).

In addition to throwing a one-hitter in the 5-0 victory versus St. Joseph's, Williams also hit a 2 run home run over the 350 feet sign, in right field at the San Leandro Ball Park.

Williams finished the regular season at 12-0 with a .33 ERA (Earned Run Average), only allowing 3 runs in his twelve victories.

The Eagles enter the North Coast Section Playoffs as the number 1 seed in Division 5, and begin play against Upper Lake High School, tonight at 7:00 P.M., at the San Leandro Ball Park.



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Nor Cal Top Gun Volleyball

THE NOR CAL TOP GUN VOLLEYBALL CLUB U12 TEAM took 5th place at the Regional Championships over the weekend of May 6 and 7, in San Mateo. In their inaugural season, the team took 1st place in the Gold Division at the qualifier in January and were able to hold the No. 1 slot for the whole season. The team was seeded No. 1 going into the Regional Championships and came out 5th overall out of 67 teams. Congratulations Top Gun on an amazing season! Show in front row from left, Kamaya Maloof and Lauren Green; second row, Assistant Coach Sally Jewel, Mia Wierzb, Eva Topete, Zoey Halverson and Assistant Coach Makaela Yoshida; third row, Assistant Coach Fred Scheberies, Kaira Willits, Oriana Faaita, Jenelle Andreotti, Head Coach Linda Willits, Evangeline Faaita, Chelsea Woods, Emily Scheberies, Kara Matthews and Assistant Coach Frank Largusa.

SPORTS NOTES

Baseball Camps in Castro Valley

Headfirst Academy is celebrating its 17th year of baseball camps in Castro Valley and is offering three great camps that cover all areas of the game for ages 8-12. For more info, visit www.headfirstacademy.com

Track Sign Ups

For those finishing school and/or CYO track, sign-ups are open

for Castro Valley Track Club for season through July. Information at JOIN at www.cvtrackclub.com

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Soccer

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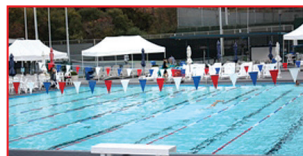


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GUEST COMMENTARY



Top 10 Reasons Lenders Fail To Close on Time

With lenders boasting 15-to-21-day closings, sellers are shocked when escrows fail to close on time. Since delays are usually loan-related, here's our Top 10 Reasons lenders fail to deliver:

10. Quitting jobs: Strange but true, buyers must be employed up until the day escrow closes, and your employer should not know you are quitting.

9. Switching jobs: Any change in your occupation during escrow will result in a minimum two-week delay.

8. Acquiring new debt: Buying furniture, a new car or even another property will change your debt ratios and could scuttle your existing deal.

7. Losses taken as write-offs: Self-employed individuals writing off losses frequently fail to understand that this lowers their gross income by the same amount. Write off too much loss and your income might no longer qualify.

6. Overestimating income: All income from all sources needs to be correctly documented

and seasoned. If not, it will not qualify and your anticipated loan amount could drop substantially.

5. New construction: If your purchase is new construction, any number of things can cause delays: city inspections, certificates of occupancy, PG&E, water and HOA issues are some of the potential disrupters.

4. Pregnancy leave: Couples frequently count the wife's income while on maternity leave, but fail to understand that a lender will not allow for that income until the wife has been back to work and collected at least one full-time pay stub. The reason is obvious: some mothers see life differently after junior arrives and elect to take more time off or even quit.

3. Disability leave: The same as above. If it's a long-term disability, then lenders question whether the person will return to work at all. Lenders will require both a clearance to return and a full pay stub to count the income.

2. Failing to sign disclosures on time: Many buyers think the disclosures are contract docs and

want to examine them in detail. Any delays in returning the disclosures guarantees a delay in the loan process.

1. Delays in submitting required documentation: Tax returns, pay stubs, bank statements — when a lender asks for docs, they must be submitted immediately. Any delays will slow down the loan, making this the No. 1 reason loans fail to fund on time.

Want your loan to close on time? While it's sometimes the lender's fault, usually the responsibility for delays... falls a bit closer to home.

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 at www.ccmgtoday.com.

Mortgage Rates Edge Down

Long-term fixed mortgages remained around the four percent mark last week for the fifth consecutive week, according to Freddie Mac.

Thirty-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 4.02 percent, down from 4.05 percent the week before. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.58 percent.

Fifteen-year loan rates averaged 3.27 percent, down from 3.29 percent. A year ago at this time, the 15-year rate averaged 2.81 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 3.13 percent last week, down from 3.14 percent a week earlier.

How do I clean grilling grease stains from my patio bricks?

By Samantha Mazzotta
Special to the Forum

Q The patio bricks underneath my grill tend to catch a lot of grease and oil drippings. I clean up after every barbecue, but there are still stains on the brick from the grease. How can I get these up without bleaching out the spots?

A With porous surfaces like brick and concrete, oil stains can set in and be tough to get out. Your instinct to avoid using bleach or another type of acid to clean up the stains (like lemon juice) is right on. These can just make things worse and can discolor some types of paving.

Clearing the grease stain may take a few attempts with a number of cleaning agents. Start with the least harmful materials, most of which can be found in your

kitchen or garage.

First, fill an old coffee mug with warm water, a couple of tablespoons of dish soap and a teaspoon of salt. Grab a clean synthetic scrubber brush (like a dishwashing brush). Scrub the stain with the soapy water and rinse with warm water, repeating a few times and letting the bricks dry out to see the results in between each try.

If that doesn't clear the stain, you can try an oil-stain cleaner purchased at your local home-improvement store. Some DIYers recommend applying an engine degreaser and letting it sit for about an hour, but test any cleaning agent or degreaser on an inconspicuous spot first.

The sad truth is that it's unlikely any cleaner, commercial or homemade, will completely clear away the grease stain. More powerful or acidic cleaning agents could damage the

brick, so they should be avoided. If the stain is really bad, consider replacing the brick. If it's not too bad, clean the area as best you can and cover it with a grill mat to prevent further staining.

Home Tip: To prevent your grill's grease and oil drips from staining your patio or deck surface, place a grill mat underneath, and clean up spills promptly.

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Use a grilling mat to help prevent grease from staining your patio surface.

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TOTAL SALES:	19		
LOWEST AMOUNT:	\$220,000	MEDIAN AMOUNT:	\$395,000
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TOTAL SALES:	4		
LOWEST AMOUNT:	\$582,000	MEDIAN AMOUNT:	\$591,500
HIGHEST AMOUNT:	\$615,000	AVERAGE AMOUNT:	\$595,000

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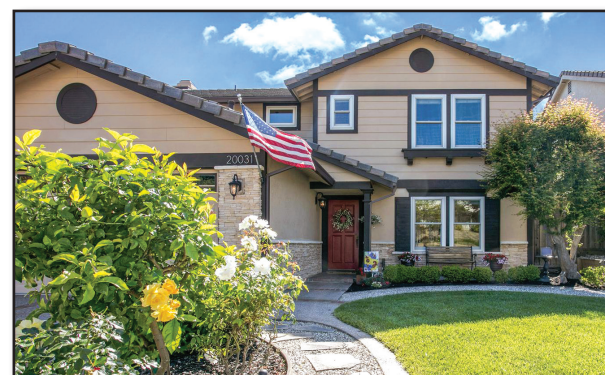
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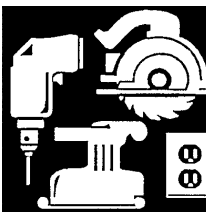
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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): A stubborn refusal to go ahead on a project mystifies colleagues who expected more flexibility. But once you explain your position, they'll understand and even applaud you.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): A relationship seems to be stuck in the same place. Now it's up to you, dear Bovine, to decide how far you want it to go and how intense you want it to be. Choose well and choose soon.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): A relationship progresses more slowly than you would prefer. Best advice: Insist on a frank and open discussion. What is learned could change minds and, maybe, hearts.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): It's all right to be grateful to a workplace colleague who has done you a good turn. But gratitude shouldn't be a life-long obligation. The time to break this cycle is now.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): It's going to be especially nice to be the King of the Zodiac at this time. A recent money squeeze eases. Plans start to work out, and new friends enter Your Majesty's domain.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): Before you make a commitment on any level (personal, professional, legal), get all the facts. There might be hidden problems that could cause trouble later on.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Personal relationships improve. Professional prospects also brighten. A job offer could come through by month's end. An old friend seeks to make contact.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Your senses detect that something is not quite right about a matter involving a workplace colleague. Best advice: Follow your keen instincts and don't get involved.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): A prospect offers rewards, but it also demands that you assume a great deal of responsibility. Knowing you, you're up to the challenge, so go for it, and good luck.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): A favor you did a long time ago is repaid, as a trusted colleague steps in to help you with a suddenly expanded workload. A family member has important news.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): A new job offer could require moving across the country. But before you let your doubts determine your decision, learn more about the potentials involved.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Your sense of fair play doesn't allow you to rush to judgment about a friend who might have betrayed you. Good! Because all the facts are not yet in.

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Obituaries

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Leota M. Blue

passed away peacefully Friday evening, May the 19, 2017 at the age of 91. She lived in Castro Valley for over 65 years, and was born in Des Moines Iowa.

Leota was married to Rowland R. Blue and had three children, Wayne R. Blue, deceased, Peggy J. Blue Butler and Mary Jane M. Blue Hill.

She had five grandchildren, Robert Butler, Brian Butler, Kenneth Butler, Denise Butler and Crystal Blue Hill, along with three great-grandchildren, Abbie Butler, Anthony Butler and Ben Butler.

Leota was likely to have been seen at the job she loved as a Castro Valley School secretary, where she worked for over 30 years at several of the schools, or down at the United Methodist Church, where she volunteered for many positions, including the Kids Club, Youth Groups, Treasurer, working in the kitchen, and rummage sales.

She lived a long full life and will be missed greatly, but is now rejoined with her family in heaven.

The viewing will be at Jess C. Spencer Mortuary on Thursday, May 25, from 4 to 8 p.m. Graveside services will be held Friday, May 26, at 1 p.m. at Lone Tree Cemetery, 24591 Fairview Ave, in Hayward.



Kenneth McHugh

August 11, 1929 - May 14, 2017

Ken McHugh died peacefully in his home on May 14, 2017 in Sebastopol, California, surrounded by love. He was 87. He died the way he lived; giving love, humor and blessings.

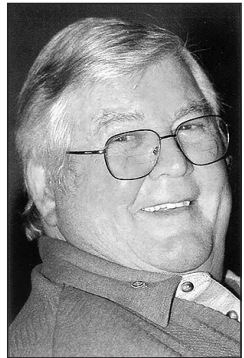
Ken was born in Alameda on August 11, 1929, and was raised in Oakland. He attended Santa Rosa Junior College, graduating in June 1950. Ken was drafted into the U.S. Army and served from February 1951 to November 1952. He was a Sergeant First Class, fighting on the front line in the Korean War. Once home, he met and married the love of his life, Marilyn, in June 1953.

Ken joined the Piedmont Fire Department in 1953 and worked there until joining the Oakland Fire Department in 1959. He retired from the OFD as a Captain in March 1985.

Ken and Marilyn raised their family in Castro Valley, and then moved to Sebastopol in 1977, building a house on the property that had been in the McHugh family since 1902. Ken enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and travelling, in addition to home building and remodeling. He was a member of the Community Church of Sebastopol, as well as the Sebastopol Rotary Club.

Ken is survived by his loving wife, Marilyn, of 63 years. He is also survived by his three children, Michael McHugh, Linda McHugh Fosdahl (David) and David McHugh (Kathleen). Ken also had seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews who he dearly loved.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Ken on Sunday, June 18, at the Community Church of Sebastopol, 1000 Gravenstein Highway North, in Sebastopol beginning at 2 p.m.



David Evans, Jr.

aka "Dancin' Dave", died unexpectedly but peacefully on May 17, 2017 in Oakland at the age of 84. A viewing is scheduled for Monday, May 29, at Garden Chapel, 885 El Camino Real, in South San Francisco from 4 to 8 p.m. Funeral service will be on Tuesday, May 30, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the same location. A military burial ceremony will take place on Wednesday, May 31, at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend and to bid a fond, if tearful, farewell.



Emil Kern

July 25, 1926 - March 2, 2017

A Memorial Mass and Celebration of Life for Emil will be taking place on Friday, June 2. The Mass will be at Our Lady of Grace Church, 3433 Somerset Ave., in Castro Valley at 11 a.m. There will be a luncheon reception following the Mass at Palomares Hills Clubhouse, 6811 Villarreal Dr., in Castro Valley. The attire for the day is casual. In honor of Emil, Hawaiian prints and sports team clothing is encouraged as these were his favorites. We look forward to a joyous day in celebration of Emil.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Community Comes Together For Another Great Parade

Editor:

Saturday, May 13 was another beautiful day and a great reminder of why "Castro Valley is Castro Valley," as elected officials (thank you to California State Senator Bob Wieckowski, Supervisor Nate Miley, and EB-MUD Director Frank Mellon for being in the parade every year and Congressman Eric Swalwell, who missed this year as his wife was having his first child!), military (veterans and currently serving), the Sheriff's Department, Alameda County Fire Department, CHP, sports teams and schools plus local organizations make the Rowell Ranch Parade so memorable each year!

Special thanks to Parade Chair Bill Nott and his parade committee, Mel Speed of The Music Company for great sound (and great music!) as well as three high school marching bands this year (Castro Valley High School Trojans, directed by Steve Hendee; The Pride of Hayward High School, directed by Nicholas Tocco; and, for the first time The Redwood Christian Middle School and High School Eagles Marching Band, directed by Mark Cagle).

Special mention and great thanks to Scoutmaster Crystal Korbas and Boy Scout Troop 708, who follows the horses and cleans up after them along the parade route as well as making sure the staging area at the BART parking lot left clean.

The Castro Valley community really came together - again - for another providing everyone with another great reminder of why we choose to live in Castro Valley. We are so blessed to live in Castro Valley!

—Bruce D. Johnson
Castro Valley Rotary

Where's the Upkeep for the BART Parking Lot?

Editor:

Just happened to walk thru the CV BART parking lot and what a disaster! Everything is overgrown, weeds all over the place, broken glass...

I know little lowly Castro Valley is not Lafayette or Pleasanton, but someone needs to step up and make this very busy place not look like a dump!

—John DiBendetti
Castro Valley

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Rodeo: Proceeds Support Local Charities

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bronc named Boxed Wine.

The bareback riding winner was Austin Foss of Oregon and coming in third in that event was Evan Jayne who traveled all the way from Marseille, France to compete.

Russel Cardoza was named Best All-around Cowboy with impressive performances in tie-down roping, steer wrestling, and team roping. And Matt Merritt and Cody Jackson acted as every spectators favorite, the rodeo clowns.

Proceeds from the rodeo support various local charities including the Special Olympics, breast cancer awareness, 4-H, and the Castro Valley Breakfast Lions Club.



CVSan: Public's Criticism of Fee Proposal

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increases that CVSan pays to complete the sewage treatment and disposal cycle as well as ongoing system improvements.

"Even though we are a civic service, we have cost increases from time to time as well," Williams told the Castro Valley Forum. "It would be the same as a bakery having to increase prices because the cost of flour when up."

The proposed changes to Article IV, Regulation of Sewer Services

of the Castro Valley Sanitary District Code, could begin as early as July 1 but mathematically, could be delayed by about a week should CVSan's board pushed the official vote until its June meeting. CVSan said it was diligent in sending out notices to homeowners and businesses on the changes. The agency also scheduled an open public hearing at the May 23 meeting to review concerns.

The decision to increase fees has not gone uncontested. Public

criticism of the proposal suggests CVSan's budgets are "fundamentally flawed" and a "pay as you go philosophy" toward improvement projects.

Williams counters that CVSan operates at a pretty low operating margin and that assumed surpluses do not take operating expenses into account.

Additionally, Williams said the fee increases keep CVSan customers paying significantly less than those charged by other sanitary districts in the San Francisco Bay Area such as Oakland and Berkeley. But no matter how you slice it, wastewater service fees are an expensive addition to property tax bills.

Your county property tax bill includes fixed charges and/or special assessments that are added every year for things like mosquito abatement, vector control, paramedics, street lighting, and park maintenance. While most of these fees are less than \$50 apiece, CVSan's sewer services can be three times higher than any other line item. Measure VV, passed by voters back in 2008, costs \$98 annually to subsidize AC Transit fares to keep them affordable for seniors and other riders.

Redwood Road library site will be meeting on June 5. They have tentative plans for a field trip to the old library at 4:30 p.m. that day, and then a subcommittee meeting at 5:30 p.m.

The MAC also announced that they will soon have a Facebook page up and running, with profiles of the MAC members and information on their meetings.

And next week, on June 1 at 6 p.m. at the library, the MAC will hold a special meeting on the fate of the Daughtrey building. The agenda is not yet out, but a potential developer could be discussed.

MAC: New Subcommittee

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since a tower on Lake Chabot Road required a makeover with added branches to look more like a tree and less like phallic symbol.

This time around, MAC Chair Marc Crawford recommended that Verizon consider a fake tree design instead of the metal pole they had been proposing. The MAC also asked for photo simulations from Verizon to get a better idea of how the tower will look once installed.

Other Business

The MAC also announced that the recently-created subcommittee that's working on the future of the

Importance of a Straight Smile

People with significant bite issues aren't always that enthused about showing off their smiles. Maybe it's crooked teeth that have thrown your bite out of whack.

Maybe you suffered an injury, or perhaps the cause is dental work that wasn't quite right.

Whatever the reason behind a bad bite, pain is usually the result.

A bad bite leads to more than a reluctance to smile, says Dr. Jamie Reynolds, an orthodontist and author of *World Class Smiles Made in Detroit*. "Overall dental health is affected."

Here are a few of the long-term consequences when teeth don't line up quite right:

- **Tooth pain.** A bite that is off by a fraction of a millimeter can cause tooth pain. Improperly adjusted dental work can irritate a nerve. Tooth pain from these factors usually happens quickly and is usually the result of trauma or dental work. It's important to have the eventual position of the tooth corrected to prevent long-term issues.
- **Jaw-joint (TMJ) pain.** The

jaw joint is made up of two bony parts: the temporal bone in the skull and the lower jaw (the mandible). Put the temporal bone and the mandible together, and you get the temporomandibular joint (TMJ).

Occasionally trauma to the joint can create a crackling or popping sound when you open or close your jaw. For most people, that's no big deal, Reynolds says. But, if you have a hard time opening your jaw, can't open it at all, or have significant pain during jaw movement, you should be evaluated for TMJ problems.

• **Muscular pain.** Muscular pain is the most common finding in people with jaw-joint problems and is largely responsible for the pain associated with many headaches.

• **Tooth wear.** Your teeth function as a chewing machine. And, just as with any other machine, the parts need to fit together properly to prevent premature wear. Over time, teeth can wear so that the inside part of the tooth becomes exposed. Once tooth wear progresses to a certain point, significant dental work and orthodontics are necessary to correct the problem. Preventing significant tooth wear before it happens is the best approach.

• **Gum wear.** Not only will teeth that aren't aligned correctly begin to wear prematurely, the gums and supporting bone will, too. Notching of the teeth near the gum line and wearing away of the gum tissue are common in people over 30 whose bite is off. Gum recession and tooth notching can be painful as well as difficult and expensive to fix. Again, prevention by correcting your bite early is the best option.

Some people's bad bites catch up with them when they are in their 20s. For others those bad bites won't create significant problems until they are in their 60s.

"But eventually your bite will catch up with you," Reynolds says. "Dealing with bite issues proactively is much less painful, less labor intensive, and less expensive than dealing with bite problems later."

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Reports: Narcotics; Warrants

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ta Avenue when deputies stopped him and discovered his stash. The man was taken into custody.

Suspended License

Tuesday, May 16: at 2:03 a.m., a 28-year-old man from Hayward was arrested on suspicion of driving with a suspended license. Deputies stopped the man while he was traveling on Center Street near Grove Way. The man could not provide a valid driver's license. Deputies took him into custody.

Warrant Arrest

Monday, May 15: at 8:56 p.m., deputies arrested a 32-year-old man from CV as part of a warrant issued for his capture. The man was also wanted on suspicion of two counts of possession of illegal narcotics and illegal drug paraphernalia. Deputies served the warrant at a home on Carlwyn Drive where they discovered the drugs. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$5,000 in bail.

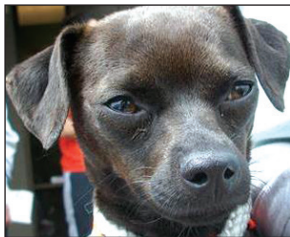
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TRUFFLE is a 1-year-old pug mix; a little shy now, but will come around. For more information on Truffle, please complete an online application at: www.dustypawsrescue.org



FREEWAY is a sweet 7-year-old Shih-Tzu that is 16 lbs but the owners can no longer keep, great companion for someone. For more info., complete an app at: www.dustypawsrescue.org

BART Train Derailment Causes Delays but No Injuries Reported

Just before 3 p.m. on Saturday, two cars in the middle of a nine-car Dublin/Pleasanton bound train derailed several feet off the trackway, damaging the train and adjacent track structures, but causing no injuries.

The derailment occurred just after the northbound train departed Daly City Station, approximately 250 feet from the platform.

The 24 passengers aboard the train were evacuated and escorted to the Daly City Station.

Service between Balboa Park and Colma was then halted in both directions and the Daly City Station was closed while inspectors assessed the damage to the train and trackway. A bus bridge was put in place for affected passengers.

Safety officials cleared the southbound track for single-tracking and resumed BART service to SFO about 90 minutes later. There were major delays for passengers traveling through the affected area.

The cause of the derailment was

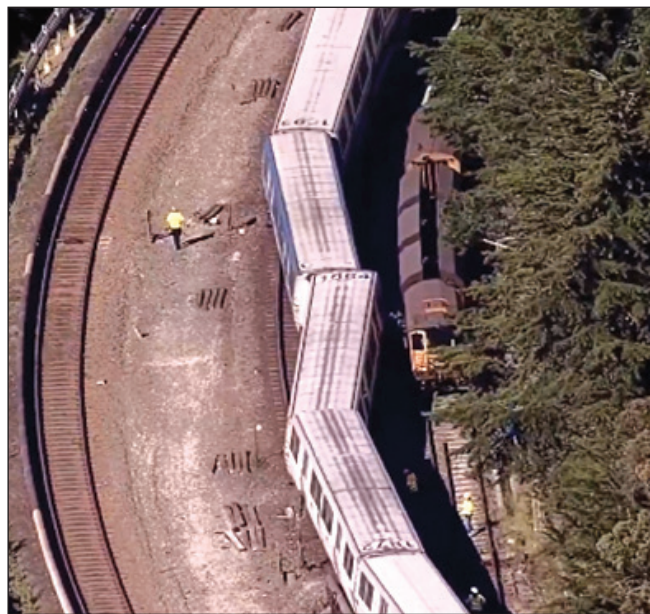


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A frame from KPIX Channel 5's helicopter coverage of Saturday afternoon's BART train derailment in Daly City.

under investigation, but BART spokesman Taylor Huckaby said the derailment was caused by an error by the train operator.



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