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More than \$296.2 million worth of fireworks were imported to the U.S. from China in 2016.

Fireworks Are Illegal in CV, But 4th Fun is Still Around

By Michael Singer
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

It's an American tradition that predates the Revolutionary War, but it's illegal in Castro Valley.

They are the fireworks we use to celebrate the upcoming Fourth of July and beyond. You hear them after dark—the bang, the pop, the hiss, and the crackle with just a hint of flash spraying overhead.

More than \$296.2 million worth of fireworks were imported to the U.S. from China in 2016. Last year, Alameda County Sheriff's confiscated 10,000 pounds of illegal fireworks. *see FIREWORKS on page 7*

PG&E Expanding Operations to Monitor Wildfire Risk

Pacific Gas and Electric Company is expanding its network of weather stations and high-definition cameras in the East Bay to improve the company's ability to predict and respond to extreme wildfire danger.

By the end of 2019, PG&E officials say they plan to have at least 600 weather stations and 100 high-definition cameras in high fire-threat areas.

More than 200 of the new stations and 25 cameras have been installed in the Bay Area to date, including 11 in Alameda County, to capture localized, real-time temperature, wind speeds and humidity levels.

The high-definition, pan-tilt-zoom cameras allow firefighters, first responders and electric power companies to confirm and monitor potential wildfires.

of many additional precautionary measures the company is implementing to reduce wildfire risks following the state's devastating 2017 and 2018 wildfires.

"The enhanced meteorological data we are receiving from these weather stations is bolstering our ability to forecast high fire-risk weather conditions with further granularity so that we can take swift action to protect public safety," said company Vice President Sumeet Singh.

"Personnel at PG&E's 24/7 Wildfire Safety Operations Center will use these weather stations and cameras to better monitor wildfire risks and coordinate prevention and response efforts, and the data is shared publicly and with agencies such as CAL FIRE."

During extreme weather events, electric power may be shut off for public safety in an effort to prevent a wildfire, a procedure called



PG&E PHOTO

A PG&E technician installs one of more than two dozen weather stations in the East Bay to monitor and reduce wildfire risk. By the end of the year, the utility plans to have at least 600 such stations and 100 high-definition cameras in high fire-threat areas.

a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS).

PG&E's meteorologists will feed data from these new stations

Rep. Swalwell in Dem. Presidential Debate Tomorrow

Rep. Eric Swalwell, whose California congressional office is on Castro Valley Blvd., will be one of 10 presidential hopefuls appearing on tomorrow evening's nationally-televised Democratic Presidential Debate in Miami.

This first debate is taking place over two nights — tonight and Thursday — on NBC (KNTV Channel 11), MSNBC and Telemundo — from 6 to 8 p.m. PDT.

Moderators for the two nights include MSNBC show host Rachel Maddow (formerly of Castro Valley and a graduate of CVHS), NBC News' anchors Lester Holt, Savannah Guthrie, and Chuck Todd, and Telemundo's José Díaz-Balart.

NBC selected the field of 10 candidates for each debate by random drawing, set up so that a mix of higher-profile and lesser-known candidates will appear each night.

Rep. Swalwell told the San Francisco Chronicle last week that he will decide in December whether to register to run for re-election



to Congress, depending on his standing in the polls and whether he continues to qualify for the debates.

Earlier this year, before announcing his bid to become president, Swalwell said he didn't plan to seek re-election to California's 15th Congressional District if he became a presidential candidate. His district covers Castro Valley, most of eastern Alameda County and part of central Contra Costa County.

Before any such shut-offs occur, PG&E will review criteria including predictions of strong winds and very low humidity levels. Data collected by the weather stations is made available to state and local agencies and the public through online sources such as the National Weather Service.

The system is used by fire managers and has been instrumental in tracking more than 500 fires since it was first developed in 2013. Images from the system are viewable online at www.alertwildfire.org.

In addition to improving real-time monitoring, and intelligence capabilities, other actions PG&E is putting in place include enhanced safety measures to strengthen the safety and resiliency of the electric grid in an effort to further reduce future wildfire risks.

More information can be found at pge.com/wildfiresafety.

Castro Valley Weather June 26 - 30, 2019



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Mostly Sunny
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Thursday
Mostly Sunny
High 68° Low 54°



Friday
Mostly Sunny
High 71 Low 52°



Saturday
Sunny
High 72° Low 53°



Sunday
Sunny
High 75° Low 54°

Almanac



Sun sets at 8:36 p.m. today, rises at 5:49 a.m. Thursday.

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Moon Phases



July 2



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Adult School Students Show Success is Possible at Any Age

By Linette Escobar
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

It's common for graduates to wear a tassel on their cap, but Richard Millet wore three.

In addition to his own, he proudly wore the tassels of his two children who had graduated from high school.

Adult school graduations have a special significance to adults who receive their diplomas later in life. Richard is one of 18 adults who earned their GEDs and 19 who earned their high school diplomas this May at Castro Valley Adult & Career Education.

There are many reasons adult students need to finish their education later in life, from having children young, immigrating to a new country, or not receiving the right support for learning challenges.

Graduation speaker NaShell Wilson-Wright said she used to skip class in high school because she was so frustrated with math. Adult School instructor Ray Villegas not only helped her find different ways to learn, but she actually loves math now.

She was so dedicated that she would take two buses, BART, and walk just to get to school. She's now working as a Teacher's Assistant for kids with autism.

Liliana Honorato also spoke about the challenges she overcame to receive her diploma. She is a DACA recipient who came to this



ADULT SCHOOL PHOTO

From left, Liliana Honorato, Richard Millet, and NaShell Wilson-Wright gave inspirational speeches at last month's graduation ceremony at Castro Valley Adult & Career Education.

country at age 13. Her husband is battling a life-threatening cancer. He was at Liliana's graduation, smiling proudly and taking photos. She encouraged the graduates to "live day by day," and it was obvious she is living that advice. She will be pursuing a career in the medical field.

"Adult schools are an important resource in our society for people who did not finish their education," said Castro Valley Adult & Career Education Director Susie Passeggi. "It helps them re-direct their lives and get better paying jobs, which not only helps families but also our communities."

Mr. Millet is an example of that as he is now studying to be sterile processing technician. His family gathered around for photos, clearly very proud of their dad. As he told the audience, "This is a new beginning for all of us."

Are you someone who didn't finish your education and are ready for a new beginning? If you think you could use support to finish your high school diploma or GED, contact Castro Valley Adult & Career Education at (510) 886-1000 or visit www.cvadulthood.org.

Linette Escobar is Marketing Chair of Castro Valley Adult & Career Education

2 More Summer Hayward Band Concerts

The Hayward Municipal Band, under direction of Castro Valley resident Kathy Morelli Maier, will present two more summer "Concerts In The Park" at 2:30 p.m. this Sunday, June 30, and July 7,

at the Tony Morelli Band Stand in Memorial Park at 24176 Mission Blvd., behind the Hayward Plunge in Hayward.

The 40-member professional band, now in its 63rd season, is

presented by Hayward Area Recreation District and the City of Hayward.

For more information visit: www.haywardmunicipalband.com or call 510-569-8497.



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Annual July Fourth Celebration At the Historic Meek Mansion

The area's big Independence Day Celebration will take place again this year at Meek Park in Hayward from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 4th.

The annual community party will include historic crafts, music, face-painting, sidewalk chalk art, bike repairs, a bounce house and food vendors for a day filled with history and fun.

Since 2009, hundreds of visitors have come to Meek Park to tour the house and enjoy crafts, food and local booths.

"We're really excited about this year's event," said Hayward Area Historical Society's Education Manager Eleanor Katari. "We're expecting a lot of families to be there, and we want to make sure it's a fun-filled day for them."

Previous years' events have

drawn hundreds of visitors.

The festivities this year will include music by Johnny Mahalo and the Wild Coconuts, a local group that plays a variety of music from Classic Rock to Rhythm and Blues, Country, Rockabilly and Island music.

You can enjoy games on the lawn, do a giant drawing with sidewalk chalk or make patriotic pom-poms with red, white and blue ribbons.

The Hayward Area Rec District's trailer will be there, with facepainting and a bounce house.

And you can even get a peek inside a historic community landmark — Meek Mansion, which will be open for walk-through tours with trained docents (some in costume) to share the unique local history of the house.

The Acorn A's Car Club will show off a classic Model A car. Bikemobile will be on site, offering the first 20 participants free bike repairs, so bring your bike and get it ready for some summer pedaling.

And, of course, there will be plenty of food — hot dogs and BBQ by local vendors. Bring a picnic blanket and make a day of it!

Meek Estate Park is located at 240 Hampton Road in Hayward, just off East Lewelling Boulevard. For more information, visit www.haywardareahistory.org

SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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Drugs in the Park

Sunday, June 23: at 10:05 p.m., Sheriff's deputies arrested a 51-year-old man from CV on suspicion of possession of methamphetamine drugs and related drug paraphernalia. The man was spotted in Adobe Park on San Miguel Avenue sitting at a bench. Deputies report the man had two pipes used for smoking drugs and a piece of paper with 77 grams of methamphetamine in plain view with an additional 2.49 grams of the drug in a bag tossed in the bushes nearby. Deputies took him to Santa Rita Jail pending \$10,000 in bail.

Sleeping Near Bag of Needles

Monday, June 24: at 1:01 a.m., a 36-year-old man with no permanent residence was arrested on suspicion of possession of heroin drugs and related injection needles. Deputies investigated a report of a man sleeping in the bushes on Lake Chabot Road near Fairmont Road. The man said a bag of needles nearby was his. Deputies also found two bundles of heroin near the needles. The man was also wanted for a previous drug possession charge. He was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$5,000 in bail.

Ex-Wife Assaulted

Saturday, June 22: at 11:20 p.m., a 911 call about a loud and aggressive-sounding argument sent deputies to a home on Almond Road

near Lawrence Drive. There, they arrested a 53-year-old man on suspicion of assault on his ex-wife. Deputies took the man into custody. Victim was treated at the scene.

Inconvenience at the Convenience Store

Saturday, June 22: at 11:48 p.m., deputies arrested a 29-year-old man with no permanent residence on suspicion of public intoxication, possession of illegal drug paraphernalia, and violating the terms of his parole. The man was causing a commotion at a convenience store on Lake Chabot Road near the Boulevard. Deputies conducted a search and found the man's stash. He was taken into custody.

He Fought the Law

Saturday, June 22: at 5:15 a.m., a 24-year-old man who refused to give his home address was arrested on suspicion of public intoxication, possession of illegal drug paraphernalia, assault on a peace officer, and resisting arrest from a peace officer. Deputies were called to Eden Medical Center after a visitor to the emergency room became belligerent with staff.

She Can't Stay Away

Friday, June 21: at 2:20 a.m., deputies arrested a 61-year-old woman from Castro Valley on suspicion of violating a restraining order. The woman was spotted outside a home on Denison Place near Sherman Drive after a call to the Sheriff's office about a suspicious person in the neighborhood. Deputies took the woman into custody.

Unpaid Bar Tab

Thursday, June 20: at 12:34 a.m., a 36-year-old man from Hayward was arrested on suspicion of public intoxication. Deputies were called to a bar on Rutledge Road near the Boulevard after a patron left without paying his tab. The man was spotted behind a fast food restaurant nearby. Deputies report the man failed his first field sobriety test and refused a second. The bar owner waived the tab. The suspect was taken into custody.

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CVHS Grad on Dean's List

Sara Jones, a 2018 graduate of Castro Valley High School, has been named to the Dean's List for the spring term during her freshman year at the University of Nevada in Reno, where she maintained a grade point average of 3.7 and above

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The Week Ahead

● Thursday, June 27: School Board Meeting

The Castro Valley Board of Education will hold a regular open meeting at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the boardroom at 4400 Alma Avenue. Visit bit.ly/CVUSDBBoardMeetings for the complete agenda and board packet.

● Saturday, June 29: College Application Head-Start

All U.C. schools and most private colleges require a personal statement as a major part of their admission criteria. Get a head-start writing your personal statement for fall college applications by writing your statement(s) this summer. A free class, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. this Saturday at the Castro Valley Library, will provide students and parents with tips for applying and writing applications and scholarships for college. Let the library know you're coming. Register at www.aclibrary.org or call 510-667-7900.

● Saturday, June 29: 'Dunk a Deputy' for the Cancer Society

Join the fun as Relay for Life and the San Lorenzo Cop Shop invite you to Dunk a Deputy from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., plus a flea market and BBQ from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the parking lot at Hesperian Blvd. and Paseo Grande in San Lorenzo this Saturday. Dunk tank proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

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● Saturday, June 29: Red, White & Blue Pet Adoptions

Adopt a pet this Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Hayward Animal Shelter and SantaCon Hayward will pay adoption the fee (Hayward residents pay a \$17 licensing fee for dogs). Lots of kittens, dogs, puppies, cats, bunnies and Guinea pigs are looking for good homes. Swing by the shelter, at 16 Barnes Court near the Hayward DMV, and pick up a 4th of July tip sheet, learn about renting with pets, and learn about the myths and facts about Pit bulls. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/haywardanimalshelter

● Sunday, June 30: Water-Wise Gardening

Join Lori Caldwell, the CompostGal, to learn permaculture and sustainable gardening practices for your home garden in a workshop on water and gardening from 2 to 4 p.m. this Sunday at the Castro Valley Library. Caldwell will cover the benefits of using mulch and compost, how to hydrozone your garden with drip irrigation, and she'll recommend native plants that provide food for birds, butterflies and color year round. An EBMUD representative will be available to discuss their Landscape Upgrade Rebate Program. Please register for this free program on the Library's web site or call 510-667-7900.

...and Beyond

● Thursday, July 4: Fourth of July Celebration

You're whole family is invited to join a free community celebration of Independence Day 2019 at historic Meek Park at 240 Hampton Road in Hayward, where you'll learn about the Meek Family history, get a peek inside this local landmark, enjoy games, crafts and patriotic activities. Grab a hot dog and listen to the music of Johnny Mahalo and the Wild Coconuts. Bay Area BikeMobile will be there and will give free bake repairs to the first 20 sing-ups that day.

● Saturday, July 6: Play the Tarot Board Game

Do you have a nagging issue or question? A change of perspective may raise one's IQ up to 80 points! Join Amber Jayanti to (possibly) expand your perspective by playing a fun-filled, educational tarot board game designed to open participants to problem-solving and learning the basics of the Qabalistic Tarot's Ageless Wisdom from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on July 6 at the Castro Valley Library. Group size limited to 9. For more information or to register, call the Library at (510) 667-7900 or visit our website at www.aclibrary.org

● Wednesday, July 10: Sons in Retirement Luncheon

Sons in Retirement (SIR) Branch 26, an organization of retired men, will meet July 10 for a social hour at 11 a.m. and lunch at noon at the Fairview Event Center at Metropolitan Golf Course, 10051 Doolittle Drive, Oakland. Truman Howard, a docent at Blackhawk Museum, will speak on changes being made at the Museum. Luncheon is \$25, payable by checks to SIR Branch #26. Sponsored guests are welcome at meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. Call Ken at 510-537-4804 for information.

● Thursday, July 11: Ice Cream Social Luau

Come beat the heat and enjoy an ice cream sundae with your friends

and family at the Aitken Senior & Community Center, 17800 Redwood Road from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on July 11. \$1.50 per sundae, please bring exact change.

● Saturday, July 13: Castro Valley Pride

Castro Valley Pride returns for their 9th year, once again transforming the Castro Valley High School Redwood Road parking lot into a fun-filled space with food trucks, vendors, and live entertainment on two stages. Join them from noon to 5 on July 13 as they create a safe and welcoming space for the LGBTQ community, their friends, family, neighbors, and allies to enjoy a beautiful summer day together. For booth opportunities please visit www.castrovalleypride.com

● Friday, July 19: Mother's Club: Parental Boundaries

The Castro Valley Mother's Club Learn & Share Speaker Series presents Pounch Azadi discussing the building blocks of healthy boundaries as they show up in parenting, a free event at 6:30 p.m. on July 19 in the Keller Williams office space at 3160 Castro Valley Blvd. Please join us.

● Saturday, July 20: SLz Pioneer Cemetery Clean-Up Day

Drop by Usher and College streets in San Lorenzo from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 20, to help preserve our local historic cemetery! Bring gloves, rakes, and water. A hat, sunscreen, eye protection, and sturdy shoes are recommended. The cemetery will also be open during this time for the public to visit the grounds and ask questions.

REGULAR GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

• Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) generally 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 Street.

• Alameda County Board of Supervisors meets every Tuesday at 10:45 a.m. in the Supervisors' Chambers in Oakland.

Arts & Entertainment

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Tickets for Center for the Arts events listed below are available online at www.cvcfa.com; or at the Center Box Office, 19501 Redwood Road, Thursdays and Fridays 3-5 p.m. (phone 889-8961), or at the Castro Valley Adult School, 4430 Alma Avenue. Tickets for the Center's entire 2019-2020 Series are available for \$173 to \$209.

● **"The Great American Sh*t Show,"** monologues on life in the age of Trump, written by Brian Copeland and Charlie Varon and performed by them at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17, at the Center for the Arts as a therapy session for progressives who've been quietly going insane. Developed with and directed by David Ford. For more info or tickets (\$40), visit www.cvcfa.com

OTHER THEATRICAL & MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

● **"Newsies,"** the Disney musical, will begin the 53rd season of the Woodminster Summer Musicals July 5-7 and 11-14 at Woodminster Amphitheater in Joaquin Miller Park in the Oakland Hills. The play was inspired by the real-life "Newsboy Strike of 1899," when newsboy Kid Blink led a band of orphan and runaway newsies on a two-week-long action against Pulitzer, Hearst and other powerful newspaper publishers. Filled with one heart-pounding number after another, it's a high-energy explosion of song and dance you don't want to miss. All performances at 8 p.m. For tickets or more info, visit www.woodminster.com

ART GALLERIES & ART INSTRUCTION

● **"7+1 Collective,"** will be on public display through Aug. 2 at the John O'Lague Galleria in Hayward City Hall, 777 B Street.

● **Artist Open Studio Every Thursday:** Join this informal gathering of artists working together in a friendly and helpful atmosphere. 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.

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● **Sat., July 13: Eden Community Land Trust Convening**
Please join us for the very first convening of the Eden Community Land Trust. We will be discussing the creation of a land trust for the Eden Area, how to become a member, and future projects happening in our community. People all over the country are looking towards Community Land Trusts (CLT) as a viable model for preserving affordable housing and preventing displacement. A CLT is a type of non-profit, democratic membership organization that develop and maintain affordable homes. CLTs can develop all sorts of assets, such as community gardens, shops, community and recreation centers. Please follow us on Facebook @CLTeden

More details on these events and others visit www.smalltown-society.com or text "Smalltown" to 797979. Smalltown Society is located at 22222 Redwood Road, Castro Valley.

Six Dates To Recycle Mattresses

Alameda County will have six remaining mattress collection dates this year to help combat illegal dumping, County Supervisor Nate Miley announced last week.

Each of the events will also provide employment opportunities for homeless people through the Downtown Streets Team, a volunteer work-experience program that helps rebuild lives, according to Miley.

Team members work in clean-up teams in exchange for access to employment, case management services and non-cash basic needs stipends.

The operation is managed by the Mattress Recycling Council which was formed by the mattress industry to meet California recycling laws.

"The Cherryland neighborhood in Alameda County has been a hot spot for illegal dumping," said Mike O'Donnell, managing director of the council. "These events will provide another free opportunity for residential recycling of unwanted mattresses and box springs.

Collections will take place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Saturdays of July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 21, at 20095 Mission Blvd. at the corner of Hampton.

Both residential and commercial drop-offs will be accepted.

For more information, visit ByeByeMattress.com

First Baptist's New Pastor

Parishioners at Castro Valley's First Baptist Church are welcoming John Wodetzki as their new senior pastor.

For the past 10 years, Pastor Wodetzki served as senior pastor of Faith Fellowship Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, and has had many years of ministry experience.

Pastor Wodetzki is joined in ministry by his wife, Tish.

All are welcome to hear Pastor Wodetzki's first sermon as senior pastor on Sunday, July 7, at 10:15 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 18550 Redwood Road.

For more information, please visit: cvfirst.org.

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 183

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CASTRO VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AMENDING DETAILS FOR LATERAL REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS AND THE LATERAL REPAIR PERMIT FEE

A public hearing will be held on July 2, 2019 by the Castro Valley Sanitary District Board of Directors to consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 183, which will amend Castro Valley Sanitary District Code Article III, Sections 3205, 3206, 3207, 3210, 3211, 3212, 3312, 3402, 3408, 3410, 3509, 3511, 3512, 3701, 3702, 3805, 3807, 3810, 3903, 3904, Article IV, Sections 4109, 4113, 4115, 4503, 4506, Article VI, Sections 6421, 6422, 6423, 6425, 6426, and 6427.

The proposed ordinance will amend the cost for a lateral repair permit from \$160 to \$175. The ordinance details requirements for lateral repair and replacements to be added to the CVSan code. These changes will be effective September 1, 2019.

The Castro Valley Sanitary District Board of Directors voted on June 4, 2019 at the Castro Valley Sanitary District Regular Board meeting to adopt the draft ordinance and set the public hearing as follows: Akagi – Yes; Sadoff – Yes; Johnson – Yes; Appleton – Yes; McGowan – Yes.

The above summary constitutes the major highlights of Ordinance No. 183. A reading of the entire ordinance may be necessary to obtain a full understanding. The full text of the draft ordinance is available at the Castro Valley Sanitary District main office, located at 21040 Marshall Street, Castro Valley, California 94546.

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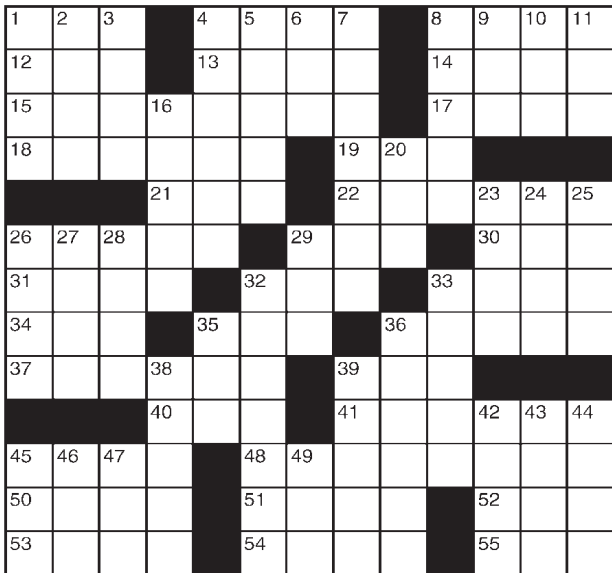
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Cake for 80

Recreation Specialist Tara Naghdinia prepares to cut the 30th anniversary cake for the Kenneth C. Aitken Senior and Community Center celebration last Friday. Some 80 guests were on hand to enjoy a day of reminiscing and music

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The Ultimate Strawberry Shortcake

Strawberry shortcake, one of America's favorite desserts, became popular in the mid-1800s.

Since that time it has gone through many modern variations using sponge cake, angel food cake and pound cake. You'll find many of these pre-made "shortcakes" stacked neatly alongside the strawberries in most supermarkets.

But real shortcake is not cake at all, it's a biscuit and it's really easy to make. The big reward comes in the eating.

Here are some tips for making a light, flaky biscuit.

Cut the chilled butter into the flour until the dough is coarse and mealy. The even distribution of fat makes for a flaky texture. Quickly stir the liquid into the dry ingredients. Overmixing makes for a tough biscuit. Gently knead the dough on a lightly floured surface.

ULTIMATE STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

- 4 pints strawberries, rinsed and hulled
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 10 shortcake biscuits
- 2 cups whipped cream,

Cut strawberries in half and toss with sugar. Set aside for 30 minutes.

Split each shortcake while still warm. Spoon plenty of strawberries over the bottom of each shortcake, top with a generous spoonful of lightly sweetened whipped cream and set top half of shortcake on top. Makes 10 servings.

Shortcake Biscuits

- 2 cups flour
- 1 tablespoon fresh baking powder
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- Dash salt
- 1/2 cup chilled butter, cut into 8 pieces
- 3/4 cup whipping cream

Sift flour, baking powder, sugar and salt into a medium mixing bowl. Rubbing between fingers, or cutting with pastry cutter, work butter into dry ingredients until mixture forms consistency of commmeal, with a few larger lumps of butter left intact.

Add half of the cream and stir into dry ingredients with fork. Add remainder of cream, bit by bit, un-



til mass forms that pulls cleanly away from bottom and sides of bowl (you may not need all of the cream).

On a lightly floured work space, quickly and lightly knead dough until smooth and cohesive. Gently roll out 1/2-inch thick. Cut out biscuits with a 3-inch biscuit cutter or a lightly floured juice glass. Gather leftover dough together, knead again briefly and roll out again, cutting out remaining biscuits.

Place biscuits on unbuttered baking sheet and bake at 400°F until light brown and slightly crusty, about 10 to 15 minutes.

Remove from oven and cool slightly before splitting and serving. Makes 10 biscuits.

CLASSIC STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

- 2 cups flour
 - 1/4 cup sugar
 - 4 teaspoons baking powder
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - Dash nutmeg
 - 1/2 cup butter or margarine
 - 1/2 cup milk
 - 2 eggs, separated
 - Additional sugar
 - 2 pint baskets of fresh strawberries, stemmed and sliced
 - 1 cup whipping cream, whipped and sweetened
- Sift flour, sugar, baking powder,

salt and nutmeg into a large bowl. Cut in butter to resemble coarse meal.

In a bowl, blend meal and egg yolks with a fork. Stir into flour mixture to make a soft dough. Divide dough into 6 portions, form into balls. Pat balls out on greased baking sheet into 3-inch circles, moistening fingers with egg whites. Brush biscuits with egg whites and sprinkle with sugar.

Bake in preheated 425°F oven 10 to 12 minutes until golden. Remove to rack and cool. Sweeten strawberries to taste. Halve biscuits horizontally. On plates, fill and garnish with strawberries and whipped cream. Serves 6.

STRAWBERRY BUTTERMILK SHORTCAKE

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup butter, chilled and cut into pieces
- 3/4 cup buttermilk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Fresh, ripe strawberries
- Whipped cream

Preheat oven to 400°F.

In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Rub in butter with your finger tips until mixture resembles coarse crumbs (or pulse a few times in a food pro-

cessor).

Stir in buttermilk and vanilla extract until the dough comes together. Add an additional tablespoon of buttermilk if the dough is slightly dry. Drop by 1/4 cups (use a measuring cup) onto a parchment-lined baking sheet.

Bake for 15 minutes, or until golden. Cool completely on a wire rack. When ready to serve, slice each shortcake in half and top generously with strawberries and whipped cream.

Alternatively, you could simply put out the sliced cakes with bowls of whipped cream and berries and let your friends top the buttermilk shortcakes themselves.

BISCUIT MIX SHORTCAKE

- 2 cups buttermilk biscuit mix
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2/3 cup milk
- 2 baskets fresh strawberries
- Whipped cream

Combine biscuit mix, 1/4 cup of the sugar and milk in large bowl. Mix until dough is formed. Beat by hand for 30 seconds. Drop dough onto paper-lined baking sheet and spread with spoon. Bake at 360°F for 8 or 9 minutes until lightly browned. Cool completely. When ready to serve, split biscuits, top with sweetened strawberries and whipped cream. Serves 6.

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HOME RUN DERBY WINNER



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JUSTIN IGLESIAS won the Home Run Derby with a wood bat and, as a pitcher, he struck out 16 hitters (13 in a row) at the 19th Annual Memorial Day Tournament. He also plays on the 12U Bercovich team that will be traveling to Cooperstown to play in a tournament this summer. Iglesias just finished his seventh grade year at Canyon Middle School and has a 4.0 GPA.

Fireworks: Deputies to Crack Down

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gal fireworks. The number should be about the same this year, according to Sgt. Ray Kelly with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.

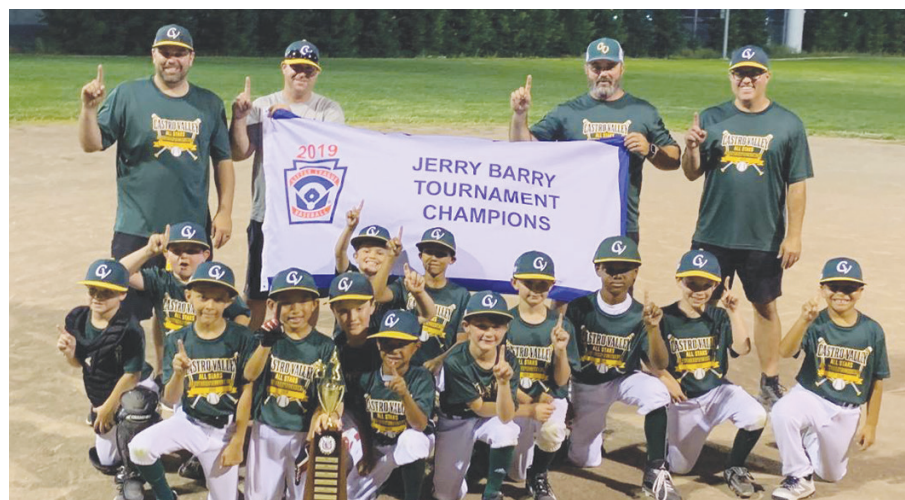
"When the economy is good, and people have disposable income, we see a lot of illegal fireworks in the county," Sgt. Kelly told the Forum.

You can buy and set off "safe and sane" fireworks in only two places in Alameda County: Dublin and Newark. Outside of those two cities, the department will crack down on illegal fireworks – ones that launch in the air, the cherry bombs, and the M-1,000 explosives.

But deputies won't be relying on special surveillance equipment to report fireworks abuse. Instead, they are counting on phone calls from the neighborhood to snuff out especially dangerous displays of firepower.

"We're looking for that one block or one house on the street where the activity and noise is a danger to the community," Sgt. Kelly says. "There is nothing worse than having to walk up to a family and confiscate their fireworks in front of their kids. We see **FIREWORKS** on back page

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



This week's Athletes of the Week are the members of the CV Little League's All Star team who beat the Union City National All Stars in the Championship game 12-2 at the Jerry Barry Memorial Tournament on June 11 in San Leandro.

Evan Figueiredo tossed four innings of No Hit baseball and walked his only base runner. CV had a 7-0 lead going into the last inning and their bats came alive again adding five more runs. The Union City National team then broke up the

shutout by scoring two runs in the bottom half of the inning.

Shown in the front row from left, Parker Pacheco, Austin Frazier, Julius Callier, Tyler Lunes, Evan Figueiredo, Daniel Solis, Jack Millikin, Julius Omelagah, Cooper Dimic, Brody Evans, Justin Gilbert, Joshua Cormier and Marcos Castaneda; back row, Manager Anthony Solis, Coaches Karl Pacheco, Kevin Dimic and Jordan Figueiredo.

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✓ Checklist of Summertime Home Improvement Projects

There's no time like the start of summer to begin tackling some of the projects on your home improvement checklist. They can range from small repairs to major remodeling projects.

Get a head start on your projects by walking around your house to see what repairs need to be done.

Here's a quick list of things you can do to spruce up your home, both inside and out, while days are long and the weather is warm.

Check Detectors

Check your home's smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they're working properly.

Wash Window Exteriors

Wash your windows on the outside — one of those things that doesn't get done very often. Fill a bucket with hot soapy water and get scrubbing. If you wash your windows frequently, you may be able to get away with a spray bottle of Windex and paper tow-

els. But for an overwinter layer of grime, a bucket of soapy water and a sponge will usually deliver the best results.

Clean Window Screens

Wash screen doors and window screens with hot soapy water. If your window screens are damaged or too dirty to be cleaned, it might be best to replace them.

Caulk around Windows

Adding caulk around windows and doors can help save on energy bills and make your home more comfortable. This is a fairly simple project that just requires caulk, a caulking gun and putty knife. If this is your first time, practice on a piece of lumber first. The trick is to use the same pressure when squeezing out the caulk and moving your hand along at a steady pace.

Clean Air Conditioner Filter

There's nothing worse than a 100-degree day without A/C. If you have a window unit, be sure

to remove and clean the filter every season. If you have central air, the rule of thumb is to have the AC unit inspected by a professional once a year to keep the frigid air blowing.

Check Your Furnace Filter

Just like your A/C unit, your furnace has a filter that needs to be cleaned. Turn off power to the furnace and locate the filter behind the service door. You may need to unscrew a panel or two. Remove the filter and give it a wash if it is a reusable one. If the filter has a cardboard frame, you will need to replace it instead of washing it.

Touch-up Exterior Paint

A quick outdoor home maintenance job is touching-up the paint where needed on the outside of your home. This can be a simple weekend summer home maintenance project if you've stored cans of leftover paint in the right colors in your garage.

see **CHECKLIST** on back page



Bright Ideas for Outdoor Spaces

Many homeowners spend time and money perfecting curb appeal, but forget to make it shine at night. A well-lit home exterior and surrounding landscape is both beautiful and functional.

"The addition of outdoor lighting is transformative, making it possible to see beauty that would ordinarily be hidden at night, while also extending your living space to the outdoors at all hours of the day," said Lincoln Dixon, product manager at Progress Lighting. "Additionally, lighting provides safety and security, creating visibility and eliminating hiding spots."

To help you tailor lighting for enhanced beauty, visibility, security and ambiance, consider these tips:

Just like inside the home, layering light outside is essential to create a welcoming atmosphere. Light layering uses three layers of light: ambient, task and accent lighting.

see **BRIGHT** on page 9

Four Tips to Help Perk Up Your Kitchen

Remodeling a kitchen can be a great idea—for most families it is the heart of the home and most-used room—and it can be easier than you may realize, if you heed these four suggestions.

1. Cabinet "magic": Instead of going through the trouble and expense of installing new, custom cabinets, give your current ones a coat of paint, new pulls and knobs or perhaps new doors.

2. Light up your life: It can be a bright idea to improve the lighting. Make sure overhead lighting is concentrated in those areas where you work the most, such as over the stove and sink. Under-cabinet lighting can also be a good idea.

3. Be sink smart: You needn't change every appliance if they're working well but one thing that can give any kitchen a new look is to change the sink, the most-used appliance.

For example, there are sinks save space on the counter and make everyday cleaning and prepping easy. If you can, keep the plumbing in the same place it is now, to save time, trouble and money.

see **KITCHEN** on page 9

NEW PROPERTY SALE REQUIREMENTS BEGINNING JULY 1st

Beginning on Monday, July 1st all residential, commercial, and industrial properties within Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) boundaries will be required to have a sewer lateral compliance certificate when they are sold. This certificate ensures that the property's sewer lateral is in good working order.

Some properties already have a sewer lateral compliance certificate on file because they fall into one of these two categories:

- Properties with sewer laterals built less than 30 years ago
- Properties where at least 50% of the sewer lateral was replaced after July 1, 2009

CVSan has developed an online portal where property owners can see if their property currently has a sewer lateral compliance certificate. These certificates can also be downloaded and printed through the portal, which is available at www.cvsan.org/Permits.

Properties that do not have certificates on file are required to replace their sewer lateral or complete a closed-circuit television (CCTV) sewer lateral inspection prior to the property sale. If the CCTV inspection shows that the sewer lateral needs to be repaired or replaced, the completed repair work must be approved by an authorized CVSan inspector before the property is sold. After the property has passed its CCTV inspection or has completed the necessary repair work, a sewer lateral compliance certificate will be issued.

For more information on these new property sale requirements, visit www.cvsan.org/PSL. Questions can be directed to Engineering Technician Evan Choy at evan@cvsan.org or (510) 537-0757 ext. 131.

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Home Maintenance Includes Part Of the Home that's Underground

Summer home improvement includes some projects we don't think about — those that are out of sight-out of mind like your sewer system.

Helping reduce blockages can reduce the cost to fix the problem and reduce overall sewer expenditures.

Here are important tips that will help protect against blockages.

- Install a backflow prevention device: The best way to protect your home or business from a sewer backup is by installing and maintaining a backflow prevention system.

A backflow prevention system acts as a check valve that allows sewage to flow out while blocking any sewage from flowing back into the building in the event of a sewer or lateral backup.

- Repair deteriorated pipes: Before considering upgrades or replacement, you may want to contact a plumber to discuss which options are appropriate for your situation.

- Remove illegal plumbing connections: Don't connect floor drains, roof gutters, sump pumps, and other drainage systems to the sanitary sewer. It's illegal and debris and silt will clog your line. Consult a plumber to disconnect illegal connections immediately.

- Don't plant trees or large shrubs near sewer lines: Roots grow toward breaks and cracks in the pipes in search of a source of water. If roots get inside the pipe, they form blockages.

Kitchen and Bathroom Tips

- Only flush the 3P's: The 3P's stands for Pee, Poop, and Paper and they are the only materials that should be flushed down the toilet. Flushable wipes, disposable diapers, condoms, and personal



The average household uses three times more detergent than manufacturers recommend for dishes and clothes.

hygiene products do not belong in the sewer system.

- Do not pour fats, oils, and grease down the drain: Dispose of grease and fats in the green organics cart. Grease collects and hardens inside the pipes and forms a solid plug that can lead to sewer problems.

- Use the green organics cart instead of the garbage disposal: Do not wash items like food scraps, tea leaves, coffee grounds, and eggshells down the sink. Instead, use a strainer over your sinks, tubs, and showers and dispose of collected materials in your green organics cart.

- Do not pour household hazardous waste down the drain: Do not pour paint, engine oil, pesticides or chemicals down the sink. Some hazardous materials can corrode the sewer, pose a health threat to maintenance crews work-

ing in the sewers, pollute the environment, or complicate the wastewater treatment process.

- Use only the recommended amount of dish soap and detergent: The average household uses three times more detergent than manufacturers recommended for washing dishes and clothes. When these detergents enter the sewerage system, they hold large amounts of oil, grease, and fats in suspension, making cleaning and treating the wastewater difficult and costlier. Additionally, phosphate in the detergent can cause the growth of algae in water.

The Castro Valley Sanitary District's sewer main line inspections are part of its free emergency response.

—Castro Valley Sanitary District

Kitchen: Clever, Convenient Accessories

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4. Clever, convenient accessories: A few little things can make a big difference. Sink accessories add functionality while letting you create a personalized workstation.

Custom stainless grids and elegant drain covers and strainers can make prep work more pleasing, cleanup less complicated, and entertaining an event reserved for graciously accepting compliments.

As one kitchen designer put it: "Most clients are particular about aesthetics, but all clients insist on functionality. People want spaces that convey their personality, but most of all want their kitchen to make their lives easier."

Now there are grids that float inside the sink to dry dishes, elevate pots or wash vegetables; colanders and cutting boards that can sit on top of the sink or on a specially engineered ledge to save counter space and make prep work a dream.

You have to set the colander inside the sink anyway, while using the cutting board in the sink is a sneaky way to get in more counter space and make the job of prepping easier, too.

For further facts and tips and to see a variety of available accessories, visit www.blancoamerica.com which supplied this article.

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Kitchen sink accessories such as "floating" colanders and cutting boards can add a splash of personality, a dash of sophistication and a pinch of much-needed convenience.

Bright: Tips for Lighting Outdoor Spaces

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Begin by selecting ambient lighting that provides a comfortable level of brightness. Wash the home's exterior with light, using a combination of downlights and uplights to cast a warm, gentle glow on outdoor living spaces while providing indirect lighting to entryways.

Next, select task lighting to add focused illumination that makes entrances and pathways visible and shadow-free. A rule of thumb for lighting doorways is to size lighting in proportion to the door itself.

Select wall sconces and lanterns that measure anywhere from 1/4 to 1/3 the size of the door. Mount outdoor sconces and lanterns at eye level, with the center of the light source between 5 1/2 to 6 feet off the ground and 8 to 10 feet apart.

Install soft, non-glaring path fixtures about 14 inches high that direct most of the light downward. Define the edges of the path by

placing lights about one foot from one or both sides of the walkway, staggering the placement slightly to create a natural flow.

For steps, install lights directly into the risers. This soft light provides just enough brightness to mark each tread and prevent glare.

Finally, add accent and decorative lighting that accentuates your home's architectural features.

For entertaining areas, select wall-mounted fixtures such as sconces or lanterns, or overhead lighting that focuses task light on work surfaces.

Outdoor chandeliers and pendants are a stylish way to bring the design appeal of indoor lighting outside. For a professional, pulled-together look, choose light

fixtures with the same finish as door pulls, fencing and outdoor furniture.

Other accent lighting choices that add flair include post lights, spotlights, strip lights and water-feature lighting.

As a finishing touch, use timers, dimmers or motion sensors to control lights, turning them on or down as desired.

Remember, outdoor lighting must be rated for outdoor use to ensure that it's waterproof and that dust and rain won't interfere with the bulb or circuitry.

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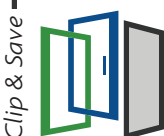
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GUEST COMMENTARY



Top 6 Things to Ready A Home for the Market

With Bay Area homeowner wannabes expectations soaring, sellers seeking the

best results need to ensure their homes meet today's lofty standards. Readiness is critical; here are our Top 6 recommendations:

- Enlist the help of a qualified Realtor from the beginning.

Many sellers believe they know what is required to get a home ready for the market.

Truth is, the rules have dramatically changed. If you have not sold a home in the past 5 years, you may be in for a shock: everything is different. It is critical to get a listing agent involved from day one to correctly guide you through the process.

- Produce a property prep list.

With the help of your agent, prepare a hit list of things that need to be done to maximize your home's potential. This can include maintenance, repairs and potentially, upgrades.

- Order a full round of inspections.

There are two reasons for this. First, there is nothing worse than a surprise once you are in escrow. Key items from the inspections should be addressed sooner than later and included on your prep list.

Second, most buyers today anticipate that the inspection reports will be provided as a part

of a comprehensive disclosure package available when they are looking at any given home.

Before ordering inspections, make sure inspectors can easily investigate attics and crawlspaces by removing any items from around the access panels. Make sure the perimeter of the garage is free of items and access to the electrical panel(s), furnace and water heater are unobstructed.

- Complete all applicable repairs/upgrades and provide documentation.

Once the repairs and/or upgrades have been completed, prepare a list of everything you have done, including applicable receipts, warranties, permits, etc. This material should be included in the disclosure package and made available to any potential buyer to provide comprehensive information as

to what has been done (or not done) to prepare the property.

- Clean the house.

Once repairs/upgrades are done, deep clean the home. This includes carpets, tile grout, windows and coverings, bathrooms and so on. Pay special attention to the stove to remove all grease, including exhaust fan filters.

- Stage the property.

It's the icing on the cake: it's what buyers see first and is the one thing that does the most to captivate. Do not skimp here – you have 7-10 seconds to sell your home and first impressions are everything.

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

Wet Conditions Caused Rust

By Buzz Bertolero
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

What is the dark round parasite on the undersides of the leaves of my Rose of Sharon? It's just starting to bloom with beautiful pink flowers, so I hate to cut it down, but the leaves are really grossing me out. What can I do to save the plant?

The dark brown raised structure on the undersides of the leaves is not a parasite or bug. It is a fungus called Rust, which can be a problem on a variety of hosts.

On roses, and turf, it's a bright orange color. Typically, the dark

reddish brown type is found on Snapdragons and Hollyhocks; however, it will infect Rose of Sharon, flowering maples, and mallows.

Rust is an air-borne disease that infects only when the right conditions are present. It spreads from plant to plant or area to area mostly by the wind, however, insects, rain, and animals may help spread the problem.

The spores are dormant while they circulate. It requires moisture on the foliage of a host plant at night to germinate the spores along with mild temperatures. Usually, three to four hours is sufficient.

With some plants, overhead watering late in the afternoon can be the problem, but I don't think

this is the case with your plant. The trigger here was the wet conditions we had in May. The fungus always shows up after the fact.

You could apply a fungicide, but it probably would do nothing. The rainy season is over for the year, so the dry conditions limit the infection. Pick off the worst of the infected leaves and encourage new growth by feeding the plant with all-purpose plant food and remove any of the debris that may have fallen at the base of the plant.

Note: Rose of Sharon or *Hibiscus syriacus* is a widely cultivated deciduous ornamental shrub. It's native to Asia and is the national flower for South Korea. But it is often mistakenly thought of as a biblical plant. The biblical reference is for a different plant, *Pancratium maritimum*, which blooms in the late summer on the 'Sharon Plain' on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea just above the water line.

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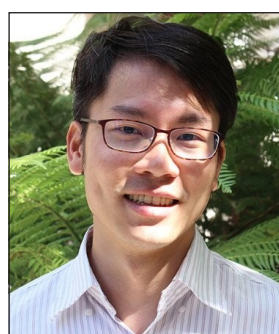
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At the age of 50 Grace went back to school to get her LVN degree and worked 22 years in the healthcare industry and retired as director of two residential care facilities.

Grace and Paul enjoyed sailing, archery, square dancing, taking their family camping, traveling the US and abroad. Grace loved volunteering for CARH.

I, her daughter, would like to thank Carlton Senior Living and Vitas Hospice for their compassionate and loving care in Grace's final days.

In accordance with Grace's wishes there will be no service.



LETTERS to the Editor

Unhappy Dialing 11-Digit Phone Numbers

Editor:

Has anyone explained to us why we need to put 1-510 in before we call local numbers? Why don't the phone companies just give new phones the 341 prefix and leave the rest of us alone?

—Midge Lewis, Castro Valley

"Minor Enhancements" on Food Pantry Report

Editor:

Thank you to the Forum for the coverage of the Faith Lutheran Food Pantry presentation to the CVMAV at last week's MAC meeting ("Public Services Stretched," Page 1, The Forum, June 19). However, there are some minor enhancements needed to your report to increase its accuracy.

First, Teri Donat, and Mary Wildensten are co-directories of the Pantry, and assist in charting long-term visions for the Pantry, and have been for over two decades. Our Pantry has a committed corps of volunteers who are the heart and soul of the Pantry.

As the Pantry Facilitator, I must meet the requirements our volunteers before they know that they need it. Paperwork, government reporting, material acquisition to maintain the viability of our Pantry, and interaction with government agencies make for a very full day.

Our Pantry is the third largest in Alameda County, and the need for new and enhanced services continues to grow. Facing these increasing needs from our clients is a challenge, but we always seem to find new ways to get 10 pounds into a 5-pound bag.

—Roger Wildensten

Faith Lutheran Food Pantry Facilitator

Accuses CVSan of Non-Transparency

Editor:

The Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) Board of Directors works for the General Manager, not the ratepayers. The Board unanimously approves all ordinances, resolutions, and orders presented to them from the General Manager.

In Josie Pastorino's Letter to the Editor May 29, she complained that the Board "spend, spend, then they expect us the citizens to pay for their mistakes." The CVSan General Manager responded by saying that "CVSan is committed to being transparent with its finances, projects, and decisions that affect the community." (Letter to the Editor, June 12).

Not quite accurate. Several examples of non-transparency:

Without any public notice, the Board of Directors recently unanimously issued a 30-year \$7.8 million bond. The debt service is \$450,000 per year for the next 30 years. The purpose for this bond was to finance its portion of the Oro Loma Treatment Plant upgrade project.

The bond was unnecessary as CVSan could have easily paid for the project from its cash reserves. CVSan is also currently repaying a \$4.3 million loan for 20 years with an average debt service of \$215,000 per year.

At the April Board Meeting, the board unanimously gave the general manager a Cost of Living Adjustment of 4.4%. What the minutes fail to note is that the general manager's salary is now \$234,202.78 per year. On top of that, he was recently reimbursed over \$40,000 for an online Executive MBA program; gets a \$450 per month car allowance; gets "health, dental, life, disability and other insurance programs, sick leave, paid holidays, visual aids reimbursement, retirement contributions and other similar direct and indirect benefits."

His total compensation package costs the ratepayers more than \$350,000 per year.

Three of the board members have served for more than 20 years. CVSan, like the CVMAC, should also consider term limits.

—Ken Owen, Castro Valley

A Wonderful Time of Remembrance of Kim Burks

Editor:

Today (June 15) we gathered at First Presbyterian Church of Hayward to remember Kim Burks, a selfless person dedicated to helping the homeless and individuals with disabilities.

It was a wonderful time of remembrance with speakers from throughout her life and her personal and professional efforts on behalf of others. Kim is the oldest daughter of Barbara Burks of San Leandro.

One of the speakers was Congressman Eric Swalwell. Regardless of your politics, it was so inspiring for all present, especially Kim's family, to have him attend, and read what he had entered into the Congressional Record on June 12 about Kim's dedication to serving others.

After reading it, Congressman Swalwell presented Kim's two sons, Austin, 28, and Preston, 24, with a copy of the document. He made sure to quietly encourage the boys individual with kind, encouraging words.

What I found especially touching was that Congressman Swalwell did not merely arrive, present and leave. He spent almost an entire hour of the three-hour service listening to other speakers when he quietly left without any fanfare. He simply arrived, sat quietly waiting for his time to speak, comforted the family, made his presentation, and then remained to hear others remember Kim.

His attendance, presentation and encouragement were truly a

blessing.

His choosing to invest his time honoring Kim's memory and encouraging her family two weeks before the Democratic debates is especially noteworthy.

Thank you, Congressman Swalwell.

—Bruce D. Johnson
Castro Valley

Congratulations to CVHS's Award-Winning Journalists

Editor:

Congratulations CV high school journalism students on your fine achievements. In the coming years I expect to see your bylines in such papers as the NY Times, The Boston Globe, and the SF Chronicle! Keep up the good work.

—Robert S. Thomas, Castro Valley

Calls Inclusion Represented by U.S. Flag 'Conditional'

Editor:

My family and I moved to Castro Valley in 2010 because of the excellent reputation of the schools. I'm a Bay Area native, always have lived in diverse neighborhoods.

I was really reluctant to move my family to Castro Valley since it has always also had a reputation of intolerance. I can't tell you how relieved I was when I saw my first rainbow flag in CV.

Reading the comments from Ted Riche regarding his "disappointment" at the rainbow flag flying in a public place and his opinion of the American flag as being the "epitome of inclusion" and "the single greatest symbol of freedom," reminded me of the reasons why I was nervous to move my family here.

The inclusion he speaks of is only experienced by a certain demographic, it's conditional. It is not the "single greatest symbol of freedom," in fact for many, it's a reminder of lies, stolen land, and a genocide that is still not recognized in this country.

In fact, the rainbow flag for many is the epitome of inclusion, acceptance and freedom. If the problem is that it's on school grounds then I would certainly welcome the idea of putting it in the village and I would also welcome other flags, for example a Black Lives Matter and Hispanic Latino month just to name two examples. Any symbols that promote hate such the swastika would obviously be prohibited.

It's alarming to me that Mr. Riche has just been appointed to the MAC board, which presumably will set the tone for Castro Valley for years to come.

—Ari Huitzilopochtli, Castro Valley

Says CV Students 'Told What to Believe and Think'

Editor:

There have been numerous letters regarding the LGBTQ flag since the issue was raised, but none hit the nail right on the head as well as Stacy Spink ("Who Gets a Flag?", Letters, June 12).

It has become quite obvious that Castro Valley academics has become a "group think" teaching mentality. Students are told what to think and believe and are refused any other thought process.

I thank God that our kids nowadays are smart enough to use the internet to read all sides of the issue and to watch Fox News, which has an audience four times larger than CNN in prime time.

As Mr. Spink correctly pointed out, if all are to be welcomed in our community and recognized with a flag then there's got to be a flag for women's rights, rights of all nationality including Caucasian and how about recognition for our Veterans.

Are those who fought to protect this great nation not to be welcomed with open arms in Castro Valley?

Where does it all stop and become a bit ridiculous and redundant?

—Jane Mason, Castro Valley

Revels in the Joy of the Rainbow Flag

Editor:

There are few things as magical as a heat wave in San Francisco. Clear scorches are very rare. Music, dancing, BBQ, and roller-skating erupt spontaneously in the streets. When the fog refuses to roll in and the temps remain high through the night, the energy is absolutely electric.

True magic is when these heat waves occur in June, during Pride month, when thousands descend onto the City from every corner of the globe.

I like to imagine people young and old making their pilgrimage to San Francisco Pride for the first time. Maybe they come from homes, communities, cities, or countries where they experience silencing, bigotry, or violence and can't safely express themselves.

I imagine them emerging from Castro Muni, blinking at the blinding sun, greeted by a billowing Rainbow Flag against a cobalt blue sky, catching their breath, exhaling deeply with a sense of arrival.

I imagine glistening bodies on the lawns of Dolores Park, basking in each other's glory. I imagine silent reverence and deep sorrow as one rests in the shade in the AIDS Memorial Grove in Golden Gate Park, honoring the generation who blazed the trail that made today possible.

I imagine the frivolity in wearing carefully curated outfits with confidence. I imagine the liberation felt in existing in one's truth. I imagine the chatter and smiles and safety and reunions and embraces and belonging and resilience and tears and laughter.

I imagine these things because Pride doesn't belong to me. But

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I imagine these things because Pride doesn't belong to me. But I don't have to imagine the joy. I feel the joy. The joy is pure and radiates everywhere. When I see the Rainbow Flag dancing in the sky, I step aside and revel in the joy of others and it is glorious. I invite you to do the same.

—Jamie Moore, Castro Valley

Says Liberals' Minds 'Consumed by Hate'

Editor:

Recently, we've witnessed two letters by "liberals" demonizing Christians. These two illogical letters were written in response to a legitimate complaint; that Christians are being persecuted (beaten, raped, and murdered) throughout the Muslim world.

The only civilized response to this persecution would be an expression of sympathy for the victims, or perhaps righteous anger towards the perpetrators of such crimes. Instead, the two liberal writers actually implied that the persecution of Christians is somehow justified, merely because some Christians voted against same sex marriage, (per Billy Bradford) or because some Christians voted for President Trump (per Angela Shipp).

These two anti-Christian writers reveal the blinding hatred which festers inside the heart of Modern Liberalism. If you oppose their goals (like gay marriage) or their candidate (like Hillary Clinton) then you somehow deserve any violence which befalls you. These fanatics have absolutely no sympathy for their opponents.

The great irony here is that while Modern Liberals demonize Christianity, they eagerly embrace Islam, which is the only religion that still kills homosexuals! But you really can't expect people to be logical, when their minds are completely consumed by hate.

—Peter Hauer, Castro Valley

LGBTQ Community Has an Agenda: "To Fight Back."

Editor:

Castro Valley Pride recently posted an image of the rainbow flag flying about Castro Valley and Redwood high schools on social media. This is some of what we received back:

"Drop dead of AIDS sodomite. Your flag should be burned. You are seducing children. You are all pedophiles. Perverts. Disgusting. Immoral. Sad and sick. Satan worshipers. You are harming children. You have an agenda. You are unpatriotic. You are glorifying sin. You people are just sick, read your Bible. You are jamming your "lifestyle choice" down everyone's throats. You will have to answer to our god. I'll meet you somewhere in Castro Valley and kick your retarded (expletive deleted). The rainbow is god's promise (not to drown everyone in a flood again) and not for displaying your sexual preference. Stop teaching children what they don't need to know. The pride flag is restrictive and divisive. How dare you disrespect our flag like that. You're the lowest of the low. Every person will face God and kneel before Him, whether they believe in Him or they don't, doesn't change anything. The rainbow flag is polarizing. The rainbow flag is 'offensive to Christians.'"

And while those specific comments are just this week over a flag raising, we see and hear and read that same ugly rhetoric every single day of our lives.

The LGBTQ community has endured 2,000 years of intolerance and *we* are the ones with an agenda?

You know what? I will admit it - we *do* have an agenda. To fight back. From Neighborhood Church (where gay people need prayers because they aren't straight) on one end of our valley, to Transfiguration Catholic church (where being gay is "intrinsically disordered") on the other end, we are (and always have been) under attack.

Why do we want to raise a rainbow flag at a school or library or city hall? Because that might be the *only* place some of these kids don't get told there's something wrong with them. We say they are fine just the way they are.

If you disagree with what I am saying, I will gladly come to your church and meet with you and your pastor. My email address is gobillybradford@gmail.com. Invite me.

—Billy Bradford, Commander
Gay Crusades, Castro Valley

Commends Castro Valley Library for Flying Rainbow Flag

Editor:

I would like to commend the Castro Valley Library for flying the Rainbow Flag alongside our other important flags this month. It shows that the Alameda County Library is truly committed to serving everyone and is a welcoming space for all, including the LGBTQ community.

I would also encourage everyone in Castro Valley to visit the library this month to see their great displays of books that reflect the lives and experiences of LGBTQ people everywhere.

It is always a great day to open your mind and read a new book!

—Michael Baldwin,
Chairperson, Alameda County
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Read the Mueller Report

Editor:

Republican representative Justin Amash urged Americans to read the Mueller Report. I read it.

Section One is stunning in its detailed description of election hacking and disinformation operations by the Russian government. Section One also documents a shocking number of contacts between Trump Campaign associates and Russians with ties to Putin or Russian Intelligence agencies.

Section Two describes in striking detail the communications surrounding important events, such as the firing of FBI Director Comey and efforts to remove the special counsel or curtail the investigation.

I was amazed by how detailed, factual, and restrained the report is. Footnotes throughout the report document every statement of fact and refer directly to the underlying testimonial and documentary evidence, such as interviews, meeting notes, phone records, emails, and tweets.

There is nothing fabricated in the report. It states documented facts and analyzes them with restraint and fairness. When evidence provides multiple recollections of a conversation or permits different ways of interpreting a statement or action, the report presents them all for consideration.

This nation witnessed repeated investigations into Benghazi without Congress declaring "Case closed." To ignore this report's documented evidence of foreign meddling in our election and the alleged cover-up attempt is to neglect our Constitution and the rule of law. This case should not be closed. Congress should conduct further investigation and recommend further actions.

I urge all Americans to take Representative Amash's advice. Don't rely on the president's tweets. Don't rely on Attorney General Barr's summaries. Don't rely on TV personalities. Read the report for yourself. It's the patriotic thing to do.

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—Phyllis Simons, Castro Valley

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COMMENTARY:

E-cigarettes: Hazardous Waste

By Limairy Rodriguez
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Although many believe e-cigarettes are harmless, many studies show that these battery-operated devices produce an aerosol that contains at least 60 chemicals, some of those being carcinogens, toxic metals, or chemicals causing lung disease.

The availability of these products, including their attractive advertisements, the variety of e-liquid flavors, and the idea that they're safer than cigarettes have made them very appealing to youth. Being the most popular tobacco product used among this age group, it is no coincidence that the FDA and local jurisdictions have decided to take action.

Unfortunately, many of these interventions fail to capture the environmental and public health dangers these devices pose.

From 2015-2017, approximately 2030 e-cigarette explosion and burn injuries were reported from U.S. emergency hospital departments, indicating that these devices are dangerous and can cause severe bodily harm.

And just in 2015, 19M e-cigarettes were designed for single use, where most of the e-waste



was shipped to developing countries.

Between littered vape pods/pens and confiscated devices, recent reports indicate that high amounts of e-waste have been collected from high schools despite school policies prohibiting students from smoking on school grounds; the costs and health risks associated with disposal of these toxic products is rapidly becoming a problem for waste managers and school administrators.

Sadly, along with the vaping epidemic, the improper disposal of e-cigarettes has also become an environmental health disaster given the nonbiodegradable and unrecyclable properties of these devices. E-cigarettes can leach metals, battery acid and nicotine, presenting both a biohazard risk and environmental harms.

I encourage folks to learn more about the negative impacts that e-cigarettes have on both communities and their environment, and challenge stakeholders to consider policy solutions to e-waste that hold tobacco manufacturers accountable, all for a healthier world.

Limairy Rodriguez is Policy Associate of the Alameda County Public Health Department.

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Confrontation in the Parking Lot Wednesday, June 19: at 8:05 p.m., deputies arrested a 46-year-old woman with no permanent address on suspicion of violating the terms of a court-issued restraining order. The woman was also wanted as part of a warrant issued for her capture on a similar charge. Deputies were called to a grocery store parking lot on Redwood Road near Castro Valley Boulevard after a report of a confrontation between shoppers. Deputies identified the woman from her active warrant and took her to Santa Rita Jail pending \$20,000 in bail.

Domestic Assault

Wednesday, June 19: at 11:02 p.m., a 27-year-old man from Castro Valley was arrested on suspicion of assault on his girlfriend of three years. Deputies were called to an apartment on Redwood Court near Redwood Road after the woman said her boyfriend and father of her 10-month-old baby knocked her down to the ground twice, injuring her arm and foot. The man was taken into custody. The victim was treated at the scene.

ADOPT-A-PET



NEAH is a bit over a year old. Once she gets to know you she's quite the love bug. She's spayed and up to date on vaccinations. For more info, call Hayward Animal Shelter: 510-293-7200.



CABBAGE is 3-years-old, is a pudgy, gorgeous feline with an apple shaped face and big green eyes. She'll need help to lose a few pounds. Call: Hayward Animal Shelter: 510-293-7200.



FERRIS is a sweet 14-week-old kitten. He loves to snuggle in his foster mom's lap. Neutered, vaccinated, chipped and FIV/FelV negative. Email: Loveallpawzrescue@gmail.com.



ANNIE is an energetic, playful and affectionate 14-week old kitten. Spayed, vaccinated, chipped and FIV/FelV negative. For more information, email: Loveallpawzrescue@gmail.com.

Fireworks: Fire Danger

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know this is an American tradition, but we want people to be responsible."

While fireworks are fun to watch, they are dangerous. The loud noise—often more than 150 decibels—can result in severe stress, fear, and anxiety in pets, the elderly, and people with special needs.

Explosions often injure the person handling the rockets as well as bystanders.

Faulty fireworks also carry the danger of setting off fires. The Alameda County Fire Department will be on high alert that first week of July in case of a vegetation fire, says spokesperson, Aisha Knowles.

"We ask residents to be aware of the fire dangers and keep trees and shrubs trimmed away from their homes to prevent flames from spreading quickly," Knowles says.

If you want to see fireworks, there are several cities in the Bay Area offering large-scale shows. San Francisco is offering several fireworks displays along the Embarcadero and Pier 39 all the way to Crissy Field. The USS Hornet's 4th of July Celebration in Alameda starts at 2 p.m. and ends with fireworks by 10 p.m. The Berkeley Marina's 4th of July Fest & Fireworks show starts at 9:30 p.m. Livermore's 4th of July Family Fun Fireworks Celebration closes off several blocks for downtown viewing at 9:30 p.m. The Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton is launching fireworks nightly—except for July 4.

Back in Castro Valley, the Sheriff's Office asks if you see an illegal and dangerous display of fireworks that you contact its non-emergency line at (510) 667-7721.



THIS SATURDAY

'Red, White & Blue' Free Pet Adoptions

There are a lot of great pets at the Hayward Animal Shelter who would like to start a new life with you and your family this Saturday, June 29, as the shelter volunteers present their annual free "Red, White & Blue" pet adoptions, made possible by SantaCon-Hayward (Hayward residents pay a \$17 licensing fee for dogs).

There are the usual dogs, puppies, cats, kittens, bunnies and Guinea pigs in all colors, plus a chinchilla. Stop by from 1 to 5 p.m. and pick up a 4th of July tip sheet, learn about renting with pets and about the myths and facts about pit bulls. Free popcorn, too.

The shelter is located at 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, near the DMV office at Jackson and Soto Road.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/haywardanimalshelter and www.SantaConHayward.com



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Checklist: Summer Home Improvement

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Inspect and Clean Driveway

Thoroughly clean your walkways and driveway using a pressure washer. Check for cracks and weeds.

Wipe Down Baseboards

Baseboards are often over-

looked when it comes to cleaning. It can be tough to muster up the energy to get on your hands and knees and clean the trim, but it is something you should do at least once a year to keep dust and dirt from building up. A damp cloth and a little patience is all you need to clean up the trim around your home.

Inspect Attic and Basement

Check your attic for any indication of pests or insects, water leakage, mold or mildew, and turn

off the lights to check for any sign of peeking daylight. You will also want to check your basement for any indication of pests or insects, water leakage, mold and mildew, as well.

Check Your Roof

Weather, wind, and everyday wear and tear can hurt your roof. Check for missing shingles or any damage. Better to make small repairs every summer than spend thousands of dollars to replace the whole roof.

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