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## CV Historian Lucille Lorge Turns 90

By Linda Sandsmark  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

The family of Castro Valley historian Lucille Lorge hoped to throw a party to celebrate her upcoming 90th birthday on June 12. Since that won't be possible because of the health crisis, anyone who would like to wish Lucille a happy birthday is invited to drop a card by her family's business, R & J Quick Clean Center on Castro Valley Blvd.

Lucille became well known locally for co-authoring the 2005 book, "Images of America, Castro Valley." She was also director for the historical McConaghy House from 1975 to 2010.

The Lorge family owned the California State Hatchery in Castro Valley from 1934 to 1962, which originally sold baby chicks and later became a popular pet shop.

"I am so thankful that I have gotten to know Lucille and work with her on several Castro Valley history projects," says fellow historian Randy Vanderbilt. "She has personally done more to preserve the history of our town than anyone. Her passion for Castro Valley is contagious and I enjoy every minute talking to her about it. I wish her a very happy and healthy birthday!"

Still active, Lucille says her motto is "Use it or lose it."

"My advice is to stay active both mentally and physically," she says. "I have always enjoyed getting out and being active, whether that means walking your dog, joining a club or doing your own gardening."

Lucille has lived in Castro Valley nearly all her life. She married Ray Lorge in 1951 and had three children, all of whom still live and work in Castro Valley.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE LORGE FAMILY

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work in Castro Valley.

Ray owned the California State Hatchery at a time when Castro Valley was the second-largest egg producer in the area. In 1962 the family sold the business and opened the R & J Quick Clean

Center. R & J is now owned and operated by Lucille's son, Chris Lorge.

Lucille's involvement in everything Castro Valley continues to this day. Over the years she's been active in Eden Hospital Foundation, Chabot Swim Club, PTA, Job's Daughters, Hill and Valley Club and Questers. She's even been an Honorary Fire Commissioner.

Castro Valley looks very different from Lucille's childhood. When Castro Village was built in 1951, she says shopping became much easier in town. But where there were once empty, rolling hillsides, there are now housing developments everywhere.

Two of her early memories show how times have changed.

"The first one is of rodeo time," Lucille says. "I used to ride a horse from Mission Boulevard to the rodeo, where I would meet up with several other horse-mounted friends. We would assemble at the top of the hill and gallop down for a grand entry. I was in charge of carrying the flag in my boot."

The second memory involves her family business, the California State Hatchery.

"At Easter we would take all the baby chicks that were considered rejects, dip them in dye, and sell them. They were adorable, but unfortunately, it was found that people no longer wanted them when they got big, so we were forced to stop that practice."

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COVID-19

## 'Social Bubbles' Allowed

By Michael Singer  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Pick 12 of your family and friends and prepare to only socialize with them until July.

It's called a "Social Bubble," and it's the latest guidance by the Alameda County Public Health Department to prevent the rapid spread of the novel coronavirus.

The Health Department this week also announced it is easing restrictions for childcare and extracurricular activities for all kids including camps and allowing other businesses to resume including pet grooming.

A Social Bubble is defined as a group of 12 or fewer people that might be from different households. For example, three different families of four people apiece could mix and mingle at an outdoor barbecue.

To protect yourself and others, Public Health says anyone in a Social Bubble should maintain that connection for a minimum of three weeks and you should restrict your activity to only one Social Bubble at a time.

Dr. Erica Pan, Health Officer for Alameda County, said she was encouraged that the County could loosen some previous restrictions, but expanded social distancing rules saying people must now always wear face coverings outdoors even when they are walking, running, or biking.

"This is still a highly contagious virus and medically fragile residents and our disproportionately impacted communities are still at high risk for this disease," Dr. Pan said in a statement.

The easing of restrictions comes one week after Public Health issued alarms about the rapid spread

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**Alameda County**  
Confirmed Cases = 3,985  
Deaths = 102

**California**  
Confirmed Cases = 134,097  
Deaths = 4,664  
as of June 9, 2020

## MAC Approves 72-Unit Apartments

By Amy Sylvestri  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

More than 40 "virtual" speakers took to their computers Monday night during the latest online meeting of the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC), most to urge the council to reject a plan to build affordable housing on Ruby Street.

However, the MAC ultimately approved the high-density apartment project, with Crescent Ave. to the north, Ruby St. to the northeast, and A St. to the southeast.

MAC member Ken Carbone said that the MAC additionally

received "literally hundreds of letters" objecting to the apartments that will include a four-story building with 72 rental units on a 6.3-acre parcel.

Almost every speaker acknowledged the urgent need for affordable housing in Castro Valley, but expressed concerns for the environment, San Lorenzo Creek, traffic, and parking.

The housing would be built by Eden Housing and the site has been identified as a residential housing site in the Castro Valley General Plan back in 2012.

After more than three hours of public comment Monday night,

the MAC approved the plan 4-2 with members Dolly Adams and Shannon Killebrew dissenting. The approval came with the added provision that unincorporated area residents be given preference for the housing. The applicants will be from a wait-list and 15 percent will be for currently homeless families.

MAC member Carbone acknowledged that many residents would be displeased, but since Eden was within their zone restriction and was not asking for any variances, there was little the MAC could do to challenge the project.

Carbone said that even if the

MAC voted against it, they'd likely be overruled by the county down the line, so he felt approval with provisions, such as the mandate for unincorporated residents getting priority, would be more productive.

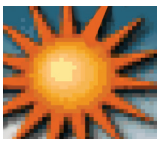
Carbone added that the public may not relish seeing higher-density projects come to Castro Valley, but that is the reality as set out by county and regional mandates.

"This type of density has always been on our horizon," said Carbone. "We're advisory. The decisions have been made further up the pole."

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## Castro Valley Weather June 10-14, 2020



Wednesday  
Sunny & Warm  
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High 78° Low 57°



Friday  
Mostly Sunny  
High 69° Low 56°



Saturday  
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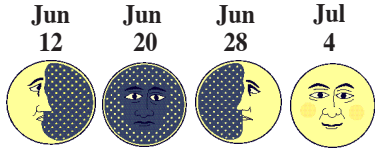
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### Almanac



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# Monday's Peaceful Protest Spotlights Black Experience

By Michael Singer  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

More than 200 people marched in peaceful protest down Castro Valley Boulevard Monday afternoon for the second week in a row in support the Black Lives Matter movement and to honor anyone that has been killed because of police brutality.

A river of handheld signs announcing, "Castro Valley Stands United Against Hate," "Black

Lives Matter," "Resist," "I can't breathe," and "Justice for George Floyd," made its way down the boulevard. Traffic was limited to one lane with many drivers honking in approval of the march.

The crowd ended its trek at Adobe Park on San Miguel Avenue to hear several speakers including Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley with messages of hope and horror about living as an African American.

"Unsanctioned use of force by

the police should never be justified or allowed," Miley told the crowd. "Our police need to be guardians and not warriors."

Miley said he has been working with County Sheriff Greg Ahern and County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley on "reforms and changes" to keep law enforcement in check.

Nadine Ratinho, who organized both marches told the Castro Valley Forum that protesters were

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## MAC: Neighbors Object to Construction

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MAC member Chuck Moore agreed, saying that if the area was going to be protected as an open space, it would have already happened and that Eden is entitled to develop its project.

"If we were going to make it a park we should have done so a long time ago," said Moore. We have a real housing shortage in the Bay Area. We're going to be looking as a community for more spaces for these type projects. I don't see how you can move the goal posts for these folks. The reality is nobody up the ladder is going to

turn down affordable housing. Believe me, I'd rather see it be a park in a heartbeat but we didn't zone it that way."

Neighbor Charles Pisano urged the council to vote against the project, saying it would negatively affect the riparian area of the Creek.

"I am against the Ruby Meadows project," he said. "I understand the need for housing, but I would prefer to see it remain in its natural state."

Ed Thomas of Crescent Ave. called the MAC "stewards of the land" and reminded them that nearly 100 natives species in the

area need that open space and it may also be an important site for the Ohlone.

Alternatively, speaker Alan Chamorro urged the MAC to reject the so-called "Not in my Back Yard" mentality of neighbors who invariably object to new construction projects.

"See through the NIMBY-ism," said Chamorro.

In other MAC news, the board will elect its new Chair at their meeting next Monday, June 15. Applications are being taken to fill Crawford's empty MAC seat at: [www.acgov.org/bc/cvmac/](http://www.acgov.org/bc/cvmac/).

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# Redwood High's Class of 2020

By Linda Sandmark  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Despite the pandemic, Redwood High, Castro Valley's alternative high school, graduated 73 students in its class of 2020. Several of these were fulltime students at the new Castro Valley Virtual Academy (CVVA) on campus.

A drive-through diploma pickup ceremony allowed graduates and their families to drive past cheering teachers and staff, receive their diplomas, and pose for pictures. Everyone stayed socially-distanced, but were allowed to remove masks for their photos.

Usually the graduation ceremony is celebrated at the Castro Valley Center for the Arts building, which unfortunately remains off-limits due to COVID-19.

"We wanted to do something special for the students," says principal Erica Ehmann. "I'm really glad we got to see them again, and especially for them to see their teachers. It's such a special relationship here at Redwood. Being in a smaller environment, they really get to know their teachers. They know we're going to be here for them, no matter what."

Ehmann went on to say that Redwood students are "practiced at resilience," sometimes dealing with unstable living situations or health issues. She says said that graduation is an especially joyful time at the school, because the



PHOTO BY LINDA SANDSMARK

**Redwood High students received their diplomas from principal Erica Ehmann at a drive-through ceremony last week.**

students have fought so hard to be there.

Castro Valley School Board member Jo Loss held up a congratulatory sign and cheered the graduates as they drove through the school parking lot.

"These are really resilient, special students," says Loss. "The students at Redwood have overcome life experiences that we can only imagine. It's especially critical to recognize them on this important achievement."

Like students everywhere, these seniors missed the last 10 weeks of school and had to adapt to finishing classes more remotely and independently.

Matthew Hoffmann has been a

teacher at Redwood for 21 years. He teaches Social Studies and Horticulture.

"I'm really happy that the school is able to do a graduation process, because these kids have been through a lot," says Hoffmann. "I'm really proud of this year's class for taking care of the responsibilities they had to take care of to graduate. A lot of obstacles were out of their control, and these kids were able to overcome them."

Principal Ehmann agrees.

"It's really our pleasure. We're so lucky, and they're amazing kids," she says. "Every single person who works at this school is here to support and love our kids. Everybody is so proud of them."

## SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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### Arson Attempt at Bar

Saturday, June 6: at 11:01 p.m., Sheriff's deputies arrested a 36-year-old man from San Leandro on suspicion of attempted arson behind a bar on Castro Valley Boulevard near Park Way. The man was spotted near the dumpster area lighting a fire and fleeing the scene carrying a garbage bag. Deputies report witnesses caught the incident on a cell phone video, helping them identify the suspect. The man was stopped for questioning with the garbage bag still in hand at E. 14th Street & 172nd Avenue. Deputies say the man also had illegal drug paraphernalia in his pockets. The man was handcuffed and taken to Santa Rita Jail pending bail.

### Caught Trespassing

Saturday, June 6: at 11:15 a.m., a 35-year-old CV man was arrested on suspicion of trespassing on a property on Sandy Road near James Avenue. Deputies were called to the home after the homeowner spotted the man in his backyard near a creek. The man was handcuffed and taken into custody.

### Drug Bust Ends

Saturday, June 6: at 4:35 p.m., deputies pulled over and arrested a 35-year-old man with no per-

manent residence on suspicion of possession of illegal narcotics, illegal narcotics wrapped for sale, intent to sell the drugs and related drug paraphernalia, possession of stolen property, and violating the terms of his parole from State prison. The man was traveling on Redwood Road near Brecon Court when deputies pulled him over for a traffic violation and discovered his stash. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail and held without bail.

### Stolen Car

Friday, June 5: at 11:41 a.m., a 32-year-old CV woman was arrested on suspicion of possession of a vehicle reported stolen, stolen property, illegal narcotics, and assault and battery of a peace officer. Deputies spotted the vehicle in the driveway of a home on North 6th Avenue near Grove Way. The woman claimed the car was hers but became aggressive with deputies during questioning. Deputies see **REPORTS** on page 6

## June Rotarian of the Month

Castro Valley businessman Dan Willits was named "June Rotarian of the Month" by the Castro Valley Rotary Club last week for his "Service Above Self."

Willits, who owns Direct Sales Floors Carpet One on Castro Valley Blvd., was called "a tireless worker who never looks for any credit," by Club President Todd Anglin. "Most of Dan's work is behind-the-scenes including the setup and takedown for the annual Chili Cook-off, Rodeo Parade, and Texas Hold 'em Tournament."

Willits also serves as treasurer of Castro Valley Rotary.



Dan Willits

## Sports Hall of Fame Banquet Pushed to Next Year

The Castro Valley Sports Foundation announced it has postponed its biennial Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremonies until April 11, 2021, due to social distancing restrictions made mandatory by the coronavirus pandemic.

The ceremony inducting 16 new members into the Castro Valley Sports Hall of Fame was originally scheduled for April 2020, then postponed to September. But

the Foundation's board decided at its last meeting to further delay the banquet, reasoning that a September date is still too early considering the uncertainty of state and local guidelines for large gatherings.

The Hall of Fame induction ceremony, which has been held every two years since 2010, typically draws between 250 and 300 guests at the Redwood Canyon Event Center.

CVSF President Rachel Lunt also announced that the Foundation's grant program will be moved from summer to fall this year.

Applications for grants will be accepted in September and grants will be distributed in November, about two months later than usual.

Lunt noted that the delay will give the Foundation board a better idea of what sports programs will

be offered this year.

For details please visit the CVSF's website: [castrovalleysportsfoundation.org](http://castrovalleysportsfoundation.org).

Each year the CVSF has distributed thousands of dollars in grants to various sports programs of the Castro Valley Unified School District, as well as to many non-profit youth sports programs in the community.

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# Enjoy a Quick Dip on a Warm Spring Evening

Warm evenings call for lighter munching, especially now that your family is spending more time in front of the TV. So instead of the usual fat-laden chips and crackers, try fresh veggies with your favorite dips. To reduce calories even more, make the dips with low-fat varieties of cream cheese, mayonnaise and sour cream.

## HOT BEAN DIP

- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
  - 1 cup sour cream
  - 2 (16-ounce) cans refried beans
  - Half of a 1-ounce package of taco seasoning mix
  - 5 drops Tabasco
  - 2 tablespoons dried parsley
  - 1/4 cup chopped green onions
  - 1 (8-ounce) package shredded Cheddar cheese
  - 1 (8-ounce) package shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- Preheat oven to 350°F.
- In a medium bowl, blend the cream cheese and sour cream.

Mix in the refried beans, taco seasoning, hot pepper sauce, parsley, green onions, half of the Cheddar cheese and half of the Monterey Jack cheese.

Transfer the mixture to an 8-by-12-inch baking dish. Top with remaining Cheddar and Monterey Jack cheeses.

Bake in the preheated oven 20 to 30 minutes, until cheese is slightly browned. Yields 7 cups of dip.

## ONION DIP

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1-1/2 cups diced onions
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1-1/2 cups sour cream
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon white pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

In a saute pan over medium heat add oil, heat and add onions and salt. Cook the onions until they are caramelized, about 20 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside to cool.

Mix the rest of the ingredients, and then add the cooled onions.



Refrigerate and stir again before serving.

## CLAM DIP

- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup sour cream
- 6-1/2 ounces chopped clams, canned, juice drained and reserved
- 4-1/2 tablespoons reserved clam juice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

- 3 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper

Place cream cheese in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, and mix for a few seconds.

Add sour cream and mix well, until no chunks remain. Scrape down sides and bottom of bowl and mix well again.

Add clam juice and Worcestershire sauce, and mix slowly to

avoid splashing, until fully incorporating. Dip will be on the thin side.

Add salt and black pepper, and mix well. Add clams and mix just to combine.

Store in a container and refrigerate for at least 1 hour before serving. Dip will thicken in refrigerator. Yields 8 cups of dip.

## BACON & TOMATO DIP

- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 4 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup diced green pepper
- 1 large tomato, seeded and diced
- 1 pound bacon, cooked crisp, cooled and drained
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- Black pepper, to taste

In medium bowl, with mixer, blend sour cream, mayonnaise, cream cheese, cheddar cheese,

chopped onion and green pepper, garlic powder, and black pepper.

Crumble bacon into small pieces and add to mixture. Add chopped tomato and stir well. Yields 3 cups.

## RANCH DIP

- 1/4 cup plain low-fat yogurt
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons sour cream
- 1 tablespoon minced scallion
- Salt and pepper

In a small bowl, combine yogurt, mayonnaise, sour cream, and scallion. Season with 1/4 teaspoon salt and a pinch of pepper.

Serve with carrot sticks or other vegetables. Yields 2 servings

## HORSERADISH DIP

- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/3 cup horseradish sauce
- 4 crisply-fried slices of bacon, crumbled
- 1/4 cup chopped green onion

Combine cream cheese, mayonnaise, and horseradish sauce, mixing until well blended.

Stir in remaining ingredients. Chill.

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### Jeremiah's Chocatal® 100% Natural BBQ Rub



## Reports: CV

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handcuffed the woman and took her into custody.

### Parking Lot Fight

Wednesday, June 3: at 7:27 p.m., a 911 call about an altercation in a parking lot sent deputies to a business on Redwood Road near Castro Valley Boulevard. A 57-year-old man was charged with assault on a family member. Deputies took him into custody. The victim was treated at the scene.

### Two Arrested for Violating Curfew

Wednesday, June 3: at 10:48 p.m., deputies arrested two men from Castro Valley on suspicion of violating curfew outside a business on Castro Valley Boulevard near San Miguel Avenue. A 30-year-old man and a 20-year-old man were spotted hanging outside a pizza parlor when deputies arrived. The men were given misdemeanor charges without incident. The 20-year-old was additionally charged with giving false identification to deputies.

see **REPORTS** on back page

## LGBTQ SUPPORT



PHOTO BY FRED ZEHNDER

**Castro Valley Pride gave away some 300 flags and handed out 200 CV Pride 10th Anniversary bags at a drive-through Saturday at Faith Lutheran Church. The socially-distanced celebration was in place of the annual Pride event at Castro Valley High School. Some drivers wore costumes and many cars had the whole family inside. Organizer Billy Bradford called it "an amazing time," and thanked Castro Valley for its LGBTQ support. He said the organization was doing its best to supply additional requests for flags.**

## COVID-19: Guidance for Next Phase

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of COVID-19 and the number of people sent to the hospital to treat the virus. This week, health officials recorded an accumulation of more than 3,874 cases of coronavirus infections—up 19% from last week—with 101 related deaths.

San Leandro reported 168 infections. Castro Valley reported 125 cases. The rest of the unincorporated area saw 242 cases of COVID.

A spokesperson for Public Health said the agency is focused on, "the goal of testing every symptomatic person in Alameda County, prioritizing those individuals in high-risk settings in alignment with state testing guidance."

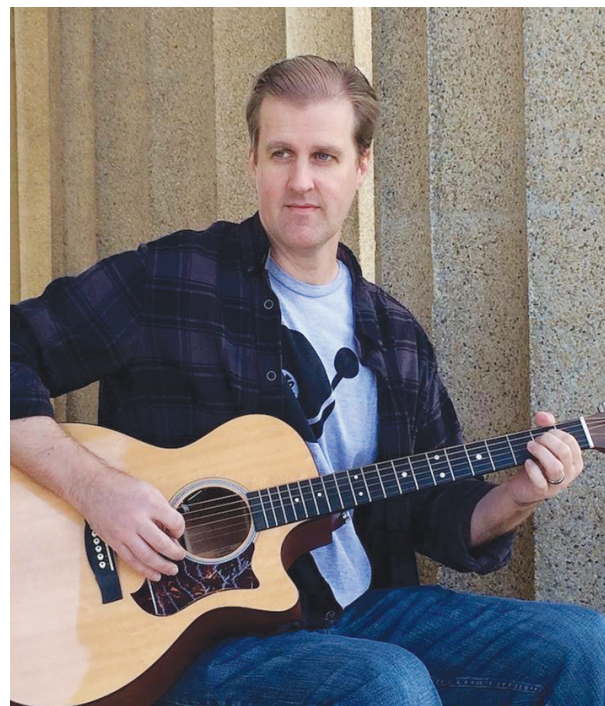
To that end, Alameda County, the City of San Leandro and the Eden Health District announced that free COVID-19 testing started this week at the Marina Community Center on Wicks Boulevard. There are now more than 30 sites in Alameda County to test for COVID-19. Several do not require insurance and will not ask about immigration status.

Public Health also released its guidance for the next phase of re-opening Alameda County.

The latest order allows for curbside pickup at the public library, expanded childcare provisions for camps and internship programs, and some small business actions such as appliance repair.

If conditions improve over the next two to four weeks, Public Health said it will allow for expanded social bubbles, outdoor retail, outdoor dining, outdoor museums, limited religious and cultural services, and outdoor pools.

Indoor business including office work, indoor dining, salons and barbershops remain closed but could be reopened as early as July.



Local musician Graham Hill

## What's Up at Smalltown

● **Saturday, June 13:** The fun continues with the 12th installment of Chabot's Live Riff-Alongs with the 1959 movie: "The Bat!" The Chabot has moved its riff-alongs from Facebook to its website where you can still comment live along with your community. Free, 8 p.m. live from thechabot.com

● **Sunday, June 14:** Join Smalltown Society artist Safiyah Hernandez for her newest installment of Quarantine Sundays Live and Direct from her Instagram and Facebook account. Free, 2 p.m. IG: @safiyahhernandez/ FB: @SafiyahHernandezMusic

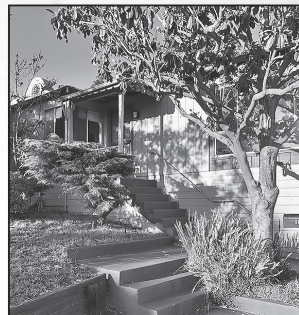
● **Wednesday, June 17:** Smalltown IG Takeover - Local musician Graham Hill, is "taking over" the Smalltown Instagram page and will be performing his music live! Free, 7 p.m. IG: @SmalltownSociety

● **Ongoing:** The Chabot's Virtual Theatre: The Chabot Theater continues showing new films that would currently be in theaters under different circumstances. The library of films includes: "Bacurau," "The Hottest August," "Sunrise/Sunset," "Vitalina Varela," and "Capital In The Twenty-First Century." Proceeds from viewings support The Chabot and the artists behind the films. Visit thechabot.com.

*Support Chabot Theater: Online Gift Cards and Merchandise available at TheChabot.com. Donations to The Chabot can be made via PayPal/Venmo: @thechabot. Donations to Smalltown Society can be made via PayPal/Venmo: @smalltownsociety*

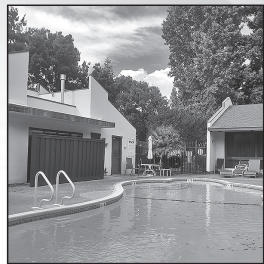
### 3275 Rosalee Ct. Castro Valley, Ca 94546 - \$999,000.

This large three bedroom two and a half bath home is larger than it appears to be. Three bedrooms upstairs with a possible separate living quarters downstairs and main level features a wide open family living dining area. The large sun room leading you to the private large back yard with a huge patio for those summer bbq's. Great family neighborhood.



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### 22525 Charlene Way, Castro Valley, CA 94542

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### 4920 Jensen Rd., Castro Valley CA 94552 - 14

cottage style units, recently updated from the floor up; with an on site laundry room, 30 parking spaces on just over an acre of land and is perfectly located on the corner of Jensen Rd and Castro Valley Blvd. **\$6,000,000**



### 0 Winslow Rd, Crockett, Ca

Own two acres along The Carquinez Straits on Winslow rd in Crockett, Ca. Private, Secluded Oasis zoned Agricultural with a House and an outbuilding. Topo Map and Soils Report complete next week. Looking for the builder to pick it up and run with it. **\$225,000.**



### 19759 Gannet Pl., Castro Valley, Ca 94546

Love Tahoe? Check this out. 16,182 Sq Ft Yard with fruit trees and roses. Two story custom built 2398 sq ft home with a huge park like yard and two car garage. Bright, vaulted ceilings. Space for privacy and quiet. **\$1,199,000.**



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## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

### Twin Brothers Carlos and Jose Aguirre

Our Athlete of the Week goes to twin brothers Carlos Aguirre of Redwood High School and Jose Aguirre out of Castro Valley High School. Both played tackle football with the Pop Warner Gladiators. Carlos played Junior Varsity Football for CVHS. Both Aguirre men have played baseball with Castro Valley Independent (CVI) from T-ball through to the Intermediate division, along the way also playing tournament travel ball with CVI. The twins would cover the corners at 1st and 3rd, pitching, outfield, shortstop, and Carlos as a catcher. They also did flag football with CVI until they aged out last year. They are now following in their dad Armando's footsteps and volunteering as Junior coaches for their sibling AJ's team with CVI.



Jose (Left) and Carlos (Right)

## CASTRO VALLEY INDEPENDENT SPORTS LEAGUE

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## REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Forum

GUEST COMMENTARY



## Local Realtors Stand Against Racism

The COVID-19 crisis that we have been working our way through has challenged us and, in many ways, forced us to reevaluate the way we live our lives.

It has brought many to the breaking point physically, emotionally, mentally and financially. It has isolated families and friends from each other, caused well-loved institutions to fail and disappear and will leave a significant scar on individuals and our nation.

Compounding the tragedy have been the lives that have been lost. While some have lost jobs, those can eventually be restored. Loved ones that have passed are gone forever, leaving us only with memories.

It has been bad enough that we have endured this life-changing epidemic. Now we find ourselves in another crisis with the ongoing tragic shootings of African Americans at the hands of law enforcement. It is sad beyond belief.

I am not here to pass judgment in any way nor to take sides: I have a unique perspective in that of our six children, three are African American, as are a number of our 12 grandchildren.

We are sickened by the loss of life, distressed that after so many years our country has not managed to find its way out of racism and disheartened that so many are using this as an opportunity for vandalism and destruction.

Racism in any form cannot be tolerated. I am incredibly proud that our local real estate community is extremely multicultural with every Realtor bringing their unique perspective,

talents, gifting, training and expertise to every facet of real estate.

America is a country built upon diversity – it is at the core of who we are as a nation and is one of the distinctives setting us apart from most other countries in the world.

Real estate leaders from across the country and from all major brands are reiterating that racism cannot be tolerated. As an example, Gary Keller, CEO of Keller Williams, states, “I’d like to make one thing clear: Racism is wrong and Keller Williams stands with the Black community and whole-

heartedly supports equality.”

It is also important to understand that as Realtors, we are committed to upholding our nation’s Fair Housing Laws which provide equal opportunity to *all*, regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, gender or disability. This is a mandate we take very seriously.

Join with us in praying that God brings healing to our land.

Carl Medford is a licensed Realtor with Keller Williams Realty and a licensed general contractor. This article is sponsored by the Central County Marketing Association.

## Rose Stems Wilting, Turning Black

By Buzz Bertolero  
Special to the Forum

The stems on my roses are wilting and turning black. I thought I had a watering problem, but I’ve been told that the dieback was from cane borers. How do I get rid of them?

The rose cane borer is the larvae of the adult sawfly or carpenter bee. The damage appears shortly after pruning in the soft pith tissue of a stem/cane as a puncture hole.

The adult lay its eggs in the rose stems. The larvae eat their way around the diameter of the stem/cane, causing it to swell. The swelling is usually one or two inches wide, and the tissue above this point wilts and then dies.

The swollen section easily breaks off in the wind. It’s important to remove infected stems/canes as soon as you notice the problem. Disposing of the infected tissue prevents the larvae from surviving, maturing, and eventually laying eggs in other stems/canes.

Unlike other plant borers, the rose cane borer is easily prevented by sealing the ends of the stems or canes with a sealant after pruning. Nu Bark Rose Stick and Tree Seal are two pruning sealant available at your favorite garden center, or Elmer’s Glue works.

Carpenter bees (*Ceratina spp.*) are a third of an inch-long and prefer nesting in tunnels in the pith of roses. If you cut the stem/cane lengthwise, you’ll reveal the yellowish-curved larvae.

Besides wilting, you’ll also notice sawdust protruding from the stems/canes. The mature larvae of

the Rose Stem Sawfly (*Hartigia trimaculata*) is white-colored, segmented, and about an inch long. The larvae can be found girdling the tips or in the pith of the stems/cane, causing wilting and dieback.

I have a full-size whiskey barrel and would like to plant strawberries in it without cutting the barrel in half. Do you have any suggestions on how to do this?

It’s not that difficult to create a strawberry jar out of a wine barrel.

First, drill several one-inch wide drainage holes in the bottom of the barrel. Next, create the side pockets by drilling evenly spaced, four-inch wide, holes around the side.

To help with watering, inside the barrel, place a section of one inch PVC pipe inside and down the center of the barrel. Because of the barrel’s size, I would also

add two evenly spaced, opposite facing laterals or branches to the main pipe.

Before installing the pipe, drill one-quarter-inch evenly spaced holes along the shaft and laterals and cap off the bottom end of the pipe. Before adding potting soil, cover the inside bottom of the barrel with a screen mesh or landscape fabric to keep the soil from washing out. The potting soil should tamp down in layers to keep the pipe straight.

I’d add several heavy-duty casters to make it easier to move. It will be very heavy once it’s filled with soil.

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## WEEKEND GARDENER

### Flowers

Root wood cuttings of azalea, chrysanthemum, carnation, fuchsia and hydrangea. Choose growth that is somewhat wood, not still bright green and pliable. Cut a 5- or 6-inch piece, strip all but the tiny young leaves at the top of the cutting and place it in light, sandy soil or potting mix up to the bottom leaf. Sprinkle foliage and thoroughly wet the soil mixture. Provide filtered

light in a sheltered location and keep the soil mix moist until the roots are established, usually about a month. Then they can be transplanted to the garden.

### 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.

Some gardeners plant herbs, marigolds and allium in the vegetable garden to help repel insects.

### Spraying

the underside of the leaves where pests usually concentrate. Bugs on bushes and shrubs can often be effectively removed with a strong spray of water from the garden hose.



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## RECENT HOME SALES

### Castro Valley

21243 Tyee Street	94546: \$325,000 3 BD - 1,176 SF - 1947
2670 Jones Street	94546: \$550,000 4 BD - 1,300 SF - 1949
20627 Waterford Place	94552: \$800,000 3 BD - 1,794 SF - 1981
2339 Camino Dolores	94546: \$883,500 3 BD - 1,607 SF - 1960
19135 Schuster Ave	94546: \$935,000 3 BD - 1,621 SF - 1954
3912 Brookdale Blvd	94546: \$990,000 1,801 SF - 1977
22009 East Lyndon Loop	94552: \$1,001,000 4 BD - 2,379 SF - 1998
25800 Durrwood Court	94552: \$1,275,000 4 BD - 2,614 SF - 1998
7872 Pineville Circle	94552: \$1,280,000 4 BD - 2,340 SF - 1996
4886 Proctor Road	94546: \$1,500,000 4 BD - 2,731 SF - 1949
20438 View Point Road	94552: \$1,700,000 3 BD - 3,985 SF - 1980

TOTAL SALES: 11

LOWEST AMOUNT: \$325,000	MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$990,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,700,000	AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$1,021,772

### San Leandro

726 Midway Avenue	94577: \$290,000 2 BD - 912 SF - 1942
388 Thornton Street	94577: \$560,000 3 BD - 714 SF - 1915
250 Best Avenue	94577: \$690,000 2 BD - 1,189 SF - 1925
1786 Lanier Avenue	94579: \$735,000 3 BD - 1,347 SF - 1958
1686 140th Avenue	94578: \$810,000 3 BD - 1,662 SF - 1946
661 Lee Avenue	94577: \$875,000 2 BD - 1,550 SF - 1941
944 Oakes Boulevard	94577: \$940,000 3 BD - 1,953 SF - 1933

TOTAL SALES: 7

LOWEST AMOUNT: \$290,000	MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$735,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$940,000	AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$700,000

### San Lorenzo

17069 Via Del Rey	94580: \$220,000 4 BD - 2,100 SF - 1951
16208 Via Sonora	94580: \$645,000 3 BD - 1,402 SF - 1954
792 Delano Street	94580: \$685,000 4 BD - 1,477 SF - 1946
17037 Via Chiquita	94580: \$690,000 4 BD - 1,350 SF - 1950
17195 Via Flores	94580: \$745,000 3 BD - 1,411 SF - 1947
15707 Via Represa	94580: \$750,000 3 BD - 1,125 SF - 1955
21091 Estancia Cmnn	94580: \$760,000 3 BD - 1,669 SF - 2008
16185 Via Catherine	94580: \$800,000 4 BD - 1,659 SF - 1956

TOTAL SALES: 8

LOWEST AMOUNT: \$220,000	MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$717,500
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$800,000	AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$661,875



## Protest: Prevent Systematic Violence Towards Minorities

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asked to "stay non-violent and peaceful" and to hear from young speakers "as a community to hear them, listen to them, and amplify their voices."

About a dozen Castro Valley High School students spoke in support of peace and reforms to prevent systematic violence toward minorities. Several asked for banning knee and chokeholds, no-knock warrants, and for increased citizen oversight.

The peaceful daytime protests stand in stark contrast to the violence at nighttime. Several businesses were vandalized and

looted last week including Clayworth Healthcare Pharmacy on Lake Chabot Road, Vision Gallery Optometric Center in the Village Shopping Center and a Cigarette Box on Castro Valley Boulevard.

Ashley Strasburg, Executive Director with Castro Valley/Eden Area Chamber of Commerce said many businesses along Castro Valley Boulevard were unsure of how to protect their stores but received help from Pete's Ace Hardware.

While the Alameda County Sheriff's curfew was lifted last Thursday, windows in dozens of storefronts remain boarded up.

### CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

#### OBITUARIES

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## LETTERS to the Editor

### Freedom at the Expense of Other People's Lives

Editor:

Mr. Peter Hauer ("Shutting Down vs. Herd Immunity," Letters, June 3) suggested that racing for herd immunity is worth the cost in lives to justify an earlier return to an economy like that of 2019.

I've a favor to ask of Mr. Hauer. So far, the USA has seen approximately 100,000 excess deaths from approximately 1.8 million cases of COVID-19 (from CDC on 6/4/2020). That's a death rate of 5% per known case.

Assuming we only really get a 2% death rate from this democratic hoax of a flu virus we'd still lose 2% of 328 million Americans, that's 6,500,000 people that would need to die so that the remaining survivors can get a haircut.

Opening business does not guarantee a return to "normal" when people know that they need to fear death while getting a drink at the bar. Meanwhile, one need only look at Sweden's experience versus that of surrounding Scandinavian countries to understand that the simple actions of physical distancing and wearing a mask saves lives.

Folks in European countries lose their jobs, but keep their lives and have a social safety net to keep them surviving until science can create a permanent solution (which it is racing to do).

I do agree that America's heartless lack of a social safety net will result in additional deaths due to economic losses, but raising taxes and providing further welfare is probably outside of a realistic request given these extreme times.

Please hold fast in your belief that science cannot provide predictive answers, that experts do not understand the world they study, and that your belief in freedom may come at the expense of other people's lives.

Remember, your solitary death will stand as a noble gesture in honor of the quixotic quest to save America through jingoistic pride and irresponsibility to others so that the stock market may further exaggerate the inequalities of our country. Just do it before November.

—Marc Percher, Castro Valley

### Calls for More Diligence in Editing Letters

Editor:

How in good conscience can you print letters in the Letters to the Editor section that are racist, not factual and/or even based in reality? Time after time I see repeat submissions from the same individuals that are racist, and in the case of the June 3 edition, blatant lies.

As the only circulating print newspaper in my community I am appalled that you would give these individuals a platform, particularly in these times. I do not want to mention any names as I do not want to engage in a war of words with anyone. But please, do not print letters with falsehoods.

Right now, we need to be brought together to achieve the common goals of battling a pandemic, creating social justice, and rebuilding our economy. As the Editor, I simply ask for you to edit the racism and lies, while allowing for the expression of opinion.

—Gwendolyn Schlatter, Castro Valley

### Opposed to Ruby Meadows Project

Editor:

The Ruby Meadow project by the Japanese Gardens should not be approved because it would take away nature and joy from an already disadvantaged community.

Michael Zacharia's comments last week calling Bruce King greedy and opposed to housing were entirely uninformed. Bruce is among the most giving community volunteers who fight for creeks and for affordable housing.

Michael seems passionate about housing for locals and so am I, but he is shortsighted to write off valid community concerns about this specific site. Housing should be built on our many vacant blighted lots and wildlife habitat like Ruby Meadow should be preserved for the generations to come.

About half the project's 20 lots have protected biological zoning and only half are in the County Housing Element. Two housing element lots are not proposed for housing but protected natural areas would be paved.

HARD park plans show the community is already severely park deficient and thousands more nearby homes are planned. Ruby Meadow is the closest natural open space to Strobbridge Elementary School and the densely populated Cherryland. HARD's future trail system will provide access to the open space via Grove Way. Kids need to see how frogs and egrets and deer live. Ruby Meadow is the last natural creek section before the San Lorenzo Creek flows through concrete channels the rest of the way to the Bay.

People say they want to keep the wildlife, but also Ruby Meadow holds many opportunities for education and recreation. Ohlone history abounds as well as remnants of early European-American agriculture and development. Instead of building the first 4-story residence in Castro Valley here, people have suggested a native plant garden, a sanctuary to recover from our busy lives, with an art or interpretive center on the street edge. County should Save Ruby Meadow!

—Ann E. Maris, Castro Valley

## Obituaries

### Dr. Jose Rodriguez, Jr., PH.D.

Dr. Jose Rodriguez, Jr., Ph.D went to be with the Lord on April 24, 2020 at the age of 97. He died of natural causes at the Masonic Home in Union City, CA.

He was born on May 6, 1922 in New York, NY. His father, Jose Rodriguez, Sr. immigrated from Galicia, Spain and his mother Antonia Rodriguez Heras immigrated from Andalucia, Spain. They met in New York City. Antonia gave birth to Jose in their apartment. Jose grew up in the Lower Eastside of Manhattan. As a child, he worked as a Shabbos Goy in their Jewish neighborhood. Later, he worked as translator of bills of lading for a shipping company at the Port of New York.

Jose was preceded in death by his wife, Ellen OBrien Rodriguez who went to be with the Lord on April 15, 1998. They met in Schenectady, NY and were blessed with 49 years of marriage. He is survived by his children: David, Philip, Paul, and Patricia; his grandchildren: Andrew, Javier, Daniel, Drisana, Jeffrey, Alexandra, Philip OBrien; and his great-grandchild: Wendell.

Jose moved to California in 1957 with his wife and parents from their dairy farm in Maryland, NY. Jose and Ellen lived in Hayward until 1963 when they moved to Castro Valley. Jose worked for many years for the Equitable Life Assurance Society as a sales agent and a manager. He retired from the San Jose Unified School District where he worked as a school psychologist. He was one of the first bilingual school psychologists in the State of California. He was a graduate of the State University of New York in Oneonta, B.A.; the California State University of Hayward, M.S.; and Stanford University, M.S. and Ph.D.

Jose was a 32nd Degree Mason and a Scottish Rite Shriner for over 67 years. He was a member of the Castro Valley Masonic Lodge and the Aahmes Temple.

Jose was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Hayward for 62 years where he served as a Deacon and as an Elder. He was also a member of the Gideons. Later in life, he returned to his Roman Catholic roots and was a member of the Our Lady of Grace parish in Castro Valley.

Jose was an avid reader and a fan of science fiction and westerns. He also loved to travel with his family and friends. His favorite destinations were Lake Tahoe, New York, and Spain. His family will always remember their trips to Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, Sausalito, Niles Canyon, the San Leandro Marina, antique shops, gem shows, movies, and thrift shops.

Jose always looked forward to meeting new people, telling stories, dancing, and listening to Spanish music and big band music. He was a life-long learner. His first language was Spanish, and he also learned English, French, and Vietnamese. His most treasured moments were the times he spent with his family and friends around the dinner table at his home.

After the COVID-19 restriction are lifted, a Funeral Mass will be held at Saint Joseph Catholic Church-Mission San Jose in Fremont. Inurnment will follow at the Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland.



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# The Line Gets Longer Each Week

By Sam Garvin  
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

First there were 200 cars. The next week it was 300. Now it averages 400 cars every Friday.

From Mercedes to Kias, packed with children or just a solo driver, they come in this time of need and all are grateful.

Dig Deep Farms, a division of the Alameda County Deputy Sheriff's Activities League (DSAL), has begun operating an innovative, drive-up food distribution center on Friday afternoons for homebound seniors, medically vulnerable patients, and families experiencing food insecurity and hunger as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The food is distributed for free at the Dig Deep Farms Food Hub, located at 2700 Fairmont Drive in San Leandro.

The Dig Deep Farms Food Hub opened in January, just prior to the beginning of the pandemic. The Hub is intended to create the infrastructure for a stronger, local food economy by supporting increased produce collection, aggregation, and distribution; food recovery; and the incubation of small food businesses.

The Food Hub is one element of the Alameda County Sheriff's Community Capitals Policing (CCP) initiative, a bold, new, community-driven approach to public safety that focuses on investing in depleted systems and

building stronger relationships with the community to reduce crime and help people thrive.

In response to the current situation of food going to waste and many families trying to find resources, Dig Deep Farms has ramped up the operation and is now offering residential delivery and the Friday drive-up to create more opportunities for local families and suppliers to find a way to solve their respective needs.

Food is picked up from supermarkets, schools, restaurants, the Alameda County Community Food Bank, and wholesalers and brought to the Food Hub where it is sorted and packed into brown grocery bags.

As a result of partnering with ALL IN Alameda County, funding has been secured to also incorporate prepared meals from local food entrepreneurs.

Families drive up in their vehicles where a team of volunteers and employees offer a no-contact solution by placing the bags into the trunk of the car.

Over the past six weeks, the Friday drive through has distributed over 2,500 bags of groceries and fresh produce and 1,200 ready-made meals. This is in addition to deliveries being made weekly to local charities, senior centers, low-income housing complexes, and churches.

The non-profit is also currently seeking donors such as restaurants, grocery stores, restaurants,



PHOTO BY SAM GARVIN

**TIME OF NEED: A lengthening stream of cars arrive at the Dig Deep Food Hub at 2700 Fairmont Drive in San Leandro from 1 to 3 p.m. on Fridays.**

schools, distributors and producers who want to partner in the recovery of food waste, surplus goods and increase access to healthy foods for low-income residents of Alameda County.

In addition The Food Recovery Project is looking for organizations such as churches, homeless outreach programs and senior facilities who can receive and distribute donated food to low-income/food insecure individuals and families in Alameda County through their own network.

For more information contact 510-614-3337 or visit [www.acdsal.org/](http://www.acdsal.org/) to fill out an application.

If you or anyone you know are

in need of groceries, please visit the DDF Food Hub on Fridays 1-3 p.m., 2700 Fairmont Drive, San Leandro. You can also use our online form to sign up for residential delivery if you are unable to drive.

For Food Delivery: [www.acdsal.org/coronavirus](http://www.acdsal.org/coronavirus) For Donations & Distribution, visit [www.acdsal.org/](http://www.acdsal.org/) or call 510-614-3337. Visit [www.acdsal.org/ddf-programs](http://www.acdsal.org/ddf-programs) to sign up.

*Sam Garvin, who lives in Castro Valley, was a writer for Dow Jones & Co. for 25 years. He is a currently a volunteer with the Deputy Sheriff's Activities League. He can be reached at [salmongarvin@gmail.com](mailto:salmongarvin@gmail.com).*

## Lin Foundation Offering Virtual Music Academy

Since youths will not be able to gather for the Annual Jenny Lin Foundation free music program this summer, the Foundation is sponsoring a "Virtual Academy," a series of free webinars which will feature professionals in the music industry.

These interactive Zoom sessions will be held from 6:45 to 8:00 p.m. Mondays to Wednesdays from June 15 to July 8.

Celebrated artists from around the country will share their latest projects, and answer questions about their careers, including Gordon Goodwin, Harrell Harris, Aaron Shaul, Ricky Garcia, Andrew Boysen, Jack Stamp, Dawn

Richardson, John Mader, Richard Meyer, Jay Mason, Ellyn Marsh, John Mackey and Robert Litton.

Visit [jennylinfoundation.org/](http://jennylinfoundation.org/) to view their biographies, register to attend and get inspired by these mentors. Students entering 6th grade and up and their parents are welcome. Participants may choose to join one or more of the sessions.

Over the past 26 years, more than 4,500 young musicians have had the opportunity to meet with peers of other schools, perform ensemble music, and develop leadership skills in a safe environment.

The Foundation's theme for the 2020 Summer Virtual Academy is "Better Together."

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Nightly 'Taps' to Conclude on Sunday

Castro Valley V.F.W. Post 9601 will play its last "Taps" at 7 p.m. this Sunday, June 14th at the Castro Valley Veterans Memorial at Lake Chabot Road and Quail Avenue, according to Post Commander Patrick Flanagan. The public is invited. "Taps," a bugle call played at dusk, has been sounded every evening since early April.

### Student Honors and Degrees

**Aria Alokozai** of Castro Valley has received a Master of Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies, one of 1,500 degrees conferred this spring to the newest graduates from University of the Cumberlands, the largest private university in Kentucky, located in the city of Williamsburg.

**Emma Barrow** of Castro Valley, graduated from the University of San Diego for the 2019-2020 school year. Barrow earned a bachelor's degree in Sociology.

**Delaney Heller** of Castro Valley graduated from the University of San Diego for the 2019-2020 school year. Heller earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

**Hannah Simpson** has been named to the Dean's List at Saint Mary's College in Moraga for the Spring 2020 semester. To earn this academic honor at Saint Mary's, a student must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.6 on a 4.0 scale and have a minimum of 12 graded credit hours.

**Sarah Dove** of Castro Valley, a Theatre Arts Performance major, was named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2020 semester at Bradley University, a top-ranked university in Peoria, Illinois. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the semester on a 4.0 scale.

### Youth Can Apply for Fall Leadership Academy

Applications are being accepted through Aug. 7 for Alameda County's 2020 Youth Leadership Academy, a free educational program for local 11th and 12th graders interested in learning about local government and developing leadership skills. The students will participate in five Saturday morning sessions this September and October that will allow them to learn about County programs, engage with officials, and build skills to help solve community problems. To apply for the Academy, or to learn more, visit [www.acgov.org/youthleadership/](http://www.acgov.org/youthleadership/). Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Drive-In Movies Returning to Pleasanton

The Alameda County Fairgrounds will host pop-up drive-in movies this summer, featuring such classics as "Indiana Jones Raiders of the Lost Ark," "Grease," "Goonies" and many other classics viewed from your car. A new feature will show each Friday and Saturday night beginning this Friday, June 12 through Aug. 1, starting at dark, but not before 8:45 p.m. A parking fee of \$25 per vehicle will be charged in advance online, which includes a free ticket to the 2021 Alameda County Fair. Purchase parking in advance and pick your featured classic at [www.alamedacountyfair.com](http://www.alamedacountyfair.com). Guests will be able to listen to the movie audio through their vehicle radio or on a portable FM radio.

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### In the Third Judicial District Court, Salt Lake County, State of Utah, In the Matter of the Estate of Roger Lee Vickers, Deceased, Case No. 193902692.

To Benjamin Nathan Vickers, a Petition for Formal Probate has been filed concerning the estate of Roger Lee Vickers. You can obtain a copy of the Petition from the Office of the Court Clerk. You must file an Answer to the Petition by the deadline with the court located at 450 State St., Salt Lake City, UT 84111 within 30 days. If you do not file and serve your Answer by the deadline, default judgment may be taken against you. **You must also mail, email, or deliver a copy to Petitioner's attorney Amy L. Williamson, Canyons Law Group, LLC, 560 South 300 East, Suite 200, Salt Lake City, UT 84111 or [amy@canyonslaw.com](mailto:amy@canyonslaw.com)**



## EBMUD Names New General Manager

A veteran employee of the East Bay Municipal Utility District has become its new general manager.

Clifford C. Chan was appointed to EBMUD's top job by the district's board of directors during yesterday's regular meeting.

Chan, who has been with the district for 23 years, has served most recently as its Director of Operations and Maintenance. In that job he implemented the district's plan to significantly increase the number of miles of pipes replaced each year, while managing a \$180 million annual operating budget and a five-year, \$170 million capital improvement plan.

EBMUD Board President Mar-



EBMUD PHOTO

Clifford C. Chan

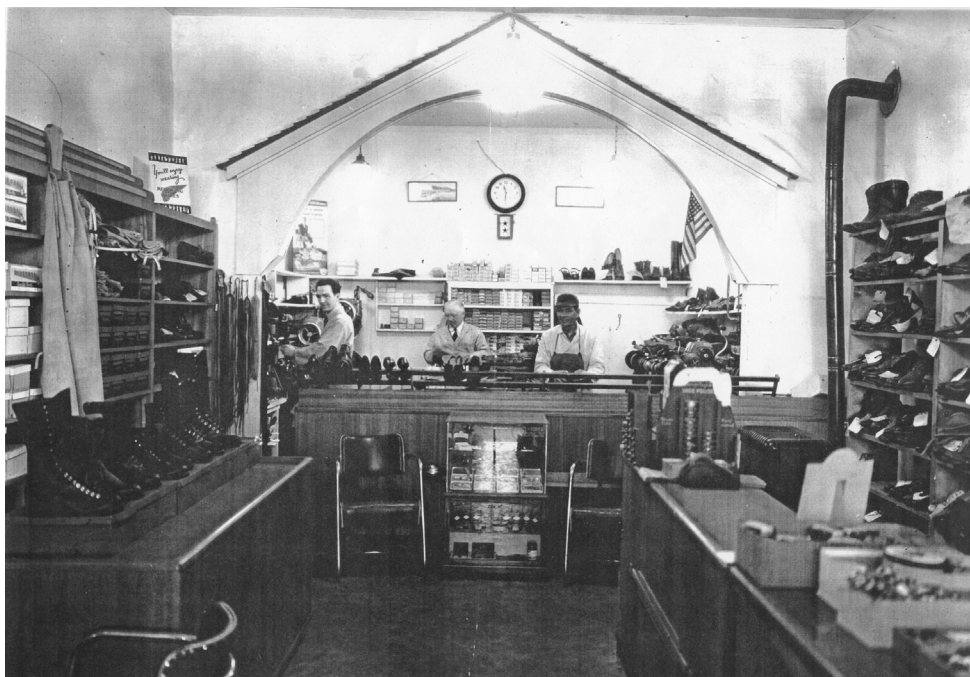
guerite Young said Chan promoted diversity, equity and inclusion in the workplace, and "successfully

navigated challenges posed by climate change, power shutoffs, COVID-19, and other emerging issues."

Chan, 49, takes the helm as EBMUD prepares to step into its second century of operations. He earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and a master's degree in geotechnical engineering from U.C. Berkeley and joined EBMUD in 1997 as a Junior Engineer.

He is a lifelong Bay Area resident who lives in the East Bay with his wife. They are the parents of two grown sons.

Chan succeeds Alexander R. Coate who had served as GM for nearly 10 years.



A rare photo from 1946 of the Cobbler's shoe repair shop at the corner of B and Castro Street (now Mission Boulevard) in Hayward.

## Reports: Attempted Burglary at CV Store

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### Attempted Burglary

Wednesday, June 3: at 12:32 p.m., a 34-year-old CV man was arrested on suspicion of attempted burglary and possession of stolen property at a grocery store on Redwood Road near Grove Way. Deputies were dispatched to the scene after store managers caught the

man leaving the store with unpaid merchandise. The man was found to have additional stolen items in his possession. Deputies took the man into custody.

### Driving While Drugged

Monday, June 1: at 10:45 p.m., deputies pulled over and arrested a 32-year-old woman from Cas-

tro Valley on suspicion of driving under the influence of drugs and driving with a suspended license. The woman was traveling on Castro Valley Boulevard near Stanton Avenue when deputies noticed she was driving erratically and stopped her. The woman failed her field sobriety test and was taken into custody.

# SUSTAINABLE HOME

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Check out CVSan's 2020 Calendar for more tips on cultivating a sustainable home, at [cvsan.org/car](http://cvsan.org/car).



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## The Oldest Family Business in Hayward Celebrates 88 Years

This month marks the 88th year of the oldest family retail business in Hayward — The Cobblers shoe and boot repair shop at 22443 Foothill Blvd.

It's origin dates back to 1932 when Alfred Grasseschi, who had immigrated to the United States from Italy in 1906, opened a shoe repair shop at the corner of B and Castro (now Mission Blvd.) streets in Hayward.

The store later moved across the street. It was there that Grasseschi's son Rudy — one of 11 children — and his brothers worked after school and on Saturdays. Over the years, nearly everyone in the

family worked at the shop at one time or another.

By 1954, things were changing in Hayward with many new businesses — JC Penney's, Capwell's, Skagg's Hardware, Woolworth's — moving into the downtown, including 15 shoe stores and five shoe repair shops.

On June 13, 1958, Rudy and his older Brother Al decided to open a small retail shoe store and repair shop on Foothill Blvd. in a new development. Ten years later, the Foothill store expanded into the store next door and Alfred and his sons moved the store on Mission Blvd. to upper B Street.

Alfred retired in 1968 with Rudy's oldest brother Maurice and his wife taking over the B St. location. In 1974, the family closed the B St. store and moved the operation into the shop on Foothill.

Today, Rudy still runs the show at The Cobblers — the downtown's only remaining shoe store — with his sons, Dino and Rodney, and grandson Kenneth along with repair person Freddy from Bolivia, who has worked for the company for over 35 years.

In 2018 Cobblers was recognized at the State Capitol as Small Business of the Year by Assemblyman Bill Quirk.

## Lorge: Passion for History

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Lucille always had a passion for history and became a board member of the Hayward Area Historical Society. In 1985 she began collecting and organizing old photos and stories of Castro Valley. She had these transferred to slides and created a traveling presentation of Castro Valley history. Each year she visited local classrooms and club meetings, sharing the history of this community.

In 2006 she raised \$20,000 toward a permanent Castro Valley historical slide show/display case in the new library. She continues to get calls from residents regarding local history.

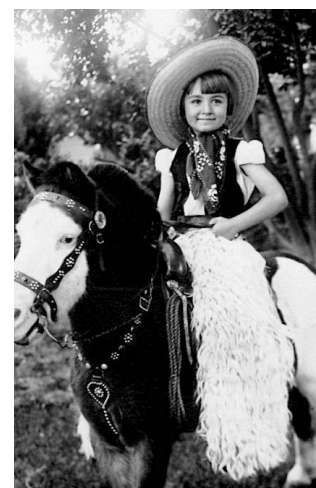
Lucille's family says that de-

spite her extensive civic activities, she was always involved in their lives as well.

"Our home was always the gathering place for family and friends. Knowing how much she cared helped me to succeed, not only for myself, but to make her proud. Her easy-going nature, optimistic attitude and ever-present desire to enhance and contribute to the community she lives in are what I admire most," says her daughter Susan Holm.

Family remains a treasured component in Lucille's life as she approaches this important birthday.

"The things I am most grateful for at the age of 90 are my won-



Lucille Lorge posed on a pony at age 7

derful family and friends," she says. "I have lived to see my three children become respected and responsible adults, I have three grandchildren who I see often and I have four beautiful great-grandchildren. I have many friends both old and new. My life is truly joyful and blessed."

There is just one thing that Lucille says she might like, to honor her love and commitment to Castro Valley.

"It would be that some day there is a street named in recognition of our family... perhaps Lorge Lane!"

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