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The Pick o' The Patch

Two young sports fans (above) made their choices Saturday afternoon, then toted their Jack o'lanterns-to-be to the cashier at Moore's Pumpkin Patch in Castro Valley. The Moore family not only sells thousands of fresh pumpkins (ranging in size from a few ounces to one that weighs 660 pounds), but also has carnival rides, a bounce house, a train and a giant slide among other attractions. The pumpkins are shipped in from growing regions in the San Joaquin Valley and in Oregon. The patch was begun by John Moore in 1984, the entertainment was added five years later.



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Medical Pot Issue is Still A Struggle

By Amy Sylvestri CASTRO VÁLLEY FORUM

The Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council made recommendations on a proposed new county ordinance on medical cannabis dispensaries at Monday night's meeting, but not before expressing some serious misgivings about Supervisor Nate Miley's motivation for changing the ordinance in the first place.

One person who spoke out against additional dispensaries was former MAC member Cheryl Miraglia, who accused Supervisor Miley of having been bought off by the cannabis industry with \$60,000 worth of campaign do-

"Guess what? It appears that medical marijuana has donated more (to Miley) than the unions," said Miraglia, who added that you'd have to be "smoking something" to think Miley's push for more dispensaries is a coinci-

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors has tentative plans to expand their medical marijuana ordinance to allow delivery, edible products, and two more dispensaries in the western part of the county, which includes Castro Valley.

At a September council meeting, MAC members said they didn't want any dispensaries in Castro Valley or any of the western unincorporated areas of the county.

MAC chair Marc Crawford then met with Miley, who said that if Supervisor Scott Haggerty would agree to place two dispensaries in eastern Alameda County, Miley would give his word that there would be no additional dispensaries in the Eden Area.

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AC Transit: Many New Stops Added to Popular Flex Shuttle

By Amy Sylvestri CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

AC Transit says its FLEX shuttle service has been so popular, the shuttle is expanding by 45 additional stops. It formerly ran won't be using the service. only along the 48 line but now hits stops all over Castro Valley.

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AC Transit recommends that you book at least 30 minutes be-The service allows riders to fore you want to ride in their spe-

computer any time or by calling routes for a transfer to another AC Transit bus or BART.

Cost of the FLEX service is the same as other bus rides, \$2.10 for adults and \$1.05 for youth ages 5 to 18, passengers with disabilities, and seniors over 65. Discounted Clipper fares and day passes apply.

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Public Art: MAC to Get an Advance Look at Planned 'Identifying Murals'

sory Council (MAC) talked public Mission Boulevard. art – a perennially touchy subject

Commission is having a public removed and put into storage, the call for artists to paint "identify- MAC had concerns the new Casing murals" on three overpasses: tro Valley logo on the overpass in Castro Valley where I-580 goes could be similarly divisive. over Redwood Road, in San Lorenzo at I-880 and Hesperian Bou- tor Rachel Osajima repeatedly

Nearly two decades after the in town – at last week's meeting. infamous "canoe" welcoming sign The Alameda County Arts drew such public outcry that it was

County arts executive direc- tab.

Castro Valley Municipal Advi- levard, and in Ashland at I-238 and assured the MAC the public will have several opportunities to view the proposed mural designs before the \$135,000 project is installed – sometime in spring of 2018.

Meanwhile, the call for artists is open until Nov. 30 and more information is available at www.acgov. org/arts under the "opportunities"

School Board Candidates Have Their Say at Last Week's Forum

By Amy Sylvestri CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

The five candidates vying for three seats on the Castro Valley School Board met in a public forum last week to share their ideas about education.

Jo A.S. Loss is the sole incumbent and a board member for the past 21 years. Also running are Suresh Gupta, a retired nuclear engineer with grandchildren in Castro Valley schools; Monica Lee, an attorney with a sophomore at CVHS; Tojo Thomas, a probation officer and father of three Castro Valley students; and Lavender Whitaker, an environmental supervisor with PG&E who has a daughter at CVHS where her late husband Nicholas Whitaker was the school's popular activities director.

Asked what is the biggest challenge facing Castro Valley schools, both Loss and Lee said "money."

"It seems like every year, there are more and more cutbacks and less money to accomplish the same things," said Lee.

Loss agreed, saying she has a "huge wish list" for the schools.

The number one challenge is that California schools aren't adequately funded," said Loss, adding that the district needs to have advocates in Sacramento to bring funds -By Amy Sylvestri to the local level.

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Thomas said the biggest challenge is the adjustment to common unteer and active on the Jensen core standards and supporting Ranch PTA, where she has previteachers while they make that adiustment.

Gupta said that the teachers need support to handle an ever-in- what it's like to be a teacher," said creasing amount of diversity in the schools and to handle the needs of a wide-range of kids.



Whitaker said the main challenge will be how to best spend the funds from Measure G, the \$123 million bond that passed earlier this year. She vowed to focus on projects that will give the community the most "bang for your buck" and said her professional experience working with contracts and environmental certifications will help her do that.

When asked what they'll bring continue doing that work. to the board, all stressed their backgrounds and experiences.

'Education is my passion," said Gupta, who is a classroom volunteer and on the PTA at Jensen Ranch Elementary. "I want to lead Eden Area League of Women Votstudents on a path to success."

Lee is also a classroom volously served as president and vice president.

"I will bring an appreciation of Lee, who added she also has a background in personnel manage-

Whitaker, whose teacher husband died of cancer last fall, said she feels the need to continue his call to serve Castro Valley students.

"I have a lot of experience, I supervise staff, I've been in a union, I've worked on multi-million dollar contracts," said Whitaker. "I also really love this community and I will work hard to make sure everyone has a seat at the table."

Thomas said he'll bring his "honesty and integrity" from his work in law enforcement.

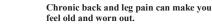
"I'll bring straightforwardness," said Thomas. "Communication is key.' Finally, Loss said she'd bring

her two decades of experience as a board member and her passion to

"I am a champion for public education," said Loss. "I believe in it strongly and I'm not afraid to stand up and be an advocate."

The forum was hosted by the ers and the Castro Valley Library.

Who Else Wants To Get Rid Of Sciatica And Back Pain Without Surgery?



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sensation, to excruciating pain

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Throwing Rocks at Cars

Sunday, October 23: at 9:42 p.m., an anonymous call about a man throwing rocks driving down Castro Valley Boulevard near to the scene. There they arrested a 26-year-old man who refused to give an address on suspicion of public intoxication. The man reman was throwing rocks, deputies did take him to a sobering center.

Spousal Spat

Sunday, October 23: at 8:30 p.m., Saturday, October 22: at 10:25 Saturday, October 22: at 12:34 laptop. Deputies took the woman pending \$5,000 in bail. into custody.

Shoplifted Baby Formula

Saturday, October 22: at 8:00 a.m., deputies arrested a 24-year-old man who gave no address on suspicion of shoplifting baby formula from a grocery store on Castro Valley Boulevard near Redwood Road. The man was also wanted as part of an active warrant for his capture. Deputies handcuffed the man and took him to Santa Rita Jail pending \$15,000 in bail.

Drove Under Influence Of Drugs and Alcohol

Lake Chabot Road sent deputies Sunday, October 23: at 1:20 a.m., a 32-year-old man from Manteca (San Joaquin County) was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of drugs and alcoportedly was stumbling around the hol. Deputies pulled the man over refused to cooperate and ended up corner area with no shoes. While on Somerset Avenue near Lake in an altercation with nurses. The there was no indication that the Chabot Road after noticing he was woman was subdued, handcuffed, taken into custody.

Wanted Man

a 37-year-old woman from Castro p.m., deputies arrested a 21-year- a.m., deputies arrested a 23-year-Valley was arrested on suspicion old man from Castro Valley on old man from Hayward on suspiof spousal abuse. A 911-call about suspicion of possession of illegal cion of public intoxication. The a loud and aggressive-sounding ar- narcotics. The man was also want- man was traveling on Castro Valgument sent deputies to a home on ed as part of a warrant issued for ley Boulevard near Wisteria Street Doris Court near Seaview Avenue. his arrest. Deputies spotted the when deputies noticed he was There, the man claimed his wife man traveling on Castro Valley having a hard time walking and had been assaulting him. The wife Boulevard near Wisteria Street and standing up. The man failed his claimed that she slapped the man made a positive identification. The field sobriety test and was taken while she was trying to close her man was taken to Santa Rita Jail

Inpatient Hospital Patient

Saturday, October 22: at 3:26 a.m., a 53-year-old woman with no permanent address was arrested on suspicion of interfering with medical staff at Eden Medical Center on Lake Chabot Road. Deputies were called to the scene after hospital staff could not contain the woman who was seeking treatment but weaving in lanes. The man was treated, and eventually taken into custody.

Public Intoxication

into custody.

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The Week Ahead

● Wednesday, October 26: Toastmasters Open House

The public is invited to Toastmasters' Open House in Bayfair Mall in San Leandro at 1 p.m. today. Enter through Door 5 facing Century Theaters and go to the meeting room – signs will be posted. Learn the art of public speaking. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Wayne Hankins at 510-407-0048.

• Wednesday, October 26: Reformation Book Fair & Festival

Stop by the book fair sale featuring over 30 books up to 50% off with free shipping, and stick around for free family-friendly activities, games, and more from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Faith Lutheran Church, 20080 Redwood Rd in Castro Valley. For more information, visit www. flccv.org/refo500 or call 510-582-0818.

● Thursday, October 27: School Board Meeting

The Castro Valley Board of Education will hold a public hearing on the reappointment of Toni Wilkerson to the Personnel Commission during the regularly scheduled Board meeting at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the School District Board Room at 4400 Alma Avenue, Castro Valley. For the complete meeting agenda and board packet, visit bit.ly/CVUSDBoardMeetings

• Friday, October 28: Halloween Carnival

Castro Valley Elementary School's Halloween Carnival, a benefit for the CVE Parents and Teachers Association, will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. this Friday at the school, 20185 San Miguel Avenue, with a spooky haunted house, games, food, used book sale, craft table, a DJ and \$12 wristbands for unlimited games.

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● Saturday, October 29: Halloween Festival & Costume Parade

Bayfair Center Certified Farmers' Market at East 14th & Fairmont in San Leandro will hold its Halloween Harvest Festival, and Costume Parade and Contest from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Family farmers bring local produce and heirloom variety fruits and vegetables that they grow themselves. Guess the weight of the Giant Pumpkin, with a \$50 prize.

● Saturday, October 29: Meals on Wheels Bike Ride

Join Meals on Wheels of Alameda County for the 7th Annual Wheels for Meals Ride on four supported routes through the Livermore Valley to help fight senior hunger, returning for a BBQ lunch. Advance registration closes at 6 p.m. this Friday or when 1,200 cyclists are registered. CASTRO VALLEY CENTER FOR THE ARTS For details, visit www.wheelsformealsride.com

• Saturday, October 29: Pets Available for adoption

Dusty Paws Rescue will show foster dogs, cats and kittens available for adoption from 1 to 4 p.m. this Saturday at Pet Food Express, 3385 Castro Valley Boulevard. Visit www.dustypawsrescue/org for more in-

● Saturday, October 29: Haunted House on Cold Water Drive

The Cold Water Drive Haunted House (half a mile up the hill) will rise again from 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturday and Monday nights. Donations are welcome for the Castro Valley High School Relay for Life to reach its goal toward finding a cure for cancer.

• Monday, October 31: Halloween Haunt

Join the Wilfongs at their Home Haunt on Charter Oaks Drive on Halloween night from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Walk through display, photo ops, and trick or treats for all ages. Your donations will go to the local pet shelter. Come have some spooky fun and help abandoned animals!

● Tuesday, November 1: Buon Tempo Six-Course Dinner

The Buon Tempo Club (the name means "good times"), will have a six-course Dinner at 7 p.m. on Nov. 1 at Transfiguration Church at 4000 East Castro Valley Blvd. Everyone is invited. For reservations (\$15 members or \$20 guests), call 510-483-6929. The deadline for reservations is this Friday, October 28. Buon Tempo, a social welfare organization, celebrates Italian food and culture. Over the years Buon Tempo has donated over \$160,000 in scholarships to East Bay high schools and students, and has also donated frequently to the George Mark Children's Hospice in San Leandro.

■ Tuesday, November 1: Rich Wicker Annual Pool Tournament

The Kenneth C. Aitken Senior & Community Center, 17800 Redwood Road in Castro Valley, will host the 7th Annual Rich Wicker Pool Tournament at 10 a.m. Nov. 1, in memory of the Center's dear friend, Rich Wicker. All skill levels are welcome. The cost to enter is \$5 per person and prizes will be awarded to the top players in each bracket (Beginner/Advanced). Light refreshments will be served. Players must register by Thursday, Oct. 27. Call the Senior Center for more details at 881-6738.

■ Tuesday, November 1: Ohlone Audubon Meeting

Marine biologist and reference-guide author Peter Pyle will discuss "Molt Patterns, and More, in Birds" at the next meeting of Ohlone Audubon at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 1 at the San Leandro Library, 300 Estudillo Avenue. Pile has developed a special interest in bird molt and how it can be used to age birds. No admission charge to attend and refreshments will be served. Visit www.ohloneaudubon.org for

■ Tuesday, November 1: CV Sanitary District Meeting

Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) will hold its monthly Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in CVSan's Board Room, 21040 Marshall Street. Visit cvsan.org/BoardAandM for the agenda.

Entertainment

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

- San Francisco Master Chorale will perform at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 30. Tickets are \$20 at the door.
- Fall Concert will be presented by the Castro Valley Adult School Orchestra at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 6. For tickets (\$5-\$10) see
- The Oakland Youth Orchestra will present a concert at 8 p.m. on Saturday, November 12. General admission tickets are \$20 at the door.
- San Francisco Girls Chorus will be presented by the Castro Valley Arts Foundation at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 13. Jump-start the holiday season with the San Francisco Girls Chorus, recognized as one of the world's most widely known and respected vocal ensembles for youth. For tickets (\$17-\$30) see above.
- California Beach Boys Concert, originally scheduled for this past October 15, has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are now on sale.

THEATRICAL & MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

- Aileen Chanco, internationally renowned concert pianist, will perform music by composers of the Romantic period, including Beethoven, Ravel and Mussorgsky, this Friday evening at 8 p.m. at Smith Center at Ohlone College, 43600 Mission Blvd. in Fremont. For tickets, \$15-\$25 (parking \$4) visit smithcenter.com or call 510-659-6031.
- "Spending the End of the World on OkCupid," a world premier theatre production written by Jeffrey Lo, will be presented by the Ohlone College Department of Theatre & Dance at 8 p.m. on Nov. 4, 5, 10, 17, 18, 19 at Smith Center at Ohlone College, 43600 Mission Blvd. in Fremont. For tickets, \$10-\$12 (parking \$4), visit smithcenter.com
- Lost Romantic Symphonies will be presented by the Oakland Symphony joined by guest violinist Kelly Hall-Tompkins and members of the acclaimed Oakland Symphony Youth Orchestra Friday, Nov. 18, at 8 p.m. at the Paramount Theatre. For tickets (\$25-\$80), visit www. oaklandsymphony.org or call 510-444-0802.
- "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" will be presented by the Douglas Morrisson Theatre at 8 p.m. on Dec. 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, and at 2 p.m. on Dec. 3, 4, and 11, at the DMT Theatre, 22311 North 3rd Street in Hayward. An Opening Reception will be held on Thursday, Dec. 1. For tickets (\$27-\$29), visit www.dmtonline.org or call 510)-881-6777. Enjoy the holiday classic that puts the "heart" in heartwarming.

ART GALLERIES & EVENTS

- Day of the Dead 2016: Explore the various stages and symbolism of the celebration of Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) through the artwork of more than 25 local artists through Nov. 13 at the HAHS Museum of History & Culture, 22380 Foothill Blvd., Hayward.
- Seascape Painting Demonstration will be presented by award-winning oil and acrylic artist Donald Neff at the next meeting of the San Leandro Art Association at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15 at the Main San Leandro Library, 300 Estudillo Avenue. Admission is free.
- 39th Area Artists' Annual Open Show, open to all artists living or working or taking classes in the HARD area, is on exhibit through Nov. 19 at the Adobe Art Center Gallery in Castro Valley.



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But people can take steps to protect themselves. The first step is to get a simple, painless eye exam by an ophthalmologist, the medical doctors that detect and treat these conditions.

To help seniors who haven't seen an ophthalmologist in three or more years, the EyeCare America program may be able to help. It has been matching Americans 65 and older with volunteer ophthalmologists across the country for more than 30 years.

These volunteers provide eligible seniors with medical eye exams often at no out-of-pocket cost, and up to one year of follow-up care for any condition diagnosed during the initial exam for the physician services.

The program also offers a glaucoma eye exam to eligible, uninsured individuals who are at increased risk for glaucoma, determined by their age, race and family history. Visit www.aao.org/ eyecare-america to see if you or a loved one is eligible.

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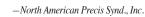
Connecting people with a volunteer ophthalmologist isn't the only way EyeCare America helps seniors. It can also help people deal with the challenges of affording prescription medications, especially for seniors who may live on a fixed income.

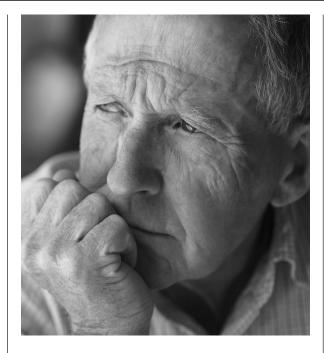
A new drug discount card can help people save up to 80 percent on drug costs and can be used as often as needed at over 65,000 pharmacies nationwide, including all major chains.

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Senior Eye Exams

The American Academy of Ophthalmology recommends people 65 and older get medical eye exams with an ophthalmologist on an annual basis. Through comprehensive eye exams, ophthalmologists can check a person's eyes for hidden signs of eye disease, which may have no noticeable symptoms in their early stages. Once diagnosed, ophthalmologists can provide treatments to help prevent vision loss. Learn more about eye and how to protect your sight at www. aao.org/eyesmart.





Don't Ignore these Signs of Dementia

any seniors worry about memory lapses as they get older fearing it may be the first signs of Alzheimer's disease or some other type of dementia.

To get some insight on the seriousness of this problem, here are some resources you can turn to for help.

Warning Signs

As we grow older, some memory difficulties – such as forgetting names or misplacing items from time to time – are associated with normal aging. But the symptoms of dementia are much more than simple memory lapses.

While symptoms can vary greatly, people with dementia may have problems with short-term memory, keeping track of a purse or wallet, paying bills, planning and preparing meals, remembering appointments or traveling out of the neighborhood.

see DEMENTIA on page 11

When it Comes to Kids, Alcohol, Get Conversation Started Early

By Robert M. Vincent SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Talking to your kids about alcohol may feel like a daunting task, but doing so can help prevent future health challenges and risks.

It's important to broach the topic early: Many kids have their first drink as young as 9 years old, and 50 percent of 15-year-olds have tried alcohol.

Young people often begin drinking alcohol after experiencing stress, peer pressure, and difficult life transitions such as moving or divorce. While many adolescents consider drinking to be a rite of passage, the reality is drinking poses a serious threat to a young person's growing brain, development and overall health. By having several small, low-key conversations with your kids about alcohol, you can create a comfortable and open space for them to discuss the dangers of underage drinking and strategies for avoiding it, without feeling awkward.

Studies show that parents have a significant effect on young people's decisions about alcohol consumption, especially when they create supportive and nurturing environments in which their children



Teen alcohol consumption is a significant health challenge nationwide.

can make their own decisions. And frequently than adults, they drink since so many kids begin to use alcohol at a young age, the sooner you begin talking to your children about drinking, the better.

"Parents are the number one influencers on a young person. If every parent communicated a strong

message about underage drinking, we would already have a delay on the onset of alcohol use," said Frances Harding, Director of Federal Center for Substance Abuse Prevention.

Teen alcohol consumption is a significant health challenge nationwide. Nearly 23 percent of people between the ages of 12 and 20 are current alcohol users, according to the most recent national survey by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

This age group consumes alcohol more than any other substance, including tobacco and other drugs. While teens tend to drink less larger quantities, often having five or more drinks during a single occasion. More than 5 million adolescents binge drink, while 1.3 million are heavy consumers of alcohol, according to the survey.

see ALCOHOL on page 6

MEETING DATE CORRECTION:

The San Leandro Parkinson's Support Group will hold their next meeting on Thursday, Nov. 3 (not today, Oct. 26) at 10 a.m. at the San Lorenzo Community Church at 945 Paseo Grande. Karen Marshall from Community Resources for Independent Living will be the speaker. For information call Lona White at 510-276-3119.

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Local Moms and Dads Learn Strategies at Parent University

By Linette Escobar SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Your daughter has a temper tantrum at the store. Your fourth-grader is struggling with math - and you never liked it either. Your middle-schooler is starting to talk back when he isn't glued to a screen.

100 parents came out to the 5th response and connection by ac-Annual Parent University on Oc-cepting who they are naturally. tober 15 at Castro Valley Adult & Career Education to get help with ent-child connection was stressed this important job of guiding children to be their best selves.

Nancy Rose set the tone by iden-raising resilient and cooperative to do it better." tifying certain traits of the core self and offering strategies for parents to help them accept the child they temporarily ignoring undesirable have, even if their way of interacting with the world is different.

For example, if you are a low things with high intensity, how do less defensive as you continue to raise a child. you talk or think about them?

Perhaps you sometimes call child who is low energy. Is he lazy

Rose stressed that while chilbehave appropriately, parents are around math. Parenting is full of pitfalls. Over more likely to get a much better

> in many workshops. Parent Educator Rachel Sklar stressed this

behavior to focus on the connection and trying to understand what is beneath the behavior. This al-

The psychological aspect of them "hyper." A way to reframe parenting even affects math. Shathis behavior is to consider them ron Friedman talked about how "dynamic." The same goes for a feelings about math are almost more important than skills. Statements like, "I'm just not a math person," lead children to not raise dren still need to be taught how to their hands in math class and fear

Attitude affects how we learn.

Parents praised the thought-provoking morning keynote, the vari-The importance of the parety of workshops, and the parent resource fair. Missy Kirtly said she came "because being a parent is the most important job I'll ever Keynote speaker and author connection in a workshop about have, and I'm constantly learning

Perhaps the greatest testimoni-One strategy she suggested was all was that after the social media workshop ended a parent asked, "I know we are all busy but would you mind if we continue our conversation a little longer?" All the responds to both good and bad his fight or flight response and be true. It really does take a village to

see STRATEGIES on page 11



intensity person but your child lows the child to come down from parents stayed to share tips. It's Nancy Rose (pictured on right) signs a copy of her book "Raise the Child You've Got" at the Parent University parenting conference held at Castro Valley Adult & Career Education on October 15.

Alcohol: Talk To Your Child **About Risks**

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This trend in underage drinking comes with significant risks. Adolescents who use alcohol are more prone to have legal issues and participate in unsafe sexual behaviors. They are at increased risk for using other drugs, hurting themselves or someone else, and being dependent on heavy drinking later in life.

There's a fatal risk, too: Underage drinking is responsible for approximately 5,000 teen deaths per year-mostly from vehicle crashes, but also from alcohol poisoning and other accidents.

You can help your children prevent these problems by talking to them on a consistent basis about the dangers of underage drinking.

Helpful resources and advice can be found at samhsa.gov/underagedrinking, including a tool that illustrates the dos and don'ts of talking to kids about alcohol use.

Robert M. Vincent is a Public Health Analyst.

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Both teams worked hard, but at the end of regulation the score was tied, 1-1. Caleb Condit-Gordon scored off of a corner kick, for U10 yellow team and Dominic Bolender scored off of a free kick, for U9 green team, to tie the game. Still tied after overtime, the game went into Penalty Kicks, with the U10B team taking the win.

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FOOTBALL

Thurs., Oct. 27, 4 p.m. Frosh vs. Tennyson at Sunset Fri., Oct. 28, 4 p.m. JV vs. Alameda at CVHS Fri., Oct. 28, 7 p.m. Varsity vs. Tennyson at CVHS

GIRLS TENNIS

Thurs., Oct. 27, 3 p.m. CV vs. Piedmont at CVHS Tues., Nov. 1, 3:30 p.m. CV vs. Mt. Eden at CVHS

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thurs., Oct. 27, 4 p.m. JV vs. Piedmont at CVHS Thurs., Oct. 27, 5:15 pm Varsity vs. Piedmont at CV

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The team has only two games left. The first of the two will be held tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. against Tennyson, at Sunset field. Their last game will be at 4:00 p.m., on monies, Trophies or Medals and bishop Riordan, Miramonte, San Thursday, November 3, at Castro basic Photograph Package. Visit: Valley High School.

SPORTS NOTES

Volleyball

NorCal Top Gun Girls Volleyball Club is having tryouts for the 2017 club season for U17 girls on Saturday, November 5, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and on Sunday, November 6 from 3-5pm. Tryout fee is \$20 per player. No open gym scheduled for Top Gun. For registration and tryout locations, please contact Kathy Yao at bgyao@meyao.net or visit http://norcaltopgun.com. Top Gun is also looking for a few passionate volunteer coaches to coach some younger age groups.

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PUMPKIN GINGERBREAD

- 2 cups all-purpose flour 1 cup whole-wheat flour
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- teaspoon cinnamon
- teaspoon ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

- 1-1/2 teaspoons baking soda Whipped cream

In a large bowl, stir together But this member of the squash flours, sugar and spices. With a pastry blender or your fingers, cut or rub in butter until mixture resembles coarse meal. Set aside 2/3 cup

In a small bowl, beat eggs, pumpkin, molasses, milk and baking soda to blend. Add to dry ingredients and es of Vitamin A, and one cup of stir until just evenly moistened. Pour into a greased 8- by 12-inch baking pan. Sprinkle with reserved flour mixture.

Bake in a 350°F oven until top is firm to touch, about 50 minutes. Cool slightly. Serve gingerbread warm, adding whipped cream to taste. Serves 8 to 10

PUMPKIN-ORANGE BREAD PUDDING

2 cups bread cubes 1/2 cup raisins

1 cup canned pumpkin Whipped cream

Preheat oven to 325°F. Place the bread cubes in buttered 2-quart 8- by 11-inch baking dish. Sprinkle on raisins. In bowl, blend orange juice, butter, sugar, orange zest, extract and milk.

Blend in the eggs and pumpkin and pour over bread mixture. Bake about 30 minutes, or until set. Serve with whipped cream flavored with the few drops of orange extract. Serves 6.

Note: To scald milk, slowly heat it until small bubbles appear around the edges. Do not let milk boil.

PUMPKIN-CRANBERRY BREAD

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 5 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1-1/2 teaspoons salt
- 3 cups granulated sugar 1 (15-ounce) can pumpkin
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1 cup fresh or frozen cranberries (thawed)

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour

and flour two 9 x 5-inch loaf pans. 1 cup fresh or frozen blue-

Combine flour, pumpkin pie spice, baking soda and salt in large bowl. Combine sugar, pumpkin, eggs, vegetable oil and orange juice in large mixer bowl; beat until just blended. Add pumpkin mixture to flour mixture; stir just until moistened. Fold in cranberries. Spoon batter into prepared loaf pans.

Bake for 60 to 65 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pans on wire racks for 10 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely. Yields two 9x5-inch loaves (24 servings).

PUMPKIN-BLUEBERRY MUFFINS

- 1-2/3 cups all-purpose flour 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1 cup Libby's Pumpkin 1/4 cup low-fat milk
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened 1 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 large egg

berries

Streusel topping (see below)

Preheat oven to 350°F. Paper-line or grease 12 regular muffin cups.

Combine 1-2/3 cups flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt, cinnamon and allspice in large bowl. Combine pumpkin and milk in another small bowl. Beat butter and brown sugar in large mixer bowl until creamy. Add egg; beat until fluffy. Alternately add flour and pumpkin mixtures to butter mixture; beating just until blended. Combine blueberries and 1 tablespoon flour in small bowl. Stir gently into mixture.

Spoon batter gently into prepared muffins cups. Sprinkle Streusel Topping over batter.

Bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan for 10 minutes; remove to wire rack to cool. Store muffins in covered container.

For Streusel Topping: Combine 2 tablespoons flour, 2 tablespoons granulated sugar and 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon in small bowl. Using a fork, cut in 1 tablespoon butter until mixture is crumbly.



2 tablespoons butter

1 tablespoon grated orange

1/4 teaspoon orange extract,

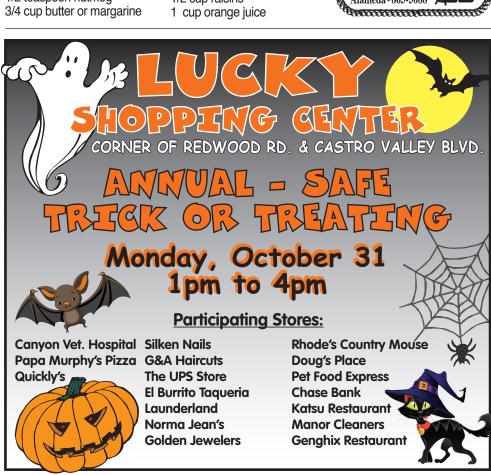
cup scalded milk (see note)

plus a few drops

3 eggs, lightly beaten

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Bathroom Styles Enjoy a Renaissance

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located behind the Windsor Hotel in Heritage Park in Calgary, Canada. Boasting four main-level lighted items: stalls and two second-story units, The Simpsons.

s a kid, we frequently if you've done much travelling ety, bathrooms are adapting to went camping and could outside the U.S.A., you'll have boomer desires to remain in their always rely on outdoor developed a strong admiration homes as they grow older. toilets. We also had a few country for modern American plumbing. Next to the kitchen, bathrooms bath. Coupled with whites and Trips to the backyard biffy were are the most renovated rooms, off-whites, grays are gaining in never fun: The smell and insects and we are currently seeing a re-

The National Kitchen & Bath Association has released its "Top I actually lived near the largest Bathroom Trends for 2016."* two-story outhouse in the world And, if you've visited many open houses lately, you will likely have seen some of these high-

1. Greater acceptance of agingit was constructed in such a way in-place amenities: no-threshold as to prevent the mayhem seen on showers, grab bars, higher vanity We've come a long way since With aging boomers comprisbathrooms moved indoors and, ing a growing segment of soci-

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2. Neutral colors rule the popularity, along with beige and bone shades.

3. More open shelving and floating vanities. Taking cues from upscale European hotels, vanities are starting to hang from the walls. Once only seen in commercial buildings, Euro-styled wall-mounted toilets are now appearing in homes.

4. Greater use of shower amenities such as lights, built-in seats heights and chair-height toilets. and benches, and hand shower in addition to the mounted showerhead.

> **5.** Undermount sinks are far and away the most popular sink style. Quartz products are also gaining popularity as the material of choice for counters.

6. When tubs are installed in By Samantha Mazzotta master bathrooms, they are most likely to be freestanding.

7. Polished chrome is the most popular faucet finish. Satin or

Factor in electric radiant floor heating, master bathrooms with coffee bars, wet bars and microsoft-close toilet seats and steam through the concrete. How can showers... and those super-short I accomplish this? visits of old may have gone the way of the outhouse.

*Taken from www.nkba.org, Inside Look at the Top Ten Bathroom Trends of 2016.

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Drilling into concrete extra weight can be attached to ment, place small picture-hanger

For heavier objects, or if you want shelving near your workspace, you'll have to get more creative. If there is a little space between the wallboard and the concrete, you can drill a hole and place expansion bolts, which pop open behind the wallboard to keep the bolts in place. Toggle (or Molly) bolts will work if there is about an inch of space between the concrete and the drywall.

Because the bolts are not anchored in studs, you should brace the shelf or picture with extra expansion bolts on the bottom, and limit the load to less than 50 pounds. In fact, if you're planning to add shelving to hold books, consider using a freestanding bookshelf instead of a weight-bearing wall shelf.

Another option for heavier items is suspending them from the ceiling. Try locating the ceiling's framing material or the floor joists using a stud finder, and drill sturdy bolts or hooks into the joists.

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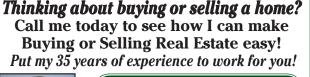
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"Death Valley to High Sierra" by Gerald Thompson

Art Award Goes to Thompson

Hayward Arts Council co-pres-Gerry Thompson received a \$150 beck and Lisa Rigge. Other Hon-Award of Merit for his painting orable Mentions went to Shari also won the Mona Froyland Memorial Award at the the 38th Area gner. Artists' Annual Juried Show at the Adobe Art Gallery.

The juror, muralist Dan Fontes, chose 63 pieces from 145 entries.

In addition, Thompson was awarded Honorable Mention for lic Thursday through Saturday, his work "Crater Lake."

Other Merit Award winners ident and A.R.T., Inc. member were Marge Atkins, Jason Over-"Death Valley High Sierra," which Benson, Susan Hersch, Lisa Rigge, Ronald Rigge, and Doyle We-

> The show continues through November 19 at the Gallery, 20395 San Miguel Avenue in Castro Valley.

> The Gallery is open to the pubfrom 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Gerry Thompson

Dementia: Get a Handle on Memory Loss With National Memory Screening Program

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To help recognize the difference between typical age-related memory loss and a more serious problem, the Alzheimer's Association provides a list of 10 warning signs that you can assess at 10 signs.org.

They also provide information including the signs and symptoms on the other conditions that can cause dementia like vascular dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, chronic traumatic encephalopathy and others - see ALZ. org/dementia.

Memory Screening

Another good place to help you get a handle on memory problems is through the National Memory Screening Program, which offers free memory screenings throughout National Memory Screening Month in November.

Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, this free service provides a confidential, face-to-face memory screening that takes about 10 minutes and consists of questions and/or tasks to evaluate his memory status.

Screenings are given by doctors, nurse practitioners, psychologists, social workers or other healthcare professionals in thousands of sites across the country. It's also important to know that this screening is not a diagnosis. Instead, its goal is to detect problems and refer individuals with these problems for further evaluation.

To find a screening site in your area visit National Memory Screening.org or call 866-232-8484. It currently lists three locations in the Bay Area:

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HELP RECOGNIZE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AGE-RELATED MEMORY LOSS AND ALZHEIMER'S

It's best to check for a screening location at the end of October, being added.

See a Doctor

If you can't make it to a screening site, make an appointment with cognitive checkup. This is covered 100 percent by Medicare as part of their annual wellness visit.

• Living Well Assisted Liv- lems, he or she may give a Meming, Sausalito, ongoing afternoon ory Impairment Screen, the Genscreenings second Tuesday of the eral Practitioner Assessment of Cognition, or the Mini Cog. Each • Senior Access, San Rafael, test can be given in less then five minutes.

> Depending on the score, the doctor may order follow-up tests or simply keep it on file to see if there are any changes down the road. Or, the may provide a reference to a geriatrician or neurologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating memory loss or Alzheimer's disease.

Keep in mind that even if you or a loved one is experiencing some memory problems, it doesn't necessarily mean dementia. Many memory problems are brought on because new sites are constantly by other factors like stress, depression, thyroid disease, side effects of medications, sleep disorders, vitamin deficiencies and other medical conditions. And by treatyour primary care doctor to get a ing these conditions he can reduce or eliminate the problem.

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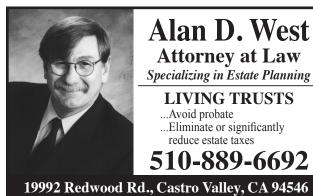
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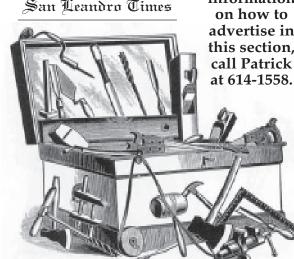
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TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): This is the time to prepare for a career move coming up next month. Update your resume. Get those proposals in shape. And don't forget to buff up that Bovine self-confidence



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Your Gemini instincts will guide you to the right people who might be able to help you get over that career impasse that has been holding you back. Expect to make changes.









SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): This is a good week to make new friends and to look for new career challenges. But first, get all



Stay close to loved ones as the month draws to a close



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): This is the absolute right time to let those often-hidden talents shine their brightest. You'll impress some

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Mars, your ruling planet, begins a



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): You're getting closer, but you still



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): It's a good time to shake up your tidy little world by doing something spontaneous, like taking an

told everything you need to know to support your move SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Be careful. You might be

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Relationships need a fresh infusion of tender, loving care. Avoid potential problems down the line



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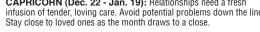
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- unplanned trip or going on a mad shopping spree.
- **LIBRA (Sept. 23 October 22):** This is a good week to get advice on your plans. But don't act on them until you feel sure that you've been
- probing just a little too deeply into a situation that you find singularly suspicious. The facts you seek will begin to emerge at a later time.

those unfinished tasks wrapped up and out of the way.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Aspects favor relationships, whether platonic, professional or personal. On another note: Be a mite more thrifty. You might need some extra money very soon.

very important people with what you can do.

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TO THE EDITOR **USA** FREDZ@EBPUBLISHING.COM

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The Forum will print as many letters supporting local political candidates as space allows next week. We will not, however, publish any attacks on candidates, since there would be no opportunity for a response prior to the election.

-Fred Zehnder Editor & Publisher

Teachers "Frustrated and Insulted" Over 1% Salary Offer

Since the Castro Valley Teachers Association learned of the 1% salary offer from the District, we have been feeling frustrated and

insulted. We continue to work hard since the district is asking us to do more, meaning teachers are putting extra time and money into our class-

rooms for our students. A 1% raise for a first year teacher in CV is \$30/month. \$30 doesn't cover a teacher's rent increase. \$30 doesn't cover gas to commute to a second job. Thirty dollars doesn't cover what we pay out of pocket for

our health insurance. The worst part is that the money is there. This year, the district is projecting leftover funds of \$12,400,000. We will receive over

\$2,000,000 more than last year from the state. Lottery funds remain unspent, \$515,000 this year alone. \$638,000 is being saved for "carryover expenses for designated projects." A whopping \$1,500,000 is simply labeled "one-time carryover."

Cafeteria mismanagement costs the District \$500,000/year, and we don't even have a fancy espresso machine! I could go on and on. What good does this money do if it sits in the bank? We still have hundreds of students without a permanent teacher. The District needs

to address the teacher shortage crisis now. Our proposal of a 3.75% raise would cost \$2,500,000, reasonable and fair. We are not asking the District to spend every single dime. It

leaves many millions of dollars to put towards our students' needs and

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During a site visit last week, a first year teacher told me he turned down a job in Fremont for \$20,000/year more. He asked frankly, did he make a mistake? I didn't have an answer for him. Then I thought, it's not my responsibility to give him an answer. That belongs to the school board. They bear the responsibility to explain their actions and tell that teacher if he made a mistake or not.

Roger Kim, President Castro Valley Teachers Association

Former Superintendent Endorses Loss for School Board

The schools in the Castro Valley Unified School District (CVUSD) are one of the community's greatest resources. Many people move to Castro Valley due to the quality schools.

As the former CVUSD superintendent, I am often asked about the district, especially in an election year. This year, I am endorsing only

one candidate for the CVUSD School Board - Jo Loss. As a board member, Jo has guided the district through the good times and bad times of California education for the past 21 years. She has the experience and knowledge to continue effectively leading the district as it implements the \$123 million bond approved by voters in June. Jo is strongly committed to the success of every student in the

district and has demonstrated that over the many years of her service. Jo has been active in the local, regional and state PTA. During her two years as President of the California State PTA, Jo regularly met

with the Governor and statewide leaders on educational issues. There is no other candidate that brings the commitment and experi-

ence that Jo brings. Join me in voting for Jo Loss on Nov. 8. —**Jim Negri**, Castro Valley

Urges Support for Whitaker for School Board

I am writing to strongly urge support of Lavender Whitaker for Castro Valley Unified School District. Lavender is a mother of a teenage daughter who attends CVHS and is the late wife of Nick Whitaker

who was the student activities director at the high school. Prior to his death, Nick was pursuing his administration credential to make a more positive impact within Castro Valley Unified. Lavender is running, in part, to continue his work and to complete some of the things he wanted to change within the district. And yes, the time for

change has come. While I have great respect for those that serve in elected office, I

also believe in holding our elected officials accountable. In 2014, you may recall that both Trustee Gary Howard and Jo Loss voted to spend nearly \$15,000 to purchase an industrial espresso

Following public outcry, the district retracted this decision and issued a rather messy statement defending their vote. These funds could have and should have been used to serve students. While I have great respect for Jo Loss, I can't help but question why her 21 years of elected service didn't lead her to the conclusion that

our school board should purchase textbooks and not gourmet kitchen Lavender is endorsed by the Castro Valley Teachers Association, the Alameda County Democratic Party, the Castro Valley Democratic Club, the South Alameda County Young Democrats as well as by several elected officials including Assemblymember Bill Quirk, Alameda County Board of Education Trustee Aisha Knowles, East Bay Regional Park District Trustee Dennis Waespi and CVUSD Board

Member Dot Theodore. As a former CVUSD student, I strongly urge your support of Lavender this coming November! For more information visit her website at

-Austin Bruckner, Castro Valley Sanitary District Board Members Urge Re-election of

Three Incumbents

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Editor: On Nov. 8, we will have the opportunity to exercise our right to vote. Three seats on the Castro Valley Sanitary District Board will be

While filling of these three seats may seem small in comparison with the current presidential election, it is your opportunity to select people that you know and who will make a significant contribution to your community in Castro Valley. Over the last few years, the Sanitary District has developed an un-

usually efficient governmental agency having high customer satisfaction, full environmental compliance, and maintains one of the lowest customer service fees in the Bay Area. You have a chance to return Daniel Akagi, Timothy McGowan and Dave Sadoff to the Board. Their performance has been integral to the

Board's successful stewardship. Daniel Akagi is a professional Civil Engineer and brings a strong engineering background to the Board. He is the senior member of the Board and has played an important role in guiding the District in the areas of customer service, recycling and the LAVWMA and EBMUD pipeline impacts.

Tim McGowan is a professional Civil Engineer and brings a strong financial and engineering background to the Board. His active leader-

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ship in the finance committee has helped maintain the financial health of the District.

Dave Sadoff is a professional Geologist and brings a strong environmental and business background to the Board. Dave is also a member of the Castro Valley MAC and represents the District on The Alameda County Waste Management Authority. Dave's leadership has helped the District be a leader in Bay Area recycling.

We believe Daniel Akagi, Timothy McGowan and Dave Sadoff are well connected with the community, bring a good variety of experience, are capable of making difficult decisions and are the most qualified candidates to handle the upcoming challenges, such as, sewer system pipeline improvements, achieving zero waste, and maintaining low rates.

We encourage you to re-elect Daniel, Timothy and Dave to serve you on the Castro Valley Sanitary District Board of Directors.

-Ralph Johnson & Melody Appleton Board of Directors

Mellon: "Real Choice" for CVSan Board: Supports McGowan and Maher

Editor:

This time there is a major difference among the candidates for the Castro Valley Sanitary District Board.

Timothy McGowan and John Maher are committed to keeping pickups of garbage just as it is now - weekly. The other two candidates (both incumbents) not only have committed to every other week for pickups, regardless the need of the household, they would not reduce your garbage pickup fees.

The rate payers of the Sanitary District are entitled to get what they are paying for – weekly

There is a real choice this time for the Sanitary District Board, elect McGowan and Maher and keep getting what you are paying for – weekly pickup on garbage.

Castro Valley

Only a Few More Days to See "Stunning" Day of Dead Exhibit at HAHS Museum

Editor:

I want to encourage families to attend the stunning exhibit of Souls Returning: Day of the Dead 2016 at the HAHS Museum of History & Castro Valley Sanitary District Culture at 22380 Foothill Blvd in Hayward.

> I was overwhelmed with the magic that curator Winda Shimizu created. The top notch art work by Castro Valley and Hayward artists and the colorful presentation are a feast for your eyes.

I came away finally understanding the joyful significance of this holiday. The exhibit closes November 13. (Hours: Wednesday thru Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

> —Terry Liebowitz Castro Valley to happen."

MAC: Medicinal Pot Discussion Continues

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At Monday's meeting, the MAC's recommendations including that there be no sales of edible products until government regulation of such products are created and that there be no more than 100 pounds of product in stock at any dispensary.

Those recommendations were made under a certain amount of duress, with the fear being that if the MAC rejected the ordinance With or without our outright, the county Board of Supervisors could simply ignore them and do what they wanted, slow it down, but I including placing additional dispensaries in the Eden area.

"This is the best we can do, unfortunately," said MAC member Ken Carbone.

Crawford agreed and pointed out that the county could still place a dispensary on its own property - at Fairmont hospital for example.

"This process is going to go forward with or without our concerns," said Crawford, "I'd love to slow it down, but I think the polit-

The Alameda County Sheriff's office has spoken out against additional dispensaries, as has the public at previous MAC, San Lorenzo recreational marijuana use. Village Homes Association, and Unincorporated Services Committee meetings.

66 This process is going to go forward concerns. I'd love to think the political reality is that that's not going to happen."

> -Marc Crawford MAC CHAIR

The public response at Monday's MAC meeting was largely supportive of additional dispensaries, though many of those speaking in favor of the dispensaries ical reality is that that's not going work in the medical cannabis in-

Other speakers urged the MAC to be realistic about medical cannabis and the likely legalization of

"Whether you like it or not, this is on our doorstep," said speaker Jason Teramoto. "It would be to the benefit of Castro Valley and the surrounding communities to keep an open mind."

The MAC said that even though they granted a recommendation, they still had a plethora of questions, including the logistics behind the delivery of cannabis to patients and the storage of product.

"I don't see how this ordinance is manageable," said MAC member Linda Tangren.

Janet Everson, another council member, said the process felt rushed and said she was concerned about Miley's motivation. She cast the sole dissenting vote against the recommendation, saying she'd prefer the ordinance be thrown out, or at least delayed.

The county ordinance could be voted on by the Board of Supervisors as soon as next month. If approved, it would go into effect 30 days later.

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Reports: Crime Around CV

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a 56-year-old woman with no permanent address was arrested from the management. Deputies were called to a restaurant on the about a homeless woman camping victim was treated at the scene. out in a booth. Deputies took the woman into custody.

Liquor Store Rumble

Thursday, October 20: at 1:37 p.m., an emergency call about a loud and aggressive argument sent deputies to a liquor store on Redwood Road near the Boulevard. There, they arrested two people involved in an altercation, for disturbing the peace, and felony-level drug possession. Involved were a taken to Santa Rita Jail and held 57-year-old man and a 38-year-old woman both with no permanent address. Deputies reported that the woman also had a warrant issued for her capture. The woman was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$5,000 in bail. The man was taken into custody.

Family Fight

Wednesday, October 19: at 1:19 Saturday, October 22: at 4:19 a.m., p.m., deputies arrested a 19-yearold woman from San Leandro on suspicion of assault on a family on suspicion of refusing to leave member. An anonymous call about a business after repeated requests a loud and aggressive-sounding argument sent deputies to an apartment on Lake Chabot Road near Boulevard near Wilbeam Avenue the Boulevard. She was handafter a waitress called to complain cuffed and taken into custody. The

Narcotics Possession

Tuesday, October 18: at 7:53 p.m., a 30-year-old woman from Hayward was arrested on suspicion of possession of illegal narcotics. The woman also had a warrant issued for her arrest. Deputies stopped the woman for questioning outside a business on Castro Valley Boulevard near Park Way when they discovered her stash. She was without bail.

Illegal Drug Paraphernalia

Tuesday, October 18: at 9:59 a.m., a 40-year-old man with no permanent address was arrested on suspicion of possession of illegal drug paraphernalia. Deputies spotted the man hanging outside a storage facility on Grove Way near Redwood Road and discovered his stash during questioning. The man was taken into custody.



A Cut Above

Paper-cutting artist Alice Helen Masek of Castro Valley is showing a collection of large scale art at the Holiday Show at Foothill Gallery, 22394 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward. Masek will share with visitors the fascinating paper cutting technique she has mastered for the last 20 years at a "Meet the Artist" reception this Saturday, Oct. 29, from 1 to 3 p.m.. Masek is shown above with her piece "Hawaiian Healer" on display until Dec. 1.

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A deputy probation officer with a master's degree in counseling psychology and father of three Castro Valley students, Tojo Thomas serves on the executive board of Independent Elementary School's PTA.



An environmental supervisor and MBA candidate at UC Davis, Lavender Whitaker is the mother of a freshman daughter. She assisted her late husband Nick Whitaker at CVHS leadership events and volunteers at school dances.

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