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## MAC Endorses Measure D

By Amy Sylvestri  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

The Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) has unanimously endorsed a ballot measure that would provide more funding for fire service infrastructure, specifically in the unincorporated areas of the county.

At least week's MAC meeting, Alameda County Fire Chief David Rocha told the council that the proposed Measure D would fund what he termed badly needed

upgrades to aging fire stations in Castro Valley, San Lorenzo, Cherryland, Ashland, and Livermore, which are all aging.

"We've got at least two stations that are over 70 years old and at least two others that are over 50 years old," said Rocha.

Measure D will be on the March 3 ballot, a bond measure that would authorize the Alameda County Fire Department to issue \$90 million in general obligation bonds — costing homeowners \$16 per \$100,000 of assessed home

value, and raising about \$5.2 million per year over 31 years.

Measure D would need support from two-thirds of voters in order to pass. There measure will only be on the ballots in the unincorporated area, except for Fairview.

"It's essentially a \$90 million request for what would be a mortgage," said Rocha.

Castro Valley, San Lorenzo, and the Greenville area of Livermore have been identified as priority stations, according to the chief.

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## MAC Approves CV General Plan Draft

By Amy Sylvestri  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

After more than a year-long review process, the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) unanimously approved a draft of the Castro Valley General Plan amendments at their Monday night meeting.

The Castro Valley General Plan was adopted in 2012 and, in 2016, the county hired a consultant to advise on zoning consistency (Phase 1) and also to update the Central Business Direct Specific Plan (Phase 2).

The MAC has since worked on a series of targeted revisions and Phase 1 is now nearly complete.

"The essence of the general plan is for homogenous development of this community," explained MAC Chair Marc Crawford.

Between November 2018 and summer of 2019, the MAC held a series of meetings on the General Plan and made suggestions and revisions. Among the MAC-directed changes:

- Reduction of setbacks in certain residential zones to facilitate condominium/ townhouse development

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## Student Killed by Hit-and-Run Driver

A 12-year-old Creekside Middle School student was struck by a hit-and-run driver Monday afternoon as she walked with her older sister from school.

The victim was identified as Lana Carlos, a sixth grader at the school.

The Alameda County Fire Department rushed the girl to Children's Hospital in Oakland where she succumbed to her injuries that evening.

The accident occurred just before 3:30 p.m. on Monday in a

crosswalk at Crow Canyon Road and Manter Road, just off Interstate 580. Police said the driver stopped at the scene briefly and then took off.

The Castro Valley California Highway Patrol said the suspect, accompanied by an attorney, surrendered at the Castro Valley CHP office yesterday morning. He was identified as Joshua Byrne, 24, of Hayward and a former resident of Castro Valley. He will be charged with felony hit-and-run and vehicular manslaughter.

## CV Voters to Mark Ballots Next Week

By Michael Singer  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Next week, Castro Valley voters will join other Californians in picking their party's Presidential candidate as well as District 4 Supervisor and a handful of other issues including further funding for Castro Valley schools.

### Measure I

Top of mind for teachers and school administrators is Castro Valley School District Measure I. Passage of the Measure would add \$96 to your property tax bill for six years.

Proponents estimate it will raise approximately \$1.5 million to preserve advanced reading, writing, science, technology, engineering, arts and math programs. The funds would also be allocated to provide science for all grade levels, as well as college and career prep. Most importantly, supporters say the funds will "attract and retain highly qualified teachers."

"You build the community that you want to live in," says Amy Ramos, Stanton PTA President and Castro Valley Education Foundation Board Member. "Our schools

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PHOTO BY FRED ZEHNDER

The Englander Pub in San Leandro, a popular meeting place for many Castro Valley service clubs and organizations over the past 25 years, will close down this weekend.



## Castro Valley Weather Feb. 26 - Mar. 1, 2020



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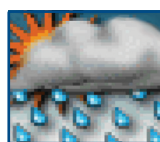
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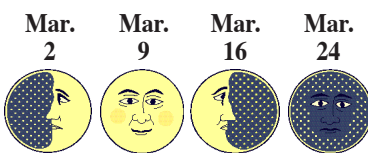
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Sun sets at 6:00 p.m. today, rises at 6:44 a.m. Thursday.

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### CV SPORTS HALL OF FAME

## Nild Cherishes Her World Cup Experience on Team Thailand

Twelfth in a series profiling the 16 new members of the Castro Valley Sports Hall of Fame. The induction banquet will take place Sunday, April 26, at Redwood Canyon Event Center. For details, visit: [castrovalleysportsfoundation.org](http://castrovalleysportsfoundation.org).

By Dave Del Grande  
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM



Miranda Nild

If you watched the United States crush Thailand 13-0 in the opening match of the 2019 Women's World Cup in France last June, you might feel sorry for Thai star Miranda Nild.

Eight months later, the former Castro Valley High standout has a request for those fans: Please don't.

"It was a surreal experience," Nild assured recently.

"Right before the game, we had our starting 11 standing right next to their starting 11 in the dugout. This was the American team I'd seen on TV so many times. That was the moment that smacked me across the face: This is it. This is what kids dream of. This is the real deal."

The 22-year-old, who will be enshrined in the Castro Valley Sports Hall of Fame in April as part of the Class of 2020, had no idea she'd be playing in a World Cup when she scored 31 goals for the Trojans as a sophomore and 38 as a junior. Or even when she scored 13 goals as a junior at the University of California.

But representing Thailand had been made a possibility from the day she was born in Alameda, thanks to her dad, who moved to the U.S. from Thailand at age 10.

"When I was born, my dad knew that he wanted my brother (Wesley) and me to have a pass-

port," recalled Nild, who was born with the Thai name Suchawadee Nildhamrong. "In (Thai) culture, you have more than just one name."

Nild was nicknamed "Nong," which means younger brother or sister. Wesley was called "Nung," which means (No.) 1.

"When I was in elementary school, my parents took my brother and me all over the world ... Europe, Asia, Central America," she said proudly. "We visited Thailand every other year. So I traveled a lot."

Nild played in the Castro Valley Soccer Club, first on recreational teams and eventually on the highest level travel teams. After being home-schooled for four years, she attended Canyon Middle School for eighth grade and then Castro Valley High.

Two of her CVSC travel teammates -- Anushja Singh and Kimmy Barclay -- made the trip to France in June to share in the World Cup experience.

The Class of 2015 graduate, who had played baseball and bas-

ketball as well as soccer as a youth, earned varsity letters in golf, track and soccer. She focused on soccer as a junior and senior, a decision she regrets today.

"They both would have helped me," she said of golf and track, the latter being where she set the Castro Valley High record in the 400-meter low hurdles.

As Nild grew older, she moved farther back on the soccer field. Once an accomplished scorer, she transitioned to midfield and then to back at Cal, only to find herself at forward again on the Thai team, where she had to overcome a few obstacles just to get onto the field.

"They had never had an American player," Nild said of the Thai team as it prepared for pre-qualifying for the World Cup. "The team flew to Palestine, but I couldn't go because they hadn't gotten my visa. They didn't know I could use my U.S. passport, so I stayed in Thailand and got there a week after everyone else."

Surely, a lack of communication could not be blamed for Nild's problems.

"My dad spoke Thai around me. We went to Thai temple in Berkeley," she recalled. "When I got to Thailand, I could understand what they were saying. I was respectful, and because of that, they were a lot more welcoming to me."

Thailand lost all three of its World Cup games in June, but Nild believes the team will be better in Seoul in 2023.

She skipped recent qualifying for the upcoming Olympics -- Thailand did not make it -- because it conflicted with another of her goals: To play American professional soccer.

A coveted free agent because she

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ADULT SCHOOL PHOTO

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AWARD RECIPIENTS:** Front row from left, Assistant Principal Sharon Travers, Lead Custodian Rob Aguillar, School Board member Jo Loss, CVACE Director Susie Passeggi and Adult Secondary Education Chair Crystal Korbas. Back row from left are Assistant Principal Keith Nauman and Stephen Altbaum.

## CV Adult and Career Education Awards

Castro Valley Adult and Career Education honored several members of the school community at the California Council for Adult Education Alameda County chapter awards last Thursday, Feb. 20.

Crystal Korbas, Chair of Adult Secondary Education, received an Excellence in Teaching Award.

Lead custodian Rob Aguillar was awarded Excellence in Support Services.

The adult school also presented the Friend of Adult Education to Stephen Altbaum, a local therapist who voluntarily provides tremendous support to the school's parenting classes.

## Early Voting Opportunities Every Day

The Alameda County Registrar of Voters will be open this weekend to allow early voting for the March 3 Presidential Primary Election.

The office will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 29 and March 1.

The Registrar of Voters' Office

is Room G-1 in the Court House at 1225 Fallon Street, Oakland, and weekend voters will be able to enter using the 12th Street entrance.

The office is currently open for early voting from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. It will also will be open on Election Day from 7

a.m. to 8 p.m. Registrar of Voters' employees will also be outside at the corner of 13th and Fallon streets, to assist voters who choose to drop off Vote by Mail ballots.

For more information about early voting, visit [acvote.org](http://acvote.org) or call 510-272-6973.

## SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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**Hit-and-Run Suspect Caught**  
Sunday, February 23: at 4:47 p.m., Sheriff's deputies pulled over and arrested a 50-year-old woman on suspicion of providing false identification, resisting arrest, and driving without proper registration. The woman was previously charged with a misdemeanor hit-and-run and had a warrant issued for her capture. Deputies stopped the woman in front of a home on Alana Road near Omega Avenue. The woman was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$5,000 in bail.

**Spousal Assault, Death Threats**  
Sunday, February 23: at 5:34 p.m., a 911 call about a loud and aggressive-sounding argument sent deputies to a home on Santa Maria Avenue near Mabel Avenue. There, they arrested a 25-year-old man on suspicion of spousal assault, making death threats, and violating the terms of his probation. Deputies took the man into custody. The victim was treated at the scene.

**Two Men in Altercation**  
Sunday, February 23: at 5:52 a.m., deputies arrested two men in connection with an assault on an unknown victim that sent one of the suspects to the hospital. Deputies responded to a call at Eden Medical Center about a 26-year-old man from San Leandro who was injured in a brawl. The man turned out to be the aggressor and

admitted to beating the unnamed victim in front of his young son after breaking through a barricaded door. The victim reportedly had strangled marks on his neck and a broken nose. Deputies later picked up a 51-year-old man at an apartment on 170th Avenue in San Leandro for assisting in the assault. Both men were taken into custody.

**Street Fighting Man**  
Saturday, February 22: at 7:13 p.m., a 66-year-old man from Castro Valley was arrested on suspicion of violating the terms of a restraining order. Deputies were called to an apartment on Center Street near Grove Way after reports of two men fighting in the street. The suspect was located where it was determined that he was less than 100 feet from a restricted area. Deputies also determined the man had a mental condition and transported him to John George Psychiatric Pavilion.

**Shoplifting and Public Intoxication One Week, Illegal Drug Paraphernalia the Next**  
Saturday, February 22: at 2:28 a.m., deputies arrested a 33-year-old man from Castro Valley on suspicion of possession of illegal drug paraphernalia. The man had been spotted behind a grocery store on Castro Valley Boulevard near Redwood Road with another man. Deputies found both men in possession of ATM cards and checkbooks that did not belong to them. On Tuesday, February 18, the same suspect attempted to shoplift liquor from the same grocery store only to be confronted by a store clerk. Deputies report the man could barely stand and had a blood-alcohol content of 0.12. The man said he had three shots of vodka and taken two Xanax pills just before he was arrested. He was charged with public intoxication and taken into custody.

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## The Week Ahead

### ● Wednesday, February 26: *Connecting Worship to Service*

The Baha'is of Castro Valley will host a kid-friendly discussion at 6 p.m. today on the relationship between worship and service, as exemplified by houses of worship and the associated institutions that carry out their social mission. After the discussion, we will use cookies and candy decorations to construct models of these buildings. Please email bahaiacw@gmail.com for information on location and other details.

### ● Thursday, February 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. For the agenda and board packet, visit bit.ly/CVUSDBoardMeetings

### ● Thursday, February 27: *Cancer Workshop on Yoga*

Eden Medical Center will present a workshop on Gentle Retorative Yoga for those going through cancer treatment and on the road to recovery from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Medical Office Bldg. on the second floor at 20101 Lake Chabot Road. Learn how breathing and gentle movements promote healing and restore the body. Yoga is also one of the best ways to fight fatigue and restore strength and balance. Registration is encouraged by calling 925-933-0107.

### ● Saturday, February 29: *Meditation Workshop*

You're invited to a lively and entertaining workshop, "Meditation: A Common-Sense Approach" with Dr. Marshall Zaslove at the Castro Valley Library at 2 p.m. on Feb. 29. Meditation has become popular in recent years and is now mainstream, but a lot of misunderstanding, misinformation and just plain nonsense about it have left many people confused. Dr. Zaslove will guide you through the maze of myths and instruct you in a firsthand experience of accurate meditation. No reservations are required for this free program.

### ● Saturday, February 29: *Veterans Memorial Crab Feed*

The public is invited to a fundraising Crab Feed in support of Castro Valley's Veterans Memorial Expansion Project to be held at the Castro Valley Moose Lodge, 20835 Rutledge Road on Feb. 29. For reservations (no tickets will be sold at the door) call VFW Post 9601 Commander Steve West at 510-432-4346, Kasey Warner at 530-391-3330 or Pat Flanagan at 510-459-6177.

### ● Saturday, February 29: *South Hayward Parish Fundraiser*

Enjoy a delicious meal and have fun bidding for prizes at the "Leap Into Spring" dinner and auction at 5 p.m. on Feb. 29 in the gym at First Presbyterian Church, 2490 Grove Way, Castro Valley. Checks, cash and credit cards accepted at the auction. For tickets (\$30 adults, \$20 children 12 and under) visit [www.southhaywardparish.org](http://www.southhaywardparish.org) or mail a check (specify "Dinner/Auction" in the memo line) to: SHP, 27287 Patrick Ave., CA 94544. All proceeds go to support programs to feed the hungry, comfort the homeless and fight for social justice.

### ● Tuesday, March 3: *Buon Tempo Dinner*

Buon Tempo Club invites you to a family dinner at 7 p.m. on March 3 at Mt. Tabor Hall, Transfiguration Church, 4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd. Chef Joseph Sotello and crew will be serving a five-course dinner of Corned Beef and Cabbage with red and white wine and soda included. Happy hour is at 6. The dinner is \$15 for members, \$20 for others. Reserve by Feb. 28 by calling 510-483-6929 (option 1). For info about membership, visit [www.buontempoclub.org](http://www.buontempoclub.org)

### ● Tuesday, March 3: *Rotary's District Governor Visits*

District Governor Ramesh Hariharan will talk about his year as governor of District 5170 at the next Castro Valley Rotary Club buffet lunch meeting on Tuesday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Redwood Canyon Golf Course, 17007 Redwood Road. Lunch is \$15 and reservations must be made by 9 p.m. this Sunday by contacting Rotary at [cvrotary@iCloud.com](mailto:cvrotary@iCloud.com) or 510-4025123. More info at [castrovalleyrotary.org](http://castrovalleyrotary.org)

### ● Tuesday, March 3: *Ohlone Audubon Meeting*

Juan Pablo will discuss the Audubon Climate Change Report at the next meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Palo Verde Room at the Robert Livermore Community Center 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Audubon's new science shows that two-thirds of North American bird species are at risk of extinction from climate change, but if we take action now we can help improve the chances for 76% of species at risk. No admission charge, refreshments served. More info at [www.ohloneaudubon.org](http://www.ohloneaudubon.org)

### ● Thursday, March 5: *Mexico Consul General Speaks*

Consul General Remedios Gómez Arnau of Mexico will be the featured speaker at 11:30 a.m. on March 5th when the Hayward Chamber of Commerce presents the 7th Hayward International Trade Luncheon at the Golden Peacock Banquet Hall, 24989 Santa Clara St., Hayward. For tickets (\$25, none sold at the door) visit [www.hayward.org](http://www.hayward.org)

### ● Saturday, March 7: *CVHS Athletic Boosters Crab Feed*

Come out and support the Castro Valley Athletic Boosters' Club Crab Feed, the only fundraiser of the year, on March 7 at Carpenters Union 713 at 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward. Doors open at 5 p.m., dinner served at 6. A fun evening that will include raffle baskets, live auctions, and a crab, pasta and salad dinner. The proceeds will benefit all CVHS Athletic Teams. \$60 per person (adults only and no outside alcohol). Feel free to bring butter/warmers, sauces, crab crackers, etc.

### ● Saturday, March 7: *Agualinda Membership Meeting*

The Agualinda Swimming Pool Club will hold its annual membership meeting at 1 p.m. on March 7 at Holy Cross Episcopal Church, 19179 Center St. in Castro Valley. Memberships are on sale now. Annual dues are \$450. Agualinda is located at 4393 Moreland Drive, just off Seven Hills Road, and is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. from April 12 to Oct. 18. For more info, visit [www.agualindapool.com](http://www.agualindapool.com). For memberships, email [agualindasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:agualindasecretary@gmail.com).

### ● Sunday, March 8: *Celebrate the Blues with Alabama Mike*

Harmonica player, vocalist, and showman Alabama Mike will bring his blues trio to the Castro Valley Library on Sunday, March 8 at 2 p.m., part of Castro Valley Reads 2020 during which we are reading and discussing "Bluebird, Bluebird" by Attica Locke. No tickets are required. Castro Valley Reads is generously funded by the Friends of the Castro Valley Library.

## Arts & Entertainment

### CASTRO VALLEY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

*Tickets for Center for the Arts events (unless otherwise listed) are available at [www.cvcfa.com](http://www.cvcfa.com); or at the Center Box Office, 19501 Redwood Road, Thursdays and Fridays 3-5 p.m. (phone 510-889-8961), or at the Castro Valley Adult School, 4430 Alma Ave.*

● **"Chicago the Musical"** (High School Edition) will be presented by Castro Valley High School Drama and Music departments at the Center for the Arts at 7 p.m. on March 13, 14, 20 and 21, and at 2 p.m. on March 15 and 22. This edition is more family appropriate but still features all of the huge hits including "All that Jazz", "All I care about is Love," "Roxy," "Mr. Cellophane," "Cell Block Tango," "Reached for the Gun," and many more. It is the longest running American Broadway musical in Broadway history. *For tickets (\$18-\$21), see above.*

● **Free Band Conert** will be presented by the Castro Valley Adult School Band at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25.

### OTHER THEATRICAL & MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

● **"Steel Magnolias,"** Robert Harling's poignant comedy-drama, continues through March 1 at Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Ave., in the Castro Valley Community Center Park. Through the clouds of hairspray and the buzz of blow dryers, six Southern spitfires swap gossip, wisecracks, and wisdom in this hilarious and heartwarming comedy that explores the bonds of friendship and the strength of women. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. For tickets (\$22-\$27), visit [chanticleers.org/](http://chanticleers.org/) or call 510-733-5483.

### ART GALLERIES, RECEPTIONS & ART INSTRUCTION

● **Studio 820,** the San Lorenzo Adult School Watercolor Class, will exhibit students' watercolor paintings at the San Leandro Main Library through March 27.

● **PhotoCentral Gallery Annual Juried Exhibition** continues thru March 7 at the gallery (part of the Hayward Area Recreation District) at 1099 E Street in Hayward. A closing party will be held on Saturday, March 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. The exhibit is in both galleries. For more info, visit [www.photocentral.org](http://www.photocentral.org)

### 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 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.

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**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Having second thoughts could be a good thing, even if you're determined to go through with your plans. You might find it worthwhile to take a fresh look at how things have been set up.



**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Financial matters could continue to be a problem until you're able to straighten out some of the more pesky situations. Once that happens, the rest should be easier to unsharl.



**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Family matters once again take center stage, and should be dealt with competently and quickly. And, again, insist on others taking on their fair share of the responsibilities.



**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Your creative pursuits seem to be running into a roadblock. But rather than blame outside factors, look within to see if you might be holding back your efforts for some reason.



**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Keep that keen Cat's Eye focused on relevant aspects of this new situation in your life. Don't be distracted by trivial matters. You need the pertinent facts before making a decision.



**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** As much as you prefer doing things on your own, continue to accept help if you still need to resolve the problem affecting your project. Some cheerful news is about to come your way.



**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** While you might begrudge the added time it will take to get your project from point A to B to C, etc., you could benefit from the facts that will emerge over this expanded time span.



**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Regarding your workplace suggestions, be prepared to produce the facts to counter reactions from skeptics who feel your approach is unreasonable or even impossible.



**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Savvy Sagittarians will look for work-related answers on their own rather than rely on unproved assumptions. It might take more time to do so, but the payoff is worth it.



**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Your aspects continue to favor family issues, with special emphasis this week on changes in and around your home. Get everyone to suggest what he or she would like to see done.



**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** A matter you thought had been settled might still produce surprises. Best advice: Continue to gather facts to bolster your position just in case you need to produce them quickly.

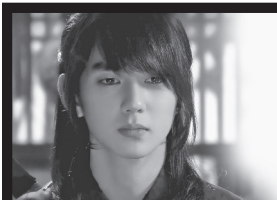


**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** While your instincts are usually right when discerning 'twixt truth and deception, you could benefit from doing more research on the new "prospect" that you've been pitched.



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Artist's conception of Restorative Garden at the George Mark Children's House as it will appear when completed this summer.

## George Mark Children's House To Develop Restorative Garden

George Mark Children's House in San Leandro, the first freestanding pediatric palliative care center in the United States, broke ground for a new Restorative Garden during ceremonies last Thursday.

The garden will transform the undeveloped outdoor area at the

facility into an eco-friendly space usable by the fragile patient population, their families, and the staff and volunteers.

Scheduled for completion this summer, the garden will include wheelchair accessibility, shaded seating, a sensory garden, outdoor kitchen, hilltop overlook, interac-

tive sculpture, and art and water features.

Construction will involve over 40 contractors and suppliers who have donated their expertise, labor, and materials. Once completed, it is expected that the value of services donated will exceed half a million dollars.

## Voters: County Supervisor for District 4 is Other Local High-Profile Race Next Week

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are our community and we need Measure I to protect the quality schools we want for our students."

According to the Measure I website, Castro Valley is funded 28 percent below the national average and ranks 15 out of 18 districts for funding in Alameda County.

The Measure is supported by more than two dozen groups and individuals including the Castro Valley Teachers Association, Castro Valley School Administrators Association, Bay East Association of Realtors, and US Congressional Representative Eric Swalwell.

If funding for Castro Valley Schools sounds familiar, voters did approve Measure G back in 2016. However, that \$123 million bond was specifically earmarked to improve buildings and school infrastructure. Measure I supporters say the funds will also stay within Cas-

tro Valley and cannot be used outside of the town. While no official statement has come out against Measure I, the \$96 charge would be the second highest addition to existing property taxes, making it the second highest charge or special assessment behind CV San Sewer services.

### Supervisor District 4

The other local high-profile race next week is for Alameda County Supervisor District 4, which includes Castro Valley. Incumbent Nate Miley has been in the position since 2000 and is seeking another term.

His challenger this time around is Esther Goolsby, a community activist affiliated with and endorsed by Communities for a Better Environment (CBE).

Goolsby is running on a platform of accessibility and transparency in government, affordable housing and homeless support,

and combating climate change.

She has been critical of the County Supervisor's management of the Oakland Alameda County Coliseum site, money lost which she says could have been better spent on local support programs. She has also supported the Planning for Healthy Communities Act (SB 1000), which requires cities to consider environmental justice in their general plans.

Miley has weathered five previous challengers including former healthcare executive Bryan Parker in 2016 and deputy probation officer Tojo Thomas in 2012. His track record in Castro Valley includes securing funding for the Castro Valley Library, the Streetscape Project on Castro Valley Boulevard, adding sidewalks near school zones, and the creation of the Castro Valley Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

## End of an Era for the Englander

By Jim Knowles  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

The Englander Pub in downtown San Leandro will be closing this weekend.

The pub has been the go-to place downtown since it opened 25 years ago. It has been the meeting place for many Castro Valley organizations over the years.

The current owners bought the pub from the original owner Jot Mangat in 2014. Mangat opened the pub in the 90s with assistance in financing from the City of San Leandro, which wanted a sports pub as a downtown attraction.

The pub's owners confirmed last week that the popular spot will have to close. They said their lease was up and the landlord didn't want to renew it.

But property owner Rob Scribner said that they just didn't exercise their option to extend their lease for another five years when the lease was up on Dec. 31.

The pub's employees were told of the closing last week.

"We had a meeting with our staff on Saturday," said Cheryl Thies, who owns the pub with her husband Rod Thies and her brother Roy Childress.

Childress has been working at The Englander and tending bar for the 25 years of its existence.

"I've been here since day one," he said.

Thies said they plan to close this Friday, Feb. 28, and have a going-away party Saturday from noon to whenever. The comedy show is still on for that night at 8.

Thies said there are about 25 local clubs that meet regularly at The Englander, which has a separate dining hall for private meetings. A painting party is every Monday night, and comedian Michael Booker has his monthly comedy nights at the pub.

"I want to thank everybody in the community who have supported The Englander and the customers and friends," Thies said.

At Saturday's party all the memorabilia and TV screens will be on sale. The pub will probably be operating on limited hours through the remaining week, she said.

## Rhubarb Pie Time



For those who've never tasted rhubarb — and there are a lot of you out there — you've been missing one of nature's real treats.

While technically a vegetable, rhubarb is mainly eaten as a fruit in desserts, usually pie.

The plant makes a beautiful addition to any garden with its huge green, crinkly leaves, although it does take up a lot of space. One caution about those leaves—they're toxic. That's why they're removed before the stalks show up in the market.

Buy rhubarb that is firm, crisp and well-colored (pink or red), avoiding any stalks that are limp or pithy. Wrap it in plastic and refrigerate it unwashed as soon as you bring it home.

Use it as soon as possible, washing the stalks at that time and removing any leaf remnants. Young stalks don't need to be peeled.

A pound of rhubarb yields about three cups sliced. The general guideline for sweetening is 1/3 to 1/2 cup of sugar per pound, but it is a matter of variety and personal preference.

### RHUBARB CHIFFON PIE

Pastry for 9-inch double-crust pie

3 large stalks of rhubarb, cut into 1/2-inch chunks

1 cup sugar

3 tablespoons flour

1 tablespoon butter, softened

2 eggs, beaten

1 teaspoon grated orange peel

Put rhubarb chunks in pie shell. Mix sugar, flour and butter, add eggs and orange rind and mix. Pour over rhubarb chunks, top with crust, sealing edges, and bake in preheated 400°F oven for 50 to 60 minutes or until done.

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## REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS  
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GUEST COMMENTARY



## Curb Appeal Is Back

While the recent drought caused significant problems across California, it had at least one positive for local home sellers: since it was not recommended to water lawns or landscaping, many homeowners let their flora wither and, in many cases, die.

It was therefore not uncommon to spot listings featuring brown lawns and minimal landscaping. Some sellers went so far as to plant signs on their front lawn stating, "Brown is the new green."

Even with the crisis firmly behind us, remnants linger as many homes still feature patchwork lawns and spotty vegetation. While we might have used the "drought" excuse in the past to justify less-than-stellar curb appeal, times are a'changin' and curb appeal has returned to buyer's expectations.

With the height of the listing season still a few months away, sellers still have time to whip their front yards into shape.

Start by walking across the street to get a "buyer's eye" view of the front yard. Ideally, your yard should be amongst

the best on the block.

Develop a list of things that need to be done and set a timeline for each activity. Landscaping takes time to develop, so get started now if you hope to list in a few months.

If your home has a lawn that needs some love, visit local nurseries to get treatment recommendations or hire a lawn expert to get things back in shape. You might need to completely replace your lawn if it is beyond repair.

Trim bushes, weed flower beds, replace bender boards, ensure automatic irrigation is in good shape, plant new bushes and flowers as required and spread mulch around the greenery for a bright, fresh look.

Another option to consider is replacing the traditional lawn and greenery with drought-resistant low maintenance landscaping and hardscape.

With the vegetation under control, turn to the structure itself. The front and garage doors, shutters and trim should be in good shape and freshly painted as required. You might consider replacing doors to upgrade the home's appearance.

Power wash the home to

remove dirt, spider webs and more. If your walkways and driveway are in poor condition, upgrades may be in order to enhance overall appearances. If your mailbox has seen better days, consider replacing.

With only one chance to make a first impression, do everything necessary to ensure that potential buyers are not turned off before they get through the front door.

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## Not Too Late to Prune Roses; Thin Branches of Weepy Cherry

By Buzz Bertolero  
Special to the Forum

I've just pruned my roses. There was lots of new growth, so I just thinned them a bit and removed the deadwood. Should they be sprayed with a dormant spray? I've had black spot in previous years and some mildew, so I'd like to prevent them this year.

It's not too late to prune roses. The only adverse effect from pruning late is you'll delay flowering. Based on what you did, I'm not sure that this will be an issue.

It is too late to apply dormant spray. Applied now, it would more than likely burn the foliage. The dormant spray cleans up overwintering spores but does not affect preventing the

diseases later in the year.

It would help if you cleaned up any of the debris that has accumulated under the bushes. Rust, mildew, and black spot are all types of air-borne fungus that infects roses when moisture remains on the foliage after the sunset.

They're all serious problems when the rainy season extends into late April. You'll need to be pro-active with your fungicide to keep the rose leaves pristine. While there are many fungicides available to control these problems, none of them will eradicate the diseases.

Fungicides must be applied prior to the disease showing up to be effective in preventing the problem(s) from occurring. We usually end up reacting to it after the fact as you're too late when you see the diseases. The infection occurred 10 to 14 days earlier.

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I have a weeping cherry in a container. How far back should I cut the branches? Should this be done now or after it has flowered in the spring?

Flowering trees are usually pruned after they finish flowering. You can undoubtedly prune it now, but you only reduce the color show you waited all year for.

How far back you prune the branches on a flowering cherry is a judgment call on your part. It could be several inches or feet. The bottom of the branches can be uninformed, or you can stagger the lengths. It depends on how the plant is being viewed.

I would remove any dead wood, and you might thin out branches that very close to one another. Another thing I suggest is to take some before and after pictures with your smartphone or digital camera. It's a valuable resource next year when it comes time to prune again.

Buzz Bertolero is an Advance California Certified Nursery Professional. The Dirt Gardener's website is www.dirtgardener.com and questions can be sent by email to buzz@dirtgardener.com or on Facebook at Facebook.com/Buzz.Bertolero



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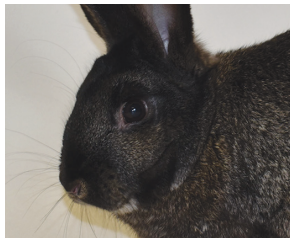
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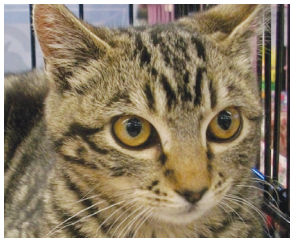
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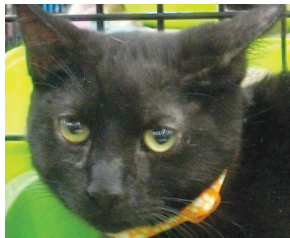
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To apply, visit [StopWaste.org/Grants](http://StopWaste.org/Grants). Applications are due by Tuesday, March 17.

## BOARDED UP



PHOTO BY FRED ZEHLER

A window was boarded up after being smashed during an early Saturday morning break-in at Mountain Mike's Pizza Parlor in Castro Village.

## MAC: Measure D Supports Fire Services

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Rocha said that repairs to the fire stations would reduce response times and address prime issues that have been identified by the public such as enhancing wildfire

protection and disaster response.

"We've got problems today and really need to get these stations done in a timely manner," said Rocha.

Rocha stressed that the bond

funding would have to be used for "bricks and mortar" upgrades and repairs and could not go to salaries and pensions. No ballot argument against Measure D has been submitted.

## ROTARY WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS



PHOTO BY MURLINE MONAT

From left, Rotary President Todd Anglin welcomes newest members of Castro Valley Rotary on Feb. 18 — Aaron Lewis of Aaron's Auto Brokerage; Jake Medcalf, Lead Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Hayward; Joe Lu of Expedia Cruise Ship Centers; and Club Membership Chair Carol Bigelow. The club meets Tuesdays at noon at Redwood Canyon Golf Course. Visit [www.castrovalleyrotary.org](http://www.castrovalleyrotary.org) for more information.

## Rotary Club Accepting Grant Applications

March 15 is the deadline for local organizations to submit applications for upcoming grants from The Rotary Club of Castro Valley.

The grants can range in value from \$500 to \$2,000 for outstand-

ing community programs that align with the goals of Rotary.

"Our members are committed to supporting programs that will make a positive impact in and on our community for individuals of

all ages," said Club President Todd Anglin.

The Club awarded five grants in October. For more information, go to [www.castrovalleyrotary.org](http://www.castrovalleyrotary.org) and click on the Grant Application tab.

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## Robert "Bob" Alden Brooks

Robert "Bob" Alden Brooks entered peacefully into rest in Pleasanton, California on February 16, 2020. He was 89 years old.

Born March 23, 1930 in Modesto, California, the youngest of three children to parents Frances and Ivan Brooks, Robert graduated from Fremont High School with the class of 1948. He worked as a glazier for 65 years, and for 50 of those years, ran Allied Glass Company in Castro Valley with his son Ron. He took great joy in serving his customers and the community he loved.

Robert was an amazing family man. He loved spending time with his boys and their families. He was the go-to guy for any family construction projects and had the skills and knowledge to see it through. He built two cabins and his own home, and also enjoyed gardening. He maintained friendships since high school and will be missed by many.

Robert is survived by his children Ronald (Jeni), Mark (Bev) and Robert (Jan); grandchildren Brian, Katie, Jane, Jack, Caeli, and Julie (John); great-grandchildren Aidan, Kai, Ryder, Jenna and Miles; sister Audra; and many loving extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his high school sweetheart Norma, to whom he was married 55 years; and sister Yvonne.

Visitation for Robert will be held from 9:00 – 10:00 AM on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at Grissom's Chapel & Mortuary, 267 E. Lewelling Blvd., San Lorenzo, CA, with services to begin at 10:00 AM. Robert will be laid to rest at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward, CA.

In lieu of flowers, Robert's family requests memorial donations be made in his name to the Make a Wish Foundation or Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### In Support of Measure I

Editor:

California has to do a better job of funding public education, but we can do something on the local level to support Castro Valley schools. We can vote to approve Measure I on the March 3rd ballot.

Measure I is a local way to prevent more cuts to our classrooms and help keep outstanding teachers and high-quality academic programs in our schools. The funds raised will require local control and independent oversight by Castro Valley residents.

On top of enhancing our schools, Measure I is an investment in our property values.

Please join me in supporting Measure I. CVUSD has already made \$1.8 million in on-gong cuts. \$8 per month is a reasonable price to help local schools and stop more cuts for our children and their valuable programs.

—Jo A.S. Loss, Castro Valley

### Fire Stations Need Upgrading

Editor:

After gathering feedback from a thousand residents living in the unincorporated area of Alameda County, the County Board of Supervisors placed Measure D, the Alameda County Fire Department's Fire Safety Bond, on the March 3, 2020 ballot to address inadequate fire facilities in the unincorporated communities we serve.

Inadequate funding has affected our unincorporated communities, including the closure of one local fire station. Nearly 80% of our local 911 calls are for medical emergencies like heart attacks, strokes, and car accidents.

If enacted, the proceeds of the Measure D approved bond will be used to upgrade fire stations in our unincorporated communities so that we can reduce 911 emergency medical response times and save more lives. Measure D will upgrade aging and outdated fire stations that are at least 30 years old, including two that are 70 years old.

Measure D helps local firefighters effectively address ever-increasing local fire danger by maintaining upgraded fire stations in areas where we can better monitor the start of fires and controlling weeds, tall grass, and brush across dozens of canyons and thousands of acres of open space.

If enacted, Measure D authorizes the Fire Department to issue up to \$90,000,000 in bonds at an estimated cost of 1.6 cents per \$100 of assessed value for homeowners who reside within the Fire District in unincorporated communities.

Measure D includes accountability standards, including citizen's oversight, annual independent audits, and provides that no money can be spent on salaries, benefits, or pensions. By law, all funds are required to be spent locally and cannot be taken by Sacramento or used for other purposes.

Residents of unincorporated Alameda County rely on the medical emergency lifesaving services, fast 911 response, wildfire protection and disaster response services provided by firefighters in fire stations in our community.

Learn more about Measure D at <https://acgov.org/fire/MeasureD>. If you have specific questions, please contact the Fire Department's office at 510-632-3473.

—David A. Rocha, Fire Chief  
Alameda County Fire Department

### EBMUD Kept the Water Flowing

Editor:

This past year, at the height of the fire season, PG&E instituted "Public Safety Power Shutoffs" (PSPS). Nearly every one of us was affected in one way or another – from our homes being without electricity to EBMUD losing power to the pumps that move water to the big reservoirs in our backyards.

EBMUD did everything it could to prepare starting early in 2019. A total of 29 generators were rented, staff went through practice runs to make sure all was in place, and emergency procedures were activated.

None of this was cheap. By the time we all went through two sessions of PSPS, EBMUD spent more than \$1.4 million to ensure the water kept flowing and was properly treated when the power was shut off.

If you go to [www.ebmud.com/121019\\_Regular\\_Meeting\\_Presentation](http://www.ebmud.com/121019_Regular_Meeting_Presentation) you'll see the staff presentation to the EBMUD Board. In the presentation you'll see two things: first, there were over 8,000 additional labor hours needed to keep the water flowing and, second, there were significant impacts to work scheduled, including some outright delays. Look at the report, it is sobering.

With that, one thing stands out – EBMUD kept the water flowing even when the power was out to homes, businesses and

## Draft: CV General Plan

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opment

- Excluding steep slopes from net lot size calculations
- Revised parking standards at day care centers, requiring one parking space per every two employees and one space per 10 children
- Requiring that check cashing

businesses replace or repair any graffiti on their property

- Revised drive-in business requirements

A full copy of the MAC's suggested General Plan revisions and the county's determination of what to do about each suggestion is available at <https://bit.ly/2wNiM-Vw>.

EBMUD facilities. I am not going to get into the climate change argument — I think it is self-evident — but I must caution that 2020 is shaping up to be a dry year. That means the fire season may kick in earlier. It also means that EBMUD is already preparing for the power shutoffs that may come.

—Frank Mellon, Castro Valley  
EBMUD Director, Ward 7

### Risks of Live Animal Food Markets

Editor:

The chickens, as they say, have come home to roost. Again.

This new coronavirus — like the 2003 SARS epidemic-- — originated in China's live food markets, where animals, both wild and domestic, are crammed cheek-to-jowl with the human population, a disaster waiting to happen.

We have very similar markets here in California, in Los Angeles, Oakland, San Francisco, San Jose, Sacramento and elsewhere, posing serious threats to all concerned.

Animals are routinely stacked four-and-five deep, without food or water; many butchered while fully conscious.

California annually imports some two million non-native American bullfrogs for human consumption. Most are commercially-raised in China and Taiwan. God only knows what these frogs have been exposed to before shipment.

Most of the frogs are imported by Oakland wholesalers for distribution throughout California. Many are released into local waters, where they prey upon and displace the native species.

The majority of the bullfrogs carry the dreaded chytrid fungus (Bd), which has caused the extinctions of 200-plus amphibian species worldwide.

Some 30 necropsies on the market frogs and turtles document that *all* these animals are diseased and/or parasitized, though it is illegal to sell such products—diseases such as E. coli, salmonella and pastorella (all potentially fatal in humans), plus cases of giardia, blood parasites, even one case of malaria.

Horrendously cruel and hazardous to human health, these markets should be closed-down nationwide, as they now are in China.

—Eric Mills, coordinator  
Action for Animals, Oakland

### Proud of Congressman Swalwell

Editor:

I would like to respond to a letter in the February 19 issue of The Castro Valley Forum by Steven Anticevich in which he opens up by mocking Congressman Eric Swalwell and then praises Trump, while ironically claiming the democratic leadership of solely being guilty of corruption.

That really says a lot about a person who is so slavishly devoted to someone who is a vulgar, inarticulate, narcissistic, petty, thinned skinned, autocratic leaning, racist and corrupt pathological liar with the temperament of a child like Donald Trump.

Unlike Trump, Congressman Eric Swalwell knows what it means to be a public servant and respects The American Constitution as well as the rule of law. I'm proud to have him as my district congressmen just as I'm proud to say that no one I know that I consider to being a friend of mine is a supporter of Donald Trump.

—David Holsey, Castro Valley

### A Low Grade for Congress

Editor:

It is refreshing to have at least one news outlet in the Bay Area that allows for all points of view in its letters to the editor. For that, I thank the Castro Valley Forum.

That said, I must agree with Mr. Anticevich's letter last week. As of this writing, congressional approval according to Gallup polling is down to 20%.

Imagine working for, say, Walmart and 4 of the 5 supervisors you have don't like your job performance. It's doubtful you'd be there very long.

Why should it be any different for the people who we choose to represent in Washington?

If I were Congressman Swalwell, instead of writing a "tell all" book about an impeachment process that failed, I'd be taking a long look in the mirror and try to figure out what needs to change to properly do my duty for my constituents.

—Chris Scott, Castro Valley

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Reports: Wanted Woman; Stolen Property

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**Wanted Woman**  
Friday, February 21: at 11:45 a.m., a 36-year-old woman from CV was arrested as part of two warrants issued for her capture. Deputies report the woman had been previously convicted of assault on a family member and assault with a deadly weapon. The woman had been hanging out in a parking lot of a bar on Lake Chabot Road near Congress Way when deputies stopped her for questioning and confirmed her warrant. Deputies took the woman to Santa Rita Jail pending \$80,000 in bail.

**Other People’s Debit Cards**  
Friday, February 21: at 12:56 a.m., deputies arrested a 33-year-old man with no permanent residence on suspicion of possession of stolen property. The man was stopped for questioning in a parking lot on Redwood Road near

Redwood Court where deputies discovered stolen debit cards in his possession. The man also had an outstanding warrant issued for his capture. Deputies took the man to Santa Rita Jail pending \$5,000 in bail.

**Asked to Leave Hospital**  
Thursday, February 20: at 12:36 a.m., a 29-year-old woman from Orland, Calif. (Glenn County) was arrested on suspicion of failing to leave Eden Medical Center after repeated requests for her to do so. Deputies responded to a disturbance at the hospital. The woman was not seeking treatment but was reportedly harassing staff. Deputies took the woman into custody.

**Drugs Behind a Gun Store**  
Tuesday, February 18: at 11:38 a.m., deputies arrested two homeless men caught smoking drugs behind a gun store on Redwood

Road near Grove Way following a report of suspicious behavior. A 27-year-old at the scene was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. A 57-year-old man also at the scene was arrested for possession of illegal narcotics. Both men were violating the terms of their probation. Deputies transported the pair to Santa Rita Jail pending as much as \$7,000 in bail.

**Suspicious Behavior**  
Monday, February 17: at 10:00 a.m., a 29-year-old woman with no permanent residence was arrested related to a warrant issued for her capture. Deputies responded to a suspicious person report at a PG&E substation on Grove Way near the Interstate 580 freeway. The woman was previously charged with possession of stolen property. Deputies confirmed the woman had a no-bail warrant and took her to Santa Rita Jail.

School District Previewing New Materials

The Castro Valley School District is in the process of adopting new “Introduction to Programming” course materials and “Starting Out with Python Plus MyLab Programming” for Castro Valley High School. Administrators and teachers have been working to-

gether to select and evaluate the materials. Interested persons may stop by the Educational Services Department at 4400 Alma Ave. from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays to sign in with the Administrative Assistant and view all of the proposed

materials through March 21. The materials will not be available for check out. An adoption decision is expected at the April 9 school board meeting. If you have questions, contact Denise Hohn at 510-537-3000 ext. 1278.



Kevin Wiggins of The Black Excellence Band performing at Smalltown Society for their Black History Month event and exhibit last Saturday.

What’s Up at Smalltown

To rent the venue for a workshop, event or small private party visit [www.smalltownsociety.com/space-rental](http://www.smalltownsociety.com/space-rental) to book. If you’d like to be a part of the community and volunteer at gatherings and events email [info@smalltownsociety.com](mailto:info@smalltownsociety.com)

Measure C Would Fund Child Care

By Mike McGuire  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Measure C on next Tuesday’s Alameda County ballot would levy a half-cent sales tax for 20 years – to raise \$150 million a year – to fund more child-care openings for children of low-income families.

The measure designates 20 percent of the money raised to pediatric health care and the other 80 percent to child care, preschool and early education programs.

Backers of the measure include health care professionals, parents, early childhood educators and senior citizen advocates. Proponents say more than half of Alameda County children don’t get the high-quality care they need to arrive at kindergarten ready to learn.

Measure C will expand access to high-quality early education and child care; attract and retain excellent early childhood educators; increased access to pediatric health care and provide higher pay for early childhood educators.

For more, visit the proponents’ website, [www.care4ourkids.org](http://www.care4ourkids.org). No argument against the measure was submitted for the voter guide.

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The name of the business(es):  
D'Works at 4549 Edwards Lane, Castro Valley, CA 94546, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bedard Tax Service LLC, 4549 Edwards Lane, Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. This business commenced Jan. 2, 2020.  
/s/ Bedard Tax Service LLC  
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The name of the business(es):  
Rogue Heart Tattoo at 4243 Omega Ave., Castro Valley, CA 94546, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Marie A. Scherping, 4243 Omega Ave., Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced Jan. 9, 2020.  
/s/ Marie A. Scherping  
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The name of the business(es):  
Feng Shui Made Simple at 7416 Oxford Circle, Dublin, CA 94568, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Elissa Palmer, 7416 Oxford Circle, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced N/A.  
/s/ Elissa Palmer  
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The name of the business(es):  
Boulevard Burger 2 at 3714 Castro Valley Boulevard, Castro Valley, CA 94546, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): SQUID Inc., 16121 Maubert Ave. Apt. B, San Leandro, CA 94578. This business is conducted by a corporation. This business commenced 05/02/12.  
/s/ SQUID Inc.  
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The name of the business(es):  
anaisabelinterpreting at 4848 Seven Hills Road, Castro Valley, CA 94546, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ana Isabel Beltran-Wells, 4848 Seven Hills Road, Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced N/A.  
/s/ Ana Isabel Beltran-Wells  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
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The name of the business(es):  
Don's Barber Shop at 18557 Mission Blvd., Hayward, CA 94541, mailing address 24793 Mango St., Hayward, CA 94545 in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Aing Kaing, 24793 Mango St., Hayward, CA 94545. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced 11/1996.  
/s/ Aing Kaing  
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The name of the business(es):  
Valerie Hetherington at 4439 Edwards Lane, Castro Valley, CA 94546 in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Valerie Hetherington, 4439 Edwards Lane, Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced N/A.  
/s/ Valerie Hetherington  
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The name of the business(es):  
Western Pacific Trucking Inc. at 423 Morello Dr., Hayward, CA 94541 in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Western Pacific Trucking Inc., 423 Morello Dr., CA 94541. This business is conducted by a corporation. This business commenced 2013.  
/s/ Western Pacific Trucking Inc.  
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The name of the business(es):  
Sunshine Home Cleaners Services at 20020 Onyx Court, Castro Valley, CA 94546 in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Shawna Huerta, 20020 Onyx Court, Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced 3-8-1988.  
/s/ Shawna Huerta  
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The name of the business(es):  
(1) NorCal Care Community Services, (2) NorCal Care CS, (3) Individual Care CS at 4900 Hopyard Rd. Ste. 100, Pleasanton, CA 94588 in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Individual Care Community Services, Inc, 4900 Hopyard Rd. Ste. 100, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a corporation. This business commenced N/A.  
/s/ Individual Care Community Services, Inc  
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The name of the business(es):  
Central Blueprint Company at 17132 E. 14th Street, Hayward, CA 94541 in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): East Bay Blue Print + Supply Co, 1745 Fourteenth Ave., Oakland, CA 94606. This business is conducted by a corporation. This business commenced N/A.  
/s/ Individual Care Community Services, Inc  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
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The name of the business(es):  
Christina Andrade's Skin Care at 20632 Redwood Road, Castro Valley, CA 94546 in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Christina Andrade Johnson, 936 Thornton St., San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced 10/1/2014.  
/s/ Christina Andrade Johnson  
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## CORRECTION:

In Gene L. Osofsky's column *New Law Makes Big Changes to IRA's* on page 5 of last week's Castro Valley Forum, the paragraph "Stretch IRA's Still Available For Certain Beneficiaries" should have read: The "stretch option" is still permitted for the following beneficiaries: (1) the surviving spouse of the account owner; (2) Children of the owner, but only until they reach age 18; (3) Disabled persons; (4) Chronically Ill persons, and (5) Beneficiaries not more than 10 years younger than the account owner."

## Fame: Nild on World Cup

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was not drafted last year due to her commitment with the Thai national team, Nild has spent recent weeks working out for National Women's Soccer League teams. The league schedule starts up in April.

In the meantime, Nild has more than three years to correct a "mistake" she made last June.

Amid the congratulations she

received upon returning to Castro Valley from the World Cup, Nild found out a lot of her old friends wished they'd known about the trip to France far enough in advance so they — like Singh and Barclay — could have joined the fun.

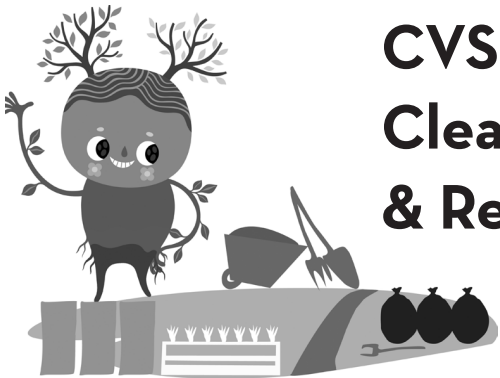
"Yeah, some of them are upset with me," Nild acknowledged half-jokingly. "We'll just have to do it next time."

## Softball Umpires Needed

The Hayward Softball Umpires Association is recruiting year-round paid umpires to work at HARD Softball games. We train

all age groups — men's, women's and co-ed slow pitch. Call the Educational Director at 510-586-8592 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

# APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>



## CVSan's Earth Day Clean-Up & Recycles Day

**VOLUNTEER from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

### Community

**Clean-Up Sites:** Cull Canyon Recreation Area, Castro Valley Creek, Deer View Park, Downtown Castro Valley, and Lake Chabot.

Free continental breakfast provided and a \$5.00 donation to one of three local charities will be made on your behalf after volunteering.

**Register by Monday April 13<sup>th</sup>** at [www.cvsan.org/ED](http://www.cvsan.org/ED).

**RECYCLE at Canyon Middle School from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**



Full instructions at [www.cvsan.org/RecyclesDay](http://www.cvsan.org/RecyclesDay)

### FREE COMPOST AND C&D VOUCHERS:



The Recycles Day event is for CVSan residents and businesses only. Bring photo ID or ACI/utility bill to event. Three 1-cubic foot bags of compost per household or business. 300 Construction & Demolition (C&D) debris vouchers available. Supplies are limited — 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> served.

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## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

### CV High School Girls Wrestling Team

This week's Athletes of the Week are the members of the Castro Valley High School Girls Wrestling team.

The Lady Trojans finished in second place in the North Coast Section Girls Wrestling Championship this past weekend at Albany High School. More than 90 schools competed at the sectional championship.

The team had 11 girls place in the top eight at the sections and will be sending five girls to the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) State Championships held next week in Bakersfield, CA.



## CASTRO VALLEY INDEPENDENT SPORTS LEAGUE



## Support Sought for Student with Cancer

Krystie Gomes is an athletic and loving 11-year-old who was recently diagnosed with Osteosarcoma bone cancer.

In August, she started having pain in her leg and visited the doctor, who found nothing. She was sent to physical therapy, but the leg pain showed no improvement, and she was losing weight.

Her physical therapist suggested that Krystie have an MRI done. On Friday, Jan. 24, they received the diagnosis of Osteosarcoma cancer.

As you can imagine, their world has been turned upside down by the diagnosis, but Krystie is still smiling and cheering up everyone around her with her beautiful smile and outgoing friendly nature. She began a tough battle with 12

weeks of chemotherapy treatment, followed by surgery to remove the tumor. She will have an additional eight weeks of chemotherapy following surgery.

Krystie is the youngest of four children of Kathy Feder and Kenny Gomes. A Castro Valley native, she attends Canyon Middle School as a 6th grader. She is a fierce competitor in club soccer and club volleyball. She played for four years with the Castro Valley Soccer Club, and most recently, with AFC, which is a high level competitive soccer club where she plays up in age group. Krystie also plays competitive volleyball for UC Elite.

To know this vibrant girl is to love her. Krystie always has a smile on her face and a positive attitude.

Her mom, Kathy, is self-employed and owns Dance Co Studio in Hayward, which she has had to temporarily close as they deal with getting Krystie through her diagnosis and treatment. Kathy will continue to be Krystie's main caregiver while she goes through chemotherapy and recovers from surgery.

Kathy and Kenny are longtime residents of Castro Valley. They have touched and been touched by so many loving families within the Castro Valley, Hayward and Transfiguration Church communities. We always hear it takes a village, and we are asking that the village come together to help support them as they walk this very difficult road that no child or parent should have to endure.

### Bake Sale Saturday

Come out and support the Crusade for Krystie Bake Sale from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. this Saturday, Feb. 29, at Direct Sales Floors, 2973 Castro Valley Blvd. All proceeds go to support Krystie Gomes fight against osteosarcoma bone cancer.

—Submitted by Regina Maloof

### Amazing Plants, Services and Artistic Creations

## WICKED GARDENS NURSERY

### UPCOMING PLANT SALE!

**Sat., Feb. 29 & Sun., Mar 1**  
**18338 Redwood Rd.,**  
**8am to 3pm**

Large assortment of Succulents!

### SOME OF OUR SERVICES:

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