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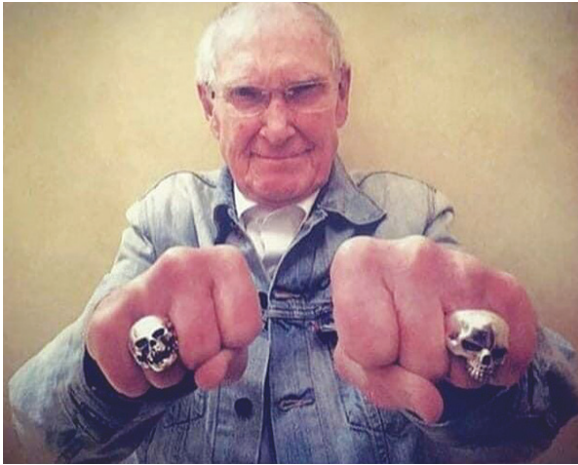
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### CLIFF BURTON DAY 2020



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ANDRE G. MELLADO

Metallica legend Cliff Burton (left) and his late father, Ray, will be honored in Castro Valley on February 10.

## Remembering Cliff and Ray

By Michael Singer  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

A memorial next month honoring Castro Valley legend and former Metallica bassist Cliff Burton will now include a tribute to his father, Ray, who passed away this past Jan. 15 at the age of 94. The third annual Cliff Burton Day event was already scheduled for Feb. 10 when word that the elder Burton had died. In addition to often attending Metallica shows, Ray Burton was on hand when the group was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2009. Cliff died on

Sept. 27, 1986, in a bus accident while on tour in Sweden. He was 24. In addition to supporting his son's legacy, Ray Burton is remembered by the Castro Valley community for supporting budding musicians. In August 2017, Ray announced that Cliff's music royalties would be donated to the Castro Valley High School music programs. Robert Souza, who gathered more than a thousand signatures and helped establish the Cliff Burton Day celebration, said this year's remembrance is being called "Cliff and Ray Day" to celebrate Ray and his son, Cliff.

"Last year was amazing, we had Ray come up from Los Angeles for one year before he passed away," Souza told the Castro Valley Forum. "And Cliff, even though he passed decades ago, reunited Ray and (his daughter) Connie, last year. They had apparently not spoken for over 20 years." Connie Burton is expected to be on hand for the Feb. 10 celebration. The event is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. in the Castro Valley High School cafeteria. Fans across the world on Souza's Castro Valley News Facebook page helped see **BURTON on back page**

### FOUR CHANNELS

## TV Stations To Change Frequencies

Bay Area TV viewers who watch over-the-air television with an antenna, will need to rescan their TV sets to continue receiving KTVU Channel 2, KKPV Channel 65, KPIK Channel 60 and KCNS, Channel 38. These four TV stations are scheduled to change frequencies by March 13, 2020 to make room for expansion of 5G and other mobile broadband services in the Bay Area. The stations are changing frequencies on a rolling basis, so consumers will likely need to rescan their television more than once. By far, most East Bay homes receive local TV stations by cable or satellite (DirecTV, Dish, AT&T, Comcast, Xfinity etc.) and won't be affected by the changes. Those who receive local stations with an outdoor or indoor antenna, can visit [www.fcc.gov/TVrescan](http://www.fcc.gov/TVrescan), where they will find an instructional video showing how to rescan their TV. The FCC says most viewers won't need any new devices, equipment, or services to rescan. For further assistance, TV viewers can call the FCC consumer help line at 1-888-225-5322 and press "6" to speak with a representative, seven days a week, from 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. (PST).

### BYE BYE MATTRESS PROGRAM

## 5 Million Mattresses Recycled Statewide

Some five million mattresses have been recycled by the Bye Bye Mattress program since the state's program began in 2016, according to the Mattress Recycling Council. Laid end-to-end, that many mattresses would span nearly 6,000 miles, or the distance from California to Hawaii and back. By recycling, the Bye Bye Mattress program has helped California save more than 6 million cubic yards of landfill space. Mattress collection events in the East Bay have taken place on the third Saturday of the month at the corner of Mission Blvd. and Hampton Road in Hayward.

"California is a global leader in mattress recycling, as evidenced by this significant milestone achievement," said Mike O'Donnell, managing director of MRC, which operates the program. "We continue to build on this leadership by growing no-cost mattress recycling options statewide and helping ensure a greener California." More than 80 percent of a mattress can be recycled and turned into new consumer and industrial products. The five million mattresses recycled to date in the California program equate to more than 168 million pounds of material kept see **MATRESSES on page 3**



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Mattresses are transported from collection sites to regional recyclers that dismantle and recycle the mattress components. Recycling through Bye Bye Mattress is offered in all 58 California counties.



## Castro Valley Weather Jan. 29 - Feb. 2, 2020



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High 60° Low 47°



Thursday  
Mostly Cloudy  
High 63° Low 50°



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Partly Cloudy  
High 66° Low 47°



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High 67° Low 47°



Sunday  
Partly Cloudy  
High 58° Low 39°

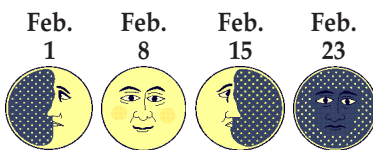
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### Moon Phases



Sun sets at 5:29 p.m. today, rises at 7:17 a.m. Thursday.

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## CV SPORTS HALL OF FAME

# John Willits Had Many Shoes to Fill at Castro Valley High School

*Eighth 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, please visit [www.castrovalleysportsfoundation.org](http://www.castrovalleysportsfoundation.org).*

By Dave Del Grande  
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM



John Willits

If the name hadn't already been taken in the town bearing the same name about 150 miles to the north, Castro Valley might have considered renaming its high school Willits High in the 1990s.

That's how powerful an impact the Willits family had on the school's sports at the time.

First there was Dan, who ran cross country and track. Then Jeff and Joe, both of whom played football and soccer. Then Brad, who starred in swimming while also juggling soccer and track. And finally John, who had some awfully big shoes to fill.

When all was said and done, school records were broken, championship banners were raised and the youngest of the five, John, was rewarded with selection to the 2020 class of the Castro Valley Hall of Fame.

"I wanted to be just like my older brothers," John, now 37, admitted recently. Turns out, he often was better.

The 2000 graduate was your classic Castro Valley athlete. He started in soccer and Little League while attending Chabot Elementary, then added basketball, wrestling and track while at Canyon Middle School.

Most important, he wanted to play football at Castro Valley

High, just as brother Jeff had. Same position (running back). Same number (34).

"All the other sports, I pretty much didn't care about," he noted. "I just wanted to play football." And that he did, starting on the freshman team, but promoted to the varsity by season's end.

In his three-plus varsity seasons, he earned Hayward Area Athletic League Offensive Player of the Year honors, as well as two-way all-league status at running back and linebacker. All while serving as the team's punter and chief kick returner.

But one sport wasn't enough for a Willits boy, and John wasn't about to let his brothers down.

He opted for soccer over basketball and wrestling (Uncle Albert's sport) in the winter of his freshman year because, of course, that's where his brothers had shined.

"The soccer coach (Al Peacock) loved my brothers," John recalled. "I wasn't a soccer player, but I was

an athlete, so I played soccer. That was the Willits way."

And in the spring, he chose track over baseball . . . after giving swimming a fling as a freshman.

"That was my brother Brad's sport," John explained. "He challenged me. He'd say, 'You can't swim.' So I swam for one year and it just about killed me. It was extremely tough. It was like a double-day when you compare it with football. After my freshman experience, I just stuck to track."

One of John's most vivid sports memories came after he decided to take his football talents to Chabot College. That's where he found himself lining up alongside brothers Jeff and Joe, both of whom had decided to resume their education at the Hayward campus.

"All three of us were on the field at the same time. It was incredible," assured John, who played safety as a freshman at Chabot.

Jeff's return to football came as a defensive lineman, Joe's as an outside linebacker.

"It was really cool because it felt like the old days playing out on the street. But instead of playing together, we were on the field together. It was an extraordinary experience. Not many people get that experience."

That lasted one season, after which only John returned to the Gladiators for a second year. This time, he was back at his favorite position — running back — and once again winning Offensive Player of the Year honors.

John continued his collegiate career at Benedictine College, an NAIA school in Atchison, Kansas, where he won a national rushing title and earned an invitation to the NFL Combine.

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## Mattresses: Recycled Into New Products

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out of state landfills and recycled into new products or diverted for other uses including more than 42 million tons of steel.

Other recyclables included 26,344,803 pounds of foam, 26,853,401 pounds of cotton, quilt and other fibers, nearly 22,000,000 pounds of wood and some 8,883,028 pounds of cardboard, plastic and other materials.

When a mattress is recycled, it

is cut open, the layers separated and interior materials organized by type for reuse. The foam is recycled into carpet padding, the springs into new appliances or other steel products, the fabric can be turned into industrial filters and the wood from box springs is chipped for use as mulch or biomass fuel.

Bye Bye Mattress operates through a statewide network of permanent collection sites, public collection events and collabora-

tions with solid waste providers, nonprofit organizations, and small and minority-owned businesses.

Bye Bye Mattress is funded through a recycling fee collected when a mattress or box spring is sold. The fee is used to establish free drop-off locations and collection events throughout the state, to combat illegal dumping, and to find new uses for the recycled materials. For more information, visit [www.ByeByeMattress.com](http://www.ByeByeMattress.com)

## 'Racing Extinction': Science Movie Night

"Racing Extinction" is an Emmy-nominated documentary about the ongoing Anthropogenic mass extinction of species and the efforts from scientists, activists and journalists to document it.

It will be brought to the screen of the Castro Valley Library at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 4, though the combined efforts of Castro Valley Science, the CV Educational Foundation and Wonderfest.

This important film deals with several examples of the overarching theme that humans, through such issues as global warming and poaching, have caused the greatest mass extinction since the sudden extinction of three-quarters of the plant and animal species on Earth some 66 million years ago, and the efforts of scientists, photographers and volunteers to protect endangered species.

The film implicates overpopulation, globalization and animal agriculture as leading causes of extinction.

The screening will be followed by expert commentary and Q&A with conservationist and tropical ecologist Dr. Rodolfo Dirzo. Register at [bit.ly/extinct4](http://bit.ly/extinct4). For just \$1 a month, you can help us keep science events like this going in our community on a continuous basis.

## SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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### Family Fight

Monday, January 27: at 12:56 a.m., Sheriff's deputies arrested a 30-year-old man from Castro Valley on suspicion of assault on his spouse, child endangerment, and violating the terms of his probation. An anonymous tip about a loud and aggressive-sounding argument sent deputies to a home on Center Street near Grove Way. Deputies report the husband delivered "corporal injury" on his wife and was throwing things in the home in front of the children. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail and held on \$152,500 in bail.

### Drove Drunk and Drugged

Sunday, January 26: at 12:22 a.m., a 50-year-old man from Alameda was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol. Deputies pulled the man over on the Boulevard near Park Way after observing him driving erratically. The man was also wanted as part of a warrant issued for his capture. Deputies transported the man to Santa Rita Jail pending \$5,000 in bail.

### Threats with Hunting Knife

Saturday, January 25: at 10:50 p.m., a 911 call about a woman waving a large knife sent deputies to a home on Santa Maria Avenue near Somerset Avenue. There they arrested a 28-year-old woman who refused to give her address on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon and making death threats. A man at the scene showed injuries to his face and arms. Deputies report the woman threatened to slit the man's throat with a hunting knife she held. The woman was subdued and taken into custody.

### Assault at Eden Hospital

Sunday, January 26: at 4:26 p.m., deputies arrested a 27-year-old man from Hayward on suspicion of physical assault on another person at Eden Medical Center on Lake Chabot Road. Hospital security called for backup after the man got into an altercation with an associate of his. Deputies also report the man was wanted as part of a court issued warrant. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail and held on \$100,000 bail.

### She Can't Stay Away

Friday, January 24: at 1:41 p.m., a 24-year-old woman with no permanent residence was arrested on suspicion of violating a court-issued restraining order and the terms of her parole. Deputies were called to a trailer park on Castro Valley Boulevard near Marshall Street to investigate a suspicious person report. The woman fitting the description was taken into custody.

### Illegal Stimulants

Thursday, January 23: at 9:00 p.m., deputies arrested a 24-year-old woman with no permanent residence on suspicion of possession of an illegal stimulant drug outside a home on Reedley Way near Rockhurst Road. The homeowner called to report a suspicious stranger on the front porch. Deputies determined the woman had been taking the stimulant and was unaware of where she was. The woman was taken into custody.

### Standing in Street on Drugs

Friday, January 24: at 2:53 a.m., a 55-year-old man with no permanent residence was arrested on suspicion of possession of illegal narcotics. Deputies stopped the man as he was standing in the middle of Park Way and San Carlos Avenue and not responding to cars passing him by. The man was found to be under the influence and was taken into custody.

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## Tiny Homes Grand Opening Rescheduled to February 13

The grand opening celebration for the Tiny Homes program at First Presbyterian Church has been rescheduled from February 1 to Thursday, February 13 at 9 a.m.

Included in the ceremonies will

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## The Week Ahead

### ● Wednesday, January 29: *Outsmarting Investment Fraud*

Learn how to protect yourself from investor fraud at a free presentation by the Better Business Bureau from 11 a.m. to noon today, Jan. 29, at the Castro Valley Library. The workshop will focus on different investment opportunities and tips to avoid becoming a victim.

### ● Saturday, February 1: *Soroptimist Crab Feed*

Celebrate Superbowl 50 at the Soroptimist International of the East Bay Annual Crab Feed, silent auction and raffle, at 6 p.m. this Saturday at the Hayward-Castro Valley Moose Lodge, 20835 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley. All-you-can-eat crab, pasta, bread, salad, dessert, coffee and iced tea for \$55, plus a no-host bar. For tickets, call Bonnie Mertz by at 510-886-7010 or email [bonniemertz5844@gmail.com](mailto:bonniemertz5844@gmail.com)

### ● Sunday, February 2: *Drop-In Knit & Crochet Club*

Calling all knitters and crocheters! The Castro Valley Library invites you to practice yarn arts on the first Sunday of the month from 1 to 2 p.m. (new time) on Feb. 2, March 1, and April 5. You can work on your own projects and create hats and scarves to donate to the homeless. All experience levels welcome. Castro Valley resident Beverly Fields will be on hand to teach basic crochet. No registration is required for this free drop-in event for adults and teens. Please bring your own supplies.

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### ● Tuesday, February 4: *Buon Tempo Pasta Dinner*

Chef Jessica Gorham Pacheco and crew will be serving a five-course family style dinner of Chicken Pasta with Sun-dried Tomatoes at the next Buon Tempo Club dinner, at 7 p.m. on Feb. 4 at Mt. Tabor Hall, Transfiguration Church, 4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd. Everyone is welcome. Happy hour at 6. The dinner is \$15 for members, \$20 for others. Red and white wine, and soda are included. Make reservations by this Friday, Jan. 31 by calling 510-483-6929 (option 1). For more info about events, or to see how we're supporting the George Mark Children's House, visit [www.buontempoclub.org](http://www.buontempoclub.org)

### ● Tuesday, February 4: *Ohlone Audubon Meeting*

Alvaro Jaramillo will speak on "Birding Wine Regions of the World — California, Chile, South Africa and Beyond" at the next meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Niles Discovery Church, 36600 Niles Blvd. in Fremont. Come find out what makes Mediterranean-type climates like ours tick and the great birding to be enjoyed. Maybe we will even talk a bit about the wine! No admission charge and refreshments served. For more information, visit [www.ohloneaudubon.org](http://www.ohloneaudubon.org)

### ● Tuesday, February 4: *Rotary Wine-Tasting & Food-Pairing*

The Rotary Club of Castro Valley invites you to a Wine Tasting & Food Pairing Event, hosted by Ehrenberg Cellar Wines & Chef Alejandro Ramirez, from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 346 Earhart Way, Livermore. For tickets (\$50) and reservations (required) visit [bit.ly/36A58lr](http://bit.ly/36A58lr)

### ● Thursday, February 6: *Age Well, Drive Smart*

Driving helps older adults stay mobile and independent, but the risk of being injured in a car crash increases as you age. Nationally, some 712 older adults are injured every day in crashes. You may be a good driver, but as you age you may begin to experience changes in reflexes or medical conditions that can affect your ability to drive safely and react to hazards. Learn how to monitor these changes and refresh your knowledge of rules of the road from the California Highway Patrol at a free class from 1 to 3 p.m. on Feb. 6, at the Eden Medical Center Conference Center (2nd Floor) at 20101 Lake Chabot Road Castro Valley. Please RSVP to 510-727-8485.

### ● Saturday, February 8: *Crab Feed Fundraiser*

Silver Oaks High School is holding its First Annual Crab Feed fundraiser from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on Feb. 8 at the Hayward Veterans Hall, 22737 Main Street. Enjoy bidding on items in the silent auction. Tickets (\$50) are available at the school, 12100 Princeton St., Hayward.

### ● Sunday, February 9: *Sneak Peek of "Black Comedy"*

Enjoy a scene from Douglas Morrisson Theatre's production of

"Black Comedy," then talk with the actors and director about the show and their craft, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 9, at the Castro Valley Library. In show, Brindsley, hoping to impress his fiancée's father, dresses up his apartment with art "borrowed" from an absent neighbor. Hilarity ensues when the lights go out and he frantically tries to return the items before he is found out. Attendees of this sneak peek will receive a two-for-one coupon for a full performance of the show at the Douglas Morrisson Theater.

## Arts & Entertainment

### CASTRO VALLEY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

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- Canyon on Feb. 5 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 8 at 5 p.m.,
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● **"Steel Magnolias,"** Robert Harling's poignant comedy-drama, will open Friday, Feb. 7 and continue 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.

● **"The Great American Sh\*t Show,"** with solo performers Brian Copeland and Charlie Varon teaming up to present monologues on life in the Age of Trump at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 31, at San Leandro Performing Arts Center, 2250 Bancroft Ave. This special show benefits Resistance Action East Bay, Indivisible Berkeley and Flip the West. *For tickets (\$45-\$75), visit [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4477324](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4477324)*

### ART GALLERIES, RECEPTIONS & ART INSTRUCTION

● **A.R.T., Inc. Members' Show** will be presented through Feb. 1 at the Adobe Art Gallery, 20395 San Miguel Ave., Thursdays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., sponsored by A.R.T., Inc. and the Castro Valley School District.

● **Studio 820,** the San Lorenzo Adult School Watercolor Class, will exhibit students' watercolor paintings at the San Leandro Main Library from Feb. 1 to March 27, with a public reception from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8, to meet the artists.

● **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)

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**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** You need to be certain that all the right conditions are in place before you take that first step. It can't hurt to listen to good advice from those who have your best interests at heart.



**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Be careful not to get involved in other people's disputes unless you know the facts behind the disagreements. That's the best way to be assured of making wise and honest decisions.



**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** You still need to be careful about how you're going to spend those energy reserves you finally got around to restoring. Best advice: Avoid overdoing it. Let things take their course.



**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Your aspect continues to favor travel -- alone or with that special person. So if you've been putting off making those getaway plans, it's still a good time to get started on them.



**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Those so-called golden opportunities that continue to dazzle the Lion still need to be carefully checked out. Be suspicious about anything that looks like the "perfect" prospect.



**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Changes at the workplace could make it more difficult to do things the way you prefer. But the wise Virgo who shows some flexibility could find it paying off in a big way.



**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** You might want to check out the explanation you were given for a sudden shift in your duties. There's a possibility that you haven't been told all the facts that you deserve to know.



**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Having confidence in your abilities is important, especially when you could be facing a new challenge, whether it's in the workplace or in a personal relationship. Good luck.



**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** A new work-related opportunity might not be all that it seems. Before making any decisions, you might want to check with others who have had some experience in that area.



**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** A situation involving someone close could benefit from your timely intervention. Avoid being judgmental. There'll be plenty of time later for those "little talks" you like to have.



**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Travel could be a surprise element in that new project. Be prepared for other previously undisclosed aspects that also might come to light as you proceed with the work.



**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Try to balance your work-related responsibilities with the time you're spending on your recently revived social life. An old friend might be planning to return after a long absence.

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Super Bowl LIV

Castro Valley pizza parlors will be operating on overdrive this Sunday afternoon, turning out the most popular ready-made snack for football’s big event of the year as the 49ers take on Kansas City in Florida. While the Super Bowl isn’t a national holiday, that doesn’t stop more than 130 million Americans from treating it like one. It is the second-biggest food consumption event after Thanksgiving each year.

Here are some other Super Bowl favorites.

- GUACAMOLE**
- 2 ripe avocados
  - 1 teaspoon salt
  - 1-1/2 teaspoons lime juice
  - 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
  - 3 cloves garlic
  - 1/3 teaspoon red pepper
  - 1/2 tablespoon grated onion
  - 2 dashes hot pepper sauce

Wash, peel, pit and mash avocados. Finely mince the garlic. In a small cup, add salt, minced garlic and lemon juice. Set aside to soak for 15-30 minutes. This takes the “edge” off the garlic. Add remaining ingredients. This can be made in a food processor or using a blender.

Serve with crackers and tortilla chips. Makes about 1-1/2 cups.

- DEVEILED EGGS**
- 12 hard-cooked eggs
  - 4 tablespoons Italian dressing
  - 1 teaspoon yellow mustard
  - 2 (2-ounce) jars chopped pimientos, drained
  - 2 tablespoons chopped green pepper
- Carefully cut eggs in half lengthwise; remove yolks and set whites aside. Mash yolks with fork. Stir dressing and mustard into yolks. Stir in pimientos and green pepper. Refill whites using 1 heaping tablespoon yolk mixture for each egg half. Chill to blend flavors. Makes 6 servings.

- BUFFALO (HOT) WINGS**
- 10 chicken wings (cut into sections)
  - Oil (for frying)
  - 1/4 cup butter
  - 1/4 cup hot sauce
  - 1 dash black pepper
  - 1 dash garlic powder
  - 1/2 cup flour
  - 1/4 teaspoon paprika
  - 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
  - 1/4 teaspoon salt
- In a bowl mix together flour,



paprika, cayenne pepper, and salt. Place chicken wings in a large bowl and toss with the flour mixture until evenly coated. Cover the dish and refrigerate for 30 minutes. Heat deep fryer to 375°F and fry chicken wings in batches for 10-15 minutes until golden brown. Drain on paper towels.

While wings are frying, in a sauce pan combine hot sauce, butter, black pepper and garlic powder over medium heat. Stir until butter is melted and the sauce is well blended. Remove from heat. Place wings in a serving bowl, add the sauce and toss to coat

evenly. Serve with ranch dressing and celery. Serves 2 or 3.

- RANCH DRESSING DIP**
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
  - 1/2 cup sour cream
  - 1/2 cup buttermilk
  - 1 tablespoon garlic powder
  - 1 teaspoon dried oregano
  - 1 teaspoon dried dill weed
  - 1 tablespoon dried chives
  - 1 tablespoon dried parsley
  - 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
  - 1 dash hot pepper sauce
  - 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
  - 1 teaspoon white pepper
- Combine the mayonnaise, sour cream, buttermilk, garlic powder, oregano, dill weed, chives, parsley, Parmesan cheese, hot sauce, Worcestershire sauce, pepper and refrigerate for at least 1/2 an hour. If the dressing is too thick, add a little extra buttermilk to thin.

- NACHOS**
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
  - 6 green onions, sliced, white parts and tops separated
  - 3 tablespoons canola oil
  - 1 shredded, cooked, whole chicken breast
  - Salt and pepper to taste
  - 1 cup salsa
  - 1/2 pound shredded Cheddar and Jack cheese blend
  - 1/2 large tomato, diced

Preheat oven to 350°F. In a 12-inch skillet over medium heat, cook and stir the garlic and white parts of the green onions in canola oil until tender. Mix in shredded chicken, salt and pepper. Toss until well coated with oil. Stir in the salsa. Arrange tortilla chips on a large baking sheet. Spoon the chicken mixture over tortilla chips. Top with cheese blend and tomato. Bake in the preheated oven 10 minutes, or until cheese has melted. Remove from heat and sprinkle with green onion tops before serving. Serves 6.

- CHEX PARTY MIX**
- 6 tablespoons butter
  - 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
  - 1-1/2 teaspoons seasoned salt
  - 3/4 teaspoon garlic powder
  - 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
  - 3 cups Corn Chex cereal
  - 3 cups Rice Chex cereal
  - 3 cups Wheat Chex cereal
  - 1 cup mixed nuts
  - 1 cup pretzels
  - 1 cup garlic-flavor bite-size bagel chips
- Heat oven to 250°F. Melt butter in large roasting pan in oven. Stir in seasonings. Gradually stir in remaining ingredients until evenly coated. Bake 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes. Spread on paper towels to cool. Store in airtight container. Yields 12 cups.

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The name of the business(es): Paris Flea Market at 535 Leisure St., Livermore, CA 94551, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1) Irma Violet Hernandez, (2) Joseph Hernandez, 1037 Division St., Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a married couple. This business commenced N/A. /s/ Irma Violet Hernandez, Joseph Hernandez  
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The name of the business(es): Communication LINKs at 3137 Castro Valley Blvd., #214, Castro Valley, CA 94546, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Linda S. Kenny, 18492 Carlton Ave., Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced N/A. /s/ Linda S. Kenny  
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The name of the business(es): Dream Catcher Images at 22427 Moyers Street, Castro Valley, CA 94546, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bruce Finocchio, 22427 Moyers Street, Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced February 10, 1994. /s/ Bruce Finocchio  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
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The name of the business(es): F&F Enterprises at 20883 Redwood Road, Castro Valley, CA 94546, in Alameda County, mailing address PO Box 5610, San Francisco, CA 94083 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1) Frank Fragomeni, (2) Brenda Fragomeni, 212 James Court, San Francisco, CA 94080. This business is conducted by a married couple. This business commenced 1-1-2020. /s/ Frank Fragomeni, Brenda Fragomeni  
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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT**  
an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration  
County of Alameda  
Nike Site Demolition Project

As the Lead Agency overseeing this project’s environmental review, the County of Alameda is soliciting comments on the Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Nike Site Demolition Project. The project would involve the demolition of two of the structures within the Lake Chabot Nike Missile Base, or SF-31. The site is in the foothills of the Fairmont Ridge, approximately 0.3 miles west of Lake Chabot in unincorporated Alameda County. Constructed in 1955, Site SF-31 was a part of the Nike Missile Program. The site comprises the Control area, SF-31C, which hosted the command and control functions of the missile base and was one of three functional areas. The Lake Chabot Nike Missile Base was decommissioned 1974, and most of the structures have been vacant since then, except the HIPAR Building.

The project would involve the demolition of the Quarters Building (Building D) and the Radar Storage Shed portion of the Corridor Building (Building B). The HIPAR Building, radar pads, Guard Station, Generator Building (Building C), original 100 square-foot Corridor Building, and the foundations of the demolished structures would be retained. In addition to demolition, the project would also include the stabilization, removal, and proper disposal of loose and peeling lead-based paint. All project activities, including demolition and removal of debris, would be expected to take one week. There are no current redevelopment plans for the site.

All issue areas were found to have no physical environmental effects, a less than significant environmental effect, or a less than significant environmental effect with incorporation of mitigation measures.

Comments on the Draft IS-MND should be directed in writing to: *Jason Garrison, Environmental Program Manager, Environmental Department-Capital Programs, 1401 Lakeside Drive, Suite 800, Oakland, CA 94612*, or [jason.garrison@acgov.org](mailto:jason.garrison@acgov.org). Comments on the Draft IS-MND must be received **on or before February 28, 2020**.

Copies of the Draft IS-MND are available for review at County of Alameda General Services Agency office. In addition, an electronic (PDF) version of the Draft IS-MND can be obtained by contacting Jason Garrison at [jason.garrison@acgov.org](mailto:jason.garrison@acgov.org).

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
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The name of the business(es): The Music Company dba TMC Productions and Fura Bodyworks at 20825 Nunes Avenue Ste. B, Castro Valley, CA 94546, in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1) Mel Speed (2) Dayna Speed, 4236 Omega Avenue, Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by a married couple. This business commenced N/A. /s/ Mel Speed, Dayna Speed  
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The name of the business(es): Desserts First at 19774 Louise Ct., Castro Valley, CA 94546, in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1) Amanda Rose (2) Deborah Rose, 19774 Louise Ct., Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by Co-partners. This business commenced in 2012. /s/ Amanda Rose, Deborah Rose  
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The name of the business(es): Math Matters Mentoring at 5259 Proctor Road, Castro Valley, CA 94546, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kristine Humphreys, 5259 Proctor Road, Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced N/A. /s/ Kristine Humphreys  
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Donors of all blood types – especially types O positive and O negative – are urged to make an appointment to give blood or platelets now using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

The next Castro Valley blood

drive will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15, at Eden Medical Center, 20101 Lake Chabot Road.

Other opportunities to donate blood are at:

- Alameda, St. Joseph High School, 1109 Chestnut St, on Saturday, Feb. 1, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and on Wednesday, Feb. 5, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Berkeley, Haas School of Business, 2220 Piedmont Ave. on Tuesday, Feb. 11 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Dublin, Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza, on Friday, Feb. 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Art Demonstration on Importance of Colors

Painter and ceramicist Azar Vaghefi will explain the importance of colors and values during a demonstration at the Adobe Art Center on Saturday, Feb. 8, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Vaghefi will help you create your own painting with supplies she'll provide during what promises to be an enjoyable two-hour

session.

Azar graduated from the Tehran Academy of Art and received her PhD in Istanbul. She continued her creative artistry in California, depicting nature, color and light in her paintings.

The movement of her designs flows easily across the canvas, the colors blending smoothly and

complimenting each other.

She will explain how to create these strong, still-life compositions and will discuss the importance of colors and values as shown in the paintings above.

This public art demonstration is a free. The Adobe Art Center is located at 20395 San Miguel Ave. in Castro Valley.

## Explosions of Color at Castro Valley Library

Art fans everywhere should visit the Castro Valley Library between now and April 7. That's where Winnie Thompson — well-known Hayward and Castro Valley teacher, volunteer, and artist — has brightened the walls with 12 of her paintings.

Using mixed media, pastels, and

watercolors, Winnie's paintings are mostly explosions of abstract color; bright and vivid yellows, oranges, whites, reds, golds. There's nothing gloomy in this vibrant display. Her mixed media works are a testimony to her creativity, combining several different materials to create a different look.

Even spackle, plaster and glue are used to add texture to an otherwise flat canvas.

The Castro Valley library is open every day but Friday. Call 510-667-7900 to check hours and take in this wonderful display of local art.

—Bruce Roberts

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

### Taylor Matthews and Kyla Dolorfino

This week's Athletes of the Week are Castro Valley High School girls' varsity soccer players Taylor Matthews, senior, and Kyla Dolorfino, junior who were recently recognized in the CVHS Olympian for their participation in Girls Soccer Worldwide. The organization sends U.S. students to emerging countries to promote sports and education.

Last November, the students spent a week in Coronel Bogado, Paraguay teaching girls how to play and experiencing their daily lives. Both girls expressed their gratitude for the experience and say they'll apply what they learned to their own lives.

Matthews is one of two team captains and a presence on the team's defensive squad. She was twice named player of the game in 2017 and is a member of the so-called Notorious Nine seniors on the team.

Dolorfino says she's been playing soccer ever since she was 3 years old. She says she wants to attend a college that will not only allow her to play soccer, but that will also allow her to pursue her major (as yet undeclared).

Both are expected to be playing home games on Feb. 5 against Hayward and Feb. 11 versus Piedmont as part of Senior Night.



Taylor Matthews



Kyla Dolorfino

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Thank you, Lowell and Dave, for your commitment to Castro Valley!

—Bruce D. Johnson, Castro Valley  
CV Sports Foundation Board Member

## Vote for Schools Measure 1

Editor:

Over 30 years ago, I moved to Castro Valley because of the reputation of the schools. Perhaps you did, too. But lately we have a problem with funding.

Because of the way the state tries to proportion the money to districts with higher numbers of disenfranchised youth, we simply are not getting the funding that School District once received, thus the need for a parcel tax.

The parcel tax is less than \$97 per year, has a senior exemption, and will give teachers and support staff a much needed 1% raise. Our schools are good and strong because of the teachers/staff that are committed to excellence for the best outcomes for students.

Many other school districts have much larger parcel taxes on the March 3rd ballot. Our proposal is rather modest, and no funds go to administration.

Vote for Measure I, this March 3rd, because we want to retain and attract highly qualified teachers- preserve strong academic programs in reading, writing, math and science — and if for no other reason, to increase your property values.

—Dolly Adams, Teacher  
Castro Valley Unified School District

## Castro Valley's Sports Hall of Fame

Editor:

For the past seven weeks, Lowell Hickey and Dave Del Grande have been capturing the stories of the 2020 Inductees for the Castro Valley Sports Foundation Hall of Fame (April 26, 2020). The remaining nine inductees will be featured in upcoming CV Forum articles.

Each article captures not only the achievements of the inductee, but also the impact each has had on the Castro Valley Community. Both Lowell and Dave are experienced, recognized sports writers, well-known throughout the sports world. We are so blessed!

The April 26 event is open to the public. Tickets are available by calling Ted Riche at 510-537-2048.

## Trump: A Wide Range of Offenses?

Editor:

In their struggle to reinvent anything that doesn't fit their world view, the pundits that Mr. Hauer ("No Crimes Committed?" Letters, Feb. 15) seems to listen to failed to bother opening a dictionary to check the definition of the word "misdemeanor" as a requirement for an impeachable offense.

They talk about bribery and obstruction of justice as if it doesn't rise to the super high standard of "high crimes and misdemeanors." Yet a misdemeanor is really just "any lesser criminal act" under the law. It literally means "bad behavior toward others."

With its inclusion there is a very wide range of offenses for which a President can be impeached.

OK, now about that dictionary. It's a hard thing to deal with, because it states things unequivocally as fact. While it has been a habit of the president's side of the aisle to eschew facts, even laughing off their president's 15,413 (as of last month) documented falsehoods, the operation of any society requires facts, however good made up stuff might sound.

One very important fact: the Founding Fathers didn't want people who lacked respect for our laws running our country.

One Founding Father was keenly aware of the corrosive effects power and money have on human morality (which stands up to modern laboratory tests). When early Americans pressed him to accept the role of King, he subverted their efforts by limiting his own Presidency to only two four-year terms, lest the American Revolution wind up merely trading one tyrant for another.

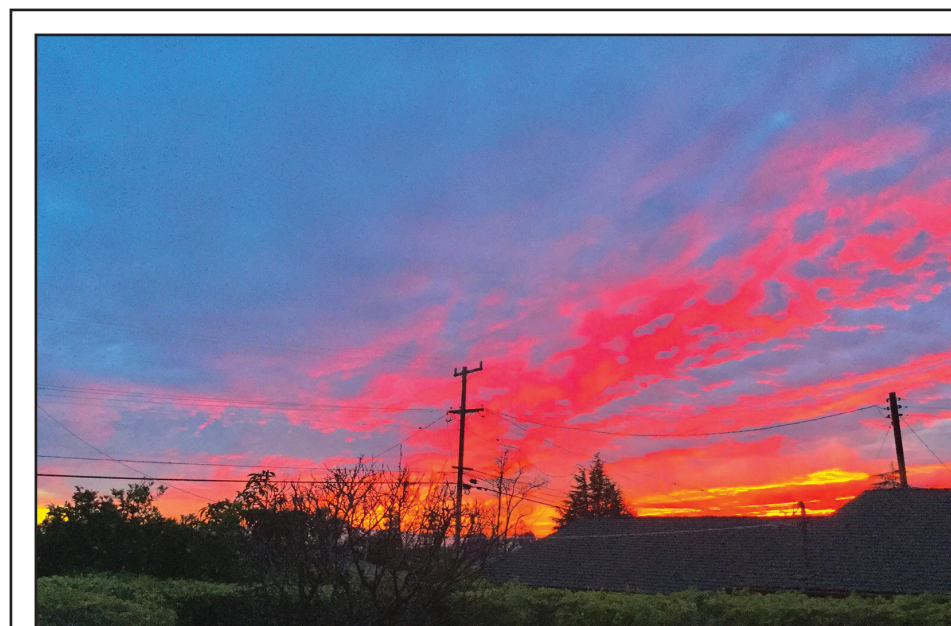
—Karl Hodges, Castro Valley

## Wants Democrats 'at All Levels'

Editor:

I have to differ with some of the statements made by Ms. Jane Mason in her letter, "On Re-electing a President," (Letters, Jan. 22).

Requesting foreign governments to intervene



**BLAZING SUNSET:** Nancy Farrell of Castro Valley captured this dramatic photo of the winter sky just before 5:30 p.m. last Thursday evening.

and assist in our democratic elections is a significant threat to our national security. These illegal acts open the door to all manner of favors owed to foreign dictators and criminals.

Withdrawing us from the Iran Nuclear Deal that was negotiated by the Nobel Peace Prize-winning President Obama with our NATO allies is also a serious threat to national security.

Besides the national shame of canceling negotiated agreements, we have further destabilized the Middle East, inflamed our enemies and the baseless recent assassination of an Iranian leader has emboldened foreign enemies to take violent action against us.

Endless wars in the Middle East seems to be a specialty of Republican administrations and a war with Iran is a long sought desire that the current Republican President may be willing to implement before he is done. None of this makes us safer.

Perhaps worst of all, ignoring proven science and gutting progress on environmental protections in the midst of the Climate Catastrophe will cause severe political and social unrest across the earth, a massive

threat to national security.

Protecting national security, the environment and having good health care for all is far more important than endless economic growth.

It is time to vote for Democrats at all levels of government to stop the current plan to benefit already rich corporations at the expense of the rest of us. Only then can we protect what is really important to the American people.

—David Siegel, Castro Valley

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# Obituaries

## Clifton Edgar Davidson Jr.

September 18, 1925 - January 9, 2020

Clif is survived by his wife Lu after 72 years of marriage, his four children Clifton Davidson III, Deborah Woychik, Lynn Daugherty, and Ronald Davidson, his 12 grandchildren, and 27 great-grandchildren.



Clif attended Castlemont High School in Oakland and at 18 enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was part of General Patton's 3rd Army where he received two Purple hearts and was engaged in the Battle of the Bulge. He was known to remark to his family and friends *I am a World War II guy who should have been dead four times...* Clif maintained a successful construction and plastering business for 65 years, doing major projects all over the Bay Area. He adored his wife Lu, referring to her as his bride, and was extremely proud of his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Clif lived and died in the house he built for his family in 1957.

He is remembered by all for his enthusiastic, infectious manner, exuberant greetings, and joyful positive spirit. A patriot, Clif was known for his friendliness to everyone he met, often striking up conversations with people he didn't know.

A committed Christian, he was a leader, choir member, deacon, and organizer freely committing his time to others. Clif will be remembered for his happy, easy-going, optimistic and generous nature.

## Gerald E. Brundage

January 3, 1944 - November 19, 2019

Gerald E. Brundage, a resident of Fremont for 30 years and lifelong resident of Alameda County, Jerry died peacefully in his sleep in his own home. He was 75 years old. Jerry was born in Texas but moved to California as an infant.



He was raised in San Lorenzo and attended San Lorenzo High School. Soon after, he joined the Navy and served during the Vietnam War. He married Janet Bowman in 1967, and later divorced.

He retired from Applied Materials in 2004 as a senior purchasing manager and was highly esteemed by his peers. Jerry is survived by his two children: Michael (Georgina), and Carolyn.

He also leaves behind his brother Jim (Debbie), sister Joan (Chris deBar), two nieces, two nephews, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his beloved mother Searlla, father Fred, and youngest brother Robert. Jerry loved Chardonnay wine, Buddy Holly, cooking spaghetti, and working on various projects around the house. His family will miss him deeply and will always cherish their memories of him.

A private, invite only, memorial service took place on Jan. 5, 2020 in San Leandro.

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GUEST COMMENTARY



## Smart Home Technology Rapidly Increasing

As smart home technology increases, the options are exploding. With devices hitting the market, we are seeing a corresponding rise in homebuyer expectations.

While completely automated homes are still mostly reserved for luxury homes, as the number of smart devices increases, price points are lowering and devices once reserved for the Jetsons or the wealthy are available to all.

Devices fall into approximately 5 categories:

**Hubs.** As devices multiply, the need to connect them to a single controller is increasing. Rather than using separate remote controls or apps for each device, hubs such as Amazon's Alexa or Logitech's Harmony Elite allow control from a single hub, either with a voice command or remote control.

**Security.** The mainstay of smart technology has always been security, and we've long had access to connected doorbells with facial recognition technology, door locks, garage door openers, video cameras,

comprehensive security systems and more.

While we have seen Nanny Cams hidden in stuffed animals or books, we are seeing an increase in devices with hidden cameras designed to secretly monitor homes. These include smoke detectors, light fixtures, clocks, wall outlets ... the number of devices is almost limitless.

**Heating and cooling.** Devices in this category fall into two categories: controllers such as the Nest Thermostat or actual devices such as standalone air conditioners that can be activated by voice commands or a mobile device.

**Lighting.** Not only are we seeing a wholesale shift to LED lighting, we are seeing light bulbs that can be dimmed from remote devices and, in many cases, can be adjusted to any desirable color. Smart switches are also appearing, some with Alexa capability built in.

**Appliances.** No longer do we

just have smart refrigerators that can order groceries for us and washers and dryers we can control from our phones, we have sous vide cooking devices, smart barbecues, vacuum cleaners and a microwave – one even has a door that is a display monitor.

For those who do not fancy dealing with trash, there are now smart trash cans that handle everything for you – apparently the only thing they will not do is carry it to the curb.

We are living in an increasingly connected environment and in addition to becoming connected to one another, we are also increasingly connected to our homes and growing extremely dependent on our devices. Let's just hope the power never goes out.

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



### Flower Bulbs

February is the month to start planting gladioluses. Select bulbs now and follow up with additional plantings at three-week intervals to extend the blooming season. Other bulbs for spring and early summer bloom that can be planted now include achimenes, agapanthus, amaryllis, tuberous begonias, calla lilies, canna lilies, dahlias, daylilies and irises.

### Vegetables

Although nighttime temperatures continue to drop to the low 30s, seeds in the garden will germinate, but very slowly. Sow beets, celery, carrots, chard, chive, collards, garlic, leafy lettuce, mustard, parsley, peas, radishes, spinach and turnips. Keep an eye out for snails and slugs as the seeds germinate.

### Weeds

While the ground is wet from our latest rains, pull weeds before they form seeds. Be sure to remove the entire root system so they don't sprout again. Avoid using weed-killing chemicals, as they just add pollution to your yard's soil.

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18658 Crest Avenue	94546: \$940,000 4 BD - 1,968 SF - 1980
<b>TOTAL SALES:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>LOWEST AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$435,000</b>
<b>HIGHEST AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$940,000</b>
<b>MEDIAN AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$678,500</b>
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### San Leandro

15335 Washington Ave	94579: \$399,000 2 BD - 895 SF - 1985
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14255 Seagate Drive	94577: \$575,000 2 BD - 1,338 SF - 1984
883 Douglas Drive	94577: \$600,000 2 BD - 912 SF - 1942
1358 Castro Street	94577: \$603,500 3 BD - 1,115 SF - 1952
261 Farrelly Drive	94577: \$605,000 2 BD - 1,002 SF - 1941
14623 Wyman Avenue	94578: \$620,000 2 BD - 957 SF - 1946
417 Bradrick Drive	94578: \$630,500 3 BD - 1,486 SF - 1953
1437 166th Avenue	94578: \$649,000 2 BD - 1,178 SF - 1938
2421 Fairway Drive	94577: \$700,000 3 BD - 1,217 SF - 1965
16338 Ridgeway Dr	94578: \$745,000
1548 Beechwood Ave	94579: \$775,000 3 BD - 1,096 SF - 1953
2011 Howe Drive	94578: \$796,000 4 BD - 2,087 SF - 1954
16878 Selby Drive	94578: \$825,000 2 BD - 1,464 SF - 1960
2148 Benedict Drive	94577: \$880,000 2 BD - 1,500 SF - 1957
<b>TOTAL SALES:</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>LOWEST AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$399,000</b>
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The Willits brothers: Back row, from left, Joe and Dan. Front row, Brad, John and Jeff.

## Fame: 'It Was the Best Decision of My Life'

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"It was the best decision of my life," he now says of his college choice. "I loved the lifestyle... the outdoor life, the cornfields, the snow. It was the exact opposite of what I knew and grew up with.

I became a part of Atchison. Everyone in the town went to our football games. Kids coming up to me in the locker room wanting my autograph. Everybody knew who I was."

He wound up turning down the

opportunity to attend the combine, with no regrets. "I try to look at the positive side: No knee injuries or head problems," he boasted.

John Willits works today as a superintendent for Walnut Creek-based Dettaglio Construction.

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### Art Critic Gets Violent At Eden Medical Center

Wednesday, January 22: at 11:21 p.m., deputies arrested a 49-year-old man from Oakland on suspicion of vandalism at Eden Medical Center on Lake Chabot Road. Hospital security called deputies to assist after the man ripped a picture off the wall of one of the waiting areas and threw it across the room. Deputies report the man was already on medical hold to determine his mental state. The man was taken to John George Pavilion for further evaluation.

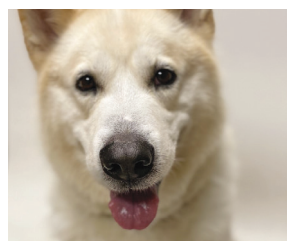
### She Fought the Law

Wednesday, January 22: at 10:34 p.m., a 48-year-old woman from Castro Valley was arrested on suspicion of public intoxication and resisting arrest. Deputies responded to a call about a woman who drank too much outside a business on Rutledge Road near Castro Valley Boulevard. The woman became agitated that deputies were helping and refused to cooperate. Deputies handcuffed the woman and took her into custody.

### Wanted to Stay in Hospital

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of illegal narcotics. Deputies were called to Eden Medical Center after hospital security said the suspect refused to leave even after she was fully discharged from their

care. During the scuffle, the woman fought with deputies and "donkey kicked" one as she was being put in the squad car. Deputies took the woman into custody.

## Burton: Event Has Grown Exponentially

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compel the Castro Valley MAC and Alameda County Board of Supervisors to approve the proclamation of Feb. 10 being Cliff Burton Day. The event has grown exponentially each year, prompting larger and larger venues in Castro Valley.

Word of Ray Burton's death spread quickly among music fans and elsewhere. Metallica frontman James Hetfield, drummer Lars Ulrich, guitarist Kirk Hammett, and bassist Robert Trujillo also posted individual tributes to Burton.

Hetfield posted a poem on his social media account entitled "Mr. Ray Burton" (at right).

Burton was even an influence on All Elite Wrestling (AEW) star Chris Jericho; a fan of Burton the musician and his father. In addition to his wrestling skills, Jericho is the frontman in the metal band Fozzy.

### "Mr. Ray Burton"

*"Mr. Ray Burton is a hero of mine  
In earthly form, his end of the line  
He weathered many a difficult storm  
A strong compass true and gracefully worn,  
To his last breath, I've not met a more positive man  
And to his son there was not a more loyal fan  
So he leaves the material world to be with his sons and wife  
I feel so very blessed to have had him grace my life,  
In earthly form, his end of the line  
Mr. Ray Burton is a hero of mine.  
May peace be yours.  
Love and Respect,  
James"*

"He was always so friendly and gracious to myself and all fans and musicians I saw him meet," Jericho wrote on his social media account. "He took great responsibility in representing #CliffBurton and preserving his legacy & he al-

ways brought a real positive energy into any room he was in!"

Metallica is scheduled to perform a benefit for its All Within My Hands Foundation at the Masonic in San Francisco on March 28.

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