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Castro Valley Community To Remember Lana Carlos

A memorial at the intersection of Crow Canyon and Manter roads in Castro Valley at the site where 12-year-old Lana Vicera Carlos was struck and killed by a hit-and-run driver last week. A visitation service for the Creekside Middle School student will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. this Friday, March 6, at 3Crosses Church on John Drive. She will be eulogized during services beginning at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the church. A fundraiser has been organized for the family by Jasmine Vicera Naguiat at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/lana-vicera-carlos-memorial-fund>.

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As Virus Spreads, So Do Concerns Over Quarantine

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For more information about HARD and the capital bond projects please visit www.HaywardRec.org. Results will be included.

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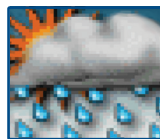
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CV SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Former NCS Golf Champion Matt Kern Still Enjoys the Game

Thirteenth in a series profiling the 16 new members of the Castro Valley Sports Hall of Fame. The induction banquet will take place Sunday, April 26, a Redwood Canyon Event Center. For details, visit castrovalleysportsfoundation.org.

By Lowell Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM



Matt Kern

Matt Kern says his golf game was "100 percent better" when he was in high school and college than it is now, but there are still times.

Like a recent round at Wilshire Country Club in Los Angeles when he shot a 5-under-par 66.

"And I hadn't played in two months. Go figure," he said.

Kern was one of the top junior golfers in the state when playing for Castro Valley High from 1998 to 2001. Playing as the No. 1 golfer on the varsity team, he led the Trojans to Hayward Area Athletic League championships in both his freshman and sophomore years.

But the best was yet to come.

"I caught fire my junior year," he recalled in an understatement. That year he not only won the HAAL individual title, he also captured the North Coast Section individual championship in a field that included current PGA touring professional James Hahn.

Playing in junior events around the country, Kern won five of the seven tournaments he entered that year, including an American Junior Golf Association tournament at Trophy Lake Golf and Casting in Port Orchard, Washington, that attracted many of the nation's top juniors.

He returned to Castro Valley for his senior season, leading the Trojans to yet another HAAL title.

Kern earned a golf scholarship to the University of the Pacific where he played four years, graduating in 2005. He was a member of the UOP team that qualified and played in the NCAA Division I Championship at Ohio State his freshman season.

A committee appointed by the Castro Valley Sports Foundation recently elected Kern to the Castro Valley Sports Hall of Fame.

Matt's father, Bruce, got his son started in golf at the age of eight, but Matt didn't really take the game that seriously until a few years later. By the time he was an eighth grader at Canyon Middle School, though, Kern was good enough to earn a junior scholarship at Castlewood Country Club. That's when he gave up his other childhood sports — baseball, basketball and soccer — to concentrate on golf.

At Castlewood, Kern came under the tutelage of teaching professional John Hughes. It was Hughes and John Zander, a golf instructor at Stanford and Presidio, who honed Kern's game.

One of Kern's greatest strengths was his length off the tee. With

drives in the 300-yard range, he could reach most par-5s in two, which meant he would be putting for eagle. At one point during his career at UOP, he led the NCAA in eagles made.

Matt, now 37, still enjoys golf, but with two sons and a daughter — ages 10, 8 and 5 — and all their activities, he doesn't have time to play competitively.

"I was 100 percent better in high school and college, but I'm having more fun now," he said. A lot less stress, just playing with his buddies.

"I'm a fair weather golfer now," he said. "When I was competing we had to play in all kinds of conditions. Not anymore."

Matt, his wife Ryan, and their three children have a home adjacent to the Woodbridge Country Club (near Lodi) where he is a member. He also manages a few golf trips now and then, like the recent one to the Wilshire Country Club in Los Angeles when he shot 66.

Last May, he traveled to Wisconsin where he played Whistling Straits, a championship course that has hosted three PGA Championships and is the site of this year's Ryder Cup.

That's the great thing about golf: it's a sport that can last a lifetime.

Kern was asked if he had any tips for young golfers.

"Keep a positive attitude," he answered. "If you hit a bad shot, put it behind you. There's always the next shot. That's your saving grace. Nobody's going to go out and hit every shot perfect."

Kern is currently a project manager for LB Production Center, which provides lighting and sound for concerts, trade shows, special events and the like.

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Noam Osband, left, is a “prince with a proper pedigree,” while Riley Hyde as Cinderella proves to be best in show in “Cinderella – Gone to the Dogs!” a family musical, presented by East Bay Children’s Theatre at several East Bay venues over the next few weeks.

‘Cinderella – Gone to the Dogs’

Don’t miss the fun as the world’s most popular fairy tale gets retooled and re-fur-bished in this all-singing, all-dancing, all-barking musical extravaganza...featuring an all dog cast!

Follow Cinderella, as she goes from life in the doghouse, to “Best-in-Show” at the Bow Wow Ball. And, with a little magical help from her Fairy God-Mouser (a cat), she even manages to land herself a Prince with a Proper Pedigree by the final reprise!

Presented by East Bay Children’s Theatre, this fresh and funny take on the classic Cinderella legend is brimming over with zany humor, clever songs, and upbeat positive messages.

Bay Area composer and playwright Ron Lytle has waved his own magic wand over the famous story and added a Broadway infused score, a kennel full of laughs and a cast of characters sure to delight audiences of all ages.

Ticketed public performanc-

es of “Cinderella – Gone to the Dogs!” will be presented at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 22, at the Douglas Morisson Theatre in Hayward.

Additional performances will be at 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 29 at the Del Valle Theatre in Walnut Creek, and at 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 5 at the Firehouse Performing Arts Center in Pleasanton.

For tickets (\$12-\$22, high demand expected), visit www.ebctOnline.org.

Eden Health Board Member Resigns

Megan Lynch, a member of the Eden Health District’s Board of Directors for the past three years, has resigned from that position effective Feb. 20.

To fill the vacancy, the District Board may appoint a district resident as soon as next Wednesday, March 11, but has 60 days to fill the vacancy.

To be appointed, a person must

be a resident of — and registered to vote in — Castro Valley, Hayward, San Leandro, San Lorenzo or Fairview.

The term of the appointee will expire at the end of the year. It will be one of two seats on the District Board up for election on the November 3 ballot.

Those interested in being considered for appointment to the

Board should contact Barbara Adranly, Clerk, Eden Health District, 20400 Lake Chabot Road, Suite 303, Castro Valley 94546.

Applications must be received at Eden Health District office no later than Friday, March 13.

For questions, or details on submitting an application, call 510-538-2031, or email badranly@ethd.org.

SHERIFF’S REPORTS

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Illegal Possession of Assault Weapons

Saturday, February 29: at 12:31 p.m., Sheriff’s deputies arrested a 24-year-old man from Castro Valley on suspicion of possession of assault-style weapons, high-capacity ammunition magazines, silencer, illegal narcotics, and violating the terms of his parole. The man was at a home on Lorena Avenue near Santa Maria Avenue when deputies stopped in for a parole check. The weapons were confiscated. The man was handcuffed and taken back to Santa Rita Jail.

Breaking and Entering With Drug Paraphernalia

Sunday, March 1: at 8:00 p.m., a 57-year-old man from Oakland was arrested on suspicion of possession of illegal drug parapherna-

lia. The man was spotted outside an apartment complex on Santa Maria Avenue near Castro Valley Boulevard behaving suspiciously. Deputies responded to a call at the address to investigate a possible breaking and entering charge, but the man was only found with a pipe for smoking drugs in his possession. Deputies took him into custody.

Deputies Find Hidden Robbery Suspect

Wednesday, February 25: at 10:15 a.m., deputies arrested a 31-year-old man with no permanent residence on suspicion of robbery from a grocery store on Redwood Road near Castro Valley Boulevard. Store managers failed to prevent the man from leaving the store with unpaid merchandise,

but they were able to tell deputies where they thought the man had run off to. The man was found across the street hiding in an alleyway. Deputies took the man into custody.

Vehicle Stop Ends in Arrest

Wednesday, February 25: at 2:31 a.m., a 46-year-old man from Castro Valley was arrested on suspicion of possession of illegal drug paraphernalia. Deputies pulled the man over for a traffic violation on Castro Valley Boulevard near Center Street. The man was found to have a warrant issued for his capture on drug-possession related charges. Deputies searched the vehicle and found the man with a pipe used for smoking drugs in his pocket. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$5,000 in bail.

Community to Remember Lana Carlos

By Michael Singer
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Services will be held this Friday and Saturday for Lana Vicera Carlos, a 12-year-old girl from Castro Valley following a horrific hit-and-run crash on Crow Canyon Road last week.

A celebration of Lana’s life is scheduled for Friday, March 6 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 3Crosses Church on 20600 John Drive. Her visitation service will include an open microphone to share memories and a reception at the church. Lana’s funeral is scheduled for Saturday, March 7 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the main sanctuary.

The public is invited to attend both events.

Lana died on Monday, February 24, as she and her sister Jayden were walking in a crosswalk on Crow Canyon Road near Manner Road about 3:35 p.m. A large pickup truck turning left into traf-



Lana Vicera Carlos

Lana’s cousin, Jasmine Naguiat, set up a GoFundMe.com online donation campaign to help the family through this difficult time. More than \$46,500 has been raised as of this weekend.

“Please don’t drive recklessly, do not rush, always be alert and aware of your surroundings, follow the law,” Naguiat posted on her Facebook support page. “I will always aspire to have the same level of positivity as Lana, seeing the good in everything and everyone. Her infectious smiles, laughter and happiness will live on.”

The Castro Valley Unified School District was quick to respond to the tragedy, providing emotional support at Creekside and elsewhere.

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fic struck Lana, stopped briefly, but continued to drive off.

Emergency crews were unable to resuscitate the Creekside Middle School student. All week, friends, family, and supporters have been stopping by a makeshift memorial for Lana with flowers, cards, and candles.

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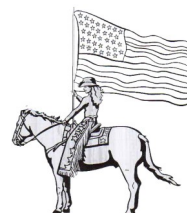
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The Week Ahead

● Thursday, March 5: Mexico Consul General Speaks

Consul General Remedios Gómez Arnaú of Mexico will be the featured speaker at 11:30 a.m. on March 5th when the Hayward Chamber of Commerce presents the 7th Hayward International Trade Luncheon at the Golden Peacock Banquet Hall, 24989 Santa Clara St., Hayward. For tickets (\$25, none sold at the door) visit www.hayward.org

● Thursday, March 5: Parkinson Support Group

Aaron Wong from Spectrum of Alameda County will speak on fall prevention at the next Parkinson Support Group monthly meeting at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow at the San Lorenzo Community Church, 945 Paseo Grande. For more info, call Lorna White 510-276-3119.

● Friday, March 6: Eden Area Village Meeting

Meet members of Eden Area Village at a forum and public outreach meeting this Friday at 2 p.m. at Hayward City Hall, 777 B Street and hear how this group of Hayward/Castro Valley/San Lorenzo seniors is helping each other remain in their homes, active and engaged in our community. For more information, visit edenareavillage.org, or email: info@edenareavillage.org.

● Saturday, March 7: CVHS Athletic Boosters Crab Feed

Come out and support the Castro Valley Athletic Boosters' Club Crab Feed, the only fundraiser of the year, this Saturday at Carpenters Union 713 at 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward. Doors open at 5 p.m., dinner served at 6. A fun evening that will include raffle baskets, live auctions, and a crab, pasta and salad dinner. The proceeds will benefit all CVHS Athletic Teams. \$60 per person (adults only and no outside alcohol). Feel free to bring butter/warmers, sauces, crab crackers, etc.

● Saturday, March 7: Agualinda Membership Meeting

The Agualinda Swimming Pool Club will hold its annual membership meeting at 1 p.m. this Saturday at Holy Cross Episcopal Church, 19179 Center St. in Castro Valley. Memberships are on sale now. Annual dues are \$450. Agualinda is located at 4393 Moreland Drive, just off Seven Hills Road, and is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. from April 12 to Oct. 18. For more info, visit www.agualindapool.com. For memberships, email agualindasecretary@gmail.com.

● Saturday, March 7: Spring Indoor Flea Market

The Hayward Area Recreation District will host its big Annual Spring Indoor Flea Market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. this Saturday, March 7, at the Kenneth C. Aitken Senior and Community Center, 17800 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. The market — free and open to the public — will have over 55 vendors selling one-of-a-kind items and unique treasures, and a snack bar! For more info, visit www.HaywardRec.org.

● Sunday, March 8: Celebrate the Blues with Alabama Mike

Harmonica player, vocalist, and showman Alabama Mike will bring his blues trio to the Castro Valley Library on Sunday, March 8 at 2 p.m., part of Castro Valley Reads 2020 during which we are reading and discussing "Bluebird, Bluebird" by Attica Locke. No tickets are required. Castro Valley Reads is generously funded by the Friends of the Castro Valley Library.

● Tuesday, March 10: Rotary Topic: Castro Valley Real Estate

Public Affairs Director David Stark of the Bay East Association of Realtors will describe the latest trends in local real estate markets at the next Castro Valley Rotary Club buffet lunch meeting on Tuesday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Redwood Canyon Golf Course, 17007 Redwood Road. Lunch is \$15 and reservations must be made by 9 p.m. this Sunday by contacting Rotary at cvrotary@iCloud.com or 510-4025123. More info at castrovalleyrotary.org.

● Wednesday, March 11: Neuropathy Support Group Meeting

Those suffering from peripheral neuropathy a disease with typical symptoms of chronic numbness, pins and needles tingling, and sporadic sharp pains in the feet or hands, are encouraged to attend the monthly free support group meeting at 1:30 p.m. on March 11 at First Presbyterian Church, 2490 Grove Way, Castro Valley. We meet every second Wednesday. For more info, call Greg at 510-886-6758.

● Wednesday, March 11: Sons In Retirement Meeting

Sons in Retirement (SIR) Branch 26, an organization of retired men, meets for lunch at noon on the second Wednesday of each month in the Fairview Event Center at Metropolitan Golf Course, 10051 Doolittle Drive, Oakland, with a social hour at 11 a.m. Dick Fisher will talk on patriotic songs from long ago at the March meeting. Sponsored guests are welcome, but you must call Ken at 510-537-4804 ASAP to request that you want to attend the March lunch (\$26 payable in advance). Make checks payable to: "SIR Branch #26."

Arts & Entertainment

CASTRO VALLEY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Tickets for Center for the Arts events (unless otherwise listed) are available at www.cvcfa.com; or at the Center Box Office, 19501 Redwood Road, Thursdays and Fridays 3-5 p.m. (phone 510-889-8961), or at the Castro Valley Adult School, 4430 Alma Ave.

● **"Chicago the Musical"** (High School Edition) will be presented by Castro Valley High School Drama and Music departments at the Center for the Arts at 7 p.m. on March 13, 14, 20 and 21, and at 2 p.m. on March 15 and 22. This edition is more family appropriate but still features all of the huge hits including "All that Jazz", "All I care about is Love," "Roxy," "Mr. Cellophane," "Cell Block Tango," "Reached for the Gun," and many more. It is the longest running American Broadway musical in Broadway history. *For tickets (\$18-\$21), see above.*

● **Free Band Concert** will be presented by the Castro Valley Adult School Band at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25.

● **Castro Valley Orchestra Concert** will be presented at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 29, at the Center for the Arts, 19501 Redwood Road. The orchestra will present harp soloist, Jessica Schaeffer in Saint Saens' "Morceau de Concert," and Franz Schubert's "Tragic" Symphony #4, and "A Song of Hope for the Refugees," by composer and orchestra violist, Thomas Baker, and perhaps a surprise or two. Tickets (\$10, or \$5 for students with ID) are available at the Castro Valley Adult School offices, 4430 Alma Ave., phone 510-886-1000. Tickets at the door will be \$14 and \$8. There will be a silent auction at the concert.

OTHER THEATRICAL & MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

● **"Steel Magnolias,"** Robert Harling's poignant comedy-drama, continues through March 1 at Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Ave., in the Castro Valley Community Center Park. Through the clouds of hairspray and the buzz of blow dryers, six Southern spitfires swap gossip, wisecracks, and wisdom in this hilarious and heartwarming comedy that explores the bonds of friendship and the strength of women. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. For tickets (\$22-\$27), visit chanticleers.org/ or call 510-733-5483.

● **"The Aristocats KIDS,"** based on the beloved Disney animated film, is a non-stop thrill ride of feline fun, complete with unbelievable twists and turns. In the heart of Paris, a kind and eccentric millionairess wills her entire estate to Duchess, her high-society cat, and her three little kittens. Laughs and adventure ensue as the greedy, bumbling butler pulls off the ultimate catnap caper. The show will be performed at Vannoy Elementary School at 7:30 p.m. on March 26 and at 10 a.m. on March 29, and at Stanton Elementary School at 7:30 p.m. on March 27 and March 29. For tickets (\$10-\$20) visit bachtheatre.org/tickets/spring/cvUSD. Be sure to click on the correct school that you want to see.

ART GALLERIES, RECEPTIONS & ART INSTRUCTION

● **Watercolor Painting Demonstration:** Monica Satterthwaite will describe her techniques in painting realistic and expressive subjects during a free demonstration from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, in the Redwood Studio of the Adobe Art Center, 20395 San Miguel Ave. in Castro Valley. Color is dominant, but can be arbitrary and subtle — the combinations setting the mood for the viewer. Monica, who has created illustrations for highly regarded corporations and civic facilities, currently teaches art history at Los Positas College and San Lorenzo Adult School. This demonstration is sponsored by A.R.T., Inc.

● **PhotoCentral Gallery Annual Juried Exhibition** continues thru March 7 at the gallery (part of the Hayward Area Recreation District) at 1099 E Street in Hayward. A closing party will be held on Saturday, March 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. The exhibit is in both galleries. For more info, visit www.photocentral.org

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Change is still dominant for Rams and Ewes, both in the workplace and their private lives. This is also a good time to look at a possible relocation if that has been one of your goals.



TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Doing things for others is what you do well. But don't forget that Bovines thrive on the arts, so make some time for yourself to indulge your passion for music and artistic expressions.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) While the Romantic Twin considers where to go for his or her upcoming vacation, the Practical Twin will start making travel plans now to take advantage of some great bargains.



CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your sensitive nature helps you deal with a difficult emotional situation. Be patient and continue to show your sincere support wherever (and for whomever) it is needed.



LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're making progress as you move through some unfamiliar territory. And while there might be a misstep or two along the way, overall you're heading in the right direction. Good luck.



VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Some good news arrives -- and just in time to remind you that you're making progress. Perhaps things aren't moving as quickly as you'd prefer, but they're moving nevertheless.



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) This is a good week to step back and assess the facts that have recently emerged to see where they can be used to your advantage. Also, don't hesitate to make changes where necessary.



SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You should begin to experience some support from those who now agree with your point of view. This should help counter the remaining objections from die-hard skeptics.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Don't let your aim be deflected by trivial matters as you try to resolve a confusing situation. Take time to find and thoroughly assess the facts before making any decision.



CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The possibility of moving to another location has come up. But before you dismiss it as unworkable, it's worth checking out just in case it does have some merit after all.



AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) New relationships -- personal or work-related -- show mixed signals. Best to assume nothing. Let things play themselves out until you have something substantive to work with.



PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your ability to make needed changes without causing too much, if any, negative ripple effect comes in handy when dealing with a sensitive matter either on the job or in the family.

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Henry J. Klever celebrated his 100th birthday on March 2.



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Henry J. Klever was stationed in Chalon-sur-Saone in France during WW II.

CV Resident Henry J. Klever Turns 100

By Linda Sandsmark
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Castro Valley resident Henry J. Klever turned 100 on March 2, but you'd never know it to look at him. Active and outgoing, Klever is the picture of health.

"I'm in pretty good shape," he allows. "I only quit driving last year on my 99th birthday."

"He still gets out on his riding lawnmower," says his granddaughter Karen Toia.

Klever was born March 2, 1920 on a farm in Audubon, Iowa. He was the youngest of 12 children, having three sisters and eight brothers. Longevity runs in his family — one sister lived to 101, and another to 102.

Nine months before the attack on Pearl Harbor, Klever joined the National Guard at age 21. He was stationed in France, Ireland, and Scotland and was part of the North African campaign. He served four and a half years overseas and finished his military career as a sergeant.

After the service Klever went back to Iowa for a while, then decided he would visit some of his siblings. He traveled to see a sister in Texas and another in Santa Barbara. Eventually he made his way up the West Coast to see friends in Portland, Oregon, and applied

there for a job with Pacific Bell.

"I stayed with Pac Bell the rest of my life, and retired after 33 years," says Klever.

At one point Pac Bell's work in Oregon slowed down, so the foreman suggested Klever transfer to Oakland. He moved to California and met his wife Loretta at a summer resort near Clear Lake. Together they raised two children, Gayle and Gary. Although Loretta has passed away, Henry has six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Klever's family and friends celebrated his centennial several times during the past month. The first party was on the weekend of February 15, so his grandson could attend before he shipped out with the Marine reserves. The family also had a large party the weekend prior to his actual birthday, and the cards just keep on coming. He even received a birthday card from the White House.

Klever thinks the secret to his longevity might be that he never smoked and ate healthy food.

"When you grow up on a farm, the food you get is pure. We've grown all our vegetables here, and I've canned everything. We grew a lot of fruit, too — figs, apples, cherries. I still make weekend meals so I get food that I really like."

Roasting Vegetables

The great thing about roasting vegetables is that it's so simple. Just remember to always preheat the oven.

Vegetables should be roasted in a very hot oven so that they will caramelize while staying moist and tender inside.

Many vegetables especially benefit from roasting, such as onions, potatoes, carrots, and other hearty root vegetables, but most vegetables will work. While raw garlic is pungent, roasted garlic has a sweet, buttery flavor.

Toss vegetables with a quality seasoned olive oil mixture to help flavor the vegetables and keep them from becoming dry.

Roast in a heavy pan and line it with foil to keep cleanup to a minimum.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS ROASTED WITH APPLES & WALNUTS

- 1 pound Brussels sprouts, halved
- 1 cup chopped cauliflower
- 2 apples, peeled, cored, cut into chunks
- 1 sweet onion, sliced
- 1 tablespoon olive oil, or more if needed
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup golden raisins
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 tablespoon Chardonnay wine, or more to taste

Preheat oven to 400°F. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil.

Spread Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, apples, and onion onto the prepared baking sheet; drizzle with olive oil. Season with salt and black pepper; stir until evenly coated.

Bake in the preheated oven until Brussels sprouts and cauliflower are tender, 20 to 25 minutes.

Transfer Brussels sprouts mixture to a serving bowl. Fold in raisins and walnuts; drizzle with wine. Toss to coat. Serves 6.

SEASONAL VEGETABLE ROAST

- 1 small butternut squash, cubed
- 2 red bell peppers, seeded and diced
- 1 sweet potato, peeled, cubed
- 3 baking potatoes, cubed
- 1 red onion, quartered
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh

- rosemary
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 475°F.

In a large bowl, combine squash, red bell peppers, sweet potato, and baking potatoes.

Separate the red onion quarters into pieces, and add them to the mixture.

In a small bowl, stir together thyme, rosemary, olive oil, vinegar, salt, and pepper. Toss with vegetables until they are coated. Spread evenly on a large roasting pan.

Roast for 35 to 40 minutes in the preheated oven, stirring every 10 minutes, or until vegetables are cooked through and browned. Yields 12 servings.

ROAST VEGETABLE MEDLEY

- 1 medium onion
- 1 medium or 2 small carrots
- 1 zucchini
- 1 eggplant
- 2 small potatoes
- 5 small tomatoes
- 1 red or yellow pepper
- 2 cloves of garlic
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Dried herbs (sage, thyme, rosemary, wild fennel etc.)
- 4 to 5 tablespoons of olive oil, plus more to taste

Preheat oven to 375°F. Quarter and slice the onion thinly. Dice all the vegetables into pieces that are approximately the same size (no larger than 1/2 inch).

Pile the vegetables into a baking dish so that the vegetables lie a few inches thick. Season with salt, pepper and herbs to taste and then pour the olive oil over the vegetables.

Mix thoroughly but gently until they are well-coated and glistening with oil. If need be, add more oil.

Put the dish in the oven and bake for 45 minutes to an hour. Halfway through the cooking process, remove the dish from the oven and very gently stir the vegetables so that the ones at the bottom come to the top.

Towards the end of the cooking process, stir a second time. Remove from the oven and let cool slightly. Check for seasoning and serve.

Yields 6 servings.



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Upcoming Events

- Today, March 4 at 7 p.m. Live music at Caffè Chiave with Graham Hill & Safiyah Hernandez - Free
- March 30 Workshop 101: Building Tiny Homes, hosted by Supervisor Nate Miley 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Castro Valley Library - Free

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



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The team of 12 players come from three different schools including Our Lady of Grace, Canyon Middle School, and Creekside Middle

School. Team coaches are Soledad Zamora and Nancy Garcia. Players from Our Lady of Grace: Rachel Garcia and Faith Buckingham. From Canyon: Angelina Zamora, Molly Niemiec, Jazmine Cortez, Tatiana Orona, and Emily Tonsberg. From Creekside: Rasnum Guron, Sophie Levine, Abigail Martin, Maya Trujillo, and Taylor Smith.

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From noon until 4 p.m. this Sunday, March 8, visitors will be able to view the cockpit of such historic aircraft as the A-3 Skywarrior, A-4 Skyhawk, A-6 Intruder and the A-7 Corsair.

In addition, you can sit in a Korean War MiG-15 and feel what it would have been like to fly for the "other side" in America's first war of the Jet Age.

Or sit in the cockpit of a Harrier Jump Jet, a P-51 Mustang replica, a Cessna 0-2 Skymaster, and a T-39 Sabreliner.

For an additional fee, get a glimpse of the training involved for Naval Flight Officers in the 1970s in our Navy A-6 simulator trailer. Imagine yourself taking off and landing on a carrier deck in the Navy A-3 Sky Warrior.

The Flying Boat that was featured in 'Indian Jones and the Lost Ark' opens up for specialty tours during the day, also for an additional fee.

Other activities at Sunday's event include an Oldies Bay Area Car Exhibit, Ham Radio demonstrations by the Oakland Radio Communications Association, live music by The Friends of Ken Band, and Roller Derby demonstrations by the Quad City Derby Bombshells.

Oakland Aviation Museum is located at 8252 Earhart Road, just off Doolittle Drive and next to Oakland International Airport.

For additional details, please call 510-638-7100 or visit www.oaklandaviationmuseum.org.

Chabot Offers Free Immigration Services

In partnership with East Bay Community Law Center, Chabot College in Hayward began offering free immigration legal services to its students yesterday.

Students can sign up to schedule an appointment with an attorney to discuss their immigration status and options from 9 a.m. to

1 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month, and from 2 to 6 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month, through the end of 2021.

The sessions are held in Faculty Office 727E in Chabot's El Centro Bldg. 700S.

Chabot was selected as one of 65 host campuses for the Com-

munity College Immigration Legal Services Pilot Project by the California Department of Social Services.

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Beware of Potential Scams

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

Unfortunately, scams have become a persistent problem when the U.S. Census Bureau does its once-a-decade count of the U.S. population.

Here's what you can expect from the 2020 Census in the coming weeks, and how you can protect yourself from potential scams.

What to Expect

In mid-March, you and nearly every other U.S. household will receive an invitation in the mail to respond to the 2020 Census. This year, you will have the option of completing the 2020 census questionnaire either online, by mail, or by phone. The invitation will include detailed instructions of what you need to do.

If you don't respond to this invitation letter, you will receive several follow-up postcard reminders from the Census Bureau by mail. If you still don't respond by late April, a census worker will come to your door to collect your response in person.

It only takes a few minutes to complete the census questionnaire.



The Census Bureau warns against "phishing" phone and email scams as well as con artist masquerading as census workers who will try to solicit your personal financial info.

While census participation is very important and required by law, you also need to be vigilant of census-linked scams. This is especially important for seniors who tend to be prime targets.

The Census Bureau warns against "phishing" email scams as well as con artist masquerading as census workers who will try to solicit your personal financial information.

Here are some tips that can help you protect yourself.

Guard Your Information

Don't give out your personal or financial information. The Census Bureau or a legitimate census worker will never ask for your

Social Security number, bank account number, credit card number, money or donations. And they will never contact you on behalf of a political party. If you're asked for any of these, whether it be via phone, mail, email or in person, it's a scam and should be reported to rumors@census.gov.

Avoid Online Scams

The Census Bureau will not send you an unsolicited email to request your participation in the 2020 Census. So, ignore any emails you get that may direct you to a census website that looks real but is fake – and may be infected with malware.

Also, don't reply to the email or open any attachment because they could contain viruses that could infect your computer. Forward the email or website address to the Census Bureau at rumors@census.gov. Then delete the message.

Be Safe at Home

If someone visits your home to collect a response for the 2020 Census, make sure you verify that person's identity. Legitimate census takers must present a field

see SCAM on back page

Senior Q&A: Does IRS Offer Free Tax Preparation Services?

Q: I hear that the IRS may offer free tax preparation services. Do you know anything about this?

By Jim Miller
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

A: Yes. The IRS offers free tax preparation software, fillable forms, and free taxpayer assistance, all available in an effort to make tax compliance easier, especially for seniors, those with a disability and those whose primary language is not English.

The free tax software is actually available from private vendors, but studies find that the availability of the free software is not well known and, in fact, is not easy to find on an Internet Search.

It seems that, some years back, in an effort to increase the number of electronically filed returns, the IRS decided to encourage the use of tax preparation software. In aid of that goal, the IRS entered into an agreement with private software vendors whereby the latter agreed to make their software available for free to low income persons, especially seniors, and in exchange the IRS agreed not to design its own free software to compete with those private companies.

Unfortunately, it seems that some of these companies have initiated computer code so that their free software is not easily "findable" on an internet search. As a result, the number of taxpayers actually using the free software is tiny.

That said, seniors and retirees should know that they can take advantage of free help to file their tax returns. There are basically four categories of free assistance, depending upon income, age, disability and facility with English, as noted below. In each case, seniors

can go to the IRS website [IRS.gov] and type in the following words in the search bar: "Free File: Do Your Federal Taxes for Free." A screen will then pop up to give you choices:

1) Free Tax Preparation Software: This option is for seniors whose Adjusted Gross Income is less than \$69,000. Seniors who qualify can peruse the IRS site, choose their favorite vendor, and download free federal and state tax preparation software from vendors with such familiar names as Turbo Tax and H&R Block.

2) Free Fillable Forms: Seniors whose income is above \$69,000 for the year can opt for Free Fillable Forms, but must have a basic understanding as to how to do their own taxes.

3) Free Voluntary Assistance: The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax help to people who earn \$56,000 or less, persons with disabilities and taxpayers with limited English speaking skills.

IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic tax return preparation with electronic filing for qualified individuals.

4) Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program, which offers free tax help for all taxpayers, particularly those who are 60 years of age and older, and specialize in dealing with pensions and retirement-related issues unique to seniors.

The IRS-certified volunteers are often retired individuals associated with non-profit organizations.

You can find a location near you to obtain free assistance in any one of the following ways:

- Call the VITA locator phone number at 1-800-906-9887;
- Call the AARP Foundation's Tax Aid Program at 1-888-227-7669;

- Go to the IRS.gov web page, type the following into the search bar: "Free Tax Return Preparation for Qualifying Taxpayers." Then Click on one of the two Locator Tools.

Alternatively, you can just call one of these nearby locations: Hayward Area Seniors Center, Hayward: (510-881-6766); Eden Social Services Agency, Hayward: (510)271-9141; Laney College Ad Hoc, Oakland: (510-986-6947).

Of note, also, is that the IRS now offers a simplified two page form designed especially for seniors. It is called the Form 1040-SR "US Tax Return For Seniors" and is designed to simplify the process for retirees.

Gene L. Osofsky is an estate planning and elder law attorney in Hayward. Visit his website at www.LawyerForSeniors.com

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By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Forum

GUEST COMMENTARY



The One Thing Sellers CANNOT Control

As prices have soared, the selling process has dramatically changed.

In reality, it closely resembles online dating. With buyers giving prospective homes between 7-10 seconds before deciding "Yes" or "No", sellers have upped their game by doing extensive property prep and upgrades designed to remove buyer objections. Staging has also become the new standard, helping present properties in their best possible light.

Herein lies a rub: as sellers work harder to maximize their properties, buyer tastes, seasoned by watching hours of home improvement shows, are growing increasingly refined. To use another word ... picky.

As a result, buyers know exactly what they want, with the result that sellers are no longer competing with other listings in their area, they now compete directly with HGTV.

Consequently, the home preparation bar keeps getting raised as significant numbers of buyers are signaling their

unwillingness to buy anything except move-in ready homes.

As sellers struggle to keep pace, the costs for maximizing homes keep going up. Ironically, despite their best efforts to control the buying process with extensive prep, there is still one thing sellers cannot control.

Buyers.

While extensive property enhancements usually mean a home will attract more views, it is no guarantee that a buyer will actually bite. Real estate closely mirrors life: there are no guarantees.

While some sellers manage to attract multiple offers in a few days, other homes linger on the market, often for no apparent reason. There are two primary factors that contribute to this:

Everything depends on who is in the market during the listing period.

One thing sellers often forget is that the buyer pool fluctuates and there may not be a buyer for their type of home at the exact moment they have it on the market.

External factors cannot be

controlled.

While a seller is in complete control of what happens on their own property, they cannot regulate their neighborhood or other geographical factors. Whether airports, industrial zones, trains, school districts, main streets, busy intersections and more, external factors make a huge difference.

As an example, some buyers will not buy a home backing to a graveyard no matter how beautiful the home might be.

While a tough nut for sellers to swallow, they need to do their best to maximize their home all the while knowing that, despite their best efforts, they cannot actually force a buyer ... to buy.

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Rose Cuttings Can Take Weeks to Root

By Buzz Bertolero
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

A few years ago, I tried to root some rose cuttings, but after waiting a very long time, they turned black and dried up. This past January, I took cuttings from the trimmings after pruning. Unlike the first cuttings, these had well-defined buds, and I used potting soil rather than garden soil. The buds have now grown to be two-inch long shoots. So to be successful in the future, I need to select cuttings with buds?

Rose cuttings don't root in a short time. It is not unusual for them to take 8 to 10 weeks. I don't believe your new cuttings are rooted. The new growth is the result of cool, moist conditions and mild temperatures. This growth may collapse and wither, as the days get longer and drier.

There probably isn't a sufficient number of roots to support the top growth. You'll have to wait and see. So taking cuttings with buds doesn't necessarily guarantee success.

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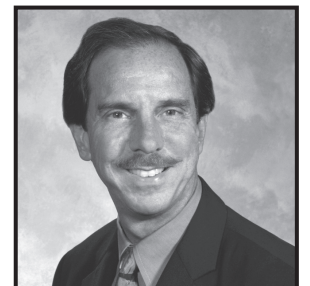
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Prune Maple with Hand Shears

By Buzz Bertolero
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Q I have a Japanese Maple that I'm guessing is about 10 years old. It's about 14 feet tall and badly needs pruning. Is now the time to top and shape it? Also, will it die if I use power tools?

A The type of pruning equipment you use will not affect Japanese Maples. Power tools, other than hedge shears, would be awkward, but I'd never use hedge shears, as it's the fastest way to destroy the individual charm of a Japanese Maple.

My preference is to use a pair of hand shears, loppers, and or a pruning saw. Now is an excellent time to prune as the Maple hasn't leafed out, although, it can be pruned later.

You're going to remove all the deadwood, eliminate the



rubbing and crossing branches, and reduce the top growth to control the height. With mature trees, the general rule of thumb is not to remove more than twenty percent per year so it may take several years to get the plant into its final form.

Also, you need to take your

time and survey what the impact of removing a significant branch will have on the overall shape. The top isn't to be sheared as this causes the tree to produce many small branches at the cuts. You'll be fighting these suckering branches for years as you redevelop

the shape.

With most plants, you cut off a significant branch just above the branch collar. The branch collar is a raised ring where the branch meets the trunk. But, Japanese Maples are an exception. You'll need to leave a half-inch, or longer stub, also referred to as a 'Hat Rack' above the branch collar. The stub is removed after it has turned black and died back to the collar.

After the tree has leafed out, I'd lightly prune the canopy to lighten the dense foliage areas or to expose more of the trunk and/or major branches. I'd also Google "Japanese Maple pruning" for some "how-to videos."

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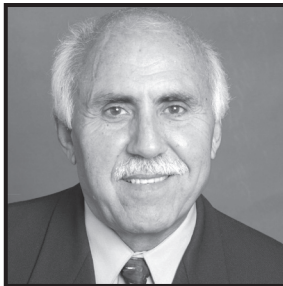
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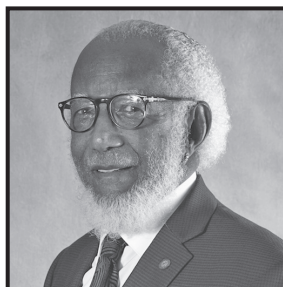
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Ken Costa, a caring husband, devoted father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and brother passed away on February 27, 2020 surrounded by his loving family. He was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. He was married to his wife, Judi for 43 years.

Ken leaves behind two siblings: Louis Costa of Daly City and Rose (David) Inocencio of Horse Creek. He is a beloved father of six children: Zelig Waialani (Rick) Nogueira of Manteca, Kuupua Costa (Monique Mabey) of San Francisco, Steve (Keiko) Sheriff of Japan, John (Ana) Sheriff of Castro Valley, Michael (Myrna) Sheriff of Castro Valley, and Nathan Anthony Nuhi Costa of Castro Valley. He was a loving Papa to seven grandchildren: Alanna (Michael) Kelley of Manteca, Annette (Donald) McFarland of Sacramento, Nicholas (Kelly) Loehrer of Manteca, Kaylyn (Tim) Combs of Livermore, Rachel Sheriff of Castro Valley, Tyus Sheriff of Japan, and Mateo Sheriff of Castro Valley. He also leaves behind nine great-grandchildren. Ken was a retired educator who transformed many lives in the Castro Valley Unified School District for over 35 years where he served as a classroom and Lead Teacher.

A Memorial Mass will be held in his honor at Transfiguration Church in Castro Valley, on March 5th at 11 a.m. Aloha attire is suggested. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation in Ken's honor to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at <http://giftfunds.stjude.org/kennethcosta>. Arrangements by Santos-Robinson Mortuary.



LETTERS to the EDITOR

A Heartbreaking and Infuriating Tragedy

Editor:

The tragic loss of life last week is heartbreaking and infuriating.

The intersection of Crow Canyon and Manter is a built conflict between cars and pedestrians.

The two girls were doing everything right. They crossed on the "walk" signal. At the same time, the driver of the truck was turning on a green light. There is the conflict. Where is the pedestrian protection?

On Castro Valley Blvd. and Redwood Road, we have more built conflict. Pedestrians have the "walk" signal to cross and drivers turning right have the green light. There is the conflict. Where is the pedestrian protection?

On Somerset at San Miguel, there is a striped crosswalk. Pedestrians are lured into a false sense of security when crossing at this point because it's clearly marked as a cross walk. Drivers don't see the pedestrians and roll through without a second thought. There is the conflict. Where is the pedestrian protection?

On Somerset there is a white stripe on the right side of the lane. Drivers think this is a bike lane, kids on bikes know it is not a bike lane because there are cars parked in that space. Drivers aggressively follow kids on bikes until they can "safely" swerve into this non-bike lane. There is the conflict. Where is the protection for our young cyclists?

I was a Safe Routes to School Champion for 8 years encouraging families and kids to get out of cars and onto bikes and walking. I cannot in good conscience continue to do this when we don't have the support of Daniel Woldesenbet, the Director of Alameda County Public Works Department to make our built environment safe.

Our collective hearts are broken, and we appeal to Alameda County Public Works to look hard at these built conflicts and make some changes before more of our children are injured or killed.

—Dorothy Theodore
Castro Valley

To Support Students, Staff and Families

Editor:

It is with profound sadness that I write this letter to our school community. Lana Carlos, a wonderful and promising young life, was taken from us last Monday as she walked home from school. The sudden loss of a child is unthinkable, and words feel inadequate.

I am reaching out to let you know that our district will continue to offer support to students, staff and community as needed to help deal with this tragedy.

We expect that students

will be managing a great deal of emotions in the weeks and months to come. It is important for them to know that it is normal to feel a plethora of emotions; to be sad, upset and/or worried. It is also important for children to know we are here to help and support them.

Our crisis response team has been working since last Monday afternoon to ensure we are able to support students, staff and families. We have additional counseling available at school this week and next week.

Please remind your students that if they feel they need to talk with someone, to process their feelings and share their thoughts, all they need to do is let a teacher or administrator know, and they will be guided to the counseling support services.

I would like to share my gratitude for the California Highway Patrol for their quick action, and thoughtful and frequent updates to keep us informed as they responded to and investigated the incident. I would also like to thank the

Sheriff's Office for their support during this difficult time.

We recognize the need to continue working with our law enforcement partners to fortify pedestrian safety. We have been working closely with Supervisor Miley's Office and Public Works to improve sidewalks in Castro Valley, secure additional crossing guards, and discuss safe routes to school.

These discussions will continue as there is always room for improvement. I plan on debriefing with our partners this week. Our common goal to protect the safety of our children will continue to be our number one priority.

Castro Valley is a wonderful, tight-knit community where people always come together to support each other. We lost a young child and our hearts go out to the family who has endured an unthinkable tragedy. I ask that you join me in keeping them in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Tonight, hug your children a little tighter, and remind them they are treasured.

—Parvin Ahmadi
Superintendent

580/238 Interchange Overnight Closing

Closures at the Interstate 880/ State Route 238 Interchange will continue from 10 p.m. until 4 a.m. through this Friday, March 6, while Caltrans performs repairs at the Northbound State Route 238/Southbound I-880 connector in San Leandro.

Detour Information

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Changeable message signs and directional signs will be in place to assist motorists traveling in the area.

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After winning the French national "Star Search" - the French equivalent of American Idol - as a teenager, Méléha released her first album at the age of 17. Her golden voice led her to professional recording contracts and stardom. She experienced many years of success performing with great international singers, filling the halls of the 'Olympia' and 'Casino de Paris' in France.

Established as a singing sensation, Méléha found herself yearning for more meaning in life. She chanced upon the study of Chassidut in Lyon and chose to embrace her Jewish roots. Méléha decided to use her talent to inspire Jewish women with her music. She has since released more than ten albums of Jewish music, singing in French, English, Hebrew and Yiddish. Today, Méléha is considered by many to be Europe's leading Jewish female singer.

Carlos: Celebration of Life Scheduled for This Friday At 3Crosses Church in CV

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Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi praised Castro Valley for being a "wonderful, tight-knit community where people always come together to support each other."

"We lost a young child and our hearts go out to the family who has endured an unthinkable tragedy Ahmadi wrote in a letter to parents last week. "Tonight, hug your children a little tighter, and remind them they are treasured."

After tips from witnesses and security camera footage, the CHP reported 24-year old Joshua Byrne of Hayward was the driver of the truck. Byrne turned himself to the CHP last Tuesday and faces felony hit-and-run and vehicular manslaughter charges for Lana's death. He has since been released after posting \$75,000 bail. His arraignment is pending.

The matter of traffic safety on Crow Canyon Road—in proximity to schools—was called into question following the tragedy since the incident happened in a crosswalk.

The Castro Valley Unified

School District has been actively recommending crosswalk guards in key locations to the Alameda County Public Works Agency for several years.

Supervisor Nate Miley told the Castro Valley Forum he met with the Castro Valley Unified School District, the CHP, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, and Public Works Agency last week to discuss the Crow Canyon Road-Manter Road area as well as other priority locations in Castro Valley.

"I have been in support of additional crossing guards due to current funding streams available by Measure BB and other sources," Miley says. "I have requested that Public Works Agency evaluate Crow Canyon Road and implement traffic calming measures and if possible, designate this section of road as a school zone, due to the close proximity of three nearby schools."

Miley says traffic safety in Castro Valley will be a discussion item at the March 16 Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council meeting.



County Proclaims Importance of Art

Last Tuesday, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors recognized March 2020 as the 20th annual "Art IS Education Month" and April as "Arts, Culture and Creativity Month," now in its 10th year. Joining the supervisors for the proclamation (above) were a number of other Alameda County officials. More than 200 free arts events will be presented at 11 library locations across the county, including a wide range of workshops, performances, concerts, movies, art contests, exhibitions, and storytime activities for all ages. All library events are listed at www.aclibrary.org.

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/s/ SQUID Inc.
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/s/ Ana Isabel Beltran-Wells
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Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

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/s/ Aing Kaing
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/s/ Valerie Hetherington
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/s/ Shawna Huerta
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/s/ Individual Care Community Services, Inc
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/s/ Individual Care Community Services, Inc
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Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

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/s/ Christina Andrade Johnson
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/s/ Xueyong Mei Chen, Yu Ming Chen
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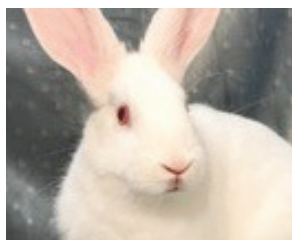
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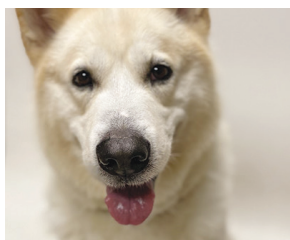
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Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.



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RCHS Choir Earns Command Performance at ACSI Musicale

The Concert Choir from Redwood Christian High School earned a Command Performance for their performance of "Ndikhokhele Bawo," an isiXhosa folk song, at the recent Association of Christian Schools International Northern California Musicale held in Rocklin. "Our students worked hard learning how to properly pronounce the words and their hard work was rewarded," said Choral Director Rachel Fong. Shown above, top row from left, Doris Liu, Jacky Zhu, Lisa Li, Rohan John, Jeremy Kim, James Mei, Ivan Lee, Ryan Park, Youngsang Cho, and Jack Lee; middle row, Sophia Nicolas, Maggie Liu, Savannah Patterson, Lilia Enos, Hanna Schibler, Madison Clausen, Agape Tesfamichael, Ruby Liu, Julianna Ramirez, Elaine Sheng, and Dani Harrell; front row, Alaina Kientzler, Bethany Christian, Ashleigh Johnson, Bethany Kientzler, Xeriz Barcarse, Kiana Guevara, Sophia Lin, Amy Alarcon, Kayla Chaudhary, and Isabella Corea.

CVSan MARSHALL STREET PROJECT UPDATE



The Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) has completed the Marshall Street Capacity Improvement/Repair & Rehabilitation Project. We would like to thank the community and all of the residents affected by this project for their patience and cooperation.

The project was completed by Devaney Engineering, Inc., and included upsizing approximately 1,350 Linear Feet of existing 10" vitrified clay pipe (VCP) to 12" high-density polyethylene (HDPE), which will allow the trunk sewer main to accommodate peak wet weather flows for the Marshall Street trunk sewer.

If you have any questions regarding future CVSan repair project, please visit www.cvsan.org/Projects for more information.

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