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major testing center in the county

after Hayward Fire Department

**Doctor's Orders: Infected** 

Homes Under Quarantine,

**Masks in Public** 

COVID-19 or are awaiting test

home are asked to isolate and

Previously, health officials re-

quired only the individual was

asked to isolate. The County says its new "Blanket Order" was ini-

tiated because individuals are con-

sidered infectious from 48 hours

see COVID-19 on page 11

before their symptoms began.

Confirmed Cases = 566

Confirmed Cases = 16,363

Alameda County

Deaths = 12

California

Deaths = 387

as of April 7, 2020

If you tested positive for

opened a site in March.

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## **Getting Tested for COVID-19 At Hayward Testing Station**

Members of the general pub- and screening will be regulated on volume. be tested. COVID-19 symptoms formed per day. include a cough and shortness of breath.

at the testing center by car or on foot will go through a two-step screening process before being administered a test, which involves tion down Lustig Court. swabbing of the nasal cavities and back of the throat.

people are screened for COVID-19 symptoms and suitability for testing. Lines to curb-side check-in able within 24 hours, depending of lines that lead to them.

lic must be symptomatic for to maintain safe distancing, traf-COVID-19 infection and have a fic control and to not exceed the tion No. 7, 28270 Huntwood Ave. fever over 100 degrees in order to maximum of tests that can be per-

People initially approved for testing will be directed to an intake People who present themselves tent for verification of symptoms and suitability. People deemed not in need of testing will be directed away from the testing center loca-

Once verified, people to be tested will move to a testing tent for of the general public should en-At curbside check-in points, COVID-19 testing and afterward receive discharge instructions.

Most test results will be avail-

## Volunteer to Make Hospital Masks

#### By Debra A. Collins SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

(EAIC) has taken on the task of sewing face masks for our area's hospitals. Currently, Eden Medical Center, Saint Rose Hospital, South Havward Parish and First Presbyterian's Homeless Shelter are accepting all that we can offer.

had been made.

The project was started by Di- project. Eden Area Interfaith Council ana Ryan, Council Representative from Holy Cross Church in Castro Valley.

After hearing about the need at an Eric Swalwell meeting, Diana the various religious groups that called upon other representatives in our council to send out the word that we would be making masks

By Friday, more than 560 masks for healthcare workers in our area. I quickly said I'd help her with this

The Testing Center, at Fire Sta-

in South Hayward, is free and open

to members of the general public

regardless of where they live or

immigration status. It is scheduled

to operate from 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Tuesdays through Sundays or until

the number of tests available for

the day have been exhausted. The

Center will be closed on Mondays.

ter Huntwood Ave. at Industrial

Blvd., then proceed north to curb-

side screening locations or backs

To get to the Center, members

With the blessings of our President, Julie Greenfield, we went to work. So far we have about 30 volunteers. Some come from make up the EAIC, others are friends and previous co-workers, see MASKS on page 11

## **COVID-19: New** Health Guidelines, **Support in County**

#### By Michael Singer CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

As the world continues to fight against the coronavirus, Alameda County officials have expanded their list of health precautions and community support, while businesses and neighbors reach out to results, the other people in your help each other.

Ås of Monday, April 6, there quarantine themselves as well. were 661 new reported cases of This includes people visiting you COVID-19 in Alameda County, in person without protective gear. including Berkeley, with 13 related deaths from complications.

Alameda County joined six other Bay Area public health jurisdictions to extend its current shelterin-place order to May 3 in attempts to slow the spread of infections.

While a surge in new infections are anticipated, the City of Fremont opened a COVID-19 testing center at its Fire Tactical Training Center on Stevenson Boulevard. The center is equipped to handle about 100 tests per day.

No doctor's referrals are required, but priority is given to healthcare professionals and first responders. This is the second

## Thank You

We want to take this opportunity to thank our advertisers and all of the people who sent donations to The Forum, which enabled us to print and distribute this week's edition.

Thanks, too, for your many thoughtful notes of support.

Like most other locally-owned weeklies, the immediate future for this newspaper is unknown due to the COVID-19 crisis and the resulting precipitous but understandable drop in advertising revenue.

It looks likely that we may have to suspend the print edition temporarily. If you do not receive a copy of next week's Forum delivered to your home, please log on to castrovalleyforum.com.

As owners of The Forum for the past 20 years, we have been proud to serve the Castro Valley community. We hope to continue in the weeks, months and years ahead.



## **START A** GARDEN AT HOME





Plant a garden while you are sheltering at home. Gardening is a great project for the whole family, and everyone will enjoy the reward of fresh fruit and vegetables grown at home.

Here's how to get started: Pick a sunny location. The more sunlight crops receive, the greater the harvest. Use rich fertile soil and compost. This will penetrate plant roots and add nutrients. Provide a stable

environment. Avoid placing plants in areas prone to flooding and heavy rains, or in areas that are too dry.

Visit www.almanac.com/vegetable-gardening-for-beginners# for more information and helpful tips on starting your garden. .....

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## **MAC Chairman Moving to County Planning Commission**

#### **By Michael Singer** CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Marc Crawford, chairman of the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council, is leaving the MAC for a position on the Alameda County Planning Commission. Crawford had served as chairman for the last eight years and had been a member of the CV MAC since 2010.

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors made the announcement as part of the March 31 meeting agenda. Crawford will replace Commissioner Richard Rhodes who is terming out this year.

based on his construction background and public policy exper-"will fill this seat with the advocacy and attention that the Castro Purpose meeting since March 9.

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Valley community deserves." The new term will be up for reevaluation in March 2024.

"I want to thank my fellow council members (past and present), Supervisor Miley and county staff for their leadership and sertold the Castro Valley Forum. While my new position will deal

with matters of county-wide significance, I will remain active in Castro Valley issues. I am looking forward to continuing to help make Castro Valley a very special ble of," Crawford said. place to live."

Crawford's departure now PG&E Supervisor Nate Miley said he leaves two openings on the sevnominated Crawford to the post en-member MAC board. Sheila Cuhna's term expired in June 2019. Miley is expected to make tise, saying he believes Crawford both appointments later this year as the MAC has not held a General

Since he joined the MAC 10 years ago, Crawford noted his greatest achievement was revitalizing the Castro Valley Marketplace project. When it opens later this year, the former Daughtrey's department store is expected to vice to Castro Valley," Crawford bring even more people to the Castro Valley Boulevard shopping district.

"This reincarnated structure will transform Castro Valley Boulevard, giving us all a glimpse into what our downtown is truly capa-

## Support for Customer Hardships

PG&E is offering additional support for customers experiencing hardships as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The company is implementing a series of billing and service modifications effective immediately to ensure the lights stay on and the gas continues to flow for customers experiencing financial challenges.

Customers having trouble paying their bills due to the economic impact of COVID-19 can call PG&E at 1-800-743-5000 to arrange flexible payment plans.

In addition, the utility has implemented a moratorium on service disconnections for non-payment. This suspension applies to both residential and small business customers and will remain in effect until further notice.

PG&E will also provide additional support for low-income and medical baseline customers.

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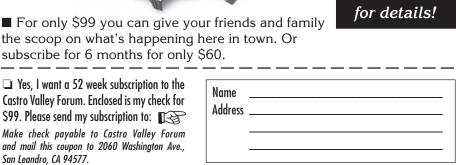
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#### DOOR DROP MEALS

## Longtime East Bay Caterer Now **Delivering Family-Style Dinners**

**By Linda Sandsmark** CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

ith businesses and families scrambling to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, everyone in the food industry has had to adjust to the new "shelter-in-place" reality.

Miraglia Catering of San Leandro took the past few weeks to re-imagine its possibilities, and is now ready to deliver "Door Drop Meals" in Castro Valley, San Leandro and San Lorenzo.

"We're not a restaurant, but we can deliver family-style dinners perfect for four to six people," says owner Cheryl Miraglia, who lives in Castro Valley. "People are having such a hard time going to the grocery store. We hope to help the community, help people stuck at home, and help our employees."

Miraglia Catering has been in business for 72 years, and had 24 full-time employees before the virus hit. Most of them had worked there for 10 to 30 years. Now there's only enough work for a third of them.

This pandemic has been off the charts for small businesses," says Miraglia. "There was the recession of 2008, and 9/11, but this



time we've effectively lost all our Catering company owner Cheryl Miraglia bagging a dinner see MEALS on back page for door-drop home delivery.

### SHERIFF'S REPORTS COMPILED BY MICHAEL SINGER • CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

#### Made Too Much Noise

Sunday, April 5: at 6:36 p.m., Sheriff's deputies arrested a Friday, April 3: at 5:33 p.m., a 28-year-old man from Castro Valley as part of a warrant issued for his capture. The man was at a home on Ray Avenue near Center Street when deputies responded to a noise complaint and found the man damaging personal property. Deputies served the warrant and took the man to Santa Rita Jail was taken into custody. pending bail.

#### Spousal Assault

Friday, April 3: at 6:07 p.m., a 911 call about a loud and aggressive-sounding argument sent deputies to an apartment on Anita Avenue near the Boulevard. There, they arrested a 25-year-old woman from Castro Valley on suspicion of assaulting her partner. Deputies handcuffed the woman and took her into custody. The victim was treated at the scene.

#### **Public Intoxication**

Friday, April 3: at 4:38 p.m., deputies arrested a 36-year-old man from Castro Valley on suspicion of public intoxication. The man was at a home on Bellhurst Lane near Columbia Drive when deputies were called to investigate a noise complaint. Deputies report the man's blood-alcohol content was twice the legal limit. The man was

taken into custody.

#### **Caught Driving Under the Influence**

34-year-old man from Hayward was pulled over and arrested on sued for a previous felony burglary suspicion of driving under the charge. The man was hanging out influence of alcohol. Deputies in a parking lot on Redwood Road stopped the vehicle on Castro Valley Boulevard near the 580 Market Place shopping area. The man served the warrant. Deputies took failed his field sobriety test and the man to Santa Rita Jail pending

#### Suspected Burglar Caught

Friday, April 3: at 4:56 p.m., deputies arrested a 53-year-old man from CV as part of a warrant isnear the Boulevard when deputies made a positive identification and \$10,000 in bail.

## Chanticleers Announces **Tentative Reschedulings**

**NEW FOR 2020!** 

Castro Valley's Chanticleers frame, or they may change days, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

County," previously set to open sent a separate email with addi-May 1, will now open Oct. 16 and run through Nov. 15. "The Foreigner" will open as planned on July 17, running through Aug. 9. the facility will be cleaned and "Mamma Mia" will open the 2021 season in February 2021.

Those who have purchased tickets and reserved a specific day for Ph.D., President of the Chantieither of the rescheduled shows will have their tickets moved to the same day within the new time for their patience and support.

Theatre has announced a tentative or request a refund. Contact the rescheduling of some productions box office staff at reservations@ chanticleers.org or call 510-733-"The Bridges of Madison 5483. Flex Pass holders will be tional information regarding their options.

Prior to re-opening the theatre, disinfected to ensure the safety of audiences, staff and performers, according to Jacklyn L. Wilferd, cleers Board of Directors who expressed Chanticleers thanks to all



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## Health & Fitness

#### 'MOVE MORE' MONTH

## Tips to Help Make Walking One of Your Healthy Habits

By Dr. John Chang and Diana Nyad SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

With an increased focus on practicing healthy habits - such as washing hands frequently and staying home when sick to help avoid spreading COVID-19 - it's important to remain mindful about the importance of daily walking.

In fact, a report from Harvard Medical School concluded that walking can help boost the immune system, ease joint pain and curb cravings for high-sugar foods, which may contribute to inflammation and disease.

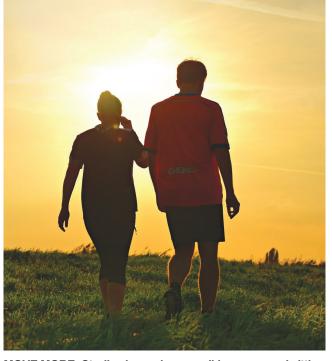
Plus, studies have shown walking more and sitting less may help people maintain a healthier weight. April is Move More Month,

an annual celebration established to encourage people and communities to walk for at least 30 minutes\* each day and put themselves

tips people in California can consider to help make walking part of your daily routine during April and If those targets seem daunting, to only walk around your home year-round:

Even if you are spending more discount walking compared to time at home, it is crucial to still running: stay active and not fall into the trap of only binging the latest TV series or movie.

frequently throughout the day, pressure, high cholesterol and diaaiming for six separate "miniwalks" of at least 300 to 500 steps. want to push yourself, think about To enhance cardiovascular fitness, someday planning a trip (once the aim for at least one "brisk walk" of global pandemic ends) to explore at least 2,000 to 3,000 steps within one of our nation's top "bucket 30 minutes each day. To help build list" hikes, such as the Kalalau endurance, work toward 8,000 to Trail in Hawaii or the Grand Can-10,000 aggregate steps per day.



on the road to a healthier lifestyle. MOVE MORE: Studies have shown walking more and sitting With that in mind, here are three less may help people maintain a healthier weight.

• Start Small, Dream Big: remember it helps to start slowly or immediate neighborhood for • Stay Active at Home: and build up over time. And don't the time being, studies show that

Maintaining a quick walking a healthier lifestyle. pace has been shown to be on par with running when it comes Remember to take short walks to lowering the risk of high blood betes. If you are in good health and yon "Rim to Rim."

While it might seem mundane setting - and writing down long-term goals may help promote

• Identify "Intrinsic" and "Extrinsic" Motivators: In general, people are motivated by a combination of "intrinsic" factors, such as wanting to maintain a healthy weight, and extrinsic ones, such as financial rewards.

Walking likely offers several intrinsic motivators given research has shown consistent movement may help ward off depression and prevent issues like heart disease.

Following these tips may help you achieve those daily step goals during these turbulent times, while encouraging seemingly small healthy habits that can eventually translate to meaningful improvements

\*Check with your doctor to determine what activity level is right for you.

Dr. John Chang is chief medical officer of UnitedHealthcare, Diana Nyad is founder and executive

director of EverWalk



#### Valery **Piachonkina**

Our Athlete of the Week is Valery Piachonkina, a Castro Valley native who is a Sophmore at Austin College (the Kangaroos).

Piachonkina was named the Collegiate Water Polo Association Defensive Player of the Week on March 13 after making 26 saves and helping the team go 4-0 in conference matches.

Piachonkina has been the women's water polo goalie for every game of the program's two-year history. This is her third time winning the award.



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## New CEO Of Eden Health

Mark Friedman has been appointed new chief executive officer of the Eden Health District in Castro Valley. He is the former CEO of the Thomas J. Long Foundation and First 5 of California, and serves on the East Bay Community Foundation Board.









## **Real Estate Services Deemed Essential with Severe Restrictions**

s we progress deeper into the coronavirus crisis, mandates and rules continue to change. Of primary significance is the new directive from the County of Alameda stating the COVID-19 Shelter in Place Order has been extended through May 3, 2020.

This is new territory for all. Hunkered at home, we are seeking ways to keep each day fresh. While some are continuing to work from home, it has proved difficult for many to accomplish tasks surrounded by circumstances far from ideal.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to parents with children at home who, while trying to continue their kid's education, are still required to accomplish other tasks. We are also mindful of seniors living alone who cannot be visited in person at this time and for whom loneliness is taking on a new dimension.

Of deepest concern are those who have lost the ability to work and consequently have no income.

With regard to real estate, things are a mixed bag.

As of last week, real estate services were upgraded to essential, but with severe restrictions. While we are still seeing purchases and sales, Tricia Thomas, CEO of Bay

East Association of Realtors clarifies, "It's not business as usual. Six Bay Area Counties and the City of Berkeley issued new Shelter in Place Orders on March 31, 2020 that permit limited real estate practices."

She continues, "Service providers that enable residential transactions (including rentals, leases, and home sales), are considered essential businesses for limited purposes only. This applies to residential transactions, not commercial or industrial. Service providers include real estate agents, escrow agents, notaries, and title companies.'

Consequently, the following guidelines are in place:\* No Open Houses or Broker

Opens. Whenever possible, all aspects of a transaction should be completed through virtual interaction.

In-person contact is discouraged. Properties may be shown if strict guidelines are followed and only if the property is vacant.

Persons performing cosmetic services for a property, such as staging and landscaping are not considered service providers subject to the exception.

Access to residential properties is restricted to services necessary to maintaining habitability, sanitation, and residence operation, or to address safety of residents, employees or the

public (eg. fire safety or tree trimming to prevent dangerous conditions). Examples include plumbers, electricians and exterminators. Landscaping is not considered essential.

The Central County Realtors implore you to follow the directives and be safe.

\*Information provided by Bay East Association of Realtors

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## **County, State Defer Evictions During Pandemic**

**By Michael Singer** Special to the Forum

who've been Renters of work, or see their hours slashed due to the coronavirus pandemic are getting some relief.

California Governor Gavin Newsom issued eviction pro- if you can pay it. According es rental property owners and tections last week for tenants to Newsom's order, if a tenant rent because of loss of income COVID-19, the tenant's rental as a result of the outbreak.

The executive order follows decisions by the Alameda

sheriff's office say ongoing rent is due. evictions won't be enforced during the shelter-in-place order.

payment is deferred for a reasonable period but not waived.

When the crisis is over, you County Board of Supervisors are expected to repay back to take a humane approach rent. If not, you must submit in an eviction during this time,

to evict tenants. Evictions al- writing the reason you cannot you may contact the East ready filed in Alameda county pay and provide documents Bay Community Law Center: will also be on hold, for now. showing why you cannot pay 510-548-4040, ext. 629 or the laid off, are temporarily out County superior courts and the within seven days of when the Centro Legal de la Raza: 510)-

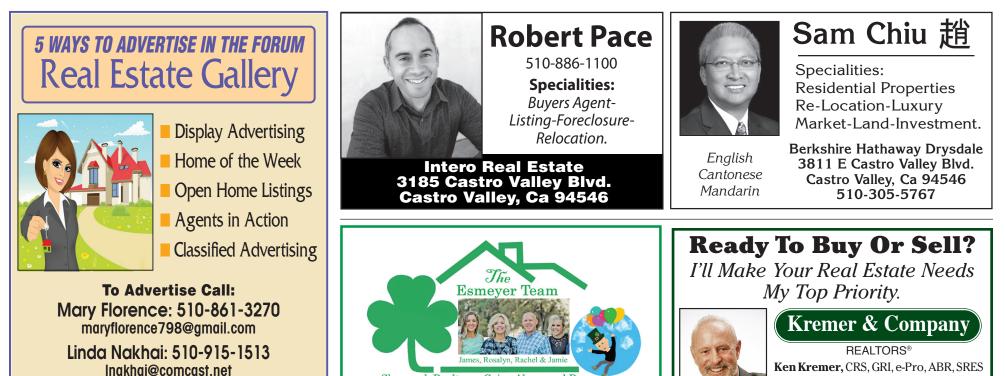
The California Apartment Association said it will work with local agencies to support However, April's rent is due the executive order and urgmanagers to act with compaswho are unable to pay their cannot pay the rent because of sion in dealing with residents who face coronavirus-related hardships in all locations, regardless of whether a moratorium on evictions is in place. If you are threatened with

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## You Can Help to Keep Parks Open

#### By Ned MacKay Special to the Forum With measures in place made necessary by the coronavirus pan-

gional Parks are still open to the Ramon Valley, and the Alameda keep them that way.

At this writing, five regional parks are completely closed: Ar- list of what is open and closed, denwood Historic Farm in Fremont, Bay Point Regional Shoreline in Pittsburg (for construction), Castle Rock Regional Recreation Information" at the top of the in Richmond, and Sunol Regional ment, I recommend that you al-Wilderness in southern Alameda County.

At other regional parks, trails are generally open but other park contagious and can be spread by features are closed. Closures include the Tilden Little Farm, all are intended to secure the safety visitor centers, picnic areas, re- of both the general public and the strooms, water fountains, some staff who maintain, operate and parking lots, swim areas, playgrounds, campgrounds, back sult, although there are rangers on country campsites, kiosks, sports duty, staffing is at a lower level. fields, and reservable facilities.

paved, regional inter-park trails are open. These include the Del-

the Contra Costa Canal Regional Trail in central Contra Costa, the demic, many of the East Bay Re- Iron Horse Trail through the San tions: public. But we all need to help to Creek Regional Trail in Newark from other people. and Fremont.

visit the Park District website at www.ebparks.org, and click on "COVID-19 Updates & Closure Area in Walnut Creek, Pt. Isabel home page. To avoid disappoint- times. When dogs congregate, so ways do that before venturing out to a park.

Because coronavirus is highly overcrowding, all these measures police the regional parks. As a re-Like all of us, many staff are shel-The district's 300 miles of tering in place and caring for their block fire road gates or obstruct families.

If the spread of coronavirus

ta-DeAnza and Marsh Creek Re- increases, more restrictive meagional Trails in East Contra Costa, sures may have to be taken. But However, you can still enjoy some we can all help to prevent that by observing some specific precau-

• Maintain a six-foot distance

• No picnicking, groups, gath-For a detailed and up-to-date erings or meetups. Only immediate households should be together. • Use gloves or hand sanitizers at high use contact points such as

trail gates. • Keep dogs on leash at all do their owners.

Pack out all trash, including dog waste bags. Because trict's staff and board are in conof lower staffing, trash collection will be limited.

• Do not use single-use plastic water bottles. Bring your own water in a permanent-use container. Water fountains have been closed.

• Use the toilet at home before you visit the park. Park toilets are locked shut.

• Park safely; please do not park access roads.

All the regional park natural- standing and cooperation.

ist programs have been cancelled. Park District nature programs online. The district naturalists have put together a series of Facebook video programs called "Creature Features," each highlighting a natural history topic. You can access these on your Facebook page by typing in a search for "East Bay Regional Park District Creature Features." The first four "creatures" featured are a newt, wildflowers, a gopher snake, and skull detectives, and there are more to come

East Bay Regional Park Disstant contact and in compliance with all local and state health departments. The coronavirus pandemic is by nature rapidly evolving, with changes on a daily basis. The hope is that if we all work together, these changes will be for the better, and we will be able to resume our normal way of living sooner rather than later. The Park District board and staff offer thanks to the public for its under-



#### Vegetables

As soon as garden beds are able to be worked after the April rains have passed, you can begin setting out vegetables, including radishes, eggplants, green peppers, beans, cucumbers and squash. Buzz Bertolero recommends waiting until May to set out tomatoes.

#### **Flowers**

Summer annuals and perennials can also be planted this month to brighten up flower beds. Look for petunias and zinnias-two of the most popular annuals-available in a wide range of colors, shapes and sizes to fulfill any requirement, whether for dramatic massed beds and borders, window boxes or planters on the patio.





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#### Apoloav Owed

Editor: I was shocked and indignant, when I read Mr. Warner's letter ("A Dismayed and Disappointed Veteran," Letters, April 1) describing Supervisor Keith Carson's outburst of calling Mr. Warner "racist," in response to the Castro Valley Veterans Memorial Library Foundation's goal to save the old library.

One person recently said it best, when he stated: "...the media has shaped our social culture to deem terms such as patriotism and nationalism as racist terms ... " It is unfortunate that Supervisor Carson has bought into that culture.

At this time of Covid-19 crisis in our country, we already have more than enough hate going around - we certainly don't need one of our County Supervisors contributing to the problem.

Not only did Supervisor Carson disregard the fact that thousands of Castro Valley voters wanted to see the old library used to benefit the community and its veterans, but in accusing Mr. Warner and the Foundation for not supporting the homeless, Keith Carson also showed his ignorance by his misuse of the word "racist" and the fact that the Foundation is working with Eden Housing and

**NO** 

First Pres Church to address the issue.

I have written to ask Supervisor Nate Miley to "enlighten" his colleague and to ensure that this type of unacceptable behavior does not get repeated in the future. Supervisor Carson seems to forget that he is a public servant of Alameda County - regardless of district - and as such, he needs to be respectful, especially when discussing issues with those who have an opposing view.

As a native Californian, whose ancestors have resided in this Golden State for over a hundred years, members of my family have proudly served in the Navy, Army, and Coast Guard branches of the military and although I am not a member of the Foundation, I applaud Mr. Warner and the members of the Foundation for its efforts and goal for the old library. At a minimum, Mr. Carson owes Mr. Warner and the community of Castro Valley an apology.

> -Aileen Chong-Jeung Former CV MAC Member Castro Valley

#### Old Library Can Still Serve Editor:

I am much more than disappointed by the lack of comity shown to my fellow Castro Valley neighbor, Kasey Warner. I seem to remember voting on this issue a while ago and it being approved by the voters here.

As to the former library being "a building from hell," far from it. The building in question is a good example of Civic architecture and served our community for many years. It could still be of service if we had the cooperation of the

is this what we get? Being called

# LETTERS to the EDITOR First Pres Church to address the CVSan Hosting a COVID-19 Community Toilet Paper Pantry

Castro Valley Sanitary District is teaming up with Smalltown Society to host a Community Toilet Paper Pantry.

Public reaction to COVID-19 has created a shortage of toilet paper. The impact of this shortage is felt by all but especially by those who are underserved in our community.

This Saturday, April 11, CVSan staff will be on-site at Smalltown Society, 22222 Redwood Road, next to Trader Joe's from 2 to 4 p.m. to distribute rolls of toilet paper for those in need.

CVSan is also asking members of the community to stop by and donate extra new unopened rolls of toilet paper to help those in need. Social distancing guidelines and practices will be enforced during this event.

The distribution rules are: One roll of toilet paper per person, while supplies last. For more information contact CVSan at (510) 537-0757.

#### BART Runs Every 30 Minutes on Week Days

As the Bay Area counties have now extended mandatory shelter-inplace orders, BART service is being reduced to match demand, save costs, and maintain reliable service based on staffing levels.

Starting yesterday, April 8, Monday-Friday service is running every 30 minutes until further notice. Ridership data shows social distancing remains possible on all trains with this change. Effectively, every other

train is being canceled Monday-Friday. Weekend service will remain unchanged.

PDFs of the new schedule will be available on bart.gov.

us than we do? I am only sorry I

was not at that meeting to support

our veterans and their plan for this

-Matthew Clowry

Castro Valley

community space.

Editor:

Disrespect Not OK

I wish to send my support

traumatized at the Board of Su-

pervisors meeting. I believe you

are owed a public apology by Su-

pervisor Carson. I am dismayed

feel it is OK to disrespect others.

treat others as we would like and

-Gail Lawton, Castro Valley

We are all humans and should

expect to be treated.

and embarrassed that some people

to Mr. Kasey Warner who felt

#### think they know what is better for Well Done, Trader Joe's Editor:

I'd like to thank Trader Joe's for their response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

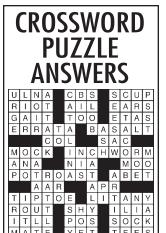
They have effectively encouraged social distancing by limiting the number of people inside the store at any one time. They have provided senior shopping hours.

I do worry about whether their public-facing employees (cashiers, cart cleaners, crowd control) have enough protection. Their decision to ban reusable shopping bags (to help stem the epidemic) was softened by not charging extra for the paper bags they are providing as a substitute. Well done, TJ's

> -Marilyn Rumble Castro Valley

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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in Union City. She was born Elaine Cook in Lincoln, Nebraska where she met the love of her life, Richard. Elaine always looked on the bright-side of life. We were blessed to have celebrated her 92nd birthday with family and friends just a few days before the shelter-in-place order. To her grand-children Brendan and Lauren (and their friends) she was known as "Nama." She was lovingly involved in their daily lives as she lived just a few blocks away. In her younger days, she worked at Mills Insurance Agency,

Lincoln General as the Assistant to the Director, and Veteran's Services Center as a Counselor Advocate. She spent Sunday mornings at church and afternoons as a "trophy girl" riding laps in a convertible handing out roses and trophies to winners of the

Elaine Wicker passed away peacefully at the Masonic Home

stock car races. In 1959 Elaine and Rich moved to the Bay Area, settling in Castro Valley. They were happily married 52 years until Rich passed away in July of 2010. Soon thereafter, Elaine moved to her "castle on the hill," the Masonic Home in Union City.

Elaine faithfully attended 3 Crosses Church in Castro Valley (Pastors Jacob and Larry) and the Church at the Masonic Home (Pastor Joel). Elaine was a member of Eastern Star, San Lorenzo Chapter. She loved to sing and write poetry. She enjoyed watching sports, and she and Rich were devoted Oakland Raiders season-ticket holders and boosters for many years. She loved bowling in leagues with Rich at Holiday Bowl, golfing at Willow Park, and participating in water aerobics at the Hayward Plunge. Elaine enjoyed traveling with family-especially a trip to Asia, weekend trips to wine and gold country, visits with family in Nebraska, Disneyland, and annual trips to Maui for more than 10 years running. Elaine loved animals, keeping dogs, cats, birds, fish, and bunnies as pets.

In her later years at the Masonic Home she formed loving relationships with staff and made many dear friends. She loved it there! Even this past year alone, while battling breast cancer (diagnosed at age 91), she went on every outing and to every activity possible: Cloverleaf Bowl, Oakland A's game, musicals, plays, festivals, fine dining, performances, Aquarium by the Bay at Pier 39, Ice Creamery in her hometown, parties, ceramics, bingo, trivia, Wii bowling, horse shoes, Reminiscing, Walt Disney Family Museum, and more! Often her family met-up and joined her. Elaine is survived by her daughter and only child, Michelle Korbas; grandchildren, Brendan and Lauren Korbas; and "son," Adam Korbas.

There will be a Celebration of Life to honor Elaine after these unprecedented events of recent times have settled. As Elaine always said, "Everything will be alright." Please contact daughter, Michelle, if you wish to keep informed. Elaine's final resting place will be alongside Richard at Arlington National Cemetery. Contributions in honor of Elaine's memory may be made in her name to the Masonic Home for Adults, 34400 Mission Blvd., Union City, CA ิด 94587. Elaine, you are in our hearts always and we will see you in Heaven!



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use the time to recheck your operation and make changes where necessary. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): You might find it difficult to resist making a snap judgment about a colleague's behavior. But stick with your usual way of assessing situations and wait for the facts to come out.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Asking for help with a family situation might be the wisest course to take right now Just be sure you turn to someone you can trust to do and say the right thing for the right reasons.



Masks: More Volunteers Are Still Needed

#### continued from front page deliver cut- to-size pieces to our doorsteps.

Right now I believe we have about 18 volunteers, but at the pace we're all working, fatigue will set in. So we definitely need more volunteers. I'm worried about the surge that is supposed to happen soon.

If someone does want to volunteer, they need just some basic sewing skills. All the step-by-step directions are posted online. We even have a link to a YouTube video. Of course they will need a sewing machine, thread, scissors, and an iron.

delivered fabric is put into a drier minutes. We've heard that the virus dies at 133°F. Then with disinfected hands, the fabric is put into socially distanced.

mask or cutting fabric, the work is me going. put back into the ziplock. When it gets back to my or Diana's home, of people we're working with; all we repeat the drier technique and economic levels, a mix of nationwhile not as good as a N95, are There's a brother and sister, who used.

We know that some nurses are modest. wearing fabric masks over their

Care Services Agency.



GOT A SEWING MACHINE? Put your skills to work making Because of safety concerns, all masks for our area's hospitals.

at the hottest setting for at least 40 using them are also giving them to know a little about them by their patients to prevent infecting staff emails, text and their neighbormembers.

We don't care who uses them, Once the seamster finishes a ious heart. That's enough to keep

Most amazing to me is the mix repackage in a clean ziplock. We alities and accents, and of course edeninterfaith.weebly.com. are really trying our best not to religions. One of our volunteers, they can call 510-206-6035 and infect our volunteers or the health- Miranda, doesn't sew for us. care workers that will eventually She translates the directions for wear the masks. The fabric masks, her two friends, Zhen and Mei. terfaith Council's Facebook page. better than nothing and can be re- created over 80 masks and won't quarantine time fly by. So much share their names. They are that more satisfying than doing Face-

Most of these people I've nevknow that some of the facilities behind their doors. I mainly get to Council.

hoods. I'm traveling all over the Eden Area. God bless who ever ina ziplock bag. We deliver the bag so long as they help anyone in vented GPS. All of our volunteers to a seamster's doorstep so we are need. I like to think that every have put in so many hours and stitch we sew will soothe an anx- have done such quality work. We have gotten compliments on the quality from an administrator from St. Rose hospital.

So if someone wants to donate *continued from front page* or volunteer, they should go to Or speak with Diana. Monetary donation can be made on Eden Area In-I'll tell you this has made the book or watching TV all day.

Debra Collins is a local artist N95 ones to try to keep them er met face to face. I'm always and Vice President of Communicasterile and lasting longer. We also wearing a mask, and they are safe tions for the Eden Area Interfaith

## CV Rotary's Annual Art & Essay Contest Will Be Held This Year

he Rotary Club of Castro tions. No individual awards will be have learned a lot since. History, Valley is pleased that their presented. annual Art & Essay Conencourage our young authors and artists to use their skills to remember our history and help bring our community together.

all and the need to keep physical essays will also include the name chrodeoparade.com/wp-content/ separation makes it all the more of the student's first name, grade, important to bring us together as a community.

In that spirit, we are not making this year's Art & Essay a "contest" with individual rewards, but rather an expression of how we survive by uniting together by thinking of

others. All of your artwork and essays will be posted online for the com-

These orders are a necessary next step and work in hand-inhand with the shelter-in-place order to help slow COVID-19's spread, protect vulnerable individuals, and prevent the healthcare system in Alameda County from being overwhelmed," Alameda County Health Officer Dr. Erica Pan said in a statement.

In anticipation of a spike in that California may require up to 50,000 additional hospital beds to ensure there is enough capacity for the medical system to handle the surge of COVID-19 cases.

meda County, to evaluate appropriate sites.

Bay Area health officials are when leaving home for essential help is on its way, say county of- mation resources.

There are several significant test is being held again this year to changes for this year, including on-line submissions to Rowell-RanchRodeoParade@gmail.com where they will be separated by category (Art or Essay) and by These are difficult times for grade (K-1, 2-3, 4-5). Submitted Guidelines at: www.rowellranand school or homeschool.

All entries will be posted on RowellRanchRodeoParade.com RowellRanchRodeoParade@ as they are received, listed by first name only, grade and school.

remains the same. It's just the end closer together during these chalgame that's changed. Help us unite lenging times. with your creations and ideas.

It's been more than 100 years munity to recognize your contribu- since the 1918 pandemic, and we

whether it is yesterday, 100 years or 1,000 years ago, gives us important lessons to learn so those following you will benefit. Please keep that in mind as you have fun, enjoy and create!

For details, see the Art & Essay uploads/2020/04/2020-Art-Essay-Guidelines-2020-1.pdf

Please email any questions to gmail.com.

The Rotary Club of Castro The description you've received Valley's desire is to bring us even

#### –Dawn Ortiz

Art & Essay Contest Coordinator Rotary Club of Castro Valley

Congress passed three relief

workers. County Supervisor Nate

Eden Area community during this

## **COVID-19:** Business, Healthcare Support

the number of infections, Gover- ry Club of Castro Valley and the available resources," Miley told nor Gavin Newsom announced Castro Valley/Eden Chamber of

The state is working with public health officials, including in Ala- matters.org/feededen.

also recommending residents cov- ing ways to pitch in against the also working with the Chamber of er their nose and mouth with cloth COVID-19 pandemic, economic Commerce to post and share infor-

travel such as to doctor appointficials. ments, grocery shopping or pharmacy visits. Homemade versions packages in response to the crisis, that block the nose and mouth are amounting to trillions of dollars acceptable under the recommenwhich will go to businesses and dations.

Officials ask that medical-grade Miley says he is, "acutely aware respirators such as the N95 masks of the economic stress put on the be reserved for hospital workers. Support for

#### Healthcare Workers

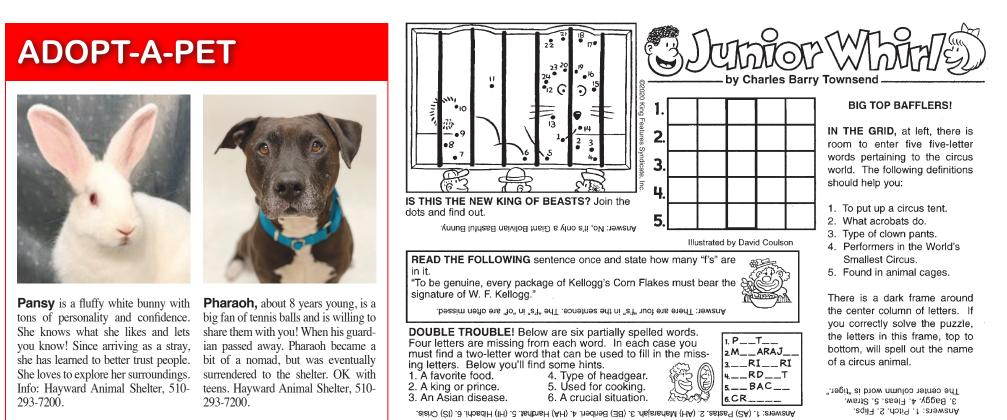
In collaboration with the Rota-Commerce, Castro Valley Matters is coordinating an effort to feed healthcare workers at Eden Hospital during the surge of COVID-19 cases. Donations for this effort can be made online at Castrovalley-

#### **Business Support** Available

While businesses are find-

emergency." "My office is working diligently to connect constituents with the Castro Valley Forum. "If you need support, please reach out to my office.' For example, the Alameda County Community Development Agency's Economic and Civic

Development Department (ECD) is actively working with small businesses in the county's unincorporated areas to connect them with available programs. They are



Rep. Eric Swalwell announced Alameda County from the San AIDS services and publicly-traded he will hold a Facebook Live Francisco Department of Public biotechnology organizations. The Q&A will take place at 1:30 Q&A tomorrow, April 9, with spe- Health, where she had spent 13 cial guest Colleen Chawla, Direc- years, the last six of which serving p.m. Pacific Time. Join at: Facebook.com/CongressmanEricSwal-

Swalwell to Hold Another Q&A Tomorrow

tor of the Alameda County Health as its Deputy Director. Her experience in the health well. Participants are encouraged Chawla joined the agency sector goes back 25 years and in- to submit questions in advance on in December 2017, coming to cludes positions in non-profit HIV/ the event Facebook page.

#### ROTARY CLUB, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CV MATTERS



## Feeding Healthcare Workers

In collaboration with the Rotary Club of Castro Valley and the Castro Valley/Eden Chamber of Commerce, Castro Valley Matters is coordinating an effort to feed healthcare workers at Eden Medical Center during the surge of COVID-19/Coronavirus cases. Donations for this effort can be made online at https://castrovalleymatters.org/feededen. For accurate news and information about Eden's response efforts, please visit: www.sutterhealth.org/covid19

## Meals: Prepared Under Strict Sanitation Guidelines, Delivered Right to Doorstep

continued from page 3 and June.'

With weddings, conventions Door Drop menu. and corporate events canceled or postponed, Miraglia and her crew for next-business-day delivery. tering is preparing food for "eshave researched home delivery, Deliveries are made Monday including new methods of packaging, labeling, portioning and choosing a good online ordering noon on the prior Friday.) program. The new meal service has been up and running about 10 days. Results have been encouraging, with favorable customer doorstep, without person-to-perreviews. The delivery area may be son contact. They ring the doorbell expanded in the future.

Meals has approximately 25 menu over \$100 are delivered free; othfrom, including gluten-free and Minimum order is \$50.

James J. Phillips\*

vegetarian dishes. Chicken, beef,

Orders must be placed by noon through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. are working long hours. At this (Monday orders must be placed by

sanitation guidelines, says Miraglia. Her staff delivers right to the and text to make sure recipients Currently Miraglia's Door Drop know the order has arrived. Orders items and combinations to choose erwise there is an \$8 delivery fee. and people will want and need to

See Miraglia's Door Drop business for March, April, May pasta, salmon, salads, soup and Meals website, www.cateringand- tify in regard to race, ethnicity and side dishes are available on the more.com/home-meal-delivery, or phone 510-483-5210.

In the meantime, Miraglia Casential services" personnel who time these are mostly box lunches. Large quantities may still be or-Food is prepared under strict dered from Miraglia's more extensive online catalog, although the Door Drop home meal delivery items serve from four to six.

"Our office staff is still helping people plan weddings and other events," says Miraglia, "because eventually this craziness will end celebrate.'

### 2020 Census Is Underway

Nearly all Californians have received invitations to participate in the 2020 Census from the U.S. Census Bureau, as the historic count begins that will determine the distribution of billions of dollars in federal funding as well as state and political representation in the next 10 years.

All residents can now respond to the Census online at: 2020census. gov and by phone by calling one of these numbers: English 844-330-2020, Spanish 844-468-2020, Chinese (Mandarin) 844-391-2020, Chinese (Cantonese) 844-398-2020 or Telephone Display Device (TDD) 844-467-2020.

The Census encourages all residents to participate as soon as possible and is providing culturally sensitive and in-language support.

The mailed invitation includes information on how to fill out the Census form and includes a unique Census ID linked to a physical address. Californians will need to use their customized Census ID when responding online or by phone. All residents can respond to the Census online at: my2020census.gov and by phone.

What You Need to Know:

 The Census is a simple, confidential 9 question survey Questions include: name, ad-

dress, sex, race, ethnicity, age, and whether you own or rent the home · Californians should self-iden-

gender

· Make sure you count everyone in your home, including any friends or family members who are living and sleeping there most of the time

The Census Bureau will never ask about your citizenship status, or for sensitive information like your social security number, bank accounts, or payments/donations.

· The Census Bureau will never reach out to you on behalf of a political party • Your responses to the Census are protected by law and cannot be

shared with, or used by, any other government agencies. • For more info and answers to frequently asked questions, please visit californiacensus.org

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FEBRUARY 27, 2020

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### **Spectrum Senior Lunches**

Low-cost lunches are available at the following Castro Valley locations at noon on the listed days. For lunch reservations, please call 24 hours in advance. Suggested donation is \$3.75. No registered senior over 60 will be refused a meal due to lack of funds. All senior dining sites have switched to take-away meals.

United Methodist Church 19806 Wisteria Street Tuesdays 510-581-3486

17800 Redwood Road Monday thru Wednesday 510-881-6738

Aitken Senior Center

MENU Monday, April 13

Baked Jerk Chicken with Creamy Cucumber Sauce, Tossed Vegetable Salad, Coleslaw, Jamaican Brown Rice, Orange

Tuesday, April 14 Cod on Bed of Spinach with Sun-dried Tomato Sauce, Carrot Soup, Whole Wheat Roll, Grapes

Wednesday, April 15 Pork Chops with BBQ Sauce, Corn on the Cob, Green Beans, Brown Rice, Pineapple Cup

## Need Emotional Support?

It is likely that the emergency at 1-855-845-7415 or on Web Chat declaration over COVID-19 has at: www.mentalhealthsf.org/peerleft many with increased levels of run-warmline/ stress, anxiety, worry, and fear.

The Mental Health Association trained peers with specialized of San Francisco is making imme- training in supporting mental diate, free non-emergency emo- health challenges that people can tional support available to anyone use to seek support before they've in the state via telephone or instant reached the crisis point. The staff messaging through the California can also help link callers to local Peer-Run Warm Line, a toll-free emergency, mental health, or soservice that operates 24/7.

The Warm Line can be reached confidential.

**CVSan Extends Suspension** Of Non-Essential Services

To ensure the health and safety 510-537-0757 Monday - Friday, of its customers and employees 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. or after hours at and to limit possible COVID-19 510-506-5821. exposure and comply with the most recent shelter-in-place (SIP) services for recycling, organics, order, walk-in services at the and garbage provided by Alameda Castro Valley Sanitary District County Industries (ACI) have not (CVSan) office at 21040 Marshall St. and its Capital Improvement tomers should have their contain-Projects Office at 20211 Patio ers ready for service between the Drive, Suite 200 will continue to hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. be suspended until further notice.

essential wastewater services and will respond to sewer emergencies during the current SIP.

The Warm Line is staffed by

cial services. All calls are free and

Current scheduled collection been affected. Residential cus-

As the impact of COVID-19 to CVSan will continue to provide the community continues to develop, CVSan will provide further service updates as needed. Contact CVSan with questions at: (510) Report sewer emergencies to 537-0757 or contact@cvsan.org.

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Katelyn M. Phillips

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The name of the business(es): BODI'S JAVA at 3803 E. Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley, CA 94552 in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1) Ki Hoon Han and (2) Hyang Sook Han, 20147 Waterford Place, Castro Valley, CA 94552. This business is conducted by a married couple. This business commenced

12/01/16. /s/ Ki Hoon Han, Hyang Sook Han This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above.

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MARCH 09, 2020 MELISSA WILK County Clerk By-----, Deputy FILE NO. 569449 **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

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The name of the business(es) Sisters With A Purpose at 20074 Rawhide Way, Castro Valley, CA 94552 in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1) Alona Ward, 20074 Rawhide

Way, Castro Valley, CA 94552 (2) Donna Rosby, 29 Klondike Ct., Sacramento, CA 95835. This business is conducted by a general partnership. This business commenced N/A

/s/ Alona Ward, Donna Rosby This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above Expires MARCH 09, 2025

APR 08, 15, 22, 29, 2020