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## **SENIORS**



Safe Drivers CHP to conduct a Senior **Driver Safety Seminar** 

next week at CV Library

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Billy Bradford was honored by Metropolitan Transportation Commission last week for his services.

## Activist Bradford Honored with Major Community Service Award

Billy Bradford acknowledges that acquiring old bikes, repairing them in his Castro Valley garage, and then giving them away for free is a "bad business model," but it's what he loves doing.

Bradford was this year's recipient of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Miriam Gholikely Public Service Award during ceremonies held last week in San Francisco.

The award, named for a longtime MTC advisor and community activist, recognizes extraordinary accomplishments in the field of community service, volunteerism, advocacy, leadership or minority affairs.

"This is a labor of love from one person who extends his benevolence to the greater community," said Ellen Griffin, the MTC official who nominated Bradford for the prestigious award.

Bradford, by day the senior office technology manager for a large global law firm based in San Francisco, devotes much of his weekend and some weeknights to his project.

"I can't fix all the problems (of the world), but I can fix bikes," he says. "Life is short. Have fun."

Bradford publicizes his request for donated bicycles, parts and helmets see AWARD on page 15

### **NEW COUNTY LAW**

## Plastic Bags On Way Out Of All Stores

A greatly expanded reusable bag ordinance that will affect an additional 13,000 businesses in Alameda County next year was approved by the Alameda County Waste Management Authority

The new law will apply to all stores and restaurants in the county, and will go into effect in the spring of 2017 for retail stores and next fall for restaurants.

The county's original reusable bag ordinance went into effect in January 2013 and applied to some 1,300 stores that sell packaged food such as grocery, drug and liquor stores. Those stores can only supply reusable bags or paper bags made of recycled content, and they must charge at least 10 cents per bag, itemized on the receipt. The 10 cents goes to the store to offset the purchase cost of bags.

The expansion will include all retail outlets and restaurants. Retail stores will have the same requirements as stores already covered by the original ordinance.

Restaurants would not be required to charge customers if supplying recycled content paper bags, but must charge at least 10 cents for a re-

Cities in Alameda County will have a chance to opt out of the expanded requirements if they do so by Dec. 9, 2016. However, all cities must continue participating under the current ordinance, which covers stores that sell packaged food and liquor.

see BAGS on back page

# Flood of Trick-or-Treaters Invades the Village



They came by the hundreds - space aliens, walking skeletons, super heroes, historical figures, even a Rubik's Cube and a Maytag washing machine, as Castro village merchants hosted their annual invasion of costumed kids and their parents. Although the possibility of rain had been predicted, the afternoon turned out perfect for the happy crowd who went home lugging bags heavy with Little Snickers, Tootsie Rolls, and even some healthy treats.

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### **Castro Valley Weather** Nov. 2 - 6, 2016



Wednesday Mostly Sunny High 69° Low 49° High 73° Low 51°



Thursday Sunny



Friday Mostly Sunny High 73° Low 50°



Saturday Partly Sunny High 71° Low 58°



Sunday Mostly Cloudy High 67° Low 48°

## Almanac

## Moon Phases









Sun sets at 7:29 p.m. today; sun rises at 6:18 a.m. Thursday.

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# Castro Valley teachers support Lee, Thomas & Whitaker!



Lavender Whitaker, Tojo Thomas and Monica Lee Elect these parents, school volunteers, and community leaders to CV school board

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### CHABOT ELEMENTARY AWARDED

## 'Champion Creatively Alive Children' Grant

receive a "Champion Creatively statement. "Chabot's staff is to be

crayons, and the National Association of Elementary School Principals together selected Chabot Elementary to receive \$2,500 in cash and \$1,000 in Crayola products.

The grants are intended to help schools build creative capacity, nurture children's creativity and inspire other schools to do the same.

Local artist and Chabot parent Jason Engelund, and School Principal Vivienne Paratore, were credited with winning the grants for the school.

habot Elementary School enhanced arts education in elewas one of 20 elementa- mentary schools," School Superry schools in the U.S. to intendent Parvin Ahmadi said in a Alive Children" grant last month. commended for efforts in increas-Crayola, best known for its ing art education in elementary school."

> The grants will fund innovative programs aimed at fostering children's critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and communication

Smith Holland, CEO and president of Crayola, said his company believes that for students to reach their full potential, their creativity and critical thinking skills must be nurtured.

'We believe children develop these 21st Century skills when "Chabot Elementary School educators ignite their imaginations serves as an excellent model for through art infused education."

## Weekend **Voting Hours Announced**

The Alameda County Registrar of Voters office will be open next weekend to allow expanded early voting for the Nov. 8 General Election.

The office, in Room G-1 at the County Court House, 1225 Fallon St., Oakland (use the 12th St. entrance), will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 5-6.

The office is open for voting Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On Election Day the office will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information about early voting, please visit: acvote.org or call the Registrars' office at 510-272-6973.

## **VOTE FOR DR. CHIKE UDEMEZUE Oro Loma Sanitary District 2016 Board of Directors**

## **MY GOALS AS A BOARD MEMBER:**

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- To be a committed public servant
- To work for a cleaner environment
- To improve customer service To modernize the equipment

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Surlene Grant - Former Vice Mayor - City of San Leandro Corina Lopez - Councilmember - City of San Leandro Mike Katz - Former President- Board of Trustees - S.L. Unified School Dist.

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## **RE-ELECT DAVE SADOFF** FOR CASTRO VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD





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- ✓ I am committed to listening to the public and our community.
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- I would appreciate your vote on November 8th.

"Dave brings a unique skill set and is a great asset to our Board."

> -Ralph Johnson, President, Castro Valley Sanitary District Board of Directors.

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## RE-ELECT DANIEL AKAGI **FOR CASTRO VALLEY**





For details and additional information on endorsements and all the candidates, check the website supported by the League of Women Voters: votersedge.org

**Exercise your right** to vote.

Re-electing me, Dave Sadoff, and Tim McGowan, will maintain one of the strongest and most functional boards I have served on in 21 years. Each of us brings strengths to the Board as recognized by our individual and/or combined endorsements from:

**Democratic Party** Castro Valley Democratic Club South Alameda County Young Democrats Club **Teamsters Local 70 AFSCME Local 2019 Asian Pacific American Democratic Caucus** Ralph Johnson, Current CV San Board Member Melody Appleton, Current CV San Board Member

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## Gun Dealers Face Suit Over 2013 Slaying of Prominent CV Woman

has reached a financial settlement with the murder suspect's mother brought. who has also agreed to help the family sue the gun dealers who a wrongful death lawsuit in Januallegedly sold the weapon used in ary against the suspect's mother, the killing.

egon coast.

tor who had been an active volun- federal laws. teer in a number of local organiza-Arts Foundation and the Proctor cause he was a convicted felon. Elementary and Creekside Middle

a son at Humboldt State Universi-

Oregon, at a popular Pacific Ocean Englund's death. lookout spot.

The chief suspect was a menof North Bend, Oregon. He was

The family of a prominent Cas- arrested the next day after fleeing tro Valley woman who was slain in to California and carjacking 2 peo-Southern Oregon three years ago ple. He committed suicide in jail before formal charges could be

Englund's family members filed Diane Boyce, and two gun dealers, Kirsten Elaine Englund was J&G Sales, an Arizona online refound shot to death on Sunday, tailer, and World Pawn Exchange, April 28, 2013 near her car on alleging Diane Boyce had pur-Highway 101 on the southern Or- chased multiple guns for her son including the one that killed Englund, 57, was a retired audi- Englund – in violation of state and

Lawyers said Jeffrey Boyce tions including the Castro Valley could not legally buy firearms be-

The settlement, announced last Thursday, calls for Diane Boyce She had been driving north to to pay \$400,000 to Kirsten Envisit family members after visiting glund's family and to provide documents, information and testimony to support the Englund Her body was discovered about family's ongoing claims that the three miles south of Reedsport, retailers' negligence led to Kristen

J&G Sales has asked a judge to dismiss the suit. A hearing in the tally ill man, Jeffrey Boyce, 30, case is scheduled for Nov. 16 in Multnomah County Circuit Court.



Kirsten Englund



Jeffrey Boyce

## SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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### **Wanted Man**

on suspicion of possession of illegal narcotics. The man also had an outstanding warrant issued for his for questioning on Castro Valley Boulevard near Strobridge Avenue when they made the connection on the warrant. The man was taken to

### **Petty Theft**

Sunday, October 30: at 3:20 p.m., a 64-year-old man with a record of shoplifting was arrested on suspicion of petty theft from a grocery store on Redwood Road near Castro Valley Boulevard. Store security asked deputies to intervene after they observed the man walk out with an unspecified amount of merchandise. The man was taken into custody.

### Women with Hot Wheels

Sunday, October 30: at 1:19 p.m., Deputies were called to an apartdeputies arrested two women for auto theft related charges following a traffic stop at the end of Castro Valley Boulevard near the westbound entrance to Interstate 238. The driver, a 29-year-old with no permanent address, was additionally charged with possession of false identification. The passenger, a 30-year-old with no permanent address was also charged with possession of a false ID as well as possession of illegal narcotics, and violating the terms of her parole. The women were taken into custody.

## Wouldn't Leave Hospital

in partnership with the County Wandering the boulevard after interested in participating in this Saturday, October 29: at 1:03 Community Development Agen- the festivities will be the Dancing event, should register at cymeetin- p.m., a 56-year-old man with no permanent address was arrested on suspicion of refusing to leave a business despite being asked to leave. Deputies responded to a call

by hospital security to escort the Sunday, October 30: at 11:00 man off the Eden Medical Center Saturday, October 29: at 2:33 p.m.,

### **Drug Possession**

deputies arrested a 25-year-old outside a home on Seven Hills Road near Lamson Road when ing \$140,000. deputies stopped her for questioning and discovered her stash. The woman was taken into custody.

## Theft, Domestic Assault **And Illegal Drugs**

Friday, October 28: at 11:45 p.m., a 26-year-old man from Castro There, they arrested a 31-year-old Valley was arrested on suspicion of theft, assault on a family member, possession of illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia, violating a dy. The victim was treated at the court-issued restraining order and violating the terms of his parole. ment on Castro Valley Boulevard Thursday, October 27: at 1:12 near Center Street to investigate a p.m., a 19-year-old man with no suspicious person. The man was permanent address was arrested also found to have a warrant is- on suspicion of driving under the sued for his arrest. Deputies took influence of drugs, possession of the man to Santa Rita Jail pending marijuana drugs and driving with \$197,500 in bail.

### **Wanted Petty Thief**

p.m., Sheriff's deputies arrested a campus following an undisclosed deputies arrested a 25-year-old 40-year-old man from Hayward incident. The man was taken into man with no permanent address on suspicion of robbery and four counts of petty theft for merchandise of value of less than \$50. arrest. Deputies stopped the man Saturday, October 29: at 4:33 a.m., The man also had an outstanding warrant issued for his arrest. Depwoman from Castro Valley on uties were called to a parking lot suspicion of possession of illegal on Castro Valley Boulevard near narcotic drugs and drug parapher- Redwood Road following a silent Santa Rita Jail pending \$2,500 in nalia. The woman was hanging alarm. The man was handcuffed and taken to Santa Rita Jail pend-

## Spousal Assault

Thursday, October 27: at 5:01 p.m., a 911 call about a loud and aggressive-sounding argument sent deputies to an apartment on Center Street near Grove Way. man from Castro Valley on suspicion of assault on his spouse. Deputies took the man into custoscene.

### **Driving Drugged**

see REPORTS on page 6

## Annual 'Meet in the Street' and Light Parade Coming Nov. 12

Street, along Castro Valley to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12.

cy, the free celebration includes Christmas Trees. live entertainment, vendors, and all taking place between San Mi- feature floats from local service chamber.org.

The 5th Annual Meet in the guel Ave. and Redwood Road.

Performance areas will be highlocal merchants will offer special Sponsored by the Castro Valley discounts on merchandise, food Eden Area Chamber of Commerce and services during the event.

To celebrate the coming holithe Eclectic, Electric Light Parade, days early, the Light Parade will 5300 or email info@castrovalley-

organizations, antique vehicles, Powell's Irish Dancers, service Blvd. is coming up from 3 lighting local music talent, while dogs, motorcycles and a sneak visit from Mr.& Mrs. Claus.

Light Parade participants as well as local artisans and vendors thestreet.org.

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## Community Calendar

# The Week Ahe

## ● Wednesday, November 2: Measure G Oversight Committee

The first meeting of the Measure G Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee will be held this evening at 5 p.m. in the Board Room of the Castro Valley School District at 4400 Alma Avenue. The Committee will be actively involved in gathering bond-related information and advising the Castro Valley Unified School District Board of Education on all bond-related matters.

### ● Thursday, November 3: Parkinson's Support Group

The San Leandro Parkinson's Support Group will hold its next meeting tomorrow at 10 a.m. at the San Lorenzo Community Church at 945 Paseo Grande. Karen Marshall from Community Resources for Independent Living will be the speaker. For information call Lona White at 510-276-3119.

### • Friday, November 4: CVEF's Dynamic Dinner

Enjoy an evening of dining and dancing at the Castro Valley Educational Foundation's Annual Dynamic Dinner while helping raise funds for classroom grants, at 6 p.m. this Friday at Transfiguration Church, 4100 E. Castro Valley Blvd. For tickets (\$50 advance, \$60 at the door), visit www.cvef.org or email info@cvef.org

### ● Friday-Saturday, Nov. 4-5: Women's Club Holiday Boutique

The Castro Valley Women's Club will hold its 4th Annual Holiday Boutique from 5 to 8 p.m. this Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Club House, 18330 Redwood Road. Choose hand-crafted items by local artists and homemade baked goods. Drawings for prizes provided by local businesses. All proceeds fund Club projects benefiting the community. The public is invited.

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### • Friday, November 4: 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 this Friday.

### **■ Saturday, November 5:** Available Pets

Dusty Paws Rescue will be showing dogs, cats, kittens available for adoption this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pet Food Express, 3385 Castro Valley Blvd. Visit www.dustypawsrescue.org/ for more.

### ● Saturday, November 5: Eagles Auxiliary Autumn Tea

Fraternal Order of Eagles Eden Auxiliary No. 1139 holds its Autumn Tea from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 5 at the Eagles Hall, 21406 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward. Proceeds go to benefit five local charities at Christmastime. Call Glenda at 510-584-1568 for reservations or info.

### • Saturday, November 5: Hill & Valley Scholarship Bazaar

Early bird shoppers with a keen eye for a bargain will not want to miss the Hill & Valley Women's Club Annual Scholarship Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Saturday at 1808 B St. in Hayward. Shoppers can pick from an assortment of hundreds of well-priced wares: homemade jam, baked goods, homemade candies, assorted books, seasonal wreaths, floral centerpieces, vintage jewelry, gently-used housewares and more. Proceeds go to support scholarships for college-bound seniors enrolled in local high schools.

### ● Saturday, November 5: Art, Pottery & Crafts Fair

If you're looking for that special gift, stop by and do some shopping at the Holiday Fine Art, Pottery & Crafts Fair at the Aitken Senior and Community Center, 17800 Redwood Road, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Saturday. All items are handmade one-of-kind pieces at extremely affordable prices - wood crafts, jewelry, knitted and crochet items. For more info, call 510881-6778; for directions call 510-881-6738.

### ● Saturday, November 5: Chabot – Garin Nature Hike

Sulphur Creek Nature Center invites you to hike through an environmental zone that's a home to songbirds, hawks, lizards and native plants this Saturday from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Meet on Redwood Road just east of the Redwood Canyon Golf course. Advance registration required (\$18) at www.haywardrec.org or by calling 510-881-6700.

### • Monday, November 7: Diabetes Support Group Meeting

"Healthy Food Choices and Meal Planning" will be discussed at the next meeting of the support group at 5 p.m. Nov. 7 at the San Leandro Surgery Center, 15035 East 14 Street. Admission is complimentary and the public is invited.

## ● Tuesday, November 8: Friends of the CV Library Meeting

The annual meeting of Friends of the Castro Valley Library will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Chabot/Canyon Room at the library. The agenda includes voting for four 2-year board positions, approval of revised by-laws and presentation of fiscal year 2016 financial results and the coming year's proposed budget.

## • Wednesday, November 9: Sons In Retirement Meeting

SIRS, an organization of retired men, meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Wedgewood Center at the Metropolitan Golf Links, 10051 Doolittle Drive in Oakland. Happy hour at 11 followed by a noon lunch with great speakers. Guests are welcome. For more info, call Mel at 510-357-0601.

## ● Thursday, November 10: School Board Meeting

The Castro Valley Board of Education will hold a regular meeting at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the Board Room at 4400 Alma Avenue. The agenda and board packet are available at: bit.ly/CVUSDBoardMeetings

### ● Thursday, November 10: Senior Driver Seminar

The CHP will hold a Senior Driver Traffic Safety Seminar at 1 p.m. on Nov. 10, covering age-related changes and tuning-up driving skills. On completion, participants will receive a certificate which may entitle them to a discount on their car insurance. To register (required) for this free program, call 510-667-7900.

## ● Friday, November 11: *TOPS Health Faire*

Come and see how we Take Off Pounds Sensibly at the annual Health Faire and Open House from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 11 at TOPS of Castro Valley in Room 5, United Methodist Church, 19806 Wisteria Ave. in Castro Valley. For info, call Bernice 510-537-0699 or Val at 510-886-3585.

### ● Saturday, November 12: New ACT / SAT Combo Test

Teens are invited to learn about the new changes to the ACT and SAT and partake in a free ACT/SAT combo practice test administered by Kaplan Test & Prep Admissions at the Castro Valley Library from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 12 at the Castro Valley Library. This 4-1/2 hour workshop will offer teens a glimpse into the new changes made to the ACT and SAT tests. Participants will also be provided with test taking tips, strategies and a practice test in order to ready them for the real thing.

# Arts & Entertainment

### CASTRO VALLEY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Tickets for CFA events listed below are available online at www. cvartsfoundation.org; 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.

- Fall Concert will be presented by the Castro Valley Adult School Orchestra at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 6. For tickets (\$5-\$10) see
- The Oakland Youth Orchestra will present a concert at 8 p.m. on Saturday, November 12. General admission tickets are \$20 at the door.
- San Francisco Girls Chorus will be presented by the Castro Valley Arts Foundation at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 13. Jump-start the holiday season with the San Francisco Girls Chorus, recognized as one of the world's most widely known and respected vocal ensembles for youth. For tickets (\$17-\$30) see above.
- California Beach Boys Concert, originally scheduled for this past October 15, has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are now on sale.

## THEATRICAL & MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

- "Spending the End of the World on OkCupid," a world premier theatre production written by Jeffrey Lo, will be presented by the Ohlone College Department of Theatre & Dance at 8 p.m. on Nov. 4, 5, 10, 17, 18, 19 at Smith Center at Ohlone College, 43600 Mission Blvd. in Fremont. For tickets, \$10-\$12 (parking \$4), visit smithcenter.com
- Lost Romantic Symphonies will be presented by the Oakland Symphony joined by guest violinist Kelly Hall-Tompkins and members of the acclaimed Oakland Symphony Youth Orchestra Friday, Nov. 18, at 8 p.m. at the Paramount Theatre. For tickets (\$25-\$80), visit www. oaklandsymphony.org or call 510-444-0802.
- "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" will be presented by the Douglas Morrisson Theatre at 8 p.m. on Dec. 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, and at 2 p.m. on Dec. 3, 4, and 11, at the DMT Theatre, 22311 North 3rd Street in Hayward. An Opening Reception will be held on Thursday, Dec. 1. For tickets (\$27-\$29), visit www.dmtonline.org or call 510)-881-6777. Enjoy the holiday classic that puts the "heart" in heartwarming.

## **ART GALLERIES & EVENTS**

- Day of the Dead 2016: Explore the various stages and symbolism of the celebration of Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) through the artwork of more than 25 local artists through Nov. 13 at the HAHS Museum of History & Culture, 22380 Foothill Blvd., Hayward.
- Seascape Painting Demonstration will be presented by award-winning oil and acrylic artist Donald Neff at the next meeting of the San Leandro Art Association at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15 at the Main San Leandro Library, 300 Estudillo Avenue. Admission is free.
- 39th Area Artists' Annual Open Show, open to all artists living or working or taking classes in the HARD area, is on exhibit through Nov. 19 at the Adobe Art Center Gallery in Castro Valley.

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## Thanksgiving Sides with a Twist

'n most families, there'd be open 1/2 cup Amaretto (almond rebellion if your Thanksgiving dinner (just over 3 weeks away) didn't include such traditional ingredients as yams and cranberries 2 tablespoons butter, melted along with the roast turkey.

But here are some really good variations on the old themes that you might want to try.

### **TOMATO DROP BISCUITS**

- 1 medium tomato, seeded and finely chopped
- 2 cups all-purpose flour tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup low-fat plain yogurt
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped scallion
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped sun-dried tomato

Preheat oven to 450°F. Lightly coat baking sheet with nonstick cooking spray. Drain chopped fresh tomato on paper towels.

In medium bowl, combine flour, baking powder, and salt. In small bowl combine yogurt and oil and stir into flour mixture until evenly moistened.

Stir fresh tomato, scallion, and sun-dried tomato into flour mixture. Drop dough, 1/4 cup at a time, onto prepared baking sheet, for total of 12 biscuits.

Bake until tops are golden brown, about 12 minutes. Serve warm. Serves 12.

## **AMARETTO YAMS**

- 3 pounds yams, peeled and sliced
- 1/2 cup hot water
- 1 small green apple, peeled, cored and thinly sliced

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- 1-1/2 teaspoons cornstarch 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Place yams and water in a 9-inch square baking dish and cover with plastic wrap. Microwave on HIGH for 8 minues; let cool slightly. Fold both over one corner of plastic wrap diced and carefully drain off all water; remove wrap and place apple slices on yams. Preheat oven to 350°F. Dissolve cornstarch in amaretto in a small bowl; stir in brown sugar, butter and cinnamon. Pour over yams and apples and bake for 30 minutes. Makes 8 servings.

### **GREEN BEANS WITH CARAMELIZED ONION**

- 4 teaspoons olive oil
- 2 large sweet onions, such as Vidalia, thinly sliced
- Salt and pepper
- 2 pounds green beans, trimmed
- 4 teaspoons chopped fresh tarragon leaves

In a large nonstick skillet, heat 1 tablespoon oil over medium-high. Add onions and season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring often, until softened and just beginning to brown, about 10 minutes.

Reduce heat to medium; cook, stirring occasionally, until onions are deep golden brown and very soft, 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a large pot of boiling salted water, cook green beans until crisp-tender and bright green, about 6 minutes. Drain and toss with tarragon and 1 teaspoon oil; season with salt and pepper. Transfer beans to a platter and top with onions. Serves 8.

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- 1 cup chopped dried mixed
- fruit cup chopped pecans
- 1/2 teaspoon sale
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1/2 teaspoon grated nutmeg

In a medium saucepan, boil water and sugar until the sugar dissolves. Reduce the heat to simmer, and stir in cranberries, puréed orange, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Cover, and burst. Remove from heat, and let pepper, and flour between layers. cool to room temperature. Makes 12 servings.

### **BAKED MASHED POTATOES WITH PARMESAN**

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 4 pounds russet potatoes, peeled, cut into 1-inch
- cup whole milk
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) melted butter 1-1/2 cups grated Mozzarella 1 cup grated Parmesan



### Salt and ground black pepper 2 tablespoons dry bread crumbs

Preheat the oven to 400°F. Coat a 13 by 9 by 2-inch baking dish with 1 tablespoon of butter and set

Cook the potatoes in a large pot of boiling salted water until they are very tender, about 15 minutes. Drain; return the potatoes to the same pot and mash well. Mix in the milk and melted butter. Mix in the mozzarella and 3/4 cup of the Parmesan. Season, to taste, with salt and pepper.

Transfer the potatoes to the prepared baking dish. Stir the bread crumbs and remaining 1/4 cup of Parmesan in a small bowl to blend. Sprinkle the bread crumb mixture over the mashed potatoes. Recipe can be prepared up to this point 6 hours ahead of time; cover and chill.

Bake, uncovered, until the topping is golden brown, about 20 minutes. Serves 6 to 8.

### SWEET POTATO & **TURNIP GRATIN**

- 3 medium turnips, peeled, cut into 1/4-inch-thick rounds Salt and pepper
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 medium sweet potatoes. peeled and cut into 1/4-inch-thick rounds
- 2 tablespoons butter, cut into pieces
- 3/4 cup vegetable broth
- 1/4 cup dry white wine
- 1 cup grated Gruyere cheese

Preheat oven to 350°F.

In an 8-inch square baking dish, arrange a single layer of turnips and sweet potatoes, overlapping apple, pear, dried fruit, pecans, salt, slightly. Season with salt and pepper and sprinkle with one-third of simmer for 30 minutes, stirring the flour. Repeat to make three occasionally, until the cranberries more layers, sprinkling with salt,

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Dot top layer with butter, then knife, 45 minutes.

Increase oven temperature to slowly pour broth and wine into 425°F. Remove foil and sprindish, keeping layers intact. Cover kle cheese over dish. Bake until with foil and bake until vegetables cheese is golden and bubbling, are tender when pierced with a 12 to 15 minutes. Let gratin sit 10 minutes before serving. Serves 8.

## COUNTDOWN TO THANKSGIVING Next Week: Desserts

## **HOROSCOPE** by Salomé



ARIES (March 21 - April 19): The pitter-patter of all those Sheep feet means that you're out and about, rushing to get more done. That's fine, but slow down by the weekend so you can heed some important advice. TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): You're in charge of your own destiny



these days, and, no doubt, you'll have that Bull's-eye of yours right on target. But don't forget to make time for family events. GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Be prepared for a power struggle that you don't want. Look to the helpful folks around you for advice on how to avoid it without losing the important gains you've made.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Congratulations! You're about to claim your hard-earned reward for your patience and persistence. Now, go out and enjoy some fun and games with friends and family

LEO (July 23 - August 22): The Big Cat might find it difficult to



shake off that listless feeling. But be patient. By week's end, your spirits will perk up and you'll be your perfectly purring self again. VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): A problem with a co-worker could prove to be a blessing in disguise when a superior steps in to investigate



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): This is a favorable time to move ahead with your plans. Some setbacks are expected, but they're only temporary. Pick up the pace again and stay with it. SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Your creativity is

and discovers a situation that could prove helpful to you.



Meanwhile, that irksome and mysterious situation soon will be resolved. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** A new associate brings ideas that the wise Sagittarian quickly will realize can benefit both of you. Meanwhile, someone from the workplace makes an emotional request.

recognized and rewarded. So go ahead and claim what you've earned.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): It might be a good idea to ease up on that hectic pace and spend more time studying things you'll need to know when more opportunities come later in November.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** A relatively quiet time is now giving way to a period of high activity. Face it with the anticipation that it will



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Go with the flow, or make waves? It's up to you. Either way, you'll get noticed. However, make up your own mind. Don't let anyone tell you what choices to make.

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De Seguirant, noted for his inthe-moment wit and injecting vibrant life into the swing standards of yesterday and the ballads of today, is the founder and CEO of "Luv'n Liv'n," a rapidly expanding senior fitness experience. He is an accomplished artist, published author and award-winning actor.

The dinner, which will feature spaghetti, Fettuccini Alfredo, raviolis with pesto sauce, salad, garlic bread and dessert, is the annual community fundraiser for the Hayward-Castro Valley Kiwanis Club. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Kenneth C. Aitken Senior Center at 17800 Redwood Road.

or Gerry Cockrill 510-889-5885. in Castro Valley.



 $For \ tickets \ (\$20 \ adults, \$10 \ chil- \\ \textbf{Laurie De Seguirant, who has entertained Bay Area au-}$ dren ages 10 to 16, under 10 free), diences for more than 25 years, will be featured percall David Wilhite 510-886-1100 former at the annual Kiwanis Pasta Dinner on Nov. 12

## Night of Food, Entertainment: How to Assist Physically Impaired Persons to Sign Legal Documents

My husband suffered a immobile, but if his stroke and is essentially mind is clear and he paralyzed. I need him to can speak or othersign a Power Of Attorney so that I can take care of our he could direct financial affairs. Is there any way someone to sign his to do this?

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

Yes. Where a person has sufficient mental capacity to understand the nature of the document he or she proposes to sign, and where the only limitation is a physical inability to perform the act of signing, the law provides alternative methods of obtaining a legally valid signature.

Signature by Mark: If the person is unable to sign his or her full name, he might make a mark, such as an "X", on the desired document. The signing must be witnessed by two disinterested witnesses, each of whom must also sign the document reciting that they watched the principal place his mark, and one of the witnesses must actually sign the principal's continued from page 3 name adjacent to his mark.

use of his arms, a pen might be placed between his teeth to enable However, care must be taken so that the actual mark or "dot" on the paper is the act of the principal.

Signature by Amanuensis: Where a person is totally paralyzed and would not even be able to clench a pen in his teeth, but is able to speak and give instruction, signing by amanuensis.

In legal parlance, an "amanuensis" is an assistant who copies or writes from the dictation of another. Thus, if your husband is totally was treated at the scene.

wise give direction, own name on a legal document.

The actual signer should be a yourself, and the signing should occur in your husband's presence.

also present to notarize the document.

Note: most notaries will be unfamiliar with this procedure, knowledgeable attorney who can explain the process to the notary and supervise the signing.

In some situations, the paralyzed individual may have also lost the power of speech. Yet, if he retains some method of communication, such as by eye movements, the process of signing by amanuensis could be modified to accommodate that limitation.

At a minimum, the attorney supervising the process would verify the particular eye movements disinterested person, other than signifying "yes" and "no," review the desired legal document line by line to confirm the individual's It would be best if a notary were understanding, and invite him to give direction to a disinterested amanuensis to sign the document for him, using the principal's own name. In this situation, it would be and so you may wish to involve a important to also have at least one witness verify the principal's understanding and directive. It might also be helpful to video the signing process.

see SIGN on page 7

## Reports: Can't Stay Away; Assault; Public Intoxication

near Center Street after observing was taken into custody.

## **Domestic Disturbance** On Almond Road

Thursday, October 27: at 3:57 a.m., deputies arrested a 51-yearold man from Castro Valley on suspicion of assault on a family there is another procedure called member. An anonymous call about an altercation at a home on Almond Road near Seven Hills sent Tuesday, October 25: at 10:34 deputies to the scene. The man p.m., deputies arrested a 39-yearwas taken into custody. The victim old woman from San Ramon on

## Can't Stay Away

a suspended license. Deputies Wednesday, October 26: at 9:16 If the individual does not have pulled the man over on Grove Way p.m., a 37-year-old man from San Francisco was arrested on suspithe man driving much slower than cion of violating a court-issued him to mark the legal document. the posted speed limit. The man restraining order and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia. The man also had an outstanding warrant for his capture. Deputies spotted the man hanging around a business parking lot on Castro Valley Boulevard near Redwood Road. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$22,500 in bail.

## **Drunken Assault**

suspicion of public intoxication and assault on her spouse. The woman was at a home on Chester Street near Castro Valley Boulevard when deputies responded to a 911 call about an altercation. The woman's blood-alcohol level registered three times the legal limit. She was taken to a sobering center. The victim was treated at the

## **Drunken Deadly Threats**

Tuesday, October 25: at 11:26 a.m., two people with no permanent address were arrested on suspicion of refusing to leave a business despite being asked to go by the manager. Deputies were called to the address on Castro Valley Boulevard near Redwood Road after the owner asked for help with the unruly customers. A 45-year-old man was charged on suspicion of four counts of public intoxication, violating a court-issued restraining order, and making deadly threats. The man also had an outstanding warrant issued for his arrest. Deputies took the man to Santa Rita Jail pending \$27,500 in bail. A 47-year-old woman traveling with the man was charged with failing to leave. She was taken into custody.

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## Automatic Medicare Advantage **Enrollment Causes Confusion**

I'll be 65 in a few months and I recently pre-enrolled in original Medi- the same company. care. But last week, I received a member card in the that they've been signed up, in part prior to Medicare eligibility, call mail for a Medicare Advantage due to the flood of mail they get plan that I did not enroll in. What's around their 65th birthday from going on? Medicare is so confus- insurers marketing their Medicare ing with all the different choices, plans. This makes it easy to miss and now it seems like I'm getting a notice of seamless conversion or automatically enrolled in a plan I didn't even choose. Is this a scam?

By Jim Miller SPECIÁL TO THE FORUM

It's not a scam, but it is a growing problem the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services needs to resolve. Here's what you should

• Automatic Enrollment?

When Americans first become eligible for Medicare – typically at age 65 – they can choose to enroll either in original Medicare, or they can opt for a Medicare Advantage plan, which is offered by private plan without your knowledge.

Here's how it's happening.

Medicare, many people are covered by a commercial or a Med-These insurers often operate Medicare Advantage plans too.

Under a little-known rule aument, some insurers can shift their beneficiaries who are turning 65 to their own Medicare Advantage plan. It's a process called "seamcompany send a letter to the ben-

But some seniors are unaware fail to understand the letter.

## Things you can do to protect yourself from unrequested Medicare enrollment

It can also have serious financial consequences. Medicare Advantage plans tend to be HMOs and PPOs with limited provider networks. If you unknowingly get enrolled in a Medicare Advantage insurance companies. But some plan and receive treatment from a people, like yourself, are being doctor who's not in the network enrolled in a Medicare Advantage your medical bills may go uncov-

Before becoming eligible for like the Medicare Rights Center is man, OK 73070, or visit SavvySepushing for a change in the rules. *nior.org*. They want it set up so beneficiaicaid health care plan run by a ries must respond to the letter/ private health insurance company. invitation before they're enrolled, versus having to opt out of automatic enrollment.

In the meantime, here are some thorized by the federal govern- things you can do to protect yourself from unrequested Medicare enrollment.

Self Protection

Every one approaching age 65 less conversion enrollment," and should carefully read all mail reall it requires is that the insurance ceived from your current health insurance provider. If you come eficiary explaining the new coveracross anything suggesting that the age, which takes effect unless the insurance company intends to enmember opts out within 60 days. roll you in a Medicare Advantage

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The idea is to preserve continuplan that you do not wish to have, ity for those who want to stay with contact the insurer and decline to be enrolled.

Also, to be safe, about a month your current insurer to confirm that you are not being automatically enrolled in a Medicare Advan-

If you are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan against your wishes, call Medicare at 800-633-4227. People in this situation have been allowed to convert to traditional Medicare without having to wait until the next open-enrollment period, or enroll in a different Medicare Advantage plan that they choose.

It even might be possible to be retroactively enrolled in Medicare so that out-of-network expenses already incurred are covered.

If you need help with your Medicare enrollment, contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), which provides free one-on-one Medicare counseling in person or over the phone. For contact information visit Shiptacenter.org, or call the eldercare locator at 800-677-1116.

Send your senior questions to: Consumer advocate groups Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Nor-



## Senior Driver Safety Seminar Next Week

The California Highway Patrol will conduct a Senior Driver Safety Seminar from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, at the Castro Valley Library. The session will include such topics as: Compensating for age-related changes; Tuning up driving skills; Rules of the road; Safe driving tips. On completion of the seminar, participants will receive a certificate for completing the course which may entitle them to an automobile insurance discount! Registration is required for this free program. To register, or for more information, call the Library Information Desk at 510-667-7900.

## Sign: Best Ways to Get A Signature

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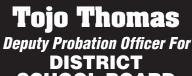
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A ruler or "cut out" template might be used to guide the placement of his hand so that he signs at the appropriate place on the document. I would also recommend that the entire process be videoed. A witness might also certify the principal's understanding and/or a notarization should be arranged.

By Court Order If Incapacitated: If the principal also lacks mental capacity, then a petition could be made to the Superior Court for an order authorizing creation of a power of attorney pursuant to the Substituted Judgment Procedure in the California Probate Code, so named because the judge's order would substitute for the principal's consent and sig-

In your case, with patience and some thought, the need for your husband's signature can probably

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## Salvation Army to Kick Off Its Red Kettle Season Wednesday

ALVATION ARMY Lieutenants Kyna and John Kelley will kick-off the Hayward Corps' 126th Red Kettle Campaign Season at a noon luncheon next Wednesday at the Veterans' Memorial Building at 22737 Main

The special event, which will include performances by the world-famous Golden Gate Boys Choir and Handbells, is an opportunity to celebrate lives that have portance of The Salvation Army's iconic red kettle came to be? Red Kettle campaign.

ward Mayor Barbara Halliday.

for Wednesday's luncheon are still 581-6444. Individual tickets are available as well as sponsorship \$35, or \$250 for a table of eight.

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The affair will include auctions, opportuities and advertising in the prize drawings, giveaways and the Souvenir Program by contacting ringing of the Opening Bell of the Amy Mefford (Amy.Mefford@ 2016 Red Kettle Season by Hay- usw.salvationarmy.org) or Lt. John Kelley (John.Kelley@usw.salva-Table and ticket reservations tionarmy.org) or by calling 510-

## THE HISTORY **BEHIND ICONIC RED KETTLE**

THE ICONIC RED KETTLE debuted at Christmas 1891 in San Francisco in the guise of a crab pot. Salvation Army Captain Joseph McFee resolved to provide a free Christmas dinner for 1,000 poor and destitute but had to fund the project.

He recalled his days as a mariner in Liverpool, England. As boats docked at Stage Landing, passers-by would toss a coin or two in a large iron kettle called "Simpson's Pot" to help the poor.

McFee placed a similar pot, with a sign that read "Keep the Pot Boiling," at the Oakland Ferry Landing at the foot of Market Street and soon had the money for festive fare for the needy.

By 1897, collection kettles had reached the East Coast and the nationwide effort provided 150,000 Christmas meals. In 1901, kettle contributions in New York City enabled the first mammoth sitdown dinner in Madison Square Garden, a custom that continued for many years.

McFee's kettle idea has become a global tradition. Today, Kettles are used to receive donations in Korea, Japan, Chile and many European countries. Eighty-three cents of every dollar raised goes directly to program funding.

To volunteer to help take care of the venue for this event and prepare and serve food, please signup at http://bit.ly/2eZfvJ8.

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



## Z MATA's Competition Kids Team

This week's Athletes of the Week are the competition kids team from Z Martial Arts Training Academy (Z MATA).

the first place team trophy at the twenty-first U.S. Open Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Championships over the had a total of 149 team points with 10 gold medweekend of October 22,23, at the Kaiser Event als. Congratulations to this hard working group Center in Santa Cruz. The tournament had over of kids that represented Castro Valley.

100 different martial arts academies, with more than 1600 competitors from all over the nation. The kids from Castro Valley placed first with 26 This kids team shared the honor of taking home gold medals, 15 silver and 2 bronze, giving them a total of 281 team points. The second place team

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## Volleyball

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### Baseball

will be having live registrations \$250. Fee includes: Registration for the Spring 2017 Season, at and Insurance, Jerseys, Opening Multi-Purpose Room, at 19722 Trophies or Medals and basic Pho-Center Street. Sign-ups are for tograph Package. One Time \$50 player. No open gym scheduled Boys and Girls Ages 4 to 16, on Family Discount if two or more the following dates: Thurs., Nov. players from the same household 10 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Thurs, Dec. 1, are registered at the same time. For Kathy Yao at bgyao@meyao.net 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Thurs., Dec. 29 more, visit our website at: www. or visit http://norcaltopgun.com. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sign up by Satur- castrovalleylittleleague.org/

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GUEST COMMENTARY



## **Today's Homes Get Smart**

Appliances, security systems and more can all be controlled remotely

lights spring into life and the world by phone or internet." the garage door automatically opens, welcoming them home.

discretely turn themselves off.

Inside, interior lights regis- manage expenses. ter their entrance and anticipate music fills the air. The auto-climate controls activate to ensure internet to save money. the rooms are the correct temdim, the surround sound increases in volume and...

You get the idea.

Once the stuff of fiction, today's Smart Homes are not only real, they are moving into the mainstream. While some upscale features are still out of the reach of average homebuyers, Smart Home technology is readilv available to enhance normal lifestyles.

What is a Smart Home? It's not a home with a Nest thermostat stuck on a wall. While a great beginning, it takes more to make a home "smart."

Smarthomeusa.com "Smart Home is the term commonly used to define a residence that has appliances, lighting, heating, air conditioning, TVs, computers, entertainment audio and video systems, security, and camera systems that are capable of communicating with one another and can be controlled remotely by a time schedule, from

## **Mortgage Rates Ease from Recent Spike**

Rates on long-term mortgages moved closer to historic lows again last week, according to Freddie Mac.

Thirty-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 3.47 percent, down from 3.52 percent a week earlier. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.76 percent.

Fifteen-year fixed rates averaged 2.78 percent, down slightly from 2.79 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 2.84, down slightly from the week before when it averaged 2.85 percent. A year ago, the 5-year ARM averaged 2.89 percent.

s the couple pulls up to any room in the home, as well and interact with them from your their home, the driveway as remotely from any location in

Most homeowners start with their heating and cooling technology, the alarm system Learning Thermostat provide lo-

Next for many is a security their movements from room system. Companies like Comto room. The fireplace springs cast have entered the space and into life, the blinds shut and soft bundle their security systems them even... smarter. with offerings such as cable and

perature for the mood. A movie the key to all these systems is contractor. This article is sponappears on the large flat-screen the ability to visually monitor sored by the Central County TV, accompanied by the sounds the home remotely. Someone Marketing Association at www. of cocktails mixing. The lights rings your doorbell? You can see *ccmgtoday.com*.

smartphone and, with electronic locks, even provide access, regardless of your location.

Add in remotely controlled Cued by visual recognition systems. Products like Nest's lights, window shades, audio systems and baby monitoring deactivates itself and cameras cal or remote control and mon- and you are on your way! Safeitor energy usage so you can ty is also increased with smart smoke and CO detectors, moisture intrusion alarms and more.

Even better, most of these products are DIY, which makes

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22041 Betlen Way	94546	\$569,000	3 BD - 1,3	12 SF - 1954
5296 Camino Alta Mira	94546	\$805,000	3 BD - 2,12	22 SF - 1967
18428 Center Street	94546	\$930,000	4 BD - 2,45	50 SF - 1958
4304 Circle Avenue	94546	\$800,000	3 BD - 1,85	53 SF - 1953
17525 Dorson Lane	94546	\$885,000	4 BD - 1,50	06 SF - 1945
19100 Karris Lane	94546	\$605,000	3 BD - 2,2	10 SF - 1977
4635 Mira Loma Street	94546	\$710,000	3 BD - 1,73	38 SF - 1955
2500 Miramar Ave #307	94546	\$360,000	2 BD - 1,14	18 SF - 1982
21484 Orange Avenue	94546	\$585,000	3 BD - 1,20	00 SF - 1948
18837 Sandy Road	94546	\$710,000	3 BD - 1,53	38 SF - 1947
21003 Wilbeam Avenue	94546	\$490,000	3 BD - 1,3	14 SF - 1956
5356 Briar Ridge Drive	94552	\$585,000	3 BD - 1,6	19 SF - 1978
20056 Mollie Court	94552	\$910,000	4 BD - 2,52	20 SF - 1991
TOTAL SALES:	14			
LOWEST AMOUNT:	\$360.000	MEDIAN A	MOUNT:	\$710,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT:	\$930.000	AVERAGE		\$703,143
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RECENT HOME SALES

San Leandi	ro —		
1272 Begier Avenue	94577	\$780,000	3 BD - 1,977 SF - 1940
319 Best Avenue	94577	\$232,000	3 BD - 1,190 SF - 1930
1920 Bradhoff Avenue	94577	\$612,000	2 BD - 1,154 SF - 1947
592 Lewis Avenue	94577	\$505,000	2 BD - 906 SF - 1927
2480 Longview Drive	94577	\$840,000	3 BD - 2,188 SF - 1961
1173 Sandelin Avenue	94577	\$785,000	3 BD - 2,516 SF - 1971
13741 Seagate Drive #266	94577	\$415,000	1 BD - 990 SF - 1988
1509 137th Avenue	94578	\$380,000	2 BD - 811 SF - 1970
1670 164th Avenue	94578	\$366,000	2 BD - 1,165 SF - 1980
444 Caliente Drive	94578	\$375,000	2 BD - 1,060 SF - 1980
16006 East 14th St #202	94578	\$275,000	2 BD - 811 SF - 1987
16723 Hannah Drive	94578	\$465,000	2 BD - 1,032 SF - 1964
1614 Russ Avenue	94578	\$558,500	2 BD - 1,018 SF - 1948
1591 Burkhart Avenue	94579	\$535,000	3 BD - 1,329 SF - 1957
720 Fargo Avenue #5	94579	\$420,000	2 BD - 840 SF - 1965
15265 Laverne Drive	94579	\$520,500	3 BD - 1,169 SF - 1959
1788 Lawndale Avenue	94579	\$550,000	3 BD - 1,154 SF - 1957
2261 Snipe Court	94579	\$653,000	4 BD - 1,544 SF - 1999
TOTAL SALES:	18		

HIGHEST AMOUNT:	\$232,000 \$840,000	AVERAGE		\$512,750 \$514,833
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## **Water Stress Sends Cherry Tree into Early Dormancy**

**Bv Buzz Bertolero** The Dirt Gardener

My Van cherry tree is we haven't gotten around to off. They should be watered ev-drates completely, it dies. planting it. The leaves are dry- ery other day or daily to avoid ing up and falling off. Yet, there having problems. are new leaves forming and it is flowering again. Is this com- water is affected by the tempera- drop forcing an earlier-than-normon with cherry trees?

occurrence with container fruit the growing season. and flowering trees.

ture and wind, along with the mal dormancy. container which heats up in the

It starts in the leaves along short-lived. Water stress from irregular the outer edges and top of the acting strangely. It was watering is the primary cause of plant where they turn brown and bought last spring but the leaves drying up and falling get very crinkly. If the tree dehy-

> Cherry trees start to go dormant naturally in the early fall. The rate that a plant loses Water stress increases the leaf

With mild temperatures, but it is a more frequent ing from water stress throughout flowers and begins a new growth So, I'd plant it in the ground or Buzz. Bertolero.

cycle. Although, all of this is a larger container

With cooler days and nights, the tree will go back into dor- isn't enough room for all their mancy and that stops the growth. The tree will drop any of its new leaves and the rest of the older vanced California Certified ones. However, there is no permanent damage done to the tree. Senior Gardening Professional

Yes, this occurs period- afternoon sun. All of these fac- shorter days and moisture, the ried over into a second growing to dirtgarden@aol.com or on ically in the landscape tors contribute to a plant suffer- tree awakens from dormancy, season in the same container. Facebook at Facebook.com/

by the end of Feb-GARDENER ruary. There just

Buzz Bertolero is an Ad-Nursery Professional and the Next spring, it will awaken at Sloat Garden Centers. His web address is www.dirtgarden-Fruit trees should not be car- er.com. Send questions by email



Cherry trees blossom in the spring and go dormant in the

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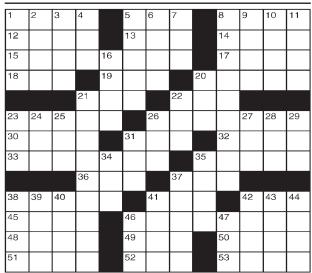
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## CVSan Board Member 'Compelled to Set the Record Straight' in Response to Mellon Letter

As a Castro Valley Sanitary District Board member with firsthand knowledge of these issues, I am compelled to respond to Frank Mellon's letter to the Forum last week and to set the record straight regarding his comments about a limited pilot program the District is

In his letter, Frank states that two incumbent CVSan Board members are committed to every other week garbage pickups, and that they would not reduce garbage rates accordingly.

This is patently false. No board member has expressed any such

Here are the facts. CVSan is conducting a voluntary less than weekly garbage pickup pilot study using a few pickup routes to see if less than weekly garbage is even feasible (recycling and organic pickups would remain weekly). Customers in those trial routes may still put their garbage out weekly if they want to.

If the trial is unsuccessful, the less than weekly pilot will cease and no further action will be taken. If it's successful, the District will consider whether or not to make a change with input from the public.

The pilot was funded by StopWaste.org, an agency dedicated to reducing waste going to the landfill.

-Melody Appleton CVSan Board Member

### Supports Maher for CVSan Board - Says it's 'Time for a Needed Change'

It is time for a needed change on the Castro Valley Sanitary District Board. I hope you will vote for John Maher for the CVSan Board.

The current Board increased our sewer service rates over the last two years by 25% from \$303 in 2015 to \$380 currently (Board Minutes, 6/16/2015, Item No. 7).

The current Board gave the General Manager a 15.53% raise in 2015 (Board Minutes, 4/7/2015, Item No. 17). The General Manager currently makes a base salary of \$208,000 with an overall compensation package costing the ratepayers over \$300,000 to run a 20 person district.

The current Board purchased the Caltrans property on Center Street for \$1,500,000, without any public input (Committee Minutes, 8/27/2015). The current Board is contemplating spending up to \$16,000,000 for a new office building on that property (Committee Minutes, 8/27/2015).

Keeping rates as low as possible has never been a priority with the current Board of Directors. Please vote for John Maher.

-Ken Owen, Castro Valley

## Calls for Re-Election of Jo Loss to School Board for 'Her Knowledge and Commitment'

I am honored to know and have worked with Jo Loss over the many years that she has served on the Castro Valley Unified School District Board of Education, and I wholeheartedly endorse her re-election.

The Castro Valley Unified School District has enjoyed an extraordinary and well-earned reputation for having school board members who dedicate their talent, energy and countless hours to quality education for the children of Castro Valley.

During my many years working with the Castro Valley Unified School District and volunteering with the Castro Valley Arts Foundation, I have come to appreciate the knowledge and commitment needed for serving on a school board.

school board members. Jo Loss has given tirelessly of herself for the students of Castro Valley and California, both on our school board, as a parent in our district

Jo's energy and experience with the district and her perspective

and understanding of the long view, will provide critical help to new

and PTA member, and serving as the California State PTA president. I strongly urge you to vote for Jo Loss for Board of Trustees.

**—Erma Smith**, Castro Valley

## Urges 'Yes" Vote on HARD Measure F1

As a longtime resident of Hayward, I have always appreciated the variety of programs offered by the Hayward Area Recreation District (HARD). And the number of parks and facilities that HARD maintains is astounding. Kennedy Park, with its train, carousel, and petting zoo, is a great place to have children's birthday parties or family gatherings.

The Sulphur Creek Nature Center and Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center, offer wonderful nature programs and camps, and host hundreds of school field trips each year.

HARD residents are also fortunate to have a quality community theater, Japanese gardens, rodeo grounds, golf courses, several swimming pools, ball fields, skate parks, many community centers, art galleries

and parks of all sizes. There's no doubt the 72 year old District has much to offer its residents.

Then, in 1996, when I was elected onto the HARD board, I was surprised to learn that since 1992, the State had been siphoning a good portion of HARD's property tax revenue to help fund public education. Because HARD has lost over 200 million dollars to the State since 1992, the District doesn't have the capital improvement dollars needed to keep up its aging and well used facilities or to build new parks for its growing population.

HARD has done a good job despite the State's take away, thanks in part to partnering with other public agencies whenever possible. Still, the HARD board and staff are very eager to properly address its growing deferred maintenance, expand services, and improve the safety, quality, cleanliness, and attractiveness of all its parks and facilities.

This Nov. 8th voters can help make great changes to their local park district, by voting YES on Measure F1.

Visit www.yesonf1forbetterparks.com for more information.

-Minane Jameson, Hayward

### Says We Can't Risk Electing Trump Head

Editor:

We need a person with the highest ethics to serve our Country, not someone like Donald Trump. We can't risk electing a candidate who puts his profits ahead of the needs of working families. Let's vote to ensure working men and women get the support we deserve.

—Paul Morse, Walnut Creek

### Calls Clinton 'Most Corrupt Presidential Candidate Since Aaron Burr

Editor:

Because the left wing media has overwhelmed us with anti-Trump gossip, it appears we are about to elect a felony criminal as the first woman president. Hillary is the most corrupt presidential candidate since Aaron Burr.

Hillary has committed at least 66,010 felonies. She used a private server for official government business 33,000 times. That means she violated Title 18, Section 793, (f) 33,000 times. Then she used a computer "bleaching service" to destroy the emails. Every deleted email is also a violation of Title 18 Section 1519 (destruction of evidence).

And let's add in the nine blackberry devices which her aides pounded into dust with hammers. Finally add in the perjury Hillary committed when she lied under oath to Congress, denying that she had destroyed any "business related" emails. That's 66,010 felonies.

Remember "Travelgate?" Hillary fired government workers just to give that work to a friend in Arkansas. Remember (back in 1994) how Hillary magically (illegally) turned a thousand dollars into 100,000 dollars (in just 10 months) with her fraudulent trades in cattle futures?

Remember the four brave Americans who died in Benghazi while Hillary refused to authorize sending help for 13 horrible hours? Remember how afterwards Hillary lied to us about the reason for the Benghazi attack? Remember her pay per play dealings at the state Department? Remember how some of her foundation employees were simultaneously employees of the State Department? Remember Hillary's total incompetence as Secretary of State?

No, just forget about all of these things. Instead, pay attention to the next "big story" about Trump brushing his hand over some woman's butt ten years ago. According to the left wing media, that's much more

-Peter Hauer, Castro Valley

## Creekside Student Urges a Vote for Hillary

In July, Charles Scott wrote to the editor of the Forum, with a complaint: many reasons have been given in opposition of Trump but few are given to vote for Clinton.

reasons to vote for Hillary, and why it is essential to keep her opponent far from the White House. Hillary's experience in politics makes her more than qualified to

Charles Scott brings up a good point. The following are several

serve as President. She was the New York Senator from 2001 to 2009, and the United States Secretary of State from 2009 to 2013. She is a bridge builder who wants a system that works for all

Americans, of any race or social class. She promised to introduce a

comprehensive immigration reform, including a full path to citizenship for immigrants, in the first hundred days in office. Hillary's education policy also qualifies her for the office. Her

platform decided at the convention includes tuition free admission to all community colleges. Donald Trump, in contrast, has no experience in politics whatsoev-

er, and is unqualified to serve in the Oval Office. He has been a large corporation businessman and television star most of his life. Trump is, compared to the democratic nominee, a wall-builder and divider. He has said that as president he would force Mexico to pay for a wall on the U.S./Mexico border.

His education policy is remarkably different than Hillary's. He told Fox News Sunday host Chris Wallace that, as president, he might completely eradicate the Education Department.

It is the right and obligation of every American citizen to vote. This year, I strongly urge every American to vote for Hillary Clinton as president of the United States of America.

-Rafi Overton, 8th grader, Creekside Middle School

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## Award: Bike Restorations

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through social media. He also scours yard sales, Craigslist and eBay for inexpensive bikes he can buy and rehab.

After restoring them in his garage that's packed with bicycles and parts, he puts out the word again on social media that the bikes are available to those in need (on a Facebook page titled "Bad Business Model Bikes").

Lucky recipients then stop by Bradford's garage, often pose for a photo with their new bike, and ride off, happy to be mobile.

Self-trained in the art of bicycle mechanics, he prefers to work alone, and seeks no funding for the enterprise, although he gets unsofans locally and even abroad. Sales of T-shirts branded with the Bad Business Model Bikes logo also help finance the modest workshop.

Bradford does little bookkeeping, and he has no idea how many bikes he has rehabbed and given away, although if the traffic on his the past year.

"One person is making a real fin. "Saving old bicycles from the need transportation the means to Oakland office. be mobile. Billy's Bad Business Model produces beautiful results."

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licited monetary donations from Long-time RCS supporter Bud Fix receives his Lifetime Achievement Award at the Redwood Christian Schools Annual Dinner. Pictured from left are Superintendent Al Hearne II, Bud Fix, daughter Cythnia Fix, and Board Member Charlie Beck.

## RCS Holds 47th Annual Dinner

they number in the dozens over Canyon View in San Ramon on Board Member April Nunez. Monday, October 24.

Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented to two families The MTC is the transportation of long-time supporters: Bud and Ethel Fix, by Board Member Fix posthumously), and Bruce and

Facebook page is any indication, held its 47th Annual Dinner at Kristi of Bancroft Uniforms, by

Also honored were Erin Mc-Featured guests included RCS Grath, who received the RCS difference," said the MTC's Grif- alumnus Nick Costanzo (Class of Steward Award in recognition 2011), who serves as a California for her outstanding service to the Initiative. landfill, and giving people who Highway Patrol officer for the students of RCS, and elemen-

Redwood Christian Schools Sherrie Barnes, and their daughter tary teachers Cheryl Bicker and Cortney Marcus, who received the RCS Inspirational Leadership Award for their leadership roles in implementing the Redwood Christian Elementary Growth Mindset

-Mike Kady, RCS

## CV Teachers Support Education Measures

Castro Valley teachers have voted to endorse three state ballot measures related to education: Prop. 51, Prop. 55 and Prop. 58.

Prop. 51 would authorize a \$9 billion bond for upgrades and new construction at K-12 schools and community colleges.

Prop. 55 would extend the current state income tax rate for those earning more than \$250,000 per year for 12 years, through 2030. The measure would raise at least \$4 billion per year to support K-12 schools, community colleges and health care for low-income people.

"Both measures will help provide schools and students with the measure would deprive schools succeed," said Roger Kim, president of CV Teachers Association.

Prop. 58 would allow schools to establish dual-language immersion programs, overturning a use, promote health and protect 1998 initiative that strictly limited bilingual education regardless of school districts' and parents' pref-



Castro Valley teachers also voted to endorse Prop. 56, which would increase cigarette taxes by \$2 per pack, raising around \$1 billion per year to support health care and anti-smoking programs.

Tobacco companies have claimed in advertising that the support they deserve and need to of tax revenue. Teachers consider that claim shamefully false, as the measure does not affect education in any way.

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## Bags: Ordinance Expands

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stores will further protect our local environments and waterways," said Authority Board President Dan Kalb in a press statement. "The original ordinance proved to be a success, and we expect a positive impact as well on litter reduction in our communities."

The outcomes of the two State "Expanding the ordinance to all Propositions (65 and 67) that deal with shopping bags and revenue from them will not affect Alameda County's ordinance since it was originally adopted before the state law adoption in 2014.

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