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### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020

# COVID-19 Alameda County Back to the Most **Restrictive Level**

Due to very rapid and widespread increases in COVID-19 the Alameda County's case rate cases, the California Department continues to increase daily and of Public Health has, effective to- hospitalizations are also on the day, modified its Blueprint for a rise. Safer Economy to allow for a faster response to the pandemic.

"California is pulling an • Effective at 12:01 a.m. today, emergency brake," Gov. Gavin Nov. 18, all activities and sec-Newsom said on Monday as he tors must conform to the State's announced that Alameda and 40 requirements for counties in the other counties - comprising Purple Tier. Indoor operations for more than 94% of the state's pop- places like museums, houses of ulation - would be moving to worship, gyms and restaurants are the Purple Tier, the most restric- not allowed. tive level in the state's reopening framework.

moving counties multiple tiers acgov.org/recovery. where necessary.

The changes will allow for a mitted in the Red or Orange Tier timelier response and keep the will need to close, effective today. health care systems from becom- More information is available at ing overwhelmed, according to www.cdph.ca.gov. officials

Like other Bay Area counties,

What this means for local businesses and residents:

 Alameda County will provide additional guidance to local restau-Rather than using data from rants in the coming days on how to two weeks ago and moving only continue operating outdoors safely one tier at a time, the State is now as the weather changes. Current using data from a single week and guidance is available at covid-19.

· Any activity that was only per-

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Wild turkeys are a common site at Lake Chabot and all over Castro Valley.

# No Worries for These Birds At East Bay Regional Parks

### By Ned MacKay SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

The turkeys that are often seen in East Bay Re-

gional Parks, other open space, and even residential neighborhoods, seem to have been less active lately, perhaps because they sense that Thanksgiving is approaching. However, they are still out there, and their story

is an interesting one. Turkeys are native to eastern and central North America. A variety existed in what is now California about 10,000 years ago, but the species died out. The turkeys we see in the wild today are descendants of birds that were reintroduced to the

state many years ago for hunting purposes, with

the acquiescence of state fish and game. I've seen and heard them at Briones Regional Park, Diablo Foothills, and my own front lawn in Pleasant Hill.

There is still a turkey-hunting season in California, but no hunting of any kind is allowed in the East Bay Regional Parks. For turkey-hunting regulations, visit wildlife.ca.gov.

Wild turkeys live in oak woodlands. They are ground nesters, but can fly up into trees to escape predators. Their diet consists of seeds, bugs, berries, acorns in the fall, and clover in the spring. They are food themselves for mountain lions, bobcats, coyotes and raptors including golden eagles.

see BIRDS on page 10

### **TT** 1• 1 Holiday Lights Caravan Dec. 5

year and welcome the holiday sea- Acres and San Lorenzo, and end- ness are all invited to join this son with some joy and fun on Sat- ing at the Meek Estate in Cher- light-up caravan. Email ABurday evening, Dec. 5, as the Castro Valley / Eden Area Chamber is hosting a new event, the "Eden Santa. United Holiday Lights Car Caravan" in partnership with CV Rotary and other local organizations.

Castro Park in Fairview, visiting space.

Say farewell to a challenging Castro Valley, Ashland, Hayward ryland, with many lit cars, local Chan411@gmail.com to enter and leaders, trucks and, of course,

This will be a tightly-regulated, Health Department orders, which The caravan will take place means participants should sign up from 5-7 p.m., leaving from Don quickly as there will be limited

Individuals, families and busireceive your registration number for your car.

which includes enhanced recognition, Visit www.edenareachamber.com for more information.

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# Changing Faces of The MAC Board

### By Amy Sylvestri CASTRO VÁLLĚY FORUM

Expect another new face on the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory also heard about a plan to improve Council (MAC) in the near future. announced she was stepping down Norbridge - which were previduring Monday's MAC Zoom ously one-way only, an issue that meeting. Earlier this month, Ad- anyone trying to get out of the ams was elected to the Castro Wendy's or McDonald's parking Valley School Board and said she lots will be familiar with. didn't want to potentially have any conflicts of interest.

Business sponsorship opportu- the MAC has seen a lot of chang- to high-traffic locations such as safe caravan following all County nities are available for \$100 Stan- es recently; new members Tojo the BART station and the library, dard or \$250 Gold sponsorship, Thomas, Al Padro, and Ilya Proko- according to Rick Yeung, of the poff only joined this past July and Alameda County Public Works Adams herself had only been on Agency. the board since December of 2018.

The new member will be appointed by Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley.

At Monday's meeting, the MAC intersections and two-way MAC member Dolly Adams on two streets - Strobridge and

The new two-way flow will improve traffic circulation and pro-After years with little turnover, vide a new east-west connection

see MAC on page 10



# **In-Person Voting Problem Now Under Investigation**

The Alameda County Registrar Mills College touch-screen votof Voters said on Friday his office ers to collect those printed ballots has investigated a problem that had and by the end of last week had occurred on Election Day at Mills received 22 of them. He said the nouncements and customized College where a touch-screen de- number of outstanding ballots was vice was used at an in-person vote not sufficient to determine the out- tem's service by using the official center location.

In response to questions raised vocacy groups, Registrar Tim Du- curred at any other touch-screen puis said he learned that some – "at most 160" — of the 300 voters error on poll workers at the Mills who used the touchscreen at Mills College location who, he said, had left without depositing their paper been provided advanced training can be based on specific travel ballots in the ballot box. They in- on the equipment. stead took their printed ballots

that they had voted. said his office was contacting the General Election.

# School Board Meets Today

The Castro Valley Board of Education will hold an open virtual noticed meeting time 1-669board meeting today, Nov. 18, at 900-6833, then enter the meet-5 p.m. While the meeting will be ing ID on the agenda, then press held remotely, public participation is encouraged.

eo conference, click on LINK on cles/201362663. the agenda at the noticed meeting time. Instructions on how to join a meeting by video conference is available at: support.zoom.us/hc/ en-us/articles/201362193.

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come of any race.

Dupuis said it did not appear site in the county and blamed the

home, thinking they were receipts successfully processed nearly 800,000 ballots from Alameda Dupuis, in a press statement, County registered voters for this

To listen by phone, call at the

meeting by phone are available

**Notifications** BART riders can now get anin-app notifications about the sys-

BART app. Based on when and where they by members of the media and ad- that the same problem had oc- ride, passengers can personalize what type of information they get through the app including what information they care most about.

BART App:

Customized

The customized notifications patterns at specific times of the Dupuis said his office had day, giving riders information they want, when they need it. Notifications streamline a user's experience because it delivers the information automatically without going through the motions of looking it up.

With the latest version of the BART app, riders can be alerted to such information as real time train departures specific to stations, announcements about planned track shutdowns or schedule changes, #. Instructions on how to join a and elevator outages.

Once riders have made their To observe the meeting by vid- at: support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/arti- selections they will start receiving the notifications. While BART of-Complete board packet and oth- fers this information on its website, er info at: www.cv.k12.ca.us. For through email and SMS alerts, and questions, contact Aimee Cayere, listed within the BART app itself, Executive Assistant to the Super- this is the first time in-app notificaintendent at acayere@cv.k12.ca.us tions are being offered.

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# SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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### **Three Shoplifters Arrested**

Sunday, November 15: at 10:18 handcuffed and taken into custody. tody.

### Wanted Man

Sunday, November 15: at 10:31 p.m., a 57-year-old CV man was Thursday, November 12: at 1:30 for his arrest. Deputies served the aggressive-sounding argument warrant at a home on Crow Can- sent deputies to an apartment ly charged with assault and battery, 27-year-old man from Castro Valharm. Deputies took the man to man into custody. The victim was Santa Rita Jail pending bail.

### **Breaking and Entering** into a Church

p.m., Sheriff's deputies arrested Thursday, November 12: at 3:13 three people from Castro Valley p.m., deputies arrested a 24-yearaccused of shoplifting in the Cas- old woman with no permanent tro Village Shopping Center. Store residence on suspicion of breaking managers detained the suspects and entering into a church on Redafter they observed them trying to wood Road near Charlene Way. leave the store with an unspecified The woman was spotted trying to amount of unpaid merchandise. A break into a side door in the rear of 45-year-old woman, a 28-year-old the building. Deputies handcuffed man, and a 27-year-old man were the woman and took her into cus-

### Assault on a

Family Member arrested as part of a warrant issued a.m., a 911 call about a loud and yon Road south of Bollinger Can- on Redwood Road near Lorena yon Road. The man was previous- Avenue. There, they arrested a assault with a deadly weapon, and ley on suspicion of assault on a assault with intent to do bodily family member. Deputies took the treated at the scene.

# One-Day Bargain Bike Sale

Bad Business Model Bikes in condition. First come, first served, Castro Valley will be holding a no holds. bicycle sale and fundraiser on Saturday, Dec. 5, to support AIDS/ a.m. to 4 p.m. at 19554 Jaydine St. Lifecycle.

Road bikes will go for \$125,

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The event will be held from 9 near Redwood Road when depu-

in Castro Valley, rain or shine. All money collected from the

adult bikes for \$100 and youth fundraiser goes directly to AIDS/ bikes for \$50. All bikes are in Lifecycle to assist those living near-perfect and ready-to-ride with HIV/AIDS.

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### **Stolen Property**

Wednesday, November 11: at 5:16 p.m., deputies arrested a 36-yearold man from Castro Valley on suspicion of possession of stolen property. The man was spotted leaving a retail store in the Castro Village Shopping Center with an unspecified amount of unpaid merchandise. Store managers detained the man until deputies arrived. The man was taken into custody.

### **Busted for Drugs**

Tuesday, November 10: at 9:37 p.m., a 58-year-old man with no permanent residence was arrested on suspicion of possession of illegal narcotics and related drug paraphernalia. Deputies stopped the man for questioning outside a pharmacy on Castro Valley Boulevard near Yeandle Avenue. The man revealed his stash and was taken into custody.

### Driving Under the Influence Monday, November 9: at 4:36 p.m., deputies pulled over and arrested a 68-year-old CV woman on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol. The woman was traveling on Wilson Avenue

ties reported her driving erratically. She failed her field sobriety test and was taken into custody.

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# PHOTOS BY LINDA SANDSMARK

Veterans Day 2020 was observed at at the newly expanded Castro Valley Veterans Memorial last Wednesday.

# Socially-Distanced Veterans Day

programs and flags, and helping

### By Linda Sandsmark CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Castro Valley held a public, socially-distanced Veterans Day November 11 at the Castro Valley Veterans Memorial on Quail Ave. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post

ceremony at exactly 11 a.m. on invocation, prayers and benedic- and wound our countrymen, while Chief Petty Officer Stephen West, family.

ceremony

USN (Ret.)) and Commander 9601 and American Legion Post Bernie Remoaldo from American igins of Veterans Day, which was 649 presented the event. Boy and Legion Post 649. Jackie Lee Hoyt formerly called Armistice Day. Girl Scouts assisted, handing out sang patriotic songs.

West noted that COVID had present colors at the opening flag created similarities between service members and the masked District Chaplain and Past Post crowd at the memorial; fighting Commander Jim Uhlik provided an unseen enemy that might kill tion. Other speakers included Sr. enduring long separations from

> Remoaldo talked about the orsee VETERANS on page 5

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# East Bay Living

# Just 8 Days to Go Before Turkey (and We) Get Stuffed

that first thing. It takes about a evenly in turkey cavities and week to thaw a turkey in the refrig- all over the skin. Heat oven to erator (never thaw in room tem- 450°F. If you are going to stuff perature). When buying, a good your turkey, do it now. Skewer rule of thumb is to figure on 1 to cavity openings to secure stuff-1-1/2 pounds of uncooked turkey ing. Tie legs together and twist per guest.

to cook the bird, but whichever turn legs to tucked position or tie system you use, the results will be together. Place turkey, breast side pretty much the same. In the end, it up, on rack in open pan about 2 will just taste like roast turkey.

You don't need any special equipment other than a roasting heat to 325°-350°. Roast according pan and a good thermometer. And to chart and meat thermometer. cooking a turkey is simplicity it- Roasting times can vary, depending self. But it never hurts to have a on a number of things. Use a meat little refresher course.

key, you will need about a cup of thickest part of the thigh, but not prepared stuffing for each pound touching the bone. It should register of bird. Do not stuff the turkey 180°F. The stuffing should regisahead of time. The stuffing goes ter 165°F. After the first hour of in just before you put the bird in roasting, baste the turkey every 30 the oven. Leave some room for the minutes or so with drippings (add stuffing to expand as it cooks and a little chicken stock, water or wine absorbs juices.

### **Preparing the Turkey**

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and giblets, and wash the tur- light foil to prevent overbrowning. key inside and out with cold water. Drain well and pat dry. it to rest for at least 20-30 minutes Brush the skin with olive oil. before carving.

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f you're cooking a frozen tur- Mix about 2-1/2 teaspoons of key this year and you haven't salt with about 1-1/2 teaspoons bought it yet, you should do of black pepper and sprinkle it wing tips under the back to hold There are, of course, many ways neck skin in place. If untucked, re-

inches deep. Place turkey in oven and reduce thermometer (don't depend on a If you are going to stuff the tur- pop-out indicator) inserted at the to the drippings if they evaporate too quickly). When skin is golden After thawing, remove neck brown, shield breast loosely with

When the turkey is done, allow



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### **TRADITIONAL SAVORY STUFFING**

- 1-1/2 pound loaf day-old
- bread 3 cups chopped onion
- 2-1/2 cups chopped celery 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 teaspoon salt 1-1/2 teaspoons poultry
- seasoning

1/4 cup chopped parsley Tear bread into 1/2-inch pieces,

or use 3 quarts plain dry stuffing; set aside. Sauté onion and celery in but-

ter just until tender. Add to bread along with salt, seasoning, and parsley. Toss lightly until well mixed. Place in two buttered, covered casserole dishes or stuff loosely into neck and body cavities of turkey.

### **TURKEY GRAVY**

Turkey drippings Giblet broth Cooked giblets, chopped 1/2 cup all-purpose flour 1/2 teaspoon ground black

pepper

### Salt to taste

Cover giblets and neck with 3 cups water in a small saucepan. Bring to boil, cover, reduce heat and simmer for an hour or until giblets are tender. Drain, reserving broth and discarding neck. Chop giblets.

Pour turkey drippings from roasting pan into 4-cup measure. Remove 1/4 cup fat from the drippings and place in a pan. Skim off and discard remaining fat from drippings. Add giblet broth to drippings to make 4 cups.

Blend flour into the pan with the fat until smooth, then add drippings and broth mixture. izontal base cut. Continue slicing

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until gravy comes to a boil and thickens. Stir in salt and pepper to taste and add giblets.

breast up on a carving board and spoon out stuffing.

Use a chef's knife to remove between the breast and the leg. thighs, drumsticks and wings. Slice drumstick holding the knife parallel to the bone. Slice in alternating cuts from each side of the bone. Slice remove the leg. Cut between the joint and remove the wing and place the thigh as it lays flat on the board. thigh bone and drumstick bone to on serving platter as is.

Switch to a very sharp carving knife and make a horizontal base and one drumstick. cut across the bottom of the breast. The sharper the blade, the more thick slice of meat from one side, the breastbone, slice diagonally attractive the slices. (Don't use a along the bone, then turn the drumserrated blade, as it tends to tear up the meat.)

slice diagonally down to the hor-

**Carving the Turkey** 

To carve, place the turkey up, on a cutting board. Steady the turkey with a carving fork. Using a sharp knife, slice through the meat

> thigh outward to find the hip joint. Slice down through the joint and divide the leg into one thigh piece

stick over so that the cut side faces holding it between the knife and down. Cut off another thick slice of fork, and layer them on the warm Starting parallel to breast bone, meat. Repeat, turning the drumstick serving platter.

carving a total of four thick slices.

To slice the thigh, place it flat Arrange the turkey, breast side side down on a cutting board. Cut parallel to the bone and slice off the meat.

Remove the wings by slicing diagonally down through the edge Next, using the knife, press the of the breast toward the wing. Using the knife, press the wing out to find the shoulder joint; cut through the

To carve the breast meat, hold the back of the carving fork against To carve the drumstick, cut a the breastbone. Starting parallel to through the meat. Lift off each slice,

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Roast Turkey

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# Seniors

# Tips and Online Resources to Help You Track Down Long-Lost Friends Online

### **By Jim Miller** SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Thanks to the Internet, tracking down long-lost friends from many years ago is relatively easy to do and, in most cases, it won't cost you a cent. Here are some tips and You can narrow your search by online tools to help you get started. **Remembering the Details** 

good first step is to jot down any their occupation. information you can remember or find out about the people you're trying to locate. Things like their empty, you can also use people full name (maiden and married), age or birth date, last known address or phone number, old e-mail address, names of family mem- tial matches from across the U.S. bers, etc. Knowing details can help you turn up clues while you same name, these sites will also search.

### Social Media, Search Engines

mation, a good place to start your of relatives, colleges attended or gine and typing in the name of the search is at social media sites like employer.

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even smaller than last year's.

rity recipients will get only a slight

than the 2.8 percent rise in 2019.

\$1,523 in 2020 will go up by \$20

individual beneficiary, or \$240

yearly.

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Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram. And search engines use at a basic level, they charge like Google and Yahoo.

When using search engines, type in the name of the person you're searching for in quotation marks, for example, "John Smith." adding other criteria like their nickname or middle name, the city Before you begin your search, a or state they may live in, or even

### People Search Sites

If your initial search comes up searches like AnyWho.com, Intelius.com or WhitePages.com. These sites provide a list of poten-

Because many people share the supply details to help identify the right person, perhaps including site, but some do, and you can look After you compile your infor- their age, prior hometowns, names for it by going to any search en-

Slight Increase to Social Security Benefits

While these sites are free to a small fee for providing certain details like the persons contact information. WhitePages, however, sometimes provides home phone numbers for free.

### **Niche Finding Sites**

Here are a few other niche peowith your search. To look for old high school

classmates, try Classmates.com. This site has contact info only for people who have registered with it. But even if your friend hasn't registered, it could provide contact info for another classmate who remains in touch with your friend. Another option is to check out

your high school alumni website. Not every school has its own see TRACK on back page

# Some Ideas to Fight Boredom

### **By Matilda Charles** SÉNIOR NEWS LINE

RE WE BORED YET? Of course we are. We're stav-Ling indoors, especially now that cold weather has arrived, not shopping, not visiting friends, not doing much of anything.

Somehow we have to get ple-finding websites to help you through this winter, though, and now might be the time to explore things that are new and different to us. Here are some ideas: Change the channel. If you

watch the same television news every night, switch to a different one (or better yet, skip a night or two). If you watch the same shows all the time, consider watching something different, even if you think it won't appeal to you.

it's cold outside, wrap up and go outdoors anyway. Don't try this to watercolor, take a free online we don't have health concerns. if there's ice, of course, but even course, watch zoo cams. a few minutes walking outside in fresh air can raise your spirits.

Grab your camera. Set up still limitations. shots around your house. A fabric background on a table or shelf, a are seeing big increases in coronafew small statues or trinkets and a virus levels, even states that were discover that you have a real eye even a few weeks ago. We seniors for photography.

even given our "stay at home"

As of this writing, most states Or read a new author, learn group because of our age, even if

And as of this writing, the U.S. has more active cases of the coronavirus than any other country in the world, including India. It has four times the population but half the deaths that we do. It's everywhere, and we can't let down our

Step outside. Even though Grab your camera: You may have an eye for photography.

The idea is to try new things, curity tax, which will grow from increase for 2021 will be limited to lamp for lighting, and you might stable with relatively low rates guard.

Stay home, stay safe and look are, unfortunately, in the high-risk for new things to occupy yourself. © 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.

earnings subject to the Social Se- spending bill recently signed, the By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq. \$137,700 to \$142,800. For 2021, the monthly federal The Social Security Administra-

tion has announced a 1.3 percent Supplemental Security Income rise in benefits in 2021, an increase (SSI) payment standard for those beneficiaries living independently Cost-of-living increases are tied will be \$954.72 for an individual to the consumer price index, and and \$1,598.14 for a couple, which a modest upturn in inflation rates amounts include the California and gas prices means Social Secu- supplement.

In some years, a small increase boost in 2021. The 1.3 percent in- in the Social Security benefit has crease is similar to last year's 1.6 meant that the additional income percent increase, but much smaller is entirely consumed by higher Medicare Part B premiums. But The average monthly benefit of this year, that shouldn't be the case.

The standard monthly premia month to \$1,543 a month for an um for Medicare Part B enrollees is forecast to rise \$8.70 a month The cost-of-living change also coronavirus pandemic, under the Esq., of MA for permission to reaffects the maximum amount of terms of the federal short-term vise and publish this article.

25 percent of what it would otherwise have been. Most beneficiaries will be able

to find out their specific cost-ofliving adjustment in December of this year by logging online into my Social Security . While you can still receive your increase notice by mail, you have the option to choose whether to receive your notice online instead of on paper.

For more on the 2021 Social Security benefit levels, visit www. ssa.gov/news/cola/

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# Extend the Fresh Tomato Season

By Buzz Bertolero pecial to the Forum

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I'm ready to compost what's left of my tomato plants, but they're some nice size, green tomatoes. Is there a way I can ripen the green tomatoes? I just hate to throw them away.

It never fails; some of the best tomatoes are left on the vines at the end of the season. And yes, green tomatoes can be successfully ripened off the vines in a simple ripening chamber. This is a pretty simple technique using any cardboard

box or plastic container with a lid. The lid is critical as it traps the ethylene gas given off by the ripening tomatoes. This naturally occurring gas is used to accelerate the ripening of the immature/green fruits. The bottom of the container is lined with a thick pad of newspaper or wool blanket.

The tomatoes are evenly spaced on the newspaper, but don't let them touch each other as rotting can occur. You monitor the tomatoes every five to seven days, removing the ripe ones. There can be multiple layers in a single box, separated by a layer of newspapers. But,



I wouldn't have any more than two layers in any container, as it's challenging to check on the ripening tomatoes on the bottom Buzz Bertolero is an Advanced layer.

The boxes are stored in the garage or outside under covered areas and out of the direct sunlight. It's unfortunate; gardeners to buzz@dirtgardener.com.

overlook this simple technique to extend the fresh tomato season

California Certified Nursery Professional. The Dirt Gardener's website is www.dirtgardener.com and questions can be sent by email

e frequently deal with the United States Government. In practice, this has meant that all documents can only be signed at US Embassies around the world.

**Offshore Notarization Issues** 

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GUEST COMMENTARY

meant a trip to the closest US Embassy. Since the US has over 300 embassies around the world, one was usually not far away. While travel to a US Embassy might be inconvenient, it was usually better

cess a US Embassy, the sellers would board a plane, fly to the closest US city, meet a notary at the airport, sign the documents and then board a plane and fly home.

COVID-19. Currently, due to the pandemic, most US closed, forcing those in other countries who need notarized documents to find other solutions.

Consequently, the State of California allows offshore notaries to process documents so long as they are accompanied by an apostille. The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines an apostille as: "a document

used in international law that is issued by a government in accordance with the Hague Convention and that certifies that another document has been signed by a notary public."

Obtaining an apostille introduces significant delays. As an example, a seller who recently located to Ireland had documents notarized by an Irish notary who then mailed the documents to the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade where the apostille would be applied.

Shelter-in-place rules forbid a more timely in-person delivery. After more than a week, the documents were returned and then overnighted to the US. In reality, the process took more than 3 weeks.

Our recommendation is simple: if offshore notarization will be necessary, obtain a Power of Attorney for each signer so someone can sign in their stead here in the US. If done ahead of time, there will be no significant delays.

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# **Mortgage Rates Rise**

Long-term mortgage interest the week before when it averrate rose last week, according to aged 2.89 percent. Freddie Mac's weekly survey.

year loan averaged 3.75 percent

gage averaged 2.34 percent, up demand. from 2.32 percent.

able-rate mortgages (ARMs) grow and buttress the econoaveraged 3.11 percent, up from my."

"Mortgage rates jumped last The 30-year fixed-rate mort- week as a result of positive gage averaged 2.84 percent, news about a COVID-19 vacfor the week ending November cine," said Sam Khater, Freddie 12, up from the previous week Mac's Chief Economist. "Dewhen it averaged 2.78 percent. spite this rise, mortgage rates A year ago at this time, the 30- remain about a percentage point below a year ago and the low rate environment is supportive Fifteen-year fixed-rate mort- of both purchase and refinance

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### In the past, regardless of where sellers were located, the process was the same. While some states allow offshore notaries to process documents, documents. California has stricter regulations and requires all documents notarized offshore to be by notaries officially recognized by

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**COVID-19 Introduces** 

By Carl Medford, CRS Special to the Forum

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other countries. Since most documents can In most cases, it simply

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# Homes

# **Bug Control; Privacy Glass**

### By Buzz Bertolero Special to the Forum

My lemon tree produces beautiful lemons that I give to my friends. This year, the leaves are curling and covered with colorless glue; I see lemons coming now. But I won't give them away till I know it is safe to use. What needs to be done to correct this problem?

First, there are no contamination issues. The lemons are edible. The clear sticky residue or colorless glue is the secretions from suckling insects such as Aphids, Mites, and Scale feeding on the plant.

The insects also cause the leaf to be curly, turn yellow, and very common for a Black Mold. The organic control is to spray them with Horticultural Oil. It's available at many lawn and garden retailers. Make one application now and, after blooming, two more. You would then reapply as neces-

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sary. Before giving them away, I would wash them off with warm water. We regularly put seedlings by a large

window to get some indirect sunlight before they are ready to go outside. It works great. However, during the winter, the window that brings the best sun is the bathroom window. It's very sunny, but it's not clear glass but privacy glass. Would the seedlings be okay there, or should I not waste my time?



I can't think of a problem using privacy glass with the seedlings. The

direct sunlight would be indirect and bright, as you said. So, I expect you'd be just fine. Buzz Bertolero is an Ad-

vanced California Certified Nursery Profes- BUZZ BERTOLER sional. The Dirt Gardener's website is www.dirt-522 gardener.com and THE questions can be GARDENER sent by email to buzz@dirtgardener.com.

# WEEKEND GARDENER

### Spray

Plan your dormant fruit spraying schedule to coincide approximately with cool-weather holidays, when the rain lets up for a few days. Specific cues are the fall of the last leaves (Thanksgiving), the height of dormancy (New Year's Day) and when buds swell, but before they show color (Valentine's Day). Spraying at the precise period of bud swell is particularly important-after the blossoms open it is too late.

### Mulch

Renew mulches under grapes and berries. Strawberries and blueberries benefit from loose, acid mulches such as pine needles or rotted sawdust. Raspberries and blackberries prefer hay or straw mulch.

Remove mulch from under trees back to the drip line. Bare soil can more easily absorb the day's warmth. This also discourages overwintering of disease-carrying bacteria and insects.

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### Wildflowers

Now, between showers, is a good time to sow wildflower seeds for spring flowers. California poppies are a good bet for anybody's yard.

### Vegetables

Cool-season perennial vegetables may be planted now - artichokes, asparagus and rhubarb.

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www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/bobby-flay/ thanksgiving-pioneer-style-herb-roasted-turkey-recipe

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Girls Scouts and Boy Scouts took an active role in Wednesday's ceremonies.

# **Veterans:** Salute Concluded Ceremony

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U.S. Navy veteran Frank Mellon, who is also an EBMUD Director, told a story about his father, community to see the newly exwho was a longshoreman before panded and upgraded Veterans Uhlik. entering military service in 1941. Memorial adjacent to the Castro Mellon himself enlisted in the Valley Community Center. He cluded the ceremony. Taps was

Hawaii. Chaplin Jim Uhlik invited the

and was stationed in Turkey and a story behind each name on the bricks and stone monuments.

"It's not about wars. It's about Veterans. It's about all of us," said A rifle salute and "Taps" con-

# **MAC:** Plan to Improve Traffic in the Area

discussion with residents.

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The next step in the long-developing plan to improve traffic in the that he knows some local resiarea is to look at the intersections dents appreciate that it prevents of Strobridge and Norbridge with commuters from taking a shortcut I-580 and do traffic studies on through their neighborhood to the turning restrictions and traffic control in that area, Yeung said

are no plans to remove the barrier Road to leave their homes. at Strobridge under the overpass ing the residential area south of the bone. freeway, but said it was originally be removed in the future after a as the symbol for Castro Valley

freeway, but it also requires people who live there to take a lengthy Yeung said that as of now, there route out all the way to Redwood "We need to be fair to the com-

which prevents drivers from enter- munity and ask them," said Car-

The MAC also unanimously meant to be temporary and could voted to approve a hawk in flight



which will be used on "way-find-MAC Chair Ken Carbone said ing signs" around town.

> For several years, the County Arts Commission has been working the Eden Area Signage Plan, selecting icons for the unincorporated areas in order to strengthen their individual identities with the public. After multiple meetings,public polling, and the creation of a MAC subcommittee, Castro Val-

> ley finally has an icon. Theater for San Lorenzo, a cherry and leaves for Cherryland, a tree for Fairview, and ash tree leaves Orfanos, of the county's Community Development Department.

In 2021, the county will return before the MAC to discuss the location of the sign, Orfanos said.



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## Birds: Parks

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Adult turkeys weigh 15 to 20 pounds. They have powerful chest muscles, enabling rapid flight, and can run as fast as 18 miles per hour. Because of their eye positioning, they have a visual range of 270 degrees. Their hearing is acute, too. This is not turkeys' mating sea-

son. Wild tom turkeys assemble a harem of 14 to 20 hens between mid and late February. Breeding is in March, eggs are laid in April, and the poults (baby birds) hatch in May.

The females nest amid rocks and brush. The freshly hatched poults can't fly for their first two weeks of life, so predators get most of them during that period.

If you do see turkeys in the parks, please do not approach watching them from a distance. Lake Temescal

With a technique oddly reminiscent of Lawrence Welk, the park district is using a bubble machine to oxygenate Lake Temescal in Oakland.

Technically, it's a mobile, trailpany called Moleaer. The device injects literally trillions of oxygen-rich nanobubbles into the lake water, each bubble 2,500 times process for elementary schools. smaller than a grain of salt.

in August, the lake's dissolved oxygen levels have significantly improved. Better water quality is a key factor in preventing harmful algae blooms. Oxygen rich water few, but did not elaborate. is critical for fish populations, too.

park district's chief of stewardship, high levels of nutrients in The Castro Valley hawk will the bottom sediment have been opening, continuing to find ways join line drawings of the Lorenzo exacerbated by periods of drought to keep activities open. and warm weather and resulted in a surge of blue-green algae growth in Lake Temescal in recent for Ashland, according to Jaimie years. The nanobubble technology offers a potential solution to maintain water quality and enhance the lake's recreational value.

around 1860 and was initially 60 to 80 feet deep. Now sedimentation has raised the depth to 18 feet near the dam, 14 feet at lake center. care system, limit the number of So if you see the bubble machine parked along the lakeshore, that's what's going on. Results idents. should be available by the end of

this year. *Ned MacKay is a writer for the* East Bay Regional Park District.



them or try to feed them. Just enjoy The most recent wave of new infections in the county and across the state appear to be growing even faster than what the area experienced in the summer.

# **Restrictive:** Limit Activities

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• Any school that currently has Navy during the Viet Nam war, reminded the crowd that there is played again that evening at 5 p.m. er-mounted nanobubble generator students attending classes in perprovided under contract by a com- son may continue to do so, but no additional schools may open for in-person instruction, and the county is not offering a waiver

> As the situation develops, coun-Since the program started back ty officials warned they may need to restrict activities even further to Newsom on Monday even hinted outdoors. that the state is considering a cur-

Since Bay Area counties imple-According to Matt Graul, the mented the first Shelter-in-Place Order in March, Alameda County has moved cautiously with its re-

> While that approach seemed to be working, the most recent wave of new infections in the county and across the state appear to be growing even faster than what the area experienced in the summer.

Officials are urging residents to Lake Temescal was constructed take steps now to limit opportunities for people to mix and gather, especially indoors without masks, to avoid overwhelming our health deaths, and protect frontline workers and medically vulnerable res-

Local health officers may act to restrict activities more than the State's requirements in order to respond to local disease conditions

and protect public health.

The spread of COVID-19 is driven by mixing with people from other households, especially indoors and without masks. To prevent further spread of the virus, county health officials say avoid gathering with people you don't live with, limit activities, wear face coverings whenever you leave home, stay home when ill, slow the spread of the virus. Gov. and keep interactions with others

"We need Alameda County residents and businesses to, once again, rise to the challenge and help flatten the curve," said Dr. Nicholas Moss, Alameda County Health Officer. "Stay home for the holidays, wear face masks, maintain at least six feet of distance, wash your hands frequently, and get your flu shot. We all must recommit ourselves to the safety measures that helped us lower case rates in September and October."

Castro Valley Confirmed Cases = 687

Alameda County Confirmed Cases = 25,872

Deaths = 490California

Confirmed Cases = 1,029,235Deaths = 18,263

as of November 16, 2020





PHOTO BY LINDA SANDSMARK

# Troop 708: Scouting for Food

Scouts from Troop 708 in Castro Valley collected food donations in the Rite Aid parking lot on the Boulevard Saturday. This annual collection is the biggest food drive for the Alameda County Food Bank. Due to the pandemic, no door hangers or bags were delivered to homes this year. Instead, the Scouts manned drop-off locations to receive socially-distanced canned food donations. "It's for a good cause," said scout Sean Dunn. "People need the food even more than ever this year."

# County Library to Increase Access To More eBooks, e-Audiobooks

The Alameda County Library the-go and the inherent popularity of Time's "Best Inventions 2019" has formed a partnership with San of technology, which has become and is available for students to Leandro's Public Library and its increasingly valuable in support-School Disrict to increase access ing new generations of lifelong to more eBooks and e-audiobooks learners and readers. for students

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# Fewer Plan to Hit Road This Thanksgiving

East Bay travel on Thanksgiving is anticipated to be on the lighter side this year.

AAA Northern California expects around 6.2 million Californians to hit the road for the holiday, the most extensive one-year decrease since the 2008 Great Recession and a drop of about a million from 2019.

The number may be even lower as the public monitors and responds to the public health landscape.

For those who decide to travel for Thanksgiving, the afternoon of next Wednesday, Nov. 25th, is expected to see the heaviest traffic increase.

"The wait-and-see approach travel trend continues to impact travel decisions," said Sergio Avila, AAA Northern California Spokesperson. "For those who are considering making a trip, the majority will go by car, which provides the flexibility to modify holiday travel plans up until the day of departure.'

**Before You Go** 

• Plan ahead. Check with state and local authorities where you are, along your route, and at your planned destination to learn about any restrictions that may be in place

• Follow public health guidance. Consistent use of face masks, physically distancing, and regular hand washing are the best ways to lower your risk of contracting COVID-19.

Verify before you go. Call ahead to hotel and ask about protocols and safety requirements.

· Helpful resources. Use Trip-Tik.AAA.com to plan your road trip and help determine which rest stops, gas stations, restaurants, and hotels are open along your route.



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The Scouts will be working the there may be restrictions on how To learn more, visit meet.soraapp. hristmas tree lot to earn money many people enter the lot.

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

# Caroline Allman

Caroline Allman is our Athlete of the Week. The Senior Varsity Girls Softball shortstop has signed a letter of intent to attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo next year and play for the Mustangs. Allman batted a team-leading .410 (34-for-83) as a sophomore in 2019 at Castro Valley and earned CIF All-North Coast Section honorable mention recognition and All-Western Alameda County Conference first-team praise. Caroline's parents are Mustangs as is her sister Krystyna.

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**TRO VALLEY INDEPENDENT SPORTS LEAGUE Youth Baseball and Flag Football Programs** 

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If you have problems with your sewer, and you are within Castro Valley Sanitary District's (CVSan) service area, CALL US FIRST at (510) 537-0757 BEFORE you call a plumber. We will inspect our sewer mains at no charge to you, and report our findings and recommendations, which could save you valuable time and money. If you call a plumber before calling CVSan to check our sewer main, you will be responsible for all charges incurred.

### What causes sewer blockages?

Some of the most common causes of sewer blockages are: the buildup of FOG (fats, oils, and grease), "flushable" wipes, cleaning products, pet and human hair, tree root intrusion into your sewer lateral and our sewer mains, or debris entering the sewer system from illegal connections.

CVSan Main Office: (510) 537-0757 (M-F 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

Sewer Emergencies After Hours, please call (510) 506-5821. If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to call the Main Office.

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# Track: Long Lost Friends

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school with the city and state it's located in. You can also search at AlumniClass.com, a huge hosting site for thousands of high schools across the U.S.

If you're looking for old college friends, look for an alumni directory on the school's website. You might be able to access your friend's contact info by completing an online registration. Or, try contacting your alumni relations department and ask them to pass on your contact info to your friend.

If you're looking for someone you served with in the military, Military.com offers a free "Buddy Finder" service that has a database of more than 20 million records visit Military.com/buddy-finder. You can also search for free at GIsearch.com, TogetherWeServed. com and VetFriends.com.

If you can't find any current information about the person you're searching for, it could be that he or she is dead. To find out if that's the case, use obituary databases such as Tributes.com and Legacy.com, which has a newspaper obituary search tool from hundreds of U.S. newspapers.

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



The late Sean Connery as James Bond in 'Goldfinger.'

# What's Up at Smalltown

• Friday, Nov. 20 thru Sunday, Nov. 22: Soft Reopening at The Chabot! Due to Alameda County reaching a lower risk tier in COVID-19 regulations, The Chabot is able to begin reopening at a smaller capacity! We are showing "The Goonies" as well as "Goldfinger" in honor of the late Sean Connery. Check our website for showtimes and tickets: thechabot.com

• Saturday, Nov. 21: This week's Live Riff-Along features the 1959 horror sci-fi movie "The Wasp Woman," in which an anti-aging serum derived from the royal jelly of a queen wasp has some horrifying side-effects! Watch and comment along at 8 PM with your community at thechabot.com or from our Facebook page!

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

# CVSan's Compost Giveaway a Success

Gardens will be looking a little greener around Castro Valley in the spring after residents carried home nearly 3,800 cubic feet of rich gardening compost last fall. The free organic compost give-

away was conducted from Aug. 17 through Oct. 1 by CVSan in partnership with Alameda County Industries and Pete's Ace Hardware.

Eligible residents registered for coupons, which were redeemable for two 1.5-cubic-foot bags of the compost. Over the course of several weeks, 1,263 residents redeemed their coupons which resulted in 2,526 bags of compost being distributed.

CVSan officials said they were proud to continue providing compost to the community as they have done in past years, and thanked Pete's and ACI for their help.

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Deputy FILE NO. 573795 **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT Pursuant to Business an Professions Code Sections 17900-17930 The name of the business(es): The name of the business(es): Davis & Lohse Fine Cabinetry lo-WynnesomeCreations, located at cated at 35263 Fircrest St. Suite 4194 Krolop Road, Castro Valley, CA G, Newark, CA 94560, in Alameda 94546, in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): County, is hereby registered by the Wynne Kong Coughtry, 4194 Krolop following owner(s): Plastics Unlimited, Inc., 35263 Fircrest St. Suite G. Road, Castro Valley, CA 94546. This Newark, CA 94560. This business business is conducted by an indiis conducted by a corporation. This vidual. This business commenced business commenced N/A. 07/12/2016.

/s/ Plastics Unlimited, Inc. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above. Expires OCTOBER 15, 2025 OCT 28, NOV 4, 11, 18, 2020

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/s/ Wynne Kong Coughtry

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FILED OCTOBER 21, 2020 MELISSA WILK County Clerk ALAMEDA COUNTY Deputy Deputy By-FILE NO. 574097 **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** 

NAME STATEMENT Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es): Animal Haus located at 4804 Seaview Avenue, Castro Valley, CA 94546, in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Suzanne Epstein, 4804 Seaview Avenue, Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced 10/21/2020

/s/ Suzanne Epstein This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above. Expires OCTOBER 27, 2025 NOV 11, 18, 25, DEC 02, 2020

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