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## MAC Split on Daughtrey's Future

By Amy Sylvestri  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

After a three-hour meeting of the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) last week, two tie votes resulted in no decision being made on a new preferred developer for the Daughtrey building.

The matter has now been tabled until the MAC's July 17 meeting.

Three developers presented their ideas to the MAC and a large crowd at the Castro Valley Library last Thursday.

Main Street Properties proposed a 24,000-square-foot "department store of food" with specialty grocery items, juice bar, florist, and a cafe among other amenities.

"Castro Valley has tremendous unmet potential," said Main Street Property Services owner Craig Semmelmeier. "We've gotten amazing feedback and our confidence grows and grows."

Alikian/Samson proposed a mixed-use development of approximately 12,000-square-feet of retail space on the ground floor including a restaurant and wine bar and up to 22 rental residential units on the upper floor.

"I will deliver a project in 2019 that's fully occupied and that everyone in this room can patronize," said Shawn Alikian.

And Bay Area Urban presented a mixed-use project featuring 8,750-square-feet of retail and a 2,500-square-foot courtyard on the ground floor including a Mexican restaurant, a craft beer place, and a coffee-house and nine residential units.

"This is a place that can be Castro Val-



ley's living room," said Stuart Rickard of Bay Area Urban.

The MAC continued the item because either residential proposal would require the shared parking plan that includes neighboring businesses to be amended into order to allow any overnight parking.

MAC Chair Marc Crawford favored the grocery project, as it would require no changes to the parking plan and could be underway in the shortest amount of time. He added that the possibility of amending the parking wasn't in the initial county request for bids, so it's unfair to other developers who may have put a project together if they knew they had the option.

"That's changing the rules after the fact – that's not fair, is it?" asked Crawford.

"Life's not fair," responded MAC member Linda Tangren, which inspired hoots from the audience.

Many members of the crowd were in favor of the Alikian proposal, as he is from Castro Valley, and family and friends were in attendance. Alikian also gave a presentation on his project at the Moose Lodge earlier in the week, which seemed to have sold some of the public speakers.

Tangren said that she was interested in the residential mixed use developments because they are the way of the future.

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## Ted Riche Picked for The MAC

By Amy Sylvestri  
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Ted Riche, a board member of the Castro Valley Sports Foundation, is Supervisor Nate Miley's pick to fill a vacancy on the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC).



Ted Riche

Riche will fill the spot left by Janet Everson who quit the MAC in February. He will complete the remainder of Everson's term, which ends in July 2020.

Riche has been a Castro Valley resident for a decade and works for IBM as a support planner. He served six years as president of the Castro Valley Sports Foundation and has coached youth basketball.

The seven-member council advises Miley and county staff on local issues including land use and town planning. It was created in 1981.

Riche will have a major decision to make right off the bat – he is likely to be the swing vote in choosing a developer for the former Daughtrey's site, as the MAC was deadlocked with two tied 3-to-3 votes on the matter at their most recent meeting.

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors is expected to approve Miley's selection of Riche at their meeting this week.

## 400 Runners Take the Challenge at Lake Chabot

Some 400 people – from weekend joggers to premier runners – turned out for Sunday's 34th Annual Lake Chabot Trail Challenge, a benefit for the Castro Valley Track Club.

It was two races actually, a 13-mile half-marathon at 8 a.m. and a 5K – just a little over 3 miles – a half-hour later.

The weather was near-perfect, so runners in both categories were able to enjoy the view of Lake Chabot from the grassy slopes. The run is rated as the second most scenic race in the U.S. by Trail Runner Magazine.

The half-marathon was a hilly loop, mostly on dirt fire roads, while the 5K was over gentle rolling hills on paved surfaces.

The 5K attracted a wide range

of ages, the oldest an 80-year-old man, the youngest was just seven. All entrants were treated to free sports drinks, fruit, bagels and T-shirts.

With the discontinuation of the Eden Hospital "Run to the Lake," the Trail Challenge is the only public cross country event now offered in Castro Valley.

It is the second leg of the East Bay Triple Crown, which includes the Tilden Tough Ten that was held on May 21, and the Woodmonster coming up on June 25.

The Castro Valley Track Club, in its 33rd season, has been a successful "feeder program" for Castro Valley High cross country and track and has produced numerous athletes who have gone on to compete at the college level.



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The 34th Annual Lake Chabot Trail Challenge on Sunday morning attracted participants ranging in age from seven to 80. Runners in the 5k (above) ranged in age from seven to 80.



### Castro Valley Weather June 7 - 11, 2017

Wednesday  
Clouds then Sun  
High 72° Low 59°

Thursday  
Possible Showers  
High 72° Low 58°

Friday  
Clouds then Sun  
High 66° Low 53°

Saturday  
Mostly Sunny  
High 69° Low 51°

Sunday  
Mostly Sunny  
High 73° Low 59°

### Almanac

Past Week's Rain: 00.00  
Season To Date: 36.22  
Normal To Date: 21.22  
Season Average: 21.22

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June 9

June 17

June 24

June 29

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## 'Friends of Education' Awarded

The Castro Valley Educational Foundation each year recognizes a teacher, administrator, employee, parent and business or organization that has made a difference in our schools. This year's recipients of the Foundation's "Friends of Education" awards are Kathy Ng (Parent), Garland and Bruce Dughi, Eric Yao, Yvonne Lee (Organization Science Olympiad), Mary Boyle (Administrator), Susan Barajas (Classified Employee), Darren Rees (Teacher) and CVEF past president Jennifer Pletcher. "Friends of Education" awards honors each for their multiple contributions to education. The winners were presented with a certificate and plaque during the CV School Board of Education meeting last Thursday. PICTURED ABOVE: Castro Valley Educational Foundation President Hope Kingma, at left, with "Friends of Education" award (Science Olympiad) recipients Bruce and Garland Dughi, Yvonne Lee and Eric Yao, and Foundation Secretary Shelli Cmelak.

## Warm Weather Means Active Rattlesnakes

Spring and summer are active snake seasons in the East Bay Regional Parks and other open spaces. As the weather heats up, rattlesnakes especially become more active. Snakes regulate their body temperature by moving in and out of shade. A warmer snake can move faster when trying to catch prey. Snakes eat a variety of foods including insects, slugs, frogs, birds, bird eggs, small mammals, and other reptiles.

Several kinds of snakes live in the East Bay. Most are harmless, but any snake will bite in self-defense. Because a rattlesnake bite is poisonous, it is considered a 9-1-1 medical emergency. During a recent week, the Regional Park District received six reports of rattlesnake sightings, including a 47-year-old man who was bitten by a rattlesnake near the top of Mission Peak Regional Preserve in Fremont. The victim was taken by helicopter to the hospital and is recovering.

A rattlesnake sighting was reported in the parking lot outside of East Bay Regional Park Police Headquarters at Lake Chabot Regional Park in Castro Valley. People visiting the regional parks at this time of year are urged to take these safety precautions.

- Always hike with a friend so you can help each other in case of emergency.
- Look at the ground ahead of you as you are walking.
- Look around and under logs and rocks before sitting down.
- Avoid putting your hands or feet where you can't see clearly.
- Check around picnic tables, campsites, and barbecues before using them.
- If you encounter a rattlesnake in these areas, notify park staff. Do not disturb it. Stay calm. Give it plenty of room and leave it alone. Do not try to capture or harm it. All park wildlife is protected by law.
- Bring plenty of water for yourself and your pets as many parks do not have direct water supply.
- Keep pets on the designated trails and away from snakes if they see one.

If bitten by a rattlesnake, stay calm and send someone to Call 911. The victim should remain calm by lying down with the affected limb lower than the heart. Do not waste precious time on tourniquets, "cutting and sucking," or snake bite kits. If you are by yourself, walk calmly to the nearest source of help: another person, a park employee, or a phone to Dial 911. Do Not Run.

Snakes are an important resource in the natural environment. They are prime controlling agents of rodent, insect, and other reptile populations.

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The Castro Valley AIDS/LifCycle team in a photo before departing on their 545-mile bike ride to Los Angeles. From left, Linda Clinkenbeard, Gaelan Mundorff, Dot Theodore, Rhonda Gambrell, Alicia Callahan and Randy Davis.

## CV Team in 7-Day Bike Ride In Fight Against HIV/AIDS

Castro Valley residents Randy Davis, Rhonda Gambrell and Dot Theodore, and Alicia Callahan of Oakland, Linda Clinkenbeard of San Lorenzo and Gaelan Mundorff of Fremont, have joined thousands of other participants this week for AIDS/LifCycle.

The seven-day, 545-mile bike ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles began Sunday and will continue through Saturday. It is the world's largest annual, single-event AIDS fundraiser.

In the seven days it takes the

riders to reach Los Angeles, more than a thousand people in the U.S. will become infected with HIV. Especially alarming is the fact that one out of every eight people living with HIV nationwide is not aware of their status.

"I ride because someone I love is positive," said Theodore, a member of the Castro Valley School Board. "I ride because we all have a role in ending AIDS."

Davis said that while he's not HIV positive, everyone is affected by the disease.

"Thousands of individuals from all walks of life benefit from the San Francisco AIDS Foundation's programs and services, locally and globally," he said.

The Los Angeles LGBT Center and San Francisco AIDS Foundation, the beneficiaries and producers of AIDS/LifCycle, are at the forefront of efforts to reduce new HIV infections and are dedicated to ensuring access to proper medical care for anyone who needs it.

For more information, visit [aid-lifecycle.org](http://aid-lifecycle.org).

## Sutter Hospitals Honored for Stroke Care

Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley and four other Sutter Health hospitals in Northern California have received recognition from the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association for providing a high level of stroke care.

Eden, Alta Bates, California

Pacific Medical Center, Memorial Medical Center and Mills-Penninsula Medical Center each HAVE earned a Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Achievement Award for their commitment to providing the most appropriate stroke treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guide-

lines.

In addition, all five hospitals earned a Target Stroke Honor Roll recognition—with Eden Medical Center and Alta Bates Summit Medical Center receiving Elite Plus Honor Roll status for their diagnoses and treatment of stroke patients.

## SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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### Wanted Man

Monday, June 5: at 12:19 a.m., Sheriff's deputies pulled over and arrested a 26-year-old man from Hayward on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol. The man was also wanted as part of a warrant issued for his arrest. Deputies stooped the man as he was driving on Castro Valley Boulevard near Santa Maria Avenue. The man was handcuffed and taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$5,000 in bail.

**Reckless, Armed & Intoxicated**  
Sunday, June 4: at 1:54 a.m., a 31-year-old man from San Leandro was arrested on suspicion of reckless driving, driving under the influence of alcohol, and illegal possession of ammunition. The man was also wanted as part of a warrant issued for his capture. Deputies pulled the man over on Redwood Road as he was attempting to enter the Eastbound Interstate 580 freeway onramp. The man's blood-alcohol level registered at twice the legal limit. Deputies took him to Santa Rita Jail pending \$40,000 in bail.

### Suspended License

Saturday, June 3: at 11:30 p.m., deputies arrested a 24-year-old woman from Modesto (Stanislaus County) on suspicion of driving with a suspended license and driving a vehicle without an interlock device following a drunk driving conviction. The woman was stopped in a parking lot of a business on Redwood Road near Pine Street when deputies approached her. She was taken into custody.

**Assault with a Deadly Weapon**  
Saturday, June 3: at 11:47 p.m., a 26-year-old woman from Oakland was arrested on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon, assault on a spouse, possession of stolen property, and providing a false identification to authorities. Deputies stopped the woman

while she was traveling on East Castro Valley Boulevard near Five Canyons Parkway. The woman was also found to have a warrant outstanding for her capture. Deputies took the woman to Santa Rita Jail pending \$5,000 in bail. The victim was treated at the scene.

### Public Intoxication

Saturday, June 3: at 8:46 p.m., deputies arrested a 31-year-old man from Castro Valley on suspicion of public intoxication. The man was traveling on Strobbridge Avenue near Gary Drive when deputies caught up with him. Deputies report the man failed his field sobriety test and was taken into custody.


### Methamphetamine Drug Possession

Friday, June 2: at 10:08 p.m., a 67-year-old man with no permanent address was arrested on

possession of methamphetamine drugs. The man also had an outstanding warrant for a previous illegal narcotics possession charge. Deputies caught up with the man as he was traveling on Grove Way near the Eastbound Interstate 580 onramp. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$20,000 in bail.

### Drinking in Parking Lot Of CV Grocery Store

Saturday, June 3: at 2:35 a.m., deputies arrested a 46-year-old man from Hayward on suspicion of public intoxication. The man also had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. Deputies stopped the man for questioning in the parking lot of a grocery store on Redwood Road near Castro Valley Boulevard. The man was caught with an open container and alcohol on his breath. Deputies took the man to Santa Rita Jail pending \$2,500 in bail.



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## The Week Ahead

### ● Friday, June 9: Warriors Watch Party

Come out and watch Game 4 of the NBA Finals featuring the Golden State Warriors as they battle the Cleveland Cavaliers on the big screen in the gym at the LDS Church, 3900 Seven Hills Road, Castro Valley, this Friday, June 9, at 6 p.m. Hot dogs and nachos will be served.

### ● Saturday, June 10: Luncheon & Fashion Show

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

### ● Saturday, June 10: Hearing Loss Association Meeting

Attorney Steven Derby, whose practice is devoted to representing people with disabilities, will present information on problems encountered by the hearing-impaired. June is our potluck meeting — please bring finger food to share. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m.; program at 10, at the Oakland Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Fabiola Bldg., 3801 Howe St., Lower Level, Room G26. Park free in the garage across Howe. For more info, email athos.artist@att.net or call Kay at 510-886-4717.

### ● Saturday, June 10: Henna Art Class

Join multicultural artist Rachel-Anne Palacios to learn the art of henna from 2 to 4 p.m. this Saturday. She'll explain application techniques, basic designs, and how to buy and prepare supplies. This class is for adults only. Space is limited and registration is required. Register at the Library Information Desk or by calling 510-667-7900.

### ● Saturday, June 10: Family Caregiver Class

To help caregivers understand their rights and to communicate effectively with healthcare professional as they advocate for their loved ones, Hope Hospice is offering a free class "Navigating the Healthcare Environment: Becoming An Advocate for Your Loved One" this Saturday, from 9:45 a.m. to noon at Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Suite 100 in Dublin. Register online at HopeHospice.com.

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

The Eden Japanese Community Center's annual Bazaar, a weekend fundraiser with Japanese food, a raffle, bingo, and carnival-type games for kids, will be held from 3-8 p.m. this Saturday, and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday at the Community Center, 710 Elgin Street in San Lorenzo.

### ● Sunday, June 11: 50 Yard Line Sing

Led by musicians of four local churches, the Castro Valley community will again collaborate for the 2nd annual "50 Yard Line Sing," a night of worship music, happening inside the CVHS stadium this Sunday at 7 p.m. Last year, more than 900 people attended this event which was accompanied by the combined local church choirs, orchestras and bands. Dinner will be available from the Food Truck Mafia starting at 5:30 in the Redwood Road parking lot. There's no cost for admission.

### ● Monday, June 12: Eagles Bingo Luncheon

The Eagles Auxiliary will hold a salad bar luncheon with a meat and cheese tray at noon on Monday at Eagles Hall, 21406 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward, a benefit for FESCO. Your \$8 donation includes on bingo care. For more information, call 510-584-1568.

### ● Monday, June 12: Rubber Stamp Card-Making

Join the Happy Stampers, who make greeting cards using rubber stamps and dies, at 1:30 p.m. Monday (and every second Monday each month) at the San Leandro Library. Beginners welcome, all materials furnished. For more info, call Janie at 510-483-0389.

### ● Tuesday, June 13: Art of Music, Science of Sound

Smalltown Society presents a summer-long Tuesday evening experience in the art of music and science of sound centered around David Byrne's book, "How Music Works," beginning June 13 from 7-9 p.m. at The Space, 22222 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. Each week participants will be listening, discussing, and collaborating together, while engaging in hands-on experiments and creative environments. For more info email: info@smalltownsociety.com

### ● Wednesday, June 14: Toastmasters Open House

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

### ● Thursday, June 15: Senior Scam-Stopper Seminar

Turn the tables on fraud as Assemblymember Bill Quirk and the California Contractors State License Board host a free Senior Scam Stopper Seminar from 1 to 3 p.m. on June 15 at the Aitken Senior Center, 17800 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. A panel of experts will provide information to seniors on how to avoid becoming victims. For more info or to RSVP, contact Assemblymember Quirk's office at 510-583-8818.

## Arts & Entertainment

### CASTRO VALLEY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

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

● **Castro Valley Adult School Band**, will present a free concert next Wednesday, June 14, at 7:30 p.m.

### THEATRICAL & MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

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

● **"Fiesta de Los Niños"** will be presented by the Ballet Folklorico Costa de Oro with special guest youth ensembles "Compania Mexico Danza and Grupo Folklorico Tlapali," at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 10, and at 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 11, at San Leandro Performing Arts Center, 2250 Bancroft Avenue. For tickets (\$20 advance, \$25 at door, seniors and students \$20/\$22) call 510-316-3237 or 510-604-3829.

● **"A Night in Mexico,"** a South-of-the-Border celebration with a vibrant finale performed in the true spirit of a Mexican Fiesta, will be presented by the Ballet Folklorico Costa de Oro at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 10, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 11, at San Leandro Performing Arts Center, 2250 Bancroft Avenue. For tickets (\$20 advance, \$25 at door, seniors and students \$20/\$22) visit [Brownpapertickets.com](http://Brownpapertickets.com)

### ART GALLERIES & EVENTS

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

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

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

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

● **San Leandro Art Association** members' paintings will be on display at Zocalo Coffeehouse, 645 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro thru July 31.

● **Free Art Demo:** Peggy Milovina Meyer will demonstrate her method of fine art illustrating at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13, at the San Leandro Public Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., sponsored by the San Leandro Art Association.

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## Social Security Advice

By Jim Miller  
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Deciding when to begin collecting your Social Security benefits could be one of the most important retirement-income decisions you'll make.

The difference between a good decision and a poor one could cost you tens of thousands of dollars over your retirement, so doing your homework and weighing your options now is a wise move.

### What to Consider

As you may already know, you can claim Social Security any time between the ages of 62 and 70, but each year you wait increases your benefit by 5 to 8 percent.

But there are other factors you need to take into account to help you make a good decision, like your health and family longevity, whether you plan to work in retirement, along with spousal and survivor benefits.

To help you weigh your claiming strategies, you need to know that Social Security Administration claims specialists are not trained or authorized to give you personal

advice on when you should start drawing your benefits. They can only provide you information on how the system works under different circumstances. To get advice you'll need to turn to other sources.

### Web-Based Help

Your first step in getting Social Security claiming strategy advice is to go to SSA.gov/myaccount to get your personalized statement that estimates what your retirement benefits will be at age 62, full retirement age, or when you turn 70. These estimates are based on your yearly earnings that are also listed on your report.

Once you get your estimates, there are many online tools you can turn to that can compare your options so you can make an informed decision.

Some free sites that offer basic calculations include AARP's Social Security Benefits Calculator (AARP.org/socialsecuritybenefits), the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Planning for Retirement tool (ConsumerFinance.gov/retirement) and SSAnalyze (BedrockCapital.com/ssanalyze).



But if you want a more thorough analysis check out Maximize My Social Security (MaximizeMySocialSecurity.com) or Social Security Choices (SocialSecurityChoices.com), which both charge \$40.

These services, which are particularly helpful to married couples as well as divorced or widowed persons, will run scenarios based on your circumstances and show how different filing strategies affect the total payout over the same time frame.

### Personal Advice

If you want human help, there are specialized firms and financial advisors that can advise you too.

One such firm is Social Security Solutions (SocialSecuritySolutions.com, 866-762-7526).

They offer several levels of web-based and personalized service (ranging from \$20 to \$500) including their \$125 "Advised" plan that runs multiple calculations and comparisons, recommends a best course of action in a detailed report, and gives you a one-on-one session with a Social Security specialist over the phone to discuss the report and ask questions.

Or, you can get help through a financial planner. Look for someone who is a fee-only certified financial planner (CFP) that charges on an hourly basis and has experience in Social Security analysis.

To find someone, use the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors online directory at NAPFA.org, or try the Garrett Planning Network (GarrettPlanningNetwork.com), which is a network of fee-only advisers that charge between \$150 and \$300 per hour.

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

## Low Income Seniors Debt Relief Options

**Q** My wife and I have about \$10,000 in credit card debt that we struggle to pay each month. Our incomes are very modest and all from Social Security and my work Pension. Is there any way that we can legally avoid paying this debt without dire consequences?

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

**A** Very likely, yes. Generally speaking, income from Social Security, work pensions, VA Benefits and disability income is protected, by federal law, from collection by non-governmental creditors.

If these are your sources of income, you could very well just stop paying and you would still receive your full incomes each month. Indeed, it is not a crime to stop paying a bill, especially if continuing to pay [doing so] would deprive you of the basic necessities of life. Many seniors are both surprised, and relieved, to learn of this.

Although your creditors may be aware that these sources of income are exempt from collection, some may nevertheless attempt, by repeated phone calls, to coerce you into paying these uncollectible bills.

You can easily put a stop to this. Under the federal "Fair Debt Collection Practices Act" you may send a letter to your creditors demanding that they cease all further efforts to communicate with you by mail or phone. The creditors must then immediately cease all further communication.

Such letters should be sent Certified, Return Receipt Requested, so you have proof of mailing. The creditor then has the option of writing off the debt as uncollectible, or filing a lawsuit to obtain a judgment. Unless the debt is large, many creditors just write off the debt and close their file.

What if one of your creditors opts to file a lawsuit and obtain a judgment?

Answer: They still will not be able to go after your income if it is from one of the sources mentioned above. True, if you own a home,

they could obtain a judgment and record a lien against your home. But, even then, that is usually not as bad as it sounds: attempting to collect a judgment by foreclosing on an individual's home is a cumbersome and expensive process, and most creditors would prefer to just record the judgment and then let it just sit there, accruing interest, to be paid out of escrow only when you someday sell or transfer your home or borrow against it.

There are some exceptions to the above: if you owe money for unpaid taxes or other obligations to federal agencies, such as unpaid student loans, they may garnish up to 15% of your social security income.

But, even here, there are options to avoid collection, upon a proper showing that you need all of your income for your basic necessities.

Another exception is unpaid child or spousal support.

Before deciding upon the best plan in your case, it would be wise to seek legal advice. To aid you, there is a very low cost resource available to low income seniors and the disabled. It is a non-profit law firm called "Help Eliminate Legal Problems for Seniors" ("HELPS").

For a very nominal monthly fee, based on a sliding income scale (which can be as low as \$5/month, or even for free), they will counsel you, call creditors on your behalf, and help you write "Cease and Desist Letters."

You may contact them for assistance on line at [www.HelpsIsHere.org](http://www.HelpsIsHere.org) or by calling 1-855-435-7787.

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

## Free Senior Seminar to Stop Fraud

Assemblymember Bill Quirk and the California Contractors State License Board are hosting a free Senior Scam Stopper Seminar in Castro Valley next week.

It will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, at the Aiken Senior & Community Center, 17800 Redwood Road.

A panel of experts will provide information to seniors on how to avoid becoming victims of fraud. Attendees can get answers to their questions and obtain assistance if they have been scammed.

For more information, or to RSVP, please contact Assemblymember Quirk's office at 510-583-8818 or email Lyanne Mendez at [lyanne.mendez@asm.ca.gov](mailto:lyanne.mendez@asm.ca.gov).

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**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** A heads-up alert to all free-spirited Ewes and Rams: Be wary of a deal that could result in compromising your independence. Check every detail before making a commitment.

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** New facts emerge that help put an irksome workplace situation in perspective. Meanwhile, pay more attention to a family member who needs your wisdom and strength.

**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** A slight setback in plans is nothing to worry about. Use this delay to deal with a number of matters you might have ignored for too long. Expect news from someone in your past.

**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** You're entering a period of stability. Use it to straighten out any outstanding problems related to a very personal situation. Also, pay closer attention to financial matters.

**LEO (July 23 - August 22):** As much as you love being a social Lion, you might well benefit from staying out of the spotlight for a while. You need time to reflect on some upcoming decisions.

**VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** A difficult family situation improves, thanks to your timely intervention. You can now start to focus more of your attention on preparing for a possible career change.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** An on-the-job change works to your benefit by offering new opportunities. It's up to you to check them out. Meanwhile, a stalled romantic situation starts up again.

**SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** That flare-up of Scorpion temperament cools down, leaving you more receptive to suggestions about changes that might need to be made in your personal life.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** An unusual period of indecisiveness is a mite frustrating. But things soon clear up, allowing the sage Sagittarian to make those wise pronouncements again.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** You might feel that you know best, but it's not a good idea at this time to try to force your opinions on others. Best advice: Inspire change by example, not by intimidation.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** Some setbacks could affect your plans to fortify your financial situation. But things start moving again by early next week. Meanwhile, enjoy your resurgent social life.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** Show that often-hidden steely spine of yours as you once again stand up to an emotional bully. You've got the strength to do it, especially as friends rally to your side.

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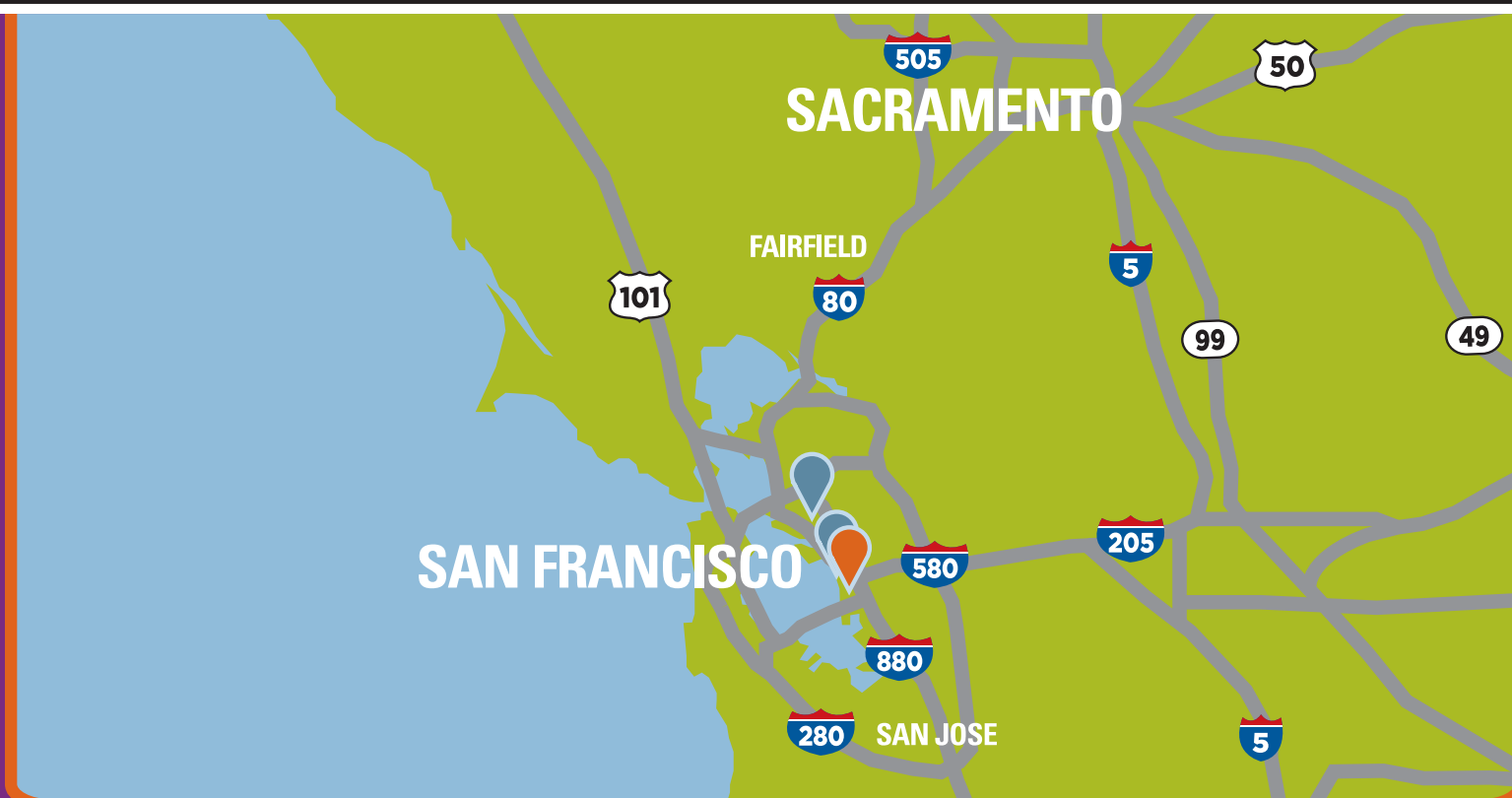
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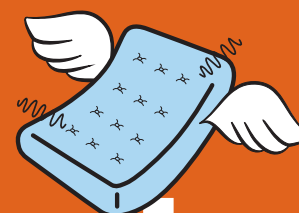
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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



### David Torres

This week's Athlete of the Week is David Torres, an 8th-grader at Creekside Middle School who's been a member of the Wildcats' wrestling team for the past three years. He has set a great example for every member of the team, missing very few practices over the course of three years.

Torres stays dedicated to the sport of wrestling all year round and is one of a few wrestlers that finished the eighth grade season undefeated, which includes all of the dual meets throughout the season.

He was the Champion at the Tri-Valley Bulldog Tournament, San Leandro Bronco Tournament, and the Harvest Park Tournament. The week before the League Tournament, Torres had to overcome the flu and a day of exhausting battles, but through it all, he ended up being the East Bay Coastal League Champion for his weight class.

Torres is extremely family oriented and in turn his family's support has been a huge contribution to the wrestling program at Creekside.

Creekside wrestling is honored to have had Torres as part of the Wildcats' family for the past three years and the coaches look forward to seeing him come back to help out in the coming years.

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## SPRING LEAGUE CHAMPS



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- Lament
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- Allow
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- Rowing need
- Obsolescent letter opener?
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- Silences
- 1967 Lee Marvin movie, with "The"
- Ms. Moore
- Not alfresco
- Teeny bit
- Spot on a domino
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- Padlocked fastener
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- Many
- Help in a heist
- Agent
- Bard's instrument

### DOWN

- Uppity one
- Weak, as an excuse
- Thing
- Eyeglass
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- Poetic time of day
- Bad pun
- Radiant
- Work on manuscripts
- Periodical, for short
- Greek vowel
- Every iota
- White House monogram
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- Green land
- Just say no
- Scored 100 on
- Urban transport
- Take too much medicine
- Solver of the Riddle of the Sphinx
- Old timer?
- Workout locale
- Chaps
- Entice
- Very quick
- Sans siblings
- Stench
- Memorization method
- "Eureka!"
- Bill
- Devil's minion

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## FATAL DISTRACTION

# New Teen Drivers at High Risk

The period between Memorial Day and Labor Day is known as the "100 Deadliest Days" for teen drivers, a time when the average number of deadly teen driver crashes climbs 15 percent compared to the rest of the year.

"Teen crashes spike during the summer months because teens are out of school and spend more time on the road," said Mike Blasky, AAA spokesman for Northern California. "Parents are the front line of defense for keeping our roads safer this summer, and it starts with educating teens about safety on the road and demonstrating good behavior."

Over the past five years, more than 1,600 people were killed in crashes involving inexperienced teen drivers during the 100 Deadliest Days.

A new study from the AAA Foundation found that for every mile on the road, drivers ages 16-17 years old are almost four times as likely to be involved in a crash as driver 18 and older, and more than twice as likely to be involved in a fatal crash. The number of teen drivers involved in fatal crashes in 2015 increased more than 10 percent from the previous year, according to the latest data available from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

To reverse this trend, AAA urges parents to get involved and talk to their teens about the dangers of risky behavior behind the wheel.

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## Single-hung Windows Won't Come Clean

**By Samantha Mazzotta**  
Special to the Forum

**Q** I clean my apartment windows every week, but I can't clean the outside. If I lift the window and reach around outside, I can just get the bottom part of the window. We're in an upstairs unit, so I can't reach them from outside. Any solutions?



**Using dishwashing liquid in a lot of warm water loosens dirt better than ammonia cleaners.**

**A** It sounds like you have single-hung windows, which have a bottom sash that can be lifted up, while the top window is sealed into the frame. Double-hung windows can be opened at either the top or bottom.

Single-hung windows are designed so that the bottom sash can be removed for cleaning or replacement. How they're removed varies slightly from manufacturer to manufacturer, but there are a couple of methods that are pretty much the same.

The simplest type to remove, in my opinion, is a sash that has slide-backs along the top so you can easily pull in its top retainer clips and lever the top of the sash out of the frame toward you. From there it can be disengaged from the slider connections at the bottom and maneuvered out of the frame. Or, if you're just going to clean the

outside, you can lever it out until it lies flat, clean it and put it back into place.

The other common type is a sash held in place by removable hardware, like sash stops at the top of the track. After removing or shifting retaining clips, the sash is lifted past its normal opening point and away from its bottom balancers or guides, and then levered out from one side and then the other.

Confused? Do an internet search for videos of single-hung window sash removal until you come across one similar to yours.

With the bottom sash out of the way, you can much more easily reach the outside top of the window to clean it. Doing this weekly may not be fun – lifting the sash out of some windows

can be somewhat frustrating, and there's always a risk of damaging the hardware, like the balancers or sash stops. So, clean the outside windows only a couple of times a year, or when they are noticeably dirty.

What's the best way to quickly clean windows, especially the grimmer outside? Add a little bit of dishwashing liquid to a lot of warm water, and use a big sponge to apply the suds. This loosens dirt much better than ammonia cleaner and paper towels. Swipe away the suds with a window squeegee (available at home-improvement stores or in many home-goods stores), cleaning the blade after each swipe, and wipe the corners of the window with a lint-free rag.

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## REAL ESTATE REALITY

**By Carl Medford, CRS**  
Special to the Forum

**GUEST COMMENTARY**



## Moving Levels for Every Budget

**L**ike it or not, moving is a part of life and will happen at least a few times during everyone's lifetime.

At its most basic, moving has five basic components: packing, loading, driving, unloading and unpacking. Last week, we touched on packing, this week we'll look at the various methods for the actual move.

There are four general options:

### 1. Basic

Considering the fact that at various phases of your life you may not have many belongings, a basic move infers that you can put everything you own in cars and pickup trucks and make as many trips as necessary to the final destination. This option is perfect for short moves.

### 2. Rent a truck

When you have more objects than will fit in regular vehicles and cost is an issue, a rented truck is the way to go. While the most popular supplier is U-Haul, there are many other options.

Planning a move out of the local area? Make sure your truck vendor has a vehicle drop off site close to your final destination. Designed to make DIY moves as easy as possible, these trucks can come equipped with dollies and blankets for minimal extra fees.

### 3. Professional

Don't want to drive or load a truck yourself? Hire a moving company to load and haul your goods. In its basic form, you pack your belongings and their crew loads and unloads the truck. They

will not guarantee anything you personally pack.

Go with their full-service option and they do everything, including packing, unpacking and providing a full guarantee. Some companies provide estimates which can frequently be off the mark. We recommend companies that provide guaranteed flat fees with no additional charges.

### 4. Moving Containers

If your move involves a truck or trailer, you pay daily fees as long as it houses your goods. If you must wait days or weeks before accessing your new address, fees escalate quickly.

This is one reason moving containers are increasingly popular.

They are dropped off at your current home for you to load. Once full, they're picked up, moved to your final destination and held until you need them. Give the word and they are delivered for you to unload.

Whatever mode you choose, pay careful attention to the costs. There can often be hidden fees and your total can quickly escalate. Plan carefully – and barring any unforeseen accidents, everything should move along smoothly.

Carl Medford is a licensed Realtor with Keller Williams Realty and a licensed general contractor. This article is sponsored by the Central County Marketing Association at [www.ccmgtoday.com](http://www.ccmgtoday.com).

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## Sod or Seed; Pine Tree Shows Signs of Mealybug

By Buzz Bertolero  
The Dirt Gardener

**Q** We're going to redo our front yard. It's going to include a small lawn. I know the cost of seed is less expensive than sod. But, what are the other positive and/or negatives between them?

**A** With sod, you're buying time and that is the biggest differential between it and seed. With sod, you're laying down a five-month-old turf versus starting from scratch

with seed. There is less labor involved in sowing seed; however, seeded lawns require more attention and time to establish.

Grass seed germinates in 10 to 21 days, depending on the variety. Both the sun and the wind will have a drying effect on the germinating grass. Hence, the seed will require sprinkling four or more times a day, depending on the temperature. If the seed dries out, you'll have to reseed again.

After the third mowing, the unwanted weeds are removed and you'll reseed any bare spots.

Sod requires little care other than water after the installation. It's an instant and mature lawn.

Another key consideration is how soon you'll need to utilize the area. A sodded lawn tolerates light traffic within hours of being installed. It should be rooted into the soil within two weeks. After a month, it can withstand normal use.

With a seeded lawn, it is six weeks or longer before it's mature enough for moderate traffic.

One thing that doesn't change is the soil preparation, as

it's the same for both.

Personally, I'd never seed a new lawn. The babysitting required to establish one is not very appealing to me. Sod is very convenient along with providing instant gratification and is well worth the additional expense.

**Q** We bought a five-gallon pine tree last Christmas. It has quite a bit of new growth but there is one thing that concerns me: It has been getting patches of white, fuzzy stuff that looks like little

cotton balls. What can I do to get rid of it? Also, how might we keep it from getting too big?

**A** The white cottony material is mealybug and it's an insect found on the mature growth. It can be controlled with insecticidal soap or horticultural oil.

If the white stuff is on the new growth, I wouldn't worry about it. It is normal for pines to produce a waxy, resin-like material with new or "candle growth".

Pine trees used as a living

Christmas tree will not stay small. Depending on the species, they can reach a height of 50 to 80 feet.

You can control the size of pines for a while by trimming the candle growth — the long, very upright shoots of the immature needles that extend above the existing growth.

With a pair of hand shears, cut the new growth off where it meets the old needles.

Transplanting into a larger see **MEALYBUG** on page 11



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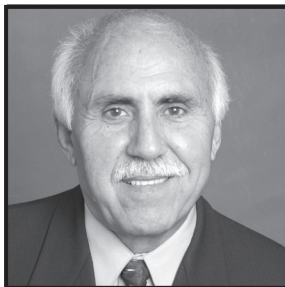
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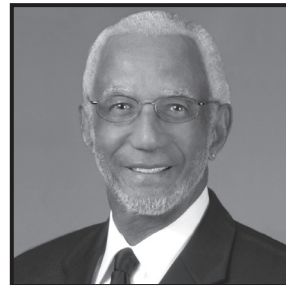
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**Mealybug:**

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container is suggested; but, eventually, it will need to be planted in the ground. And that raises the question of whether or not your yard can support a large tree, which is a whole separate discussion.

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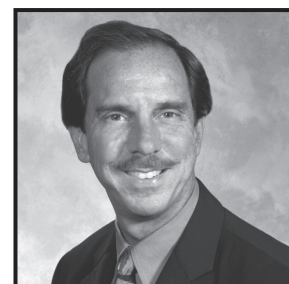
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Feels MAC Members Had Already Made Up Their Minds On Daughtrey Proposals

Editor:

I attended the meeting regarding the proposals for the Daughtrey's building on Thursday evening. After the three developers presented their proposals and the floor was opened up for public comment, everyone who spoke, including myself, was in favor of the Alikien, Samson Properties proposal.

The speakers included a store owner from Castro Village, a representative of one of the properties who share in the "shared parking agreement" for the parking lot, and several concerned citizens.

After the Public Comments, the board members questioned the developers and then it was brought up for a vote. Two of the MAC board members did not raise any questions with the developers and then proceeded to vote in favor of Main Street Properties.

I have to believe that their minds were made up going into this meeting and there was absolutely no consideration given to the public comments. I guess

that what the citizens and business owners want really doesn't matter and it was a waste of our time to think differently.

Although no decision was made pending the appointment of a new board member, I can't help but think that, in the end, it won't make any difference, they will have their tie breaker and Main Street Properties will get the contract. So much for trying to do this the right way.

—Carolyn Darcey, Castro Valley

### Nazi Flag: Combating the 'Fear of Otherness'

Editor:

Empathy takes bravery to truly understand another's struggle not from our perspective but from theirs.

The article "Neighborhood Alarmed by Nazi Flag Over CV Home" (Page 1, The Forum, May 31) inspired anger – almost hate in me. I mean how in Castro Valley can something so hateful be allowed to happen? Isn't this supposed to be the state that celebrates the uniqueness of all?

I realize that I'm privileged in feeling this way. Celebrating surface level differences in people

are just the leaves on the tree. The deeper challenge is at the roots where deep seeded value systems, worldviews, and experiences aren't always so visible, but drive who we are.

This flag represents so much more than just an abominable time period, tremendous hate, and purposed to strike fear in others. It is symptomatic of a deeper illness wreaking havoc in our communities – fear of otherness.

Thinking back to empathy and combating exclusive ideology... one of the most powerful tools we have is to listen. Listen to other's deep rooted experiences without judgment, their struggles and our role in them. Be open to the idea that our obliviousness may actually be part of the problem – everyone's reality is as real as ours.

That flag represents the opposite of true freedom by trying to exclude others (something we as a community cannot tolerate). It symbolizes the fear of otherness and is a sign that we still have work to do on our road to become the land of the free. Castro Valley can be welcoming to all, if we take the time combat this fear of otherness by listening and being empathic to one another.

—Sarah Polidori, Castro Valley

### Says Town Won't Tolerate Nazi Anti-Semitic Views

Editor:

We will not tolerate the Nazi in our town. He is not welcome here and will be confronted until he either understands we do not tolerate his anti-Semitic views, and he complies, or we will continue to put pressure on him until he leaves.

—Bill Kubitz, Castro Valley

### A Respectful Gesture that 'Meant a Lot'

Editor:

On Memorial Day, we took my father-in-law to the Ice Creamery.

Our server Juan noticed my father-in-law's cap had a Navy insignia on it. Juan put out his hand to my father-in-law and said "thank you for your service, sir." Jaun shared that he had been in the Marines. They made some small talk and Juan said that ice cream was on him this night.

We enjoyed our sandwiches and the ice creams that followed.

I would just like to thank Juan for his kind and respectful gesture. This meant a lot to my father-in-law.

This world would be a better place with more guys like Juan in it.

—Steve Hansen, Castro Valley

## Obituaries

### Kathleen Marie (Parsons) Denning

Kathleen Marie (Parsons) Denning, born in Oakland on September 17, 1925, passed peacefully in her sleep May 29, 2017 at her daughter's home in Dorris, California.

Kathleen raised her family for over 60 years in Castro Valley. She was preceded in death by her spouse, Irvine Eugene; and sons, Michael James, Richard Allen and John Edward.

She is survived by her daughters, Joan, Patty and Kathy; and two daughters-in-law, Ann and Roxy; as well as her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Kathleen had a passion for life and loved everything that God and nature provided.

She loved sharing her time with those in nursing homes. She was an active member of Our Lady of Grace Church until recent years. Private internment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward.



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### Willard "Will" Henry Schnieder

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Will passed away after his two-year journey with lung cancer.

He was born in Hartsburg, Missouri, the son of Frederick Henry Schnieder and Ruby Marie Arnold, attended Lincoln University and graduated from University of Missouri. He spent his career as an accountant at PMM CPA firm and Kaiser Aluminum in the comptrollers department, dealing primarily with their international investments. Boating, golfing and working at the ranch filled his free hours. He was a faithful member of Transfiguration Church.

Will is survived by his wife and soulmate, Sandra (Hollenbeck) Schnieder; his three children, Cynthia Ratte (Keefe), Leslie Schnieder and Vicki Romero (Michael); and his grandchildren, Theresa Wallace (Lance), Adam and Kevin Ratte. His sisters, Daphne Old and Emma Nichols, from Missouri were helping with his care when he passed.

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The event will be open to the public, but booster seat/helmet eligibility requires proof of Alameda County residency. Parent, child and vehicle must all be present.

Booster seats and helmets accommodating children five and older, who weigh between 50 and 110 pounds and who are about 40-57 inches in height, will be available free of cost. Education and installation will be provided by certified safety seat technicians.

A free barbecue lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Booster seats, helmets and food will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

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The weekly cost of \$55 per child includes breakfast, lunch and snacks, craft materials and transportation to places of interest.

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For more information, contact Amy Mefford at 510-581-6444 or Amy.Mefford@usw.salvation-army.org.

## HARD Benefit: 'It Takes Two to Tango'

By Linda Sandsmark  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

**A**N EXCITING EVENING of wine and Argentine Tango will be presented by the Hayward Area Recreation District (HARD Foundation) on Friday, June 16.

Guests will begin by sampling wine in the lovely Japanese Gardens adjacent to Douglas Morrison Theatre, with mood music in the background.

From there the action moves into the theatre, for an Argentine Tango dance demonstration by World Tango Champions Sebastian Acosta and Laura D'Anna. Comedian Jeff Applebaum has volunteered to emcee.

"It will be lots of fun, with comedy, dancing, a raffle, and wine in the beautiful gardens," says Castro Valley resident Donna Boyer, who is president of the Foundation. "And it couldn't be for a better cause."

Proceeds benefit Douglas Morrison Theatre and "Mia's Dream," an all-inclusive, accessible park—the first of its kind in our area.



Wine tasting and the Argentine Tango will be showcased at HARD Foundation's event June 16. From left are HARD Foundation Executive Director Pam Russo, President Donna Boyer, Board member Mark Gerry, and dancer Audrey Tai.

"The playground was inspired by a 9-year-old girl named Mia, who was in a wheelchair but who wanted to swing on swings like everybody else," says Foundation-member Mark Gerry. "HARD

took on this project because there were no all-inclusive parks in Alameda County."

Gerry and his girlfriend Audrey Tai will also perform the Argentine Tango at the June 16 event. After the performance interested folks from the audience may come on-stage and dance.

"The Argentine Tango is a national phenomenon. It's a beautiful, sensual dance, and has become a growing craze in America over the last 20 years. There are tango festivals somewhere every single day," says Tai.

HARD expects this spicy event to be a sellout. As an added bonus, each guest purchasing a ticket will receive a certificate for a free dance lesson at Mark Ballas Dance Studio in Pleasanton.

Tickets are \$30 per person and may be ordered by calling 888-0111, or online at [www.hayward-rec.org](http://www.hayward-rec.org).

Wine tasting will start at 7 p.m., the dance performance at 8. Douglas Morrison Theatre and Japanese Gardens are located at 22311 N. Third St., Hayward.

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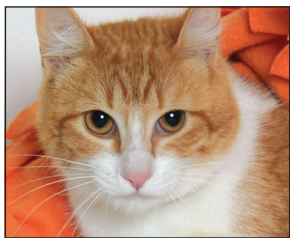
- **Distraction:** Distraction plays a role in nearly six out of 10 teen crashes, four times as many as official estimates based on police reports. The top distractions for teens include talking to other passengers in the vehicle and interacting with a smart phone.

- **Not Buckling Up:** In 2015, 60 percent of teen drivers killed in a crash were not wearing a safety belt. Teens who buckle up significantly reduce their risk of dying or being seriously injured in a crash.

- **Speeding:** Speeding is a factor in nearly 30 percent of fatal crashes involving teen drivers. A recent survey of driving instructors found that speeding is one of the top three mistakes teens make when learning to drive.

A variety of tools to help prepare parents and teens for the dangerous summer driving season is online at: [TeenDrivingAAA.com](http://TeenDrivingAAA.com).

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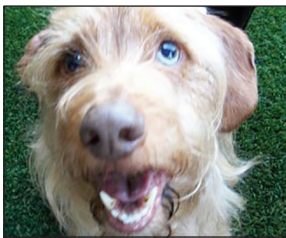
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## 'Elvis Has Left the Building' to Open June 30 at Chanticleers

It's December 20, 1970 in the office of Elvis Presley's personal manager, Tom Parker, better known as "The Colonel."

A shrewd businessman and former carnival purveyor, The Colonel is usually well in charge of every situation involving Elvis – but not today. An important concert is scheduled and the King of Rock n' Roll has disappeared and is nowhere to be found.

The Colonel is frantic because of a secret gambling debt he owes to a bigtime mobster, and Elvis' concert appearance is how he had arranged to pay off his debt and escape harm's way. Now what is he to do?

What happens from here on out is hilariously funny. Audiences will be rolling in the aisles as the Colonel desperately tries to replace a man who is... well... simply irreplaceable.

"Elvis Has Left the Building" is a farce/comedy written by Duke Emmsberger and Virginia Cate. Chanticleers Theatre's production is directed by Jacob Russell-Snyder with a talented cast of actors, starring Jeffrey W. Tan (The Colonel), Jon A. Gergen (Candy), Marsha Howard (Trudy), Will Mattingly (Roscoe), and Tyler Jeffreys (Jill).



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**Jeffrey W. Tan (The Colonel), Elvis, Marsha Howard (Trudy) as they appear in Chanticleers Theatre's production of "Elvis Has Left the Building," which opens June 30.**

Opening night on Friday, June 30 features Chanticleers' traditional complimentary hors d'oeuvres, desserts and beverage gala. The show continues through July 23.

Curtain time for Friday and Saturday evening shows is 8:00 p.m. and Sunday twilight matinees start at 6:00 p.m. (no show on July 2).

General admission is \$25, or \$20 for seniors 60 and over, students and military. On Bargain

Night, July 1, all tickets are \$18.

The Chanticleers Theatre Flex-Pass (gives you four tickets to use anytime during the season) is \$85 general and \$68 seniors/students/military.

Call 510-733-5483 or visit [chanticleers.org](http://chanticleers.org) for reservations/tickets.

Chanticleers Theatre is located within the Castro Valley Community Park at 3683 Quail Avenue.

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