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Ben Morrison of San Francisco (above) tees off at the first hole of Redwood Canyon Golf Course. The course is completely open now and work continues to improve the infrastructure after last winter's floods. Installation of an irrigation system (right) began last month and upgrades to buildings and equipment will take place in coming months. The number of golfers is down compared to this time last year, but staff is hoping that the warmer than usual fall weather will bring them back, FULL STORY ON BACK PAGE.



PHOTO BY BOR MADDOW

# Bridge to New Crow Canyon Development

By Michael Singer CASTRO VALLEY FÖRUM

A massive crane lifted 102-foot long, 100,000-pound sections of a pre-fab bridge this past week, marking the beginning of a new single-family home development being built along Crow Creek in Castro Valley.

The new 21-unit development, called Roberts Ranch, sits at the end of Veronica Ave. just off Center Street.

The bridge is providing temporary access for the construction of the project, with first homes expected to be available early next year.

The entrance to Roberts Ranch will be on Crow Canyon Road. The bridge will eventually act as an emergency access point to the subdivision but it will not be available as a commute option or pass-through for residents.

The developer, Edenbridge Homes in Cupertino says the homes will range in size between 2,527 square feet and 3,066 square feet and have three layout versions with 4- and 5-bedroom options. Each home will still need individual permits from Alameda County.

The development includes 42 garage spaces and 59 on-street spaces. In addition to building the property, the developer is mandated to protect 188,000 square feet of Crow Creek and surrounding borders to the homes as well as two bioretention areas for protecting local trees

Initial applications for Roberts Ranch, which began back in 2007, have undergone at least two environmental impact reports. The latest report filed in 2016 found no additional conditions preventing the project from moving forward.

Marc Crawford, chairman of the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council, said Roberts Ranch is scaled back from its original proposal.

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# CV Woman Aiding Puerto Rico Relief Effort

By Jim Knowles CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

lived in the Caribbean wants to belo make a living the small island of Culebra, which is part of Puerto Rico, a United States Territory.

Croix in the 1980s, and she visited then they got Maria." Culebra many times. The small Puerto Rico, was devastated by both Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

goes into Puerto Rico, but Johnson water because they don't have any

get help until much later if at all. They don't get anything until last." Johnson said. A Castro Valley woman who's where people rely on tourism to meat and water purification tablets. something fantastic," Johnson said.

been going there for many years," herself as soon as regular air travel said Johnson who was born in San resumes to Puerto Rico in October. Kelly Marquez Johnson is of Francisco. "They were hit by Irma Puerto Rican descent, lived on St. and they were without power and tired park policeman on the island.

She talked to a friend on the isisland, just off the main island of land who said people are being told to save rainwater to drink.

"They're not getting water," All the hurricane assistance Johnson said. "They're saving rainis afraid that little Culebra won't other water. They're the poorest. people will suffer without tourism, 94546.

Johnson said she just has to do So she's trying to raise money for something to help the little island batteries, small flashlights, canned one dollar we could be part of Johnson plans to collect the goods "We can collectively help. These "I'm Puerto Rican and I've and get a flight to deliver the items are American citizens."

> Her friend, Guillen Pena, is a re-Today Pena runs a little water taxi contribute at www.gofundme.com/ and Johnson said she would trust him with anything, so she would let him distribute the items she brings. The electricity could be out for 4 to 6 months, so the restaurants and Kelly Johnson, 20885 Redwood hotels will be without power. So the Road, #272, Castro Valley, CA

"If everyone reading donated

Johnson is contributing \$1,000 and has a goal of \$5,000 to help Culebra. She has set up a GoFund-Me page for anyone who wants to culebra-puerto-rico-in-crisis.

Johnson asked that if anyone would like more information they can call her at 862-6555 or write to



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Kelly Marquez Johnson is trying to help the island of Culebra, part of Puerto Rico.

#### Castro Valley Weather Oct. 4 - 8, 2017



Wednesday Sunny High 79° Low 51°



Thursday Sunny High 80° Low 53°



Friday Sunny



Saturday Sunny High 83° Low 51° High 80° Low 53°



Sunday Sunny High 82° Low 57°

## Almanac

#### **Moon Phases**



Past Week's Rain: 00.00 Season To Date: 00.13 Normal To Date: 00.08 Season Average: 21.22

Oct. Oct. Oct. Oct. 12

Sun sets at 6:46 p.m. today, rises at 7:10 a.m. Thursday.

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## CVSan is hosting its 4th Annual Employee Recognition Event.



On Friday, October 27th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. all current 4R Star businesses are invited to attend the 4th annual lunch time recognition event at CVSan offices, located at 21040 Marshall Street. If you are a current 4R Star business, please think of which employees you would like to send to the event and RSVP by October 18th. All employees will receive thank you gifts and a free lunch. Some will receive certificate awards as well!

To find a listing of all 4R Star businesses, please visit www.cvsan.org/4RStarDirectory.

For more information on this event or to RSVP, please call 510-537-0757 ext. 117 or email andrea@cvsan.org.



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This painting by Karla Lopez is one of many installations and artworks on view in the exhibition at the Hayward Area Historical Society Museum of History and Culture through Nov. 26.

# Day of the Dead Through Art

Each autumn, the Hayward picado, and pan de muerto are just are two programs. Area Historical Society explores some of the things seen in Day of the various aspects of Day of the Dead through traditional and contemporary altars and art.

Interest in Day of the Dead has artists introduced the celebration to California audiences in the 1970s.

The festive holiday is celebrated throughout Mexico, Central America, and much of the United States, but similar holidays exist has become a fusion of traditional Mexican elements mixed with modern themes and materials.

This year's exhibition explores symbols and the items used or represented most often in Day of the Dead art and altars. Such items as sugar skulls, water, the arch, marigolds, candles, butterflies, papel

the Dead exhibitions, but it isn't always understood why they are used or what they represent.

grown steadily over the years since Monday and will continue at the the opportunity to decorate their Chicano community activists and Hayward Area Historical Society own sugar skulls to add their home (HAHS) Museum of History & Culture through Nov. 26.

"As a historian, I find the tradition and history of the celebration the Dead specialist Bea Carrillo fascinating as it pertains to a particular culture," says HAHS Cuin cultures through the world. It rator Diane Curry. "As a human, I trayed in the paintings and sculpfind the meaning and beauty of the tures of Mexico's early artists. celebration captivating. As a curator, I find the exhibitions thought provoking and beautiful. As a enous funerary rites, and offer California native with roots dating insights into the present-day pagback to the Spanish and Mexican periods, I am learning about a part of my heritage."

Complementing the exhibition

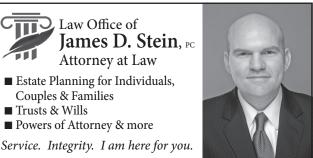
- On Saturday, Oct. 14, families are encouraged to drop in between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. for "History for Half Pints: Day of the Dead" The exhibition opened on where kids of all ages will have altars. Other related crafts and activities will also be available.
  - · On Saturday, Oct. 28, Day of Hocker will address the Pre-Hispanic concept of death as por-

She will discuss the impacts of Spanish Catholicism on indigeantry of Day of the Dead along with the reclamation of these traditions by Mexican Americans.

Following the presentation will be a Jumping Jack Workshop where attendees will have the opportunity to create a toy similar to those sold during Day of the Dead festivals. Funding for the Day of the Dead programs is generously provided by Berty Nebenzahl and Ruth Talley.

The HAHS Museum of History & Culture, located at 22380 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward, is open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Admission is free thanks to a grant from the Edward E. and Donna L. Martins Foundation.

For more information, please call 510-581-0223 or visit www. HaywardAreaHistory.org.



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## **CV** Parent University Is Oct. 21

By Linette Escobar SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

As a parent there are so many things to keep up on, from the latest social media apps kids obsess over, to the newest ways to approach math homework.

This is on top of the old challenges like having the "big talks" and just getting everyone out of the house with shoes on.

If there are times when you wish you had a few more tools in the parenting tool kit, mark your calendar and register now for Parent University. This year's annual event is Saturday, Oct. 21 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m at Castro Valley Adult & Career Education.

Parent University is a morning of informative workshops, inspiring conversations, and resources for parents, guardians and grandparents. This year, it will have 30 percent more workshop choices, based on participant feedback asking for even more information.

There are three different sessions with a variety of helpful information for all stages of parenting, whether you have a child in pre-school up to one about to finish high school.

Do you want tips on keeping your kids safe? A variety of workshops are available on helping see UNIVERSITY on page 8



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# CVHS Teachers' Birthday Reunion

Many Castro Valley residents may recall two former Castro Valley High School teachers, Ida Wheeler, on the left, who taught German, and Clementina Vaz, P.E. teacher and counselor. Both women taught at Hayward High before being transferred to CVHS in 1956 to open the doors to the brand new high school. Though long retired, both women spent decades teaching and enlightening countless students. In August, on the occasion of Clementina's 96th birthday, she flew in from Phoenix to celebrate with family and friends. Clementina had one wish - to see her dear friend Ida, who at 102, was also eager to see her friend of 61 years for an afternoon of reminiscing, laughing and hugging.

## SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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#### Drug Paraphernalia

33-year-old man from San Lean- tim was treated at the scene. dro on suspicion of possession of illegal drug paraphernalia. The man was traveling on Redwood Thursday, September 28: at 2:19 Friday, September 29: at 10:28 deputies approached him for questioning and discovered his stash. took him into custody.

#### **Driving Without Interlock**

Sunday, October 1: at 1:54 a.m., of driving without an interlock device that checks a person's breath for alcohol content. The man also was wanted as part of a warrant issued for his capture. Deputies pulled the man over on Castro Valley Boulevard near Redwood Road after running a license plate check. The man was handcuffed and taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$5,000 in bail.

#### **Family Assault**

Sunday, October 1: at 1:54 a.m., a 911 call about a loud and aggressive-sounding argument sent deputies to a home on East Castro Valley Boulevard near Five Canyons Parkway. There, they arrested a 30-year-old woman from Castro Valley on suspicion of assaulting a family member. The woman was

#### **Spousal Battery**

old man with no permanent address on suspicion of spousal batwhen the two got into a large fight. Deputies arrived on the scene af-Valley was arrested on suspicion help. The man was handcuffed and taken into custody. The victim was treated at the scene.

#### **Carjacking Suspect Arrested**

Friday, September 29: at 11:56 a.m., a 29-year-old man who refused to give an address was arrested on suspicion of carjacking, robbery, resisting arrest, driving while under the influence of alcohol and violating the terms of his parole. Deputies pulled the man charged with possession of the over on Jamison Way near Redwood Road following a check of his license. The man was previ-

issued for her capture. Deputies ously wanted as part of a warrant Sunday, October 1: at 8:30 p.m., took the woman to Santa Rita Jail issued for his arrest. Deputies took Sheriff's deputies arrested a pending \$50,000 in bail. The vic- the man to Santa Rita Jail pending \$160,000 in bail.

#### **Dangerous Weapons**

Road near Redwood Court when a.m., deputies arrested a 51-year- a.m., deputies arrested a 31-yearold man with no permanent address on suspicion of illegal Deputies handcuffed the man and tery. The man and his wife were possession of a syringe, brass hanging outside a gas station on knuckles, and burglar tools. The Grove Way near Center Street man previously served time, making each one of these items illegal for him to carry. Deputies stopped a 30-year-old man from Castro ter the station attendant called for the man for questioning in front of a business on the Boulevard near Baker Road when they discovered his contraband. The man was handcuffed and taken into custody.

#### **Methamphetamine Possession**

Tuesday, September 26: at 9:09 p.m., a 37-year-old man from Castro Valley was arrested on suspicion of methamphetamine drugs and illegal drug paraphernalia. The man had previously been drug prompting a warrant for his arrest. Deputies caught up with the see REPORTS on back page

## CV Garage Fire Extinguished

garage of a home in the 21700 ed at about 11:30 p.m. and quickly block of Gail Drive in Castro Valextinguished the blaze. There were also wanted as part of a warrant ley Thursday night. The Alameda no injuries.

A one-alarm fire damaged the County Fire Department respond-







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# The Week Ahead

Please Note: The Community Calendar is for publicizing the activities of non-profit organizations, local government agencies, charities and community groups. It is not intended to be used for the advertising of commercial events, whether admission is charged or free.

Items for the Community Calendar must be received by 6 p.m. Friday for inclusion in the following Wednesday's newspaper. Please send information in an email or doc attachment to: fredz@ebpublishing.com. We cannot use flyers or posters.

#### ■ Wednesday-Saturday, Oct. 4-7: Home Craft Fair

Visit the Home Craft Fair today through Saturday at 1608 Via Sarita in San Lorenzo (follow signs on Bockman Road). Hours are 11-4 today, 10-6 tomorrow and Friday, and 10-4 on Saturday.

#### ● Thursday, October 5: Parkinson's Support Group

Nutritional Biochemistry Specialist Steve Blake will be speaker at • Friday, October 6: Eden Area Village the next meeting of the San Leandro Parkinson's Support Group at 10 Grande. For information, call Lona White at 510-276-3119.

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#### **COLUMBUS DAY SCHEDULES** Monday, October 9, 2017

#### **Government Operations**

All Federal offices, except for emergency services, will be closed. State, county and city offices will be open.

#### **Business Offices**

Some banks will be closed. Stock exchanges will be open. Most business offices, including the Forum, will be open.

#### **Stores & Restaurants**

Nearly all will operate on a normal schedule.

#### **Public Transportation**

BART and AC buses will operate on a normal schedule.

#### **Garbage Collection**

Waste Management garbage pickup will operate as normal. Castro Valley Sanitary District offices will be open. Call 510-537-0757 with questions or for sewer emergencies.

To learn about the virtual village of members and volunteers helping a.m. tomorrow at the San Lorenzo Community Church at 945 Paseo seniors remain active and engaged in the community, attend the next monthly informational meeting of Eden Area Village at 2 p.m. this Friday at Hayward City Hall (check at desk for room number). For more info, visit edenareavillage.org

#### ● Saturday, October 7: Homework Volunteers' Orientation

Castro Valley Library is looking for dedicated and enthusiastic High School student volunteers, just a few hours a week, for its after-school Homework Assistance Center. Sign up for hours on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. and help students tackle their homework, gain valuable experience, and have fun. An orientation for volunteers will be held at 11 a.m. this Saturday at the library. Call Nathan Silva at 510-608-1141 for more information, or stop by the library. Please be sure to bring a completed and signed Homework Center Volunteer application to the orientation.

#### ● Saturday, October 7: Indoor Fall Flea Market

The Aitken Senior and Community Center at 17800 Redwood Road in Castro Valley will hold its annual Big Fall Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. this Saturday with more than 55 vendors selling one-of-a-kind items and unique treasures, plus a snack bar and bake sale with homemade goodies. This free event is rain or shine and takes place indoors. For more information, call 510-881-6738.

#### Saturday, October 7: Intro to Tarot Board Game

Got a nagging issue? Join mystic Amber Jayanti, founder of the International School for Tarot & Qabalah Study, to play this fun-filled, educational tarot board game designed to open participants to problem solving and the basics of Qabalistic Tarot's Ageless Wisdom from 2 to 5 p.m. this Saturday at the Castro Valley Library. Beginners only, group size limited to nine.

#### ● Sunday, October 8: Tri-Valley Cultural Jews Sukkot

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews will be building and raising a sukkah from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. this Sunday at 19663 Fremery Court in Castro Valley. Enjoy a potluck brunch and activities for adults and kids. Bring a branch for the roof of the sukkah, a potluck brunch dish to share and a fruit to hang from the sukkah. Suggested donation for non-members

#### ● Sunday, October 8: Shir Ami Tot Talk Program

Congregation Shir Ami invites you to its free monthly Tot Talk program for children up to 5 years old and their parents/caregivers. Learn a little bit about being Jewish, socialize, and have fun from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. this Sunday at 4529 Malabar Ave. in Castro Valley (off Redwood Road). We will get to play in and decorate our cozy tot sized Sukkah. RSVP to bonnie@congshirami.org if you'd like to attend. Visit www.congshirami.org or www.facebook.com/CongShirAmi for more

#### ● Monday, October 9: Charity Bingo Luncheon

The Eagles Eden Auxiliary at 21406 Foothill Blvd., Hayward will hold a bingo luncheon (meatloaf, mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetables, beverage) Oct. 9 to benefit the Alameda County Food Bank. A donation of \$8 includes a bingo card. For info, call Glenda at 510-584-1568.

#### ● Tuesday, October 10: Prostate Support Group Meeting

Prostate World, a support group for men and their significant others, holds meetings every second Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at St. Rose Hospital, Pavilion Room B, at 27190 Calaroga Ave. in Hayward. Guest speakers present the latest information on prostate cancer. For more information, email prostateworld@comcast.net or call Lonnie Silva at 510-783-5121.

#### ● Tuesday & Wednesday, Oct. 10-11: Free Flu Shots

Free flu shots and screenings will be available to everyone ages 7 and above next Tuesday and Wednesday under the large white tent at St. Rose Hospital, 27200 Calaroga Ave. in Hayward, from 4 to 7 p.m. both days. The vaccinations are not available for pregnant women or those who have had allergic reactions. The Wednesday opportunity will occur during the Hayward Chamber of Commerce Business Expo at the same location.

#### • Thursday, October 12: School Board Meeting

The Castro Valley Board of Education will hold a regular open meeting beginning at 7 p.m. on Oct. 12 at the School District Headquarters, 4400 Alma Avenue. The complete agenda and board packet will be available on Oct. 9 at bit.ly/CVUSDBoardMeetings

#### • Friday, October 13: Hope Flight Foundation Dinner

The Hope Flight Foundation, which provides free medical flights for children with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses, will hold its 12th Year Anniversary buffet-style dinner of rice, beans, chips/salsa, bar, and fountain drinks from 5 to 9 p.m. Oct. 13 at Los Pericos Restaurant, 24369 Southland Drive in Hayward. First 20 guests receive a Hope Flight gift. For tickets or info, visit www.HopeFlightFoundation.org

#### ● Saturday, October 14: Hearing Loss Association Meeting

Dr. Troy Cascia, UCSF Audiology Clinic, will speak on the Neuromonics therapy for tinnitus (ringing in the ears), discussing the causes and tip to minimize the impact of tinnitus on one's quality of life. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m; program at 10, at the Oakland Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Fabiola Bldg., 3801 Howe St., Lower Level, Room G26. Park free on Saturday in garage across Howe. Email: athos.artist@ att.net or call Kay at 510/886-4717.

#### THEATRICAL & MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

• "The Addams Family," a magnificently macabre musical comedy, will be presented by Chanticleers Theatre, opening Friday, Oct. 6 with the traditional complimentary hors d'oeuvres, desserts and beverage gala. In the kooky, upside-down world of the Addams Family, a grave crisis is brewing. It is every father's worst nightmare but in reverse. Curtain time for Friday and Saturday evenings is 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees start at 2 p.m. through Nov. 5 (no show on Oct. 8). For tickets (general-\$25, seniors and students-\$20, bargain night Oct. 7-\$18), call (510) seelive (733-5483) or visit chanticleers.org. Chanticleers is in Castro Valley Community Park at 3583 Quail Avenue.

#### AT THE GALLERIES

- Free Botanical Watercolor Demonstration will be presented by Kate Hardwig from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14 at the Adobe Art Center's Redwood Studio 1 at 20395 San Miguel Ave. in Castro Valley. Botanical artists are interested in creating paintings that are scientifically accurate and also have an artistic component, according to Hardwig who says "the little details count." She will show how she uses ink and watercolor to produce highly detailed works.
- "Celebrate Women," an exhibit featuring the works of 50 artists from the members of Nor Cal Pen Women, will be on display Oct. 2 to Nov. 17 at the John O'Lague Galleria, Hayward City Hall, 777 B Street, sponsored by the Hayward Arts Council. An artists' reception will be held this Friday, Oct. 6, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit haywardartscouncil.org for info.
- The Veterans Art Project will be featured in the Ken Cook Room at Sun Gallery, 1015 E St. in Hayward, through Oct. 8, including visual storytelling, textile artworks, paintings, and collaborative community artworks. The goal is to provide Veterans with opportunities to express themselves in a supportive environment. The Vietnam Veterans "Then and Now" Photo Project features service photos, current photos and writing by 16 participants in two Vietnam Veteran counseling groups. The gallery is open Friday to Sunday from 11 a.m. to p.m.
- The 40th Area Artists Annual continues at the Adobe Art Gallery, 20395 San Miguel Ave. in Castro Valley. The exhibit explore the relationship between process, materials and expression. Emphasis is placed on the essential connection between what the artists use to express themselves and how meaning is discovered through their hand. Open Thursday to Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and by appointment. The exhibit will continue until Nov. 11. Visit www.adobegallery.org
- Artist Open Studio Every Thursday: Join this informal gathering of artists working together in a friendly and helpful atmosphere. Adobe Art Center hosts provides tables, chairs and easels. \$3. Thursdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Redwood Studio 1 at the Adobe Art Center.
- "Made By Hand" Photography, an exhibition of handmade photographs featuring the artwork of nationally recognized practitioners of unique contemporary and historic processes, will run from Sept. 29 to Nov. 27 at the PhotoCentral Gallery, Lower Level, HARD Offices, 1099 E St. in Hayward. Info at www.photocentral.org/
- Paintings by James Sayre, an exhibition of original works by this Castro Valley artist, are currently on display at the Kenneth C. Aitken Community Center at 17800 Redwood Road in Castro Valley.

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## Bridge: New Castro Valley Subdivision

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"When we first reviewed the project in 2007, Edenbridge indicated that they wanted to build 27 homes on this 8-acre area," Crawford told the Castro Valley Forum. "The neighbors were not too happy about more homes being built along Crow Creek, but when we talked to them about it, we explained that it's now scaled back to 21 homes, so it should not have as much of an impact as it once would have."

The development is only a handful of options for new housing in Castro Valley as most of the open spaces around town are protected by East Bay Regional Parks.

The construction is also novel in that these are single family homes and not townhomes or apartments such as the 27 townhomes being built on Jamison Way.

Edenbridge has done similar developments in Napa, Mountain View, and Los Altos Hills.

To see what the new CV homes will look like, visit: edenbridgehomes.com/robertsranch.htm



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Giant crane used to hoist 100,000-pound sections of bridge over creek at Roberts Ranch development in Castro Valley.

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# Open Enrollment: Find a Better Medicare Prescription Drug Plan

By Jim Miller SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

You can change your Part D prescription drug plan during Medicare's open enrollment period, which runs from October 15 through December 7.

During this time, beneficiaries can switch drug plans or join a drug plan if they didn't have one before. They can also switch from Original Medicare to a Medicare Advantage plan, or vice versa if they wish. Any changes to coverage will take effect January 1, 2018.

"annual notice of change" from online. your drug plan. It will outline any vice that will take effect in January.

their coverage should review their plan for any changes to come.

#### **Change Medicare Plans**

are comfortable using a computer, able in your area so you can com- conduct seminars during the open you can easily shop for and com

In September, you should also pare all Medicare drug plans in keep your eyes peeled for your your area, and enroll in a new plan

Just go to Medicare's Plan changes in coverage, costs or ser- Finder Tool at Medicare.gov/finda-plan, and type in your ZIP code If you take no action during or your personal information, enopen enrollment, your current ter in how you currently receive coverage will continue next year. your Medicare coverage, select Yet even those who are happy with the drugs you take and their dosages, and choose the pharmacies

pare it to your current plan.

This tool also provides a fivestar rating system that evaluates each plan based on past customer service records, and suggests generics or older brand name drugs that can reduce your costs.

When you're comparing drug plans, look at the "estimated annual drug costs" that shows how much you can expect to pay over a year in total out-of-pocket costs, including premiums, deductibles and co-pays.

Also, be sure the plan you're considering covers all of the drugs you take with no restrictions. Most drug plans today place the drugs they cover into price tiers. A drug placed in a higher tier may require you to get prior authorization or try another medication first before you can use it.

#### **Need Help?**

If you need some help choosing a new plan, you can call 1-800-MEDICARE and they can help you out over the phone. Or, contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), You'll get a cost comparison which provides free one-on-one If you have Internet access and breakdown for every plan avail- Medicare counseling. They also see ENROLLMENT on page 15

# Q&A: What is an Ethical Will?

my husband and I would like to leave our children and grandchildren something more than just our money and assense of our values. A friend mentioned something to us about an "Ethical Will". Do you have any thoughts on this?

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

Yes. An Ethical Will is a statement in your own words expressing family history, emotions, and anypass on to your loved ones.

It deals with values, rather than concept: one of the earliest references is found in the Book of sittings, a project that ultimate- www.LawyerForSeniors.com.

In connection with Genesis, chapter 49, where Jacob ly took approximately 2 years to creating our estate gathers his 12 children around him complete. • planning documents, and gives them his charge for their futures.

> ment, it can be a valuable complement to legal documents.

It can be an expression of love, a statement of personal or family history, a statement of lessons of your loved ones, or anything else that you would like to pass on down as a personal legacy.

that carries your "voice" to future might even add to it from time to your values, hopes for the future, generations. It can be as simple as time. It is your spiritual legacy a one-page letter of love, or a nothing else that you would like to vella length memoir detailing your will or trust has been permanently life experiences.

In our family, we actually went with assets. It is really a very old a step further and videotaped my

We began with her earliest memories of growing up in Eu-Initially, Ethical Wills were rope and covered all the history transmitted orally, but eventually forward, all in her own voice. At they were written down. Although times she broke into song, espesets. We would like to leave them a an ethical will is not a legal docu- cially when our young children toddled into the room. That videotape, since turned into a DVD for preservation, is now a cherished family heirloom and each member of the family has a copy. We learned in life, a wish for the future view it from time to time at family gatherings.

If you wish, your "Ethical Will" can be shared with your loved It is really a personal statement ones during your lifetime, and you which can live on long after your

Gene L. Osofsky is an elder law and estate planning attorney grandmother over a number of in Hayward. Visit his website at





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# Flu Shots Designed Specifically For People Over the Age of 65

By Jim Miller SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

designed specifically for people age 65 and older (you only need to shot. get one of them).

are designed to offer extra protecshot provides, which is important for older adults who have weaker immune defenses and have a great risk of developing dangerous flu complications.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that the flu puts more than 200,000 people in the hospital each year and kills, on average, about 24,000 – 80 percent of whom are seniors.

You also need to be aware that these senior-specific flu shots cannot guarantee that you won't get the flu this season, but they will lower your risk. And if you do happen to get sick, you probably won't get as sick as you would without it.

Here's more information on the two vaccines

Fluzone High-Dose: Ap-Fluzone High-Dose (see Fluzone. vaccine in the past. com) is a high-potency vaccine that contains four times the amount of antigen as a regular flu shot does, response for better protection. This vaccine, according to a 2013 clinical trial, was 24 percent more efat preventing flu in seniors.

vaccine (FLUAD.com) contains Americans are hospitalized with an added ingredient called adjuvant MF59 that also helps create There are two different flu shots a stronger immune response. In available for seniors – the Fluzone a 2012 Canadian observational ing that all seniors, 65 or older, get High Dose and FLUAD - that are study, FLUAD was 63 percent two vaccinations - Prevnar 13 and more effective than a regular flu

pneumonia each year, and about

The CDC is now recommend-

Pneumovax 23. Both vaccines,

which are administered just once

any pneumococcal vaccine you

should get the Prevnar 13 first, fol-

lowed by Pneumovax 23 six to 12

months later. But if you've already

been vaccinated with Pneumovax

shots, if they are taken at least one

offers any of these shots, visit Vac-

Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Nor-

man, OK 73070, or visit SavvySe-

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getting the Prevnar 13.

year apart.

50,000 people die from it.

The CDC, however, does not at different times, work in differ-These FDA approved vaccines recommend one vaccination over ent ways to provide maximum appropriate instructions you get, the other, and to date, there have tion beyond what a standard flu been no studies comparing the two

> THE CDC ESTIMATES THAT THE FLU PUTS MORE THAN 200,000 PEOPLE IN THE HOSPITAL EACH YEAR AND KILLS ABOUT 24,000 -**80% OF WHOM ARE SENIORS**

You should also know that both cines.gov and type in your ZIP the Fluzone High-Dose and FLU-AD can cause more of the mild side effects that can occur with a standard-dose flu shot, like pain or tenderness where you got the shot, nior.org. muscle aches, headache or fatigue. And neither vaccine is recommended for seniors who are allergic to chicken eggs, or those who proved for U.S. use in 2009, the have had a severe reaction to a flu

Both vaccines are also covered 100 percent by Medicare Part B, as long as your doctor, health clinic which creates a stronger immune or pharmacy agrees not to charge you more than Medicare pays.

#### **Pneumonia Vaccines**

Two other important vaccinafective than the regular-dose shot tions the CDC recommends to seniors, especially this time of year, FLUAD: Available in the are the pneumococcal vaccines U.S. since last year, the FLUAD for pneumonia. Around a million

## Free Flu Shots Next Week

next week at St. Rose Hospital in laroga Ave. in Hayward. Hayward.

tions, vaccinations will be given Expo at the same location.

Free flu shots and screenings from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday and will be available to everyone ages Wednesday, Oct. 10 and 11, under 7 and above for two afternoons the large white tent at 27200 Ca-

The Wednesday opportunity Except for pregnant women or will occur during the Hayward those who have had allergic reac- Chamber of Commerce Business

# **Misplaced Money?: How to** Search for Forgotten 401(k)

By Jim Miller SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

If you think you may have lost track of a 401(k) retirement account, you aren't alone. As Americans jump from job to job, many leave scraps of their company sponsored 401(k) plans behind, believing they'll deal with it later, but never do.

To help you look for an old 401(k), here are some suggestions along with some free resources that can help you search.

#### Contact Employer

The first way to find a previous 401(k) account is to contact your old employer's human resources department. Ask them to check their plan records to see if you ever participated in their 401(k) plan, and if so, how much it's worth.

You'll need to provide them your Social Security number and the dates you worked for them.

They should be able to either get you the forms necessary to roll over your retirement money to a different 401(k) or to an IRA, or to give you contact information for any outside financial institution overseeing the plan on your employer's behalf. By following the you'll be able to move your retire-If you haven't yet received ment money where you want.

If you don't have contact information for your old employer, check your old records to see if you kept an old 401(k) statement. Statements will typically have the 23, wait at least one year before information you need to get in contact with either your employer Medicare Part B covers both or a plan administrator.

your former employer because it To locate a vaccination site that may have moved, changed owners or merged with another firm, free help is available from sources like the Labor Department (AskEB-SA.dol.gov, 866-444-3272) and Send your senior questions to: the Pension Rights Center and Pension Action Center (Pension-Rights.org/find-help).

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public databases that list incorporations and bankruptcies and may ers with past employees who have be able to help you dig up a plan's unclaimed retirement funds. This most recently filed Form 5500, the is a secure and free service, but annual report that must be filed with the IRS, PBGC and the Labor Department.

contact information and the employer's identification number, which can be used to locate any plan that inherited the assets in a merger, acquisition or sale.

You can also find recently filed plansearch. 5500s yourself at websites like FreeERISA.com.

#### Search Tools

Finding a lost 401(k) account can be trickier if it's worth less than \$5,000, because your former employer can transfer the money found, it will pay them that money to a default individual retirement account without consent. Your If you need help tracking down cash may go into an interest-bear- a registry of terminated 401(k) ing, federally insured bank account or to your state's unclaimed property fund.

To search for a lost plan, use the Retirement Benefits at Unclaime- of "The Savvy Senior" book.

These services can tap into dRetirementBenefits.com. This website matches former employyou'll need to provide your Social Security number to search.

It can also be challenging to This form contains the plan's track down a lost 401(k) account if your former employer goes bankrupt and abandons the plan. In this case, use the U.S. Department of Labor's Abandoned Plan Database at AskEBSA.dol.gov/abandoned-

> Starting in 2018, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC.gov) will start accepting transfers of missing participants' accounts from terminating 401(k) plans. When the participants are plus interest.

> The agency also plans to launch plans that sent money elsewhere, so missing participants can more easily find their accounts.

Jim Miller is a contributor to National Registry of Unclaimed the NBC Today show and author



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## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



### CVHS JV Girls Water Polo Team Members

This week's Athletes of the Week are the holding opponents to an average of only 4 goals members of the Castro Valley High School girls JV water polo team who finished with a perfect 3-0 record in the James Logan JV girls tournament on Sept. 23.

first game, beat James Logan 7-4, avenging two previous defeats to Logan, then won their fi-Schouten, CV's goalie, had a tremendous day, their season record to 5-6 overall.

per game.

CV's scoring was led by Kayla Craft's 12 goals, Gianna Giavanonni's 7 goals, and goals by Olivia Gilman-Chun, Amy Baggott, Sonja Ras-The team defeated American High 9-3 in the mussen, and Natalie Van Horn. Rucha Acholkar, Sarah Schmidt, Mary Singer, Zaria Maloof, and Anika Donovan also contributed with solid play nal game against Mission San Jose 7-5. Nicole and defense, for a total team effort, improving

### CASTRO VALLEY INDEPENDENT SPORTS LEAGUE



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Battle of the Valley

The 19th Annual Battle of the 20. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. and the game starts at 6:15 p.m. Creekside football game at CVHS.

#### **Basketball**

basketball tryouts, Swag is providing an opportunity for basketball uled basketball camps. There is a com or dina@ebswag.com

\$20 fee per camp. The basketball If you need to get ready for camps are held from 2-4 p.m. at register, go to www.cvadult.org or Valley will be held on Friday, Oct. Middle School or High School Bancroft Middle School, 1150 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro on the Sundays of Oct. 8 and 22, Middle School will host Canyon players to work out with their ex- and Nov. 5 and 19. For more info 2-10 (no diapers) with advance Middle School in this epic flag perienced coaches during 4 sched-please email: joseph@ebswag. registration at \$5 per child or \$10

10 words maximum (\$1.00 for each additional word)

## **University:**

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your kids set boundaries and keeping themselves safe in person and on social media.

Do you want to help them academically? There are workshops on understanding test scores and helping kids with math and reading strategies.

Are you dealing with an emotional teen? There are workshops to help both teens and caregivers manage stress better.

Other topics are as wide ranging as keeping a family calendar, learning natural remedies for allergies, understanding puberty and teen health in teens with disabilities, discussing gender, and much more.

Two workshops will be offered in Spanish. There's also a Parent Resource Fair to get connected to many parenting resources in our community. There really is something for everyone.

"Parents are the single greatest factor in a child's success, and we're thrilled to offer Parent University as a resource," said Susie Passeggi, Director of Castro Valley Adult & Career Education. "Most of the feedback we received from participants at our previous Parent University talked about how much valuable information they learned, and we're delighted to be adding even more options this year. We're looking forward to another great community event."

Advance registration is \$25 until next Tuesday, Oct. 10, and \$30 after, up Oct. 21, if space is available. Workshops are filling up fast.

For more information and to call Castro Valley Adult & Career Education at 510-886-1000. Childcare is available for children per family.

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# CV'S BRYANT SMITH WINS PRO FISHING COMPETITION

Castro Valley resident, Bryant Smith, won the Costa Fishing League Worldwide (FLW) Series Western Division event held on Clear Lake, in Lakeport, on Saturday September, 30. Smith competed against 99 other boats to win his first career victory. He took a five-bass limit to the scale on Saturday weighing 12 pounds, 8 ounces to lead the event and finished with a three day total of 15 bass weighing 53 pounds, 15 ounces, which was enough to earn him the win by an 8-pound, 6-ounce margin and the first place prize package worth \$76,271, including a new Ranger Z521C with a 200-horsepower Evinrude outboard.

#### **CVHS TENNIS SCORES**

**CASTRO VALLEY AT ALAMEDA ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 CASTRO VALLEY: 6, ALAMEDA 1** 

#### **SINGLES**

- 1. Elena Lottich (CV) Audrey Soo Hoo 7-5, 6-4
- 2. RacheL Dong (CV) Madison Majors 7-5, 6-3
- 3. Kyra Yee (A) Anya Mortensen 7-6, 6-2
- 4. Lauren Leong (CV) Khaily Tran 4-6, 6-2, 6-3

#### **DOUBLES**

- 1. Gaby Madison / Victoria Vitton (CV) -
- Claire / Adeline 6-4, 6-2
- 2. Riley Powers / Paige Cason (CV)
- Lauren / Kirsten 6-1, 7-5 3. Kele Fong / Alex Tam (CV) -
- Sammi / Chloe 6-2, 6-1

**HEAD ROYCE AT CASTRO VALLEY ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27** CASTRO VALLEY: 6, HEAD ROYCE: 1

- 1. Elena Lottich (CV) Kacey Stoddard 6-0, 6-1
- 2. Rachel Dong (CV) Lisa Kopelnik 6-0, 6-1
- 3. Lauren Leong (CV) Emma Mears 6-1, 7-6 (2) 4. Gaby Madison (CV) Lara Drinan 6-2, 6-0

#### **DOUBLES**

1. Annika Hoerner / Sydney Medford (HR) -Riley Powers / Victoria Vitton 7-6 (6), 6-4 2. Paige Cason / Sammie Lee (CV) -Mayfair Rucker / Anna Depetra 6-1, 6-1 3. Alex Tam / Lauren Fung (CV) Julia Depetra / Joanna Fisch 6-2, 6-4

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## **Put Safety First When Out Doing Yard Work**

Bv Samantha Mazzotta

ften, we're in a hurry to just finish up with the yard work. Or, it's too hot or too aggravating to put on safety gear like impact-resistant goggles and sturdy gloves.

But spending a couple extra dollars to purchase the right equipment and safety gear, and taking time to put it on, can prevent injuries and even save your life.

In fact, there are a number of preventive measures to take before starting yard work. Topical Biomedics (which, handily, sells those post-yard-work sore muscles) offers a few additional tips:

- work, warm up for at least 10 minutes with some lighter tasks.
- Cover any exposed skin with sunscreen to prevent sunburn.
- Sturdy gloves will protect your hands from blisters, scratches, insect bites, poison oak, the heat from gas-powered, handheld lawn-care tools, and flying debris.
- Sturdy boots with slip-resistant soles are critical when working around any power tool.
- Eye protection goggles specifically made to resist



Wear proper safety gear when doing yard work.

high-impact strikes — will protect gies while doing yard work. you from flying debris, accidental chemical spills, and many eye irritants and allergens.

• Face protection: a dust or branches and other plants. a pain relief and healing cream for filter mask should be worn when • Before doing any heavy yard help to those with seasonal aller-

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and pants to protect skin from scratch- of the peak season. Use window es caused by low-hanging tree shades to keep in heat, especially
- Wear noise-reducing earyard chemicals, and can be a big face visor when using a chainsaw.

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By Carl Medford, CRS

GUEST COMMENTARY



# Prepare for the Fall Season

locked in, now is the harm. time to plan for winter.

Some fire their furnaces up as temperatures chill, only to discover things are not working as they should. Others wait until the rains to determine their gutters are full and the roof has sprung a leak.

It's best to prepare now — qualified trades are the most difficult to hire when everyone else is calling them at the same time.

Here is our 2017 Fall Prep List:

✓ Check your furnace *before* that furnaces sitting idle have an accumulation of dust that is burned off during the first run, resulting in that classic "ionization" smell.

Consider installing a new thermostat such as a NEST? Do it now. An HVAC technician can check your furnace and install a new thermostat to make sure all works as it should. Change your furnace filter. Sealing furnace ducting will also save energy.

✓ Replace drafty windows. When cold weather comes, old windows reward you with drafts and heat loss. Eliminate drafts and lower heating costs — by replacing your old windows with new thermally efficient dual-pane products.

Check for available discounts for installing new windows out

✓ Check your roof and gutspreading fertilizer or spraying muffs, a hard hat and a steel mesh ters. A roof inspection is relatively inexpensive, yet can prevent hundreds of dollars in potential

and fall schedules potential issues before they cause moisture.

For an extra fee, some roof inters, beat the rush and do it now. Make sure your downspouts have place damper. diverters which carry water away from your home. Make sure nothers are panicking, you will be snug ing on the ground traps water or and warm in your fully prepared directs it towards your home.

✓ Trim vegetation away from the house. If you have tree branch- altor with Keller Williams Realty es, bushes or shrubs touching and a licensed general contractor. your home, trim them back. Tree This article is sponsored by the it gets cold. Fire it up to make sure branches can do extensive dam- Central County Marketing Assoeverything is working. Remember age, especially to roofs, and veg-ciation.

ith kids back in school damage. It's always best to catch etation close to the walls will trap

✓ Check weather seals. Make sure vour doors have adequate spection companies will also clean weather seals and door sweeps to your gutters. If you need new gut- close off all gaps. Caulk all gaps around windows. Close the fire-

Beat the season and while oth-

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4346 Edwards Lane	94546	\$550,000	2 BD - 1,063 SF - 1920
1818 Knox Street	94546	\$670,000	2 BD - 1,224 SF - 1948
21151 Nunes Avenue	94546	\$783,000	3 BD - 1,578 SF - 1948
20115 Redwood Road #10	94546	\$458,000	2 BD - 866 SF - 1988
20111 West Ridge Ct #24	94546	\$577,000	2 BD - 1,602 SF - 1977
19428 Yuma Street	94546	\$850,000	4 BD - 1,906 SF - 1970
22600 Canyon Ridge PI	94552	\$1,120,000	4 BD - 2,352 SF - 1998
18508 Mountain Lane	94552	\$691,000	5 BD - 2,039 SF - 1963
8309 Norris Canyon Road	94552	\$824,000	3 BD - 2,072 SF - 1928
20000 Shadow Creek Cir	94552	\$870,000	4 BD - 1,970 SF - 1999

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\$330,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$819,000

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# **Bell Peppers, Pole Beans Show Signs of Leaf Curl**

The Dirt Gardener

I started a compost pile 🗘 posed once the pile got going. the disease organisms or weed I used food scraps and yard seeds. Diseased plant trimmings caused by many different things icals absorbed by the roots. clippings, including the prun- should be disposed of in your gar- such as insects, herbicide daming from my peach tree that den trimmings container for weekhad leaf curl. Before planting ly pickup with the other household along with fungus diseases. this spring, I added the com- solid waste and recyclables. post to my vegetable garden. Now, my bell peppers and pole eased leaves have done no harm of leaf curl. Aphids are sucking in- Leaf Curl hasn't contaminated Centers. His web address is www. inated?

fast everything decom- doesn't get hot enough to destroy

Peach Leaf Curl. It's a water-acto curl up like an Italian cookie.

As a general rule, we tivated fungus that attacks only above ground not in the soil.

Curly leaf on plants can be

Although, in this case, the distrees, aphids are the primary cause

In addition, the herbicides beans to your lodon't compost diseased peach and nectarine trees. It will in "Weed and Feed" turf prod- cal garden center plant parts. The internal not affect any other species. Also, ucts can cause curly leaves on and have a nursery and was amazed at how temperature of a compost pile the fungus spores overwinter mulberries and other shade trees professional help planted in and near a lawn. The identify the problem(s). leaf curl is a reaction to the chem-

> Citrus leaves curl up from problem. age, and changes in temperatures, cool temperatures in the win-On apple, cherry and plum many reasons for leaf curl.

curly leaves on the peppers and Facebook.com/Buzz.Bertolero.

My guess would be that you have some type of sucking insect

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ter months. So, again, there are California Certified Nursery Professional and Senior Gardening The good news is that Peach Professional at Sloat Garden

## **Mortgage Rates Hold Flat**

Average long-term mortgage rates last week were unchanged from the previous week, according to Freddie Mac's weekly survey.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 3.83 percent last week, the same as the previous week. A year ago at this time, the 30-year Buzz Bertolero is an Advanced rate averaged 3.42 percent.

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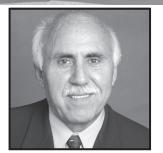
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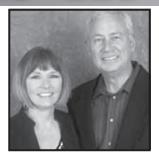
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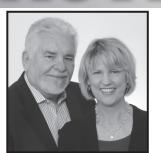
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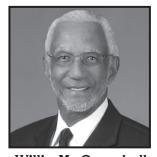
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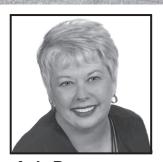
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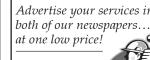
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The Bay East Association of Realtors Foundation raised more than \$18,000 at its "Cheers to the Future" Event in September.

## Realtors Raise \$18,000+ For Local Scholarships

In a single evening the Bay East Association of Realtors Foundation raised more than \$18,000 for its scholarship program for local students.

The "Cheers to the Future" event on Sept. 23 at 3 Steve's Winery in Livermore hosted 120 participants who enjoyed wine, gourmet food trucks and live music.

'The people came in droves and had a really good time," said Foundation President Richard Fitzmaurice. "The success of 'Cheers to the Future' will allow the Foundation to take their scholarship program to

In 2017, the Bay East Foundation recognized 20 students from the Editor: East Bay with \$1,000 scholarships. Recipients were selected based on their academic achievements, extracurricular activities, and community involvement.

"In the last three years we've given out \$70,000 in scholarships to East Bay students. That program will continue and continue on an even grander scale." Fitzmaurice continued.

The stated mission of the nonprofit Bay East Foundation is to provide

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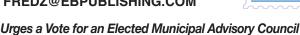
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■ STELLY, Joseph, Jr. passed away suddenly at home on September 24, 2017. Funeral will be held on Friday, Oct. 6, at 11 a.m. at the Church of the Transfiguration, 4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd., in Castro Valley. He will be missed.

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#### TO THE EDITOR FREDZ@EBPUBLISHING.COM



Castro Valley residents want more accountability and local control of an elected government. This includes the ability to elect members to the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC).

Currently, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors appoints members to the Castro Valley MAC. In order to change this process and allow CV residents to directly vote for MAC members, please attend a meeting tomorrow, October 5 at 6:00-7:30 PM at the San Lorenzo Library (395 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo).

This Eden Area Livability Initiative (EALI) Governance meeting will include an agenda item for an elected Castro Valley MAC. Castro Valley residents need to attend this meeting (wear green and gold!) to show support for an elected MAC and urge the Alameda County Board of Supervisors to put it to a vote on the 2018 ballot.

The Castro Valley MAC gives crucial advice to the Board of Supervisors on decisions that affect everyday life, from the choice of businesses, where you shop and dine, how the downtown looks, parking, and much more.

Electing Castro Valley MAC members will give residents a voice in Castro Valley's future.

Vote for a Vote for an Elected Castro Valley MAC on Thursday

-Carey Sanchez Para Castro Valley

#### A Life and a Dog

You walk your dog in the neighborhood. As you pass a house, your dog decides to do his duty. For whatever reason, you ignore it. You don't pick it up. You continue your walk.

Or maybe you just let your dog out of the house without a leash, to do his/her thing in the neighborhood. He/she came back and you continued on with your day.

The elderly man who lived in the house didn't just let it lie though. financial support for education and charitable needs within the East Bay. He bent down to pick it up because you didn't. Only he lost his balance and fell over. He has diabetes and hurt his leg. The fire department came and an ambulance took him to the hospital. He never came home again. Today he died, still in the hospital.

Are you walking your dog today?

 Betty Enoch Castro Valley

## Values 'Americans Who Don't Take Advantage of their Rights'

I'm sure glad we have citizens such as Flo Wiley ("Thinks GOP Should Be Chanting 'Lock Him Up'," Letters, Sept. 27) to tell us just what "American values" are.

I am actually crazy enough to value the fact that Americans are so optimistic about their future that my daughter's retirement plan is up over 20% so far this year. This same plan earned her all of 6% last

I value those Americans who don't take advantage of their rights gust 22, 2017) will be missed by but instead try to do what is right. Sure, football players have the right to kneel down during the National Anthem but it doesn't mean it's the right thing to do.

I'd be willing to bet that if they had a relative who came home a wounded veteran of war they'd think twice and show respect to the flag and what it represents.

I value a President who is willing to fight North Korea or whoever else threatens true American values. The last administrations just about gave up the ranch to appease our enemy.

But I do not value those who cowardly wear black masks and promote violence toward those who simply voice an opinion different

Finally I encourage Ms. Wiley to pick up the October 2nd edition of Time magazine, turn to page 40 and you'll see just how few Americans have the same values as yours and why the Democratic party is such a mess right now.

> -Cliff Mason Castro Valley

#### Says There's Too Much 'Breaking News' on the TV

This is for the TV channels 2-4-5-7 news and "breaking news" stations. We love you all. But we love our daytime programs and soap operas.

We are seniors, handicapped, aged, unemployed, bed-ridden. We get upset when Breaking News stops our programs. You make us watch Breaking News on all the stations. Then we see it all again at 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. and so on.

Once we had to watch the police going after a SUV all over Oakland. We do have feelings for the hurt and injured, but please make Breaking News short, and don't go on and on.

-Martha Soto

#### HOROSCOPE by Salomé



ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Someone has some suggestions to offer regarding your new project. You might find them helpful. Remember to avoid speculation and to stick with just the facts, Lamb

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): An old friend suddenly reappears.

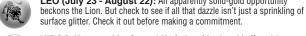
your focus to an upcoming professional development.



Whether this proves to be a boon or a bane in the Bovine's life depends on the reason for this surprising reappearance. Be cautious. GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Vital information finally emerges allowing you to make that important personal decision. You can now move



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): You might not like seeing so many on-the-job changes. But some of them could open new opportunities for the Moon Child's talents to shine to your best advantage. LEO (July 23 - August 22): An apparently solid-gold opportunity



surface glitter. Check it out before making a commitment VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): A close friend could offer advice on how to handle a difficult family matter. But in the end, the decision has to



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Family problems are best worked out with all those concerned contributing suggestions that will ease tensions. Stay with it until a workable solution is found

be made based on what is best for you and those you love.

with family and friends this weekend.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Expect to hear more about an offer that has piqued your interest. You earn respect for insisting on solid facts, not just a fancy talk about potential opportunities. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): What seemed to be a reasonable



workplace request might need to be defended. Don't fret. You have both the facts and a surprise ally on your side. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): A bit of capriciousness might be just what you need. Plan to kick up your heels in a round of fun and games



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Although some of your plans might have to be put on hold, things do begin to take a turn for the better by midweek. Your financial crunch also eases.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Your financial picture begins to brighten by week's end. There also are favorable changes in your personal life. Someone you care for has good news to report.

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Signs are posted on all Park District trails that are covered by the E-Bike pilot program.

# E-Bike Pilot Program

A year-long pilot program for electric-motor-assisted bicycles, called "e-bikes," is now underway on three paved East Bay Park Dis-Creek Trail in Alameda County, the and conduct surveys on the trails. Iron Horse Trail in both Alameda Contra Costa Canal Regional Trail in Contra Costa County.

hibited on all other Park District

the pilot program.

sisted and can only be activated are environmentally friendly," through pedaling.

E-Bikes are limited to low speeds. 5 board meeting.

All E-Bikes have fully operable couples. pedals and electric motors with less than 750 watts.

As part of the pilot program the trict Regional Trails – the Alameda Park District will monitor usage,

"There has already been lots of and Contra Costa counties, and the interest from the community, especially among those with physical limitations," said Dan Cunning, E-Bikes will continue to be pro- the District's Manager for Regional Trails. "E-Bikes are likely to further increase bicycle com-Only Class 1 & 2 electric mo- muting on paved regional trails. tor-assisted E-Bikes are allowed by The trails play an important role in transportation by providing al-Class 1 E-Bikes are pedal as- ternative, non-vehicle options that

The East Bay Regional Park Class 2 E-Bikes can be activated District Board of Directors authothrough a throttle. Both Class 1 & 2 rized the pilot program at their July

## **Enrollment:**

## Prescription Drug Plans

continued from page 6 enrollment period at various locations throughout each state.

To find the contact information for your local SHIP visit Shiptacenter.org, or call the eldercare locator at 800-677-1116.

#### Low-Income Assistance

If you find yourself struggling to pay your medication costs, check out Medicare's "Extra Help" program. This is a federal low-income subsidy that helps pays Part D premiums, deductibles and copayments. To be eligible, your income must be under \$18,090 or \$24,360 for married couples living together, and your assets must be below \$13,820 or \$27,600 for married

For more information or to apply, call Social Security at 800-772-1213 or visit SSA.gov/medicare/prescriptionhelp.

Other resources that can help include RxAssist.org, which maintains a comprehensive database of patient assistance programs, set up by drug companies for those who have trouble affording their medications

And NeedyMeds.org, a national nonprofit organization that maintains a website of free information on programs that help people who can't afford their medications or other health-care costs.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySe-



The first large-scale effort to remove tiny bits of plastic debris from East Bay beaches will be conducted this Sunday using static-charge filtration screens at the Albany waterfront.

# Volunteers Needed for 'Sift the Sand' Beach Filtration Sunday

his Sunday, teams of volunteers will deep-clean an East Bay Beach by sifting sand to prevent them from leaching into the marine habitat of San turtles and the protection of their Francisco Bay. Francisco Bay.

This technique, using static-charge filtration screens to attract tiny microplastics, is being at Albany Beach will be the first large-scale effort in the East Bay.

Volunteers will learn hands-on nesting and foraging habitats.

screen" that will be used at the email albancycadogs@gmail.com used on beaches around the world. event. The events a great opportu-Sunday's "Sift the Sand" project nity for volunteers to help improve wildlife habitat and connect with nature.

A 2015 survey conducted by beach restoration techniques from Clean Oceans International found Marc Ward of Sea Turtles Forever, that plastics and polystyrene foam harmful microplastics out of the an Oregon-based nonprofit devot- made up the largest percentage of ed to the conservation of marine debris on beaches around the San

> Volunteers are needed from 10 Ward is the inventor of the a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. patented "static-charge filtration on Sunday, Oct. 8. To sign up, or call 510-473-2626.

More than 50 people, many of them students, have already signed up to volunteer.

# District Attorney Launches Justice Restoration' for Young Offenders

Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley and several other county agencies are launching a special program to benefit youths who are in the criminal

justice system. The "Alameda County Justice Restoration Project" takes young adults ages 18 to 24 who have been charged with felonies or are on felony probation and enters them in counseling, individualized coaching and other programs in an attempt to reduce recidi-

Now in its pilot phase, the project will serve 29

young adults, and the full program, which starts in January will serve an additional 150 people.

This project provides a pathway for a better life," said O'Malley in a written statement. "We understand that recidivism is a problem that affects communities throughout the county, the state, and the nation. Repeatedly jailing low-level offenders without providing supportive services and opportunities for employment and education is not the answer. The criminal justice

embrace new ideas and approaches to addressing crime, punishment, and rehabilitation.'

A key partner is La Familia Counseling Services, a community based organization

that will support young adults returning to their neighborhoods in Ala-

individualized coaching. Clients will be paired for 18 months with coaches meda County through its with similar life experi-



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**JUANITA** was found as a stray. **PATCH** is one of a litter of 4 kit-She is about 10 years old and 64 tens born in April and discovered lbs. (she could use a few more in a dumpster at only 3 weeks pounds and is working on that old. Patch love to play and has in her foster home). More info., had his first set of vaccinations. visit: dustypawsrescue.org

## Reports: CV

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man on Castro Valley Boulevard near John Drive. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$20,000 in bail.

**Busted for Narcotics Drugs** 

Tuesday, September 26: at 7:25 p.m., deputies arrested a 44-yearold man with no permanent address on suspicion of possession of illegal narcotic drugs. The man was walking along the Boulevard near Wisteria Street when deputies stopped the man for questioning and discovered his stash. The man was taken into custody.

**Shoplifter with Drug Pipe** 

Tuesday, September 26: at 11:58 p.m., a 52-year-old man with no permanent address was arrested on suspicion of shoplifting, violating the terms of his probation, and possession of a pipe used for smoking drugs. Deputies were called to a grocery store on Redwood Road near Castro Valley Boulevard following a report of a shoplifter apprehended with an unspecified amount of merchandise. The man was handcuffed and taken into custody.



PHOTO BY BOB MADDOW

Installation of an irrigation system began last month and upgrades to buildings and equipment at the Redwood Canyon Golf Course will take place in coming years.

# **Redwood Canyon Course** Gets a New Lease on Life

By Linda Sandsmark CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Redwood Canyon Golf Course is undergoing a renaissance of sorts, having recently inked a 15-Touchstone Golf.

Players on the links are already taking notice.

system is now starting — not just installation of repair clamps," says golfer and longtime Castro Valley resident Bob Maddow. "I think this is an important sign that this wonderful local golf course is finally coming back to what it can be, and I'm more optimistic about it than I have been in years."

Touchstone was awarded Redwood Canyon's management lease last month by the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) after competitive bidding.

The company has managed Redwood Canyon on an interim basis since December 2014. (The previous operators -Baldock Pacific Properties/Willow Park Public Golf Course Corporation - had a 50-year sublease that expired November 2014.)

Of the course's 22 bridges, 17 extensive rains and water overflow. and silt covered parts of the course. pi. All that is beginning to change. repairs should be done, with improvements ongoing.

"Real work on the irrigation help from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and the insurance company. We're getting what we need with this partnership. Their focus and support have been fantastic," Harker says.

> "Real work on the irrigation system is now starting. I think this is an important sign that this wonderful local golf course is finally coming back to what it can be, and I'm more optimistic about it than I have been in years."

> > -Bob Maddow

Redwood Canyon is a love-"The untold story is that the East ly setting with a creek running the park district didn't let that hap- course facilities and surrounding Francisco. pen. Then this year, when the golf areas are leased by the East Bay course was closed for 65 days due Municipal Utilities District to the is located at 17007 Redwood Rd., to flooding, they worked side-by- Park District, which in turn en- Castro Valley. Call 537-8001 or side with our folks to get it back up tered into the management lease visit with Touchstone.

Harker says Touchstone is had been damaged or dislodged by grateful for the support of Jim O'Connor and Mimi Waluch of Drainage systems were clogged, EBRPD, and trustee Dennis Waes-

"We're still recovering from year lease with its interim steward, In the next six to 12 months most the flood, but we're going in the right direction, and our loyal customers in Castro Valley have been "The park district orchestrated very understanding," adds Harker. He says over the next three to five years extensive upgrades are planned for the irrigation system, buildings, and equipment. New golf carts are coming in October and renovations are planned for the grill and clubhouse.

Bob Maddow, who has lived in Castro Valley for 45 years, is pleased with what he sees so far. He and his wife have been golfing for 15 years, and are enthusiastic about the future of the scenic course.

"It's not going to be easy, but Redwood Canyon's General Manager, Jake Stewart, has just the right temperament for the job," says Maddow. "He's the calm in a storm. We're overjoyed with what we're seeing there. It's a quiet, beautiful location when the playing surfaces are in good shape."

Touchstone Golf manages 34 Bay Regional Park District has through it, but its location between golf courses in 10 states. Nine saved the golf course two times the Upper San Leandro Reservoir of these courses are operated in now," says Touchstone's President and Lake Chabot exposes it to conjunction with government or and CEO Steve Harker. "When water overflow issues. Accord- municipal agencies, including the the previous tenant left, there was ing to Park District press releases, cities of Oakland and Mountain talk that it might have to close, but the 150 acres comprising the golf View, and the Presidio Trust in San

> Redwood Canyon Golf Course www.redwoodcanyongolf. com/ for more information.

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