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A LONG HOT SUMMER?



PHOTO BY FRED ZEHNDER

After the rainiest winter on record, hundreds of East Bay residents got a jump on summer as they flocked to Crown Memorial State Beach in Alameda over the weekend where temperatures soared into the mid-90s along the Bay and topped 100 inland. The heat wave is expected to last at least through the week, with the mercury rising to 95 in Castro Valley tomorrow. **After the rainiest winter on record, hundreds of East Bay residents got a jump on summer as they flocked to Crown Memorial State Beach in Alameda over the weekend where temperatures soared**

Caged Exotic Birds Creating Problems Along Jensen Road

By Amy Sylvestri
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Neighbors in the area of Jensen Road are complaining to authorities that hundreds of tropical birds are being kept in cages in the backyard of a Castro Valley home.

Calls about noise, odors, and flies from the yard began earlier this month, according to the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.

It's not legal to possess that number of birds, though authorities say the owner is breeding them to sell, so they don't consider it an animal hoarding situation. But a permit is required for bird breeding in Castro Valley and Kelly says the owner did not have the proper permission.

The bird droppings have created a stench along the 5000 block of Jensen and beyond, and have attracted flies, according to one neighbor who didn't want to be identified.

"It stinks," she said, simply. "I used to go on walks over there and I don't anymore. And there are flies buzzing everywhere. It's intolerable."

The owner of the home has apparently been breeding parrots, cockatoos, macaws and other tropical birds for sale for at least two years on her property, according to the sheriff's office.

Sheriff's Lt. Ray Kelly says the department is currently working with wildlife experts from all over the county to decide on how to handle the situation.

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Touch of the 'Wild West' at Fair

While Pleasanton's downtown is typically known for its upscale shopping and dining, 150 head of cattle and about the same number of cowboys on horseback forged through the town's Main Street Friday morning in a "Wild West" cattle drive to kick off the Alameda County Fair.

"This is a first for Fair and Downtown Pleasanton," said Jerome Hoban, the Fair's CEO. "After months of planning, we are excited to bring a real, western experience to our community."

Main Street was closed, of course, for the cattle drive. Spectators lined up for blocks with cameras and smartphones to record a glimpse of the steers through the phalanx of cowboys riding on either side.

The fair runs from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily through July 9, but will be closed on June 19, 20, 26 and 27. Free concerts from 8 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. are presented nightly with fireworks shows immediately afterwards.

Horse racing will be held June 22-25, June 29-July 2, July 4, and July 7-9. Visit alamedacountyfair.com for schedule, map and event updates.



Sheriff Greg Ahern waves to the crowd Friday morning on the first day of the Alameda County Fair, which began with a cattle drive down Main Street in Pleasanton.

OPEN LETTER

Miley Addresses Racial Tension in Our Community

By Nate Miley
ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERVISOR

Racism in our Castro Valley community showed itself recently with graffiti targeting African-American students scrawled on the high school campus.

The N-Word graffiti is among multiple racist incidents that have been reported in our community including the bullying of an African-American elementary school student and the flying a Nazi swastika flag over a local residence.

Despite these unfortunate incidents – this is not who we are nor who we aspire to be.

As you know, Castro Valley, is an unincorporated community with strong agricultural roots that has grown into a diverse and inclusive community where we enjoy a one-screen movie theater, celebrate Pride together and take time to meet and learn about our Sikh neighbors.

Prejudice and xenophobia have no place in our diverse, holistic community.

see *MILEY* on back page



Nate Miley

Castro Valley Weather June 21 - 25, 2017



Wednesday
Sunny & Warm
High 89° Low 64°



Thursday
Sunny & Hot
High 96° Low 63°



Friday
Mostly Sunny
High 85° Low 60°



Saturday
Sunny
High 82° Low 61°



Sunday
Mostly Sunny
High 80° Low 59°

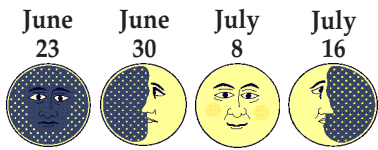
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Sun sets at 8:35 p.m. today, rises at 5:48 a.m. Thursday.

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Summer School is for Adults, Too

By Linette Escobar
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Do you get jealous of kids who get to go to summer camp or take an extra Spanish class in summer? You can make this summer memorable and take a class at Castro Valley Adult & Career Education.

If you have an idea for a novel and just never get around to it, the Adult School is offering a new creative writing workshop Wednesday nights in July.

The class will include exercises to inspire you and that rare commodity – dedicated time to write. The cost is only \$49. Working on your bucket list ... priceless.

They say, "the days are long and the years are short." Help yourself slow down and be in the moment by taking Meditation for Busy People, a class with minimal time commitment to help especially busy people.

It will be held Thursdays in July from 7-8 p.m. For just \$45, you will learn mindfulness techniques that help you be more present and ultimately happier.

Summer is a great time to get
see ADULT on back page



PHOTO BY EDWARD GERVASONI

Words of Inspiration

BRYAN STOW, the victim of a violent attack at a Giants-Dodgers game in 2011, recently visited the Strides Adults with Disabilities Program at Castro Valley Adult Career and Education to talk to students about bullying and fan violence. Stow was in a coma for nine months after his attack and spent time in five hospitals for treatment and physical therapy. An EMT before the attack, Stow's positive outlook and sense of humor were an inspiration to his audience and the students donated money to the Stow Foundation. Visit bryanstowfoundation.org/ for more information or to make a donation.



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Don Beaton Back in CV Tomorrow to Sign Copies of Gold Rush-Era Novel

"Intrigue, suspense and romance"...that's how former long-time Castro Valley resident Don Beaton describes his book, "The Brothers' Coin."

The fast-paced novel transports the reader between the early landscape of Gold Rush California, and the sights, smells and colorful culture of San Francisco's Depression-era Chinatown.

Beaton graduated from Castro Valley High School in 1960 and worked as a plastering contractor here for 40 years. He got one of his first jobs from Randy Vanderbilt's grandfather, Dick, in 1965 and worked on many projects along Castro Valley Boulevard.

The 74-year-old retired contractor-turned-author will be back in



Don Beaton

town tomorrow to talk about – and sign copies of – his book and renew acquaintances.

"I still have family and friends in Castro Valley, and I return of-

ten," says Beaton. "My sister, Karen Jonke, owns Krayons's Gallery, my daughter Kathleen is married to Alameda County Sheriff Greg Ahern."

Beaton and his wife Nancy retired to Oregon 15 years ago.

So, how did the book come about?

"I have always been interested in what happened in California prior to the Gold Rush. I started reading, and found a novel," he says. "I'm inviting all of the Forum's readers and old friends to join me in at the book-signing tomorrow, (Thursday, June 22) from 5 to 7 p.m. at Krayon's Gallery."

A portion of all sales will go to the Castro Valley Rotary Scholarship Fund.

SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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Back to Jail for Active Warrant

Sunday, June 18: at 6:52 p.m., Sheriff's deputies arrested a 30-year-old man from Oakland as part of serving an active warrant issued for his capture. The man was hanging outside a grocery store on Redwood Road near Castro Valley Boulevard when deputies made the positive identification. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail and held pending bail.

Illegal Narcotics On the Boulevard

Sunday, June 18: at 11:48 p.m., a 34-year-old man from San Leandro was arrested on suspicion of possession of illegal narcotics. Deputies stopped the man for questioning while he was at the intersection of Castro Valley Boulevard and Baker Road. At that time, deputies discovered his stash. The man was handcuffed and taken into custody.

Death Threats

Sunday, June 18: at 1:17 p.m., deputies arrested a 52-year-old woman from Castro Valley on suspicion of making death threats to another person. The woman was at a home on Capricorn Court when deputies stopped by to investigate the threats. Deputies did not report if the threats were verbal or sent in a text message. The woman was handcuffed and taken in for questioning.

Grand Theft Auto

Saturday, June 17: at 7:28 p.m., a 24-year-old woman from Fremont was arrested on suspicion of grand theft auto, possession of a stolen vehicle, two counts of possession of stolen property, two counts of possession of illegal drug paraphernalia, and possession of illegal narcotics. The woman was also wanted as part of a warrant issued for her arrest. Deputies spotted the stolen vehicle in a drug store parking lot on Castro Valley Boulevard near Marshall Street. The woman was handcuffed and taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$72,500 in bail.

Expired Driver's Registration

Wednesday, June 14: at 11:30 p.m., deputies pulled over and arrested a 22-year-old man from Los Angeles on suspicion of driving with an expired driver's registration. The man was traveling on San Miguel Avenue near Castro Valley Boulevard when deputies stopped him as part of a traffic infraction and revealed his expired registration. Deputies took the man into custody.

Possession of Pot

Wednesday, June 18: at 10:30 p.m., a 36-year-old man with no permanent address was arrested on suspicion of possession of an illegal amount of marijuana drugs. Deputies stopped the man for questioning outside a grocery store on Redwood Road near Grove Way. Store managers called the Sheriff for assistance after noticing the man hanging out near a restricted area. Deputies found his stash took the man into custody.

Caught with Methamphetamine Drugs, Drug Paraphernalia

Tuesday, June 13: at 5:50 p.m., deputies arrested a 49-year-old man with no permanent address on suspicion of possession of 79.17 grams of methamphetamine drugs, intent to sell the drug, and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia. The man was hanging out in a parking lot on Redwood Road near Grove Way when deputies stopped the man for questioning and discovered his stash. Deputies handcuffed the man and took him into custody.

CV Drug Dealer Gets 8-Years in Prison

A 44-year-old Castro Valley man was sentenced in Monterey County last week to eight years in prison for transporting methamphetamine for sale.

Galen Trigg was arrested last July by California Highway Patrol officers who pulled Trigg over for a traffic violation in Salinas. Trigg appeared to be driving under the influence of drugs. He told officers that he was on probation for a federal firearms conviction.

While searching his car, police found 498 grams of methamphetamine, two meth pipes, 29.5 grams

of heroin, 2.8 grams of cocaine, prescription pills, marijuana, a digital scale, drug packaging and three cell phones, according to a report in the Salinas Californian.

He later admitted to police that he was a drug dealer who sold narcotics in the Bay Area and Salinas.

Monterey County Superior Court Judge Robert A. Burlison sentenced Trigg to eight years in prison last Thursday, a sentence that was enhanced because of two prior convictions for narcotics trafficking and the amount of methamphetamine in his possession.



Galen Trigg

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The Week Ahead

● Thursday, June 22: Barbershop Chorus Open House

The New Dimension Barbershop Chorus will hold an open house from 7:30 to 9 p.m. tomorrow at Calvary Lutheran Church, 17200 Via Magdalena, San Lorenzo. The chorus has no religious affiliation and all are welcome. Current members come from Castro Valley, Hayward and all over the East Bay. Watch, learn and or participate as the chorus rehearses, performs and explains the barbershop style of singing.

● Thursday, June 22: Smalltown Society Gathering

Bring food and drinks to share at the June Gathering of the Smalltown Society from 7 to 9 p.m. tomorrow at 22222 Redwood Road as you connect with your community and hear from local artists and advocates coming together to engage in the stories of human struggle for meaning and justice. Doors open at 6. Visit www.smalltownsociety.com for details. Contact Terri@firstpreshayward.com to reserve a spot.

● Thursday, June 22: Don Beaton Book Signing

Join longtime former CV resident Don Beaton at a book sale and signing of his Gold Rush-era novel, "The Brothers' Coin" from 5 to 7 p.m. tomorrow at Krayon's Gallery, 3477 Castro Valley Blvd. (See story in this edition of the Forum.)

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Recently obtained information could open a new opportunity for a career change. But temper that Arian impatience and act on it only when all the facts are made available.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): You're moving into a more active cycle. So put your ideas back on the table, where they'll be given the attention they deserve. Expect a favorable change in your love life.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): A friend might ask for a favor that you feel would compromise your values. Best advice: Confront him or her and explain why you must say no. A true friend will understand.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): A relationship continues to develop along positive lines. Meanwhile, a brewing job situation could create complications for one of your pet projects. Look into it right away.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): Your interest in a co-worker's project could lead to a profitable experience for you both. But before you agree to anything, be sure to get all your legal I's dotted and T's crossed.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): Be careful whose counsel you take about a possible long-distance move. Some advice might not necessarily be in your best interest. Stay focused on your goals.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Someone might try to complicate efforts in an attempt to work out that confusing job situation. But don't let that keep you from sticking with your decision to push for a resolution.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): A disagreement on how to handle a family problem could create more trouble for all concerned. Look for ways to cool things down before they boil over.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): An unexpected change in long-standing workplace procedure and policy could provide a new career target for the Archer to aim at. Start making inquiries.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): You're finally able to get back into the swing of things, as those temporary doldrums begin to lift. Expect some surprising disclosures from a new colleague.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Rely on your innate sense of justice to see you through a dilemma involving a family member. Other relatives who've stood back soon will come forward as well.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): A new friend seems to be pushing you to take risks -- financial or otherwise. Best advice: Don't do it. They might have a hidden agenda that hasn't surfaced yet.

● Thursday, June 22: School Board Meeting

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

● Saturday, June 24: Animals as Family Members

The Castro Valley Library will host the Rev. Nancy Schluntz for a presentation on "Animals as Family Members: Living with, Loving, and Losing Them" from 2 to 4 p.m. this Saturday. Animals become a part of the family, and we feel their loss keenly. The Rev. Schluntz, an interfaith minister and animal chaplain, will discuss how we communicate with our pets, how we can prepare them for changes, and how we can cope with the grief of their loss. Take home tips, handouts, and a suggested reading list.

● Saturday, June 24: A Call for Volunteers

Chabot Space & Science Center at 10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland, is seeking volunteers who will make astronomy and science come alive for children and families through new interactive experiences and hands-on demonstrations. You don't have to know science; the Center will teach you. Volunteers are asked to work 8 hours per month for at least one year. A volunteer orientation will be held at 10 a.m. this Saturday, June 24. For more information or to register for the orientation, visit www.chabotspace.org/adult-volunteers.htm

● Saturday, June 24: Free Pit Bull Adoptions

The volunteers at the Hayward Animal Shelter are holding a Red, White & Blue Pit Bull Adoption Event from 1 to 5 p.m. this Saturday, at 16 Barnes Court in Hayward (near the DMV). Adoption fees, which include spay/neuter, vaccinations and microchip) will be covered by SantaCon Hayward on adoptions of pit bulls and pit bull mixes. (Hayward residents must pay a \$17 licensing fee.) For more info, visit www.SantaConHayward.com and www.facebook.com/haywardanimalshelter.

● Saturday, June 24: Relay for Life Annual Car Show

The San Leandro Relay for Life presents its 3rd Annual Car Show and BBQ from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. this Saturday at Transfiguration Church, 4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd. All proceeds will benefit San Leandro's Relay for Life's efforts to raise money for the American Cancer Society. For more info about registration, donations, or volunteering, contact Lindsey Durao at 510-919-3346 (Durao42306@aol.com) or Michelle Etherton 510-882-5877 (Mush027@aol.com).

● Saturday, June 24: Soroptimist Flea Market Fundraiser

Shop for great bargains at Soroptimist International of the East Bay's Flea Market from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. this Saturday at 3841 Somerset Ave., Castro Valley, while supporting scholarships and local programs that support women and their families. For more info, call 510-593-7377.

● Sunday, June 25: Mustangs & Cobras Car Show

The Bay Area Mustang Association will host its annual Ponies & Snakes Car Show (with 100 cars registered) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Sunday at The Danville Livery, 400 Sycamore Valley in Danville. Music, an awards ceremony and a raffle with many prizes with proceeds going to a local charity. For more information see www.ponie-sandsnakes.com or www.bayareamustangassociation.com or call Dave at 566-4532.

● Monday, June 26: Municipal Advisory Council Meeting

The Castro Valley MAC will hold a regular land-use meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday at the Castro Valley Library. The agenda includes discussions of Safe Pathways to School and the disposition of the Old Castro Valley library at 20055 Redwood Road.

...and Beyond

● Friday, July 7: Eden Area Village

Eden Area Village is developing a non-profit membership based neighborhood "Village" that will help people in the Castro Valley, Hayward, and the San Lorenzo areas stay in their homes as they age. Public outreach meetings are held the first Friday of each month at 2 p.m. at Hayward City Hall. Next meeting is Friday July 7th.

REGULAR GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

• Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) meets on land-use issues on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, and holds general purpose meetings on most 3rd Mondays. Meetings are at 6 p.m. at the Castro Valley Library Chabot Room, 3600 Norbridge Avenue.

• Castro Valley School Board usually meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 4400 Alma Ave.

• Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at the District Headquarters, 21040 Marshall St.

• Alameda County Board of Supervisors meets every Tuesday at 10:45 a.m. in the Supervisors Chambers at the County Administration Bldg., 1221 Oak St. in Oakland.

● Saturday, July 8: Castro Valley Pride Celebration

Castro Valley Pride returns for its 7th year from noon to 5 p.m. on July 8, once again transforming the Castro Valley High School Redwood Road parking lot into a fun-filled space with food trucks, vendors, and live music on two stages, as it creates a safe and welcoming space for the LGBTQ community and gives its friends, family, neighbors, and allies a place to enjoy a beautiful summer day together. For vendor or group booth opportunities, visit www.castrovalleypride.com.

● Wednesday, July 12: Sons In Retirement Meeting

SIRs, an organization of retired men, meets on the second Wednesday of each month in the Wedgewood Center at the Metropolitan Golf Links, 10051 Doolittle Drive in Oakland. Happy Hour at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon. Great guest speakers, neither religious nor political. Guests are welcome. Come and meet new friends. For more information call Mel at 510-357-0601.

Arts & Entertainment

CASTRO VALLEY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

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

● Season Tickets on Sale

Tickets for the Castro Valley Arts Foundation 2017-2018 Series are now on sale. If subscribers wish to keep their same seats, please go to the box office by June 30th. Seats will be blocked out for new series subscribers until July 14. The series includes: "The Filharmonic" on Aug. 19, "The Spouse Whisperer" on Sept. 16, "New Year's Eve Cabaret" on Dec. 31, "Super Diamond: The Neil Diamond Tribute" on Jan. 27, "Wake the Dead" on Feb. 24, and "Franc D' Ambrosio's Broadway" on March 31.

THEATRICAL & MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

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

ART GALLERIES & EVENTS

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

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

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

● "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 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.



PHOTO BY PEARL CHEN

Canyon Championship Tournament Team: Top row from left, PGA Coach Todd Daniel, Albert Kim, Todd Daniel, Jr. and Justin Tekawa-Pon; bottom row, Lauren Lee, Felicia Yee, Tani Ng, Leland Tsai and Carlos Toliver. Gold Team Members not present for the picture, Noah Kim, Justin Lee, Denton Hau, and Malik Thomas.

CV Golfers Take Home Medals

Four Canyon Condors and two Creekside Wildcats players medaled in the Southern Alameda County Middle-School League Individual Boys' and Girls' Championships played on Wednesday, May 31 at Redwood Canyon Golf Course.

Within the large field of com-

petitors, Castro Valley did well, winning 6 of the top four medals each for boys and girls.

In the girls' division, Tani Ng (Canyon) won 1st Place; Allison Li (Creekside) won 2nd Place; Lauren Lee (Canyon) won 3rd Place.

In the boys' division, Leland

Tsai (Canyon) won 1st Place; Carlos Tolliver (Canyon) won 2nd Place; and Carson Mac (Creekside) won 4th Place.

Fifth place in the girls Division was Felicia Yee. Todd Daniel Jr. and Albert Kim tied for 5th Place in the boys' division. Sixth place went to Justin Tekawa-Pon.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Megan Muller

This week's Athlete of the Week is Megan Muller, a seventh grader at Creekside Middle School.

Muller competed at the Southern Alameda County Middle-school Athletic League's Track and Field Championships at Chabot College on May 24, finishing in 1st Place in the girls' 1,600 Meters, with a time of 5:48, topping last year's 2nd Place finish.

Muller followed that up by receiving the Sportsmanship Award from this year's Creekside Varsity Championship Cross Country Team at the Creekside Sports Banquet on May 25.

Muller works hard in her sports and in the class room as well, and has maintained a 4.0 GPA in her two years at Creekside Middle School.



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The Castro Valley Sports Foundation is now accepting donation requests for the 2017-2018 school year. Deadline for grant applications is August 31, 2017.

Both school sports programs and independent, non-profit youth sports organizations are eligible to receive CVSF grants.

To request a grant from the CVSF you must fill out a "Request for Donation" application form, which is available on the CVSF website: www.castrovalleysportsfoundation.org.

Just click on the "grants" link, print a blank form, fill it out and mail the completed original and two copies to the address on the form. The CVSF Board of Directors will review all donation

requests and its decisions will be final.

The maximum donation request that will be considered during this grant period is \$1,000.

Programs receiving grants from the CVSF will be required to report back to the board within one year of receiving the grant on the use of the funds donated.

Grantees will be informed of the reporting requirements at the

time the grant is awarded. Grantees who fail to provide a follow-up report may not be eligible for future grants.

The specific and primary purpose of the CVSF is to educate the general public as to the benefits of community sports activities and to provide charitable assistance and support for youth sports in Castro Valley.

—Lowell Hickey

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The California Department of Public Health is urging Californians to eliminate standing water around their homes to help reduce mosquito populations in an effort to prevent Zika and West Nile virus infections.

"As temperatures rise, we will see increased mosquito activity," said State Public Health Officer Dr. Karen Smith. "Residents should dump out containers that hold standing water in and around their homes and businesses."

Mosquitoes breed in very small amounts of water. To help keep their numbers down, Californians should frequently check for, and eliminate, water-filled containers, clean and scrub bird baths and pet watering dishes, and dump water from dishes under potted plants. Residents are also urged to report unusual numbers of mosquitoes or



day-biting mosquitoes to the local vector control agency.

Californians should also protect themselves from mosquito bites at home and while traveling to areas where the Zika virus is present.

To prevent bites, consistently use mosquito repellent when outside, wear long sleeves and pants, use air conditioning, and make sure window screens will keep mosquitoes out of the home.

Zika virus is spread primarily through mosquito bites and can also be transmitted by both men and women during sex. Most people who are infected with Zika

virus do not experience any symptoms but should take precautions to avoid sexual transmission, even if they never had symptoms. Zika symptoms include fever, rash, joint pain and red eyes.

West Nile virus (WNV) is also transmitted to humans and animals by the bite of an infected mosquito. WNV can cause a deadly infection in humans, and the elderly are particularly susceptible.

WNV symptoms may include fever, headache, body aches, nausea, vomiting, and sometimes swollen lymph glands or a skin rash on the chest, stomach and back. More severe symptoms, and even death, can occur. The state's first human infection of WNV this year was reported last month.

Additional mosquito prevention information is available at www.cdc.gov.

REAL ESTATE REALITY

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Special to the Forum

GUEST COMMENTARY



Fed Rate Hike Signals Higher Mortgage Rates

In its fifth rate hike since December 2015, the Federal Reserve raised the Federal interest rate another quarter point on June 14.

The bump comes as no surprise as the Federal Open Market Committee reiterated its desire to increase rates to meet its benchmark target of between 1-1.25 percent "in view of realized and expected labor market conditions and inflation."

While we will not see immediate changes in mortgage interest rates, the upward tic in the Fed rate reinforces the reality that higher mortgage rates are inevitable.

Those who are looking to buy at the limits of their credit capability will want to buy sooner than later as higher rates lower their buying potential.

While today's buyers bemoan upturns in mortgage rates, they need a reminder that interest rates are still at historic lows. When my wife and I bought our first home, rates were over 16 percent.

A mere decade ago, rates fluctuated between 6-8 percent. The difference in purchasing power is amazing: a buyer who currently qualifies for a \$400,000 loan with a rate of 4 percent would only qualify for \$318,500 if the interest rate was 6 percent. If the rate was 8 percent, the loan drops to \$260,250.

To put this into perspective, if this borrower had 20 percent down, at 4 percent they could purchase a property priced up to \$500,000. With current Bay Area prices, selection would be very limited.

With rates at 6 percent, that same buyer with a 20 percent down is capped out at \$398,125. At this price, the buyer would be

looking at commuting from the outward fringes of the Bay Area.

At 8 percent, and assuming prices stay the same, a buyer with 20 percent down would be limited to a purchase of \$325,313, dramatically limiting not only location but the type of home as well.

With increased rates, the only option for increasing the amount of purchase would be to boost their down payment. With a 6 percent loan, our buyer would need to augment their down payment to \$181,500 (36.3 percent) to buy the same home they could buy if in-

terest rates were 4 percent. If rates were 8 percent, the buyer would need to enlarge their down payment to \$239,750 (47.95 percent).

Think current rates are high? It's a matter of perspective. Rates have been substantially higher before, and there is no guarantee we won't see higher rates in the future. For those looking to lock in low rates, the time is now.

Carl Medford is a licensed Realtor with Keller Williams Realty. This article is sponsored by the Central County Marketing Association at www.ccmgtoday.com.

Mortgage Rates Inch Upward

After an extended decline, average mortgage rates increased last week across the board for the first time in over a month.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 3.91 percent, up from 3.89 percent a week earlier. A year ago at this time, the 30-year fixed rate averaged 3.54 percent.

Fifteen-year fixed rates averaged 3.18 percent, up from 3.16.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 3.15 percent, up from 3.11 percent. A year ago at this time, the 5-year ARM averaged 2.74 percent.

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LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR
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Says Bill Supported by Sen. Quirk Would Mean More Cell Towers in Less Affluent CV Neighborhoods

Editor:

Our Assemblyman Bill Quirk has co-sponsored Senate Bill 649, currently making it's way through the California legislature.

This bill is designed to give cell phone companies almost unfettered access to put up dishwasher-sized cell phone radio

emitters on telephone poles and street light poles in Castro Valley neighborhood.

There are a number of reasons to oppose this bill (e.g. aesthetic, health, reduction in local control), but one in particular that seems to have been missed -- environmental justice.

Take a drive around Castro Valley, and you will find that telephone poles and "normal" street light poles only exist in the older, and in many cases, less affluent areas.

Go to the newer and often more affluent neighborhoods, no place to put these cell phone emitters -- no telephone poles, no normal light poles.

So the less affluent neighborhoods will bear the burden of putting up cell phone towers to serve the more affluent neighborhoods. Extra emitters may be needed for the signal to reach to the neighborhoods that lack suitable poles. Not fair, not good representation!

Call Bill Quirk at 510-583-8818 and tell him to withdraw his support from SB 649!

—Richard Kelly
Castro Valley

CV Street Eats "Like a Norman Rockwell Painting"

Editor:

Last week we visited Castro Valley Street Eats for the first time in its new location at the Adobe Center. It was great.

This new location is so much better for this event. Parking was no problem (we arrived as the event was opening), there were lots of families, many sitting picnic style on the lawns, kids playing on the playground...my husband said it looked like something out of a Norman Rockwell painting.

There are going to be lots more warm Tuesday evenings coming up so turn off the stove, gather up the kids, join the fun. Support Castro Valley Street Eats!

—Peggy LaCunha
Castro Valley

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William (Bill) Merle Null

October 6, 1938 – May 25, 2017



Bill passed away peacefully in his home in Castro Valley after many years of battling COPD.

He was born in Fort Morgan, Colorado and is a Castro Valley School District retiree.

He is survived by his wife, Millie Null; his children, Randy Null, Jim Null and Sandi Null Berndt; his step-children, Vince Nunes, Chris Nunes and Lorene Rusca; his brothers, Tim Null and Dean Null; 12 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Private services are being held.

Dane H. Strom

May 6, 1959 – June 17, 2017



Dane went home to be with our Lord Jesus Christ on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at the young age of 58. Dane grew up and went to school in Castro Valley. He and Robin married in 1982, lived in San Leandro, but settled in San Lorenzo in 1991 to raise their family. He worked at Peterson Tractor Co. for 24 years as their painter — and rocked that CAT yellow paint! Dane was a real warrior, living with M.S. for 37 years. He also survived fourth-stage melanoma cancer 12 years ago!

Dane is survived by his brother, Daryl; his wife of 35 years, Robin; his sons, Eric (Kim) and Jim (Julie); daughter, Valerie; granddaughters, Kaitlyn and Lillian; and niece, Kristina.

You're invited to his Celebration of Life Memorial Service on Thursday, June 29, at 3Crosses Church in Castro Valley. Services will begin at 3 p.m. in the chapel followed by a dinner reception at the church. Arrangements made by Jess C. Spencer Mortuary, 510-581-9133.

Amanda Yvonne Marie deMalherbe

Amanda Yvonne Marie deMalherbe was born March 19, 1994 — a treasured, young and angelic daughter, niece, sister, auntie, cousin and friend. She is survived by her mother and father, Theresa and John deMalherbe, as well as siblings, Genevieve Reyes, Janell Cimino and Kenneth Cimino.



Amanda attended Crossroads and Redwood Christian Elementary schools, Castro Valley Elementary School and, in 2012, graduated from California School For The Blind in Fremont. She will always be remembered as a loving companion at Castro Valley's First Baptist Church and cherished for her considerate allure she brought to every person she met. She enjoyed youth group at The Rock, swimming at Aqua Linda, everything Disney, art and APE. She will always be remembered for the endless courage she had in her beautiful yet short journey.

Amanda went to be with Jesus on June 4, 2017 at the age of 23 after a tenacious battle with Battens Disease. Her spirit has touched the lives of hundreds. A celebration of life will be held Sunday, June 25, at 3 p.m. at Castro Valley First Baptist Church, 18550 Redwood Rd., in Castro Valley. We ask that everyone in attendance wear purple in memory of our Amanda.

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She is survived by her children: son, Stephen Rousey (Marsha); daughter, Carol Howell; daughter-in-law, Kathy Rousey; son, David Rousey (Pam); and daughter, Diane Salminen (Rick); her 10 grandchildren, Shari Hulgán, Robert Rousey, Steven Howell, Kristine Marsh, Matthew Rousey, Jenny Gilbert, Missy Lockard, Brandon Rousey, Amber Henderson, and Kelsea Salminen, and 11 great grandchildren.

She was a faithful member of the Our Lady of Grace Church for many years. She was an avid bowler and enjoyed playing cards, cooking, eating sweets and holidays spent with her family.

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What Are the Advantages, Disadvantages of Life Estate Deeds?

Q My primary asset is my home, which I purchased about 40 years ago and now own free and clear. I would like to leave it to my children, but in a way that avoids the fuss of a probate or trust administration when I die. Is there some way to do this?

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

A Yes, indeed. You might consider leaving it to your children via a Life Estate Deed.

A Life Estate Deed ("LED") is a special kind of deed which you would sign and record now, but which would transfer your home to your children effective upon your death, while reserving to

you the exclusive right to live in your home during your lifetime. Upon your death, your children's interest would mature into a full ownership interest.

One of the nice features of this LED, is that the clearing of title upon your demise is very simple. At that time, your children need only file with the county recorder an affidavit reciting the fact of your death, along with a certified copy of your Death Certificate and other routine transfer documents. There is no probate and no trust administration to deal with.

However, as with many legal matters, there are "Pros" and "Cons" to using this special deed.



Here are some of them:

Advantages:

1) Upon your demise, clearing title and confirming ownership in your children is a simple procedure, handled without probate or trust administration.

2) The home would receive the same favorable tax treatment accorded a transfer, upon death, via a Living Trust or Will: Your children would receive the home with a tax basis equal to its increased value at your death, thus minimizing any capital gain tax if they later sell the home.

3) Should you ever apply for a Medi-Cal Long Term Care subsidy to help with nursing home expense, the home would be protected from a post-mortem recovery claim for reimbursement.

4) In terms of title insurance, this

LED is better than the new Transfer on Death (TOD) Deed, as many title companies are unwilling to insure the transfer of title where the newer, TOD Deed has been used.

Disadvantages:

1) Once the deed is signed and conveyed, you cannot change your mind by revoking the conveyance.

2) Once the deed is executed, you would not be able to obtain a conventional or reverse mortgage secured by the home.

3) Once done, you could not sell the home without agreement of your children, and if sold, the proceeds must be "split." This restriction could impair your ability to sell the home to help fund your own retirement or long term care expenses.

4) Disputes may arise regarding responsibility for repairs or improvements.

5) If any of your children predecease you, their interest would go as they direct in their own trust or will or, if none, to their heirs-at-law. Thus, you would no longer control the ultimate disposition of their interest.

While many of these disadvantages can be eliminated by creating a formal "Living Trust," the trade-off is the greater expense of creat-

ing a trust, and time and expense of a formal, post-mortem trust administration upon your demise.

Before making the decision to use a LED – rather than a "Living Trust" or Will – it would be wise to seek professional advice from a knowledgeable attorney to make sure that this special deed is right for you.

Gene L. Osofsky is an elder law and estate planning attorney in Hayward. Visit his website at www.LawyerForSeniors.com.

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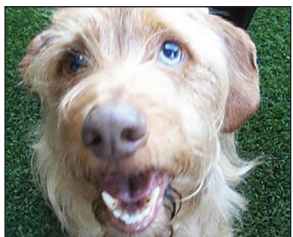
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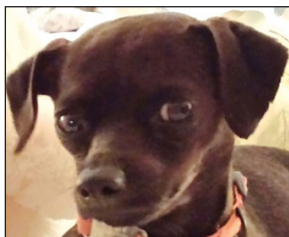
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Linette Escobar is Marketing Chair for Castro Valley Adult & Career Education.

RED, WHITE & BLUE EVENT



Pit bulls and pit bull mixes can be adopted without the usual fee this Saturday, as the Hayward Animal Shelter volunteers and SantaCon of Hayward present a Red, White and Blue Adoption Event from 1 to 5 p.m. at the shelter. The adoption fees are being covered by SantaCon and includes spay/ neuter, five-in-one canine vaccination, and Bordatella and rabies vaccinations, plus a microchip. Although the adoptions are free, Hayward residents must pay the city's \$17 dog licensing fee. The Hayward Animal Shelter is located at 16 Barnes Court, near the DMV office at Jackson and Soto Road. For more, visit www.facebook.com/haywardanimalshelter and www.SantaConHayward.com.

Miley: Open Letter to the Community

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Let's work together to continue building positive race relations. We need to model and promote the core community values of compassion, understanding and justice to ensure that all people are treated with respect, dignity and fairness.

I am proud to represent Castro Valley on the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, and I will continue the work to ensure that our community is safe for everyone.

In partnership with the Castro Valley Unified School District, Castro Valley Matters and other organizations, I look forward to supporting community dialogues to address the issue of racism in our community, especially race-related incidents that have surfaced in Castro Valley.

We need to create a safe and inclusive space to embrace people of different perspectives, backgrounds and cultures that promote racial and community healing. Diversity is among our community's greatest strength and essential to building a Castro Valley that is socially and economically strong now and for generations to come.

—Nate Miley

REPAIR/REHAB & SANDY RD PROJECT NOTICE



Castro Valley Sanitary District's (CVSan)'s contractor Terracon Constructors, Inc. has substantially completed replacing the forcemain located on Camino Alta Mira and Redwood Rd. and rehabilitating the flume hatch near the Hayward Area Senior Center located at the end of N. 3rd St.

CVSan's Annual Repairs Project will begin in mid-June, and involves pipeline replacements throughout Castro Valley. This \$1,546,000 project will be done by Cratus, Inc. and is scheduled to be completed by the end of September.

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Birds: All the Squawk on Jensen Road

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"We have received calls from exotic bird experts across the country and are working with our state and county agencies to remedy this problem," Kelly said. "Dealing with so many exotic birds creates a unique set of challenges that are very complicated."

Last week, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife

served a search warrant on the property in order to look for illegal animals. No animals that are unlawful to possess in California were found, however, the owner was found to have violated zoning ordinances.

Kelly said that over the next several days, the sheriff's office will work with the owner to try to find a solution and re-home the

birds. The process of finding new home for the birds and clearing them from the property has begun.

"We are reaching out to the owner of this property to find a solution that is reasonable and within the law," said Kelly. "The health and safety of these birds is important to us as are the quality of life and environmental issues in this neighborhood."



Wine & Equine Fundraiser

Imagine sipping on Wente Wine while enjoying a Polynesian dinner, live music, and an idyllic view of horses grazing in the pasture. Sounds like a setting stolen right from a novel, but in reality it's the background of a local nonprofit organization dedicated to changing children's lives.

Themed "A Summertime Oasis," SonRise's fundraiser from 4 to 7:30 p.m. this Saturday, June 24, will include demonstrations of all three programs offered.

This fundraiser promises to

delight with a live band, a live and silent auction, photos with SonRise's miniature horses, a catered dinner, and wine donated by Wente Vineyards.

Witness how SonRise is changing the lives of children with special needs by purchasing your ticket (\$75) to Wine & Equine by calling 925-838-7433 or visiting www.SonRiseKids.org.

Saturday's event will be held at the Charles Wilhelm Training Facility, 6496 Crow Canyon Road in Castro Valley.

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