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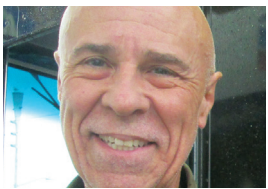
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### AFTER FLOOD

## Redwood Golf Course Back to Par

By Amy Sylvestri  
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It was almost back to business-as-usual Tuesday morning at the Redwood Canyon golf course, with select holes open for play despite last week's flooding during the heavy rains.

The front nine and a couple of holes on the back nine are playable according to Redwood Canyon General Manager Jake Stewart.

And the Meadows restaurant, pro shop, bar and grill, and driving range are all open during normal business hours, Stewart said.

"There are still parts of the course that are flooded," said Stewart. "It's unfortunate, but Mother Nature is Mother Nature."

Now, Stewart says it's simple a matter of waiting for the land to dry. He said there has only been minimal damage to the course.

The flooding happened because the Upper San Leandro Reservoir had neared its capacity of 42,000 acre-feet and water had to be released though the creek that runs through the golf course or else  
*see COURSE on page 15*



PHOTO BY CATHY BRESLOW

## Local Heroes of 2016

**THE SECOND ANNUAL EDEN AWARDS, honoring five local heroes, were presented by the Castro Valley / Eden Area Chamber of Commerce during a gala ceremony Saturday night at the Redwood Canyon Events Center. More than 200 people were on hand for the presentations which were opened by a color guard from the Veterans of Foreign Wars. From left, emcee and Chamber Past-president Al Hearne, San Lorenzo Teacher of the Year Monique Coughran, First Responder of the Year Alameda County Sheriff's Sgt. Bret Scheuller, Business Person of the Year Satinder Grewal of Aroma Cuisine of India, Volunteer of the Year Aaron Freitas of Produce 101, Castro Valley Teacher of the Year Lee Ann Chinn of Canyon Middle School, and emcee and current Chamber President Michael Tacconi. See more about the winners on page 15**

## Record Rainfall Fills Reservoirs But Presents a Few Challenges

The East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) announced on Friday that all of the reservoirs that supply drinking water to Castro Valley and much of the East Bay are full for the first time in several years.

The current water year, which began with the wettest October on record, has continued with January's record rainfall in the Mokelumne River watershed in the Sierra foothills, the source of the District's water supply. East Bay precipitation was nearly 300 percent of average for January.

The District is also addressing storm impacts to its watersheds, water storage and wastewater operations.

"We've been frankly relieved

to have such an incredible first half of the rainy season," said EBMUD Board President Lesa McIntosh.

While this is good news for the water agency and its customers, McIntosh said the district staff is



now focused on some storm-related challenges. These include managing controlled releases from over-the-brim reservoirs, and dealing with a significant storm-induced slide on San Pablo Creek, adjacent to Briones Aqueduct.

An emergency repair was quickly completed to protect that aqueduct—a critical water pipeline used to fill Briones Reservoir and deliver water to area treatment plants—and to protect San Pablo Creek and public safety in the area.

In the East Bay, the District is releasing water to control reservoir levels.

The Upper San Leandro Reservoir began spilling on Jan. 11 which resulted in last week's flooding at the Redwood Canyon Golf Course. Other spilling is occurring at Chabot Reservoir, Briones Reservoir, San Pablo Reservoir and Lafayette Reservoir.

For more information, please visit ebmud.com.

## Swalwell Will Host Open House at New CV Office

Rep. Eric Swalwell will host an open house at the 15th Congressional District's new District Office from 10 a.m. until noon this Saturday, Feb. 4.

Rep. Swalwell – now in his third term – recently consolidated his two former offices in Pleasanton and Hayward into this single new office to streamline his district operation and save money.

The office is located at 3615 Castro Valley Blvd. directly behind KFC and next to the CVS Pharmacy.

Those attending Saturday's open house will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback to the Congressman and his staff, as well as to learn about services the office provides.

No tickets are required, but for planning purposes, constitu-

### MAC MEETING

## Update on Overpass Art Project

By Amy Sylvestri  
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The county is just a few months away from choosing an artist and design for the Redwood Road overpass art project, according to a report given to Castro Valley's Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) Monday night.

Public art has been a sore subject in town for over two decades – ever since the infamous "canoe" welcoming sign drew such public outcry that it was removed and put into storage.

Alameda County arts executive director Rachel Osajima assured the MAC the public will have several opportunities to view the proposed designs for the mural before the project is installed. Five finalists will display their art at a public meeting sometime in May or June with a selection to be made in the early summer.

The Castro Valley overpass is one of three the county is installing – the others are in San Lorenzo and Ashland.

Osajima said the overpass art  
*see MAC on back page*



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The 15th Congressional District includes Castro Valley, Hayward, Union City, San Ramon, Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore, and parts of Fremont and Danville, as well as the unincorporated areas of San Lorenzo, Sunol, Ashland, Cherryland, and Fairview.



## Castro Valley Weather Feb. 1 - 5, 2017



Wednesday  
Partly Sunny  
High 55° Low 41°



Thursday  
Partly Cloudy  
High 55° Low 37°



Friday  
Sunny  
High 56° Low 36°



Saturday  
Sunny  
High 58° Low 38°



Sunday  
Partly Sunny  
High 60° Low 40°

### Almanac



Past Week's Rain: 00.00  
Season To Date: 22.39  
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## CVSAN PROJECTS OUT TO BID



### Pump Station 4 & Forcemain Project

This spring CVSan will repair a degraded forcemain located on Camino Alta Mira and will redesign the flume hatch located at CVSan's outfall near the Hayward Area Senior Center. The forcemain pipe will be relocated to allow easier access for maintenance, and the flume hatch redesign will reduce odors in the surrounding area. This project was recently put out to bid and construction could begin as early as April 2017. This project is scheduled to be completed by mid-July 2017.

### Annual Repairs Project

CVSan is currently finalizing the design of its ongoing capital improvements project to repair pipes with structural defects throughout our service area. The Annual Repairs Project will involve pipeline replacements, spot repairs, and the installation of two new manholes. This \$1,200,000 project is scheduled to begin in May 2017 and be completed by mid-August 2017.

Visit [cvsan.org/projects](http://cvsan.org/projects) for more information on these upcoming projects.

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## New Leaders for Chamber

New officers and a new board of directors for the Castro Valley / Eden Area Chamber of Commerce were sworn in by Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley in ceremonies at the Hayward-Castro Valley Moose Hall. Above, from left, officers for 2017 are Al Hearne (Past President), Brian Morrison (Vice President), Laurie Funnel (Vice President), Shay Knudsen (Treasurer), Tim Castle (Vice President), and David Gehrke (Vice President). Below, Supervisor Miley (at left) is shown with the new board: Robert Lepert, Bryan Daylor, Julie Sumiki, Cindy Torres, Susan McCue, Zelma Byrd, Peter Rosen and Sudhir Reddy. Missing from the photo were Parvin Ahmadi, Taylor Goldberg, Liddy Goldberg, Karen Alexander and Kim Holland.



## Salvation Army Flea Market Seeks Vendors

The Salvation Army Hayward Corps is seeking vendors to participate in its second Annual Flea Market on Saturday, April 1.

This event offers shoppers a broad range of goods: arts, crafts, carvings, culinary delights, new and used furniture, jewelry, clothing, new household goods and collectibles.

Vendors need to provide their own booth preparations (tables, chairs, tents, etc.). Spaces for merchandise measure about 10-feet-

by-10-feet and rent for \$25.

The event will be held rain or shine. Vendors keep all of their earnings. Any unwanted items may be donated to The Salvation Army Hayward Corps at the end of the event if the vendor so desires.

The space rental fees help fund The Salvation Army's Summer and Day Camp Programs for low-income families in Castro Valley, Hayward and San Lorenzo. Last year, The Salvation Army USA provided the opportunity to camp for more than 234,000 underprivileged children, adults and seniors.

Returning vendors should indicate if they wish to retain the space they had last year and respond as soon as possible to secure that opportunity. New vendors will be assigned spaces in the order in which their applications are received.

To participate, please contact Amy Mefford at [Amy.Mefford@usw.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Amy.Mefford@usw.salvationarmy.org) or call 510-581-6444 for a vendor-application form which should be returned by Friday, March 10.

The Flea Market will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at the Salvation Army, 430 A St. in Hayward, phone 510-581-6444.

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# 'Mayor of San Lorenzo' Retires

By Amy Sylvestri  
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After more than 30 years on his San Lorenzo route, United Parcel Service (UPS) delivery driver Keith Barros is hanging up his brown uniform and retiring.

Barros, who grew up in Castro Valley, is sometimes called the "Mayor of San Lorenzo" because he's so well known around town — both for delivering his packages and for being a frequent speaker at San Lorenzo Village Homes Association meetings.

"For better or worse, I'm probably the most recognized person in the zip code," says Barros. "People are always very friendly."

Barros, 65, delivered his last package last month after more than 30 years with UPS and 25 on the San Lorenzo route.

"There could have been no better job for me. This has been the job of a lifetime," he says. He applied to UPS back in 1982 because a friend of his recommended it as a good place to work.

Barros says the job was challenging, but rewarding. People were always happy to see him coming because he was usually bringing them something they wanted or needed.

Things have changed over the past three decades. When he started, Barros said those familiar brown UPS trucks didn't have automatic transmissions, power steering, or even sun visors.

Now the whole system has been streamlined and automated. It's a good thing — with the increase in online shopping, delivery drivers are busier than ever.

"It's like night and day," he says.

Averaging about 250 deliveries a day, Barros had plenty of opportunity to deliver unusual items.

One that stands out in his memory is the time a box full of live frogs somehow got open en route for delivery.

"I was arranging the packages and I could hear something moving in the back of the truck, says Barros. "That was a surprise."

And often people would ship toys that would turn on and start playing music, which could give a driver a scare.

But the strangest encounter during his time delivering was when Orchard Supply Hardware was supposed to take delivery of some boxes of ladybugs.

One of the boxes opened and about 30,000 of the insects got

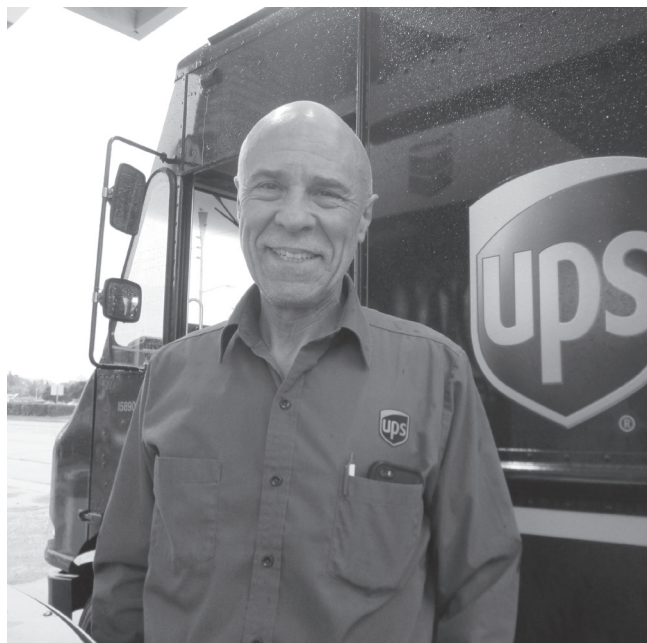


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**ALWAYS A SMILING FACE:** Longtime UPS Driver Keith Barros, known as "The Mayor of San Lorenzo" has retired.

loose in the back of a truck. When they opened the truck, the ladybugs were covering every single surface!

"It was like a movie, they were everywhere," he says.

And the "Mayor of San Lorenzo" has met some famous faces during his time on the job. He got an autograph on a delivery slip from legendary 49ers running back Roger Craig when the athlete was doing a photo shoot at a studio in San Lorenzo.

Barros ran into one of the Temptations at Rasputin Records on Hesperian Blvd. and musician Shelia E. at a recording studio in Oakland.

At his retirement party, Barros sang a song he wrote called "The Retiring UPS Driver's National Anthem" to the tune of "New York, New York," and his co-workers and friends loved it.

Barros loves to sing his original parodies — he did one at a Team-

sters convention in Las Vegas that brought the house down.

"And let me tell you, 400 Teamsters are a tough audience," he jokes.

Now that he's retired, Barros says he'll have more time to enjoy San Lorenzo. And he wants to fix up his home, travel, hit the gym and spend time with family and friends.

"I'm looking forward to savoring each day."

## SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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### Domestic Disturbance

Sunday, January 29: at 10:34 p.m., Sheriff's deputies arrested a 27-year-old man from Castro Valley on suspicion of assault on a family member. An anonymous tip about a heated argument sent deputies to a home on Forest Avenue near Vincent Court. The man was handcuffed and taken into custody. The victim was treated at the scene.

### Driving Under the Influence

Sunday, January 29: at 2:41 a.m., a 31-year-old man from Dublin was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol. Deputies pulled the man over while he was traveling on Grove Way near Redwood Road after observing him making an illegal turn. The man was also wanted as part of a warrant for his capture. Deputies took the man to Santa Rita Jail pending \$5,000 in bail.

### Public Intoxication

Saturday, January 28: at 11:58 a.m., deputies arrested a 67-year-old man from Castro Valley on suspicion of public intoxication. The man was walking on Castro Valley Boulevard near Wilbeam Avenue when deputies approached him for questioning. The man was also wanted as part of a warrant for

his arrest. Deputies reported that the man failed his field sobriety test, but were so concerned about the man's condition that they sent him to the hospital for immediate care.

### Armed and Dangerous

Saturday, January 28: at 1:31 a.m., a 34-year-old man from Hayward was arrested on suspicion of illegal possession of a loaded firearm with ammunition, possession of illegal narcotics, and illegal drug paraphernalia. The man had an active warrant issued for his capture. He was previously convicted of felony drug crimes and identified as an addict which made the possessions' charges felony offenses. Deputies stopped the man for questioning outside a gas station on Grove Way near Center Street. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$157,500 in bail.

### Illegal Narcotics

Sunday, January 29: at 2:43 a.m., deputies arrested a 39-year-old man with no permanent address on suspicion of possession of illegal narcotics. The man was traveling on Somerset Avenue near Lake Chabot Road when deputies approached him for questioning and discovered his stash. The man was taken into custody.

### Stolen Property

Saturday, January 28: at 12:15 a.m., a 26-year-old woman with no permanent address was arrested on suspicion of possession of stolen property and illegal amounts of marijuana. The woman also had a warrant issued for her arrest. Deputies caught up with the woman on the Boulevard near Wilbeam Avenue. The woman was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$5,000 in bail.

### Can't Stay Away

Thursday, January 26: at 11:28 p.m., deputies arrested a 30-year-old man with no permanent address on suspicion of violating a court-issued restraining order. The man had been barred from hanging around a grocery store on Redwood Road near the Boulevard. Store security identified the man and dispatched deputies. Deputies took the man into custody.

### Drugs in Pocket

Thursday, January 26: at 5:20 p.m., a 31-year-old man from Castro Valley was arrested on suspicion of possession of illegal narcotics. Deputies stopped the man for questioning on Lake Chabot Road near Rizzo Avenue when they discovered his stash. The man was taken into custody.

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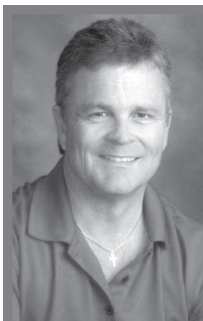
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## The Week Ahead

### ● Wednesday & Thursday, Feb. 1-2: Donations for Refugees

Donate lightly used or new kitchen items to help refugees resettle in the Bay Area. Drop off donations at the Mormon Church, 3900 Seven Hills Road, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. today, or from 6:30 to 8 p.m. tomorrow, Feb. 2, at the Palomares Hills Clubhouse, 6811 Villareal Drive. Items will be donated to the International Rescue Committee in Oakland. Visit [goo.gl/LIX3Nm](http://goo.gl/LIX3Nm) or call 510-397-6172 for details. This is an Eagle Scout project for Harrison Thomas, Troop 789.

### ● Wednesday, February 1: School Bond Oversight Meeting

The Measure G Citizens' School Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) will meet this afternoon at 5 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Castro Valley School District, 4400 Alma Avenue. These meetings are open to the public and the public may comment on issues under consideration by the Committee at the meeting. Agendas are posted at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting and are available at [www.cv.k12.ca.us/](http://www.cv.k12.ca.us/) (click on Current CBOC Meeting Packet).

### ● Wednesday, February 1: Retirement Seminar

The Aitken Senior Center at 17800 Redwood Road will host a Retirement Health and Wealth Seminar from 1-2 p.m. today on how to improve your brain health, generate lifetime income, and increase retirement income. Also tips on tax and estate planning. Call 510-881-6738 to reserve your spot for this free seminar.

### ● Wednesday, February 1: "Is This House Haunted?"

Hayward Area Historical Society Property Manager Heather Farquhar will discuss Paranormal Investigation and Historic Houses from 6 to 7 p.m. this evening at the Hayward Library at 835 C Street. The Meek Mansion and the McConaghy House in Hayward have both been sites of exploration for paranormal investigators. Data includes electronic voice phenomena, cold spots, touches, apparitions and much more.

### ● Thursday, February 2: Parkinson's Support Group meeting

Stephanie Johnson, a speech therapist, will be the speaker at the next meeting of the San Leandro Parkinson's Support Group tomorrow at 10 a.m. at the San Lorenzo Community Church, 945 Paseo Grande. For more information, call Lona White at 510-276-3119.

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### ● Friday, February 3: Eden Area Village Meeting

Eden Area Village is developing a non-profit membership based neighborhood "Village" that will help people in the Castro Valley, Hayward, and the San Lorenzo areas stay in their homes as they age. Public outreach meetings are held the first Friday of each month at 2 p.m. at Hayward City Hall. Next meeting is this Friday, Feb 3.

### ● Saturday, February 4: Community Garden Open House

Come see what your neighbors are growing at a Community Garden Open House & Free Workshop this Saturday at Paradise Community Garden, 20095 Mission Blvd. in Hayward. Open house hours: 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Workshop ("Sustainability through Integrated Agriculture -- Permaculture, Fermentation, Aquaponix and Bio-remediation") from 11 a.m. to noon, presented by Dustin Passalapi. For more info call Eden Urban Farms 510-909-4077.

### ● Saturday, February 4: Make Your Own Valentines

Learn how to make hand-crafted cards for Valentine's Day at the Castro Valley Library with card-maker Vinnie Cespedes from 10 to 11:30 a.m. this Saturday, Feb. 4. All materials are provided, just bring your creativity. This program is appropriate for adults, teens and 'tweens. Registration is required. Register at the library Information Desk or call 510-667-7900.

### ● Saturday, February 4: Pets Available for Adoption

Dusty Paws Rescue will be showing cats and dogs available for adoption this Saturday, Feb. 4, at Pet Food Express, 3385 Castro Valley Blvd. from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit [www.dustypawsrescue.org](http://www.dustypawsrescue.org)

### ● Monday, February 6: Diabetes Support Group

Cardiology specialist Dr. Aditya Jain will discuss "Keeping your heart healthy" at the next meeting, 5 p.m. on Feb. 6 at the Surgery Center, 15035 E. 14th St., San Leandro.

### ● Tuesday, February 7: Ohlone Audubon Meeting

Presenter Moe Flannery's topic will be "Dead Whales Do tell Tales" --what we learn from postmortem examinations and museum specimens, at the next meeting of Ohlone Audubon at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 7 at Niles Discovery Church, 36600 Niles Blvd., Fremont. Flannery, Ornithology and Mammalogy Collection Manager at the California Academy of Sciences, will share some of the stories uncovered during recent whale postmortem exams along our local coastlines.

### ● Tuesday, February 7: Buon Tempo Club Family Dinner

You're invited to a Buon Tempo Club chicken-and-pasta family dinner at 7 p.m. next Tuesday at Transfiguration Church, 4000 E Castro Valley Blvd. Jessica Pacheco and her team are the cooks for this six-course meal. For reservations (\$15 members, \$20 guests), call 510-483-6929 by this Friday, Feb. 3. Buon Tempo, an Italian-American club is looking for new members. For information, visit: [buontempoclub.org/](http://buontempoclub.org/)

### ● Friday, February 10: McConaghy House 'Date Night'

Celebrate Valentine's Day with a friend or your sweetheart at the historic McConaghy House, 18701 Hesperian Blvd. in Hayward on Feb. 10 from 7 to 10 p.m. The Hayward Area Historical Society is having a "date night" where actors will provide an interactive history of Valentine's Day on a 40-minute tour of the house. Tickets are \$25 dollars per person, \$40 for two. For more info, visit [www.haywardareahistory.org/](http://www.haywardareahistory.org/)

### ● Friday, February 10: Parent's Night Out

Want a special date night the Friday before Valentine's Day, but you aren't sure what to do with the kids? Bring them to Parent's Night Out at Faith Lutheran Church in Castro Valley, 20080 Redwood Road in Castro Valley, where there'll be Valentine's-themed crafts, games, movies, and dinner for kids ages 5-12 from 4-9 p.m. The cost is \$15 per child, \$10 for a sibling (a family with two children would cost \$25). Space is limited, so call 510-582-0818 to reserve a spot. More information can be found at [www.flccv.org/PNO](http://www.flccv.org/PNO).

### ● Saturday, February 11: All Fur Love Pet Adoptions

Dogs, cats and bunnies can be adopted free to qualified homes during the Hayward Animal Shelter volunteers' annual "All Fur Love" event from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11. There will also be a Valentine's Day photo booth from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (\$10 suggested donation). A \$17 dog license fee applies to Hayward residents only. For more info, visit [www.facebook.com/haywardanimalshelter](http://www.facebook.com/haywardanimalshelter) or call 510-293-7200.

## Arts & Entertainment

### CASTRO VALLEY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Tickets for CFA events listed below are available online at [www.cvarts-foundation.org](http://www.cvarts-foundation.org); or at the Center Box Office, 19501 Redwood Road, Thursdays and Fridays 3-5 p.m. phone 889-8961; or at the CV Adult School, 4430 Alma Ave.

● **Gina Eckstine**, daughter of famed bandleader and singer Billy Eckstine, brings her own style to the music scene at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25. With family friends that included greats like Sammy Davis Jr., Sarah Vaughan and Quincy Jones, she weaves personal stories throughout her selections from the Great American Songbook. For tickets (\$17-\$25) see above.

● **California Beach Boys Concert**, originally scheduled for this past October 15, has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. For tickets (on sale now) see above.

### THEATRICAL & MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

● **"Rumors,"** Neil Simon's wonderfully funny farce about four nouveau riche couples at a party, opens at Chanticleers Theatre at 3683 Quail Ave. in Castro Valley with a traditional champagne gala this Friday, Feb. 3 and runs through Feb. 26. Curtain for Friday and Saturday evening shows is 8 p.m. Sunday matinees start at 2 p.m. (no matinee on opening weekend). For tickets (\$20 on bargain night Feb. 4; \$25 general; \$20 seniors, students and military) visit [chanticleers.org](http://chanticleers.org) or call 510-733-5483.

● **'Charley's Aunt '66,'** the World Premiere of a wonderfully silly farce by Scott Munson, comes to the Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St. in Hayward beginning with a preview on Thursday, Feb. 9. Opening reception Feb. 10. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Feb. 9, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 and at 2 p.m. on Feb. 12, 19, 25. For tickets (\$10-\$29), call 510-881-6777 or visit [www.dmtonline.org](http://www.dmtonline.org)

### ART GALLERIES & EVENTS

● **"Getting to Know the Map,"** an exhibition of 40 years of photography by Geir and Kate Jordahl, is now on display at PhotoCentral Gallery, 1099 E St. in Hayward. The Jordahls have been photographing and working with the photographic image for the past forty years. This special celebration will feature their images and projects which have been shaped by decades of exploring, studying, traveling and teaching. The exhibition continues through April 15, 2017 and there will be Book Release & Signing on April 13 from 7-9 p.m. The PhotoCentral Gallery is open Monday 5-10 p.m., Tuesday & Thursday 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday 12-3 p.m. and by appointment. The Upstairs Gallery is open Monday-Friday 9 a.m. -5 p.m. For more, visit [info@photocentral.org](http://info@photocentral.org)

● **People, Places & Pets**, an exhibition of 40 photographs -- from portraits, local scenes, historical sites and favorite pets -- is on display at Foothill Gallery, 22394 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward, sponsored by the Hayward Arts Council. Meet and greet the artists from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25.

● **Hayward Area Photography**, the work of 23 local photographers including 10 members of the Castro Valley Photo Club will be on display through March 31 at the John O'Lague Galleria at Hayward City Hall, sponsored by the Hayward Arts Council. An artists' reception will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. this Friday, Feb. 3.

● **"Finding the Quiet Places,"** a display of pastel paintings by Castro Valley artist Sarah Schneider, is on view at the Castro Valley Library. These landscapes show calm and restful scenes, a reminder of the local beauty of our area. Schneider is a member of A.R.T., Inc.

● **"Looking Forward,"** an exhibition by the members of A.R.T., Inc., featuring a variety of media including two and three-dimensional art, will be on display through March 4 at the Adobe Art Gallery, 20395 San Miguel Ave. in Castro Valley. Art judge Angela Johal selected the exhibition awards.

● **Making a Difference in Our Community**, a display of photos and text detailing the activities and 68-year history of the Castro Valley Women's Club, will be presented for the entire month of February at the Castro Valley Library.

● **Celebrating Community: Black Families of Fairview and Kelly Hill**, depicting the diverse experiences of past and present residents of these two areas of unincorporated Hayward, will be on display in the Hayward Area Historical Society Community Gallery at 22380 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward from January 14 through March 5. The exhibit was guest curated by Karen McHenry-Smith. For more information call 510-581-0223 or visit [www.haywardareahistory.org](http://www.haywardareahistory.org).

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### REGULAR LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

• Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) meets on land-use issues on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, and holds general purpose meetings on most 3rd Mondays. Meetings are at 6 p.m. at the Castro Valley Library Chabot Room, 3600 Norbridge Avenue.

• Castro Valley School Board usually meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 4400 Alma Ave.

• Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at the District Headquarters, 21040 Marshall St.

• Alameda County Board of Supervisors meets every Tuesday at 10:45 a.m. in the Supervisors Chambers at the County Administration Bldg., 1221 Oak St. in Oakland.



# Art Exhibit at the Adobe Reveals Breadth of Talent of Local Artists

By Bruce D. Roberts  
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Art fans everywhere have a wonderful opportunity to see the breadth of talent and style of East Bay artists now through March 4 at the Adobe Art Gallery in Castro Valley.

Fifty-seven artists have brought their works for display and the results are amazing.

As Dorothy in Wizard of Oz sings out “Lions and tigers and bears, Oh My,” art lovers touring this gallery will be tempted to shout out, “Acrylic and Watercolor and Oil, Oh My!” And that’s just the beginning.

Photography, ceramics, pencil and mixed media are all there, but even more esoteric art terms such as “bromoil,” “gessoed,” “encaustic,” and “Prismacolor” help to fill out the span of these artists’ abilities.

The talent abounds here. Marie Kulka’s “Early Morning Fog

Glow” is a panoramic and strikingly beautiful view of the bay at dawn. The acrylic “Lady,” by Lee Daguman evokes beauty and depth through a faceless but feminine hair style hovering amid vibrant splashes of color over a small, singular female silhouette.

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Using simple white pencil on black paper, Doyle Wegner created “Morning Serenade,” a fiddler arousing life outside a bedroom window. Kathleen Hardwig, from the local “Botanical” painting group, brought a “Red Flowering Gum” branch to life with watercolors, but no green—the many natural shades of green created through expert use of other colors.

Winifred Thompson’s “Sun” would be impressive enough as a painting, but by molding Hallow-

een “netting,” saturated with glue, then painted over with oil and pastel, she built up the rays, the sea, the shoreline cliffs to add texture and dimension to this explosion of light.

This was a “judged” exhibit, with several works receiving Awards of Merit or Honorable Mention and cash rewards. But the overall quality of the work seems so high that the Judge, Angela Johal, must have had a very difficult task.

This is a very impressive display: “Looking Forward,” an A.R.T., Inc. Members’ Exhibition at CV’s Adobe Art Gallery, continues to March 4. The Adobe, at 20395 San Miguel Drive, is open Thursday through Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Or call (510) 881-6735 to view by appointment.

Hayward native Bruce Roberts is Hayward’s first Poet Laureate and on the board of the Hayward Arts Council, writing gallery articles for retirement fun.

## GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY



# Senior Community Teams Up To Help Those Less Fortunate

Residents and employees of Baywood Court Retirement Community in Castro Valley recently teamed up to distribute 150 “care” packages to homeless people in Berkeley.

The idea originated with one of Baywood’s employees, who suggested that the managers, staff and residents come together to help the less fortunate, according to Program Services Manager Keelin Jardin.

“Our hope is that the actions of

those here at Baywood will inspire other large companies to give back to the community in some way,” Jardin said. “A kind thought is all it takes to spark an idea that can bring people together and help to improve people’s lives.”

The Baywood Court team donated items, including bag lunches prepared in the facility’s kitchen, blankets, socks, jackets, clothes, energy bars, and a kind note. Bags were also donated by Trader Joe’s.

A group of knitters at Baywood

Court, who call themselves “the Heart Warmers,” knitted scarves and hats to include in the packages.

Baywood’s residents come from all over the Bay Area and beyond, bringing a variety of unique skills and interests to the community. They create and participate in many recreational and public service activities.

Baywood Court is located at 21966 Dolores Street. For more info, visit [www.baywoodcourt.org](http://www.baywoodcourt.org)

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## When to Take the Car Keys

**Q** What tips can you recommend that can help me deal with my mom's bad driving? At age 83, her driving abilities have declined, but I know she's bound and determined to keep driving as long as she's alive.

By Jim Miller  
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

**A** There's no doubt that giving up driving can be a tough step for many elderly seniors, as well as a difficult conversation for concerned family members.

While there's no one way to handle this sometimes touchy topic, there are a number of tips and resources that can help you evaluate and adjust your mom's driving, and ease her out from behind the wheel when she can no longer drive safely.

### Assess Her Driving

To get a clear picture of your mom's driving abilities, your first step – if you haven't already done so – is to take a ride with her and watch for problem areas.

For example: Does she drive at inappropriate speeds, tailgate or drift between lanes? Does she have difficulty seeing, backing up or changing lanes? Does she react slowly, get confused easily or make poor driving decisions?

Also, has your mom had any fender benders or tickets lately, or have you noticed any dents or scrapes on her vehicle? These, too, are red flags. For more assessment tips see SeniorDriverChecklist.info.

If you need help with this, consider hiring a driver rehabilitation specialist who's trained to evaluate older drivers. This typically runs between \$100 and \$200. Visit AOTA.org/older-driver or ADED.net to locate a specialist in your area.

### Transitioning and Talking

After your assessment, if you think it's still safe for your mom to drive, see if she would be willing to take an older driver refresher course.

These courses will show her how aging affects driving skills, and offers tips and adjustments to help ensure her safety. Taking a class may also earn your mom a discount on her auto insurance.

### Local Classes



**There are a number of tips and resources that can help you evaluate and adjust a senior's driving, and ease them out from behind the wheel when they can no longer drive safely.**

The Castro Valley office of the California Highway Patrol periodically offers a free senior safe-driving workshop at the Castro Valley Library. The announcements are carried in the Senior Sections of the Forum and the San Leandro Times.

You can also locate a class by calling your local AAA (AAA.com) or AARP (AARP.org/drive, 888-227-7669). Most courses cost around \$20 to \$30 and can be taken online or in a classroom.

If, however, your assessment shows that your mom really does need to stop driving, you need to have a talk with her, but don't overdo it. If you begin with a dramatic outburst like "mom, you're going to kill someone!" you're likely to trigger resistance. Start by simply expressing your concern for her safety.

For more tips on how to talk to your mom about this, the Hartford Financial Services Group and MIT AgeLab offers a variety of resources at TheHartford.com/lifetime – click on "Publications" on the menu bar, then on the "We Need To Talk" guidebook.

### Refuses To Quit

If your mom refuses to quit, you have several options. One possible solution is to suggest a visit to her doctor who can give her a medical evaluation, and if warranted, "prescribe" that she stops driving. Older people will often listen to their doctor before they will listen to their own family.

If she still refuses, contact your local Department of Motor Vehi-

cles to see if they can help. Or, call in an attorney to discuss with your mom the potential financial and legal consequences of a crash or injury. If all else fails, you may just have to take away her keys.

### Alternative Transportation

Once your mom stops driving she's going to need other ways to get around, so help her create a list of names and phone numbers of family, friends and local transportation services that she can call on.

To find out what transportation services are available in her area, contact the Rides in Sight (RidesInSight.org, 855-607-4337) and the Eldercare Locator (800-677-1116), which will direct you to her area agency on aging for assistance.

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

## Claim Tax Deduction for Long-Term Care Insurance Premiums

**Q** Tax day is coming soon and I wonder if I can claim a tax deduction for my Long Term Care Insurance Premiums paid during this past year?

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

**A** Depending upon your income and age, the answer may very well be 'yes', at least as to a portion of your premiums paid. Here's the way it works:

**AGI Threshold:** Premiums for qualified long-term care insurance policies are tax deductible to the extent that they, along with other unreimbursed medical expenses (including Medicare premiums), exceed 10 percent of your Adjusted Gross Income.

This is sometimes referred to as the "AGI Threshold." However, in tax year 2016, taxpayers aged 65 and older only need medical expenses to exceed 7.5 percent of their income, but in 2017 they will

have the same 10 percent threshold rule as everyone else.

If medical expenses do not exceed these AGI Thresholds, then they are not deductible.

### Age Determines Extent of Deduction That Can Be Counted:

The amount of long-term care insurance premiums that are countable toward your AGI Threshold is based upon your age, and the amount changes each year.

For the 2016 tax year, taxpayers who are aged 40 or younger can count toward their deduction only \$390 a year; taxpayers between 40 and 50 can count \$730; taxpayers between 50 and 60 can count \$1,460; taxpayers between 60 and 70 can count \$3,900; and taxpayers who are 70 or older can count up to \$4,870 in LTC premiums toward their AGI Threshold.

What this means is that taxpayers must total all of their medical and LTC Premium expenses and compare them to their incomes.

For example, suppose 64-year-old Frank has an adjusted gross

income of \$30,000 and long-term care premiums totaling \$5,000, plus \$1,000 in other medical expenses. Ten percent of \$30,000 is \$3,000, which is then his AGI Threshold. Therefore, Frank can only deduct any medical and LTC expenses that exceed \$3,000.

The 2016 limit for counting long-term care premiums is \$3,900. That means Frank can only count \$3,900 of his long-term care premiums. If he adds the countable \$3,900 in long-term care premiums to the \$1,000 in other expenses his total medical expenses are \$4,900. He can therefore deduct \$1,900 in medical expenses from his income (\$4,900 -- \$3,000).

If Frank is 70 in 2016, the calculation changes because his medical and LTC expenses only need to exceed 7.5 percent of his income, which would be \$2,250 in Frank's case (\$30,000 X 7.5% = \$2,250). In essence, he has a lower qualifying AGI Threshold.

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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

### Bailey Jones

This week's Athlete of the Week is Bailey Jones, a Junior at Castro Valley High School, a 3-year starting guard on the CVHS Varsity girls basketball team, and a team Captain.

She scored a career high, 33 points, last week, to help her team beat the San Leandro Pirates 61-31, which also helped her reach her milestone of 1007 career points by her junior year.

She was named All-Tourney player in the West Coast Jamboree, that took place Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 28-30, where she had two 20 point games. She led the team in points in her sophomore year with 509 points, which helped the CVHS girls Varsity team reach their best season ever, finishing 33-3, as North Coast Section Champions.

Jones doesn't only bring offense to her game, as she was recognized for the 2014-15 most valuable defensive player, and a great defender. Jones finished her sophomore season with 113 steals.

She has played basketball since she was in third grade for Our Lady of Grace, and the Na-



tional Junior Basketball League. She currently plays competitive Basketball for High Hopes basketball, in Castro Valley.

Jones has also put in 3 years on the CVHS Cross country team and her team won the league meet in 2016. Entering her third year of Varsity track and field, she is a long jumper and triple jumper. She also runs the 400/ 800.

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## Castro Valley High School Boys Wrestlers: The WACC Champs

The Castro Valley High School boys wrestling team wrestled long-standing rival San Leandro High School for the Western Alameda County Conference (WACC) title last Thursday when both teams entered the contest undefeated in league duals.

Over the past 13 years, the league title has come from one

of these two schools, with CVHS holding a 10-3 majority. This year the Trojans came out on top with a stunning 45-27 victory.

Thursday was senior night for the Trojans, who recognized the senior wrestlers on the team – Ryan Ramirez, Steven Decker, Tyler Henderson, and Nizam Khwaja.

The dual started in the 140-pound weight class. Senior Ryan Ramirez pulled out a one-sided 7-0 decision. During the match, Max Plotzeneder, Alex Sousa, RJ Maes, Charles Alejo, and Kristopher Darrin all picked up hard-fought wins.

The Trojans will be representing the WACC at the North Coast Section (NCS) dual team championships at Berkeley High School on Saturday, Feb. 11. The WACC individual championships will be held at CVHS on the following Saturday, Feb. 18, at 9 a.m. Come out and support our mighty Trojans as they qualify for the NCS Individual Championships.

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134 Darrin (cv) dec. Lin (sl) 8-5  
140 Ramirez (cv) dec. Sanchez (sl) 7-0  
147 Plotzeneder (cv) dec. Stanley (sl) 6-0  
154 Sousa (cv) pin. Ivy (sl) 3:30  
162 Alejo (cv) dec. Campos (sl) 5-3  
170 Henderson (cv) winner by forfeit  
184 Kohl (cv) winner by forfeit  
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220 Morales (cv) winner by forfeit

### SPORTS NOTES

#### CVHS Girls Basketball Clinic

The CVHS girls basketball team will be hold a free clinic for girls in grades 7 and 8 on Saturday, Feb. 4. Check in time is 8:45 a.m. Watch the CV girls practice from 9 to 10 a.m. Clinic follows from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and will cover: Basketball fundamentals; Dribbling: How to handle the ball up & down the court; Shooting: Free throw, Set shot, Jump shot, layups; Defense: Triple Threat. Lead Instructor: Jim Lemmon (CVHS Varsity Head Coach) and Staff, which includes CVHS Varsity and JV players. Drinks and snacks provided. Bring your Basketball shoes and be ready to have fun!

#### Castro Valley Track Club

CV Track information is online at JOIN at [www.cvtrackclub.com](http://www.cvtrackclub.com) for those who wish to sign up for youth track and field.

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GUEST COMMENTARY



## California Water Conservation Efforts Become Law of the Land

Sellers must now disclose whether the home has non-compliant fixtures

California's recent drought was a reminder of the importance of conserving water. To that end, state legislators have enacted a law requiring all single-family homeowners in California to install water-conserving plumbing (WCP) fixtures in homes built before 1994.

The law (California Civil Code 1101.1 through 1101.9) became effective January 1, 2017 and mandates that if any California home has the following, they must be upgraded:\*

(1) Any toilet manufactured to use more than 1.6 gallons of

water per flush.

(2) Any urinal manufactured to use more than 1 gallon of water per flush.

(3) Any showerhead manufactured to have a flow capacity of more than 2.5 gallons of water per minute.

(4) Any interior faucet that emits more than 2.2 gallons of water per minute.

In contrast to the recent push by some cities and municipalities to make energy and/or sewer upgrades required at the point of the sale of a home, the state did NOT make the installation of

WCP fixtures a point-of-sale requirement. This means that real estate agents and brokers will NOT be obligated to ensure that sellers or buyers install WCP fixtures.

According to Robert Bloom, Esq., Council with the California Association of Realtors Member Legal Services, the oneness will instead be on sellers to adequately disclose the following:

(1) **Disclosure of the legal requirement.** First, the seller must disclose to the buyer in writing the legal requirement that the owner of the property must replace non-compliant plumbing fixtures with WCP fixtures for properties built before 1994.

(2) **Disclosure of non-compliant fixtures.** Second, the seller must disclose to the buyer in writing whether the real property includes any non-compliant plumbing fixtures.

(3) **The seller's affirmation.** Third, when a transfer Disclosure Statement (Form TDS) is required, the law calls on the seller to specifically affirm that the disclosures of the seller are not those of the agent, are not intended to be part of any contract, are not a warranty, and are not a substitute for the buyer's own inspections.

The big question is how the state intends to police the law and whether or not any penalties might be levied.

For now, buyers of any single family home built prior to 1994 (1) have the right to insist the seller fully disclose the state of current plumbing fixtures and (2) can initiate negotiations requesting any non-compliant fixtures be upgraded to meet the standards of Civil Code Section 1101.3.

*\*Low-Flow Toilets to become Law, Robert Bloom, Esq.*

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## RECENT HOME SALES

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18757 Dubin Court	94546	\$525,000	3 BD - 1,356 SF - 1956
21501 Gail Drive	94546	\$650,000	3 BD - 1,550 SF - 1950
3176 Huntington Court	94546	\$585,000	4 BD - 2,236 SF - 1959
5014 Vannoy Avenue	94546	\$825,000	3 BD - 1,238 SF - 1954
<b>TOTAL SALES:</b>	<b>5</b>		
<b>LOWEST AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$525,000</b>	<b>MEDIAN AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$650,000</b>
<b>HIGHEST AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$825,000</b>	<b>AVERAGE AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$671,000</b>

### Hayward

22770 Alice Street	94541	\$480,000	3 BD - 913 SF - 1930
2165 D Street	94541	\$599,000	2 BD - 1,044 SF - 1911
2112 Edgebrook Place	94541	\$738,000	4 BD - 2,308 SF - 1989
24735 Garwood Glen Dr	94541	\$475,000	3 BD - 1,607 SF - 1981
1221 George Circle	94541	\$605,000	3 BD - 1,809 SF - 2013
137 Laurel Avenue	94541	\$540,000	6 BD - 1,890 SF - 1930
22853 Paseo Place	94541	\$540,000	3 BD - 1,700 SF - 2004
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22661 Wildwood Street	94541	\$835,000	5 BD - 3,564 SF - 1952
25019 Discoverer Place	94544	\$430,000	2 BD - 1,490 SF - 1988
26937 Huntwood Avenue	94544	\$415,000	2 BD - 870 SF - 1947
1027 Inglewood Street	94544	\$430,000	3 BD - 1,042 SF - 1952
29145 Eden Shores Drive	94545	\$760,000	3 BD - 1,822 SF - 2004
2438 Hibiscus Drive	94545	\$650,000	4 BD - 1,404 SF - 1976
27553 Portsmouth Ave	94545	\$608,000	3 BD - 1,128 SF - 1957
21103 Gary Drive #318A	94546	\$425,000	2 BD - 1,100 SF - 1993
<b>TOTAL SALES:</b>	<b>16</b>		
<b>LOWEST AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$415,000</b>	<b>MEDIAN AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$540,000</b>
<b>HIGHEST AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$835,000</b>	<b>AVERAGE AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$562,500</b>

### San Leandro

2542 Marina Boulevard #2	94577	\$508,000	3 BD - 1,571 SF - 1992
14085 Reed Avenue	94578	\$365,000	2 BD - 1,084 SF - 1973
14790 Ruthelen Court	94578	\$565,000	3 BD - 1,205 SF - 1953
15388 Churchill Street	94579	\$499,500	3 BD - 821 SF - 1950
2350 Diamond Bar Court	94579	\$800,000	4 BD - 2,405 SF - 2000
830 Woodgate Drive	94579	\$480,000	3 BD - 1,356 SF - 1973
<b>TOTAL SALES:</b>	<b>6</b>		
<b>LOWEST AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$365,000</b>	<b>MEDIAN AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$503,750</b>
<b>HIGHEST AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$800,000</b>	<b>AVERAGE AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$536,250</b>

### San Lorenzo

536 Grant Avenue	94580	\$530,000	4 BD - 1,264 SF - 1944
652 Heritage Circle	94580	\$500,000	4 BD - 1,451 SF - 2003
738 Via Aires	94580	\$650,000	4 BD - 1,915 SF - 1947

## Be Safe When Using Space Heaters

By Samantha Mazzotta  
Special to the Forum

Regardless of the type of portable electric heater you have, it must be set up so that there is 3 feet of clearance around it, and placed on a heat-resistant surface (bare floor, for example, not carpet).

Additionally, make sure that the outlet being used can handle the amount of electricity the space heater will draw. Don't plug anything else into that outlet.

Consider replacing older space heaters. While I've seen many models built as long ago as the 1950s that are very sturdy, they often do not meet current electrical standards and can use a lot more power than newer models, meaning higher electric bills.

What's the best space heater to purchase? I'm not a fan of the classic open-coil model, and there are alternatives. For example, an enclosed oil heater, which looks like a radiator on wheels, circulates heated oil through each section and provides indirect heat and a greater measure of safety.

There are heaters that fit inside a kitchen's kickspace, oscillating tower heaters, and heaters



Enclosed oil heaters provide indirect heat and are considered safer than open-coil models.

Portable heaters range in price from about \$50 to several hundred dollars. See *HEATERS* on page 11

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# Borers Strike When Fruit Trees Show Signs of Stress

By Buzz Bertolero  
The Dirt Gardener

**Q** We had a problem with fruit tree borers. They've killed a cherry and a nectarine tree. What can I do to prevent the borers from returning as we're thinking about planting new ones?

**A** Borers on deciduous fruit trees such as plums, cherries, apricots, peaches and nectarines occur when the trees are under stress. Healthy trees will

successfully fight them off.

The key to preventing borers is good cultural practices that minimize tree stress. The stress is caused by drought, excessive summer watering in clay soil and trees that are planted too deep. Signs of the problem are excessive amounts of sap on the trunk and major branches, dieback in the canopy, and a decreasing amount of new growth each spring.

When planting bare-root fruit trees, the final soil line should be

at the top of the first root. So, here is how you'll get it right every time:

Once the hole is dug, center a 3/4" by 3/4" by 4" stake in the hole. Lay the handle of your shovel across the hole and make a mark with a Sharpie on the stake. This is the grade level. The tree is attached to the stake so the top of the first root is at the mark and then fill in the hole with the amended backfill.

Next year, remove the stake as it has done its job. The new

root ball is sufficient to prevent the tree from sinking and being buried too deep.

For those trees in containers, the top of the root ball should be a half-inch above the grade to allow for sinkage. You could also add a stake to anchor the tree.

Mulching, later, will cover any exposed roots along with the canopy of the tree itself.

Plums, cherries, apricots, peaches or nectarines should never be planted in turf areas. The constant summer watering

necessary for grass is very problematic. They should be planted in open areas with nothing growing under their canopies.

For the first growing season, fruit trees should be watered weekly when the temperatures are above 80°F. During the second growing season, water twice a month, and monthly from the third season on.

Large watering basins should be constructed so a sufficient amount of water is applied to each tree every time you water.

Except for those trees with a late-ripening crop, you should stop watering deciduous fruit trees at the end of September.

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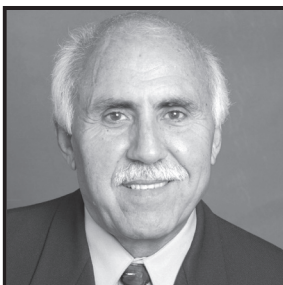
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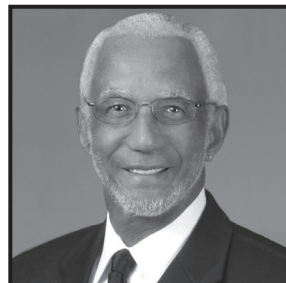
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## Heaters: Plug it into a wall outlet

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hundred dollars, so take a look at several options both in the home-improvement store and online. Make sure any heater you consider has the UL (Underwriters Laboratory) label.

Heaters with a thermostat control can provide greater energy savings. And, it's important to make sure you purchase a heater that can handle the size of the room where you'll use it the most. (Check the sizing chart on the heater's packaging.)

*Home Tip:* Plug your space

heater directly into a wall outlet, not a power strip; if an extension cord is needed, choose a heavy-duty cord of 14 gauge or larger.

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## Rates Rise for First Time in '17

Average 30-year and 15-year fixed mortgage rates rose last week for the first time in 2017.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 4.19 percent, up from 4.09 percent the week before. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.79 percent.

Fifteen-year home loans averaged 3.40 percent, up from 3.34 percent a week earlier.

Adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) edged down slightly. The five-year hybrid ARM averaged 3.20 percent last week, down from 3.21 percent.

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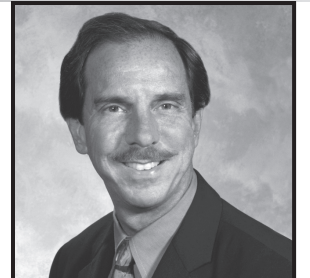
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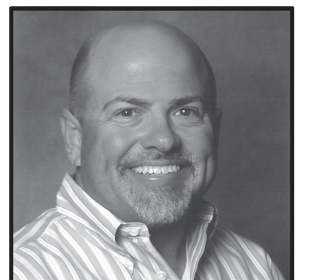
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## Obituaries

ABREW, Dorothy  
BAUGHMAN, Marion Neal  
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■ ABREW, Dorothy, September 12, 1931 - January 2, 2017. Our beloved moth-

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Sandy left us on January 14, 2017. She was born June 25, 1944 in Oakland to James and Beverly Mayer's. She and her sister, Vicki, grew up in Oakland. She graduated from Fremont high in Oakland. She met the love of her life, James Goff, in Oakland where they were married and shortly after moved to Castro Valley. There, they built a family of three boys. James and Sandy celebrated 53 years of marriage. Sandy was a loving, caring grandmother. Life was family and caring for them. She was a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. While raising her own children, Sandy took in daycare children, too, that she loved as her own.

After raising her own family, she worked as a secretary for Chabot Elementary School in Castro Valley. It is there where the staff and kids nicknamed her "Mrs. Beautiful". When she retired, she also volunteered at Valleycare Hospital in Pleasanton.

Sandy is survived by her husband, James; 3 sons, Jim, Ken (and daughter-in-law, Rachille) and Kevin (and daughter-in-law, Trisha); 8 grandchildren, James, Katie, Dustin, Genevieve, Kristina, McKenna, Evan and Raegan; and 2 great-grandchildren, Jessie and Hank.

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### Marion Neal Baughman

Marion Neal Baughman passed away on January 18, 2017. He was born in Buhl, Idaho to Lowell and Maybelle Baughman during the great depression. Marion's father homesteaded land in Twin Falls County, and became a farmer. Marion and his siblings, Burton, Norman, Claire and Lorraine, worked alongside their father in the fields. Maybelle decided to move to Oakland, California in 1945. Marion attended High School at Fremont High School, and then later joined the Army in 1950, and then was deployed to Korea for three years.



After the war, Marion worked at Mother's Cake and Cookies as a baker in Oakland. Marion met Gloria Lowry, and they were married in the Oakland Tabernacle Church by Rev. Cecile Lowry, Gloria's father. Marion and Gloria moved to Castro Valley, where they raised their three daughters, Renee, Debra and Kimberly. In 1961, Marion and his father, Lowell, decided to open up a donut shop in the Historical Housewives Market in Downtown Oakland.

Marion was a devoted, loving husband, father and grandfather. He loved the Lord Jesus Christ. Marion leaves his three daughters, Renee Baughman, Debra Carruth and Kimberly Neufeld; 5 grandchildren, Rachel and Christopher Carruth, Thomas Christy, and Matthew Neufeld; and 3 brothers, Burton, Norman and Claire Baughman.

Marion Baughman's Funeral Service will be held on Friday, Feb. 10, at 1 p.m. at Chapel of Chimes, 4499 Piedmont Ave., in Oakland.



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Elaine was born in Chicago, Illinois, graduated from Evanston Township High School and studied at Biola University in Los Angeles. She was an accomplished piano teacher for many years, having studied at St. Louis Institute of Music. She was a member of her beloved Redwood Chapel Community Church for over 45 years, helping and serving in many ways.

In 1946, Elaine married the love of her life, John S. Whitehouse, moving to Castro Valley in 1956 to raise their three children until his passing in 2015.

She is survived by her children, John (Barb) of Orlando, Laurie (Gary) Eoff of Hayward and Larry of Reno; 5 grandchildren, Kim (Dennis) Lammers of Manteca, Gary Eoff, Jr. of Sonoma, Rebekah (Mike) Callahan, Matt Whitehouse of Seattle and Amy Whitehouse of Orlando; and 6 great-grandchildren, Nick, Haley, Emily, Skyler, Hunter and Jack; and 2 great-great-grandchildren, Aiden and Aleana. She was preceded into death by her granddaughter Elizabeth.

We are grateful for the prayer warrior she was for each of us, her loved ones.

Friends and family are invited to a memorial service on Saturday, Feb. 4, at 3 p.m. at Redwood Chapel, 19300 Redwood Road, in Castro Valley. Memorial donations can be sent in her name to Redwood Chapel.



## School District LPAC Meetings

The Castro Valley School District will hold a number of meetings in the next few weeks to get community input on the Local Control Accountability Plan, also known as LPAC.

These are interactive meetings and participants will have the opportunity to express their views on the draft plan of the district's programs, services and associated budgets for the coming three year at Castro Valley Schools.

The 90-minute meetings will be held at the following times and locations:

Feb. 1, 5:30 p.m. Creekside Middle School  
Feb. 2, 5:30 p.m. Proctor Elementary School  
Feb. 15, 5:30 p.m. Canyon Middle School  
Feb. 16, 6:30 p.m. Castro Valley High Library  
Feb. 27, 5:30 p.m. Castro Valley Elementary  
Mar. 2, 6:30 p.m. School District Office  
Mar. 6, 5:30 p.m. Jensen Ranch Elementary  
Mar. 21, 6:45 p.m. CVHS Mariachi Program

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### A Things-to-Do List for Castro Valley

Editor:

There is so much to comment on about this cool little town that could be so much cooler. The comments below are not just mine; I'm sharing those from many friends and other CV residents that I have talked to throughout the years:

The old Library building: How about a youth center! Let's do something with it before it is condemned. The kids have nowhere to go.

The CV High (HARD) Pool: Let's open it year round for Water Polo and Swimming. We need a reduced fee from HARD. After all, the new mechanical system should reduce operating costs by more than half!

The Boulevard: Outside of the renovated stretch, our sidewalks, medians and planting are in sad shape, looks poor compared to Ashland's E. 14th.

The Rite Aid Building: Shouldn't they be required to paint the building and clean up around the site once in a while?

The old Daughtrey's Building: Let's just let someone open a business! What ever happened to free enterprise? One MAC person's comment should not kill a project.

Remember the proposed Supper Club? That business proposal was killed because the plan was to have a full bar. The proposed business owner picked up and left for another City.

New businesses will go elsewhere due to county hurdles. Contractors tell me that other cities actually help them get through the permitting and inspections, because they want the businesses to open! What a Good concept! Less regulation of businesses, please, and more help from the County. People wonder why Trump got into office. Done is better than Perfect.

—Pat Hassett, Castro Valley

### An Opposite Take on the Importance of Unions

Editor:

To Flo Wiley ("A Reminder of the Importance of Unions," Letters, Jan. 25) and all citizens of Castro Valley, may I remind you that it is unions that:

(A) have prevented Sprouts Supermarket from coming to Castro Valley, providing needed jobs and a lower-priced option for shoppers than Safeway or Lucky's—both union operated, and

(B) have run up cost to the consumer for everything from the car you drive and local transportation (BART) to groceries and health care.

Somebody has to pay for the outrageous union benefits and guess who that is. And, if you don't believe that union benefits are indeed outrageous do some research on the health care BART workers receive and pay very little for.

As for raising the minimum wage, I ask what does that have to do with unions? I don't know of any union member in the Bay Area who is paid anything close to the minimum wage. Secondly, if the minimum wage were to be raised, once again I ask, who pays for it? Need I say more.

I say thank God for finally giving us some fiscal responsible leadership in the White House and congress to keep the liberal-minded, such as Flo Wiley, at bay for at least four years.

—Chris Scott, Castro Valley

### 'ObamaCare' Being Replaced with 'I Don'tCare'

Editor:

Trump's replacement of Obamacare will be called "I Don'tCare."

To reduce costs only people with no health issues will allowed to register for the plan, and drug costs will triple, reducing the number of people able to afford them.

Those who are sick will just have to linger and die off, it's just nature's way, producing a hale and hearty population, making America great again.

—Robert Thomas, Castro Valley



## Reports: CV Crime

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**Out of Towner**

Thursday, January 26: at 1:28 a.m., deputies arrested a 24-year-old man from Coulterville (Mariposa County) on suspicion of possession of illegal drug paraphernalia. The man was traveling on Castro Valley Boulevard when deputies stopped him for questioning and discovered the drug kit. Deputies took the man into custody.

### Double Trouble

Wednesday, January 25: at 11:07 p.m., two men from CV were arrested for harassing a business at the intersection of Center Street and Grove Way. Deputies were called to the scene after a store manager called to complain about the men harassing customers outside. A 59-year-old man in question was also wanted as part of a warrant for his arrest. His 46-year-old friend was also wanted by the law and additionally charged with possession of illegal drug paraphernalia. The men were taken to Santa Rita Jail pending bail.

### Shoplifter Caught

Wednesday, January 25: at 6:13 p.m., a 22-year-old man from San Bruno (San Mateo County) was arrested on suspicion of possession of stolen property. Deputies were called to a department store on Jamison Way to process a shoplifter detained by store managers. The man was taken into custody.

### Caught Jaywalking

Tuesday, January 24: at 11:07 p.m., deputies arrested a 40-year-old man who refused to give his address on suspicion of jaywalking across the Boulevard and refusing to cooperate with deputies. The man reportedly jolted across the boulevard near Santa Maria Avenue causing traffic confusion. The man, however, refused to cooperate with deputies and declined to give his address prompting additional charges.

### Assault with Deadly Weapon

Monday, January 23: at 11:19 p.m., a 911-call about a loud and aggressive-sounding argument sent deputies to a mobile home park on the Boulevard near Marshall Street. There, they arrested a 32-year-old man with no permanent address on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon, assault on a family member, and violating a restraining order. The man also had a warrant issued for his arrest. Deputies took the man to Santa Rita Jail pending \$100,000 in bail. The victim was treated at the scene.



**Redwood Canyon Golf Course was getting back to normal yesterday after much of it was covered by flood water last week.**

PHOTOS BY AMY SYLVESTRI



## Course: Almost Back to Normal After Rain

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there was a risk of harming the dam, according to Frank Mellon, East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) director.

Mellon said that the district's reservoirs are kept around 80 percent full so they can allow for water to flow-in from other sources.

Mellon said that the district and the golf course have an understanding that EBMUD will release water into the creek if it's necessary and the golf course is on a flood plain.

He said it was a deliberate decision to have a golf course in the area, because few if any uses for the land other than recreation can be an effective part of a flood area.

Mellon cautioned people to not have an exaggerated picture in their minds about how EBMUD releases excess water saying, "It's not some massive flood that comes barreling down the canyon."

Mellon added that it was unusual for a flood to occur this early in the season and things are bound to get even more wet when the snow-

melt happens in the spring.

That being said, Mellon warns that California's drought problems are far from over despite a rainy few months.

"Really and truly, California is

drought country," he said. We are between droughts – this is only an interlude before the next drought is due. That's why East Bay MUD is so concerned with things like conservation and recycling of water."

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## EDEN AWARDS

# Five Local Heroes Honored for Help In the Community

More than 200 people were on hand Saturday night at the Redwood Canyon Events Center to honor local heroes for their work and volunteerism in the community during the past year.

The 2nd Annual Eden Awards were presented by the Castro Valley/Eden Area Chamber of Commerce and each award winner was sponsored by a local business or institution.

The 2016 winners:

• **First Responder of The Year:**

**Sgt. Bret Scheuller** of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, sponsored by Redwood Christian Schools. Sgt. Scheuller was recognized as "an incredible staple in the community" who is involved in all aspects of outreach that includes everything from being an integral part of the Alameda County Sheriff's Citizens Academy, to passing out candy at the San Lorenzo Village Home Association's annual Halloween celebration.

• **Business Person of The Year:**

**Satinder Grewal** of Aroma Cuisine of India, sponsored by Eden Medical Center. In addition to her achievements as a local restaurant owner, "Satinder has also forged a second career as a community volunteer, bringing Yoga and Meditation to people and places that have little knowl-

edge or experience of the practices."

• **Volunteer of The Year:**

**Aaron Freitas** of Produce 101, sponsored by Clayworth Pharmacy.

Freitas started – and runs – the garden at Colonial Acres Elementary School in San Lorenzo. He started with this "crazy" idea to have a garden for children where they can learn new skills in gardening and nutrition; now he's doing it large! Everyday he is doing something to better this garden in order to further educate children.

• **San Lorenzo Teacher of The Year:**

**Monique Coughran** of San Lorenzo High School, sponsored by Kaiser, is described as "the best at what she does. She dazzles us with her brilliance and compassion. She has touched so many lives. She has no idea how many."

• **Castro Valley Teacher of The Year:**

**Lee Ann Chinn** of Canyon Middle School, sponsored by B.A. Morrison. Chinn was recognized as an "exceptional English Language Learner Specialist and English teacher at Canyon Middle School. She empowers her students to do their best and holds them to high standards, while supporting their individual needs."

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## Senior: Tax

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Also, the amount of premiums he can count toward his deduction is increased because of his age: because he is 70, he can count toward his threshold up to \$4,870 in LTC premiums. Subtracting the 7.5 % deduction threshold from his total medical expenses, Frank can deduct \$3,620 in medical & LTC expenses from his income (\$4,870 + \$1,000 -- \$2,250).

In 2017, Frank will only be able to deduct medical and LTC expenses that exceed 10 percent of his income, so his qualifying AGI threshold will go up and, hence, the amount he can actually deduct from his income will go down.

In sum, the amount of your tax deduction will depend upon your age, the amount of your adjusted gross income, your applicable AGI Threshold and the extent to which your countable medical expenses exceed your AGI threshold.

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## MAC: Art

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will serve as "identifiers" for the unincorporated communities.

Each overpass project will cost \$135,000, a total of \$405,000 for the entire project.

MAC member Chuck Moore balked at the price tag. He said that a few weeks ago, parents and teachers from Stanton elementary school came to the MAC saying the kids at that school didn't have safe sidewalks to walk on, so he didn't see how the county could spend money on art when other projects were going unfunded.

"I don't get it," said Moore. "If I was a parent, I'd be mad as hell."

Matt Turner of Supervisor Nate Miley's office told Moore the Monday was "separate" from money for pedestrian upgrades and was earmarked specially for art.

Moore countered by saying that it was all taxpayer dollars.

Also at Monday evening's MAC meeting, the council got a look at a county-commissioned report on the Eden Township Healthcare District (ETHD).

Since fall, the ETHD has been going through the Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) and LAFCo requested the report on ETHD's operations prepared by urban policy analysts Berkson Associates.

The draft came out late last month, determining that ETHD is operated adequately, but it did not completely discount the notion of dissolving the district.

LAFCo presented the report to the public at the Castro Valley library on Tuesday, but the MAC got preview Monday.

If you missed Tuesday's meeting, You can submit a written comment to the LAFCo website, or mail your comment to 1221 Oak Street, Room 555, Oakland, CA 94612. Comments received by Feb. 3 will be considered for the final draft of the study.



EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT PHOTO BY KEVIN FOX

Anthony Chabot Regional Park in Castro Valley

## EBRPD 2017 Trails Challenge

The East Bay Regional Park District has announced its 24th Annual Trails Challenge program, in which participants hike at least five trails or a minimum of 26.2 miles in district parks.

The program – free to East Bay residents – launched on New Year's Day. Participants have until Dec. 1 to complete the challenge which is self-guided and self-paced.

As always, the program runs on the honor system. No verification of the hikes is required and no registration is necessary. Participants who turn in a trail log will receive a commemorative pin, while supplies last.

To participate, please visit

[www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org) to download this year's trail guidebook, or stop by a participating EBRPD Visitor Center to pick up a copy and a free T-shirt while supplies last.

The guidebook highlights 20 trails throughout the Park District, making it easy to pick out the trail that's right for each visitor: easy, moderate, or challenging, and with a variety of features. Icons indicate which trails that are open to dogs (most are). And six of this year's trails are accessible by wheelchair.

This year's featured hikes include trails in Anthony Chabot Regional Park in Castro Valley and a dozen other Alameda County locations.

## Bike-Pedestrian Committee

Alameda County Public Works Agency is seeking applicants for the Castro Valley Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

The committee will provide recommendations on bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects within Castro Valley as identified in the County's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

The members, which will include residents as well as property

and business owners, will be appointed by the Director of Public Works.

Application forms are available at [www.acgov.org/pwa](http://www.acgov.org/pwa). All applications must be received by the Public Works Agency by Friday, Feb. 17. Members will begin two-year term at the March 15 meeting.

For more info., call Paul Keener, Senior Transportation Planner, at 510-670-6452.

## 'Star Trek' Art Exhibit at Chabot Space Center

IN CELEBRATION of Star Trek's 50th anniversary, a one-of-a-kind art exhibition will open at Chabot Space & Science Center, 10000 Skyline Blvd. in Oakland this Friday.

The show, "Star Trek: 50 Artists - 50 Years" features Star Trek-inspired works created by 50 different artists from all around the world, including a piece from renowned actor Leonard Nimoy, who portrayed Spock in the original Star Trek series.

The exhibition – some of it in 3-D – includes illustrations, photographs, sculptures, paintings, graphics and more. The artists selected their own medium to express their love of "Star Trek" and the inspiration they gained from it.

Nimoy's piece is an eerie depiction of the Vulcan salute in multi-color that rings particularly poignant given his recent passing.

"Star Trek has been much more than a tremendously popular and influential series for the past half century," says Chabot Executive

Director Adam Tobin. "It has inspired and sparked our collective imagination by making the limitless wonder of possibility of science and space exploration accessible to us all."

### Special Public Events

In addition to the exhibition, Chabot will present special public events during its run through Feb.

19. From 6 to 10 p.m. this Friday as part of its \$5 First Friday program, Chabot will present a galactic night of exploration into the Cosmos with visitors taking part in interactive and family-oriented activities exploring the intersection of art and science throughout the Center.

Visit: [chabotspace.org](http://chabotspace.org) for more.

## Workshop on Immigrants' Rights Next Wednesday

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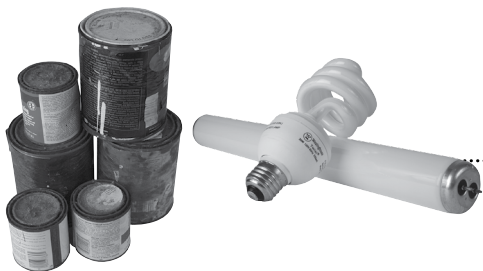
Castro Valley Adult & Career Education is sponsoring a free bilingual English and Spanish "Know Your Rights Workshop" next Wednesday.

Attorneys from International Institute of the Bay Area (IIBA) will

be present to discuss the rights of undocumented individuals, paths to citizenship and DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). IIBA is a non-profit providing legal immigration services.

No registration is necessary for the event, which will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 8, in Room 12 at Castro Valley Adult & Career Education, 4430 Alma Ave. in Castro Valley.

—Linette Escobar



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