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U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and longtime Castro Valley resident John Zabratski will celebrate his 105th birthday next Wednesday.

Castro Valley WWII U.S. Navy Vet to Celebrate 105th Birthday

John Zabratski was born on May 20, 1915 in a coal mining town in Western Pennsylvania where his parents had migrated from Poland.

John's father was a coal miner who was killed by a mine cave-in when John, his three brothers and three sisters were young.

His mother, in spite of the hardship, insisted that the children graduate from high school.

Life in the '20s and '30s was not the greatest. Homes resembled farm houses with no indoor plumbing, and the outhouse was

across a snow-covered back yard.

John grew up helping to plant the garden, repair the chicken hutch and barn and other chores, doing his school studies and playing on the football team.

After graduating from high school in 1934, John and one of his his brothers thought they might make some money by joining the Army Reserves, a common adventure during the Great Depression years.

At the registration office there was a double line. John was on the left, his brother on the right. The

officer at the head of the line assigned the left to the United States Navy, right side to the Army.

Off went John for what turned out to be a 20-year career in the navy. From mine sweeper duty to submarine duty, to an aircraft carrier on the USS Essex under attacks by kamikazes in the Pacific theater.

John retired from the Navy after World War II in March of 1955. Soon after retirement, he and his wife Mary took up residence in Castro Valley, where John and his son Bill continue to reside.

Pandemic Shuts Down This Year's Fair

The Alameda County Fair, the largest annual event in the county, was canceled on Thursday for the first time in its 108-year history because of the ongoing public health crisis.

The fair, scheduled to begin an 18-day run at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton on June 19, typically attracts around half a million people who come to enjoy the carnival rides, food, competitive exhibits, and nightly concerts and fireworks.

"The Alameda County Agricultural Fair Association has actively

been following state and county officials in an effort to comply with public health mandates," stated Fair CEO Jerome Hoban. "The health and safety of guests, staff, and partners continues to be our number one priority, our team is updating protocols and guidelines so that when allowed, we can safely welcome the community back to the venue."

Such mass gatherings as fairs will be one of the last things allowed under California's "Roadmap to Recovery" plans.

"As much as we love putting

on the Fair and bringing the community together, it is clear that it is best to postpone Fair this year, we will celebrate together again in 2021," stated Board President Gordon Galvan.

Although the Fair is canceled, officials continue to work on making live horse racing, contests and the Jr. livestock auction available this summer, while following mandates set by the state and county. The Fair Association is also exploring the idea of hosting a community celebration in October if conditions allow.

MAC IS BACK

MAC Approves Fence, Cell Tower Via Video Meeting

By Amy Sylvestri
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

The Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) held their first meeting in over two months via video chat. And although MAC members, county officials, and public speakers were all checking in from home and there were a few technical glitches, it was largely business as usual.

At the land-use meeting, the MAC kicked things off by approving an application from a homeowner for a variance to allow a six-foot fence at 18701 Walnut Road.

A public speaker expressed concerns that the fencing would cause a blind spot for drivers at the intersections which could lead to car collisions. So the MAC decided to make the homeowner use a setback of at least three feet from the property line for their fence and instructed them to develop a landscape plan and to continue working with the County Planning

Department as the project moves forward.

The MAC also unanimously approved an application to construct a cell phone tower on a parcel located on Sunnyslope Avenue, north of I-580.

And the MAC heard an information-only item regarding a proposal for a residential project at 20876 Wilbeam Ave., which is located in the core pedestrian retail area in the Castro Valley General Plan.

The MAC acknowledged that more housing is necessary, but was wary of any proposal that would take away retail space in such a central location

"I think it's a slippery slope," said MAC Member Chuck Moore.

MAC Member Sheila Cunha agreed.

"I don't want to give up retail," said Cunha. "We need housing, I know we need housing, but I would not be favorable to amending the general plan to do so."

New Guidelines for Business

Governor Gavin Newsom unveiled new guidelines yesterday for shopping centers, dine-in restaurants and other businesses to start reopening with modifications.

Offices where teleworking isn't possible can also reopen, as can malls and strip malls for curbside pickup.

But the governor noted that some counties (like Alameda and others in the Bay Area) are choosing to be more restrictive than the more relaxed state guidelines.

At his press briefing yesterday, Newsom said the state has now conducted more than a million tests for the coronavirus, at a rate of more than 35,000 a day. He said pharmacies across California have the ability to administer tests, although not all would choose to do them.

Meantime, Alameda County is launching four new testing sites this week. Two of the sites are

the Reach Youth Center at 16335 East 14th St. in the Ashland area, and the Alameda County building at 224 West Winton Ave. in Hayward. Appointments can be made online at lhi.care/covidtesting. Both testing sites will offer walk-up testing by appointment only.

The other new testing sites are the Roots Community Health Center at 9925 International Blvd. (rootsclinic.org/covid-19-testing) and Allen Temple Baptist Church (projectbaseline.com/study/covid-19)

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Deaths = 2,789

as of May 12, 2020

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Residents can practice reuse by shopping at local thrift stores or hosting reuse events. For more ideas, visit cvsan.org/reuse!

Check out CVSan's 2020 Calendar for more tips on cultivating a sustainable home at cvsan.org/car.



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Warm, Dry Weather Brings Out The Rattlesnakes to Local Parks

With this year's early spring, Regional Park District officials say their staff and park visitors have observed the re-emergence of snakes – most notably rattlesnakes – along the park's trails.

When the weather gets warm, snakes come out to explore their environment, which can lead to more encounters with humans and dogs. So district officials are advising the public to take these precautions when visiting the parks:

- Avoid hiking alone so you have help in case of emergency, but hike only with members of your immediate household during the current health crisis;
- Scan the ground ahead of you as you walk, jog, or ride. Stay on trails and avoid walking in tall grass.

- Look carefully around and under logs and rocks before sitting down. Avoid placing your hands or feet where you cannot see clearly. Keep leashed pets on designated trails and away from snakes if they see one. All dogs should be on-leash at all times.

- Bring plenty of water for yourself and your pets as drinking fountains are temporarily closed. Many parks do not have a direct water supply.

If you see a rattlesnake: Leave it alone. Do not try to capture or harm it. All park wildlife is protected by law. If you see a snake on a trail, wait for it to cross and



Rattlesnake are re-emerging in the East Bay Regional Parks because of the current summer-like weather.

do not approach. Then move carefully and slowly away.

If Bitten by a Snake: Stay calm and send someone to call 911. Remain calm by lying down with the affected limb lower than the heart. Getting medical attention quickly is critical - do not spend time on tourniquets, "sucking," or snake bite kits. If you are by yourself, walk calmly to the nearest source of help to dial 911. Do not run.

If bitten by any other kind of

snake, wash the wound with soap and water or an antiseptic and seek medical attention.

Snakes are an important resource in the natural environment. They help to control rodents, insects, and other reptile populations. Enjoy them from afar and leave them where they are found.

Additional information is available at ebparks.org/SnakeSafety or download a PDF version of our Common Snakes brochure.

CVSan Certifies 'Green Ribbon Schools'

Sixteen schools were certified as "Green Ribbon Schools" for the 2019-20 school year by the Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) Board of Directors at their May 5th meeting.

The district launched the Green Ribbon Program in 2007 to guide schools towards sustainable waste reduction. This year, schools were required to complete a minimum

of 44 activities, such as providing recycling and organics containers in all classrooms. All schools had to achieve a minimum 80% diversion rate.

The cash awards ranged from \$1,100 to over \$3,000 based on a \$1,000 flat rate plus add-ons for school size. Extra credit was awarded for additional activities completed and excellence in di-

version. In addition, 13 schools received a combined total of \$5,006.10 in donations this school year from CVSan to promote recycling and food scrap recycling on campus. The donations were funded by various grants.

All the schools were located within the boundaries of the Castro Valley School District and/or the Castro Valley Sanitary District.

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to the Castro Valley Forum, San Leandro Times and Castro Valley residents for their support of our organization, which is dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls in our community.

Your support of our fundraising activities, particularly our local garage sales, has allowed us to fund several community projects, which include:

- Ruby's Place • Grateful Garments • Davis Street
- Hayward Downtown Street • Girl's Empowerment Program
- The Alameda County Community Food Bank

We are proud to belong to a community that encourages hope, provides support, and responds with strength and resolve during these very challenging times.

We will come out of this pandemic stronger and more unified than ever!

Look for our upcoming fundraisers in the Community Calendar section of the Forum. For membership inquiries: 510.593.7377



Curve Flattening? Numbers Not Shrinking in All Groups

By Michael Singer
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

It's been nearly 60 days since Bay Area residents have been asked to shelter-in-place to curtail the spread of the novel coronavirus and avoid overwhelming hospitals with COVID-19 patients.

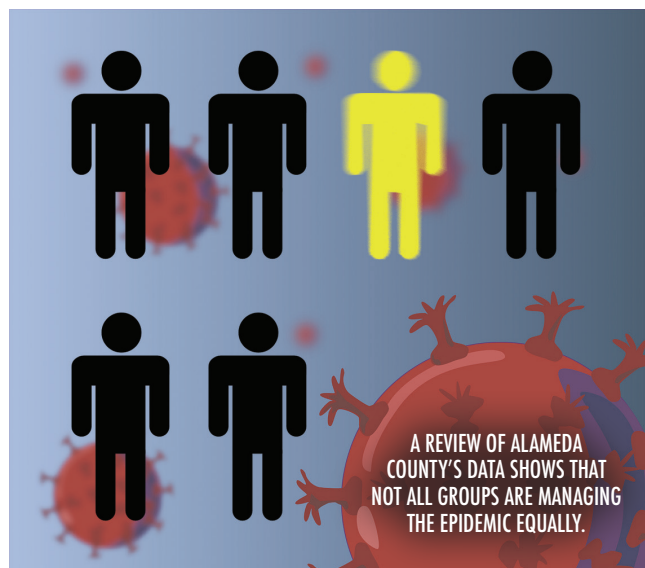
And while public health officials are optimistic about the progress being made to "flatten the curve," Alameda County Public Health Department officials joined five other counties last week to extend that order until Monday, May 18.

Some of those communities are impacted differently by the coronavirus. A review of Alameda County's data shows that not all groups are managing the epidemic equally.

As of May 11, Alameda County and Berkeley registered 2,101 cases of infection (up from 1,776 at this time last week) and identified 71 deaths (up from 63) associated with COVID-19. That's a 5 percent decrease in both statistics from a week ago.

But the numbers are not shrinking for all groups.

Reported COVID-19 cases for Latinx groups are higher than any other race or ethnicity in Alameda



County - 756. That's more than three times the number of total cases currently reported within the African American community (214).

Additionally, African Americans with COVID-19 are dying at a higher rate (8.1 percent) than any other demographic.

"Latinx and African American communities in our county have higher rates of chronic disease and may be more likely to live in conditions that make it difficult

to maintain physical distancing or sheltering in place."

Alameda County Public Health Department spokesperson Neetu Balram told the Castro Valley Forum, "We have known for some time that COVID-19 is widespread and we expect that with the increasing availability of testing, we will see increases in the number of infections not only among this population, but across the county."

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SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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Traffic Stop Ends in Three Arrests

Sunday, May 10: at 10:46 a.m., Sheriff's Deputies arrested three men from Castro Valley after a routine traffic stop on Chester Street near Castro Valley Boulevard. The driver, a 31-year-old man, was charged with suspected driving with an invalid license, giving false identification to deputies, and carrying an illegal switchblade knife. A 33-year-old passenger was charged with giving deputies a false identification. The other passenger, a 25-year-old man was charged with possession of illegal drug paraphernalia. All three men were taken into custody.

Contempt of Court

Friday, May 8: at 9:19 p.m., a 48-year-old man with no permanent residence was arrested on suspicion of failing to report his whereabouts to the court. The man had been recently released from custody outside of CV and required to let deputies know where he was staying pending a future date in court. Deputies stopped the man for questioning outside a business on Castro Valley Boulevard near Yeandle Avenue. The man was taken into custody.

Spousal Assault

Friday, May 8: at 4:20 p.m., a 911 call about a loud and aggressive-sounding argument sent deputies to a home on North Fourth Street near Grove Way. There, deputies arrested a 28-year-old CV man on suspicion of spousal assault. The man was handcuffed and taken into custody. The victim was treated at the scene.

Family Fight

Friday, May 8: at 6:49 p.m., a 27-year-old man from Castro Valley was arrested on suspicion of assault on a family member. Deputies were called to a church on Grove Way near Redwood Road to investigate an altercation. The man was taken into custody. The victim was treated at the scene.

Burglar Tools, Illegal Drugs

Friday, May 8: at 12:34 a.m., deputies arrested a 24-year-old woman from Castro Valley on suspicion of possession of illegal narcotics, burglar tools, and property reported stolen. The woman was at an apartment complex on Center Street near Grove Way when deputies approached her and discovered her stash. Deputies took the woman into custody.

Busted for Vandalism

Wednesday, May 6: at 10:33 p.m., a 27-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of vandalism exceeding \$1,000 in damages at a storefront on Castro Valley Boulevard near San Miguel Avenue. Deputies responded to a silent alarm from the business and discovered the man still in the act. The man was taken into custody.

Drug Bust

Wednesday, May 6: at 9:47 a.m., deputies arrested a 58-year-old man with no permanent residence on suspicion of possession of illegal narcotics and related drug paraphernalia. The man was loitering in front of a store in the Castro Village Shopping area on Castro Valley Boulevard when deputies stopped him for questioning and discovered his stash. The man was taken into custody.

Gunshots Fired, Possession of Brass Knuckles

Tuesday, May 5: at 8:39 a.m., a 911 call about gunshots fired in the area sent deputies to a home on Chloe Court near Jennifer Drive. There, deputies arrested a 24-year-old man on suspicion of illegally

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Two East Bay DMV Offices Reopened Last Week

Two East Bay offices of the Department of Motor Vehicles were among 25 that reopened last week to assist customers with transactions that can only be completed in a DMV field office.

The DMV had closed all its public offices on March 27 after several employees became ill with the coronavirus.

The offices at 5300 Claremont Ave. in Oakland and at 2070 Diamond Blvd. in Concord reopened Friday on a Monday through Fri-

day, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. schedule with the exception of opening at 9 a.m. on Wednesdays.

In addition to maintaining physical distancing, employees have access to disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer, facial shields, gloves, and soap and water. The DMV is also providing hand washing stations for customers, who will be required to wear a face covering and remain 6 feet apart in line.

Behind-the-wheel driving tests continue to be suspended.

Entry into DMV buildings will be metered, and customers may experience extended wait times.

Employees in the DMV's other 170 offices will continue to provide services virtually until they reopen in coming weeks. Meantime, customers are urged to use online services to complete transactions, including driver licenses and vehicle registration renewals.

The DMV had previously extended all driver licenses that expire between March 1 and May 31,

2020. Drivers 70 years and older were sent 120-day temporary paper extensions in the mail. Drivers 69 and younger can request a free temporary paper extension online.

The Real ID enforcement deadline has been extended from Oct. 1, 2020 to Oct. 1, 2021 because social distancing measures have prevented many Americans from applying for and receiving new compliant forms of identification.

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CV Native Designs COVID-19 Infographic in Osaka Classroom

My name is Tyus Sheriff, a senior in high school at Osaka International School in Japan.

I was born and raised in Castro Valley, living there for about 9 years before moving here. I also visit every year, and, without fail, the Castro Valley Forum has been on my grandparents' doorsteps every Wednesday.

It heartens me to see that the newspaper is still running and informing the public even during these trying and unprecedented times.

I am writing this email because my class is currently working on developing potential solutions to mitigate the impact of the virus on our daily lives.

As someone who has friends, family members, and loved ones in Castro Valley, I wanted to help implement some of these solutions in my hometown.

As part of our project in addressing the coronavirus pandemic, we created an infographic in multiple



Tyus Sheriff in Osaka, Japan

languages detailing the symptoms of the coronavirus according to the CDC. We wanted to convert the CDC's list into an accessible, visually stimulating, and easy-to-follow format.

We were wondering if it would

be at all possible for you, any of your colleagues, or any media outlets with reach and circulation like the Forum to share this infographic. We believe the reliable, accurate, and comprehensive information included here would help fight against the wave of disinformation regarding coronavirus.

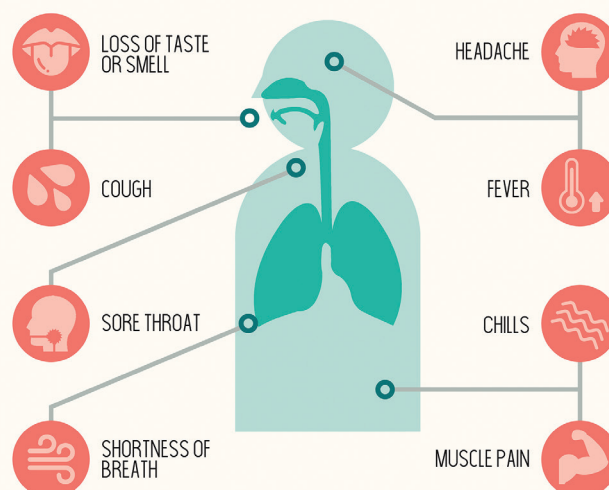
This infographic could be shared via social media (Instagram stories, Twitter, Facebook), linked to the newspaper's website, or displayed as a photograph under articles related to COVID-19. The possibilities are endless.

It would help us immensely in reaching a wider audience to help raise awareness and promote accurate information. Alternatively, if there is anything else we might be able to do as high school students to help promote reliable information, please let us know. We are constantly looking for ways to help.

—Tyus Sheriff, Grade 12
Osaka International School

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INFORMATION TAKEN FROM THE CDC



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Infographic (reduced for publication) from Castro Valley native Tyus Sheriff who is currently a student in Osaka, Japan.

TOMORROW: CV SCHOOL BOARD TO MEET VIRTUALLY

The Castro Valley Board of Education will hold an open virtual board meeting tomorrow, May 14, at 5 p.m. While the meeting will be held remotely, public participation is encouraged.

To observe the meeting by video conference, click on LINK on the agenda at the noticed meeting time. Instructions on how to join a meeting by video conference is available at: support.zoom.us/jc/en-us/articles/201362193 -Joining-a-Meeting. To listen by phone, call at the noticed meeting time 1-669-900-6833, then enter the meeting ID on the agenda, then press #. Instructions on how to join a meeting by phone are available at: support.zoom.us/jc/en-us/articles/201362663 -Joining-a-meeting-by-phone.

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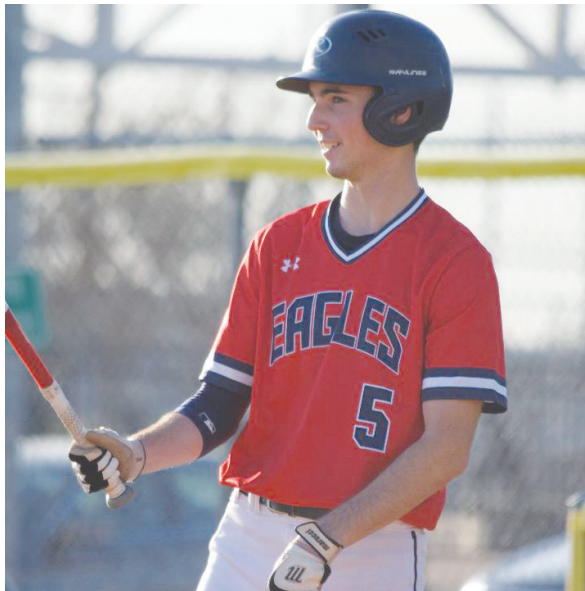
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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

RCS's Ryan Glueckert

This week's Athlete of the Week is Ryan Glueckert, a Senior at Redwood Christian High School. Ryan played three years of Varsity Boys Soccer and three years of Varsity Boys Baseball. As a soccer player, he earned Most Inspirational Honors and Most Dedicated Honors by his teammates. This year, Ryan was named as a First Team All-League defender for the BCL-EAST. In baseball, he played in-field and was off to a hot start this spring batting .500. Ryan will be attending Chabot in the Fall.



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Curve: Not Flattening for All

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"We are using these data for tailoring specific messaging and interventions to address the multifaceted needs in our most affected communities."

Older COVID patients are also more impacted in Alameda County. Those aged over 80 have the most registered cases, which coincides with outbreaks in senior care facilities in the county.

Looking at a heat map of infections per 100,000 residents, Alameda County shows the most infections are in Oakland (665) and Hayward (435). But San Leandro (110), Castro Valley (101), and Eden Area zones (136) show double-digit infection rate increases.

"Social distancing hasn't been easy, but it has slowed the increase of new cases, prevented our health systems from becoming overwhelmed, and saved lives," said Dr. Erica Pan, Health Officer for Alameda County. "I am encouraged by the data trends and happy to share the indicators we can follow together as we begin to phase in low-risk activities. However, this virus is still in our communities. Everyone needs to continue to shelter-in-place and wear a face covering when out."

While reporting infections and spread is important for targeting communities, showing any progress in recovery from COVID-19 is not as clear.

There is no guidance for reporting recovery from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the World Health Organization at this time.

Alameda County's COVID-19 portal does show a flattening of the number of all hospitalizations and a significant drop in the number of admissions to the Intensive Care Units not seen since early April.

"Recovery is not systematically recorded by healthcare providers or reported to health departments the way that new cases, hospitalizations and deaths are," Balram says. "Public health departments report cases, hospitalizations, and deaths because these are directly measured and reflect directly measured health impacts and health system impacts of COVID-19."

Still, health officers say they are guardedly optimistic and have released indicators used to measure progress in containing the virus and used in deciding how to ease even more shelter-in-place restrictions.

The indicators include testing high-risk categories such as those with underlying conditions, the capacity to investigate all COVID-19 cases and trace all of their contacts and isolating those who test positive and quarantining the people who may have been exposed.

If you would like to see the data firsthand, visit: www.acphd.org/2019-ncov.aspx



Mosquitoes Can Transmit Viruses Too

Mosquito experts throughout the state say the increased attention on public health is a timely reminder that there are many ways for residents to protect themselves from other viruses transmitted by infected mosquitoes.

While COVID-19 is not transmitted by mosquitoes, they can transmit several other diseases. West Nile virus is a mosquito-borne disease that has impacted the lives of California residents since 2003. There is no human vaccine for West Nile virus which can cause debilitating cases of meningitis, encephalitis, and even death.

"The COVID-19 pandemic is a stark reminder that we must protect ourselves from all public health threats including mosquito-transmitted diseases," said Assemblymember Bill Quirk. "Mosquito control is essential and it's critical that residents understand that we all play an important part in helping to eliminate mosquitoes from our communities."

"With many Californians at home right now under stay-at-home orders, it's a good time to check around properties and yards for mosquito sources," said Peter Bonkrude, president of the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California (MV-CAC). "Children who are home from school can help check yards and learn about the importance of dumping and draining all standing water. Checking flowerpots, buckets, and other backyard sources is an easy and very important activity."

Mosquitoes can lay their eggs in sources of water as small as a bottle cap and can complete their life cycle, from egg to adult, in about a week.

West Nile virus remains the largest mosquito-related public health threat in the state.

Eden Med Center Offers Virtual Cancer Workshop

Cancer is difficult enough in the best of circumstances, but during a pandemic, it is even more challenging. A workshop titled "Eating for Healing" will be held virtually from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 21.

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benefits. Plant-based meals are easy to create and help support the immune system.

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Read & Recycle

Reports: Grocery Theft; Arson Attempt at CVHS

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discharging a weapon, possession of brass knuckles, and resisting arrest. The man was found in his front yard when deputies arrived but became confrontational when asked about the weapons. Deputies handcuffed the man and took him into custody.

Storage Sneak Resisted Arrest
Wednesday, May 6: at 12:16 a.m., a 24-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of resisting arrest. Deputies stopped him for questioning outside a storage business on Castro Valley Boulevard near Marshall Street. The man claimed he was looking for his locker, but deputies report the man did not have permission to be on the property. The man became confrontational and resisted arrest. Deputies took him into custody.

Grand Theft Groceries
Tuesday, May 5: at 11:51 a.m., deputies arrested a 37-year-old man from Castro Valley on suspicion of shoplifting more than \$950 dollars of merchandise from a grocery store on Redwood Road near Castro Valley Boulevard. Store managers stopped the man after he left the store without paying. Deputies took the man into custody.

Arson Attempt at High School
Monday, May 4: at 7:50 p.m., a 19-year-old man from Castro Valley was arrested on suspicion of attempted arson at Castro Valley High School on Mabel Avenue. Firefighters and deputies were called to the scene after a fire alarm sounded on the campus. The man was attempting to flee but was detained by deputies. The man was handcuffed and taken into custody.

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Miyoko G. Uyemoto

Miyoko G. Uyemoto, a 46 year resident of Castro Valley, passed away peacefully at Astoria Gardens in Tracy on May 3, 2020, at the age of 97. Born on April 5, 1923 in Fresno to tenant farmers Ryokuzo and Kazuo Goto, Miyoko grew up in the Central Valley and Washington Township and graduated from Washington Union High School in 1940. She met Atsushi Uyemoto in Topaz Internment Camp, married in August 1943, and was segregated to Tule Lake Detention Center. They were married for 60 years and resided in Richmond, Berkeley, Oakland and Castro Valley. She was a member of the Berkeley Higashi Hanganji Buddhist Church, an avid Golden State Warrior fan, and enjoyed painting. Miyoko is survived by three daughters and their husbands, JoAnn and Robert Otani of Tracy, Arlene and Ken Hashimoto of Pinole, and Donna Uyemoto and Michael Yee of Castro Valley. Her four grandchildren, Robin (Paul) Thompson, Scott Otani, and Lani and Keoki Yee; four great-grandchildren, Matthew (Cara) and Sydney Thompson, Ian and Mya Yee will all miss her dearly. She leaves behind brother George Goto (Midori); sister-in-law Grace Goto (Joe); and three nieces and a nephew. A private family service will be held.



Nolan Shew

July 22, 1953 ~ May 2, 2020

It is with deep sadness that we announce the sudden passing of our beloved Father, Husband, Brother, and Friend, Nolan Shew on May 2nd, 2020 at the age of 66. Nolan was born in Oakland, CA on July 22, 1953 to parents Yuk (Janet) Fong and San Sow Shew, both who have preceded him in death. Nolan is survived by his wife Theresa, three children, Darren (Jenn), Kristen, and Dylan, his two brothers Warren Shew (Lousana), and Calvin Shew (Natalie).



Nolan graduated in 1971 from Encinal High School in Alameda, Ca. At Encinal, Nolan ran cross country and received a scholarship to Oregon State University. He chose to attend San Francisco State University instead. Nolan would go on to work for the Oakland Tribune for 31 years, retiring in 2018.

In 1981 Nolan met the love of his life, Theresa Duran. Their first date was getting Dim Sum in Oakland Chinatown, and they married in November of 1984. They started their life together in Oakland before moving to Castro Valley to raise their children. Nolan had a great love for his family. Their home is where they often welcomed family and friends for memorable celebrations and holidays. Christmas Eve was always special.

Nolan's love for travel took him to Europe, Asia, and around the US, a trait of which he passed on to his children. He had a passion for animals, and especially loved his Pug Kenny, but also enjoyed caring for his reptiles, fish, and any other stray animal he came across. Nolan enjoyed watching the old movies, especially on Turner Classic Movies, and finding good deals at the flea market. Nolan was a huge bay area sports fan and loved his fantasy football, always trying to win the season and get a few dollars.

Nolan was a dedicated and hardworking father/husband who provided for his family. He loved his children with all his heart. His bark was larger than his bite, but he had a genuine, big heart that touched many. His carefree spirit and quirky sense of humor will be missed by all.

Given the current pandemic, a celebration of life will be scheduled later.

Maxine Smith Green

November 27, 1930 ~ April 20, 2020

Maxine, a resident of Castro Valley, California, passed away on Monday, April 20, 2020, at the age of 89 in San Leandro, California. She was surrounded by her family in a room where so many happy occasions were celebrated.

Maxine was born in Burley, Idaho, on November 27, 1930, to Elwin and Ella Smith. She grew up in Clearfield, Utah, with her three sisters, and graduated from Davis High School. She married Jerry Green in 1950, and had one son, Thomas, in 1956.

Maxine and Jerry worked together on many creative pursuits including Ogden's Christmas Village. They owned a clothing store called "The Colony" in Ogden, Utah, which was awarded best small store in the United States by Seventeen shortly after it opened. They continued the store in San Leandro when they moved to California in 1969.

Maxine was also involved in the Junior League of Ogden, the Soroptimist Club of San Leandro, the Women's Improvement Club of Rio Vista, the LDS Relief Society, and the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers.

At 89 years, she had lived a full life and will be greatly missed by her family. She is survived by her son Tom and his wife Deana, her four grandchildren and their spouses: Elizabeth and Jesse Zanzinger, Aaron and Leslie Green, Sarah and Roland Garrido, and Rachel and James Wadsworth, her ten great-grandchildren: Thomas, Dean, William, Della, Abigail, Jack, Eleanor, Rowan, Henry, and Peter, and her sisters: Norrine (Walton), Laura (Warren), and Trudy (Larkins).

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry Green, and her parents, Elwin and Ella Smith.

Maxine will be buried at the Memorial Gardens of the Wasatch in Ogden, Utah. A celebration of her life will be held at a future date.



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- TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** Seeing red over those nasty remarks by someone with an ax to grind? Of course you are. So get out there and give your supporters the facts they need to get the truth out.
- GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** A changing situation should get you to reassess your vacation plans and make any adjustments as soon as possible. And don't fret -- the change most likely will turn out for the better.
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- LEO (July 23 - August 22):** Leos and Leonas might feel the urge to redecorate their dens, and that can turn into a good opportunity to strengthen family ties by putting the whole pride to work to make it happen.
- VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** Look for the most efficient way to get a job done quickly and well. Taking more time than you need to make it look more challenging is a short-sighted move you might regret later on.
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- SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** A workplace situation becomes a lot more bothersome than you'd expected. Be careful not to be pulled into all that anger. Look for support among others who also want to avoid trouble.
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- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** A casual relationship could take a more serious turn. Are you ready for it? Your stars say you are. Paired Sea Goats also will find a renewed richness in their relationships.
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REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Forum

GUEST COMMENTARY



Sellers Must Maximize Online Viewing Potential

COVID-19 has fundamentally altered the way we will experience life going forward. We will see varying aspects of social distancing and masks continue for the foreseeable future.

I believe we will also see significant changes in the way we buy and sell homes.

As Realtors, many of us already have the tools to hold virtual listing appointments and host visitor-free online open houses. Title companies are currently doing remote signings only and there is

talk of continuing this practice going forward.

Some real estate companies are reexamining the need for large office spaces. It is becoming a strange new world.

We must also factor in COVID-19's effect on our nation's economic structures. Jobless numbers have reached staggering levels and will certainly impact the pool of available homebuyers.

Some existing transactions have already canceled for economic reasons and an additional group of buyers have lost down payments due to the recent stock market plunge. The overall effect in the short-term will most likely be a slight reduction in overall home prices lasting through Q3.

With continuing restrictions on the ability to view homes, buyers are relying more and more on media to help them preselect the homes they find the most interesting. This means sellers must rethink the way they market their homes if they want their share of the decreasing numbers of visits.

We recommend the following:

- Prepare Extensively: Pre-order inspection reports, obtain clearances and upgrade as necessary. With fewer homes being visited, the ones that shine will be

the ones getting visits and offers.

- Stage Fully:

Set the stage for the pictures. Buyers are only giving sellers 7-10 seconds to grab their attention and keep them looking at any property.

- Photograph Beautifully:

Still photos are no longer enough: drone shots, professional pictures, video, 3D tours and floorplans all help buyers visualize themselves in your home.

- Document Completely:

Have all required documentation available, including inspections and disclosures. Make sure all are readily available online so buyer agents do not need to contact listing agents to get copies.

- Price Strategically:

This is *not* the time to try to get unrealistically high prices. Buyers are currently looking for value and if your home is priced too high, they will swipe left and move on.

Get everything right and you stand a great chance of selling. Miss any category and you may help sell your competitors home instead.

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Spice Up Your Garden with Chilis

By Buzz Bertolero
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Q I enjoy Mexican food and other spicy foods, so I've been reading up about chili peppers. I'm now eager to plant a few, but there are so many varieties. Which varieties do the best in this area?

A The popularity of chili peppers is increasing as more folks enjoy hot, spicy foods.

Location, location, location is a key with chili peppers as they like warm days and nights to produce. They must have nighttime temperatures over 55 degrees.

May is an ideal month to set out transplants or seedlings started in mid-March. In most years, the rainy season has concluded, and temperatures are warming up.

Seeds started today will be ready for the open ground in eight weeks, so I look to plant transplants. Chile peppers can be grown in containers as well as in the open ground.

There are so many varieties because of the demand for hot, and even hotter varieties. The chemical, which gives chili pepper its heat, is called capsaicin. The right variety for you is directly related to how much heat your mouth can take. They accumulate heat as they mature, so they'll be milder when they're green and hotter as they ripen to a deep red.

The hottest part of the chili is the white flesh that attaches to the seeds inside of the pepper. This can be removed if you



want to limit the heat.

William Scoville is credited with inventing the Scoville Heat Unit Scale (SHU), which measures the pungency of chili peppers. Bell or sweet peppers have a zero-rating.

Here are a few of the hot peppers and their ratings: Jalapeno 10,000 SHU, Cayenne, 30,000 SHU, Habanero, 100,000 SHU.

You may also find the "ghost pepper," Bhut Jolokia, one of the hottest in the world at 1,000,000-plus SHU. That's four hundred times hotter than Tabasco Sauce.

I'd recommend that you pick a couple of varieties to try out and then see for yourself if your yard adequate for more.

Note: Capsaicin is an irritant and key ingredient of Malice or pepper spray. It's essential to either use gloves when handling chilies or thoroughly wash hands afterward. Anyone who has inadvertently rubbed his or her eyes after handling a pepper will know why.

Q Why do the red flowers on my indoor, blooming cactus drop off so quickly. They are gone within a day or two. What am I doing wrong as my friend plant blooms for several weeks?

A I'd suspect that the plant is somewhere near a bowl or basket of apples, bananas, or other fruits. These fruits release a naturally occurring gas called ethylene. Ethylene gas

causes the flowers to drop off prematurely. This is also a problem with cut flowers, especially carnations. The center of the petals curl up and become distorted. This ages the flowers quickly. So, I'd move either the cactus or the fruit.

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



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5031 Tyler Lane	94546: \$1,000,000 4 BD - 2,138 SF - 1965
18758 Mount Lassen Dr	94552: \$1,015,000 4 BD - 2,316 SF - 1990
TOTAL SALES:	7

LOWEST AMOUNT:	\$635,000	MEDIAN AMOUNT:	\$780,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT:	\$1,015,000	AVERAGE AMOUNT:	\$815,000

San Leandro

371 Leo Avenue	94577: \$620,000 2 BD - 1,040 SF - 1941
2090 167th Avenue	94578: \$650,000 2 BD - 788 SF - 1940
1630 165th Avenue	94578: \$650,000 3 BD - 1,373 SF - 1938
1523 Marybelle Ave	94577: \$730,000 3 BD - 1,345 SF - 1944
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1312 Scenicview Drive	94577: \$1,110,000 2,834 SF - 1977
TOTAL SALES:	8

LOWEST AMOUNT:	\$620,000	MEDIAN AMOUNT:	\$740,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT:	\$1,110,000	AVERAGE AMOUNT:	\$756,000

Two CVHS Students Winners of CVSan's Leadership Scholarships

Two Castro Valley High students were the winners of this year's Environmental Leader in Waste Reduction Scholarships.

Ciara Bolt and Grace Boyd each received a \$1,000 scholarship and Certificates of Recognition during the Castro Valley Sanitary District's board meeting on May 5.

Bolt served as president of the Smart Environment Club at Castro Valley High School, where she helped educate students about recycling, organics, and reducing waste. She also completed more than 60 hours of service as an intern with the Factory Farming Awareness Coalition last summer.

Bolt's scholarship essay described environmental stewardship as "the responsibility for all to take part in the care and upkeep of our environment, whether that be in your backyard garden, a park that you frequent, or your own home."

Boyd demonstrated her environmental leadership by serving as an Intern with Earth Team



Ciara Bolt



Grace Boyd

while going to CVHS, where she worked on a museum exhibit to promote sustainability, regularly participating in clean-ups and restoration projects. She was also an Environmental Commissioner at CVHS where she led the school's work on the Green Ribbon Program Application.

In her essay, Boyd said "the

motto, 'If not me, then who?' has guided me throughout my life, especially in my care for the environment. Leading by example is a powerful way to make a difference and inspire a society of conscious nature lovers."

This is the sixth year CVSan has offered the scholarship to high school seniors.

CV STUDENTS ON HONOR ROLL LIST

Three Castro Valley students attending Oregon State University in Corvallis have straight-A averages and have made the Scholastic Honor Roll Winter term. They are **Nicole Bagdadian**, Junior, Horticulture; **Emerald L. Coupe**, Post Baccalaureate, Education; and **Charity L. Hastings**, Senior, Human Development and Family Science. The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi has inducted four new members from Castro Valley. They are **Victoria Guioamar**, **Martin Hunter** and **Jasmine Marie Reyes**, who are students at San Jose State University, and **Melina Huey**, a student at University of the Pacific in Stockton.

NEW FOOD BANK EMERGENCY FUND

PG&E is assisting the California Association of Food Banks to establish the California Food Bank Rapid Response Fund with a \$150,000 charitable contribution to increase the capacity to purchase food and supplies, and to supplement their staffing needs through the COVID-19 pandemic and future emergencies. Customers in need of assistance can find a food bank close to them by searching their zip code at: cafoodbanks.org/find-food-assistance or by calling their local 211 number or the statewide toll-free hotline at 833-544-2374.

RESTRICTIONS EASED AT REGIONAL PARKS

East Bay Regional Park District is gradually easing some of the restrictions that were imposed earlier this year. Parks or park entrances that were scheduled to reopen over last weekend included Sunol Regional Wilderness, the main parking lot at Coyote Hills in Fremont, the Doolittle Drive entrance to Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline in Oakland; the Redwood Road entrance to Redwood Regional Park in Oakland and the Bear Creek Road entrance to Briones Regional Park. Most restrooms have reopened and trash collection has resumed. Drinking fountains remain closed. For up-to-date information, visit www.ebparks.org and click on "COVID-19 Park and Trail Updates" at the top of the home page.



Local songwriter Wilson Wong at left

What's Up at Smalltown

● **TONIGHT, Wednesday, May 13:** Smalltown Society continues its Instagram Takeover series tonight, highlighting local teacher and musician Wilson Wong. Join him on the Smalltown Society Instagram: @smalltownsociety tonight at 8PM. FREE.

● **Saturday, May 16:** The Chabot Facebook LIVE: The fun continues with our 8th installment of "Live RIFF-Along" from the Chabot BIG screen with the 1960 classic: "Little Shop of Horrors" hosted by the venerable Lord Blood-Rah of Lord Blood-Rah's Nerve Wrackin' Theatre! Free at 8 p.m. and live on The Chabot's Facebook account: @ChabotCinema

● **Sunday, May 17:** Join Smalltown Society artist Safiyah Hernandez for her 7th installment of "Quarantine Sundays" live and direct from her Instagram and Facebook account. Free at 2 p.m. IG: @safiyahhernandez/ FB: @SafiyahHernandezMusic

● **Wednesday, May 20:** Smalltown Society continues its Instagram Takeover Series! Join musician Clay Bassard for his live show on the Smalltown Society Instagram page! Free at 8 p.m. Instagram: @SmalltownSociety

Support The Chabot Theater: Online Gift Cards and Merch available at TheChabot.com. Donations to The Chabot can be made via PayPal/Venmo: @thechabot. Donations to Smalltown Society can be made via PayPal/Venmo: @smalltownsociety

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GREEN RIBBON SCHOOLS

On May 5th, these 16 Castro Valley schools were certified as Green Ribbon Schools for the 2019/2020 school year:

- Canyon Middle
- Castro Valley Adult
- Castro Valley Elementary
- Castro Valley High
- Chabot Elementary
- Creekside Middle
- Independent Elementary
- Jensen Ranch Elementary
- Marshall Elementary
- OneSchool Global
- Our Lady of Grace
- Palomares Elementary
- Proctor Elementary
- Redwood High
- Stanton Elementary
- Vannoy Elementary

Award checks totaling over \$30,000 between the 16 schools have been mailed.



In 2007, CVSan launched the Green Ribbon Schools Program to help schools practice the 4Rs - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, & Rot. To achieve annual certification, these schools completed a minimum of 44 activities and, on average, diverted 85% of materials from landfill. Congratulations and thank you for helping make Castro Valley a sustainable place to live!

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Lorenzo (Larry) Bronzini, an 88-year-old Korean War veteran and longtime resident of Castro Valley, has been hand-making bird feeders to give away to people as a way to do something positive and kind. His sister drops off supplies and then picks up the finished bird feeders and delivers them to neighbors and friends.

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