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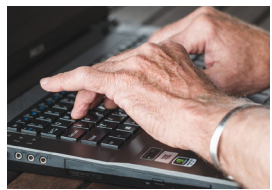
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## California Ablaze

Alameda County Firefighters (above), along with others from Oakland, Hayward and Fremont, have been working in Butte County, assigned to the North Complex West Zone, where wildfires have claimed at least 15 lives and destroyed more than 700 structures.

"Strike Team 2870 helped save several structures over the past couple operational periods, and are continuing to mop up in a populated area with heavy fire damage," Capt. Brandon Buckley said from the North Complex fire lines on Saturday.

That fire — one of more than 20 in the state — was 39 percent contained as of yesterday.

"We currently have 25 members out of county, and our stations are fully staffed here at home," Alameda County Fire Department spokesman Brian Centoni said over the weekend.

"Firefighters are currently supporting hot shot crews putting in fire lines to meet up with the main

body of fire in the Plumas National Forest. Everyone is in good spirits and working hard."

The County Fire Department's Engine 308 has been assisting a strike team through mutual aid, working near Plumas County.

Thousands of firefighters — some from nearby states and others from Canada and as far away as Israel — have gained the upper hand in most of the state's fires, but at least six were still far from containment.

California wildfires had resulted in at least two dozen deaths by Tuesday and had burned 20 times more territory than at the same time last year.

Smoke from the fires has now spread across much of the U.S. and has resulted in today's 30th consecutive "Spare the Air" day in the Bay Area. Local air quality, which currently ranks among the 10 most polluted places in the world, is expected to begin improving tomorrow and Friday.



## Signs of Hope Despite Deadly COVID Week

By Michael Singer  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

More people in Alameda County died from the coronavirus in one day last week than any other time this year. Yet, state and local officials are optimistic about our overall progress.

Sixteen people died from conditions related to COVID-19 this past Friday, September 11, and there were 12 more fatalities on Sunday, according to statistics released by the Alameda County Public Health Department. It marks the first time the county saw a weekend of double-digit deaths this month.

Aaron Ortiz, CEO of La Familia in Oakland, issued a statement acknowledging that everyone has a role to play in safely reopening our communities and protecting one another from infection.

"While there is much more to learn about COVID-19, we do

know that it spreads easily from person to person," Ortiz said. "Until we have treatment or a vaccine, the best thing you can do is remember four simple steps before you leave home: wear a face covering, please keep six feet of space between yourself and others, wash your hands often with soap and water, and most importantly, please stay home if you are feeling sick."

see COVID on page 11

**Castro Valley**  
Confirmed Cases = 502

**Alameda County**  
Confirmed Cases = 20,022  
Deaths = 332

**California**  
Confirmed Cases = 757,778  
Deaths = 14,385

as of September 14, 2020

### MAC MEETING

## Bike Racks Proposed For Marketplace Site

By Amy Sylvestri  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

The Castro Valley Marketplace has only been open a little over a month, but there are already ideas being floated to modify and improve the property.

At Monday night's virtual meeting of the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC), the council heard a proposal to remove one street tree and replace it with three bicycle racks and brick pavers in the strip next to the sidewalk.

This was an informational item only and the MAC didn't take a vote, but the Marketplace, located at 3295 Castro Valley Boulevard at the former site of the Daugherty's building, is one of the most talked about businesses in town and the

MAC has worked for years to get it up and running.

Also at Monday night's meeting, the MAC got background information about an ambitious plan to subdivide one parcel at 5319 Crown Court, near the intersection of Greenridge Road, into two parcels, zoned for single-family housing.

Due to the steepness of the property, the project is currently being reviewed to see whether it qualifies for a potential exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act.

The parcel is also subject to a master plan effort by Eichler Homes, Inc. The homes in the area are distinctive with flat roofs and central, peaked atriums.

see MAC on page 11



### Castro Valley Weather Sep 16-20, 2020

Wednesday Sun & Haze High 75° Low 67°	Thursday Sun & Haze High 74° Low 62°	Friday Sun & Haze High 73° Low 60°	Saturday Mostly Sunny High 76° Low 56°	Sunday Sunny High 79° Low 57°

### Almanac Moon Phases

Past Week's Rain: 00.00  
Season To Date: 08.54  
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Mincha/Neilah-5:30p  
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# Blackouts Unrelated To PSPS

By Jim Knowles  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Four brief power outages affected customers in the Castro Valley area on Sunday, Sept. 6.

All four outages lasted no longer than a minute. There was no known cause for the momentary outages, said PG&E spokesperson Tamar Sarkissian.

Momentary outages can be as brief as a flicker or as long as a few minutes, Sarkissian said.

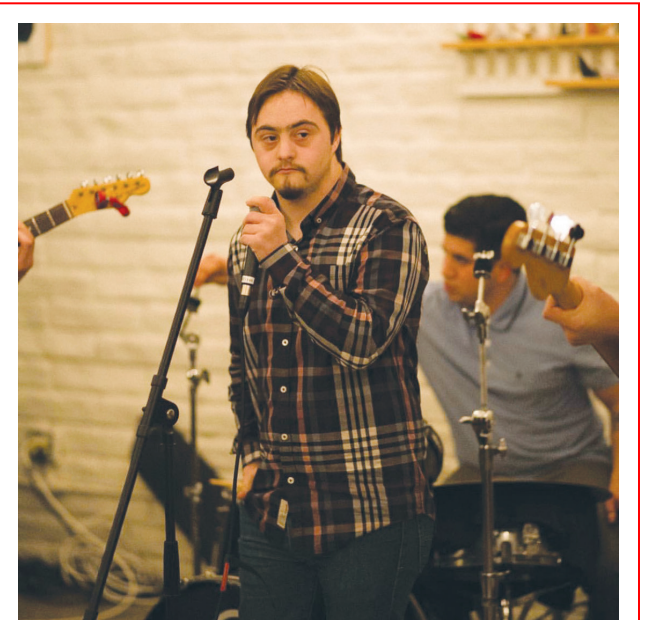
The first of the four outages on Sept. 6 happened at 4:46 p.m. and the last one was at 7:26 p.m. Around 6,000 customers were affected in each outage.

These outages were not related to the Public Safety Power Shut-offs (PSPS) that happened the following day, Sarkissian said. The PSPS events were in Napa and Sonoma counties on Sept. 7, when high wind was expected, to prevent wildfires in the event of lines being knocked down. No East Bay customers were affected by the PSPS event.

In case it's necessary to shut off power later in the season, PG&E has been working to make PSPS events shorter, Sarkissian said.

"We will cut restoration times in half compared to 2019, restoring power to nearly all customers within 12 daylight hours after severe weather has passed," Sarkissian said.

Sarkissian said the goal is to reduce the number of customers affected by a PSPS event by one-third compared to last year.



Christian James, performing at "The Space" in 2018.

## What's Up at Smalltown

- **Tonight! Wednesday, Sept. 16:** Smalltown Takeover: Christian James. Inspired by his three older brothers, including Smalltown artist Duke James, Christian James started playing guitar when he was 13, and has since branched out to bass guitar and the harmonica, playing at many venues, including the Rowell Ranch Rodeo. Christian shares his music at 9 p.m. tonight from Instagram page: @smalltownsociety
  - **Thursday, Sept. 17:** Smalltown Takeover: Join local musician and composer Tyler Harlow – as comfortable on an upright bass as he is on an electric bass – for an evening of music at 9 p.m. on the Smalltown Society Instagram page: @smalltownsociety
  - **Friday, Sept. 18:** Smalltown artist "Safiyah" will be taking over from the Smalltown Instagram @smalltownsociety on Friday to perform both covers and originals, at 9 p.m.
  - **Saturday, Sept. 19:** The Chabot is hosting its weekly Live Riff-along where you can watch a free movie, and make fun of it in the comments! This week's film is the 1958 Indie Thriller "The Screaming Skull" – a new bride believes she is being haunted by her husband's first wife! Head to thechabot.com or The Chabot's Facebook page at 8 p.m.
- Support The Chabot Theater: Online Gift Cards and Merch available at TheChabot.com. Donations to The Chabot can be made via PayPal/Venmo: @thechabot. Donations to Smalltown Society can be made via PayPal/Venmo: @smalltownsociety

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**CLARIFICATION:**

A story headlined "Labor Day Tips for Park Visitors" on Page 1 of the Sept. 2 issue of the Forum referred to safeguards at swim facilities at East Bay Regional Parks. No swimming is permitted at the parks because of the coronavirus pandemic.

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## Health Food Industry Pioneers Celebrating 50th Anniversary

Health Unlimited, a family-owned business from day one, is celebrating 50 years in Castro Valley.

In August of 1969, the Falls Family decided to trek into the world of health food stores. Nancy Falls knew little about the industry she was getting into or how it would evolve over the years.

A mother of seven, she took on the challenge of running a successful business in the historic Pelton Center, the second oldest shopping center in California. She raised her children, Allyn, Lulu, Lisa, Mat-

thew, Sara, Ethan, and Adam in the stores here and in San Leandro.

Health Unlimited is fortunate to have three generations working together at one time. All of the children helped by working in the stores at one point or another in their lives. Ethan currently works as the general manager for both locations, and the grandchildren — Tyler, Jacob, and Brandon — are now working at both locations.

As the years went on, Health Unlimited went through many changes, growing to three stores by 1971. All three locations used

to include a deli counter where sandwiches with homemade bread and chicken salad were prepared.

Fresh organic produce was not as readily available in the early years, but is now a staple in Castro Valley. Trends in the industry have come and gone throughout the years and Health Unlimited is proud to be in the forefront of new research and products as they evolve.

The stores provide the best quality available in vitamins, natural foods, cosmetics, herbal teas and accessories.

## BART Trains Begin Running More Often

BART's schedule was updated this week to add more frequent trains on several lines during peak commute times in order to maintain social distancing to reflect current ridership levels. It was the largest weekday service increase

since the pandemic hit.

Commuter trains at 15-minute frequencies will be added to most lines as well as other schedule adjustments, including 30-minute frequencies on Saturday and Sunday. Service hours will continue to

be 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekends with earlier morning trains on weekends.

The new schedule as well as the previous timetables for comparison are available at [www.bart.gov/schedules/pdf](http://www.bart.gov/schedules/pdf)

## SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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**Carrying Concealed Weapon**  
Friday, September 11: at 11:02 a.m., Sheriff's deputies arrested a 23-year-old man with no permanent residence on suspicion of carrying a concealed knife longer than the legal 4-inches in length. The man was hanging outside a row of parked cars on Center Street near Grove Way when deputies stopped him for questioning and discovered his weapon. The man was taken into custody.

**Package Thief Caught**  
Saturday, September 12: at 1:02 a.m., a 48-year-old woman from Castro Valley was arrested as part of a warrant issued for her capture. The woman was previously charged with stealing packages off the doorsteps of houses. Deputies served the warrant to the woman on Shadow Ridge Drive in the Greenridge Park neighborhood and discovered the woman also had illegal narcotics in her possession. The woman was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending bail.

**Spousal Assault**  
Thursday, September 10: at 9:28 p.m., a 911 call about a loud and aggressive-sounding argument sent deputies to a home on Seven Hills Road near Quail Avenue. There they arrested a 46-year-old woman from Castro Valley on suspicion of assault on her spouse. Deputies took the woman into custody. The victim was treated at the scene.

**Domestic Disturbance**  
Thursday, September 10: at 11:54 p.m., deputies arrested a 42-year-old woman from Castro Valley on suspicion of assault on a family member. A report of a domestic disturbance sent deputies to a home on Vegas Avenue near Idena Avenue. The woman was handcuffed and taken into custody.

**Stolen Property and Drugs**  
Wednesday, September 9: at 9:21 a.m., two people from Castro Valley were arrested on suspicion of possession of stolen property, illegal narcotics, and related drug paraphernalia. Deputies responded to a suspicious person report outside a business on Castro Valley Boulevard near Forrest Avenue. There, they stopped a 28-year-old woman and a 26-year-old man for questioning and found the stolen property and drugs. Deputies took both suspects into custody.

**Joy Ride Ends in Arrest**  
Tuesday, September 8: at 3:37 p.m., deputies pulled over and arrested a 49-year-old man from

Castro Valley on suspicion of driving a stolen vehicle, possession of illegal narcotics, and related drug paraphernalia, illegal possession of a stun-gun, and illegal possession of tear gas. The man had been driving on Castro Valley Boulevard near Wilbeam Avenue when deputies pulled him over. Deputies took the man to Santa Rita Jail pending bail.

**Drug Dealer Busted**  
Tuesday, September 8: at 9:19 a.m., a 66-year-old man from Castro Valley was arrested on suspicion of possession of illegal narcotics packaged for sale and related drug paraphernalia. Deputies see **REPORTS** on page 7

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## Evictions Halted Nationwide For the Remainder of the Year

*Q: I lost my job due to the Covid Pandemic, and now find that I am having difficulty paying my rent. I am worried about being evicted from the home my wife and I are renting. Is there any advice you can offer?*

**By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.**  
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

**A:** Yes. County and State-wide eviction moratoriums have just been extended to the end of the year, at a minimum. Further,

the Federal Government, acting through the Center for Disease Control (CDC), has just issued a nationwide halt to all residential evictions throughout the country until December 31, 2020, for eligible renters.

The qualifications for this relief differ slightly with regard to each set of emergency orders, but qualifying under at least one Emergency Order ("EO") should be relatively easy for most folks.

Here is a more detailed breakdown:

Alameda County's Emergency Order: Under Alameda County's EO, a landlord may not evict a tenant for failure to pay rent between March 24 and September 30, and also grants the tenant a full year to pay the overdue rent.

The moratorium now runs through December 31 "or 60 days after the state of emergency is lifted", whichever is later. Of note is that some cities, notably Oakland, have their own moratoriums, with even stronger tenant protections.

State of California EO: On August 31, 2020, Governor Newsom signed an EO protecting tenants from eviction and property owners from foreclosure due to the economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis.

The Order offers eviction relief which varies slightly depending upon when the rent arrearages accrued:

(1) for a COVID-19 hardship that accrued between March 4 and August 31, 2020, the tenant must provide a declaration of hardship; and

(2) for one that accrues between September 1, 2020, and January see **OSOFSKY on page 11**

## Healthy Living Festival For Seniors Tomorrow

The 17th Annual Healthy Living Festival for seniors and their friends will be held virtually tomorrow, Sept. 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sponsored by Supervisor Nate Miley, the Festival promotes healthy senior living by providing a welcoming hub of critical health information, and an array of senior resources and physical activities.

Seniors can still expect many of the highlights from previous years including live entertainment. There will even be a virtual zoo walk for participants to enjoy from the safety of their residences courtesy of longtime festival partner the Oakland Zoo.

For more info, visit [www.usoac.org/](http://www.usoac.org/) or contact Sara Appelbaum at [sara.appelbaum@acgov.org](mailto:sara.appelbaum@acgov.org).



Don't jeopardize your health because of lack of food.

## Rising Food Costs

**By Matilda Charles**  
SENIOR NEWS LINE

**P**rices on so many necessary items have gone up over the past six months. Most worrisome is food.

Of all the grocery store price increases, beef and veal went up the most. But they've all gone up: bread, seafood, cereal, vegetables. Fresh fruit, on the other hand, reportedly went down (although not at my store), as did milk (again, not at my store, which saw a ridiculous increase). It likely won't get better for the rest of the year.

What hasn't gone up is our income. In fact, for those seniors who had part-time jobs to supplement Social Security, incomes have gone down because of the loss of those jobs. Yes, many of us got that \$1,200 stimulus check... how many months ago?

For so many of us, the time has come to admit that we need help. It's not easy, but it's really not giving up any independence. There are many organizations and groups out there giving away food.

Don't jeopardize your health because of lack of food. Pick up the phone, make calls. Find out where the free or low-cost food is in your area. Call the senior center, all the churches, the food pantry and your state's National Council on Aging ([www.ncoa.org](http://www.ncoa.org)). Get on the internet and look for seniors dining sites and Meals on Wheels, senior food boxes, Commodity Supplemental Food Program and "free food for seniors in (your state)."

This pandemic might last for a very long time. Get your food support system in place. It's one less thing to worry about.

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## Insurance Policy to Consider

**By Jim Miller**  
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

There are two key factors you need to consider that can help you determine if purchasing a long-term care (LTC) insurance policy is a smart decision for you and your wife.

One factor is your financial situation; the second is your health history. Currently, around 8 million Americans own a policy.

### Who Needs LTC Insurance?

As the cost of LTC – which includes nursing home, assisted living and in-home care – continues to rise, it's important to know that most people pay for LTC either from personal savings or Medicaid when their savings is depleted, or through a LTC insurance policy.

National median average costs for nursing home care today is around \$92,000 per year, while assisted living averages around \$50,000/year.

While national statistics show that about 70 percent of Americans 65 and older will need some kind of LTC, the fact is, many people don't need to purchase a LTC insurance policy.

The reasons stem from a range of factors, including the fact that relatively few people have enough wealth to protect to make purchasing a policy worthwhile. Seniors with limited financial resources who need LTC turn to Medicaid to pick up the tab after they run out of money.

Another important factor is that most seniors who need LTC only need it for a short period of time, for example, when they're recovering from surgery.

For those people, Medicare covers in-home health care and nursing home stays of 100 days or less following a hospital stay of more than 3 consecutive days.

So, who should consider buying a policy?

LTC insurance policies make the most sense for people who can afford the monthly premiums, and who have assets of at least \$150,000 to \$200,000 or more that they want to protect, not counting their home and vehicles.

Another factor to weigh is your personal health and family health history. The two most common reasons seniors need extended long-term care is because of dementia and/or disability. And, almost half of all people who live in nursing homes are 85 years or older.

So, what's your family history for Alzheimer's, stroke or some other disabling health condition, and do you have a family history of longevity?

You also need to factor in gender too. Because women tend to live longer than men, they are at greater risk of needing extended LTC.

see **CONSIDER on page 11**

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## REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Forum

GUEST COMMENTARY



## COVID-19 Has Many Rethinking Their Homes

With no effective end in sight for COVID-19, many are rethinking their living situations. Forced to stay at home for work and with the additional challenge of educating children from the dining room table, a significant number of households are deep into crisis mode.

It is bringing new meaning to the adage, "Pain doesn't just show up in our lives for no reason - it's a sign something in our lives needs to change."

We are seeing change in three separate areas:

We are experiencing a wave of decluttering. Officials from the Goodwill of Greater Washington state that donations have jumped 20% over last year.

It seems that many, forced to be on ZOOM calls for hours a day, do not like the camera showing all the junk behind them. Additionally, since everyone is confined to their homes all day every day, any extra stuff laying around is just getting in the way.

Now that local donation centers have reopened, they are facing a tsunami of items

flooding in.

Renovations are surging upwards. Every contractor I have talked to has stated their phones are ringing off the hooks with requests for quotes on upgrades.

Since homeowners are being forced to stay at home, they have decided it makes sense to get their homes fixed up to make their living experiences more comfortable.

This also applies to back yards: countless numbers of homeowners around the Bay are seeking to improve their yards so they can move as much of their time outside as possible. Local home improvement centers are doing a landslide business to keep up.

Many are deciding it is time to move up. Some, especially those with children, have decided they are tired of bumping into each other all day long and are consequently looking for larger homes. While this is understandable, current move ups have a new twist: they are looking for larger homes out of the area.

Since they will not be returning to their offices anytime soon, and with many

companies realizing that their employees can work from almost anywhere, we are seeing a migration out of the Bay Area into regions where they can buy substantially larger homes at significantly lower prices.

These are strange, ambiguous days. There is, however, one certainty: when the dust settles at the end of this pandemic, the way we live in our homes will look fundamentally different.

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

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## Prune Plum, Apricot, or Cherry Trees

By Buzz Bertolero  
Special to the Forum

I'd like to prune off a four-inch diameter branch from my plum tree to make room for a shed. Is it okay to do so at this time?

Not only is it okay to remove a single limb, but you can also go ahead and prune the entire plum tree along with apricot and cherry trees.

Traditionally, gardeners wait until January and February

to prune, however things are changing. A lot of literature supports the pruning of fruit trees in the late summer and fall. The exception would be those varieties that still have a maturing crop.

Fall is an excellent time to prune as the fruit trees are in the beginning stages of dormancy. By definition, dormancy begins when a tree has stopped actively growing. We haven't seen any new growth for some time, nor do we expect to see any shortly, and leaf drop is about to begin.

One of the most significant non-horticultural disadvantages of pruning now is that it's more challenging to identify what needs to be pruned and what needs to be kept because the foliage gets in the way. This is offset by the cold, damp, and muddy conditions during the winter months.

It's now desirable to prune in the fall, as pruning during the rainy season has been problematic. They've been prone to an air-borne disease that enters through the fresh wounds but don't show up until the following season, around June.

Unfortunately, we have no treatment for this disease. Once the wound calluses over, it's no longer a threat. The callusing takes a couple of days to occur. Thus pruning in the fall is an ideal time to avoid the problem altogether.

Also, discontinue watering deciduous fruit trees, as there is no need for any additional moisture now. The excess moisture, along with our poor draining clay soil, promotes problems with root rot which is not apparent now but shows up the following spring. As the trees leaf out, there will be bare twigs, stems, and branches in varying sizes. It would not be uncommon for the tree sections to collapse with the first heat spell and die. These are all indicators of root rot damage.

Buzz Bertolero is an Advanced California Certified Nursery Professional. The Dirt Gardener's website is www.dirtgardener.com and questions can be sent by email to buzz@dirtgardener.com



BUZZ BERTOLERO  
THE DIRT GARDENER

## Mortgage Rates Hit New All-Time Low

Long-term fixed mortgage rates hit their lowest point in history last week, according to mortgage-buyer Freddie Mac, whose records date back to 1971.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 2.86 percent for the week ending Sept. 10, down from the previous week when it averaged 2.93 percent. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.56 percent.

Fifteen-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 2.37 percent, down from 2.42 percent. And five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 3.11 percent.

"These low rates have ignited robust purchase demand activity,

which is up twenty-five percent from a year ago and has been growing at double digit rates for four consecutive months," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's Chief Economist. "However, heading into the fall it will be difficult to sustain the growth momentum in purchases because the lack of supply is already exhibiting a constraint on sales activity." at double digit rates for four consecutive months," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's Chief Economist. "However, heading into the fall it will be difficult to sustain the growth momentum in purchases because the lack of supply is already exhibiting a constraint on sales activity."

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6109 Mt. Rushmore Cir	94552: \$700,000	2 BD - 1,350 SF - 1988
4356 Moreland Drive	94546: \$750,000	2 BD - 1,025 SF - 1950
19646 Betrose Court	94546: \$905,000	3 BD - 1,558 SF - 1954
16993 Lamont Court	94546: \$1,010,000	4 BD - 2,329 SF - 1966
20054 Onyx Court	94546: \$1,070,000	2 BD - 1,322 SF - 1947
3611 Greenhills Ave	94546: \$1,088,000	4 BD - 2,026 SF - 1987
5875 Cold Water Drive	94552: \$1,120,000	1,723 SF - 1972
22842 Princeton Place	94552: \$1,200,000	3 BD - 2,082 SF - 1999
25678 Holloway Canyon Ct	94552: \$1,370,000	3,526 SF - 1999
TOTAL SALES:	12	
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**The Garden Bug**

Soil with a pH level above 7 is alkaline and less than 7 is acidic (7 is "neutral"). Plants that like acidic soil include azaleas, rhododendrons, hydrangea, gardenias, camellias, holly shrubs, crepe myrtles, calla lilies and pine trees. To increase the acidity of your soil, you can mix ground rock sulphur into it, using 1.2 oz. per square yard for sandy soils and 3.6 oz. per square yard for all other soils. You can also add sawdust, composted leaves and peat moss to lower the soil pH. - Brenda Weaver

Sources: www.thegardenhelper.com, www.gardeningknowhow.com

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## Rosh Hashanah: CV Chabad to Provide COVID-Safe Services

For Jews, the cornerstone of the year is hearing the sounding of the shofar (ram's horn) on Rosh Hashanah, the "head of the new year."

This year, Chabad of Castro Valley has adapted its classic synagogue service to provide three options, ensuring that as many people as possible will be able to safely participate.

For those who wish to attend, there will be full-length synagogue services at 20912B Redwood Road. In accordance with state

and county guidelines, they will be held outdoors and participants are expected to remain masked and maintain social distance.

For those who are not comfortable gathering for prolonged periods of time, Chabad Rabbi Shimon Gruzman will be sounding the shofar from a rooftop of 22125 Orange Ave., located on the corner of Orange Ave. and Earl Drive, on Sunday, Sept. 20, at 5:30 p.m. There will be ample room for social distancing on the sidewalks and lawns on both sides of the building.

Individually wrapped traditional honey cookies will be distributed to all attendees. And for those most vulnerable, the rabbi has offered to make housecalls and sound the shofar through an open door or window.

"It was never a question of if there would be Rosh Hashanah," says Gruzman. "It was just a matter of how. Thank G-d, we have found safe ways to bring Rosh Hashanah to as many as 150 people."

For more information visit [Jewishcastrovalley.org](http://Jewishcastrovalley.org) or call 510-342-9326.

## Webinar to Examine Voting Rights Struggle

Poll taxes, literacy tests, fraud and intimidation have all historically been used to turn African Americans away from the polls.

More recently, voter suppression and the blocking of suffrage for formerly incarcerated persons continue to dampen the power of the Black vote.

The Hayward Area Historical Society will present a live webinar this Sunday, Sept. 20, by Prof. Erika Walker, exploring the complex and continuing struggle for fully-realized African-American voting rights.

Prof. Walker is a lecturer in the Africana Studies Department in the College of Ethnic Studies at SF State.

She will look beyond voting, to explore the idea of "Active Citizenship" and other ways to direct our energy, particularly in what is considered a "safe blue state" like California.

The presentation, "African-Americans and the Vote: Where Do We Go From Here?" will be at 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are available at: [bit.ly/HAHS-AfricanAmericansandtheVote](http://bit.ly/HAHS-AfricanAmericansandtheVote)



Erika Walker

## Reports: Assault with a Deadly Weapon

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stopped the man for questioning in the parking lot of a grocery store on Redwood Road near Grove Way. The man was handcuffed and taken into custody.

### Assaulted Her Husband

Tuesday, September 8: at 5:20 p.m., deputies arrested a 59-year-old woman from Castro Valley on suspicion of spousal assault. An anonymous tip about an altercation at a home on Judy Street near Lodi Way sent deputies to the

scene. The woman was taken into custody. The victim was treated at the scene.

### Assault with a Deadly Weapon at Eden Hospital

Tuesday, September 8: at 3:33 p.m., a 23-year-old man from Castro Valley was arrested on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon at Eden Medical Center on Lake Chabot Road. Deputies were called to the scene after hospital security broke up an altercation between the man and an

unspecified victim. The man was handcuffed and taken into custody.

### Family Fight

Monday, September 7: at 3:12 a.m., deputies responded to a domestic violence call at a home on Lantana Court near Grove Way. There, they arrested a 25-year-old man on suspicion of assault on a family member in which he caused bodily harm. The man was handcuffed and taken into custody. The victim was treated at the scene.

## Women's Club Donates to Local Charities

The Castro Valley Women's Club has donated a total of \$19,028.20 to the following groups and charities which serve the community: Alameda County Food Bank, Building Futures, CVHS Madrigals, FESCO, Memorial Donations, Mosaic Project, Operation Dignity, Penney Pines, Ruby's Place, Spectrum Community Service and Sulphur Creek Nature Center.

A donation of \$7,918.20 to SOS/ Meals on Wheels included funds of \$3,318.20 (thank you to all the businesses and the community for supporting the 7th annual Holiday Boutique), matching funds of \$2,500 from the Modern Woodman Society, and \$2,100 in-kind volunteering.

Every year the club gives three scholarships totaling \$3,000, to outstanding students from Castro

Valley High School. This year's recipients were Lindsey Shak, studying Aerospace Engineering; Marin Ruiz, studying Neuroscience; and Weiwei Lian studying biology.

Any woman is invited to join the Women's Club as it continues to support the community.

For more information, please visit: [castrovalleywomensclub.weebly.com](http://castrovalleywomensclub.weebly.com) for details.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Icons and Iconoclasts

Editor:

I grew up listening to voices of dissent, protesting against the establishment, linking arms with my long-haired and Afro friends proclaiming tolerance, advocating legalized marijuana, criminal rehabilitation and love and peace.

By the end of the seventies, I found God, virtue in old fashioned values and questioned those anti-heroes I followed.

I had the privilege of hearing Ben Cohen, the founder of Ben and Jerry's. He spoke of being a Hippy and a businessman and trying to maintain the balance between profit and principles.

"You can tell what a society worships by the icons it leaves behind," he said. In other words the greatest monuments, the cathedrals, the great federal buildings and the skyscrapers represent the Gods of each era. I won't hang out a sign that says "Black lives matter." I find it racist. While George Floyd was a tragic victim, he was a felon and not a hero. I also don't know what "science is real" nor the significance of many popular slogans.

For every policeman who acts out fear and hate, there are numerous silent acts of courage and kindness by law enforcement officers (and law-abiding citizens). Those who fought for this country and work to maintain its order are heroes.

Forgive me if I don't walk lock-step with the current fads and

trends, while the real icon and iconoclasts statues are being destroyed and defaced by those "who do not know their history." I do remember my history.

—Frederick Spiller, Castro Valley

## Calls 'A Troubling Arrest' Letter 'False Information'

Editor:

I'm writing regarding the Letter to the Editor written by Molly Cain in the Aug. 26th Forum. In the same issue in the Sheriff's Reports the report titled Throw a Brick, Bite a Deputy, Go To Jail was reported.

Molly Cain criticized the deputy who arrived first on the call by what she visually saw. Yes, Molly Cain is entitled to her opinion but accusing the deputy of taking a cheap shot on the suspect by hitting him with his baton while handcuffed is using a petty tactic.

The deputy's injuries were much more than a chunk of flesh bitten out of the palm of his hand. If Molly Cain had been physically assaulted by a man, wouldn't she continue to keep him down on the ground in handcuffs if it meant hitting him with a baton until back up arrived?

In our community at this time, the last thing we need is more verbal ammunition being shot at our police department. I'm also appalled that the editor would print such volatile information.

It is common knowledge what is going on in Portland, Oregon. Do we want that to occur in Castro Valley? Residents in the hills of Castro Valley have already been threatened by looters.

Deputies wear body cameras so that they are accountable for their actions. Deputies get up and go to work each day not knowing if they will go home at the end of their shift. Deputies are grandchildren, children, spouses, parents, siblings, and friends. Deputies have trained and devoted their lives to protect ours.

The taser gun that deputies carry would have done damage to the suspect if that is what this deputy intended to do. The entire incident

## Late Announcements

### School Board Candidates Forum

The League of Women Voters Eden Area invites you to learn more about the candidates running for Castro Valley School Board at a Candidate Forum on Thursday, September 17, 2020 beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom webinar. The event is free and open to the public. In addition to registering for the event, you will be able to submit questions for the candidates in advance. Register at: [my.lwv.org/california/eden-area](http://my.lwv.org/california/eden-area)

### Quilters Outdoor Fabric Sale this Friday and Saturday

Amador Valley Quilters will host a Quilters Yard Hop Fabric Sale Extravaganza this Friday and Saturday, Sept. 18 and 19, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at four different outdoor locations, including one in Castro Valley. For more information, visit: [www.amadorvalleyquilters.org](http://www.amadorvalleyquilters.org).

was recorded by the cameras in JP's Restaurant parking lot also. I was taught to follow the commands of a police officer. I was also taught not to throw bricks and/or cause damage to others and their property. You break the law, you are held accountable for your actions.

I feel that Molly Cain is creating a hostile relationship between Castro Valley residents and the Alameda County Sheriff's Department when letters with false information are printed.

—Carol Mahar, Castro Valley

### Most State Forests Under Federal Control

Editor:

I must respond to Mr. Hauer's letter. "Blames Democrats for Wildfires," published in the Sept. 9 Forum.

Mr. Hauer raises a good point about controlled burns, the lack of which has been exacerbated by global warming and climate change.

California Democrats are not to blame for stopping controlled burns by Native Americans. Controlled burns by Native Americans occurred throughout North America, not just California, and was done for many reasons (to enhance forage production, to attract prey, to herd wildlife, to facilitate travel, to clear land for farming, etc.) but not to prevent fires from occurring. The happy result was that landscapes were less prone to massive fires.

Controlled burns stopped not because of California Democrats, but because of the Federal Government's desire to put all fires out. The Federal Government restricted controlled burns. The idea of controlled burns is coming back into fashion, and yes, permits need to be issued to private land owners, to ensure safety compliance and to ensure we don't inadvertently burn down cities as well.

Approximately 60 percent of forests in California are owned by the Federal Government, with approximately 3% owned by the State of California. The remaining land is in private hands. So, as far as removing dead trees, most of that would fall on the Federal Government. It is the Federal Government that has chosen to divert resources away from forest management, not California Democrats.

It is so easy to blame Democrats for everything that goes wrong in our country. Yet, much has gone wrong under the leadership of Republicans.

It is much easier to ignore facts and simply to blame others rather than get anything done. We all suffer as a result. Rather than Red States and Blue States, how about the United States?

—Perry Chatter, Castro Valley

### Expand the Goat Population

Editor:

Seeing this year's unprecedented wildfire season, watching ash obliterate the sun as if we were in a dystopian nightmare or a nuclear winter, it strikes me that California should become the land of goats. We should encourage goat herds, millions of goats, to keep the undergrowth down.

It should be every Californian's patriotic duty to drink goats milk, eat goat cheese (mm-mm, Feta), and wear goat-hair sweaters. Anyone who keeps goats or uses them to reduce weeds on open spaces, should get a tax break. Just like New Zealand is famous for its sheep, California should ditch the Grizzly we killed off in the 1920s and make our state animal the goat. Only half kidding.

—Robin Reynolds, Castro Valley

## Obituaries

### Benjamin "Howard" Osborne

Benjamin "Howard" Osborne passed away on Saturday, August 29th surrounded by his loving family. He touched many people with his humor, love and kindness and will be dearly missed.

He was born in Texas, where he was raised on a farm and graduated high school. He began working for the Southern Pacific Railroad in Texas and transferred to Oakland in 1954. In 1955 he went into the Army and served in Honolulu HI. Upon his return to Oakland, after his honorable discharge, he continued his career with the Southern Pacific Railroad, where he worked until he retired in 1974. At that time, Howard had one of the very first heart bypass surgeries in the Bay Area. He was given only 2-5 years to live. In 1960, he met Judy Harder, whom he married in 1961.

Lucky for us, he lived many more years longer than his doctors originally predicted. Howard was very active in the South County Umpires Association, where he umpired and worked until 2009. He umpired Little League, Babe Ruth, Independent, Seniors, Women's High school, Women's and Men's adult softball, College softball and baseball and sanctioned tournaments. He was District 45 Umpire and Chief and the Umpire Assigning Secretary until he retired in 2009. He was so encouraging to the players, that when a player hit a home run in softball, he would give them a Susan B. Anthony coin as they passed home plate. He was also involved in the Shelley Club, Danish Lodge and the Lion's Club. Howard was preceded in death by his wife, Judy Osborne. He is survived by his children Donald Osborne of Castro Valley and Janice Sylvia of Willits and his grandchildren Curtis, Matt, Upton and Donnie. He had several great-grandchildren whom he loved dearly. He is also survived by his loving partner, Verna King, his daughter-in-law, Susan Osborne and his son-in-law, Joel Sylvia. He loved his Texas family and was known as Uncle Bunkum to them.

Due to Covid-19, services will be limited to family. In lieu of flowers, please send a donation of any size to The Castro Valley Sports Foundation, P.O. Box 20687, Castro Valley, CA 94546 or [castrovalleysportsfoundation.org](http://castrovalleysportsfoundation.org)



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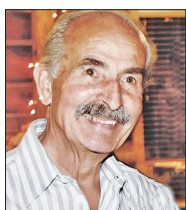
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### Henry Silva Santos

Henry Silva Santos, 87, passed away peacefully on August 30, 2020. Born in Madeira Island, Portugal on July 22, 1933, he immigrated to California in 1961 where he met Mary Andrade. They were married on April 21, 1963. Together, they had three sons; Henry Jr., Michael, and Briano. Henry worked over twenty years as a longshoreman. He enjoyed gardening and traveling, returning often to Madeira Island. Those who met him instantly felt his warmth and hospitality; he will undoubtedly be remembered as a loving soul who graciously welcomed all. Family requests donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

### Katella Lazaro

Katella Lazaro is our Athlete of the week. Katella was the winner of Canyon Middle School's Catherine Storar Legacy Award for Excellence in Athletics for the 2019/2020 school year. She maintained a 4.0 GPA while participating in softball, soccer, and volleyball. Katella excelled on the softball field, helping her team advance to the finals. She also played a part in the soccer team's undefeated season.



## Osofsky: Federal Eviction Moratorium

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31, 2020, the tenant seeking relief must pay at least 25% of the rent due in order to avoid eviction. Landlords must provide their tenants with notice of their new rights under the Act and must provide hardship declaration forms.

This bill (AB 3088) also extends anti-foreclosure protections to homeowners under the Homeowner Bill of Rights Act.

Federal CDC Nationwide EO: Under its authority to control the spread of COVID-19, the CDC has also just issued its own moratorium on residential evictions, and the ban has nationwide effect.

Its order, just issued a few days ago, is effective immediately, and prevents the eviction of tenants through the end of this year.

To qualify for this relief, the tenant just sign a declaration as to income: a single tenant must declare that he/she earns no more than \$99K a year, while couples filing taxes jointly must declare that they earn less than \$198K per year.

They must also declare that they cannot pay their rent in full; that, if evicted, they would become homeless or be forced to move into congregate housing; and, that they made an effort to receive government assistance.

Note: A previous federal eviction moratorium granted as part of the CARES Act ended in late July, 2020, and only applied to federally-funded or mortgage backed housing. Now, the newly issued CDC Order applies to all residential housing throughout the country. As soon as available, we hope to have the requisite Emergency Orders and Declaration forms

available for download by accessing this article on our website.

So, to your question: you have at least three layers of government moratoriums, County, State and Federal, to look for help.

Gene L. Osofsky is an estate planning and elder law attorney serving the East Bay. Visit his website at [www.LawyerForSeniors.com](http://www.LawyerForSeniors.com)

## Low-Cost Senior Lunches

Take-away low-cost lunches are available curbside for seniors 60 and over at United Methodist Church, 19806 Wisteria St. in Castro Valley on Tuesdays and Fridays from noon to 12:30 p.m. A donation of \$3.75 per meal is suggested. Participants must be registered for the program at [www.SpectrumCS.org](http://www.SpectrumCS.org) (or, pickup a registration form on-site). Please call 3 business days in advance to 510-881-6768 and leave a message with your name, phone number, the day(s) you want to reserve a meal and the location.

**Friday, Sept. 18:** *Southwestern Baked Fish over Brown Rice, Yams, Zucchini, Fresh Fruit*

**Tuesday, Sept. 22:** *Chicken Pot Pie, Broccoli, Spiced Peaches*

**Friday, Sept. 25:** *Hamburger with Wheat Bun, Roasted Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Fresh Orange*

**Tuesday, Sept. 29:** *Chili Con Carne, Brown Rice, Capri Vegetables, Seasonal Fruit*

HARD's meal distribution, formerly at the Hayward Senior Center has moved to the Aitken Senior Center in Castro Valley. Other distribution sites are listed at [www.SpectrumCS.org](http://www.SpectrumCS.org).

## Consider: Long-Term Care Insurance

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**Choosing LTC Insurance**

After evaluating your situation, if you're leaning towards buying a LTC policy, be sure to do your homework. The cost of premiums can vary greatly ranging anywhere between \$2,500 and \$8,000 per year for a couple depending on your age, the insurer, and the policy's provisions. Also note that because of coronavirus, it may be

more difficult to qualify for coverage now if you're age 70 or older, in a high-risk group or have had a positive COVID-19 test.

To find a policy, get a LTC insurance specialist who works with a variety of companies. See the American Association of Long-Term Care Insurance website ([AALTCI.org](http://AALTCI.org)) to locate one. Also shop insurers like Northwestern Mutual and New York Life, who

work only with their own agents.

Another option you may want to consider are Hybrid policies that combine long-term care coverage with life-insurance benefits. These policies promise that if you don't end up needing long-term care, your beneficiaries will receive a death benefit.

Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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## MAC: Site

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If the subdivision of the parcel is approved, a new second driveway would be necessary.

The county notified neighbors within a 500-foot radius of the parcel and received one written comment urging the preservation of the historical character of the neighborhood and a desire to keep existing open areas.

County planning staff told the MAC that the proposed project meets minimum development standards, but they cannot at this time make all the required findings to meet the Subdivision Map Act. The site is not physically suitable for development as it is on a visually prominent hillside and the design of subdivision potentially conflicts with existing storm drain and PG&E easements.

The staff reports adds that the new driveway access would be on Greenridge Road, which was dubbed "high-speed" and a dangerous access point.

The MAC will make a determination on the proposed subdivision at an upcoming meeting.

## COVID: Fewer New Cases

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Despite the dire news, County health officials are pointing to fewer new cases — 147 — reported in the last week, down 65% since a daily high of 425 in August. Hospitalizations were also down.

Over the weekend, Alameda County updated its Vehicle-Based Gathering Order. The new rules allow for a drive-in experience for live performances such as music and movies, as well as religious and cultural ceremonies. The order will also increase the maximum number of cars allowed from 200 to 400 and will permit the sale of concessions at events, with restrictions.

Last week, Governor Newsom also signed new laws extending critical paid sick days protections to ensure employees have access

to paid sick days if they are exposed or test positive this year.

Newsom also signed three bills that will help support small businesses as they recover from the pandemic-induced recession. The bills include an exemption from gross income for any Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans that were forgiven through the federal CARES Act.

Newsom also added a \$100 million hiring tax credit program for qualified small businesses and added \$411.5 million to advance economic stimulus with \$230.5 million to help jumpstart construction projects.

California is home to 4.1 million small businesses, representing 99.8% of all businesses in the state and employing 7.2 million workers, or nearly half of the state's total workforce.

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**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** Personal matters claim a good deal of the Lamb's time in the early part of the week. But by midweek, pragmatic considerations (work, school, job-seeking, etc.) begin to take priority.



**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** The seasonal shift ignites the Bovine's creative aspects. You could do well if you try to combine your penchant for innovation with the more pragmatic demands of the week.



**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** Ideas come easily to you this week. And never mind that some might suggest they're unworkable and/or impractical. It's your vision that counts. Work them out and see what turns up.



**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Personal matters continue to dominate the early part of the week. By midweek, more workaday issues once again begin to emerge. Balance your time to give both the attention they need.



**LEO (July 23 - August 22):** A new contact could provide an expanded opportunity. But be sure you get all the facts before you consider signing on. Ask questions, and be wary if you don't get the right answers.



**VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** An unexpected development could cause some supposedly resolved disagreements to reignite. Deal with the situation before it leads to some really serious problems.



**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** A clash of work-linked viewpoints needs to be discussed openly, honestly and calmly by all concerned before it can impede progress on an ongoing project.



**SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** The Scorpion's pragmatic side helps you accept the possibility that a change of plans might be the wise thing to do. Be sure to weigh all your considerations carefully.



**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** Some people might not take no for an answer. Never mind. Keep your resolve if you're sure you don't want to be involved in a potentially sticky situation.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** All other facts and figures aside, it's what you learn about potential colleagues that can be most helpful in assessing any decisions you're likely to make regarding a new project.



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** You might want to reconsider some of your outside commitments if they continue to demand more time than you can spare. Be honest with yourself when making a decision.



**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** Pay attention to that inner voice of Piscean wisdom counseling you to remove those rose-colored glasses and take an honest look at any decisions you might face this week.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### Castro Valley General Plan Implementation

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of Alameda Planning Commission will hold a virtual public hearing to consider a series of zoning district and map amendments as part of the Castro Valley General Plan implementation. Various new zoning districts have been created including Hillside Residential, Residential Medium Density Family, Mixed Density Residential, Small Lot Residential, Public Facilities, Community Commercial, Open Space-Natural, Open Space-Public, and Schools. CEQA Exempt pursuant to §15183 - actions that are consistent with an adopted general plan for which an environmental impact report (EIR) was prepared.

For zoning changes, including map changes affecting large portions of Castro Valley, interested parties are hereby noticed of the public hearing on this matter and can view materials on-line at <http://www.acgov.org/cda/planning/landuseprojects/index.htm> or also contact the Planning Department at (510) 670-5400 for more information.

**SAID PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD** on Monday, October 5th, 2020, beginning at 3PM, using the virtual meeting information below.

**IN OBSERVANCE OF THE SHELTER IN PLACE THIS IS A VIRTUAL MEETING USING THE "ZOOM WEBINAR" PLATFORM. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WANTING TO ATTEND THIS MEETING AND SPEAK ON AN AGENDA ITEM CAN FIND OUT HOW TO DO SO BY REFERENCING THE COUNTY'S TELECONFERENCING GUIDELINES POSTED ON-LINE AT <http://acgov.org/cda/planning/documents/TeleconferencingGuidelinesforPublicHearings.pdf>**

**AT THE NOTICED DATE AND TIME LISTED ABOVE THE ZOOM WEBINAR IS ACCESSIBLE AT THIS WEB ADDRESS:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/95946946292>

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The name of the business(es): Lornel Logistics LLC located at 1135 Jefferson Street, San Leandro, CA 94577, in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Lornel Logistics LLC, 1135 Jefferson Street, San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. This business commenced N/A. /s/ Lornel Logistics LLC

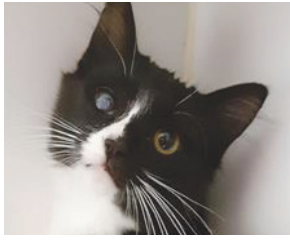
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**TAFFY** is a sweet 4-month-old dilute calico. She is playful, curious and friendly and would love a loving home. For more info, please email Loveallpawzrescue@gmail.com.

### Noise Pollution is Next Topic at Rotary Meeting

Erica Walker, PhD, a Research Fellow at Boston University, will describe her research on noise pollution in our environment at the next meeting of the Rotary Club of Castro Valley via Zoom, from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 22. More info is available at [castrovalleyrotary.org](http://castrovalleyrotary.org). No meeting is scheduled for Sept. 29.

### Hope Hospice Webinar On Diabetes Management

Hope Hospice will present an interactive webinar, "Take Control of Your Diabetes," via Zoom from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 24. Without care, your diabetes can lead to serious health problems. Please visit: [HopeHospice.com/townhall](http://HopeHospice.com/townhall) to register.

### Volunteers Needed at Hayward Food Pantry

The South Hayward Parish is signing up volunteers for one or more shifts at its Food Pantry at 27287 Patrick Ave. in Hayward. A variety of tasks are available for those under 60. Reception and pre-packaging shifts are available for those over 60. Visit [southhayward-parish.org](http://southhayward-parish.org), click "Volunteer Now" button and follow instructions.

### END OF THE LINE



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BART Car 1208 arrived in Hayward on March 26, 1973 when the transit system was just a few months old, and over the years carried millions of riders. Recently, mechanical and structural problems landed it on the list of the first 15 old train cars to be decommissioned. After it was scrapped for spare parts, it was recycled at Schnitzer Steel's facility in Oakland. BART is ramping up retirement of old cars as more new "Fleet of the Future" cars are delivered.

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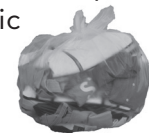
### RESIDENTS: RECYCLE YOUR TEXTILES!

UPCOMING COLLECTION: October 5-9, 2020.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Between October 5th-9th, place bagged textiles on the curb for no additional fee. Textiles will be collected with a special vehicle that may service your block earlier or later than regular vehicles. Please ensure bags are set out by 6:00 a.m. and visible to the Alameda County Industries (ACI) driver. Do not place bags behind or on top of carts. Single-family residents: set out textiles on your normal collection day. Multi-family residents: check with the property manager for your textile collection day or visit [cvsan.org/Textiles](http://cvsan.org/Textiles).

**WHAT ARE TEXTILES?** Clothing, towels, linens, bath mats, curtains, etc. Complete list available at [cvsan.org/Textiles](http://cvsan.org/Textiles).

**NOT ACCEPTED:** Textiles that are wet, moldy, or have human biowaste, blood, toxic chemicals, or motor oil on them. No light-up shoes or clothes.



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