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**SOME LIKE IT HOT!** Friday evening's Chili Cook-Off (above) attracted a big crowd to the Rowell Ranch to sample the spicy concoctions of 21 different teams. At right, the 36th Annual Rowell Ranch Parade stepped off Saturday morning with the theme "We Ride Together" as an audience of hundreds lined the sidewalks along the Boulevard. Both events are sponsored by the Rotary Club of Castro Valley. See a complete list of the winners of both events inside this issue of The Forum.



## BIG WEEKEND FOR RODEO FANS

The Rowell Ranch Pro Rodeo gallops into town this Friday, May 18, beginning with the Rockin' Bull Bash and some of the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association's best bull riders taking on the sport's rankiest bulls.

The thundering excitement of hoof pounding in the arena begins at 7:30 p.m. An after-party follows that night, with dancing and live music by Country Guilty.

Two days of full-throttle pro-

fessional rodeo action continues on Saturday and Sunday with performances beginning at 1:30 p.m. Prior to the Saturday and Sunday performance, fans are invited into the arena for the Cowboy Experience at noon to learn first-hand about the sport of rodeo, the various events, equipment used and animal welfare.

The public is encouraged to come down into the arena, visit with cowboys and committee

members about the care and equipment that goes into making sure the animals and cowboys are well taken care of at all times.

Tickets are on sale now for the 98th Rowell Ranch Pro Rodeo. Tickets range in price from \$17 to \$40. General admission and reserved seating is available.

Visit rowellranchrodeo.com to buy tickets or purchase them at the gate the day of the performance.

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### MAC MEETING

## Religious Center's Expansion in Crow Canyon Deferred

By Amy Sylvestri  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

A religious group is proposing expanding its existing facility on Crow Canyon Road to include several new structures including a kitchen and large prayer hall, but the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) said the plans weren't complete and ultimately deferred the matter at their Monday night meeting.

The M.A. Center currently operates under a conditional use permit and now wishes to expand on nearly 20 acres in the agriculturally zoned area at 10200 Crow

Canyon Road, about two and a half miles southwest of Bollinger Canyon Road on what was a former horse ranch.

The M.A. Center is the local base of Mata Amritanandamayi, also known as, Amma or the "hugging saint" – a Hindu spiritual leader and guru.

The applicants propose to remove the M.A. Center's temporary tent structures and replace them with a three-story dining hall, prayer hall, and other buildings. During special events and retreats, up to 900 people could be expected on site and there are 654

*see MAC on page 14*

## Pipe Replacement on the Boulevard Starts Monday

The East Bay Municipal Utility District plans to begin replacement of a water pipeline located on Castro Valley Blvd., between Park Way and Lake Chabot Road next Monday evening, May 21.

It is scheduled to occur at night to lessen impacts on local businesses and traffic on Castro Valley Blvd. where there will be some lane closures during the project.

The district says the work is necessary to restore redundancy in the system and reliable water service to the area.

The pipe replacement will take about two weeks to complete. There will be no water outages during the project.

Trench work will be conducted from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. for the first four to five days.

Testing, flushing and chlorination of the pipeline will take place from 7 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. for the next three to four days. Then the pipeline connection will be made from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. over an additional two to three days.

During the nighttime work, there will be rolling lane closures as the pipeline replacement work progresses. A minimum of one lane in each direction will be open at all times.

There will be flood lights and construction-related noise and dust. One lane in each direction will be closed during the daytime testing, flushing and chlorination of the pipeline.

Final paving and concrete restoration will be scheduled after completion of pipeline work.

For questions and for more frequent email updates, contact Laura Luong at 510-287-0140 or laura.luong@ebmud.com. For emergencies or after-hours questions, call EBMUD at 866-403-2683.

## Quake Jiggles Castro Valley

A small earthquake rattled the East Bay Monday evening. The quake was centered in Oakland and struck at 7:18 p.m., according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

There were no reports of injuries or damage. BART service was halted briefly for an inspection of the tracks, a routine procedure following an earthquake.

The U.S.G.S. received thousands of calls about the temblor, some as far away as Salinas and Sacramento.



## Castro Valley Weather May 16 - 20, 2018



Wednesday  
Mostly Cloudy  
High 65° Low 53°



Thursday  
Partly Cloudy  
High 64° Low 53°



Friday  
Mostly Sunny  
High 67° Low 52°



Saturday  
Partly Sunny  
High 67° Low 52°



Sunday  
Cloudy  
High 65° Low 53°

### Almanac



Past Week's Rain: 00.00  
Season To Date: 17.27  
Normal To Date: 20.79  
Season Average: 21.22

### Moon Phases



Sun sets at 8:14 p.m. today, rises at 5:56 a.m. Thursday.

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## Chili Cook-Off Results

2018 Chili Cook-off Winners were Meals on Wheels (1st Place), Castro Valley Independent Sports League (2nd Place), and Keeney Electric of Dublin (3rd Place). The Best Booth Decorations award went to Meals on Wheels, and the Peoples' Choice Award was won by the Rowell Jr. Rodeo.

### A Word of Appreciation

The Forum wishes to thank these photographers for their contributions to this issue: Mike Kady, Wanda Worthington Photography, The Castro Valley Photo Club, Alex Tang, Karen Johnston. We are also indebted to Bruce Johnson who helped to coordinate the coverage of the Rotary Club of Castro Valley events.

## Historical Society Executive A.T. Stephens Set to Retire

A.T. Stephens will step down as Executive Director of the Hayward Area Historical Society at the end of June.

"My decision to retire this spring has not been an easy one, but now is the right time for something a little, if not completely different," says Stephens. "After four decades as a museum practitioner, I'm looking forward to being an expert tourist."

Stephens was first hired on an interim basis to complete the renovation of the commercial block

of buildings along Foothill Boulevard which was to become the museum's headquarters.

Under his watch as executive director, Stephens raised the profile of the Society as a receptive and active partner with many civic organizations while the center emerged as a vital cultural venue.

The Museum's long-time Curator and Archivist Diane Curry will serve as HAHS's Interim Director until the board of directors conducts a search for a new executive.



**A. T. Stephens, Executive Director of the Hayward Area Historical Society**

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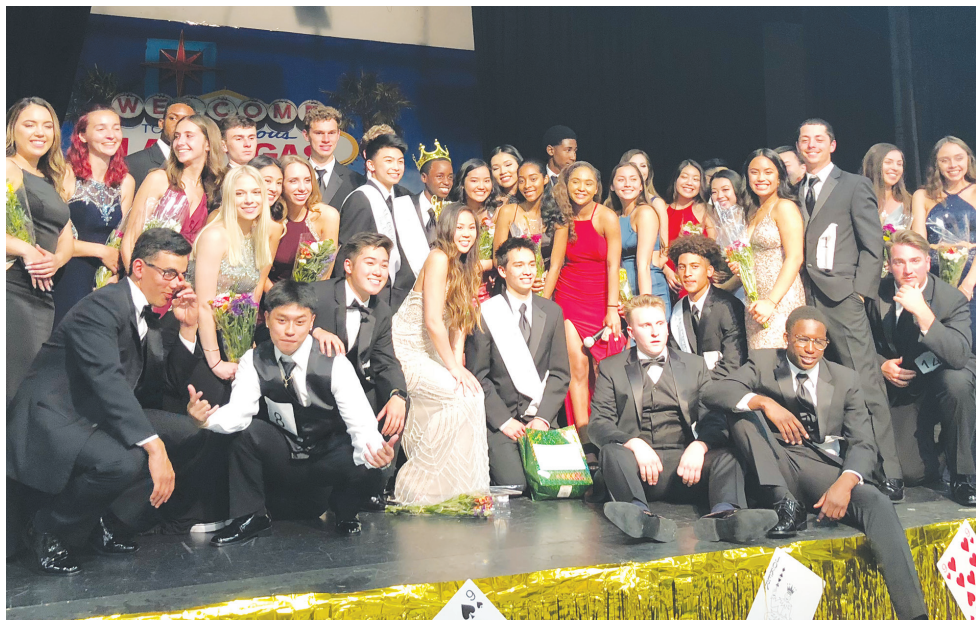


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There was nonstop cheering and applause Friday night at a packed Castro Valley High School cafeteria for the annual “Mr. Castro Valley” competition, showcasing the Class of 2018 senior boys and their escorts as they competed for top honors in a highly rehearsed talent show sponsored by the CVHS Spirit Team.

## ‘Mr. Castro Valley’ Crowned at Annual High School Fundraiser

By Michael Singer  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

There was singing, rapping, dancing, sketches, light-saber battles, and dancing avocados, but in the end only one Senior would be crowned “Mr. CV 2018.”

Decked out in tuxedos and escorted by Senior girls in gowns,

18 boys took the stage for exciting night of entertainment that displayed their charm and other special talents.

This year’s theme, “Viva Las Vegas” saw the cafeteria decked out in glitz and glamor including a backdrop of the iconic welcome sign and oversized props such as a cutout of Elvis Presley.

The action-packed night included two group dances; one that gave the boys a chance to show off their ballroom dancing skills with their escorts and another that helped show off their muscles and athletic ability. The escorts even got their own spotlight dance while the boys changed for their final appearance.

see MR. CV on back page

## SHERIFF’S REPORTS

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**Traffic Stop Ends in Drug Bust**  
Monday, May 14: at 2:00 a.m., Sheriff’s deputies pulled over and arrested a 55-year-old woman from Hayward on suspicion of possession of crack cocaine and a pipe used for smoking it. The woman was traveling on Castro Valley Boulevard near Marshall Street when deputies stopped her for a traffic violation. A subsequent search revealed the drugs. The woman was taken into custody.

### Domestic Assault

Sunday, May 13: at 3:25 p.m., a 911 call about a loud and aggressive-sounding argument sent deputies to a home on Summerglenn Place near Coolidge Court. There, they arrested a 33-year-old woman from Castro Valley on suspicion of assault on a family member. The woman was taken into custody. The victim was treated at the scene.

### Hospital Patient Spits, Swings

Sunday, May 13: at 3:03 p.m., deputies arrested a 53-year-old man who gave no home address on suspicion of assault on a peace officer and violating the terms of his parole. Security from Eden Medical Center on Lake Chabot Road were called to the hospital after the man was accused of spit-

ting on and assaulting three nurses (and later Sheriff’s deputies) while he was seeking treatment. The man was also wanted as part of a warrant issued for his arrest. Deputies took the man to Santa Rita Jail and held him without bail.

### Passed out at the Bus Stop

Sunday, May 13: at 8:27 a.m., a 30-year-old man who gave no home address was arrested on suspicion of violating the terms of his parole, possession of illegal drug paraphernalia, and named in a warrant issued for his arrest. Deputies approached the man for questioning while he was sleeping on a bus stop bench across the street from Eden Medical Center. The man refused to answer questions and was taken to Santa Rita Jail and held him without bail.

### Petty Theft

Sunday, May 13: at 7:08 p.m., deputies arrested an 18-year-old man from Oakland on suspicion of petty theft and resisting arrest. The man was caught stealing from a neighborhood grocery store on Somerset Avenue but was apprehended a block away on Anita Avenue. Deputies also identified the man as having a warrant for his arrest. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$30,000 in bail.

### Disrupting a Business

Friday, May 11: at 8:20 p.m., a 24-year-old man with no permanent address was arrested on suspicion of disrupting business at a laundromat on Castro Valley Boulevard near Wilbeam Avenue. Deputies responded to a call see REPORTS on page 15

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BY ROBERT ROSAS



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**four out of five Americans who will suffer from disabling back pain during their lifetimes.**

Shooting, stabbing and burning pains from the low back, sometimes with additional pain through the buttocks and down the legs are all symptoms of a pinched nerves often called “sciatica”.

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## The Week Ahead

### ● Wednesday, May 16: Rose Society Meeting

Rose Loveall-Sales of Morningsun Herb Farm will show how to add beautiful wild creatures to your yards with plants, many of which have additional benefits of being herbs usable in other ways, at the next meeting of the East Bay Rose Society at 7:30 p.m. this evening at Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue in Oakland. Come enjoy snacks and meet people who talk roses. More info at [www.eastbayroses.org](http://www.eastbayroses.org)

### ● Thursday, May 17: A Night at the Lanes

The Castro Valley Mothers Club invites all CV moms to join us for a Night at the Lanes tomorrow at the Castro Valley Bowling Alley. If bowling isn't your thing, just enjoy a fun night with other great moms. Drinks and appetizers will be served! For more information about the club, visit [www.castrovalleymothersclub.com](http://www.castrovalleymothersclub.com)

### ● Friday, May 18: Marshall Elementary Music Festival

Enjoy Mariachis, CV Rock Band, and the Jammin' Nachos performing live at the Marshall Elementary 2nd Annual Music Festival from 5 to 7:30 p.m. this Friday on the Upper Lawn at 20111 Marshall Street. Also a tri-tip dinner, vendor shopping, and a huge raffle.

### ● Saturday, May 19: All Saints' Parish Yard Sale

All Saints Episcopal Church, 911 Dowling Blvd. in San Leandro, will be holding a Rummage Sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Saturday in the church parking lot with all kinds of items including games, clothing, antiques, china, kitchenware and yard supplies.

### ● Saturday, May 19: Eden Area Village Monthly Coffee

Join us for coffee at 9 a.m. on May 19 at the Cannery Cafe, 22380 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward and learn how we are working together to help seniors remain in their homes, active and engaged in the community. Visit [edenareavillage.org](http://edenareavillage.org) for more information.

### ● Saturday, May 19: Eden Garden Club Plant Sale

The Eden Garden Club will hold its annual sale of heirloom vegetables, flowering perennials, succulents, orchids, trees, houseplants, baked goods and garden tools from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Saturday in the parking lot behind Moose Lodge, 20835 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley. Proceeds will benefit garden grants awarded to schools in the Castro Valley and Hayward school districts. More info at 510-397-1268.

### ● Saturday, May 19: Talent Show & Dinner

Enjoy a fun talent show led by our exuberant youth group from 6-8 p.m. this Saturday at Faith Lutheran Church, 20080 Redwood Road. For early bird tickets (\$15-\$10) which includes dinner, visit [www.flccv.org/youthtalentshow](http://www.flccv.org/youthtalentshow) or call 510-582-0818. Tickets at the door: \$20-\$15.

### ● Saturday, May 19: Talent Show & Dinner

Come enjoy a fun and supportive talent show (not a competition) led by our exuberant youth group from 6-8 p.m. this Saturday at Faith Lutheran Church, 20080 Redwood Road. For early bird tickets (\$15 adults & teens, \$10 children 12 and under) which includes dinner and a silent auction to raise funds for our youth group, visit [www.flccv.org/youthtalentshow](http://www.flccv.org/youthtalentshow) or call 510-582-0818. Tickets at the door: \$20-\$15.

### ● Saturday, May 19: Meals on Wheels Fundraiser

The 10th Annual Spring Luncheon benefiting SOS/Meals on Wheels will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Saturday at Oliver Hall, Eden United Church of Christ, 21455 Birch St. in Hayward, featuring a sumptuous buffet and a silent auction with prizes including a weekend away at North Shore Tahoe. For information on purchasing tickets (\$35), sponsoring our event, or donating an auction item, send an email to [mary@sosmealsonwheels.org](mailto:mary@sosmealsonwheels.org) or call Mary at 510-582-1263. Proceeds go to make sure the program continues to deliver the 1,200 daily meals to the seniors in Castro Valley, Hayward, San Leandro, San Lorenzo and Oakland.

### ● Saturday, May 19: Paranormal Investigation

Experienced investigators will lead attendees through the Meek Mansion, 17365 Boston Road, Hayward to explore the paranormal during this investigation from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. this Saturday night. Data previously collected includes electronic voice phenomena, apparitions, and more. Tickets (\$75) must be purchased in advance at [haywardareahistory.org/explore-the-paranormal](http://haywardareahistory.org/explore-the-paranormal).

### ● Saturday, May 19: San Leandro Creek Volunteers

Friends of San Leandro Creek is in need of volunteers for small restoration projects by the creek at Chabot Park in San Leandro this Saturday, May 19. For info, call 510-577-6069 or send an email to [Slevenson@sanleandro.org](mailto:Slevenson@sanleandro.org)

### ● Saturday, May 19: Multicultural Wellness Walk

Join us this Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon for a 90-minute guided walk at Lake Chabot Regional Park, 17600 Lake Chabot Road. Participants will receive healthy snacks, free entry to the park, and referral to resources in the community. Wear comfortable walking shoes, sun screen and a hat. To register call 510-544-2200. This event is sponsored by the Samuel Merritt University Ethnic Health Institute, the Regional Parks Foundation, and East Bay Regional Park District.

### ● Sunday, May 20: George Cole Trio Plays Nat King Cole

Enjoy *Cole Swings Cole*, a Sunday afternoon jazz concert at the Library this Sunday, May 20 at 2 p.m. The George Cole Trio featuring vocalist/guitarist George Cole, pianist Richard Nelson Hall, and bassist Carla Kaufman perform Nat King Cole's early trio music and such '50s and '60s pop hits as "Unforgettable," "Mona Lisa," "Nature Boy," and many more! Free, no registration required.

### ● Monday, May 21: District Attorney Candidates' Forum

Hear from the candidates running for Alameda County District Attorney at a forum from 6:30-7:45 p.m. next Monday, May 21, at the San Lorenzo Library, 395 Paseo Grande. Incumbent Nancy O'Malley and challenger Pamela Price will participate. The audience will have the opportunity to ask questions. The forum, free and open to the public, is co-sponsored by the Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association, the League of Women Voters Eden Area and the County Library. For more info, contact Aiwa Zelinsky at [aiyz@comcast.net](mailto:aiyz@comcast.net).

### ● Saturday, May 26: Community Flea Market

Join us for a day of fun from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 26 at The Salvation Army Hayward's Annual Community Flea Market in the Veterans' Memorial Building, 22737 Main St. in Hayward. Arrive early and find your treasure from vendors with an array of the most unusual items. Admission is free. This is a fundraiser for Summer and Day Camp programs for local, low-income families.

### ● Wednesday, May 23: School Board Meeting

The Castro Valley Board of Education will hold a regular open meeting beginning at 7 p.m. next Wednesday in the boardroom at the School District Headquarters, 4400 Alma Avenue, which will include

ratification of the contract with the Castro Valley Teachers Association. The complete agenda and board packet will be available this Friday at [bit.ly/CVUSDBBoardMeetings](http://bit.ly/CVUSDBBoardMeetings)

### ● Friday, May 25: Jenny Lin Memorial

A reception at 6:15 p.m. and a memorial service at 7:00 will be held at the Castro Valley Library for Jenny Lin, who was slain in her home 24 years ago. For more information, visit [www.jennylinfoundation.org](http://www.jennylinfoundation.org)

## Arts & Entertainment

### CASTRO VALLEY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

*Tickets for Center for the Arts events listed below are available online at [www.cvcfa.com](http://www.cvcfa.com); or at the Center Box Office, 19501 Redwood Road, Thursdays and Fridays 3-5 p.m. (phone 889-8961), or at the Castro Valley Adult School, 4430 Alma Avenue. Note that all prices for school events will go up the day of the show.*

● **"Spring Into Adventure,"** featuring the Canyon Middle School 6th Grade Band and Orchestra in a dazzling program of classical favorites, film highlights and hilarious novelty tunes, will be presented at 7 p.m. this evening, May 16, under the direction of Carina Zamora and Heidi Dahms. Outstanding Musician Awards will be presented at the end of the concert. *For tickets (\$5-\$7), see above.*

● **CVHS Band Concert** will present their May Concert at 7 p.m. tomorrow, May 17. *For tickets (\$5-\$10), see above.*

● **CVHS Orchestra Concert** will present their May Concert at 7 p.m. this Friday, May 18. *For tickets (\$5-\$10), see above.*

● **"Lights, Camera, Sing,"** songs from stage and screen, will be presented by Canyon Middle School Choral Ensemble and Treble Choirs, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 30. *For tickets (\$4-\$6), see above.*

● **"All American Heroes,"** music composed or arranged by, for, and about many of our great, beloved heroes of American history, film, fantasy, and folklore, will be performed by Canyon Middle School's 7th and 8th Grade Orchestras under the direction of Heidi Dahms at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 31. The Outstanding Musician awards for each group will be presented at the end of the concert. *For tickets (\$5-\$7) see above.*

### AT THE GALLERIES

● **The Magic of Collaboration**, an exhibit showcasing an array of collaborators from family members to artist collectives will open with a public artists' reception from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 26 at the Adobe Art Gallery, 20395 San Miguel Ave. in Castro Valley. For more information, visit [adobegallery@haywardrec.org](http://adobegallery@haywardrec.org) or call 510-881-6735.

● **"Creating Our Future,"** an art exhibit by students from the Castro Valley, San Leandro, San Lorenzo and Hayward school districts, will be on display at Foothill Gallery, 22394 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward through May 31, sponsored by the Hayward Arts Council and Seneca Family of Agencies. Gallery hours are 10-4 Wednesday-Friday.

● **PhotoCentral Spring Exhibition**, features photographs by the friends, patrons, and students of PhotoCentral, and showcases the work of artists throughout SF Bay Area and beyond, at 1099 E Street in Hayward. For more info, visit: [www.photocentral.org](http://www.photocentral.org).

● **Hayward Arts Council Member Show** will be on display through May 27 in the Community Gallery at the HAHS Museum of History & Culture, 22380 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward. For more information, visit [www.haywardartscouncil.org](http://www.haywardartscouncil.org)

● **"The View From Here,"** featuring Bay Area artists, showcasing the way they see with their unique perspective, is on view at the Adobe Art Gallery in Castro Valley, a variety of two- and three-dimensional media including acrylic, watercolor, clay and photography. Gallery hours (during exhibits) are Thursday, Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and by appointment, at 20395 San Miguel Ave., Castro Valley.

● **#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](http://www.SunGallery.org)

### Submissions to The Forum

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# Library to Forgive Late Fees

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Castro Valley Library and all other Alameda County libraries are holding a Fine Forgiveness campaign this summer, aimed at welcoming back thousands of library patrons who have lost their borrowing privileges due to outstanding fines.

From June 1 to July 31, the Library will remove late fees on all overdue items returned, regardless of how long overdue.

During the two-month period, county residents can return books, CDs, and DVDs to the library circulation desk or book drop at any library location to have their late fees cleared.

They can also have late fees cleared for materials already returned by making a request online at Ask Us, by phone, or at the circulation desk of any branch library.

More than 77,000 library patrons have outstanding fines that prevent them from checking out materials including more than 13,000 are children and teens.

"Patrons will have a chance to clear their accounts and restore their library card privileges so that they can enjoy everything the Library offers," said Cindy Chadwick, County Librarian.

Another benefit for students and families who reunite with the Library this summer is that they can also participate in its Summer Reading Game that runs from June 1 thru August 31, 2018.

Research shows that students who participate in summer reading programs avoid summer learning loss. Summer learning loss is the loss of academic skills over the summer. Participants can play with a game board or online at summer.aclibrary.org.



PHOTOS BY EDEN GARDEN CLUB

**IT'S LIKE A KID IN A CANDY SHOP FOR GARDENERS at the annual plant sale coming up on Saturday at the Moose Lodge Parking Lot. Below, a large selection of popular drought-resistant succulents will be on sale.**

## Annual Plant Sale on Saturday

Eden Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Saturday, May 19, at the Moose Lodge Parking Lot at 20835 Rutledge Road, Castro Valley.

A variety of plants will be available including annuals, perennials, succulents, orchids, vegetables, natives, shrubs, and trees. There will also be baked goods, garden art and garden accessories.

The proceeds from the sale go to garden grants awarded to over 20 schools in the Castro Valley and Hayward school districts.

Schools write grants describing their planned

projects that are then reviewed by club members. Projects may be as small as container gardens in a school patio or as elaborate as vegetable gardens that provide produce for school cooking projects.

The Eden Garden Club, founded in 1947 has evolved with the times and interests of club members. The club is about sharing plants, making friends and giving back to the community through the joy of gardening.

The theme for the this year is to further horticulture by promoting nature's way of pollinating our gardens through birds, bees and butterflies.

# Renewed Hope for Justice for Slain Teen

At the 24th anniversary of the loss of Jenny Lin, her family is hosting a memorial service on Friday, May 25, at the Castro Valley Library to honor the teenage girl.

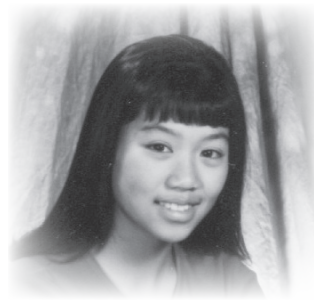
A candlelight walk will be held following the ceremony in downtown Castro Valley to remind the public of the unsolved murder and to raise awareness of child safety. Everyone is invited to share this special occasion.

A young, talented musician and a straight-A student, Jenny was murdered in her own home on May 27, 1994, at the age of 14. The brutal death devastated her family and shocked the community.

Jenny's parents, John and Mei-lan Lin, vowed to continue working with the police until the case is solved, to carry on Jenny's dreams to see her life extended in a unique fashion.

For over 20 years, the Jenny Lin Foundation has offered music scholarships and free music programs to the community each summer, and has organized numerous safety fairs, workshops and contests to raise awareness of child safety issues and to improve safety knowledge and precautions for parents and children.

Last spring the Foundation embarked on a safety book project in collaboration with the Castro Valley Library. Titles covering a wide



range of safety-related topics were added to its collection. The project was extended to San Lorenzo and Union City last fall, and the Foundation is looking to repeat the success stories with more branches of the Alameda County Library.

To date, there is still no arrest or conviction related to Jenny's murder. However, her family is hopeful that through continuous police efforts and public help, this senseless, horrifying case will soon be solved.

The recent arrest of the Golden State Killer for crimes committed 40 years ago boosts the family's hope that one day the killer will be caught. A \$100,000 reward for info leading to the conviction of Jenny's murderer is still available.

Anyone with information is urged to call the Alameda County Sheriff's Department at 510-667-7721 or the toll-free hotline at 855-4-JENNY-LIN.

—Jenny Lin Foundation

## CV Water Supply in Good Shape But Rates Will Continue to Rise

By Amy Sylvestri  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

If you want to know what's going on with water and waste water in town, just ask East Bay Municipal Utility District Board Member – and Castro Valley resident – Frank Mellon.

Mellon has been on the board since 1994 and represents Ward 7

which includes Castro Valley and portions of San Leandro, Cherryland, and Hayward. He updated some of the district's local projects yesterday.

Although this past winter wasn't so rainy, EBMUD's water supply is in good shape. The reservoir system is at 109 percent of average and 89 percent of capacity as of April.

The district has a \$2 billion two-year budget and there have been multiple rate hikes to customers over the past few years. Last July, the board approved raising rates by 9.25 percent that month and another 9 percent hike is scheduled for July 2018. That's on top of rate increases totaling over 35 percent since 2013.

see **RATES** on page 19

## Legal Pot Tax Revenues

The state released revenue numbers last week for cannabis sales in the first quarter of 2018.

Tax revenue from the cannabis industry totaled \$60.9 million since Jan. 1, which includes state cultivation, excise and sales taxes. It does not include local tax revenue collected by cities or counties.

California voters approved Prop. 64 in November 2016, which legalized the sale of mari-

juana effective the first of this year.

The state's excise tax on cannabis generated \$32 million in revenue for the first quarter of calendar year 2018. The cultivation tax generated \$1.6 million, and the sales tax generated \$27.3 million in revenue.

Medicinal cannabis is exempt from sales tax if the purchaser holds a valid Medical Marijuana Identification card.

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Brad Heusdens (above) working on a piece at last month's Smalltown Open Studio.

## Help With Feral Cats

Hayward Animal Shelter is calling on residents to spay or neuter their cats and consider getting involved in its Trap Neuter and Return (TNR) program to help humanely manage the city's feral feline population.

Each year, thousands of kittens are born during kitten season in the Bay Area. Unfortunately, there are more kittens than households willing and able to take in cats.

Spaying and neutering helps decrease the over-population and greatly alleviates kitten-season strain on animal shelters.

If you would like to help the Hayward shelter prepare, consider donating items that get a lot of use during kitten season—and think about becoming a volunteer to help clean kitten kennels.

If you find homeless kittens, check first for signs that they are being cared for by a mother cat, as this is their best chance of survival during the first weeks of life.

Once they are eight weeks old, TNR the whole family or, if the kittens can be safely handled, make an appointment to bring the whole family into the shelter.

If kittens have been abandoned or are in danger, consider fostering them or make an appointment to bring them into the shelter, (510-293-7200), 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

To learn more about the TNR program, check out this Hayward Animal Shelter video: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=t-azTITM7q0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t-azTITM7q0)



PHOTO COURTESY OF PLETHOS PRODUCTIONS

The full cast of Plethos Productions' "In the Heights," opening Friday night, June 1, with six performances at Smalltown Society in Castro Valley.

## Crowdfunded Musical to Hit The Smalltown Society Stage

Last fall, community members by the dozens from Castro Valley, Hayward and the surrounding area donated thousands of dollars to bring the Broadway musical "In The Heights" to town.

The show, by "Hamilton" creator Lin Manuel Miranda, is scheduled to premiere on Friday, June 1, at 7 p.m. It tells the story of several characters in a vibrant community on the brink of change in New York's Washington Heights neighborhood, all set to fun hip hop and Latin beats.

The show will be performed by

Plethos Productions, a nonprofit performing arts company founded by Karin Richey, who says its mission "is to re-imagine community theatre as fresh innovative and diverse as the surrounding community."

During last October, Plethos conducted a campaign through Indiegogo, an international crowdfunding website, raising 109% of its goal to finance the production. Local businesses kicked in additional donations.

Since that campaign, Plethos has continued to raise funds via

several benefit standup comedy shows and a sold-out New Year's Eve Launch Party & Showcase.

Currently numerous volunteer set-builders, costumers, musicians and crew members along with a cast of 18 actors are hard at work bringing "In the Heights" to life.

The musical will have six public performances June 1-10, all taking place take at Smalltown Society, a communal arts space next door to Trader Joe's in CV. Tickets are \$15 and are selling fast. They may not be available at the door, but are on sale now at [Plethos.org](http://Plethos.org).

## This Week at Smalltown

### • Thursday, May 17 — 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! Free 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

### • Saturday, May 19 — Pampas Cafe Presents: Smalltown Art

Join Smalltown Society Art Sessions and Pampas Cafe, 3483 Castro Valley Boulevard in the parking lot, highlighting local art and the music of songwriter Sara Perry. Free, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### • Saturday, May 19 — 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. Free, 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

More on these events and others: [www.smalltownsociety.com](http://www.smalltownsociety.com). Smalltown Society is located at 22222 Redwood Road, CV

## Graduations, Student Honors

Three Castro Valley students have been inducted into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

Jason Crawford was initiated at Saint Mary's College of California. Brittany Lopes was also initiated at Saint Mary's College of California.

Stephanie Yim was initiated at University of California, Davis.

They were among some 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff

and alumni initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year.

Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership.

Calvin Dong of Castro Valley graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Azusa Pacific University in Southern California on May 5, joining some 1,700 graduates at the spring commencement ceremonies.

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## The Right Estate Sale Company

By Jim Miller  
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

The estate sale business has become a huge industry over the past decade. There are roughly 22,000 estate sale companies that currently operate in the U.S., up nearly 60 percent from just 10 years ago.

But not all estate sale companies are alike.

Unlike appraisal, auction and real estate companies, estate sale operators are largely unregulated, with no licensing or standard educational requirements.

That leaves the door open for inexperienced, unethical or even illegal operators. Therefore, it's up to you to decipher a good reputable company from a bad one. Here are some tips to help you choose.

### • Make a list:

Start by asking friends, your real estate agent or attorney for recommendations. You can also



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search online. Websites like EstateSales.net and EstateSales.org let you find estate sale companies in your area.

### • Check their reviews:

After you find a few companies, check them out on the Better Business Bureau (BBB.org), Angie's List (AngiesList.com), Yelp (Yelp.com) and other online review sites to eliminate ones with legitimately negative reviews.

### • Call some companies:

Once you identify some estate sale companies, select a few to interview over the phone. Ask them how long they've been in business and how many estate sales they conduct each month.

Also find out about staff, services provided, if they're insured and bonded and if they charge a flat fee or commission. The national average commission for an estate sale is around 35%, but commissions vary by city and region. *see ESTATE on page 15*

## Reverse Mortgage and Medi-Cal

**Q** My wife and I have a Reverse Mortgage on our home. We have already pulled out about \$100K on our loan and have another \$150K available. If one of us needs nursing home care, will our Reverse Mortgage prevent us from seeking a Medi-Cal subsidy to help with the cost?

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

**A** Not necessarily, but it all depends upon how you handle the loan proceeds from your Reverse Mortgage ("RM").

If you only draw what you need and fully spend those funds during the same month of that draw, then the RM would not prevent Medi-Cal qualification. The key is to avoid rolling over unspent funds into the next month.

If you still have unspent draws from your RM as of the first day of the following month, then these unspent funds will be treated as property and added to your other non-exempt resources for purposes of determining eligibility.

If they put you over the Medi-Cal resource ceilings, then they could make you ineligible, at least

until they are spent.

The best plan: draw down only what you need and fully spend it in the same month as received. Note: Your remaining unused line of credit would not count as an available resource, so you are OK there.

**HECM For Purchase:** There is a newer RM product designed to help seniors sell their existing home and purchase a replacement home. It is called a "HECM For Purchase" or "H4P."

Typically, seniors purchase a replacement home by putting roughly 50% down and use an H4P to pay the balance of the purchase price. As with the traditional RM, the homeowners under the H4P program own their new home without any obligation to make mortgage payments.

Likewise, the H4P loan would be due when the seniors sell their home, move out or die. Since the H4P loan would help finance the purchase of an exempt residence, it would not adversely affect Medi-Cal eligibility.

**Problem: Loan Due When Home Vacated:**

When the homeowner vacates the home to move into a care facility, and has been absent from the home for at least 12 months, the RM is due and payable. This can force a sale of the home.

If the sale proceeds are more than the amount needed to fully

pay the RM loan, the excess is then counted as a resource and could render the homeowner ineligible for Medi-Cal, at least until they are spent down on care. Alternatively, he or she might seek guidance from an Elder Law attorney to implement a transfer or conversion strategy to preserve or restore Medi-Cal eligibility.

**Another Problem: Putting Home Into Trust:**

Under recent legislation, placing a home into a "Living Trust" will usually protect it from Medi-Cal "payback" after the death of the borrower. However, RM lenders may impose special requirements as a condition to allowing the RM loan to remain in effect after the home is placed into trust.

So, make sure that you satisfy your lender's requirements when you originate the RM loan and/or create your trust, so your lawyer can draft the trust in accord and secure the lender's consent.

In short, if the RM draws are either fully spent in the month of draw or are used to purchase an exempt personal residence, you should be OK. But, plan ahead to deal with anticipated excess sales proceeds when the home is eventually sold to repay the loan.

Gene L. Osofsky is an Elder Law and Estate Planning attorney in Hayward. Visit his website at [www.LawyerForSeniors.com](http://www.LawyerForSeniors.com).

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An event born out of the roping and riding skills my dad taught me to use on our ranch and that I now teach my grandkids.

Rodeo may be a professional sport today, but it still holds true to those skills we use to manage and care for our livestock.

It's my job as Arena Director to work with our committee to make sure the grounds are ready, and our cowboy and animal athletes are healthy

and ready to compete. While each of them may only compete for about 8-seconds every couple of weeks, we don't leave anything to chance.

Our cowboys and cowgirls have the assistance of the Justin Sports Medicine team to make sure they're ready to rodeo, and our veterinarian is always on site to ensure our animals are healthy and ready to buck.

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see COWBOY on page 12

## 2018 ROWELL RANCH RODEO PARADE ART & ESSAY CONTEST

### ESSAY WINNERS

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1st Place: Mathew Cecchi, 1st Grade - Redwood Christian Schools  
2nd Place: Kylie Reaves, 1st Grade - Redwood Christian Schools  
Honorable Mention: Kayla Kiagin, 1st Grade - RCS  
Honorable Mention: David Magana, 1st Grade - RCS

#### 2nd & 3rd Grade:

1st Place: Lori Fernandez, 3rd Grade - RCS  
2nd Place: Eliana Kary, 2nd Grade - RCS  
Honorable Mention: Mathew Hernandez, 3rd Grade - RCS  
Honorable Mention: Ella Conrad, 3rd Grade - RCS

#### 4th & 5th Grade:

1st Place: Grace Xu, 5th Grade - Jensen Ranch  
2nd Place: Ollie Dibaba, 5th Grade - Marshall Elementary  
Honorable Mention: Mayayka Gobena, 4th Grade - RCS  
Honorable Mention: Nathan Shinoda, 5th Grade - RCS

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1st Place: Cassidy Berg, 3rd Grade - Jensen Ranch School  
2nd Place: Jasmine Ball, 3rd Grade - RCS  
Honorable Mention: Melodie Chock, 2nd Grade - RCS  
Honorable Mention: Elijah Nilooban, 2nd Grade - RCS

#### 4th & 5th Grade:

1st Place: Soolynn Bae, 4th Grade - Jensen Ranch Elementary  
2nd Place: Alyssa Li, 4th Grade - Chabot Elementary  
Honorable Mention: Mathew Chock, 4th Grade - RCS  
Honorable Mention: Cielo Magana, 5th Grade - RCS

## Rowell Ranch Rodeo 2017 Winners

- **All-around cowboy:** Russell Cardoza, \$1,771, tie-down roping, steer wrestling and team roping
- **Bareback riding:** Austin Foss, 86.5 points on Flying U Rodeo's Lil Red Hawk, \$1,719
- **Steer wrestling:** (tie) Jaed Hare and Tanner Milan, 4.1 seconds, \$1,617 each
- **Team roping:** Dustin Bird/ Russell Cardoza, 4.4 seconds, \$1,771 each
- **Saddle bronc riding:** Tyrell J Smith, 84.5 points on Flying U Rodeo's Boxed Wine
- **Tie-down roping:** Hunter Herrin, 7.0 seconds, \$1,816
- **Barrel racing:** Tiana Schuster, 17.04 seconds, \$2,123
- **Bull riding:** Tyler Bingham, 86.5 points on Rosser Rodeo's No. H3065

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# The Legacy of Harry and Maggie Rowell

The Rowell Ranch Pro Rodeo is described in the book, *Here's a Go: Remembering Harry Rowell and the Rowell Ranch Rodeo*, as "The old and the young, those who bring memories with them and those for whom the day's events are new, the bond between generations, and the bond that links individuals, groups and communities together with a common purpose: the Rowell Ranch Rodeo does all this and more."

For a man who had a "love affair" with the west, there could be no greater job than rodeo stock contractor. A pioneer, Harry saw the sport of rodeo as an American tradition that had to be preserved.

From the first "cowboy show" he put on in 1921 for the community at the Burbank School in Hayward, he built a career as a sought-after rodeo stock contractor.

Rowell "loved the cowboy, loved animals and the outdoors and knew how hard the cowboy worked" For a boy from England who had started ranching in his new California home it was the perfect blending of his "kindred feeling" towards the cowboy and enthusiasm for his community.

He built the rodeo as a time for his community to gather together to celebrate their history and traditions.

In 1978 the Hayward Rodeo

was renamed the Rowell Ranch Pro Rodeo in honor of Harry Rowell and his wife Maggie. She carried on the tradition after his death in 1969. A rodeo they both felt so deeply about that Maggie Rowell made arrangements in her final will and trust to make sure it continued long after her subsequent death in 1975.

Inspired by those that came before them, the all-volunteer, non-profit Rowell Ranch Pro Rodeo Association works all year long to coordinate the three-day rodeo along with many other events such as the parade and chili cook-off which are presented by the Castro Valley Rotary Club.

All opportunities for their community to come together and celebrate their history with the proceeds benefiting many local charitable organizations including Special Olympics, 4-H Clubs, Future Farmers of America (FFA), Hayward Rotary and the Castro Valley Breakfast Lions Club.

Rodeo has become a popular professional American sport that honors the ranching traditions of roping and riding, which continue to be a part of life for many here in the East Bay, who raise cattle on some of the country's most historic ranches.

More than 100 cowboys and cowgirls will compete for their share of the prize money during this weekend's leg of the California rodeo circuit.

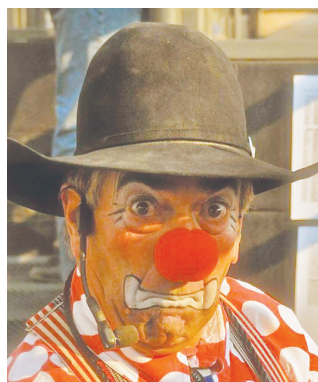
During this time of year there are a series of professionally-sanctioned rodeos that see some of the sport's best athletes make a stop with the hope of winning a piece of the more than \$350,000 in added prize money from the SIX-PAC Rodeos that includes Rowell Ranch Pro Rodeo, Red Bluff, Clovis, Oakdale, Redding, Livermore and Reno.

## Donnie Landis Specialty Act to Entertain

One sure bet at every rodeo performance is that there's always a funnyman nearby to keep the crowds laughing. Rowell Ranch Pro Rodeo fans will be entertained by two-time National Finals Rodeo Specialty Act Donnie Landis at the 98th annual event.

A fourth-generation rodeo cowboy, Donnie first entered the rodeo arena at the age of four when he was helping his dad with his clown act. He turned professional as a rodeo clown and bullfighter at the age of 18 and has been entertaining families of rodeo fans with his routines ever since.

Donnie has worked rodeos both big and small including the Pendleton Round-up, Houston Live-



Donnie Landis

years he is still following in his father's footsteps, doing what he loves, being a cowboy clown/entertainer.

### The Bullfighters

Helping Donnie get the job done will be the bullfighters. There are tough jobs, and then there are tougher jobs. Being a bullfighter just might be on the tougher side.

A bullfighter's job is to protect the cowboy when he's bucked-off and help the bull safely exit the arena. For the Rowell Ranch Pro Rodeo that job will fall on the team of Rick Moffat and Cody Jackson. Returning to the Rowell Rodeo arena these cowboys take their jobs seriously and know how to keep the bull riders safe.

stock Show and Rodeo, Reno Rodeo, the California Rodeo Salinas, as well as, the Calgary Stampede.

He is proud that after all these

## RODEO SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY, MAY 19**  
"ARMED SERVICES DAY"

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10 a.m.	Gates Open
10:30 a.m.	Special Partners Event, for children with special challenges
12 Noon	Cowboy Experience
1:30 p.m.	Rodeo Grand Entry
5 p.m.	Tri-Tip BBQ, Live Music, featuring Jeff Ricketts & the Dirt Road Band

**SUNDAY, MAY 20**

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### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10 a.m.	Gates Open
12 Noon	Cowboy Experience
1:30 p.m.	Rodeo Grand Entry

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WINNERS OF THE ART AND ESSAY CONTEST are shown above with CV Rotary President Jim Negri on the left and Dawn Ortiz, Art and Essay Chair and CV Rotarian, at right.

## Annual 'Ladies Only' Luncheon Tomorrow

This "Ladies only" luncheon will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. tomorrow, May 17, in the Earl Dawes Picnic Area at the Rowell Ranch Rodeo Park.

The Rowell Ranch Rodeo Cow-

girl Picnic was created to recognize and honor the "cowgirls" of the Rowell Ranch community.

This is a day for the ladies to come together and celebrate our cowgirl spirit with the added bo-

nus of being served and pampered by professional local cowboys, ranchers, and firefighters.

General Admission is \$50. Tickets are available at: Rowell's Saddlery & Western Wear, 3473 Castro Valley Boulevard.

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## Cowboy: Learn Firsthand About Rodeo

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These rules were born from a partnership with the competitors and stock contractors who own the animals, and in consultation with knowledgeable veterinarians who understand the various rodeo events.

The rodeo shares the community's desire to provide for all animals to ensure only healthy, well-cared-for animals participate in PRCA rodeos.

"The PRCA sets the standard for humane care of rodeo animal athletes," said Dr. Jennifer Schleining, an Ames, Iowa equine veterinarian, about the PRCA.

PRCA rules require a veterinarian to be onsite for all competition, which allows the PRCA to call on these independent experts to help report the condition of the livestock and be the basis for their livestock welfare program.

Want to learn more about ro-

deo, the events and the equipment used. Rodeo fans are encouraged to attend the Cowboy Experience at noon prior to the Saturday and Sunday performances.

Everyone is welcome to go down into the rodeo arena and see first hand the equipment used in the sport of rodeo, livestock and chutes.

Cowboys and committee members will be on hand to answer questions about the sport of rodeo and help set the record straight.

The Rowell Ranch Pro Rodeo encourages everyone to learn firsthand about the sport of rodeo from those who are responsible for making sure all rules and regulations are followed.

Please visit [www.prorodeo.com](http://www.prorodeo.com) and [www.rowellranchrodeo.com](http://www.rowellranchrodeo.com) to learn more.

## 2018 ROWELL RANCH RODEO PARADE FINAL RESULTS

### EQUESTRIAN

The Dale Yearian Memorial Equestrian Sweepstakes:  
Payton Gilliam and her Horse "Dog"

### Sheriff's Posse

First Place: Alameda County Mounted Sheriff's Posse

### Future Horseman

First Place: Payton Gilliam and her horse "Dog"

Second Place: Presley Pilkington

### Mounted Group Open

First Place: Aahmes Shrine Mounted Patrol

Second Place: No Name Ranch

### Horse or Pony Drawn

First Place: Rowell Ranch Rodeo Board

Second Place: Art and Essay Contest Winners

Third Place: Grand Marshal

### Charro

Hayward Hills Charro

### NON-EQUESTRIAN

Non-Equestrian Sweepstakes:

Rowell Ranch Pro Rodeo

### Floats

• Float - Open

First Place: Rowell Ranch Pro Rodeo

Second Place: RRR National Day of the Cowboy

Third Place: Alameda County Fairgrounds

• Float - Student

First Place: Palomares Elementary School  
150th Year Celebration

Second Place: Independent Adventure Time

Third Place: Redwood Christian Schools

### Visual Units

• Color Guard

First Place: US Naval Sea Cadet Corps

### High School Bands

First Place: The Pride of Hayward High School  
Marching Band

Second Place: Castro Valley High School Trojans  
Marching Band

Third Place: Redwood Christian Elementary,  
Middle School and High School Eagles Marching  
Band (3rd grade through 10th grade)

### Community - Youth

First Place: USA Kung Fu Studio

Second Place: CV Independent Sports League

Third Place: Little League T-Ball

### Community - Open

First Place: Angry Anglers

Second Place: Castro Valley Pride

Third Place: East Bay Walk to End Alzheimer's Vehicles

### Antique and Classic Cars and Trucks

First Place: Shamrock Realty

### Vehicles Car Clubs

First Place: Redwood Chapel Community Church

Results submitted by Bruce Johnson, Rotary Club of Castro Valley, and posted at [rowellranchrodeoparade.com](http://rowellranchrodeoparade.com).  
The entire parade can be seen on Facebook at [castrovalleytv](http://castrovalleytv) courtesy of Robert Souza.



## PARADE WINNER

CV Rotary President Jim  
Negri with Equestrian  
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## Cleaning a Rusty Grill

By Samantha Mazzotta  
Special to the Times

With our recent summery weather, thoughts of outdoor grilling may be dancing in your head. But if you left your grill out in the weather over the winter, you may see that you have some cleaning up to do.

You can buy a cleaner that removes rust stains at your local hardware or home-improvement store, or if the rust is mostly surface-based, try wiping the area first with a damp cloth. If not all the rust is removed, try scrubbing the area with a steel-wire brush or steel wool.

If the interior of the grill or the grates are rusty or caked with old charcoal and burnt-

on food, use the same cleaning methods to scrub them off. Then, clean the interior well (for readers who use charcoal grills, remove the old ashes and charcoal and then clean).

Once clean, you'll want to seal the rust-damaged areas. On the outside of your grill, a high-temperature paint will keep air and moisture away from the metal and won't flake away quickly.

The interior should be cleaned between each grilling session and closed to prevent rain from entering. Grill racks should be washed after cleaning and each use, and a thin coat of cooking oil sprayed or

rubbed on them so they stay rust-free between uses.

If you're not going to use the grill for a long time, say several weeks, regardless of the season it should be cleaned, covered with a grill cover and moved out of direct rain and sunlight.

Some owners coat the exterior of the grill with a thin coat of cooking oil if they plan to store it for some time.

**Home Tip:** Got a tough cleanup of grill racks? Make a foamy vinegar-baking soda paste and apply to the racks, let them sit for a few minutes, then scrub away burnt-on food and grease.

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## REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



## Bogus Listing Tactics Produce Fake Numbers

In a recent listing appointment, I was asked a question I hear frequently.

"What is the ratio," the seller asked, "between your list prices and selling prices?"

Called the "sale-to-list ratio," the number is supposed to indicate the effectiveness of the listing agent. As an example, if the average sales price in an area is \$100,000 and a specific listing agent frequently lists homes at \$100,000 but sells them at \$105,000, then they have a ratio of 5% over list price.

If other agents have a ratio of 1-2%, then a seller may be inclined to choose the agent with the higher ratio to list their home.

While that sounds logical, it assumes agents are not using abnormal tactics or tricks to skew their sale-to-list ratios.

There are two base assumptions here: (1) the home is listed at a reasonable market price and (2) the seller is willing to accept the list price if that is all they get. In many markets across the country, in fact, the seller is overjoyed to get full price — offers frequently come in lower.

Here in the Bay Area I frequently hear agents bragging that they are selling homes for hundreds of thousands of dollars above list price and some use these numbers in listing appointments to impress potential sellers.

While it's true the market here is overheated due to an extreme lack of inventory and buyers are willing to pay astronomical prices to land a deal, agent claims are frequently not what they are cracked up to be.

Truth be known, the tactics employed by some local listing agents could only work in an area and market such as this and, when viewed by agents in other parts of the country, have been called deceptive or even dishonest.

The two indicators? First, their homes are *not* listed at normal market prices — they are listed substantially *below* current market values. Second, there is no way a seller will accept an offer at the list price. Listing low trying to create an auction-like atmosphere, they assume buyers

will be attracted to the low price and send in multiple offers, driving the prices up.

My opinion? Use fake listing prices and you end up with bogus sale-to-list ratios, which, in the current market here in the Bay Area, mean absolutely nothing.

It's a case of seller beware: not every number is what it's claimed to be.

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.

## RECENT HOME SALES

### Castro Valley

20194 Butterfield Drive	94546: \$821,000 3 BD - 1,400 SF - 1958
2505 Miramar Avenue #131	94546: \$475,000 2 BD - 918 SF - 1988
4273 Veronica Avenue	94546: \$625,000 3 BD - 1,106 SF - 1952
17651 Chateau Court	94552: \$930,000 N/A BD - 2,843 SF - 1981
6545 Crestwood Drive	94552: \$1,155,000 4 BD - 2,539 SF - 1994
5686 Shadow Ridge Drive	94552: \$1,000,000 4 BD - 1,891 SF - 1973
<b>TOTAL SALES:</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>LOWEST AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$475,000</b>
<b>HIGHEST AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$1,155,000</b>
<b>MEDIAN AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$875,500</b>
<b>AVERAGE AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$776,333</b>

### San Leandro

1726 Benedict Drive	94577: \$700,000 3 BD - 1,702 SF - 1955
176 Bristol Boulevard	94577: \$450,000 2 BD - 1,325 SF - 1943
14059 Doolittle Drive	94577: \$372,000 2 BD - 1,312 SF - 1974
2336 Driftwood Way	94577: \$670,000 3 BD - 1,196 SF - 1963
13921 Tahiti Road	94577: \$590,000 3 BD - 1,128 SF - 1961
669 Tudor Court	94577: \$580,000 3 BD - 1,116 SF - 1948
2275 West Avenue 133rd	94577: \$572,000 3 BD - 1,296 SF - 2004
3932 Carmel Way	94578: \$631,000 3 BD - 1,076 SF - 1954
953 Grace Street	94578: \$575,000 3 BD - 1,340 SF - 1947
1653 Graham Way	94578: \$650,000 3 BD - 1,567 SF - 1950
14985 Patton Avenue	94578: \$736,000 4 BD - 1,423 SF - 1945
<b>TOTAL SALES:</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>LOWEST AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$372,000</b>
<b>HIGHEST AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$736,000</b>
<b>MEDIAN AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$590,000</b>
<b>AVERAGE AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$593,273</b>

### San Lorenzo

15920 St. Johns Drive	94580: \$691,000 3 BD - 1,160 SF - 1954
17285 Via Del Rey	94580: \$640,000 3 BD - 1,031 SF - 1951
16142 Via Lupine	94580: \$721,000 3 BD - 1,050 SF - 1951
16096 Via Paro	94580: \$620,000 4 BD - 1,222 SF - 1944
174 Via Viento	94580: \$792,000 3 BD - 1,711 SF - 1951
1274 Via Vista	94580: \$680,000 3 BD - 1,620 SF - 1951
<b>TOTAL SALES:</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>LOWEST AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$620,000</b>
<b>HIGHEST AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$792,000</b>
<b>MEDIAN AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$685,500</b>
<b>AVERAGE AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$690,667</b>

## OPEN HOMES

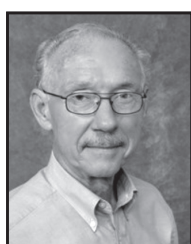
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S	2-4:30	2-4:30	387 Marlow Dr.	\$849,000	3/2	Marvin Gardens RE	Greg Novak	510-472-4770
C	1-4	1-4	5628 Cold Water Dr.	\$899,000	3/2	J. Rockcliff RE	Lisa Ferraris	510-304-1271
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**MOREAU SENIORS SIGN LETTERS OF INTENT:** Four more athletes at Moreau Catholic are moving on in their respective sports after signing collegiate Letters of Intent to play at the university level. From left, Hayden Moses will be kicking for the Lewis and Clark football team, Garret Kaleo Lee will be playing water polo for Cal Lutheran, Tommy Slakey will join the Cal State Fullerton Titans' pole vaulting team, and Breanna Herrera will be running on the cross country team for Dominican University.

## Mimran Listed Best Doctor

Castro Valley Neurosurgeon Dr. Ronnie Mimran of Pacific Brain & Spine Medical Group, joined San Francisco Magazine's 2018 list of the Bay Area's best doctors for the fourth consecutive year.

The annual list is based on nominations from licensed MDs, hospital executives and members of county medical societies.

Dr. Mimran focuses on surgical and non-surgical treatments of the brain and spine, with particular emphasis on minimally invasive techniques to treat conditions of the spine.

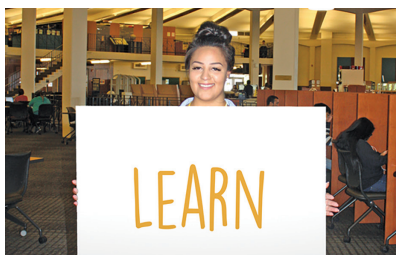
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## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

### ZMATA Soul Fighters Taryn and Tyson Pak

This week's Athletes of the Week are, siblings, Taryn and Tyson Pak of Castro Valley's Z Martial Arts Training Academy (ZMATA). These two Soul Fighters both stepped onto the mats, along with their teammates, at the BJJ Tour 11th Annual American Cup held at Independence High School in San Jose on Saturday, April 28.

The dynamic duo, Jiu-Jitsu practitioners, both had very challenging matches at the American Cup. Taryn, the only girl in her division, was able to submit all of her opponents, as she battled her way to the top of the podium and a gold medal.

Her younger brother, Tyson, also followed with three tough matches, where he displayed amazing Jiu-Jitsu techniques that brought him home a gold medal.



Siblings, Taryn and Tyson Pak of Castro Valley's Z Martial Arts Training Academy (ZMATA).

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Vannoy Elementary third grader Hans Geisler III, at bat for the Phillies, adds runs to seal the win over the A's in the Spring League of the Castro Valley Independent Sports League on Monday, April 30, at Marshall Elementary School's Field 3.

## MAC: Board

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parking spaces planned.

The MAC emphasized that there was no religious motive behind their questioning of the plan, simply land use questions.

Several of Amma's adherents and M.A. Center workers and volunteers showed up at Monday night's MAC meeting to lend their support to the expansion, but the MAC said a lot of work on the permit proposal still needs to be done.

MAC Chair Marc Crawford said there was no plan for grading the construction.

"To be honest with you, this seems really incomplete," said Crawford of the application.

MAC member Linda Tangren said "no one is questioning your ministry" but wanted more information on the project's environmental impact.

MAC member Chuck Moore said he'd treat the M.A. Center the same as any applicant but wants to make sure that the construction "fits in the vision of agricultural properties." And so they sent the project back to the applicants for further tweaking.

Also at Monday night's MAC meeting, the council approved a martial arts school for 3300 East Castro Valley Boulevard and the demolition and subsequent rebuilding of a home at 16851 Cull Canyon Road.

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The 2nd Annual Eden Area Ag Day was held May 3 at the Rowell Ranch in Castro Valley.

## 'Ag Day' Educates Students on A Number of Agricultural Jobs

**I**N A REGION known for its sprawling metropolis and thriving tech industry, there's another job sector that has withstood the test of time: the agriculture industry.

Students across mid-Alameda County had a chance to learn about a number of agriculture jobs and experience it firsthand this month at the second annual Eden Area Ag Day.

More than 1,100 third grade students from Castro Valley, San

Lorenzo and Hayward schools attended the one-day event, hosted by the Hayward Area Recreation District at Rowell Ranch.

The day included hands-on, interactive demonstrations and showcased local urban and rural farmers, ranchers and agriculture-related groups.

Students learned about Alameda County's agricultural history, as well as shown a variety of career pathways in agriculture and how it relates to science, technol-

ogy, engineering and math fields.

More than 30 exhibitors participated in this year's event, including beekeepers groups, 4-H clubs, the County Fish and Game Commission and Mosquito Abatement District.

Bay Cities Produce, Inc. and Mike's Feed & Pets sponsored this year's Eden Area Ag Day event. Other sponsors included Frank Mellon, the Rotary Club of Castro Valley, Cogarden and the Alameda County Farm Bureau.

## Estate: Get a Feel for How they Operate

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You may also want to ask them about visiting their next sale to get a better feel for how they operate. And be sure to get a list of references of their past clients and call them.

### • Schedule appointments:

Set up two or three face-to-face interviews with the companies you felt provided you with satisfactory answers during the phone interviews.

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You also need to ask about their pricing (how do they research prices and is every item priced), how they track what items sell for, what credit cards do they accept, and how and where will they promote and market your sale.

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Additionally, ask how many days will it take them to set up for the sale, how long will the sale last, and will they take care of getting any necessary permits for the sale.

You also need to find out how

and when you will be paid, and what types of services they provide when the sale is over. Will they clean up the house and dispose of the unsold items, and is there's an extra charge for that?

Also, make sure you get a copy of their contract and review it carefully before you sign it.

For more information on choosing an estate sale company, see National Estate Sales Association online guide at NESA-USA.com, and click on "Consumer Education" then on "Find the Right Company."

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

## Reports: Attempted Robbery; Too Drunk

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about a customer who had been banned from the business that had returned. The man was handcuffed and taken into custody.

### Attempted Robbery

Thursday, May 10: at 1:17 p.m., deputies arrested a 29-year-old man with no permanent address on suspicion of attempted robbery, violating the terms of his parole, and resisting arrest. The man was stopped as a suspect at the intersection of Center Street and the Boulevard following a report of an attempted robbery at a nearby business. Deputies handcuffed the man and took him into custody.

### Stolen Phone Accessories

Wednesday, May 9: at 7:44 p.m., a 44-year-old woman from San Leandro was arrested on suspicion of possession of stolen property. Deputies were called to a business on the Boulevard near Lake Chabot Road after a cell phone store manager reported a person leaving with phone accessories. The woman fitting the description was stopped for questioning across

the street in front of a fast food restaurant with the merchandise sticking out of her handbag. Deputies took the woman into custody.

### Botched Theft

Tuesday, May 8: at 4:31 p.m., deputies arrested a 33-year-old woman from Gustine (Merced County) on suspicion of attempted theft from a business on the Boulevard in the 580 Market Place shopping center. The woman was detained by store security and turned over to deputies who took her into custody.

### Too Drunk to Find Bathroom

Tuesday, May 8: at 2:07 a.m., a 41-year-old man from La Mesa (San Diego County) was arrested on suspicion of public intoxication and urinating in public. Deputies

stopped the man after spotting him ducking behind some cars on Park Way near Congress Way. The man turned out to be urinating and very intoxicated. Deputies took the man to a sobering center.

### Suspicious Person with Drugs

Tuesday, May 8: at 1:26 a.m., deputies arrested a 33-year-old man with no permanent address on suspicion of possession of methamphetamine drugs. The man was spotted sleeping in a car on East Castro Valley Boulevard near Center Street. A report of a suspicious vehicle in the area sent deputies to investigate. The man emptied his pockets during questioning and revealed that he had a stash of drugs in his pocket. Deputies took the man into custody.

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## Richard S. Rounke

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Richard S. Rounke, 73 was unexpectedly called home to the Lord on Sunday May 6th while hiking with his son.

Born in England to Nobert and Helen Rounke; the family moved to Michigan following the end of WWII. Richard was the oldest of 4 sons. He attended Bentley High School in Livonia. Richard enlisted in the U.S Navy in January 1963 and served 6 years in the Submarine Service.

He was Discharged on Treasure Island in 1969 and settled in Oakland where he worked for the General Electric Company, Electro-Test Inc. and the Bay Area Rapid Transit District; the latter for 25 years. He retired from BART in 2010.

Invited to Shiloh Church in October 1975, Richard's life was forever changed when he began his relationship with Jesus. He met his wife Rita Babbes of Fremont on a blind date, and they moved to Castro Valley in 1990. Richard loved to spend time in his garden, traveling the world and spreading the gospel. He was a volunteer Chaplain at Eden Hospital, a dynamite breakfast cook, and an ace hockey goalie. Before passing, Richard listed his life highlights as coming to faith, marrying Rita, the birth and subsequent marriages of his three children and later being "Papou" to his Grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Rita of 38 years, his children, Rebecca (Matthew), Rachel (Mark) and David (Megan), 5 Grandchildren, his dog, Penny, his brothers, Tim, Rod, and Alan, and their families.

Friends and family are invited to attend the visitation on Wednesday, May 16 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Jess C. Spencer Mortuary, 21228 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. The funeral service will be held on Thursday, May 17 at 10 a.m. at the 3 Cross Church in Castro Valley. Burial to follow at Lone Tree Cemetery in Hayward.

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# LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR  
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### Looking Forward to the Rowell Ranch Rodeo

Editor:

I'm writing in support of the Rowell Ranch Rodeo.

Our family has been attending the RRR since the mid-70's. We look forward to rodeo time every year.

My Mother was from a Rodeo family and was taught at an early age to respect and care for the rodeo animals, as well as respecting fair play, hard work and brave competitors. She taught her children the same principles.

We are teaching our children the same, and my niece is an experienced rider, competing in gymkhanas regularly.

Our family has understood for generations that the care of animals is of the utmost importance, as well as keeping the rodeo participants safe, while providing a way to give back to the community.

The Rowell Ranch Rodeo is a vital part of our community's rich history, and it's run by an all volunteer group as a nonprofit organization.

Anyone who is of the opinion that animals are being harmed during the rodeo is mistaken and I would encourage you to attend the RRR on May 19, 20.

Be sure to come early to enjoy the cowboy experience in the arena before the rodeo to experience and learn about rodeo firsthand.

There are many other fun activities to enjoy that are associated with the RRR, such as the annual chili cook-off, rodeo parade and Pro / Celebrity Team Sorting and BBQ.

Take a look at [rowellranchrodeo.com](http://rowellranchrodeo.com) for more information and be sure to stop by Rowell's Saddlery and Western Wear. They've been outfitting "cow folk" since 1941.

—Julie A. Booher, Castro Valley

### Accuses Rodeo Cowboys of Bullying HARD Staff

Editor:

The Rowell Ranch Association rodeo is coming up and once again it will include Wild Cow Milking and Mutton Busting, cruel events that are neither traditional rodeo nor PRCA required events, and should be banned.

For many years animal advocates have attempted to convince the HARD Board to update their rodeo animal welfare policy, to reflect the best practices available, ones recommended by unbiased vets, humane societies, and other animal experts. HARD's rodeo animal welfare policy is sorely outdated.

Unfortunately, the rodeo cowboys don't believe in compromise and refuse to let modern science, reason and common sense get in their way. Worse yet, I've noted many instances where they have lied and bullied the HARD board and staff, and made numerous nonsensical comments, showing their disregard for animal welfare.

Still, the last straw for me took place on March 1st during a special board meeting, when the cowboys' attorney intimated that if the board banned these events, they would consider suing the District.

What disturbs me is their audacity in making such a threat, considering how tremendously supportive HARD has been to the rodeo cowboys:

HARD purchased the facility for them, despite its limited value to the District (limited amenities, remote location);

HARD doesn't charge the Association for use of the facility for their two rodeos;

HARD has waived fees for their other rodeo-related events;

HARD allows hard liquor to be sold on the Rodeo grounds, but nowhere else in the District; and

HARD provides free labor and materials for the rodeos and grounds, costing the District about \$20k a year. No other organization in the District receives this level of support from HARD.

Considering rodeo's small audience, the fact that many attendees and rodeo performers are from out of the District, and the headaches this contracted event gives the District, I think HARD and the taxpayers have been extremely generous and patient with the cowboys, and they certainly don't deserve to be threatened with a lawsuit because HARD might choose to modernize their animal welfare policy, reducing just a tad, the level of cruelty that takes place on its own property.

—Minane Jameson, Board Member  
Hayward Area Recreation District

### Calls for 'House-Cleaning' in Sacramento

Editor:

Three big, loud, and continuing cheers for Mary Fells letter ("Wants to Replace 'Failing Policies of the Present Partisanship of California'," *Letters*, May 9)!

For many months I have been asking the same as Ms. Fells, only I head my message with, "It is time to CLEAN HOUSE!" I have posted this plea on Facebook and other sites.

Both the Congress in Washington and Legislature in Sacramento have persons in office that should be removed. They have been there way too long!

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**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Lots of possibilities begin to open up by midweek. Some seem more appealing than others. But wait for more facts to emerge later on before you consider which to choose.



**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Bravo to the determined Bovine. While others might give up, you continue to search for answers. Expect your Taurean tenacity to begin paying off by week's end.



**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** You might want to consider stepping back from the task at hand for a while. This could help you get a better perspective on what you've done and what still needs to be done.



**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Your keen Cancerian insight should help you determine whether a new offer is solid or just more fluff 'n' stuff. The clues are all there waiting for you to find them.



**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Being ignored is difficult for any proud Leo or Leona. But pushing yourself back into the spotlight might be unwise. Instead, let things work themselves out at their own pace.



**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Trying to uncover a colleague's secret under the pretext of showing concern is ill-advised. Control your curiosity to avoid raising resentment in the workplace.



**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Expect to hear good news about a loved one. Also, be prepared for some changes in several family relationships that could develop from this lucky turn of events.



**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Some surprises are expected to accompany a number of changes that will continue through part of next week. At least one could involve a romantic situation.



**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** You might be upset by some of your critics. But most of your associates continue to have faith in your ability to get the job done, and done well.



**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** A workplace goal that suddenly seems out of reach is no problem for the sure-footed Goat, who moves steadily forward despite any obstacles placed in his or her way.



**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Uncertainty about who is right and who isn't might keep you from making a clear-cut decision. Wait until you know more about what you're being asked to decide.



**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Be careful to keep your emotions in check when dealing with a demanding personal situation. You need to set an example of strength for others to follow.

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I, and many others I have talk with, feel that our elected officials no longer really listen to the voters. I asked each and every voter, regardless of party, to study the issues and those that want to represent us all. Do your homework! Make up your own mind.

There is an old saying, "Do unto others as you wish them to do unto you!" I am far from a liberal and hard-headed conservative. Some of those that supposedly represent us listen and receive gifts from those that want their agendas filled for their own profit.

Californians have long been paying taxes upon taxes that have *not* gone to what our legislators promised these taxes would be used for.

It is time that we *clean house* and elect those that will obey the law on what these taxes are to be used for.

One of the largest loans was from our Social Security. It has never been repaid! One project that is costing us taxpayers billions is the bullet train project. How many millions of dollars have gone into this dumb idea? Ms. Fells, thank you once again!

—Richard "Dick" Purdee, Castro Valley

## Says Japanese Internment was 'Right Thing to Do' in Light of Facts at the Time

Editor:

I take extreme umbrage at Mr. Oda's ("Says Critic of Japanese Internment Article Got it Wrong," Letters, April 11) attempt to put words in my mouth or know my feelings when all I have ever done was present facts that were in conflict with his narrative.

I, in no way, claimed internment was deserved, but in light of the facts at the time it was the right thing to do.

Mr. Oda's claim that all 120,000 internees were American citizens is absolutely untrue; 62% or approximately 80,000 were in fact citizens simply due to the fact they were second or third generation Japanese children and granted citizenship because they were born in the US.

There were *no* first generation Japanese naturalized American citizens. Mr. Oda's claim the internment was based on race is also false, Japanese is a nationality, Asian is a race. Why were Chinese, Koreans, and other nationalities not affected if it was race based?

Mr. Oda's claim internment was a way of stealing agricultural land is ludicrous. In the hour of our nations greatest peril I am sure Mr. Roosevelt and his staff had far greater problems to face than a

land grab. While profit may have resulted from the internment, it was not the reason for it.

The knowledge of the Nihau Incident is what prompted me to make my original comment about the disingenuous content of the original article.

Facts are facts. If people are truly interested in the truth it is there to be found.

The bottom line, the internment of Japanese and their American born offspring took place for one simple reason: The United States was suddenly and deliberately attacked by the Japanese Empire.

—Lawrence Reindl, Castro Valley

## Rodeo Ranch Parade an Example of Rotary of CV 'Making a Difference'

Editor:

The Rotary Club of Castro Valley is committed to Castro Valley. The Club adapted the Rotary International theme, *Rotary: Making a Difference*, by adding *Making a Difference Starts in Castro Valley*.

We actively choose to engage our community and support community programs.

Saturday's 36th Annual Rowell Ranch Rodeo Parade is one example of the Rotary Club of Castro Valley Making a Difference. Through our fundraising and donations throughout the year along with the volunteer hours of members, friends, community partners, and sponsors, the Club underwrites the cost of the parade. We are pleased to bring this great community and family event to Castro Valley.

The Club also invests in the future by supporting InterAct service clubs at Castro Valley High School and Redwood Christian High School, in addition to sponsoring six student leaders to attend Rotary District 5170's Camp RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) each summer.

As Rotarians, we consider it a privilege to enhance the lives of the Castro Valley community in addition to training those who will lead in the future.

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Rodeo Parade and had a great time.

—Jim Negri, Pres., Rotary Club of Castro Valley

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## OPINION

# Count Me In: Keeping Music in Our Schools

By Amy Ramos

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

My memory of music lessons in Elementary school still stands out in my mind. I was terrible, but Mr. Krug kept trying.

He was a nice man and we all felt like we were making progress even though deep down I knew it wasn't in my skill set. The act of trying was what was important.

Music has disappeared from schools between now and then. There are several programs that have come in to close the gap and I would like to highlight one here.

As I sit across from Liz Baker I can't help but think we need more of her. Her warm smile just assists her stories and I find myself just wanting to hang out with her.

Liz, a retired Grandma, does Music for Minors II at Chabot Elementary. She teaches classes 3 days a week. Grammie Liz—that's what everyone calls her—teaches approximately 150 students currently and has been doing so for 9 years.

As she talked about her experience with the kids her face lights up which in turn makes me smile with her.

She explained to me that anyone can teach these classes, even those without music experience. The class times are flexible and there are lesson plans you can use.

Next, I had dinner with Cynthia Hocking. Cynthia is a retired Grandma as well. I have a personal connection already with Cynthia and am aware she teaches at Stanton Elementary two times a week. She wheels her cart with materials by while wearing her sun hat with a huge smile on her face.

I, like the kids, love seeing her on campus. She speaks of how rewarding it is to teach these classes and how everyone has a good time. Her descriptions of the faces of the children as they have hands-on lessons is priceless.

Grammie Liz and Cynthia both mention that the program needs more volunteers. It is flexible and you can learn all you need to know in the free classes they offer. If interested, please reach out to your local school and let them know. Also, you can sign up and take the classes. Please call Music for Minors II at 510-733-1189, visit [www.musicforminors2.org](http://www.musicforminors2.org), or email them at [info@musicforminors2.org](mailto:info@musicforminors2.org)

If you're lucky enough to be taught a Beatles song by Grammie Liz or fortunate enough to sing with Cynthia then you know how awesome these two are. Please consider joining them.

Amy Ramos is a resident of Castro Valley, Co-Vice President of Stanton Parent Club and a School District parent. You can contact her at [adramos@mac.com](mailto:adramos@mac.com)

# Rates: How It'll be Used

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So, the average East Bay household that paid about \$30 per month five years ago will be paying more than \$50 this year while using less water (use has dropped from 195 million gallons in 2007 to 125 million gallons in 2016).

EBMUD says its costs don't change just because water use goes down, so the rate hike is necessary to maintain the infrastructure.

Besides the replacement of a section of decades old pipeline on Castro Valley Boulevard (see story on page one) there will soon be upgrades to some important pumping plants, including a \$1.8 million rehabilitation of mechanical and electrical equipment at the Fire Trail pumping plant in Castro Valley and the Bayfair pumping plant in San Leandro.

The district also plans on spending \$5 million to replace the control system at the Upper San Leandro Water Treatment plants.

And EBMUD will also soon spend \$80,000 to perform a customer opinion survey to analyze customers feedback on water and wastewater services.

EBMUD is also part of the "Haywired Scenario" which the United States Geological Survey (USGS) put out to demonstrate what could happen if a 7.0 magnitude earthquake hit the Hayward fault.

The USGS predicted an Oakland epicenter quake would lead to 800 deaths, 16,000 injuries, and about \$120 billion in quake and fire damages.

EBMUD is trying to mitigate some of that potential damage with their seismic upgrades.

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Voters may also complete the online Vote-by-Mail application at [www.acvote.org/vbm](http://www.acvote.org/vbm). All Vote by Mail ballot requests must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29.

Only the registered voter himself or herself may apply for a Vote by Mail ballot. An application for a Vote-by-Mail ballot that is made by any person other than the registered voter is a criminal offense.

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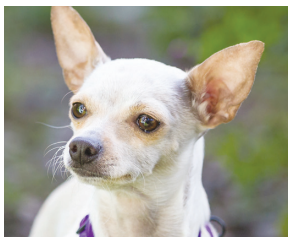
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## Mr. CV: Coveted Title Goes to Peter Mania

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Individual performances included several rap performances, a runway model show, a pie-eating contest, a singing trio, and a dramatic monologue.

Contestants were nominated by members of the CVHS Spirit Squad based on the boy's exemplary representation of the school's values of respect, integrity, responsibility, and school spirit. Proceeds from the 18th annual event will support CVHS Spirit Squad Cheer and Dance teams.

Judging this year's competition were four Castro Valley success stories including local youth pastor, Paul Bagai; fitness guru Mariabel LaLanne; Proctor Elementary teacher, Christopher Silzle; and former CVHS graduate, Kimberly Wilhite.

Five final contestants were asked random questions by the judges such as "What would you do with one million dollars?" and "What would other people say is your best attribute?"

This year's coveted title of "Mr. CV 2018" went to Peter Mania, who performed a comedy sketch with fellow senior Chris Kusumonegoro under the moniker of the "Avo-Ca-Dudes."

Mania, who also serves as Senior Class President, shared with the crowd that he was humbled by his nomination, that all 18 contestants were deserving of the award,



PHOTO BY ALEX TANG

The winners (shown from left) Chris Kusumonegoro ("First Runner-up"), Peter Mania ("Mr. Castro Valley 2018"), Carter Stambaugh ("People's Choice") and Cameron Brown ("Mr. Congeniality").

and that his school leadership position helped him overcome his shyness.

Other winners from the contest included Chris Kusumonegoro as 1st Runner up, Carter Stambaugh as the People's Choice winner, and Cameron Brown as the winner of Mr. Congeniality, an award given by the event parents for his enthusiasm and support of his fellow contestants during the week of rehearsals.

Emcees Shaelly Adams and Matt Betti kept the crowd entertained with their fast-paced jokes, card tricks, and entertaining lip-synch battle. Both hosts even managed to insert themselves into various competitor's acts.

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