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# RCS Students Excelled at their 2026 Jog-A-Thon

*By Bruce Johnson • CASTRO VALLEY FORUM*

Redwood Christian Schools hosted their 2026 Jog-A-Thon on Wednesday, October 15. RCS Jogs have been a regular event since the 1970's.

Students, staff and school supporters enlist family and friends to support them financially based upon the number of laps run over a certain period of time or a flat amount. The joggers raised funds to for technology upgrades in all their TK-5th elementary classrooms and the 6th grade classrooms on the middle school campus. With additional support coming in every day, the students the transitional kindergartners through fifth grade, and their jogging teachers have raised

*see 2026 Jog-A-Thon page 7*

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MAC MEETING

# Supporting Our Unhoused Community

*By Amy Sylvestri*
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Police body cameras, AI-assisted police work, affordable housing funding, and bike lanes were all on the agenda for the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) at their October 19 meeting.

They heard from Natilie Kim from the Partnership for the Bay's Future regarding a proposal that could potentially establish an unincorporated area housing trust fund.

The project is in its early stages and would work similarly to other funds which have been established in Oakland, Bekerelymm, and San Francisco.

Kim told the MAC that housing for lower-incomes is consistently under-supplied and the affordability gap is increasing, with over 51 percent of renters in the unincorporated area spending more than 30 percent of their income on housing.

"It's an idea that is pretty simple at its core: a dedicated pot of money for affordable housing in the area," said Kim. "Think of it as a savings account with a specific job."

Kim said a dedicated fund for creating programs for preserving existing affordable housing, better leverage state and federal funding, make it so the unincorporated area could

*see MAC on page 8*

# Castro Valley Rotary's 2nd Annual Movie Night

*By Castro Valley Rotary*
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Goonies Never Say Die: Castro Valley Rotary's 2nd Annual Movie Night in the Park Delivers Another Memorable Evening

The Castro Valley c Club once again brought the community together for its 2nd Annual Movie Night in the Park, screening the beloved adventure classic The Goonies at Adobe Park on Saturday, October 10th. Despite a chilly fall evening, families turned out with blankets and lawn chairs for games, community spirit, and movie magic under the stars — further cementing Movie Night in the Park as a cherished new Castro Valley tradition.

"Movie Night in the Park is quickly becoming one of my favorite Rotary traditions," said Ye Ye, Castro Valley Rotary's Community Events Chair. "Seeing our community come together year after year — rain or shine, warm or cold — is exactly what Rotary's mission

*see ROTARY on page 2*

WEATHER AND YOU:

# First Significant Storm of the Season.

***By Mike Pechner***
Special to the Forum

A major pattern change is underway which will lead to the first significant rainfall around the first or second days of November.

A weaker weather system is over us now and essentially brought an end to a warm first half of October weather.

Statistics from the National Weather Service Show that the maximum high temperature for the first 19 days of October was the fifth warmest on record since records began. Additionally, Hayward Airports average temperature, daily and high and low temperature added together and divided by the number of days was also the fifth warmest on record.

In the near term, temperatures will bear around average the last week and a half of the month with highs mostly in the low and mid 70's.

Overnight lows will generally be above seasonal normals because the Bay water temperatures and the sea surface temperatures outside the Golden Gate are in the low 60's. Onshore or westerly winds will generally reflect the water temperatures.

Calm winds or light north winds or offshore winds in the winter time generally produce colder night time temperatures because the land cools off faster than the Bay or Ocean waters. Looking at the longer range forecasts, the heavy rains associated with the super El Niño pattern should start in December and continue thru March.

Please, Do not rely on your weather app on your cell-phone this winer. All of the latest watches and warnings dealing with heavy rain or potential floodinng. Go directly to the National Weather Service website: https://www.weather.gov/mtr/ for verified information, watches, warnings, and updated forecasts and current conditions.

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of service and connection is all about."

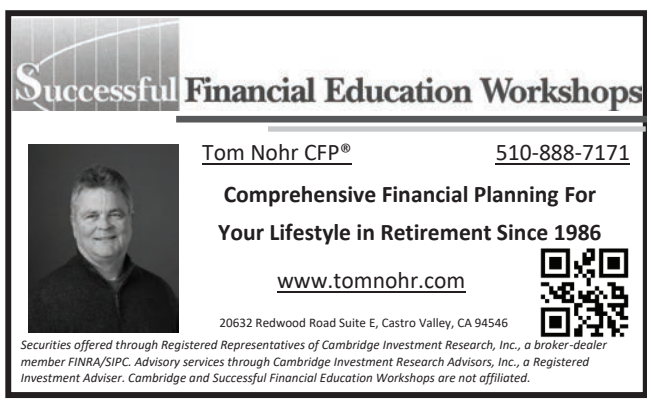
Rosa, a longtime Castro Valley resident, said it was her first time at the event and she loved seeing the community come together — she appreciated Rotary organizing something that brings neighbors like her closer to the tight-knit community she loves.

The evening opened with a welcome message from Dr. Nia Rashidchi, Superintendent of the Castro Valley Unified School District and a fellow Castro Valley Rotarian, who greeted the community ahead of the film.

Volunteers from both the Castro Valley Rotary Club and its youth service partner, the Interact Club, helped make the evening possible — from setup to cleanup to staffing the Rotary information booth.

Rotary extended heartfelt appreciation to the many community partners who helped make the evening possible: Castro Valley Forum, Friends of the Castro Valley Library, Castro Valley Library, Castro Valley Unified School District (CVUSD), Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan), 3 Crosses Church, ProtoData, TMC Production, and Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (H.A.R.D.).

For more information about Castro Valley Rotary and upcoming community events, visit www.castrovalleyevents.com.



# Castro Valley's Own Storyteller Brings Steinbeck to Life

***By Tammy Durston***
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Castro Valley Arts Foundation hosts their second Speaker Series evening with local raconteur Tom Lorentzen, Tuesday, October 27, in the Exhibition Room at the Castro Valley Center for the Arts at 7:00pm. In his presentation, "John Steinbeck: Life as Literature in Castro Valley," Lorentzen portrays the legendary author. Lorentzen brings one of California's greatest writers back to life as the novelist returns to California and reflects on literature, humanity and the world around us.

Steinbeck, a native of nearby Salinas, won both the Pulitzer Prize and the Nobel Prize in Literature. In his 1962 Nobel Prize acceptance speech, he spoke of the profound importance of storytelling and literature to the human experience. Those themes are at the heart of Lorentzen's performance.

For more than six decades, Castro Valley has been the backdrop for Tom Lorentzen's life—and, in many ways, the inspiration for his work as a storyteller. Lorentzen is no stranger to the stage. He has portrayed Steinbeck at the National Steinbeck Center in Salinas, the Firehouse Theater in Pleasanton, the historic Dangberg Ranch in Nevada and the Family Club in San Francisco.

A lifelong Castro Valley resident, Lorentzen attended local schools before earning degrees from Chabot College, California State University, East Bay and the University of Nevada, Reno. His career included appointed positions under three U.S. presidents, as well as Senate confirmation to the National Board of the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

With all these experiences, Castro Valley has remained his home and his storytelling canvas. Today, Lorentzen teaches through Long Island University's Hutton House Lecture Program and writes a bi-weekly column for the Castro Valley Forum.

It is fitting that Castro Valley's own bard should give voice to one of California's most enduring storytellers. All tickets are $10 and available at the door. For advanced purchase: cvartsfoundation.org or call 510-889-8961. Wheelchair

# Isaac Sanchez Graduates from US Army National Guard Basic Training

**Isaac (left) pictured with Noah at Isaac's Army National Guard Basic Training graduation.**

***By Bruce Johnson***
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

On Friday, October 16, Isaac Sanchez, son of Lupe Sanchez of San Lorenzo, and the late Dion Sanchez, 22, and 2022 Redwood Christian High School, graduated from Army National Guard Basic Training in Fort Benning, Georgia, and will begin his infantry training at Fort Moore, North Carolina.

Isaac's older brother, Marine Corps Second Lieutenant Noah Sanchez, 24, is stationed in Virginia at Quantico, and attended his younger brother's graduation. Noah graduated from Redwood Christian High School in 2021.

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### The Month of October Tiny Art Display
***Castro Valley Library***
Come enjoy the Castro Valley Community, Tiny Art Display. We will be showcasing all the Tiny Art in our two lobby display cases and also in the Children's Area. Tiny Art is fun to make and fun to see as well! Paintings, mosaics, clay creations and more!

### Thursday October 22
***A Friendly Introduction to the Catholic Mass***
For nearly 2,000 years, the Catholic Mass has been at the heart of Catholic worship, yet many people have never had the opportunity to learn what is actually taking place during the Mass in an informal setting. This free community class provides a simple, approachable introduction to the Mass, including its purpose, prayers, gestures, symbols, and traditions. Whether you're Catholic, from another faith tradition, or simply curious, you're welcome to attend.
No religious background is required, and questions are welcome.
Thursday October 22, 2026 6:00–7:30 PM San Leandro Public Library - 300 Estudillo AveRegister at: bit.ly/massclassregister

### Sunday, October 25
***Reel Talk with Mick LaSalle Castro Valley Library***
Sunday, October 25, 2026, 2:30 pm to 4 pm
You've heard of a book club. How about a movie club with the San Francisco Chronicle's long-time film critic Mick LaSalle! Join us on October 25 at 2:30 pm for a discussion of the film Julieta. First, on your own, watch the film, Julieta (2016; Rated R; Directed by Pedro Almodóvar). Next, consider questions developed by Mick. Questions will be emailed to registrants. Then, come hear Mick's take on the film and discuss it with community members. Registration is required. For information about this and other events, visit www.aclibrary.org or call 510/667-7900.

### Thursday October 27
***Castro Valley Democratic Club General meeting,*** U.S. Congressional Rep Mark DeSaulnier will be the featured speaker.
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# Buying Peace of Mind

By Carl Medford, CRS
*Special to the Forum*

An out-of-state seller put their property on the market, hoping for a quick and easy sale. Two days later, their agent received an excited call from a neighbor, stating, "There's water pouring out from under the garage door." A quick investigation revealed that the water heater, located in the garage, had picked that moment to fail. Undaunted, the listing agent called the owner with the news and stated, "You need a new hot water heater, but don't worry – we have a pre-sale home warranty in place – all you will need to pay is the deductible."

While not the case in many parts of the country, home warranties have long been a staple in San Francisco Bay Area sales with, in many cases, the seller providing a home warranty to the buyer as a part of the purchase. Additionally, many listing agents recommend that a pre-sale home warranty be placed on any home being listed in the event something happens during the selling period.

While the advantages of warranties are obvious, some sellers push back believing the warranty – if any – should be paid for by the buyer. As the market softens, however, this is one selling incentive many agents believe should not be overlooked. Reasons a seller should include a home warranty include:

Potential buyer anxiety.

Homes in the bay area have become exceedingly expensive, and the last thing many buyers can afford is an expensive repair after escrow closes. Knowing a home warranty is in place can ease apprehension.

Potential system failure.

As seen in the beginning example, no one knows when key systems might fail, resulting in expensive repairs. Homes with aging systems have a higher potential for issues, and a warranty can overcome potential objections.

Post-close friction.

While sellers have an obligation to disclose all known problems, they cannot see inside walls for issues that may emerge after a close. Issues that suddenly appear shortly after the sale closes can result in claims of inadequate disclosure which, potentially, could end in litigation.

Demonstrates goodwill.

Offering a warranty demonstrates that the seller wants their buyer to have a positive homeownership experience. Many buyers are concerned that they may face issues after the close; a warranty can go a long way in preventing angst.

While some sellers may object over the cost, home warranties can help smooth the pathway to peace of mind for all concerned.

## WEEKEND GARDENER

### Lawns

Now that the weather is changing, start new lawns with sod or seed, or reseed thin spots in established ones. The cooler, showery conditions mean less watering during the first two weeks it takes for the seeds to germinate.

### Winter Color

For winter color, nothings beats pansies and violas. This pair makes a great showing massed together in flower beds or planted as accents in containers of all sizes. Choose from many different varieties, some with clear faces, others with butterfly designs.

# Passive Aggressive-Plausible Deniability!

*By Ronald Mah*
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

She's had the toy and she was supposed to give it up to her sister now. She had agreed half an hour,but that was then and this is now. Saying she'd give it up in half an hour was to keep the toy… So,"Fine… OK" But that was then and this is now…and she wants to keep it. Reminded of heragreement… but that was then and this is now. So, she makes up some excuse or ignores or runsaway. And sister's freaking out… it's her turn!Again, you remind her of her agreement. Unfortunately, you're trying to reason with anunreasonable child! Her logic is it's reasonable to keep what she wants. Whatever agreed before…that was then and this is now! You keep trying to talk her into being reasonable, without realizingthat you're reinforcing her being unreasonable! Because as long as you're talking, she still has thetoy. Blah blah blah blah, whatever you say, the delaying tactic works to not give up the toy. Finally,you lose your stuff and threaten her consequences. "Give me the toy right now, or you're not gonnaget to play with it tomorrow." Why doesn't that work?

Because this is now (and she still has the toy)and later is not now! Feeling forced to be… "mean!" now more aggressive punitive disciplinetactics. A threat! "You better give me that toy right now, or you're on time out!" Ooooo! Meanparent! She whines but doesn't give you toy…another delaying tactic that might work for a while.However, finally realizing that this child is not going to be reasonable, you assert, "Give it to meNOW or else you'll be on time out NOW!"Grumble grumble, whine whine, but you're adamant and she knows you're not backing downanymore. She come over… as slowly as possible! If she has to, at least she could do it, so it bugs theheck out of you. Having a power struggle with a kid, and… losing! Growling… bigger threats,finally she brings it… stretching her hand with it toward you, and… you reach for it… and shedrops it! Victory!That's one scenario of passive aggressive behavior. The important things about passive aggressivebehavior are recognizing, it's aggressive! With some plausible deniability, "Whaaaat!? I gave it toyou!" Besides frustrating the heck out of you, the real danger is that they're learning how to get anillusion of power and control in a completely negative manner that harms relationships with others.Continuing to engage in passive aggressive behavior, and you not stopping them, they won't learnhow to get genuine power and control in reasonable socially appropriate ways.

# It Took a Village to Celebrate Our Town

*By Melody Appleton*
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Castro Valley came together on Saturday, September 26, as the Castro Valley Women's Club sponsored the matinee of Chanticleers Theatre's 75th anniversary production of Our Town. Thornton Wilder's classic is a love letter to small-town life and the bonds that hold a community together, and the afternoon that followed lived up to it.

After the show, CVWC hosted an old-fashioned ice cream social. Guests gathered at tables dressed in red gingham and burlap, topped with mason jars of fresh flowers, and mingled with friends old and new over scoops of Loard's ice cream while the Team Harmony barbershop quartet serenaded the crowd. Lawn games dotted the grass, and a chicken-decorating table brought out everyone's inner artist. CVWC's NextGen girls welcomed guests and manned the toppings bar with smiles.

One of the afternoon's highlights was Tyler, an 11-year-old Creekside sixth grader and budding entrepreneur, who set up his lemonade stand at the social. Made with locally grown Meyer lemons, his lemonade was a hit, and Tyler generously donated 15% of the day's sales to Chanticleers.

Events like this don't happen by accident. They take a village: volunteers, performers, neighbors willing to show up for one another, and generous sponsors Loard's Ice Cream, Restore & Rework, Team Harmony, Trader Joe's, and the Davidson Family. CVWC is grateful to Chanticleers for 75 years of bringing live theater to Castro Valley, and to everyone who helped make the afternoon a celebration of our history and of the next chapter of CVWC.

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## VOTE FOR APRIL CHAN FOR EBMUD BOARD

Four years ago, at her first EBMUD Board meeting, April Chan heard San Leandro residents object to EBMUD's proposal to use the former Quarry site near Lake Chabot Road as a dump site for approximately 3.4 million cubic yards of extracted pipeline soil.

More than 550 trees would have been removed and replaced with earth-moving equipment, dust and noise. It would have sent 60–100 dump trucks a day, five days a week, traveling on all three freeways and on Fairmont Drive every 3–4 minutes for the next 40–80 years.

The project would have destroyed the quality of life of San Leandro, Hillcrest Knolls and Castro Valley residents. It threatened the peace enjoyed by thousands who visit Lake Chabot Park and Fairmont Ridge.

April Chan became the sole EBMUD Board member fiercely advocating against this ill-conceived "Quarry site" project. San Leandro and Castro Valley residents and businesses responded with over 1,700 Save Lake Chabot Road petition signatures. Castro Valley MAC members complained at EBMUD board meetings.

After April arranged for us to talk to EBMUD executives, EBMUD withdrew its plan to purchase the Quarry and began a program of direct hauling extracted soil. We couldn't have done this without April. She stood for her constituents.

Now, April is running for reelection. Fire safety is her issue, holding EBMUD accountable to ensure hydrants are properly tested. Please vote for April Chan so our interests continue to be protected for the next four years.

–Kat Wellman Castro Valley

## We strongly support the Castro Valley Teachers Association PAC's endorsement of Myla Long, Eryka Mathews-Cain, and Faith Carroll for the CVUSD School Board.

As CVTA PAC Treasurer Alex McMurray wrote:

"For the past year, I've had the privilege of serving as Treasurer of the Castro Valley Teachers Association PAC, and this fall is an especially important election for our schools. After interviewing the candidates for three CVUSD trustee areas, CVTA's educators have endorsed Myla Long, Eryka Mathews-Cain, and Faith Carroll for School Board.

A teachers association endorsement means something: these candidates sat down with the people who work with our students every day, answered the tough questions, and earned the support of Castro Valley educators. I hope you'll consider casting your vote for our CVTA-endorsed candidates when ballots arrive.

Strong schools need strong advocates … and educators are proud to stand behind these three."

We share that confidence. The support of educators who work with our students every day speaks to these candidates' readiness to lead and their commitment to serving all students. All three have also earned endorsements from the Castro Valley Democratic Club and the Alameda County Democratic Club.

As longtime parent and community volunteers, we believe our schools benefit from leaders who listen, collaborate, and keep students at the center of their decisions. Myla Long, Eryka Mathews-Cain, and Faith Carroll will bring those qualities to the board.

On November 3, we encourage voters to elect Myla Long (District 2), Eryka Mathews-Cain (District 3), and Faith Carroll (District 4). Together, these capable leaders can help build a brighter future for every Castro Valley student.

Rachel Seyranian CVHS PTSA President, January 2018–June 2021 CVEF Secretary, July 2021–July 2025 CVEF Co-President, July 2025–present Penelope Anne Hughes CVHS PTSA President, 2002–2005 Ethnic and Cultural Awareness District Parent Advisory Committee, 1992–2005 Districtwide Coordinator, PTSA "Raising Great Teens in CV" Parent Education Series, 2001–2007 CVUSD Community Alliance, 2017–2021

# A View from Don Jose's

*By Thomas Lorentzen*
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

My two preceding columns were composed from elsewhere – Alaska and Annapolis. This one is home-grown from here in Castro Valley. The location is the outside patio at Don Jose's in the Village. It is Saturday night. A late dinner is occurring. The evening is warm in weather and calm in condition. Alone, I read and watch people walking by on the sidewalk. A young waitress notices my book and asks what I am reading. I tell her it is about history. She smiles and asks, "Is it interesting?" I said "Yes – all history is interesting. Although she is curious, she does not probe any further.

As I dine and read, I also watch people walking by on the sidewalk outside the patio. They reflect the governing conditions. They are interacting with calmness and warmth. Memories emerge from long ago. It is when the Village was new and I was young. The era was in the mid-1950's. Eisenhower was President. The Giants were in "Upper Manhattan." The Dodgers were in Brooklyn. Television was new. Castro Valley was growing and maturing. Life was good. I had just learned about something unexperienced. It was somber. It was the passage from life. My mother's cousin had just died. My grandfather died here in CV. I wondered what this was all about. What did it mean? Why did it happen? Those questions remain ingrained within that young boy. He is now a seasoned senior. It is about history – personal and local.

A couple of days ago I learned of the passing of my oldest friend in life – Bill Ralph. His family and mine were neighbors on Forest Avenue. His family came to CV shortly before mine – the 1930's. All experiences and memories of the friendship of our respective families are fond. As I reflect on them, I watch people as they continue to walk by the restaurant. It is the same that I saw seven decades ago from the same location. In between, history flowed forward.

After I leave Don Jose's, I take a sentimental drive to Forest Avenue. I looked at the home where Bill lived long ago. I looked at the neighboring home where I lived long ago. New people live in both homes. They are doing what we did – experiencing life. Bill Ralph was a good friend who became a good man. My mind is calm and my heart is warm with appreciation for his friendship and his family. Our homes are now those of others.

Despite the passage of time and people, I sense that life continues as it always has. To become a good person and to live a good life is a form of high art. My friend, Bill Ralph, experienced both. It gives me peace to realize this from a vantage point at Don Jose's. Despite the loss of a lifelong friend, calm and warmth governs my feelings toward him. It is about personal and family history. It is important history. It is what is most important to us. If the waitress at Don Jose's reads this column, I wonder if she will ask me another question about what history is about. It so, it resides here in this article.

# 2026 Jog-A-Thon

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**raised more than $110,000, averaging more than $400 per jogger!**

**The "Jog" helps raise critical funds for school projects, non budgeted items and tuition assistance. Since its inception, our joggers and their supporters have raised more than $4,000,000!**

**RCS Chief of Staff Mike Kady, organizes Jog and who doubles as JogMan Jr leading Jog assisted on the day of the run by JogMan Sr, Superintendent Emeritus Bruce D. Johnson. Redwood Christian High Schools Mission Team Director Dr. Evan Barnhart and the 2026-27 Missions Team assisted providing encouragement for the runners and assisting wherever needed. The Mission Team will be serving the Navajo Nation in Arizona from March 12-20, 2027.**

**Principal Megan Sinisi summarized this year's Jog: "Our PE teachers and running clubs really prepare our students to excel each year in the Jogathon. This year was no exception. I am so proud of our students and their PE teachers and coaches. Although it was a very warm Fall day, all the runners stayed hydrated and had a great event!**

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**JogMan Jr Mike Kady encourages JogMan Sr to give instructions and pray**

**Year after year, our students do an amazing job raising funds for His School. Our students and supporters really 'stepped up' again this year!"**

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MAC ***continued from Front page*** prioritized over the County at-large, and create community by making it so people can put down permanent roots in the area.

The MAC was somewhat skeptical, pointing out that other funding measures and bonds have made similar promises, that there is simply not any available space for major new housing developments, and that the fund would be used for the entirety of the unincorporated area and not Castro Valley specifically.

A research paper will be made publicly available in November and the matter is set to be discussed further at the Unincorporated Services Committee meeting on December 2.

In other MAC happenings, the Council received an update from the Alameda County Public Works Agency on the pedestrian, bicycle, and trails master plan. The overall goal is to create a more walkable and cyclable network of paths, lanes, and trails around town.

The MAC said that it will be difficult to nail down such a plan because the overall downtown specific plan is not yet complete. They also expressed concerns about how fast-moving e-bikes might factor in.

"It's really too early to have a picture of downtown as a bike area when we don't have a downtown specific plan," said MAC Vice Chair Chuck Moore.

MAC member Dan Davini said that any plan needs to be realistic and formed with the input of the entire community including homeowners, merchants, and drivers.

"I think the master plan has to have a touch of reality," said Davini. The pedestrian and bicycle lanes is set to come back before the MAC in Spring 2027.

Finally, the MAC heard from Captain Dan Brodie of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office regarding the department's extension and expansion of a contract with Axon Technology Services.

The Sheriff's Office began wearing body cameras in 2012 and first contracted with Axon to supply all sworn personnel with cameras in 2017. Now, the department wants to extend the contract which will expire next year and also delve further into technology available to them.

Among the enhancements they could purchase would be livestreaming body cameras, virtual reality training, transcription and translation services, and AI-assisted police reporting.

Brodie emphasized that the AI reporting wouldn't be making judgement calls, that would still be the purview of the officer, but it would put together a first draft of sorts which would allow officers more time to do other work.

I really do whole-heartedly believe these technologies make us better," said Brodie. "I really think it will develop our deputies better."

The MAC was supportive, saying they believe the technology the Sheriff's Office is currently using is going well and that they would benefit from continuing to seek out state-of-the-art resources to serve the community.

"I am one who believes law enforcement should have the best of the best," said MAC Chair Bill Mulgrew. "Especially if that law enforcement is my law enforcement."

# ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

H.A.R.D. Senior Softball: Wolfpack Win 50+ Title
The Wolfpack are the 2026 Hayward Area Recreation District (H.A.R.D.) 50+ Senior Softball League Champions. Front row (L-R): Tom Wagonseller, David Balfour, Gino Illaqua, Jeff Barnes, Mike Souza, Mike Mooney, Garret Sullivan, and Bob Burdstedt. Back row (L-R): Lee Schreiner, Vince Jorgensen, Mike Nichols, Jeff LeBoss, Rick Morris, and Dan Burbank.
The H.A.R.D. Senior Softball co-ed league runs a six-month spring and summer season at the Alden E. Oliver Sports Park in Hayward. Open to men aged 50+ and 70+, and women aged 40+, the league focuses on fun, camaraderie, and healthy competition. Players of all skill levels are welcome. Learn more at https://hardseniorsoftball.com.