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Andre Ward Hosts First Amateur Boxing Tourney with Sheriff's Deputies' Academy

The noon-time line was long on Saturday but the fans didn't seem to mind in the least. After all, it was a chance to meet and talk to a real hometown hero — five-time World Boxing Champion and 2004 Olympic Gold Medalist Andre S.O.G. Ward.

Ward was at Hayward Adult School to host his first amateur boxing event Saturday afternoon in conjunction with the Alameda County Deputy Sheriff's Activities League Boxing Academy (DSAL Boxing) program.

"Amateur boxing is where I got my start and it's extremely important to me to stay connected with the young boxers currently competing in the sport and to provide any knowledge and inspiration I can give them," Ward said.

"Competitive opportunities are vital for a young boxer and I want to give them a platform to showcase their skills and I'm looking forward to being ringside to cheer them on."

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PHOTO BY FRED ZEHNDER

Recently retired professional boxing champ and hometown hero Andre S.O.G. Ward autographs a pair of boxing gloves during a meet-and-greet before Saturday afternoon's Generation NEXT Showdown at Hayward Adult School. A long line of fans waited to meet the down-to-earth Ward, who shook hands and chatted with them, and posed for scores of photos with their family members.

Castro Valley Car Show Takes Final Lap

By Michael Singer
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

After 20 years of hosting classic Cadillacs, Thunderbirds, Camaros, and Woody Wagons, the Redwood Chapel Car Show rallied its final event this past Saturday.

Jerry Gamez, who started the show back in 1998, said the goal was always to reach out to the community and promote the values of service to others.

Gamez said he is grateful for the outpouring of support over the years and said he could not have done it without the help of nearly 100 volunteers to keep the show's engine running smoothly.

"It takes many, many hands to put this all together throughout the year," Gamez told the Castro Valley Forum. "But through the luck of the local sponsors and business people, it's the only car show that I know of that doesn't charge [for registration] yet provides coffee and donuts as well as lunch to our guests. Everywhere I go, people tell me there is not another car show like ours."



PHOTO BY MICHAEL SINGER

Hundreds turn out for the Redwood Chapel Car Show's final event this past Saturday.

Gamez said he had planned on retiring from the show five years earlier but felt it was time to take a victory lap at the 20th anniversary mark after a meeting with church officials.

Despite the show's closure, Ga-

mez says he will still be very active in two other car clubs and in his volunteer work with Redwood Chapel.

The final event was well attended. More than 319 people registered their classic cars for free.

The Redwood Chapel Car Show started with 23 cars and quickly grew into the hundreds as word got around. Gamez estimates more than 5,000 cars have parked in the church lot over the last 20

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MAC MEETING

AC Transit Rolls Out Campaign

By Amy Sylvestri
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

AC Transit District updated its efforts to get more people out of their cars and onto public transportation at Monday night's Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) meeting.

The transit agency is rolling out "AC Go," a system-wide campaign to increase the frequency of buses to no more than 30 minutes at most stops and to have longer running hours. AC Go also breaks some loop routes into easier-to-understand linear routes.

AC Transit runs 151 bus lines and 5,500 stops in the East Bay (in addition to the popular Transbay lines), transporting 171,300 people daily and over 52 million people annually.

But bus services still isn't the most popular way to get around town for most Castro Valley residents. To entice more riders with convenience, AC Transit introduced the Flex shuttle a few years ago.

see **MAC** on back page

REDWOOD ROAD

Two Dead After CV Car Crash

Two women were killed and three others were injured in a single vehicle crash on Redwood Road on Saturday night.

The accident was reported shortly after 10:30 p.m. on a northern stretch of the road near Anthony Chabot Regional Park and the Upper San Leandro Reservoir.

The car, a red Mazda, overturned. The two women were pronounced dead at the scene. A 15-year-old boy and two adult men were taken to the hospital.

The accident is under investigation by the California Highway Patrol.

Castro Valley Weather July 18 - 22, 2018



Wednesday
Clouds then Sun
High 83° Low 58°



Thursday
Partly Sunny
High 84° Low 60°



Friday
Partly Sunny
High 82° Low 62°



Saturday
Mostly Sunny
High 81° Low 62°



Sunday
Clouds then Sun
High 82° Low 61°

Almanac



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

Sun sets at 8:29 p.m. today, rises at 6:03 a.m. Thursday.

Moon Phases



Jul
19



Jul
27



Aug
4



Aug
11

2018 County Fair: Stats Are In!

As with all good things that come to an end, so goes the 18 days of summer fun at the 2018 Alameda County Fair, with total attendance at 423,418.

Concluding its 106th year last week, the Fair offered a full final day of excitement with live horse racing, the popular RV Demolition show and Rock/R&B legends WAR bringing down the house at the Amphitheater.

"The 2018 Fair was indeed the perfect way to welcome in summer," said Fair CEO Jerome Hoban. "Every day offered something fun and special. We appreciate everyone who came out and

made the Fair a part of their summer celebration."

The Fair's carnival took center stage in 2018 with the addition of the brand new, cross-grounds Sky Ride, offering riders a bird's-eye view of the Fair. More than 22,000 took that ride.

Also new this year just for thrill-seekers was the Turbo, a super fast, spinning adrenaline-rush ride at 120 feet in the air.

For the annual Food Drive, 6,362 took advantage of free admission by bringing a donation, amounting to a total of some 14 tons of food. And 5,473 donated to the Clothing Drive.

As in year's past, the statistics of what fair-goers consumed seemed to draw the most interest:

Corn Dogs – 31,688
BBQ Turkey Legs – 11,998
Burgers – 6,183
Funnel Cakes – 29,997
Cotton Candy – 4,235
Candy Apples – 708
Deep Fried Twinkies – 658

The 5th Annual Snackdown crowned Smokehouse Tots the new Grand Champion. Other top winners included the Texas Tater Dog, Fruity Pebbles Shrimp on a Stick, Strawberry Shortcake Milkshake and Crazy Cake.

CVSan Earth Day Donation to Food Bank

Castro Valley Sanitary District hosted its 16th Annual Earth Day Clean-Up event on April 28, and for the seventh consecutive year provided each volunteer the opportunity to select one of four local charities to receive \$5 on their behalf.

As a result, CVSan donated a

total of \$2,050 to those charities this year.

One of them was the Alameda County Community Food Bank whose Events Manager, Kathryn Weber, was presented with a donation of \$1,370 at the CVSan Board of Directors meeting on July 3.

In thanking the District, Weber

said the Food Bank "serves one in five members of the community... that mean the equivalent of 20% of Alameda County residents need our services."

Weber said the check from CVSan would provide 3,260 meals to children, adults and seniors in need.

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REGISTER TODAY FOR THE SATURDAY TOUR!

CASTRO VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT (CVSan) has opened registration to CVSan adult residents and business owners to attend a tour of the Davis Street Transfer Station (DSTS) in San Leandro. Learn how your curbside materials are sorted, separated, and packaged on this engaging three-hour tour.

Register at www.cvsan.org/dststour or call 510-537-0757 for the Saturday, July 28, 2018 tour from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Please take into consideration that this is a walking tour (min. age 10) consisting of uneven surfaces, obstacles, up and down steep stairs (72 steps total), inclines, and elevated areas. Please contact CVSan if you are not physically able to participate to discuss an alternate tour option.

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“Standoff,” a band made up of Castro Valley High School students, entertained the midday crowd at the 8th Annual Castro Valley Pride celebration Saturday on the school campus.

Young, Old Celebrate CV Pride

By Michael Singer
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

The 8th Annual Castro Valley Pride event this past Saturday was a celebration of not only diversity of gender but age as well. More than 73 booths lined the Castro Valley High School upper parking lot including music, entertainment, vendors and food trucks.

And while the nearly 2,000 attendees were there to enjoy the sunshine and festivities, much of

the focus was in helping people answer questions and provide support.

Isaiah Singleton knew at an early age that happiness came from following a personal path and not fitting strictly into gender roles.

“I was about seven or eight when I realized I am who I am and that made me happy,” Singleton told the Castro Valley Forum. “I told myself that I needed to be true to how I am because that is who I will be for the rest of my life.”

As a young LGBTQ+, however, there were more questions than answers, which is why Singleton was happy to be among several resources booths.

About a dozen stands were designed for a young person’s journey towards their own pride. Members of the high school LGBTQ community, performance groups, health resources, and others joined alongside the arts and crafts vendors, community resource groups, *see PRIDE on page 15*

SHERIFF’S REPORTS

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Switchblade Outside Starbucks
Sunday, July 15: at 7:35 p.m., Sheriff’s deputies arrested a 28-year-old man from Castro Valley on suspicion of possession of an illegal switchblade. The man was hanging outside a Starbucks on Center Street near Grove Way when deputies stopped him for questioning. The man revealed he was carrying a knife but deputies determined it was an illegal version. Deputies took the man into custody.

Graffiti at BART

Saturday, July 14: at 7:28 p.m., a 37-year-old man with no permanent address was arrested on suspicion of vandalism outside a BART station. Deputies stopped the man for questioning when they noticed him crouched in the parking lot on Norbridge near Redwood Road with markers and stickers he was attempting to tag private property. The man also had an outstanding warrant issued for his arrest. Deputies took the man to Santa Rita Jail pending \$5,000 in bail.

Can’t Stay Away

Friday, July 13: at 11:11 p.m., deputies arrested a 47-year-old man from Castro Valley on suspicion of violating the terms of a warrant issued for his capture and the terms of his parole. An anonymous tip about a suspicious person hang-

ing outside a home on Somerset Avenue near Bertrose Court sent deputies to the scene. There, they handcuffed the man and took him into custody.

Family Assault

Friday, July 13: at 10:30 p.m., a 911 call about a loud and aggressive-sounding argument sent deputies to a home on Gem Court near Gem Avenue. There, they arrested a 31-year-old man from Castro Valley on suspicion of assault on a family member. The man was also wanted as part of a warrant issued for his capture. Deputies took the man to Santa Rita Jail pending \$50,000 in bail. The victim was treated at the scene.

Spousal Battery

Friday, July 13: at 4:00 p.m., deputies arrested a 39-year-old man

from Castro Valley on suspicion of assault on his spouse at a home on Grove Way near Center Street. A report of a fight at the home prompted a visit by deputies. The man was handcuffed and taken into custody. The victim was treated at the scene.

Illegal Drugs

Friday, July 13: at 2:45 p.m., a 40-year-old man from Castro Valley was arrested on suspicion of possession of illegal narcotics, illegal drug paraphernalia, and violating the terms of his parole. Deputies stopped the man for questioning outside a motel on East Castro Valley Boulevard near the 580 Market Place shopping center when they discovered his stash. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$10,000 in bail. *see REPORTS on page 10*

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By Rob Rosas

IF YOU suffer from lower back pain and sciatica, you are among four out of five Americans who will suffer with this crippling spinal condition.

Shooting, stabbing and burning pains from the lower back region, often teamed with pain through the buttocks and down the legs are all classic symptoms of Sciatica or “pinched nerves”.

In severe cases, it often leads to muscle wasting and or numbness with a constant tingling down to the tip of the toes. Left untreated, the intense pain can rapidly wear you down and drain the joy out of life.

New Treatment Discovery

Recent advances in the treatment of sciatica and lower back pain have led to the development and huge success of Non-Surgical Re-Constructive Spinal Care.

The excellent results of this treatment have been published in major medical journals. Success rates as high as 90% now have some leading back surgeons recommending their patients to try this treatment first before considering back surgery.

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Please note, if you call during the week, they are very busy, so if they don’t pick up straight away leave a message. You can even call at the weekend and leave a message to secure your spot.



Dr. Jerry Hsieh, DC says, “I’ve never seen a treatment as effective as Non-Surgical Re-Constructive Spinal Care for patients with sciatica or lower back pain.”

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The Week Ahead

● Wednesday, July 18: Senior Financial Abuse Workshop

The Aitken Senior Center at 17800 Redwood Road in Castro Valley will present a Financial Abuse Awareness Workshop from 10 to 11 a.m. today when a representative from Wells Fargo will help you identify and protect yourself against elder financial abuse. Learn how your identity can be compromised, ways to protect your information and what to do if you experience identity theft or fraud. To sign up for this free seminar, or for more information, call 510-881-6738.

● Thursday, July 19: Downtown Hayward Street Party

The Hayward Street Party season continues its 19th year from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. tomorrow with bands, car shows, street entertainers, and face-painters and rides for kids.

● Saturday, July 21: Eden Area Village

Join us for coffee at the Cannery Cafe in the HAHS Museum, 22380 Foothill Blvd. at 9 a.m. this Saturday and learn how we are working together to help seniors remain in their homes and engaged in the community. Visit edenareavillage.org or email info@edenareavillage.org

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● Saturday, July 21: Karaoke Night

Castro Valley School Of Music at 3300 East Castro Valley Blvd. is holding a free “Karaoke Night” from 6 - 8 p.m. this Saturday. Adults and kids come take the center stage and enjoy a selection of over 30,000 songs. For info, call 510-397-0721 or visit www.cvsom.com

● Saturday, July 21: Showtime in San Lorenzo

This is a free family event which will include a fun-filled day of artisan craft vendors, a car show, tours of the San Lorenzo Theater, and ending with an outdoor movie, “Cars 3.” The California Dept. of Toxic Substances Control will host a lead testing booth at Showtime, from 2 to 6 p.m. on July 21 at 16080 Hesperian Blvd. in San Lorenzo. Stop by the booth to learn more about the hazards of lead and get items tested for lead content. Info at www.showtimeinsanlorenzo.org/index.html

● Saturday, July 21: Paranormal Investigation

Experienced investigators will lead you through the historic Meek Mansion at 17365 Boston Road, Hayward at 7 p.m. on July 21 to explore the paranormal. Data previously collected includes electronic voice phenomena (EVP), cold spots, touches, apparitions, and much more. Investigations for ages 18 and older. Tickets (\$75) must be purchased in advance at haywardareahistory.org/explore-the-paranormal

● Monday, July 23 & Continuing: Furniture Restoration Class

The Aitken Senior Center at 17800 Redwood Road in Castro Valley is offering a Caning and Furniture Refinishing/Restoration Class on Mondays from 9 a.m. until noon. This ongoing class accommodates beginners through advanced and costs \$1.50 per day. If you are interested, stop in and bring your project with you for evaluation.

● Tuesday, July 24: Current Trends in Social Media

The Rotary Club of Castro Valley will host Kern Lewis from KO Websites in Castro Valley speaking on Current Trends in Social Media. The program and a buffet lunch take place at Redwood Canyon Golf Course in Castro Valley from noon to 1:30 p.m. The cost of lunch is \$20 and reservations must be made by 9 p.m. on Sunday, July 22, by contacting Rotary at cvrotary@iCloud.com or 510-402-5123. More information is available at castrovalleyrotary.org.

● Thursday, July 26: Pirate Escape Room Adventure

Can you beat the clock? The Castro Valley Library presents, Pirate Escape Room Adventure, where you’ll work as a team and use your wits to solve puzzles, unlock clues and escape the room to get the treasure. This is a program designed for teens, ages 13-19. Registration is required — sign up for you and your friends for up for one of two time slots. For more information or to register, call the Library at (510) 667-7900 or visit www.aclibrary.org

● Friday, July 27: Jenny Lin Concert

Enjoy the free Jenny Lin Foundation Summer Concert at 7:30 p.m. on July 27 at the Buffington Performing Arts Center on the Chabot College campus, 25555 Hesperian Blvd. in Hayward. This year, some 300 young musicians from around the Bay Area took part in the Summer Music Program.

● Saturday, July 28: Elders Take the Mic

Whether it’s childhood mischief, moments of hardship and triumph, or reflections on the retired life, hear stories that are a touching and nuanced exploration of the human experience from 3 to 5 p.m. on July 28 at the Hayward Area Senior Center, 22325 North 3rd Street. If you’ve been thinking of writing your story, this is the perfect sampler event. Come hear some student-writers’ stories and get inspired to join the class and write your own story! It’s free, but please RSVP to the Hayward Area Senior Center (510) 881-6766 or www.haywardrec.org

● Tuesday, July 31: Rotary: “Maintaining a High Profile”

The Rotary Club of Castro Valley will host Tim Smith from Logoboss who will speak on “Getting and Keeping a High Profile for a Business or Organization.” The program and a buffet lunch take place at Redwood Canyon Golf Course in Castro Valley from noon to 1:30 p.m. The cost of lunch is \$20 and reservations must be made by 9 p.m. on Sunday, July 29, by contacting Rotary at cvrotary@iCloud.com or 510.402.5123. More information is available at castrovalleyrotary.org

● Tuesday, July 31: Sizzling Summer Pool Tournament

Join the fun at the Aitken Senior & Community Center as it hosts its Sizzling Summer Pool Tournament on Tuesday, July 31st at 10 a.m. With beginner and advanced brackets, all levels are encouraged to participate. Prizes will be given to the top player in each division and their names will be added to our perpetual plaque. Coffee and pastries will be provided. Players must be registered by Friday, July 27. Call 510-881-6738 for more details.

● Friday, August 3: Hot Summer Luau Dinner & Dance

Put on your dancing shoes and dance the night away with music by the Len & Rich Band from 5:30 to 10 p.m. at the Hayward Area Senior Center, 22325 North 3rd Street. Admission is \$20 advance, \$25 at the door.

● Sunday, August 5: Art Class at the Castro Valley Library

Join us for the Library’s own version of a Paint Party from 3 to 5 p.m. on Aug. 5 as Christie’s Creative Cupboard helps you paint like Georgia O’Keeffe. Enjoy painting like one of the masters and creating a piece of art for your home. All materials will be provided and no experience is

necessary. Christie will help you understand the style and techniques. This class is for adults only. Space is limited and registration is required. Register at the Library Information Desk in person or by calling 510-667-7900.

● Friday-Sunday, Aug. 17-18-19: Hayward High Alumni

Hayward High School will host an All-Alumni Weekend Aug. 17-19, to celebrate the opening of its brand new lighted athletic field, starting with an all-alum tailgate party behind the HHS gym from 3 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 17. Campus tours, led by current students, will be available during this time. Following the tailgate will be the school’s first varsity home football night game under the new lights (admission \$8).

Arts & Entertainment

CASTRO VALLEY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

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.

● Castro Valley Arts Foundation 2018-2019 Series

From Country to Classics, tickets are on sale now for six concerts—**Led Zepagain, Mark Mackay, Pasquale Esposito, Vox Fortura, Johnny Cash Tribute** and **The Sun Kings**, plus the New Year’s Eve Cabaret. Buy season tickets and save \$5 per ticket, free ticket exchange and best seat selection. *See ticket info above.*

THEATRICAL & MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

● **Concert: Six Continents of Music,**” will be presented by the Morrisson Theatre Chorus under the direction of César Cancino, featuring lively, tropical, and romantic rhythms from around the world, at 8 p.m. this Friday and Saturday, July 20-21, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 22, at the Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St., Hayward. For tickets (\$18, \$15, \$12), visit www.dmtonline.org or call 510-881-6777.

● **“The Mousetrap,”** by Agatha Christie, will be presented by the San Leandro Players from July 21 to Aug. 19 at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. A group of strangers trapped by a snowstorm discovers that a murderer is among them. Show times are Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., plus the Fridays of Aug. 10 and 17 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 general, \$15 seniors. For more information or for reservations, call 510-895-2573 or visit www.slplayers.org

● **“Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,”** with a cast of 70 and a live orchestra, will be presented by Woodminster Summer Musicals at 8 p.m. on Aug. 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11 and 12 at Woodminster Amphitheater, Joaquin Miller Park, Joaquin Miller Road at 3540 Sanborn Drive) Oakland. This family favorite is a lively musical retelling of the Biblical tale of Joseph and his coat of many colors. For tickets or info, call 510-531-9597 or visit www.woodminster.com

AT THE GALLERIES

● **“Elevate,”** Adobe Art Gallery’s Inaugural Fundraiser and Silent Auction Exhibition Preview Party will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 11, with the work of more than two dozen artists. Proceeds will go toward improving the exhibition space with new mobile walls for the visual display of artists’ work and additional lighting. The exhibition will continue through Sept. 29 at the gallery, 20395 San Miguel Avenue. For more info, visit adobegallery@haywardrec.org

● **‘Teachers Exhibit’ Watercolors**, featuring botanical works by artists who have taught in Castro Valley and Hayward — Pat Anderson, Beverly Dahlstedt, Pat Doynne, Kate Hardwig, Mary Harper, Nancy Jacobson, Brenda Purchio, and Janet Steidel — are currently on display at the Castro Valley Library. The exhibition continues until Sept. 6. More paintings by each artist can be viewed at www.sfbotanicalartists.com

● **The Magic of Collaboration**, an exhibit showcasing an array of collaborators from family members to artist collectives, continues at the Adobe Art Gallery, 20395 San Miguel Ave. in Castro Valley. For more information, visit adobegallery@haywardrec.org or call 510-881-6735.

● **“Black & White in Black & White: Images of Dignity, Hope, and Diversity in America,”** a collection of early 20th Century portraits of African Americans in Nebraska printed from glass plate negatives, will be on display in the Community Gallery at the HAHS Museum of History & Culture, 22380 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward through Aug. 19. The images were taken between 1910 and 1925.

● **#Climate Change: An Unfolding Emergency** featuring the works of more than 20 artists is being presented by Sun Gallery, 1015 E St. in Hayward. For more info on the exhibit, call the Sun Gallery at 581-4050 or visit www.SunGallery.org

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) With new facts to work with, you should feel more confident in moving ahead. But continue to do so at an unhurried pace so you can spot details you might otherwise miss.



TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Taking on that new workplace project could be one of your smarter career moves. Expect a surprising show of support from someone who had always been a critic.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might feel you’re too busy to undertake a new responsibility. But check it out before making any decisions. What you learn could persuade you to change your mind.



CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You feel quite content enjoying all the comforts of home right now. But the urge to travel grows stronger, and by week’s end, you could begin packing your bags.



LEO (July 23 to August 22) A hectic period begins to ease up, but that doesn’t mean the Fine Feline can do much catnapping these days. You need to finish those old tasks and prepare for new ones.



VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Expect to get some good news about your financial situation by week’s end. But it could still be too early to rush out with a long shopping list of things to buy.



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your management skills make an impression on some workplace VIPs who might be looking for someone like you to take on an upcoming project. Good luck.



SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Meeting a former adversary might be unsettling at first. But time has softened hard feelings, and you could be on the brink of starting a new relationship.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A troubling situation close to home might cause you to change your travel plans. But getting all the facts before you act might cause you to reconsider.



CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might be quite alone right now in deciding to support a major workplace shift. But others will join you as new information supports your bold move.



AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A former co-worker returns with news that could persuade you to reassess recently made plans. Be sure to consult with a trusted colleague before you act.



PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your motives behind a recent decision could be called into question by a rival. But once you present the facts, all doubts will be resolved. Enjoy an arts-rich weekend.



A volunteer coach (above) checks an old-fashioned cuckoo clock while a restaurant-style milkshake maker gets repaired (below) at the 7th annual Fixit Clinic at the Library last month.

Milkshake Machine Repaired, Cuckoo Clock Cuckoos Again

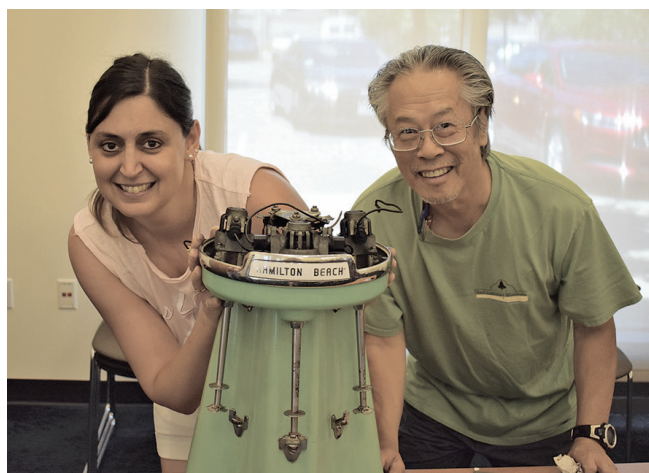
CVSan presented Castro Valley's seventh Fixit Clinic at the Castro Valley Library last month.

The clinics are "pop-up" activities where participants bring in non-functioning items and are provided tools to learn how to fix their item.

Residents brought all kinds of broken, inoperative items to the June 23 event — wristwatches, blenders, lamps, sewing machines, and even a bicycle!

Eleven Fixit Clinic volunteer coaches were on hand to help attendees assess the problem with their items and provide expertise to assist in fixing them.

A special thank you to 10 local volunteer coaches: Bill DeVore, Charles Glorioso, Dave Coleman, Domilyn Wickum, James Hauk, Joe McGiffin, Matthew Sanders,



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Robert Fong, Sarah Foster-Peck, and Shreya Annamaneni for donating their time to the event!

More than half of the items were repaired, which translated into a total of 274 pounds of potential waste that was diverted from landfill.

Visit www.fixitclinic.org for upcoming Fixit Clinic events throughout the Bay Area.

From the Boulevard...

'Old Castro Valley' Tends to Reside With Spirit of Its Own

By Thomas E. Lorentzen

"The sky is the daily bread of the eyes."
—Emerson

Towns and humans have much in common. They have experiences of their own and develop their own personalities. They have ups and downs and age with time. They have their own histories and tell their own stories based upon what has happened to them or is now happening.

Having resided for most of my life in Castro Valley a sense of the past, present and future of our town tends to flow within me. As an aging person, I find that a sense of the past surprises me now and then with a brief visit.

Although I focus on the present and future, the visitor comes not as a ghost, but a friend. Like a good cup of coffee or glass of wine it gifts me with a mood of calm and reflection. Yet, to appreciate the experience, one must welcome it, and sometimes invite it to happen.

It is within this context that I have found a street in CV that, like our town, has its own subtle personality. It is here, that "Old Castro Valley" tends to reside with a spirit of its own, but only reveals itself if it is strolled and visited as an old friend.

The street goes for only one block. It is nondescript, with no neon signs or palpable personality. Its most common use is as a link between Stanton Avenue and Lake Chabot Road.

To be appreciated, however, exploration is required. Its name is San Carlos Avenue.

Using it as a link myself, I recently stopped in two small antique stores located there. One is A.J.'s Attic, where interesting items from the past invite attention.

The owner, Arnie, has a good grasp of the character and history of the East Bay, having graduated from Oakland High about 1960. He also conducted business for many years in Reno and Lake Tahoe.

It was during those same years that I lived in Reno, enabling us to share stories of the past characters and experiences of that area as well as here in our home towns in the East Bay.

To visit his store and with him makes me appreciate the present with greater value because of our ability to share our common pasts with each other. The items within his store dance to music from their prior lives. Yet, they look fondly upon visitors and seek adoption from caring souls for new futures for themselves.

Upon leaving A.J.'s Attic I stopped a few doors down to visit another interesting antique store, which is titled "Restore & Rework." The new owner, Micaiah, is passionate about taking aged items and restoring them. She has developed the skills of a master crafts-person.

She is a native of CV, but much younger than A.J. and myself. Yet, she loves the past, as she lives in the present and builds a future for herself and her family. As an entrepreneur, and as a crafts-person, she is an artist.

Visiting with her and watching her repurpose the old store and its guest items on San Carlos gave me a whole new sense of the present and future here in CV.

These experiences are shared with you as a reader, for it was through a visit with the past — of old items in two old stores on an old street in CV that a new sense of appreciation was birthed within me. The investment of time was one hour, yet it added tangibly to the spiritual uplift of my morning coffee and evening wine on that day.

On the day after these visits I compose this column. The past provided a nice visit yesterday by walking down San Carlos Street and walking in two small antique stores. My visits with both A.J. and Micaiah were interesting and heart-warming. Through them and their interesting stores I felt that I had a wonderful visit with the past, but one that enhanced my appreciation for the present as well as for the future.

Through befriending the past, both A.J. and Micaiah befriend us in the present and create new value for the future. Even if nothing is purchased, a visit to these stores and with them has value of its own.

Tom Lorentzen lives in Castro Valley. He formerly served on the board of the Institute of Museum & Library Services and the Advisory Board to Southern Oregon University, and has served three Presidential Administrations.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Dorian White and Carina Newlin

This week's Athletes of the Week are Dorian White and Carina Newlin, partners in Acrobatic Gymnastics. They competed in the Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (F.I.G.) World Age Group Championships for Acrobatic Gymnastics in Antwerp, Belgium, from Wednesday, April 4 through Tuesday, April 10.

The pair competed over three days, against 32 mixed pairs, from 25 countries, and placed eighth in the world for their 12-18 Junior Elite age group.

They have been training together at West Coast Training Center in Livermore for 4 years and this was their first trip to the World Championships. White and Newlin will be competing this month in the USAG National Championships in Greensboro, N.C.

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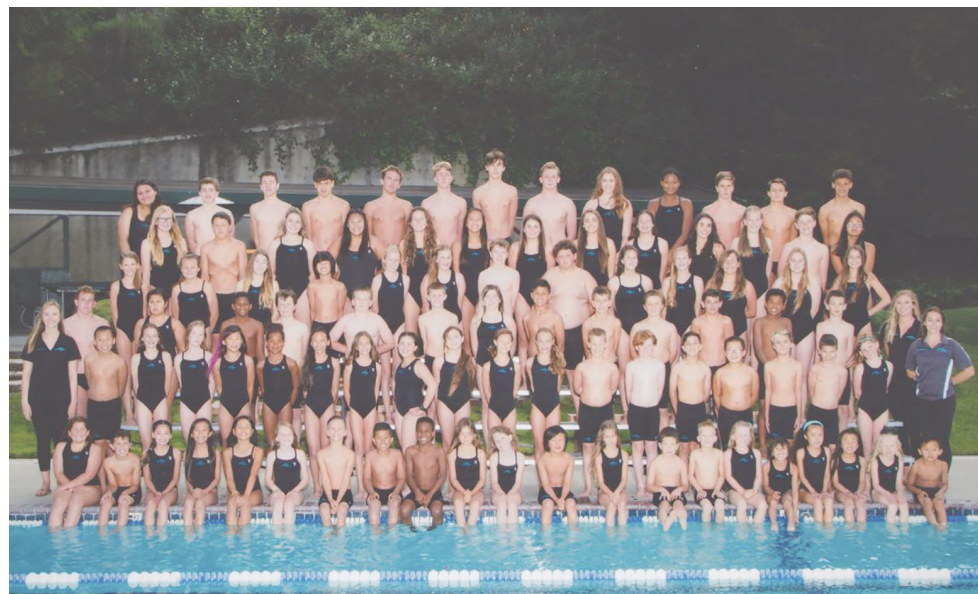


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The Chabot Marlins Swim Club

'Best Season' for the Marlins

The Chabot Marlins Swim Club is reaching the end of its season and dozens of swimmers have been improving their times on a weekly basis.

Coached by Madison Faulkner, a recent swimmer and graduate of Cal State East Bay, the Marlins compete in the upper division of the East Bay Swim League. This year's team of 135 swimmers has been particularly dedicated.

"This is by far one of the best seasons I have seen from the Marlins," Faulkner told the Forum. "We have come together and are racing as a team and for the team. I am super proud of my coaching staff, along with the swimmers for putting in the work thus far."

The Marlins compete on Saturdays against teams from Castro Valley, Hayward, San Leandro, Newark and Fremont. Swimmers compete in individual events, including freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and Individual Medleys and relays.

This season 18 swimmers have done the difficult job of setting personal bests in three events at one meet. They are Corinne Arakawa, Kassidy Cutler, Emeline D'Antonio, Ethan Dinh, Caleb Enos, Lily Enos, James Fitzgerald, Alex Jerome, Matthew Jewell, Sally Jewell, Haley Johnson, Ava Kinser, Ethan Morgheim, Jordan Morgheim, Isabelle Nicole, Tommy Ryken, Edvin Sabanovic and Elma Sa-

banovic. High point scorers at the meets have been Sam D'Antonio, Kai Ford, Sally Jewell, Brayden Lima, Elma Sabanovic and Gavin Willits.

The Marlins have two competitions remaining and will be held on Saturday, July 21, against the Castro Valley Crocodiles, then the League Championships at Chabot College on Saturday, July 28, where 1,200 swimmers will compete.

CV Synergy Gold Tryouts

Castro Valley 18 Gold is a highly competitive travel softball team that strives to give its players the best opportunities in order to achieve their goals and play at the next level, all at an affordable price.

Fall Tryouts for Synergy 18 Gold will take place at Castro Valley High's Varsity Field on:

- Thursday, August 2 from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 9 from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Sunday, August 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

If you would like more information about the team or are in need of a personal workout please call Mike Adami at 415-308-4712

Ward: Proceeds Benefit Boxing Academy

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Male and female boxers as young as eight-years-old on up through elite division athletes are in the program, which provides free coaching, fitness and mentoring for underserved youth in the East Bay.

The nonprofit DSAL was

founded in 2005. Deputies volunteer time to coach youth and to raise money to pay for equipment and scholarships.

"This amateur boxing event will showcase competitive opportunities from youth throughout the state of California," said Sergeant Oscar Perez of the Alameda

County Sheriff's Office. "This event creates self-confidence for our youth, which helps them learn and perform at a fast and higher level, while teaching them to put forth their best effort no matter what they strive for in life."

Long before racking up five world titles in two different weight divisions, a nine-year-old Andre Ward was taken to a boxing gym by his father, Frank, who asked trainer Virgil Hunter to teach his son "to hit and not get hit." Hunter, now Ward's Godfather, more than delivered on his promise, helping to develop his pupil into one of the most skilled technicians in boxing.

Known for his strong character and integrity outside the ring, Andre S.O.G. (Son-Of-God) Ward has visited numerous schools, prisons and youth facilities to share his inspirational success story.

All proceeds from Saturday's event go to benefit the Alameda County DSAL Boxing Academy.

For more information about the Academy, visit www.acdsal.org. For more information about Ward, visit andresogward.com.

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Buying Home With Parent to Provide Care

Q. My 88 year old father still lives in his own home, alone. We worry about him falling and injuring himself. My husband and I have suggested that we sell both of our homes, and together purchase a larger home for all of us. He is on Medi-Cal and we wonder whether he could retain his Medi-Cal once he sold his own home. Any other considerations?

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

A. Your plan is both commendable and "doable", but needs to be thought through carefully.

Here are some of the considerations:

- Once he sells his home he will have significant cash proceeds, which would normally make him ineligible for Medi-Cal by reason of the \$2,000 resource cap for a single individual.

However, Medi-Cal allows a six-month grace period between the sale of one home and the purchase of another before the proceeds are counted. The proceeds should be clearly segregated for this purpose.

Also, your father must receive an ownership interest in the new home equal to the value of his contribution, and this must reflect on the deed.

- Medi-Cal Estate Recovery: To avoid Medi-Cal "payback" upon his death for benefits received during life, his interest in the home would need to pass to his designated beneficiaries without probate, e.g. via a Living Trust or other non-probate transfer. Make sure that he creates an estate plan which does this.

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WORKSHOP: CARING FOR AGING PARENTS

Sometimes called "the Sandwich Generation" are those adult children who often find themselves between caring for both their own younger families and their aging parents.

These added responsibilities may become a challenge when decisions regarding elder care and the need for independence arise.

At those times, finding information and resources can sometimes feel like you are walking in the dark.

Eden Health District is offering a free two-part program to shed some light on the issue on Tuesday, July 31, at the San Leandro Main Library.

From 5 to 6 p.m. the district will hold a "Let's Get Connected" resource fair where community agencies that serve Alameda County will provide information about their services for seniors and answer any questions. The resource fair is open to all. Registration is not required.

From 6 to 7:30 p.m. a panel will discuss keeping parents independent and safe, adult day programs, community resources, and more. Seating is limited. Call 510-538-2035 to register. Both sessions will be held in the Karp Room at the San Leandro Library, 300 Estudillo Avenue.

To learn more about the Eden Health District, visit www.ethd.org

Can Social Security Benefits be Garnished?

By Jim Miller
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Whether your Social Security benefits are garnishable or not depends on whom you owe. Banks and other financial creditors, for example, can't touch your Social Security checks. But if Uncle Sam is collecting on a debt, some of your benefits are fair game.

Here's what you should know.

Creditor Protections

If you have credit card debts, medical bills, unpaid personal loans or pay day loans, you'll be happy to know that your Social Security benefits are safe from your creditors.

Section 207 of the Social Security Act prohibits debt collectors or a bankruptcy court from dipping into your bank account to take Social Security money for purposes of paying off what you owe.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI), veterans benefits, federal employee and civil service retirement benefits, and benefits administered by the Railroad Retirement Board Administration can't be touched either.

But be aware that your creditors can still take legal action against you to recover what you owe them, and depending on your state's law, they may be able to garnish your wages and tap into other allowable assets, if you have any.

Government Garnishment

If, however, you owe money to Uncle Sam, it's a very different story. The federal government can garnish a portion of your Social Security benefits for repayment of several types of debts, including federal income taxes, federal student loans, state-ordered child support and alimony, nontax debt owed to other federal agencies, defaulted federal home loans and certain civil penalties. (If you receive SSI, those benefits cannot be garnished under any circumstance).

How much can actually be taken depends on the type of debt you owe. In most situations, the government can pull 15 percent of your benefits to cover your debt, but under the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, it must leave you at least \$750 each month. That is, unless the levy is

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Closing the Book

The old Hayward Library invited patrons to visit on Saturday and to bid the building a fond farewell with a little ceremony and a pop-up book sale. But the library will be around for a little while longer, until the new library just across the street opens in September, after which the old building will be torn down.

Show: Holds its Final Event After 20 Years

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years. The event is part of the Redwood Chapel Community Church, but it is not a fundraising endeavor.

The Car Show judges handed out 32 trophies based on the class and condition of the vehicles, among other categories.

"We had a gentleman that started his car years ago that we gave a 'Work-in-Progress' award to," Gamez said. "This year, that car is complete, so we'll be acknowledging his accomplishment."

Restoring the car involves time, passion, and a whole lot of money. A \$15,000 custom paint job is not unheard of and the sky is the limit when it comes to restoring engine parts, rebuilding interiors, and adding personal touches.

"You have to appreciate the craftsmanship that goes into these cars," Gabe Cardenas from Castro Valley said. "My family has a '64 Chevy Impala that they are restoring. Currently, it's in parts around the garage, so I know how much work it takes to make these cars ready for a show."



PHOTO BY MICHAEL SINGER

NICE WHEELS: Gabe Cardenas from Castro Valley checks out a vintage roadster at the classic car show

Count Me In: Showing Respect

By Amy Ramos
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

I'm there. I'm at the age where people start calling you ma'am.

But it's nice when young men and women are polite! It's a common phrase, or it used to be...

I know there is a time when growing up, some kids are less than thoughtful. I get it. I understand, but I still believe in empathy and respect. I still think we all should have it at any age.

Recently while eating breakfast in a local spot we noticed a woman eating alone. I wanted to sit with her and chat but didn't want to make her uncomfortable so instead I did what my father would have done and I paid her

bill without her knowing.

The next time we went in the restaurant the waitress remembered and told us how delighted the woman was. She described her smile as beaming and how she kept her smile all the way out of her sight.

I liked hearing it and thought about how I would have liked my grandparents or parents to feel that way.

Castro Valley Rocks is another example of this kind of community connection. It's fun to find and hide rocks, the excitement is contagious! It's a nice, fun and friendly way of building our space into one we delight to be in and engage with.

What if we, in our little town,

could say hi, hold doors open, and be polite just a bit more often? We don't have to all speak the same language, have the same religion or come from the same place, but we all share this little space named Castro Valley.

Let's make the effort to respect one another. Wave to someone or stop and have tea with a stranger. Buy a fellow CVer lunch and support a local gathering. Try it, I'm sure it will put a smile on your face.

You never know, your neighbor could be your next best friend!

Amy Ramos is a resident of Castro Valley, and president of Stanton Parent Club and a School District parent. You can contact her at adramos@mac.com

Reports: Petty Theft; Drugs; Trespassing

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Petty Theft

Thursday, July 12: at 1:35 p.m., deputies arrested a 29-year-old man with no permanent address on suspicion of petty theft and possession of illegal narcotics. The man was seen leaving a drug store on the Boulevard near Yeandle Avenue with an unspecified amount of unpaid merchandise. Deputies were called to the scene after store security detained the man. The man was taken into custody.

Doing Drugs in a Mortuary Parking Lot

Thursday, July 12: at 1:39 a.m., two people were arrested on drug possession-related charges in a mortuary parking lot in Redwood Road near the Interstate 580 Freeway off ramp. Deputies found the pair in possession of illegal drug paraphernalia and methamphetamine drugs. A 27-year-old woman from Hayward was handcuffed

and taken into custody. A 36-year-old man from San Jose was also found to have a warrant issued for his capture. He was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$5,000 in bail.

Night Biker Busted

Tuesday, July 10: at 9:17 p.m., deputies arrested a 31-year-old man from CV on contempt of court charges stemming from a warrant issued for his arrest. The man was riding his bicycle on Lake Chabot Road near Congress Way when deputies pulled him over for riding without a front headlamp, without a rear red reflector, and failing to stop at a pedestrian crosswalk when the lights were flashing. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$500 in bail.

Trespassing Behind Store

Monday, July 9: at 12:57 p.m., a 55-year-old man from Concord was arrested on suspicion of trespassing in a restricted area.

Deputies investigated reports of a man sleeping in an employee-only section behind a grocery store on Castro Valley Boulevard near Redwood Road. The man was also wanted as part of a warrant issued for his capture. Deputies took the man to Santa Rita Jail pending \$5,000 in bail.

Drugged and Disorderly

Monday, July 9: at 8:55 p.m., deputies arrested a 39-year-old man with no permanent address on suspicion of disorderly conduct in public, possession of illegal narcotics, and resisting arrest. The man was hanging outside a business on Castro Valley Boulevard near Wilbeam Avenue and presenting a danger to people passing by. Deputies found the man was under the influence of some medication but found the illegal drugs in his pockets. The man put up a fight before he was handcuffed and taken into custody.



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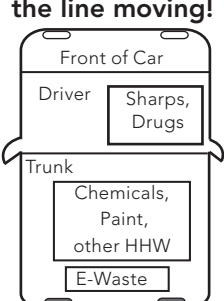
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Top Seven Exterior Features Buyers Are Looking For

By Carl Medford, CRS
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With summer in full swing, the focus on outdoor living has increased. While buyers looking for homes in the winter months are looking for cozy properties, those looking during the summer are interested in any property's ability to provide a stimulating outdoor experience.

Savvy sellers can capitalize with well-prepared yards and exterior amenities.

While a significant feature has been a swimming pool, these are growing less attractive. A pool can take up most of a home's rear yard and is expensive to operate.

Families now are looking for outdoor features that make it possible to live outside for prolonged periods.

The patio and/or deck has always been the focal point of outdoor living, and many homeowners are looking for additional features to enhance their experience. Here are the top 7 outdoor features buyers are looking for:

Lighting: With the recent advent of LED exterior lighting, lighting options have increased dramatically and have moved into the No. 1 spot for adding both beauty and safety.

Seating: If you have paid any attention to exterior furniture, you will have noticed a recent renaissance. Entire catalogues are now dedicated to exterior furniture as the push for outdoor living is increasing.

Think exterior family and dining rooms. Additionally, permanent seating is in vogue including built-in benches, ledges, wall seats and the like.

Conversation areas: Fire has become the focal point in many back yards, with firepits, exterior fireplaces and accompanying seating.

Food Prep Areas: While the barbecue or grill has long been the staple of exterior food prep, it is now being joined with upscale amenities like sinks, refrigerators, counters, storage areas and more.

The humble grill has also seen a transformation into full-blown exterior cooking venues.

Entertainment systems: Bluetooth connectivity coupled with the internet has ushered in a new era of exterior entertainment options including stereo systems, projection screens and more.

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outdoor heaters have migrated into many yards – the big surprise here are cooling systems, fans and misting capabilities to provide an increased level of comfort.

Access: Many want the barrier between the interior and exterior removed, so we are seeing more large window walls than can be opened to blend interior and exterior areas by providing direct access.

The push for outdoor living has prompted the emergence of exterior space design companies

and well-designed yards can definitely increase a home's value.

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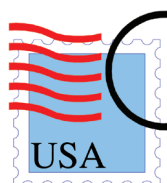
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Worried that Castro Valley Will Become a Major Hub For Marijuana Operations in the County

Editor:
Castro Valley is likely to be the site of major cannabis (marijuana) operations in the near future if we don't speak up now!

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors recently adopted ordinances to increase retail sales and begin cultivation of cannabis within our county. In the works... done deal.

Now they are deciding whether *manufacturing, distribution, testing labs* and/or *micro-businesses* (including kitchens to infuse edibles) will be allowed in the unincorporated area (and *where* they will be allowed).

Supervisors Haggerty and Chan have indicated that they do *not* support allowing additional cannabis operations in their districts (Livermore and San Lorenzo). The areas that are then up for grabs are Ashland/Cherryland and *Castro Valley*.

Our Supervisor Nate Miley has been very vocal in favor of embracing the industry. If you have concerns about bringing these operations to the valley, tell him at district4@acgov.org

—Vicki Stadelman
Castro Valley

What the U.S. Flag Stands for ... and Where it Stands

Editor:
The subject that I am about to write concerns our National Colors, our Flag!

There are many, perhaps thousands, that do not know how to display our flag. At the church that I attend, I have spoken with and emailed, both of our clerics, about the proper placement.

Our nations flag, that thousands of men and women of our country had died protecting, our flag and the people of our nation, should never be placed in a corner. Federal Statute's, explain exactly how our flag should be displayed in public buildings, out in the open, any place you can think of.

Our flag has even been placed on the moon! However, after several weeks of finding our flag in the corner, I move it to be properly placed to the left of the main entrance door to our church!

You would think my message would sink in, however, it has not! I am at loss as to what action to take, to assure the proper place. So, I am asking you that are reading my "Letter to the Editor" know who I am and what church we all attend, please help me! Ask our cleric's why our flag is in the corner. Perhaps, just perhaps, we can get them to understand what our national flag stands for. *Freedom!*

—Dick Purdee
Castro Valley

Asks What Rowell Ranch Rodeo President's Definition of 'Success' is

Editor:
Rowell Ranch Rodeo Committee President Russ Fields omits some crucial points in his letter ("Thanks to All Who Make Annual Rowell Ranch Pro Rodeo Celebration a Success," Letters, June 27).

Mr. Fields claimed on a June 18 KGO-TV segment that, "No, they don't feel fear. They're *animals!*" The mind boggles.

Mr. Fields, please define "success." Would that include the saddle bronc Savina who suffered a broken back and had to be euthanized at the June 19 rodeo? Or the brutal "wild cow milking contest" (in which a cow was killed at the 2014 rodeo), or the children's "mutton busting" event in which kids, often in tears, ride terrified sheep, dangerous for all concerned? Or the sale of toy AK-47 assault weapons on the rodeo grounds?

Mr. Fields claims that all the rodeo events are done "every day on working ranches throughout our country." Patently false! *Real* working cowboys never routinely ride bulls, or wrestle steers, or ride bareback, or practice calf roping as a timed event (babies!). Nor do they put flank straps on the animals, or work them over with painful "hotshots" in the holding chutes, or cruelly spur them. It's all hype.

Rodeo is a macho exercise in *domination*. For nearly all the animals involved, rodeo is merely a detour en route to the slaughterhouse. *True* "sport" involves willing, equally-matched contestants. Rodeo does not

qualify. Simple "tradition" justifies nothing.

As for all those worthy charities, it is unethical to abuse one group of sentient beings to benefit another. "Blood money," some would call it. Where's the local religious community on this moral issue, pray?

Suggestion: The Rowell Ranch Rodeo annually costs HARD some \$20,000 of taxpayers' monies. HARD should donate the ranch property to the East Bay SPCA or other non-profit, and turn it into a Farm Animal Sanctuary and Education Center for Bay Area school children, perhaps with a riding stable. And the cowboys could come and teach *humane* ranching practices. Win/win.

—Eric Mills, coordinator
Action for Animals, Oakland

On Hatred and False Hatred

Editor:
I can only assume that Gin Graydon ("Doesn't Need the Media to Tell Her Why to Dislike Trump," Letters, July 4) will not be joining many of us in Castro Valley who stand "United Against Hate." I count no fewer than four times that the word "hate" is used to describe Mr. Graydon's feeling toward to President of the United States.

And, sorry to say, but fellow letter writer Peter Hauer must be proven wrong also with his claim of "false hatred" among liberals. See above.

—Jane Mason
Castro Valley

Blames 'Mass Media' for Failure to Follow Up On 'Fake Hate Crimes'

Editor:
In my previous letter, I advised people to do a Google search ("fake hate crimes") to see that many of these so called "hate crimes" are really fake. Apparently Ms. Kay Athos did not bother doing a Google search on this subject. Instead, she simply refused to believe that fake "hate crimes" even exist. Ms. Athos even asked, "Who are these people? Does Peter Hauer have anyone in mind?"

Well, here are a few:
In the late October 2016 (a week before Trump's election) in Greenville Miss., a black anti-Trumper named Andrew McClinton spray painted "Vote Trump" on his own church. Then he set the church ablaze. Police charged him with arson.

Last year, a Muslim professor at Indiana State U. named Azhar Hussein falsely claimed he was attacked by anti-Muslim thugs. Police charged him with making a false report.

Last September, a white anti-Trump activist named Andrew King (from upstate NY) secretly painted a swastika on his own house. Then he called the press, and claimed to be a victim of anti-semitism. It turns out he was not even Jewish.

Immediately after Trump's election, an anti-Trumper named William Tucker sprayed painted "white supremacist" graffiti, in Philadelphia. He even combined the word "Trump" with a swastika. The suspect (who was black) was eventually caught.

In Ann Arbor Michigan, an anti-Trumper named Hally Bass claimed that she had been violently attacked by an evil Trump supporter, in a "hate crime." Her story was fake.

There are many more such incidents. But limits of space in this fine paper restrict me to these few. The really sad part is the mass media eagerly gives wide coverage to any charge of "hate crime," but later they provide very little coverage if it turns out to be fake.

—Peter Hauer
Castro Valley

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Poet Nicia De'Lovely performing at Smalltown Space.

This Week *At Smalltown*

• Thursday, July 19 — The Lab: Open Mic

The Lab is a monthly Open Mic that allows musicians, poets, and other artists to workshop pieces they are working on, in front of and among friends. Everyone is welcome! Sign-ups start at 6:50. First performances start around 7:15 p.m. Sets run between 10-15 minutes (depending on number of performers).

• Saturday, July 21, 2-6 p.m. Smalltown Open Studio

Come connect with other Eden area artists in a shared and informal studio environment. We provide tables and chairs, you bring your art to work on. *Free*

• Thursday, July 26, 2-6 p.m. Open Door

It's about People. It's about community. It's about Collaboration. It's about random strangers and random events that somehow always seem to connect with you. It's about good stories, from good people, from all walks of life. It's about fun and creativity, justice and meaning. It's about the good things that bind us together. Every Thursday night Smalltown Society opens the door to "THE SPACE." Occasionally there's a film, a workshop, or planned discussions, more often there are unplanned connections and creations. A free and open workspace, a place to kick up your feet, a place to build a better narrative. Free Wi-Fi. Bring some food, drink, a project you're working on, a book your reading, or a thought to share. Anyone is welcome. Come Join the Song. *Free*.

• Saturday, July 28, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Smalltown Art Sessions

Join Smalltown and Pampas Café in the Pampas parking lot at 3483 Castro Valley Blvd. highlighting local art and the music of singer/songwriter Clay Bassard. *Free*

More details on these events and others: www.smalltownsociety.com. Smalltown Society is located at 22222 Redwood Road, Castro Valley

Pride: Draws Large Crowd

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and interfaith organizations.

CV Pride organizer, Billy Ray Bradford, was overwhelmed with joy with the turnout and the community support.

"We were setting up for the event the night before and this woman approached us and let us know that she referred her LGBTQ friends to Castro Valley's Pride first because of our family-friendly atmosphere," Bradford said.

Support for all ages was mirrored back in June as San Francisco Pride celebration's theme this year was "Generations of Strength."

"There are times when it seems overwhelming, but if we can help that 13- or 14-year-old and let them know that there is somewhere safe that they can go, it is completely worth putting on an event like this," Bradford said.

In addition to the community support, this year's CV Pride event featured many talented performers including MC CharmAlina, The Kippy Marks Band, House of Fab, Joanne LeBlanc and the Fugitive Blues Band, East Bay Digital Sound and Standoff.

A Trans-visibility rally was held this past Friday at the intersection of Castro Valley Boulevard and Redwood Road to commemorate the Pride Event. The festivities on Saturday kicked off with an interfaith prayer and the prominent display of a two-by-six section of the National AIDS Quilt.



John Payton-White (from left), P.J. Myers, and Will Payton-White admire a section of the National AIDS quilt.

Local DMV To Be Open Saturdays

Beginning next month, the Hayward's DMV office at 150 East Jackson Street will expand its service by opening on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to help ease customer wait times.


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In all, 60 field offices statewide will offer the new Saturday service starting Aug. 4. Behind-the-wheel driving tests will not be available on Saturdays.

Appointments can be scheduled up to 90 days in advance using the DMV's website or calling 1-800-777-0133. There is no charge for scheduling an appointment to visit a Department of Motor Vehicles field office.

Beginning Oct. 1, 2020, the federal government will require California driver's licenses or identification cards to be REAL ID compliant to use as identification to board a domestic flight or enter military bases and most federal facilities.

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On Saturday, Aug. 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in a class on iPad/iPhone Photography, you'll learn how to capture and share stunning photos with your iPhone or iPad.

Then, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Aug. 18, get to know the most popular and useful apps that come on your iPhone or iPad and how to download, install and use new apps from the App Store.

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MAC: AC Transit FLEX Service Discussed As Well as Sidewalk Improvement Projects

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AC Transit FLEX buses connect to other major routes for a transfer to another AC Transit bus or BART. About 80 people use the FLEX service daily in Castro Valley.

Cost of the FLEX service is the same as other bus rides, youth, passengers with disabilities, and

seniors over 65 are eligible for discounts. Even if you don't make a reservation, you can still catch a FLEX bus at the Castro Valley BART station at half past the hour.

MAC Chair Marc Crawford said that AC Transit might have to go even smaller to compete with ride-sharing services like Lyft or Uber. He suggested vans and more pick up locations in areas under-served by bus routes, such as the northern part of Castro Valley.

"I think FLEX is a step in the right direction, but you are going to have to keep going," said Crawford.

The MAC also heard from Alameda County Public Works about two sidewalk improvement projects.

New, wider sidewalks will be constructed on Center Street from

Paradise Knoll to Heyer Avenue, as well as on Santa Maria Avenue from Castro Valley Boulevard to Wilson Avenue.

Both projects are being put out to bid in the coming weeks with construction set to begin in the fall and last several months.

Public Works also said that improved and additional sidewalks on Stanton, Anita and Somerset avenues are in the planning stages.

"There has been a lot of clamoring for sidewalks in this community," said Crawford. "I've got to say, Public Works is listening. That's a lot of sidewalks coming, especially by schools."

No action was taken on the election of a MAC Chair at this meeting, but that matter is posted on the agenda for next week's meeting, July 23 at 6 p.m. at the Castro Valley Library.

Osofsky: Anticipate Sale or Borrowing

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• Plan for Disposition of his Interest Upon his Demise: If you and your husband are his only estate beneficiaries, then the job is easier. But if he has other children whom he'd wish to share in his estate, then the matter becomes tricky.

You should have a plan to value and purchase back his interest in your joint home when he dies, so that his other beneficiaries may thereby receive their fair shares of his estate. Also, there may be property tax implications to you, depending upon how this plan is arranged.

• Co-Tenancy Agreement: It would be wise to create an agreement, setting forth your respective responsibilities for home repairs, mortgage payments, utilities, insurance and use of the common premises.

• Anticipate Sale or Borrowing:

Anticipate future events, such as your desire to sell the home one day, or to borrow against it for major repairs, college expenses for your children, or other needs. If he is then unable to sign transaction documents, you could be in a pickle.

So, make sure that he creates a Durable Power of Attorney ("DPOA") with comprehensive powers and that both this DPOA and Trust are in sync and allow for such events.

• Plan for His Future Care Needs: What if your father later needs to move to an Assisted Living Facility ("ALF") or Nursing Home for care that you cannot provide at home? How will that care be financed?



Remember: Medi-Cal generally does not cover the cost of care in an ALF. Will you commit to then buying back his interest in your home in order to create funds for his care?

These are just some of the considerations that would be in play. Essentially, you will need to think through this joint venture and anticipate change as you go along.

To facilitate your good intentions, your father will need a solid estate plan which anticipates his possible incapacity, his need for higher levels of care in the future, and which fairly divides his estate upon his demise.

To assist in this effort, it would be wise to engage an attorney with special skill in working with elders.

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

Benefits: Will Social Security be Raided?

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for federal income taxes. In that case, the government isn't required to leave \$750 behind.

The other exception is for child support or alimony payments. Depending on your state laws, the court may be able to take half of your benefits or more to pay your obligations to your children or spouse.

If you think your Social Security benefits might be raided to pay overdue bills, you need to address the problem—don't ignore it. Most government agencies are happy to work with you on resolving the situation so long as you're willing to work with them.

The government typically sends several letters about a debt before it takes action. The final letter will inform you of the intent to levy Social Security payments, and after that, you have 30 days to contact the agency and work out a payment plan.

Get Help

To get a handle on your debt

problems, consider contacting a nonprofit financial counseling agency, which offers free and low-cost services on managing financial problems.

To locate a credible agency in your area, use the National Foundation for Credit Counseling website at NFCC.org or call 800-388-2227. You also need to make sure you're not missing out on any financial assistance programs.

The National Council on Ag-

ing's website (BenefitsCheckup.org) contains a database of more than 2,500 federal, state and local programs that can help seniors with prescription drug costs, health care, food, utilities, and other basic needs. The site will help you locate programs that you may be eligible for and will show you how to apply.

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

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