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PHOTO BY LINDA SANDSMARK

John Tallman still uses this vintage 1905 Orton Planer in his woodworking at Castro Valley Lumber. The machine was built on Mission Street in San Francisco and was originally powered by steam before an electric motor was added.

## 'Urban Oasis' Planned For Lumber Yard Site

By Linda Sandmark  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Castro Valley Lumber is clearing out its site to make way for a new "urban oasis," consisting of a specialty nursery, artisan spaces, an Airstream trailer coffee café, and a high-end woodworking studio as its anchor centerpiece.

"We're winding it down so we can make it a more exciting shopping destination, with outdoor-oriented products," says current owner John Tallman, who has worked at Castro Valley Lumber since 1979.

In this updated venue – dubbed "The Lumberyard" – he will be making custom redwood pieces on the site at his "Log Rhythm" studio.

Tallman and his partner Bill Peterson,

who is retiring from lumber company, have worked for several years with Craig Semelmeyer of Main Street Properties, which renovated the former Daughtrey's building on the Boulevard into the Castro Valley Marketplace.

Tallman helped make a number of custom tables and countertops for the Marketplace's interior and outdoor dining areas.

During that time, Tallman and Semelmeyer began talking about ways for the Castro Valley Lumber property to become more inviting.

The business had been a fixture on Castro Valley Boulevard for over 70 years and was due for a makeover.

They started discussing ways to bring in additional craftsmen and artisans. In addition

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## Amazon Driver Arrested After Assault in CV

By Michael Singer  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

An Amazon delivery employee was taken into custody last Thursday, charged with assaulting an elderly Castro Valley woman during an altercation.

Sheriff's deputies arrested Iztel Ramirez, 21, for battery causing serious bodily injury as well as elder abuse on a 67-year-old woman. The incident occurred at an apartment complex on Center Street near Grove Way.

According to the Alameda County Sheriff's arrest report, the older woman received a message about 6 p.m., that

her anticipated package had arrived at the lobby.

When the package was not to be found, she asked Amazon driver Ramirez about it and was told that it would arrive soon.

After about 15 minutes, the woman again asked about her package. That's when the building manager reported the two women got into a verbal argument.

Surveillance video showed the two women confronting each other and yelling, with the elderly woman saying a final word to the Amazon employee before turning around and start to walk back into the lobby.

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## Worth a Shot: Get A Shot, Get Rich?

By Michael Singer  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

To get as many people vaccinated against COVID-19, Governor Gavin Newsom is giving out cash prizes: \$15 million to ten individuals next week.

Winners can remain anonymous but will be required to pay taxes on the prize. The so-named "Vax for the Win" program is designed to motivate Californians to get vaccinated leading up to the state's reopening on June 15th.

"California has made incredible progress in the fight against COVID-19, with the lowest case rates in the entire country and millions more vaccines administered than any other state. But we aren't stopping there, we're doing everything it takes to

get Californians vaccinated as we approach June 15 to help us safely reopen and bring the state roaring back," says Newsom.

In addition, everyone with at least one Covid dose in the state will be automatically entered to win \$50,000. Fifteen names were drawn last Friday, June 4. One yet-to-be-identified person resided in Alameda County.

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**Alameda County**  
Vaccinations = 1,888,731  
Confirmed Cases = 89,141  
Deaths = 1,268

**California**  
Vaccinations = 38,523,717  
Confirmed Cases = 3,690,868  
Deaths = 62,473  
as of June 7, 2021









## Castro Valley Weather June 9-13, 2021



Wednesday  
Afternoon Breeze  
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Thursday  
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High 68° Low 50°



Friday  
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High 69° Low 56°



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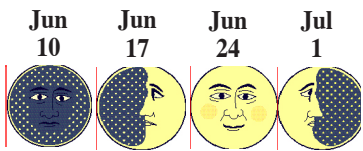
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Mostly Sunny  
High 70° Low 58°

### Almanac



Past Week's Rain: 00.00  
Season To Date: 10.21  
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### Moon Phases



Sun sets at 8:31 p.m. today, rises at 5:48 a.m. Thursday.

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## Assault: Cameras Caught the Attack

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That's when the cameras caught Ramirez beating the older woman around the back and head. The driver told deputies she hit the woman in self-defense after the older woman used expletives.

Ramirez was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

"We can't have our delivery drivers or people out there in the community attacking people, punching people in the face," Sheriff's Sgt. Ray Kelly said.

In a statement to the press, an Amazon representative said, "This does not reflect the high standards we have for drivers who deliver our packages. We take these matters seriously and this individual is no longer delivering Amazon packages."

## CV Rotary Scholarship Winners

The Rotary Club of Castro Valley has announced the recipients of the four scholarships awarded annually to graduates of Castro Valley High School. Each received \$2,500.

**Alina Huang** received The Bob Waberski Scholarship named after long-time Rotary Club of Castro Valley member and former President, who retired as Castro Valley's Fire Chief in 1993.

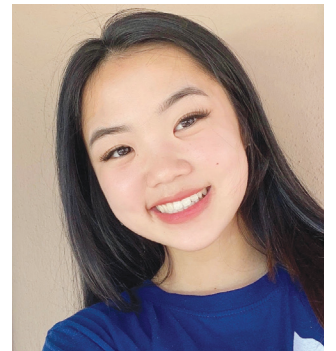
Alina will be attending U.C. Berkeley, leaning to a career as a Physician Assistant or a teacher. She participated in many school activities including the American Red Cross Club, California Scholarship Federation and the Animal Rights Club.

Alina lives in Castro Valley with her parents, Li Chen and Jinwen Huang.

**Kelly Yu** received the Castro Valley Rotary Club's Endowment Scholarship for her commitment to serve others, which reflects Rotary's "Service Above Self" commitment.



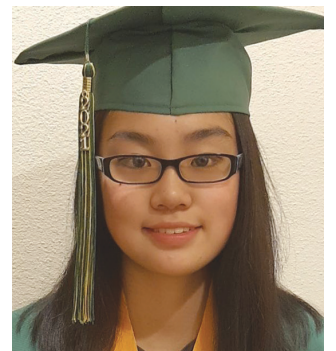
Alina Huang



Kelly Yu



Emily Xu



Ashley Fang

She will be attending the University with the goal of earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing to serve others. Her school service activities included Associated Student Body Leadership, Interact, Program 3C, Science Olympiad and CVHS Link Crew.

Kelly lives in Castro Valley with her parents, Xueling Yu and Tingzhi Yu.

**Emily Xu** received The Owen Smith Scholarship named in the memory of the long-time Rotary Club of Castro Valley, who along with his wife Erma, was committed to actively promoting education,

including understanding the principles of entrepreneurship, limited government, and free market.

Emily will be attending U.C. Davis, studying to be a Physician. On the CVHS campus, she was active in Unicef, Medical Students Association, American Red Cross, and the CV Tutors. She lives in Castro Valley with her parents Qiu Mei Sun and Han Lin Xu.

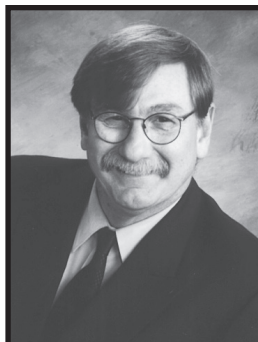
**Ashley Fang** received the Sunrise Scholarship. She will be attending U.C. Berkeley, preparing for her career goal to become a Physician.

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**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** A heads-up alert to all free-spirited Ewes and Rams: Be wary of a deal that could result in compromising your independence. Check every detail before making a commitment.



**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** New facts emerge that help put an irksome workplace situation in perspective. Meanwhile, pay more attention to a family member who needs your wisdom and strength.



**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** A slight setback in plans is nothing to worry about. Use this delay to deal with a number of matters you might have ignored for too long. Expect news from someone in your past.



**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** You're entering a period of stability. Use it to straighten out any outstanding problems related to a very personal situation. Also, pay closer attention to financial matters.



**LEO (July 23 - August 22):** As much as you love being a social Lion, you might well benefit from staying out of the spotlight for a while. You need time to reflect on some upcoming decisions.



**VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** A difficult family situation improves, thanks to your timely intervention. You can now start to focus more of your attention on preparing for a possible career change.



**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** An on-the-job change works to your benefit by offering new opportunities. It's up to you to check them out. Meanwhile, a stalled romantic situation starts up again.



**SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** That flare-up of Scorpion temperament cools down, leaving you more receptive to suggestions about changes that might need to be made in your personal life.



**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** An unusual period of indecisiveness is a mite frustrating. But things soon clear up, allowing the sage Sagittarian to make those wise pronouncements again.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** You might feel that you know best, but it's not a good idea at this time to try to force your opinions on others. Best advice: Inspire change by example, not by intimidation.



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** Some setbacks could affect your plans to fortify your financial situation. But things start moving again by early next week. Meanwhile, enjoy your resurgent social life.



**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** Show that often-hidden steely spine of yours as you once again stand up to an emotional bully. You've got the strength to do it, especially as friends rally to your side.



# LIFE ElderCare Resumes Assisted Rides for Seniors

For 95-year-old Mary Galvez, who deals with chronic hip pain and uses a walker for support, getting to the doctor's office without assistance can be a serious challenge.

That's why, for years, she has relied on LIFE ElderCare's Door-Through-Door assisted rides program to help her get to appointments and complete other essential errands.

LIFE ElderCare is announcing it is restarting assisted rides for Alameda County seniors for ambulatory people with disabilities or who are age 60-plus and meet eligibility requirements. If sight, mobility or health issues make it difficult to get to the doctor or go grocery shopping, it may be able to help.

Founded in 1975, LIFE ElderCare is a local nonprofit that provides free services to empower older adults to live with independence and interdependence.

Longtime clients like Mary Galvez were happy to hear that assisted rides would be resuming soon.

"I am glad to hear that LIFE will be able to take me to my appointments again," she said. "Their drivers are always so friendly and patient, and they make sure I'm able to get my errands done. It's really a wonderful program for seniors like me who need some help to get around."

One of those dedicated drivers is John Mah, who originally connected with LIFE ElderCare as a client. After foot surgery severely impacted his mobility, John reached out to LIFE for help.

They enrolled him in Meals on Wheels and signed him up for twice-weekly assisted rides to get to appointments and therapy sessions, enabling John to focus on his recovery.

He so appreciated the support that he vowed to become a volunteer once he was feeling better. John made good on that promise.

If you looking for a volunteer activity that not only gives joy, but is also joyful to do, LIFE ElderCare is looking for vaccinated volunteer drivers who are willing to provide seniors like Mary with a steady arm, visual guidance and support, and basic assistance at the destination. We also need volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels and visit with isolated seniors.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF LIFE ELDERCARE

**LIFE ElderCare driver Michelle Reed drives Mary Galvez to a doctor's appointment.**

To learn more about the program, to sign up for LIFE ElderCare services, or to

become a volunteer, please call 510-894-0370 or send email: [info@LifeElderCare.org](mailto:info@LifeElderCare.org).

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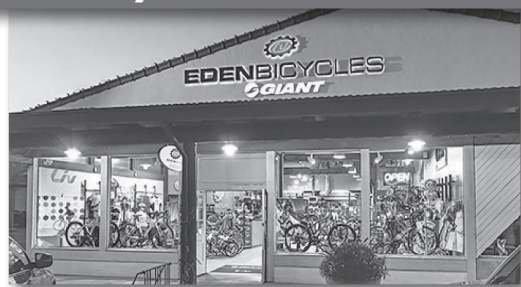
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## Sheriff's Reports

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### Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Robbery

Sunday, June 6: at 6:58 p.m., Sheriff's deputies arrested a 28-year-old CV man on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon and robbery at a grocery store on Redwood Road near Castro Valley Boulevard. Store security alerted deputies to the scene after the man had reportedly robbed the store and fled. The man was handcuffed and taken to Santa Rita Jail.

### Death Threats

Sunday, June 6: at 11:02 a.m., a 34-year-old man from Castro Valley was arrested on suspicion of violating the terms of a court-issued restraining order, making death threats, damaging private property, and resisting arrest. Deputies were called

to the scene after a call about an altercation near the intersection of Redwood Road and Grove Way. The man was taken into custody.

### Assault and Battery

Sunday, June 6: at 12:20 p.m., a 911 call about a loud and aggressive-sounding argument sent deputies to a home on Arcadian Court near Arcadian Drive. There, they arrested a 57-year-old man from Castro Valley on suspicion of assault and battery. The man was taken into custody. The victim was treated at the scene.

### Wanted Man

Sunday, June 6: at 7:09 a.m., a 54-year-old man from Castro Valley was arrested as part of a warrant issued for his capture.

The man had been previously charged with illegally brandishing a firearm and making death threats. Deputies served the warrant at a home on Buti Park Court near Redwood Road. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail.

### Accused of Murdering Elder Relative

Friday, June 4: at 7:20 p.m., deputies arrested a 29-year-old man from Castro Valley on suspicion of murder, mayhem, assault, and battery, assault with a deadly weapon, inflicting serious injury, elder abuse, and resisting arrest. The man was found with the body at a home on Parsons Avenue near Parsons Court. Deputies took him to Santa Rita Jail.

*see REPORTS on back page*

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## The Week Ahead

### ● Today, June 9: School Board Meeting

The Castro Valley Board of Education will hold an open virtual board meeting today, June 9, at 5:30 p.m. While the meeting will be held remotely, public participation is encouraged. To observe the meeting by video conference, click on LINK on the agenda at the noticed meeting time. The complete board packet and more information are available at [www.cv.k12.ca.us/board-docs](http://www.cv.k12.ca.us/board-docs). For questions, contact Aimee Cayere, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent at [acayere@cv.k12.ca.us](mailto:acayere@cv.k12.ca.us)

### ● Today to June 27: Lake Chabot Trail Challenge

The Castro Valley Sports Foundation's 37th annual Lake Chabot Trail Challenge Half Marathon, 10K and 5K Fundraiser is on now, but this year it's virtual. Runners will have 3 weeks to complete the course they registered for. It began June 4 and will continue through Sunday, June 27. To register and get more information, visit [runsignup.com/Race/CA/CastroValley/LakeChabotTrailChallenge](https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/CastroValley/LakeChabotTrailChallenge).

### ● Thursday, June 10: Play Arc Trivia for Prizes

Join The Arc of the East Bay virtually tomorrow, June 10 at 6 p.m. for Arc Trivia! The cost per player is \$25 and will consist of 4 rounds. Players can register individually, or if you have friends you want to play with please notify Gina Longmire ([ginalongmire@arceastbay.org](mailto:ginalongmire@arceastbay.org)) If you do not have a team but want to join we will find one that is fun and exciting for you. Prizes will be awarded to the first place team. Register today at [paybee.io/quickpay.html?handle=arceb&ppid=4#optionList](https://paybee.io/quickpay.html?handle=arceb&ppid=4#optionList)

### ● Saturday, June 12: Art Demo by Kazumi Cranney

You must register by tomorrow, June 10, for A.R.T., Inc.'s free online art demonstration by Berkeley artist Kazumi Cranney from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on June 12. Cranney has been painting sumi-e and haiga pictures for over 40 years. Visit [www.artinc.org/june-demo-artist](http://www.artinc.org/june-demo-artist) to view details. Email [artinc-cv@gmail.com](mailto:artinc-cv@gmail.com) for registration no later than June 10.

### ● Saturday, June 12: Bay Area Walk for Hearing

Bay Area teams are now forming for the June 12th Walk-4Hearing Virtual Walk & Celebration, from 9 to 10 a.m. on June 12, the only nationwide event bringing attention to hearing loss and promoting the importance of hearing health. Join the celebration that energizes our community and be entertained by stand-up comedian D.J. Demers, inspirational singer Mandy Harvey and a theatrical performance of "No Limits for Deaf Children." Funds raised support Hearing Loss Association of America's national awareness and education programs. Register or donate at [www.hearingloss.org/event/bay-area/](http://www.hearingloss.org/event/bay-area/)

### ● Saturday, June 12: HARD's Park Volunteer Program

The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District is in search of VIPs – Volunteers in Parks. Enjoy the outdoors and help give your local park a little TLC. This is a great opportunity for someone needing school credit, wanting to meet new people, and being a part of a group of citizens who care. The next Volunteers In Parks Program is scheduled for this Saturday, June 12 at the Hayward Community Gardens at 25051 Whitman Street. HARD provides the tools, leadership, snacks and satisfaction of knowing you are a V.I.P.! Masks are required and social distancing will be enforced. We ask that you bring water, gloves, and wear sturdy shoes. A parent or guardian must accompany youth under 18. Sign up today at: [forms.gle/dMvf7GWYXh5dq6r5](https://forms.gle/dMvf7GWYXh5dq6r5) for June 12th or other opportunities this summer. For more information, call Volunteer Services at 510-881-6755 or email at [Keid@haywardrec.org](mailto:Keid@haywardrec.org)

### ● Monday, June 14: New Virtual Fitness Classes

Join the Aitken Community Center for live, virtual fitness classes via Zoom held Mondays and Wednesdays through June 30. Have fun while improving your flexibility, cardiovascular health, bone density, and muscle strength. Lots of stretching, low impact aerobic dancing, strength training with light weights and floor exercises. Register at [haywardrec.org](http://haywardrec.org), class No. 17062. Zoom link will be sent via email prior to start date.

### ● Tuesday, June 15: Urban Tree Planting Project

Friends of San Leandro Creek invites you to a virtual Zoom presentation from 6:30 to 8 p.m. next Tuesday with Chief Planting Officer Amos White of "100K Trees for Humanity" on the Urban Greenbelt Initiative, a Black-led reforestation project. Since 2019, 100K Trees has organized communities to plant trees and mulch existing trees for a more resilient planet. Now they are working on an urban Greenbelt strategy across Alameda County to plant 100,000 trees and plants. Register at [www.eventbrite.com/e/amos-white-presents-100k-trees-tickets-157677215797](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/amos-white-presents-100k-trees-tickets-157677215797) or by email to [Slevenson@sanleandro.org](mailto:Slevenson@sanleandro.org)

### ● Tuesday, June 15: Rotary Topic: Comcast

Sales VP Keith Turner of Comcast California will describe his company's technical service in California during the next noon meeting of the Rotary Club of Castro Valley via Zoom from noon to 1:30 p.m. next Tuesday. More information is available at [castrovalleyrotary.org](http://castrovalleyrotary.org).

### ● Thursday, June 17: Virtual Bingo for Adults 50+

Enjoy bingo the virtual way in the comfort of your home on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Bingo cards can be picked up from the Senior Center or mailed directly to home-bound seniors by request. Games last approximately one hour. Participants must have a computer or tablet and a valid email address to log into the class. You must register for the class at [haywardrec.org](http://haywardrec.org), class #18785. The Zoom link will be sent to your email prior to class

### ● Tuesdays, June 15-29: Tuesday Tunes – Virtual Class

Join the Aitken Senior Center staff on the Tuesdays of June 15 thru 29 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. to explore how music has shaped defining moments of our lives and influenced us in many ways. Explore different themes in music – a song from a movie soundtrack, a song about a place, etc. You will select a song within the weekly theme for the class to listen to and discuss. Must be able to access Zoom and have working camera/microphone. Register at [haywardrec.org](http://haywardrec.org), class #17194. The Zoom link will be sent to you. Fee is \$14. For info, please call Jen at 510-881-6742.

### ● Sunday, June 20: Free Band Concerts Begin

The high-spirited Hayward Municipal Band will resume its free Summer Concerts after a year off due to the pandemic. Per-

formances will be held June 20, June 27 and July 4, 2021. All concerts will take place at 2:30 p.m. in Memorial Park, 24176 Mission Blvd. in Hayward. This will be the band's 64th season presenting quality music in a family-friendly setting. The group plays a wide variety of genres – classical, popular, jazz, Latin, marches and musicals. Enjoy an outdoor picnic while listening to the band's return to Memorial Park.

### ● Tuesday, June 22: Link21 – a New Transbay Crossing

The Link21 Program, sponsored by BART and Capitol Corridor, will transform this area's passenger rail network into a faster, more integrated system, providing safe, efficient, and affordable travel for everyone. At the core of Link21 is a new transbay crossing between Oakland and San Francisco. On Tuesday, June 22, the Link21 Program is co-hosting a public workshop online at 6 p.m. where Alameda County residents can learn about Link 21 and how they can make their voices heard during the early planning phase of this rail project. For more info, including a schedule of upcoming events, visit [Link21Program.org/Events](https://Link21Program.org/Events)

### ● Saturday, June 26: An Evening with Cathy Chow

Enjoy "La Bella Vita" from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 26 as Cathy Chow presents her wonderful creations – paintings, sculptures in clay and bronze, bas relief and more. Hear the musical stylings of the Michael Udelson Trio. Event page and tickets at [edenmusicandarts.com/calendar/premier-event-cathy-chow](https://edenmusicandarts.com/calendar/premier-event-cathy-chow). Presented by Eden Music and Arts and Siena Music.

News submissions as well as items for the Calendar Page must be received by 5 p.m. Friday for inclusion in the following Wednesday's newspaper. Send information in an email to: [fredz@ebpublishing.com](mailto:fredz@ebpublishing.com).

### Tuesday, June 22

## Castro Valley Walks & Rolls

You are invited to an important virtual Community Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Training Workshop to be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22

In conjunction with Castro Valley Matters' "Walk & Roll Safely Castro Valley!" campaign (visit [castrovalleymatters.org/walk-roll-safely-castro-valley/](https://castrovalleymatters.org/walk-roll-safely-castro-valley/)), our community was selected by the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety team for a 2021 safety workshop.

The program works with local residents and safety advocates to develop an action plan to improve walking and biking safety and strengthen collaboration with local officials and agency staff.

The training provides participants with an approach to pedestrian and bicycle safety that includes:

- guided walking and biking assessments along local streets;
- interactive education on pedestrian and bicycle safety strategies;
- multiple layers of protection for all road users; including safe speeds, safe street design, how people use the road, and improving post-crash response;
- analysis & development of policing, planning, and safety data —and a small group interactive action planning component to develop infrastructural and programmatic priorities.

To best utilize resources, the Castro Valley Community Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Training Planning Committee has been planning out the route details for the June 22 workshop.

The committee comprises local residents, walk/roll advocates, and representatives from Castro Valley School District, Alameda County Public Works, and Supervisor Nate Miley's office.

Whether you walk, bike, or otherwise roll in Castro Valley, your input is vital to ensuring that we can do so more safely in our community. Please plan on participating.

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From left, James Yin and Russell Winston, Jr. gave inspirational speeches at the May graduation ceremony at Castro Valley Adult & Career Education.

## CV Adult School: Success at Any Age

By Linette Escobar  
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

"I tried two other GED programs before I found this one. The other ones were not set up for me to fail, but this one was set up for me to succeed." Russell Winston, Jr. puts an emphasis on the word succeed as he describes his experience at Castro Valley Adult & Career Education.

Russell is one of nine adults who earned their GEDs and 18 who earned their high school diplomas during the pandemic. These students were honored at an outdoor commencement ceremony on June 2nd.

To see the spring in commencement speaker James Yin's step, you'd never guess he was 73. It took him eight years to complete his high school diploma, and he was a

beloved figure on campus.

As a child he was not able to complete his education but promised his mother he would complete it in his lifetime. He recounted his exciting life story and asked if anyone in the audience knew a movie producer. When he finished his speech, he looked to the sky and said, "I made it mama." His grandson beamed.

see **SUCCESS** on back page

## University Student Graduates, Honors

Yolanda Verdusco of Castro Valley graduated with Distinction with a Master of Social Work in Social Work at California State University, Stanislaus' 61st Commencement, one of more than 3,000 students in the Class of 2021

to receive their degrees at the Turlock campus.

Rela Duncan, Alexis Evangelista, Derek Gao and Ferdinand Villarosa, all of Castro Valley, were recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at San Jose State

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By Carl Medford, CRS  
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GUEST COMMENTARY



## Real Estate is Reopening...Sort of

With the housing market on fire, buyers are scrambling to determine what they must do to land a home. Consequently, at this juncture, many offers are arriving either fully non-contingent or with most contingencies removed.

To "prime the pump" for offers, sellers are doing what they can to facilitate non-contingent offers, including providing disclosure packages, inspection reports and more.

A normal offer contains three contingencies: loan, appraisal and inspections. A contingency is simply a condition that must be met and then removed in writing for the contract to proceed to a close.

In a normal market, you could expect to see offers with all contingencies in place. A

buyer would have somewhere between 10-17 days to ensure their loan was approved, the home appraised at the contract price and there were no significant property issues.

Put another way, a contingency is a bit like Monopoly's "Get Out of Jail Free" card – if something negative happens to the loan, appraisal or an inspection reveals a significant issue, the buyer can back out of the transaction and get their deposit returned.

Therein lies the problem: with buyers currently expected to submit offers with most or all contingencies removed, there is no margin for error. Buyers who allow the excitement of the market to override common sense can end up in a heap of hurt that can have significant financial ramifications for years to come.

With lenders today following federal guidelines to ensure buyers meet the stringent loan requirements, we often see buyers able to remove the loan contingency with little or no effect. The bigger issues come with removing the other contingencies.

If a property does not appraise at the contract price, a seller (in the current market) will not likely be willing to lower the price to the appraised value. Therefore, a buyer must have enough cash on reserve to meet the deficit. I have seen buyers recently who have not had enough cash to make up the difference. This can have serious financial ramifications.

I have also seen buyers willing to remove their inspection contingency even though the seller did not provide upfront inspection reports. In my opinion, this is extremely risky. With all contingencies removed, if issues appear, the buyer is on the hook.

It is a case of "buyer beware:" if you are going to remove contingencies, make sure you are prepared to deal with the potential consequences.

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THE DIRT GARDENER

## What's Causing Photinia Hedge to Die?

By Buzz Bertolero

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

**Q:** I have an established photinia hedge that is losing leaves, plus there are large sections that are dead. It began last year and is continuing this year.

I have pruned out the dead area, but when new green leaves appear, they wilt, turn red, and fall off.

**A:** I've found that fire blight and root rot are the primary that causes of dieback in photinias.

Root rot is a year-round problem caused by wet winters and excess summer water,



**Most common causes of photinia dieback are root rot and fire blight.**

along with poor drainage.

You'll find those struggling plants have little new growth and the existing leaves are a dull or off-green color or yellow. Eventually, these sections die, but it occurs slowly over time. Being planted too deep will also cause this problem.

The solution is to change the watering frequency or raise the new plants. I would be watering a mature plant every seven to 10 days, depending on the temperature.

Fire blight is a seasonal disease that is an airborne bacteria and enters through the flower. Here the foliage collapses and turns brown, usually at the top or from the outside inward.

It's usually a problem with wet springs. The solution is to prune out the damage but sterilize your shears with Lysol or alcohol after every cut to prevent spreading the disease.

With your plants, I believe root rot is your problem.

Buzz Bertolero is an Advanced California Certified Nursery Professional. The Dirt Gardener's website is www.dirtgardener.com and questions can be sent by email to buzz@dirtgardener.com.





## Time Takes Toll on Brick Walkway

By Samantha Mazzotta  
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

If you have an old walkway in your yard that used old building bricks, you may notice that over time the bricks becoming uneven and that some are sinking slightly, creating dips in the walkway.

Walkways built with bricks (also known as pavers) can become uneven due to normal ground movement or a shift in the sand base on which such walkways are typically built leading to problems.

If the uneven bricks don't present a safety problem, consider delaying a repair on these sections. You can try to move the bricks back into alignment, but that might not work without undertaking more time-consuming repairs.

The depressed bricks can be lifted back into place by repairing the base underneath them. Use a pry bar or other lever to carefully lift up a sunken brick. Then, using one end of a



sturdy piece of wood such as a two by four, tamp the existing sand down into place.

Put the brick back into the tamped-down section, tapping with a mallet if it doesn't go in. Measure the different in height

between the sunken brick and the surrounding bricks.

Remove the sunken brick and fill the section with sand (that has rocks and larger particles screened out of it) up to the height of the measurement you took. Tamp down the new sand and remeasure the height, adding sand if necessary to bring the brick level.

Once the brick is in place and flush with the surrounding bricks, pour sand over and around the repaired brick so that it fills the crevices. Use a broom to sweep sand into the crevices.



### Vegetables

Feed tomatoes with a fertilizer rich in phosphorus (the middle number, such as 5-10-5 or 5-10-10). Stake or cage the plants. Tomatoes allowed to sprawl will generally produce more fruit, but some of it is likely to rot on the soil.

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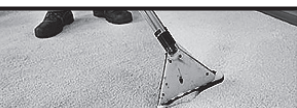
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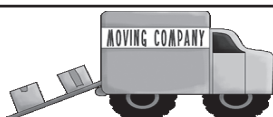
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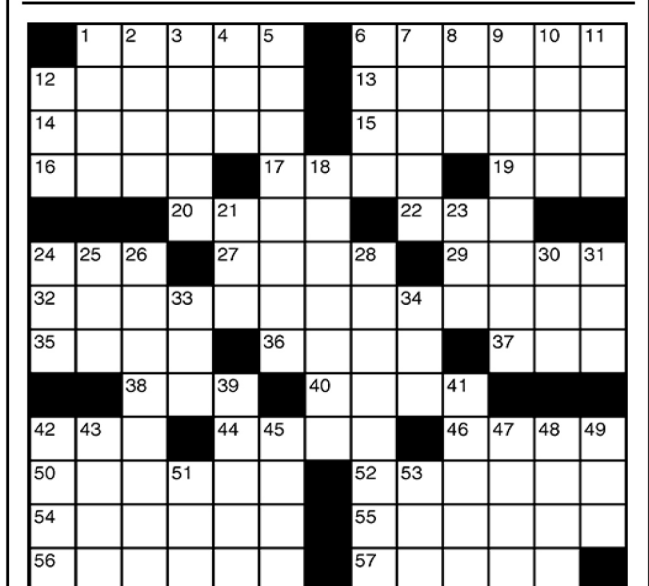
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CVSAN PROJECT

# First Sidestream Treatment System On Pacific Coast

A project that's expected to reduce nitrogen discharge into the Bay by up to 8 million pounds over the next 20 years has been commissioned by the Castro Valley Sanitary District in partnership with Oro Loma Sanitary District and Microvi, a biotechnology company in Hayward.

It will be the first such dewatered filtering or "side-stream" treatment system on the Pacific Coast. Dewatering is the process of removing water from solid material or sludge. Microvi's technology for the treatment of nitrogen simplifies the overall treatment process and can be retrofitted into existing infrastructure.

"CVSan is proud to partner with Oro Loma, Microvi, and HDR Inc. to bring this cutting-edge technology to our wastewater treatment plant, said CVSan General Manager Roland P. Williams. "Spearheading this innovation illustrates our continued commitment to providing superior wastewater services while protecting the health of our community and the environment."

## Shot: Vaccinations and Post-Covid Recovery And Resilience Work

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Another 15 names will be drawn this Friday, June 11. On top of that, Governor Newsom said the 2 million newly vaccinated Californians who get their dose since Vax for the Win launched last month will be eligible to receive \$50 prepaid grocery cards.

In a related effort, Alameda County is now accepting proposals to fund \$12 million in community-led coalitions for vaccination and post-Covid recovery and resilience work. The money is expected to help

continue to work with communities that are hardest hit by the pandemic and with those who are reluctant to receive vaccinations.

The county also plans to award up to \$2 million to single organizations for community engagement services.

"We are looking for partners within the community to help us expand vaccine access and support community resilience now and for the future," said Colleen Chawla, the Director of the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency.

## New East Bay Park Named After Thurgood Marshall

By Ned MacKay  
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

"Thurgood Marshall Regional Park – Home of the Port Chicago 50" is now the name of the new East Bay Regional Park at the site of the former Concord Naval Weapons Station.

The naming was approved unanimously by the park district board of directors on June 1.

It honors the young African American sailors who served the United States in the military during World War II and stood up to the military's racially discriminatory policies of the day.

It also recognizes Thurgood Marshall, who was an attorney for the NAACP at the time and supported the Black sailors during court martial proceedings. He later became the first Black member of the U.S. Supreme Court.

This is the first regional park in Contra Costa County to be named after an African American.

By way of history: the American military was segregated during World War II, and Black sailors who enlisted were often relegated to especially dangerous assignments such as loading munitions onto ships by hand.

One such loading point was the Port Chicago Naval Magazine. Work was around the clock, often rushed, with few if any safety precautions.

On July 17, 1944, two vessels at Port Chicago, loaded



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**Aftermath of the July 17, 1944 explosion at Port Chicago in Contra Costa County that killed 320 men and wounded 390 others.**

with ammunition, exploded with a force felt as far away as San Francisco, killing 320 men, mostly teenagers, and wounding 390 others. The explosion accounted for a quarter of all African American deaths during the war.

Surviving Black sailors were ordered to return to work loading munitions not long after the explosion. Many refused. Fifty of them were charged with mutiny and ultimately dishonorably discharged.

The Port Chicago 50 wrote to Thurgood Marshall, as he was lead counsel for the NAACP, requesting that he

attend their trial. Marshall did so. Afterwards he wrote articles and gave public speeches, charging that the Navy was "on trial for its whole vicious policy toward Negroes."

His campaign to expose racism in the trial of the Port Chicago 50 ultimately led to the desegregation of the military and was a precursor to the broader civil rights movement.

President Harry Truman issued an executive order on July 26, 1948 desegregating the U.S. armed forces. But despite years of advocacy by elected officials and community organizations, the Port Chicago 50

have never been exonerated.

The U.S. Navy and National Park Service officially transferred 2,500 acres of open space to the Park District in 2019 after a two-decade process brought about by the decommissioning of the Concord Naval Weapons Station in the 1990s.

After road improvements and other upgrades, the district plans to open a portion of the expansive park south of Bailey Road within the next two to three years.

*Columnist Ned MacKay is a retired East Bay Regional Park District employee.*

## Rotary: Congratulations to the Scholarship Winners

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She was active on campus in many organizations, including the Animal Rights Club, Medical Students Association, California Scholarship Federation, Link Crew Leader, and Earth Team Intern in the community as Co-founder of

Castro Valley Virtual Tutors.

Ashley lives in Castro Valley with her parents Andy Fang and Marcy Chien.

"The students who were selected all have marvelous personal stories," said Rotary Endowment Board Chair Bruce D. Johnson. "We are

confident all four of these students will have a tremendous impact now and in the future. We are very proud to recognize Alina, Ashley, Emily and Kelly for their outstanding service as well as their academic achievements."

Castro Valley Rotarians

John Aufdermauer, Heidi Hausauer, Bruce D. Johnson, Jim Negri, Dwight Perry, Ray Wallace and Dan Willitz serve on the Endowment Board.

*For more information on The Rotary Club and the Endowment, visit [www.castrovalleyrotary.org](http://www.castrovalleyrotary.org).*

## LEGAL NOTICES

### SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 187

#### AN ORDINANCE OF THE CASTRO VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO DECREASE RATES CHARGED FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION.

The Ordinance No. 187 amending Castro Valley Sanitary District Code Article V, Regulation of Solid Waste Disposal, Refuse, and Recycling, Sections 5302, 5303, 5306, and 5307 was duly and regularly adopted by the Castro Valley Sanitary District Board of Directors at the Regular meeting of said Board held on June 1, 2021.

The Ordinance decreases the rates charged for solid waste collection (e.g. -\$0.17 per month for standard 20-gallon garbage cart/up to a 96-gallon organics cart/up to a 96-gallon recycling cart). These changes will be effective July 1, 2021.

The Castro Valley Sanitary District Board of Directors voted on June 1, 2021, at the Castro Valley Sanitary District Regular Board meeting to adopt the Ordinance as follows: Akagi – Yes; (Dooman) Woerz – Yes; Johnson – Yes; McGowan – Yes; Sadoff – Yes.

The above summary constitutes the major highlights of Ordinance No. 187. A reading of the entire Ordinance may be necessary to obtain a full understanding of the Ordinance. The new rates set by this Ordinance are posted at [www.cvsan.org](http://www.cvsan.org) and the full text of the Ordinance is available upon request via email at [contact@cvsan.org](mailto:contact@cvsan.org) or by calling 510-537-0757.

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## Parvin Ahmadi Elected As VP of California School Administrators

By Amy Ramos  
COMMENTARY

Castro Valley Unified School District Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi has been elected as Vice President of the Association of California School Administrators. Her election recognizes her exceptional vision for education in California.

Dr. Wes Smith, executive director of ACSA said, "Her courage, passion, and laser focus on the rights, needs, and well-being of her students, particularly the historically underserved, are an inspiration for her colleagues across the state."

Equity has been at the heart of all of Ms. Ahmadi's work. With her leadership, the district has made significant investments in staff training, counselors, social workers, and a wellness center to promote a safe learning environment for all of our students.

Her leadership in this past year was invaluable. Thanks to her foresight and skill, CVUSD already had an existing accredited virtual academy and computers in the hands of every student. This gave our district a solid foundation for distance learning.

Ms. Ahmadi has been superintendent in CVUSD for the past six years and is the first woman to serve in that role in Castro Valley. In addition, she has served as an instructor for ACSA's Superintendent Academy, on the State of California's Blue Ribbon Commission on Early Childhood Education, and on ACSA's Board of Directors.

In further service to Castro Valley, Ms. Ahmadi has been a member of the Castro Valley Rotary, Castro Valley Chamber of Commerce, and Castro Valley Women's Club.

Congratulations, Parvin Ahmadi! I thank you for your tireless efforts and would like to share with our community the achievements of our school district leadership.

Amy Ramos is a resident of Castro Valley and a School District parent.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



### The Call to Public Service

Editor:

I strongly disagree with last week's take by Ken Owens about the CVSan Board appointment process ("Critical of CVSan's Board Appointment," Letters, June 2).

Public service is about showing up. Kristy Woerz did that when she ran for school board. She did that when she applied and was appointed to serve on the CVSan Board.

You don't need a technical pedigree to serve on a government board. Sure, it can be a valuable perspective, but so is the perspective of a retired special education teacher, who has demonstrated to me her capacity to engage the public and take on important policy issues.

I am reminded of an event I attended where Congressman Eric Swalwell reflected on his path to Congress. When he was starting out, he was appointed to the City of Dublin's Heritage & Cultural Arts Commission. Pretty sure he wasn't an expert in that, but that didn't stop him from serving.

For every person in this town who has been told to sit down and wait your turn, or that you don't have the right background to serve your community, I say step right up.

Kristy is going to be just fine serving Castro Valley on the CVSan Board. My congratulations to her and everyone who hears the call to public service.

—Michael Kusiak, Castro Valley

### Understanding People in Diversity

Editor:

I saw a young man wearing the logo "Legalize Freedom." He seemed healthy and was in the company of a lady friend.

My first thought was what a very lucky person. My attitude was to reach out and ask him what has he done for the country, for Alameda County, and especially his community.

This is the land of the free, and some of us want free food, free education, medical and dental care.

Some of us served our country, worked 40 years and finally gave blood to the Red Cross for 40 years. I'm one of those who paid taxes to legalize freedom. The secret of living is to play my small part!

The future is now. I gave up smoking, drinking, politics, religion, bingo and preaching. I'm what you call the real all-American.

I am stupid if I do not take care of those close to me. STUPID stands for "Sharing Through Understanding People in Diversity."

Of course I was born brown and poor. Sixty-two percent of me is Native American, 38 percent Spanish. My patriotic duty is to carry my ancestors' military history. With all of my available resources, I focus on my grandchildren.

"The White Anglo Saxon Protestant who

parades himself and destroys freedom anywhere without real purpose repeats history," (George Santayana, 1905).

—Jesse Casares, Livermore

### Changing Aggressive Attitudes

Editor:

In spite of the negative press police agencies have been given, even though self-incriminating on a national level, it is important that the police and the media start to change the aggressive attitudes of people stopped by the police, no matter the location.

These "defensive attitudes" always get the attention of the police. Escalation can be avoided if individuals act in a civil manner. The police and the media must work together to improve this problem.

—David Blasquez  
Castro Valley

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### Donnelle (Robbins) Massoni June 15, 1951 - April 19, 2021

We are saddened by the unexpected death of our free spirited dear sister, Donnelle (Robbins) Massoni. Donnelle loved life, loved her children and family.



She loved celebrations and family gatherings, she loved animals and children, sometimes even dressing up as the "Bunny Lady" and passing out candy to children.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother Donald and Marion Robbins, husband Lou Massoni and her dear "soul sister" Deanne. She is survived by her beloved Sister Terry Mills (Bob), Dear brother Jeff Robbins (Annette), Son Daniel Massoni, Daughters Lisa DeAmico and Kiana Jones and many nieces, nephews and grandchildren. There will be a Mass in her honor on June 12, 2021 at 4 p.m. at Transfiguration Catholic Church, 4000 East Castro Valley Blvd. In lieu of cards or flowers Donnelle wished for us to be kind and understanding with each other.

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## Oasis: Nursery Will be Up in the Fall

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to the nursery and specialty wood shop, they envisioned adding possible studios for pottery, glass artists, metal workers, designers, and other high-end “makers” and vendors.

When Covid hit, the new venture was up in the air.

People stayed home more, and began renovating their homes. The lumberyard continued operating, but by appointment only.

A company offered to buy the property for a Chick-Fil-A restaurant, but that plan that was rejected by the county. So Tallman and Semmelmeier went back to their original idea for the 1.25-acre site.

“Instead of a single vendor, we’re inviting incredible local artistic folks looking for a showcase,” says Semmelmeier. He says the cost should be economically viable for artists. The nursery will be at the rear of the property (near Norbridge

Ave.), with Log Rhythm in the center and artist and designer studios around the perimeter.

“We’re re-purposing all the existing buildings,” says Semmelmeier. “They will be re-clad with materials on-site.”

Work clearing the site has already begun and, with luck, the nursery will be up and running in the fall.

The new venture is a welcome change for Tallman.

“When I started here I was low man on the totem pole, making \$4 an hour,” he says. “I’ve done this for 42 years now, and I’ve found that nobody comes to buy sheet rock and building materials for fun. They come because they have to. I’m ready for the fun part.”

The fun part for him is making beautiful furniture and decorations out of redwood, and he has hundreds of slabs, stumps and trunks just waiting to be turned into art.

Raised in Humboldt County, Tallman knows the logging

industry and has connections for materials that very few can match, such as wood from Hawaii and timbers from a bridge rebuild on Highway 50 near Stateline. His equipment, some of which is vintage and still working perfectly, is capable of cutting through huge logs if desired. Tallman’s studio name, Log Rhythm, refers to the fact that both he and his son Leo, who also works at the lumber yard, are musicians.

Tallman and Semmelmeier say that though the location has never been an evening destination, they think it could be in the future.

“By fall you won’t recognize this place,” predicts Semmelmeier. “Castro Valley is lucky to have it. It will be somewhere to purchase custom items, have a cup of coffee, and enjoy the ambience of this special place.”

Castro Valley Lumber is located at 2495 Castro Valley Blvd.

## Success: CV Adult Graduates

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James wasn’t the only graduate in his seventies. He was joined by Jose Moscoso who is not a native English speaker but took on the challenge of studying for the GED.

In fact, students came from a variety of walks of life and overcame challenges to be there. A young mom took pictures with her baby in her arms. An immigrant carried a flag from his country.

Russell talked about being in special education classes all his life but finally finding the support he needed including “the best math teacher in the whole world, Ray Villegas.”

Many graduates in the audience had children there witnessing their parent’s example and perseverance. Russell is a youth coach who preaches education and realized that he couldn’t do that without being an example himself.

He’s taking his lessons learned and has a book coming out in the fall. He plans to become a motivational speaker, and if his graduation speech is any indication, he should be a big success.

“Adult schools are an important resource in our community and give people a second chance, says Adult School Director Beth Cutter. “This in turn benefits entire families and communities.”

Are you someone who didn’t finish your education and are ready for a new beginning? If you think you could use support to finish your high school diploma or GED, contact Castro Valley Adult & Career Education at (510) 886-1000 or visit [www.cvadult.org](http://www.cvadult.org).

Linette Escobar is Marketing Chair of Castro Valley Adult & Career Education.



HOPE HOSPICE PHOTO

Examples of art work donated last year to the “Works of Hope” art drive for patients in East Bay facilities.

## Bedside Art Sought for ‘Works of Hope’ Drive

The Works of Hope art drive was a project born during the height of the pandemic.

Sidelined from face-to-face patient visits, volunteers at Hope Hospice in Dublin wanted to find creative ways to cheer patients living in East Bay care facilities. So they solicited donations of art from community members and gathered nearly 400 pieces, most handmade.

This year’s art drive is open through July 16. Local residents are invited to create or donate all types of artwork with the following qualities in mind.

- Sizes: Items of about 4-by-4 inches that can be displayed on a bedside table or other small space are ideal. Ready-to-hang wall art should be less than 21 inches on the longest edge.
- Mediums: Paintings, drawings, photography, sculptures and other 3D objects (see

notes online about connecting with our program facilitators in advance to discuss your work).

- Subjects: Many of our elderly patients are living with at least some level of dementia and may have difficulty understanding abstract images. Landscapes and simple representations are best for the hospice patients who come from a variety of backgrounds, so it’s best to avoid pieces with distinct religious themes.

To contribute artwork, complete the interest form at [HopeHospice.com/art](http://HopeHospice.com/art) and submit a photo of your plan. A program team member will connect with you on next steps.

Other ways to help: Recruit friends and fellow artists to participate, or volunteer to handwrite friendly letters to accompany the artworks.

For more information, email [worksofhope@hopehospice.com](mailto:worksofhope@hopehospice.com) or 925-829-8770.

## CVSan RECYCLES DAY BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

**CANYON MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
19600 Cull Canyon Road  
Saturday, July 24, 2021  
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED**  
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- Face coverings required.
- Stay inside vehicle at all times.
- Keep vehicle windows rolled up.
- Place drop-off items in trunk of vehicle.
- Open trunk from inside vehicle if possible.

For full instructions and to register for an appointment, visit [cvsan.org/RecyclesDay](http://cvsan.org/RecyclesDay).

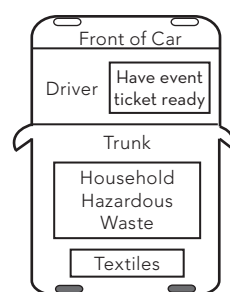
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## Reports: Sexual Assault on a Minor

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**Sexual Assault on a Minor**  
Sunday, June 6: at 4:43 p.m., a 30-year-old CV man was arrested on suspicion of sexual assault on a minor, and lewd and lascivious acts. Deputies were called to an apartment on Stanton Avenue near Stanton Hill Road after an anonymous tip. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail.

**Drugs and Alcohol**  
Friday, June 4: at 10:55 a.m., deputies arrested a 47-year-old man with no permanent residence on suspicion of public

intoxication, and possession of illegal narcotics. The man was spotted in a shopping center parking lot on the Boulevard. Deputies discovered his stash during questioning. The man was taken into custody.

**Sexual Solicitation**  
Thursday, June 3: at 9:55 p.m., two people were arrested in connection to an offer of sexual solicitation. Deputies stopped the pair on Eden Canyon Road near the Interstate 580 offramp after the driver, a 22-year-old man, was spotted driving with invalid registration. The pas-

senger, a 25-year-old woman was charged with soliciting for sex. The couple were taken into custody.

**Driving Under the Influence**  
Tuesday, June 1: at 9:11 p.m., a 66-year-old man was pulled over and arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a suspended license. Deputies pulled the man over near the intersection of Omega Avenue and Center Street after noticing him driving erratically. The man failed his field sobriety test and was taken into custody.