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SOARING THROUGH HISTORY: Students past and present, along with school officials, celebrated Palomares Elementary School's Sesquicentennial Anniversary on Saturday, April 14, 150 years ago to the day that Palomares opened its doors at the mouth of Eden Canyon.

Palomares Elementary Celebrates 150th Year

Palomares Elementary school celebrated its 150th anniversary on Saturday, April 14th, 150-years ago to the day that Palomares opened at the mouth of Eden Canyon.

The school hosted a community celebration with more than 400 past and present students, staff, community members and distinguished guests attending.

During the opening ceremony, Palomares Principal, Dr. Jennifer Tomita, recognized the work and dedication of teacher, Diane Milinkevich, the Palomares Parent Teacher Club and the planning committee for the time, work and love they put into the day's celebration.

"Although our school has grown and changed over the years, the heart of our school and community has remained the same: We are Palomares, small school with great spirit," Dr. Tomita said.

The day's activities included a walk through the school's 150 year history, field games from 1868, a 1915 Alameda County Fire Department Fire Engine on display, a ride down Palomares' iconic 50-foot slide and a BBQ lunch with live music by Thompsonia.

President Abraham Lincoln signed the school charter in 1863 and Palomares opened its doors five years later, presided over by its first teacher, Miss Margaret Halley, who taught there for two years. She had 34 students in grades 1-8.

In the "modern" school of its day, Miss Halley's classroom was equipped with blackboards, erasers, chalk, a teacher's desk and chair, children seats, bookshelves, a coat rack, and a pot belly stove.

For more fascinating history of Palomares Elementary school, please visit: bit.ly/PalomaresTurns150

Rowell Rodeo Parade Will Spotlight Palomares' 150th

By Michael Singer
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

This week's Rowell Ranch Rodeo Parade will be marked by a special float that recognizes one of the original Castro Valley schools chartered by President Abraham Lincoln.

The annual parade is scheduled for this Saturday, May 12 and includes more than 50 entries including several equestrian mounts, veterans' groups, high school marching bands, and youth sports teams.

A special entry this year comes from Palomares Elementary, which recently celebrated its sesquicentennial anniversary (see story on this page). President Lincoln signed a charter back in 1863, paving the way for the school's opening in 1868.

"To mark this event, a small group of parents built a replica of the original school house to honor those students from the past who helped mold and shape the rich history and a promising future for the school community," Proctor Principal Jennifer Tomita

told the Castro Valley Forum. "Palomares would like to invite any staff and student alumni to join them in the parade."

Also featured in this year's parade are a new marching band from Redwood Christian High School and winners of the Rowell Ranch Art & Essay contest. The Grand Marshals judging the parade this year are members of the Castro Valley Community Alliance.

"It's a real community event that brings a lot of people together," says Parade co-chair Bill Nott. "This is the 98th year of the Rowell Ranch Rodeo and the parade has been in Castro Valley for the last 37 years."

"We have the strong equestrian, ranching community represented here even though we are a suburb. I think the parade helps binds us together and is one of the many things in Castro Valley that gives us our identity," says Nott.

Starting at 10 a.m., the half-mile parade will kick off on Castro Valley Boulevard from Nunes Avenue and head west until

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Chili Cook-Off This Friday

By Michael Singer
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Need a fun break from your commute home on Friday night? Look no further than the Castro Valley Chili Cook-off at the Rowell Ranch Rodeo grounds from 5 to 8 p.m. on May 11.

The evening event is primarily sponsored by The Rotary Club of Castro Valley and will include world-class chili tasting, craft beers from Drakes Brewery, games and activities for kids, and of course live music.

The annual event is the official kickoff event to the Rowell Ranch Rodeo which includes the parade on Saturday and the competition starting May 18. Proceeds from the Chili Cook-off help fund various Castro Valley Rotary projects.

Twenty-one teams are entering the competition this year, each making 10 gallons of chili. While traditional chili only consists of some type of meat, red chili peppers, and other spices, everyone has their favorite recipe.

"Something with a little kick to it is good, but not too much so that people can't eat it," says Chili Cook-off chairman, Randy Vanderbilt. "Every once in a while, you get someone using different colors of beans and tomatoes, but there is no surefire winning combination."

It's also a fallacy that firefighters have

the best chili, says Vanderbilt.

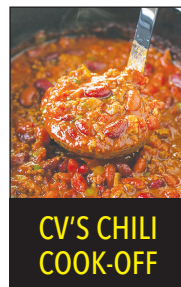
"There was a group of women judges many, many years ago that may have been swayed by the good-looking firemen, but that doesn't happen anymore with our double-blind judging," he added.

Long before the crowds arrive, the judges assess the chili on a few items: the texture of the meat (not too tough or too mushy); flavoring and chili pepper taste (not too hot or too mild); consistency of the mixture (not too thick or too thin); and the aroma and blend of spices.

Five entries from each group will advance to the final round, with a new set of judges, who will select the winners based on the same criteria used in the first round. Judges never see which cook is serving up which chili, which makes it as fair as possible.

The "King" or "Queen" of Castro Valley Chili comes with bragging rights, but there are cash prizes for the top three chili entries including a \$500 prize for 1st Place. There is a People's Choice Award for the crowd's favorite chili. And a \$100 prize goes to the winner of Best Booth Decoration.

Parking is free and tasting tickets start at \$1 apiece.



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Castro Valley Weather

May 9 - 13, 2018

Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
High 68° Low 52°

Thursday
Mostly Sunny
High 70° Low 49°

Friday
Mostly Sunny
High 76° Low 58°

Saturday
Mostly Sunny
High 78° Low 53°

Sunday
Mostly Sunny
High 71° Low 54°

Almanac

Past Week's Rain: 00.00
Season To Date: 17.27
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Singers from the band The Onyx at the March Gathering

Big Doings at Smalltown

- Friday, May 11: Connect with your community, hear from local artists and advocates, and experience the developing narratives of your neighborhood at Smalltown's May Gathering from 7 to 10 p.m. this Friday, highlighting the work of Mandela Marketplace, Sara Lamnin of Hayward City Council, a scene from Plethos' upcoming production of "In the Heights," and the music of hip-hop artist Jupiter 7, free (suggested contribution \$10).
- Thursday, May 17: Everyone is welcome from 7 to 9 p.m. to The Lab: Open Mic, a free monthly open mic that allows musicians, poets, and other artists to workshop pieces they are working on, in front of and among friends.
- Saturday, May 19, the Pampas Café Presents: Smalltown Society Art Sessions in the parking lot at Pampas, 3483 Castro Valley Blvd., highlighting local art and the music of songwriter Sara Perry from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Saturday, May 19, from 2 to 6 p.m. it's Smalltown Open Studio, where you can connect with other Eden Area artists in a shared and informal studio environment at Smalltown, 22222 Redwood Road. More info at www.smalltownsociety.com

Annual Postal Food Drive This Saturday

The 26th annual Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, America's largest one-day food drive, will take place this Saturday, May 12.

Castro Valley residents can leave a bag of non-perishable groceries by their mailbox for collection by their carriers.

Donations stay local, benefiting food banks, pantries and hungry families in the local community.

Recommended non-perishables include cereal, pasta, spaghetti sauce, rice, canned fruits and vegetables, canned meals (such as soups, chili and pasta), 100% juice, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, canned meats (tuna, chicken and turkey), and beans (canned or dry).

The Food Drive cannot accept frozen food, homemade food, home-canned items, food in glass jars or items that are opened, damaged, expired or missing the official ingredients.



Single-item donations of baby food products (including formula, jarred vegetables and fruits, meals, snacks, infant cereal) will be discarded because of potential contamination risks and the need for special handling. Baby food may be donated by the case or pallet.

Pet food, toiletries and other personal care items (diapers, laundry detergent, soap, toilet paper and household cleaning items) may

also be donated. Some food banks can direct them to organizations that serve clients with such needs.

Over the last 20 years, one billion pounds of food has been delivered by this drive which is sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers. The letter carriers receive help from rural letter carriers, other postal employees and other volunteers.

The Salvation Army Hayward is participating in the one-day food drive. If your donation is not collected or you miss your letter carrier, visit The Salvation Army Hayward Corps, 430 A St., Hayward, where it will gratefully be accepted in person, Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To volunteer to help sort donations from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 12, contact Captain Kyna Kelley at 510-581-6444 or email Kyna.Kelley@usw.salvationarmy.org. For more details, visit: www.nalc.org/food.

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Bring End To Illegal Dumping

By Amy Sylvestri
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley says people are turning our streets into garbage piles by illegally dumping mattresses, old televisions, and other unwanted large items.

Miley took to Facebook last Wednesday to host a live virtual town hall about illegal dumping and what the county can do about it.

"Illegal dumping is unacceptable in every way and form," said Miley. "We all need to take responsibility to make sure our environment is something to be proud of."

Miley described a three-prong strategy for eliminating dumping, saying simply cleaning it up doesn't work because it rewards the bad behavior by making it successful. If something is dumped and it gets cleaned up, the litter bug will probably dump again.

"I'm going to be frank with you — it's irresponsible people blighting our community," said Miley. "People don't have to dump, but they do because they are irresponsible."

So Miley proposes "education,



eradication, and enforcement" to stop dumping.

Miley has helped create an initiative called Communities United to Remove Blight (CURB) which focuses on removal because, he said, when it comes to trash, the "broken window theory" is in effect.

That's the theory that if someone lets a broken window go unrepaired, soon other blight will follow because there is an impression that no one cares about the area and neglect creeps in.

So staying on top of trash is important. Miley encouraged everyone to sign up for an app called "Litterati" which lets you report illegal trash dumping sites. So far, over 1,500 trash sightings have been reported in Castro Valley and 660 in San Leandro.

To eradicate trash, Miley said another step will be requiring small trash haulers to have a business license. He said that people with good intentions hire a hauler,

but some don't take it to the dump where they'd have to pay, they just take it to an empty lot or street corner.

That could be because paying to dispose of garbage can be pricey. Waste management charges \$21.70 to dump a mattress, \$35 for each large appliance, and \$32.25 per cubic yard of general trash at the Davis Street transfer Station.

There are some free and legal alternatives, however. The Mattress Recycling Council has a website where you can find a list of recycling centers at byebyemattress.com. And Waste Management also offers customers free bulky pick ups. To schedule such a pick up in Castro Valley, call 537-5500. The Waste Management website also has information about special drop-off trash days.

"All of us have to take responsibility," said Miley during the live stream. "This is a call to action. Use the app, call Waste Management, adopt a spot and make sure it is cleaned up. This is problem for all of us and we all deserve a safe, clean, wholesome environment."

On the enforcement front, Miley says that the Alameda County Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney's Office are both on board with arresting and prosecuting offenders.

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SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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Traffic Stop Ends in Arrest

Sunday, May 6: at 9:40 p.m., Sheriff's deputies arrested a 59-year-old man with no permanent address on suspicion of driving with an expired registration, driving under the influence of alcohol, driving without an interlock device following a driving restriction, and contempt of court. The man was traveling on Grove Way near Idena Avenue when deputies pulled him over. Deputies also report the man had an outstanding warrant issued for his arrest. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$35,000 in bail.

Elder Abuse Suspect

Sunday, May 6: at 7:41 p.m., a 52-year-old man from Castro Valley was arrested on suspicion of making death threats, assault on an elderly person, and contempt of court. Deputies responded to an emergency call at a home on Ray Avenue near Center Street and found the suspect in a back bedroom. The man was taken into custody. The victim was treated at the scene.

Taking Drugs in the Restroom at Eden Medical
Friday, May 4: at 3:40 a.m., deputies arrested a 39-year-old man with no permanent address on suspicion of possession of illegal narcotics, illegal drug paraphernalia, interfering with a business, and violating the terms of his parole. The man was found taking drugs in a lower-level restroom at Eden Medical Center on Lake Chabot Road. Hospital security called for Deputies who handcuffed the man and took him into custody.

Family Assault

Thursday, May 3: at 9:18 p.m., a 911 call about a loud and aggressive-sounding argument sent deputies to a home on Trenton Drive near Reedley Way. There, they arrested a 54-year-old man from Castro Valley on suspicion of assault on a family member and destroying a cell phone to call for help. Deputies handcuffed the man and took him into custody. The victim was treated at the scene.

Arrested Twice in a Week for Same Crime

Thursday, May 3: at 8:35 a.m., deputies arrested a 47-year-old man from Castro Valley on suspicion of public intoxication. The man had been wandering around on Lake Chabot Road near Castro Valley Boulevard when deputies

approached him and found him to be over the limit for alcohol. Two days earlier, the same man had been detained by deputies for public intoxication after deputies spotted him stumbling along the path between Castro Valley Library and the back of a business on Castro Valley Boulevard. The man was handcuffed and taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$2,500 in bail.

Couple Influenced Minor With Drugs, Alcohol

Wednesday, May 2: two people from Castro Valley with criminal records were arrested on multiple counts of illegal drug possession and driving under the influence of drugs. Deputies pulled the pair over on Grove Way near the East-bound Interstate 580 offramp. The see REPORTS on page 15

CORRECTION:

The Castro Valley High School Spirit Team's listing sent to the Forum and published last week had the incorrect date. The "Mr. Castro Valley Talent Show," a competition among senior boys, is scheduled for this Friday, May 11, at 7 p.m. in the CVHS Cafeteria. Tickets are available at the CVHS Finance Office (\$12) or at the door (\$15) Friday night.

CVSan Contractors Meeting

Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) will host its Annual Contractors Meeting from 8-10 a.m. on June 5 in the Board Room at CVSan's main office, 21040 Marshall Street.

Discussions will include the Lateral Replacement Grant Program, list of qualified contractors, code updates and planned projects for 2018-2019. Coffee and break-

fast pastries will be served.

The agenda will be available on May 30 at www.cvsan.org/acm or will be emailed on request to matthewl@cvsan.org. Space is limited and contractors are urged to pre-register to secure a spot.

Call Matthew Lee at 510-537-0757 ext. 108, or email him at: matthewl@cvsan.org for more information.

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The Week Ahead

● Wednesday, May 9: Neuropathy Support Group Meeting

Join the discussion and learn ways to deal and live with neuropathy (tingling, numbness, burning pain in hands, legs or feet) at the next meeting from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. today at First Presbyterian Church, 2490 Grove Way in Castro Valley. For info, call Joy at 510-842-8440.

● Wednesday, May 9: Day of the Teacher

The California Retired Teachers Association reminds you that today is Day of the Teacher. The association provides teacher grants, school supplies and scholarships. For more information, visit calrta.org

● Thursday, May 10: Toddler Time: Children's Day

Join the Hayward Area Historical Society in celebrating Children's Day and the children in your lives, with stories, crafts and fun, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. tomorrow at the Museum of History & Culture, 22380 Foothill Blvd., Hayward (\$5 Suggested Donation). Toddler Time is geared toward children ages 1-5 and their parents, but older siblings are always welcome.

● Friday, May 11: Annual Chili Cook-Off

The Rotary Club of Castro Valley presents its Annual Chili Cook-Off competition from 5 to 8 p.m. this Friday at the Rowell Ranch, 9725 Dublin Canyon Road. Sample more than 20 spicy concoctions for \$1 a cup, plus live entertainment. (See story on page 1 for complete details.)

● Saturday, May 12: Rowell Ranch Parade, Pancake Breakfast

The annual Rowell Ranch Rodeo Parade begins at 10 a.m. on the Boulevard (see story on page 1 for details). Before the parade, enjoy a pancake breakfast (just \$5 per person) hosted by the Alameda County Fire Department from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Fire Station 25, 20336 San Miguel Ave. in Castro Valley.

● Saturday, May 12: Hearing Loss Association Meeting

Mariam Hambarchyan from NeoSensory will demonstrate their wristbands which capture sounds and translates them to vibrations. Hear through your skin! It works! Refreshments, 9:30 a.m.; Program, 10, at the Oakland Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Fabiola Bldg., 3801 Howe St., Lower Level, Room G26. Park free on Saturday in garage across Howe. Email: athos.artist@att.net or call Kay at 510/886-4717

● Saturday, May 12: Quilters' Silent Auction

Amador Valley Quilters will hold a silent auction at 1:30 p.m. on May 12 at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave., Pleasanton, featuring such items as fabric, notions, patterns, quilt tops, kits, UFO's, yarn, specialty items, gift baskets, and more. Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted. For info, visit www.amadorvalleyquilters.org.

● Saturday, May 12: Stories from the Camps

In 1942, some 110,000 men, women and children of Japanese Ancestry were ordered to report to the Civil Control Station where they were taken from the West Coast. Hear stories from the Japanese internment camps from family members and from those who experienced the camps first hand, at 2 p.m. this Saturday at the HAHS Museum of History & Culture, 22380 Foothill Blvd., Hayward. (\$5 suggested donation)

● Saturday, May 12 & 19: San Leandro Creek Volunteers

Friends of San Leandro Creek is in need of volunteers for small restoration projects by the creek at Chabot Park in San Leandro on these two Saturdays. Sign up for May 12 or May 19 or both at [Slevenson@sanleandro.org](mailto:sanleandro.org) or by calling 510-577-6069.

● Monday, May 14: Municipal Advisory Council Meeting

The Castro Valley MAC will hold a land-use meeting at 6 p.m. Monday at the Castro Valley Library. Visit acgov.org/bc/cvmac for the complete revised agenda.

● Monday, May 14: Eagles' Cinco de Mayo Fiesta

Eagles Eden Auxiliary will hold a fiesta at noon on May 14. For a donation of \$8 enjoy a Mexican luncheon which includes one free bingo care. Proceeds benefit the George Mark House in San Leandro. For more info, call 510-584-1568.

● Monday, May 14: Rubber Stamp Group Meeting

Come join the Happy Stampers who make greeting cards using rubber stamps and dies. The group meets at 1:30 p.m. on the second Monday of every month at the Castro Valley Library. Beginners welcome. For more info, call Janie ext 540-483-0389.

● Tuesday, May 15: Friends of San Leandro Creek

Burt Mulchaey of EBMUD will speak on the Watershed Study Plan at a joint meeting of the The Friends of San Leandro Creek and the San Leandro Creek Alliance at 6:30 p.m. May 15 at the San Leandro Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. For info, email Slevenson@sanleandro.org

...and Beyond

● Wednesday, May 16: Free Chamber Music Concert

The public is invited to a free concert at 7 p.m. May 16 at All Saints Episcopal Church, 911 Dowling Blvd. in San San Leandro, featuring the After Hours Quintet. A free-will offering will be taken to support All Saints' music program. For more info, visit www.saintsalive.net

● Wednesday, May 16: Rose Society Meeting

Rose Loveall-Sales of Morningsun Herb Farm will show how to add beautiful wild creatures to your yards with plants, many of which have additional benefits of being herbs usable in other ways, at the next meeting of the East Bay Rose Society at 7:30 p.m. on May 16 at Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue in Oakland. Come enjoy snacks and meet people who talk roses. More info at www.eastbayroses.org

● Thursday, May 17: A Night at the Lanes

The Castro Valley Mothers Club invites all CV moms to join us for a Night at the Lanes on May 17 at the Castro Valley Bowling Alley. If bowling isn't your thing, just enjoy a fun night with other great moms. Drinks and appetizers will be served! For more information about the club, visit www.castrovalleymothersclub.com

● Saturday, May 19: Eden Area Village Monthly Coffee

Join us for coffee at 9 a.m. on May 19 at the Cannery Cafe, 22380 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward and learn how we are working together to help seniors remain in their homes, active and engaged in the community. Visit edenareavillage.org for more information.

● Saturday, May 19: Eden Garden Club Plant Sale

The Eden Garden Club will hold its annual sale of heirloom vegetables, flowering perennials, succulents, orchids, trees, houseplants, baked goods and garden tools from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 19 in the parking lot behind Moose Lodge, 20835 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley. Proceeds will benefit garden grants awarded to schools in the Castro Valley and Hayward school districts. For more information about the Plant Sale, please contact Karen Misenhimer at 510-397-1268.

● Saturday, May 19: Talent Show & Dinner

Enjoy a fun talent show led by our exuberant youth group from 6-8 p.m. on May 19 at Faith Lutheran Church, 20080 Redwood Road. For early bird tickets (\$15-\$10) which includes dinner, visit www.flccv.org/youthtalentshow or call 510-582-0818. Tickets at the door: \$20-\$15.

Arts & Entertainment

CASTRO VALLEY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Tickets for Center for the Arts events listed below are available online at www.cvcfa.com; or at the Center Box Office, 19501 Redwood Road, Thursdays and Fridays 3-5 p.m. (phone 889-8961), or at the Castro Valley Adult School, 4430 Alma Avenue. Note that all prices for school events will go up the day of the show.

● **CVHS Kanaval**, a Spring Choral Concert, will be presented at 7 p.m. this Friday, featuring Castro Valley High's First Place A Capella and Madrigals in a spring showcase. For tickets (\$8-\$10) see above.

● **Creekside Middle School Concert**, will be presented at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 14. Join Creekside's String Orchestra as it closes the school year with a showcase of its work. For tickets (\$5-\$7) see above.

● **Canyon Middle School 6th Grade Choir** will present a concert at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15. For tickets (\$5-\$7) see above.

● **"Spring Into Adventure,"** featuring the Canyon Middle School 6th Grade Band and Orchestra in a dazzling program of classical favorites, film highlights and hilarious novelty tunes, will be presented at 7 p.m. next Wednesday, May 16, under the direction of Carina Zamora and Heidi Dahms. Outstanding Musician Awards will be presented at the end of the concert. For tickets (\$5-\$7), see above.

● **CVHS Orchestra Concert** will be presented at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 18. For tickets (\$5-\$7), see above.

AT THE GALLERIES

● **"Creating Our Future,"** an art exhibit by students from the Castro Valley, San Leandro, San Lorenzo and Hayward school districts, will be on display at Foothill Gallery, 22394 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward through May 31, sponsored by the Hayward Arts Council and Seneca Family of Agencies. Gallery hours are 10-4 Wednesday-Friday.

● **PhotoCentral Spring Exhibition**, features photographs by the friends, patrons, and students of PhotoCentral, and showcases the work of artists throughout SF Bay Area and beyond, at 1099 E Street in Hayward. For more info, visit: www.photocentral.org.

● **Hayward Arts Council Member Show** will be on display through May 27 in the Community Gallery at the HAHS Museum of History & Culture, 22380 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward. For more information, visit www.haywardartscouncil.org

● **"The View From Here,"** featuring Bay Area artists, showcasing the way they see with their unique perspective, is on view at the Adobe Art Gallery in Castro Valley, a variety of two- and three-dimensional media including acrylic, watercolor, clay and photography. Gallery hours (during exhibits) are Thursday, Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and by appointment, at 20395 San Miguel Ave., Castro Valley.

● **#Climate Change: An Unfolding Emergency** featuring the works of more than 20 artists is being presented by Sun Gallery, 1015 E St. in Hayward. For more info on the exhibit, call the Sun Gallery at 581-4050 or visit www.SunGallery.org

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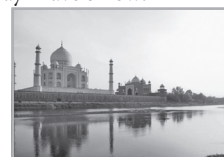
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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



CV's Dakine Hoops Basketball Team

This week's Athletes of the Week are the members of Castro Valley's Dakine Hoops.

They participated in and won the Championship 48-45 against Knight Basketball Academy (KBA), at the third Annual XBA Spring Classic, held at Dublin High School, over the weekend of April 28 and 29. Eight teams participated in the 12U pool/bracket division. Dakine Hoops defeated Team United 60-43 and Team Select 38-31, on

Saturday. On Sunday, they played the championship game against KBA and won 48-45.

Pictured from left: Curtis Nguyen, James Ren, Michael Li, Porter Tien, Jai Robinson, Shriyans Vittal, Joshua Racimora, Jalen Tran, Riley La Rosa. Head coach Armando La Rosa and assistant coach John Tien. Not pictured: Aadi Malali, Ekam Sandhu, Avi Rajbhandary, Travis Simons.

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SPORTS NOTES

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Castro Valley Little League Scholarship Applications

Last year Castro Valley Little League (CVLL) started a \$500 College Scholarship award in memory of former CVLL President Joe Kinsella and will continue the scholarship award this year.

The scholarship application can be found by clicking the College Scholarship tab on the CVLL website: castrovalleylitttleleague.org. Requirements include that applicant must have played baseball for CVLL for a minimum of 5 years. Deadline is Monday, May 21.



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Independent Elementary Teams at the Fremont competition last year with gravity vehicles, thermal box and rubber band cannons.

Castro Valley to Host Its First Annual Elementary Science Olympiad Contest

Fifteen teams from eight Castro Valley Elementary schools will compete in the 1st Annual Elementary Science Olympiad Competition at Castro Valley High School this Saturday, May 12, from 9 a.m. until noon.

The public is invited to watch

the "build events" such as mouse trap car races, where students design and build cars powered solely by the spring of a mouse trap.

Watch students drop raw eggs eight feet into a catching device (the lightest contraption without a break wins!).

They say that a watched pot never boils but you can watch anyway as students try to boil water in solar ovens. The competition also includes Science Fair boards from our Elementary schools. Please come to view our students' hard work on these presentations.



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CVHS' JV BASEBALL TEAM has a 15-2 overall record and an 8-0 record in league play, after beating O'Dowd twice, last week. CV's scores against O'Dowd were 4-3 in 8 innings on Tuesday, May 1 and 7-5 on Thursday, May 3.



Hall of FAME

On April 21, 2018, Castro Valley celebrated the achievements of members of our community with the induction of the Class of 2018 Castro Valley Sports Foundation Hall of Fame. The event was attended by more than 210 supporters. The CVSF Board appreciates and thanks the following sponsors for their support of the Hall Of Fame Dinner and Castro Valley Athletics.

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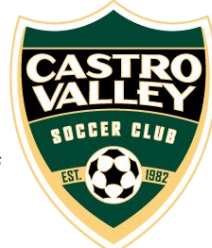
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Increase in Temperatures Signals Increase in Drowning Tragedies

The month of May is often associated with the beginning of the summer season and the warmer weather brings large numbers of people to the water; backyard pools, beaches, waterfronts and public aquatic facilities.

Unfortunately, the month of May also signals an increase in drowning tragedies across our nation.

Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional death for children between ages 1-4. Ten drowning deaths per day occur in the US, according to the Center for Disease Control and most occur in home swimming pools.

Strong, compliant pool fences are critical, along with strict parental care and supervision of children around pools.

When it comes to pool fencing, the gate is the weakest link in restricting access to pools by small children. Low-quality or poorly maintained gates, latches and hinges can fail, and older children often prop open gates, leaving curious toddlers vulnerable to dangerous water.

Drowning prevention begins with these layers of protection:

- Always know where children are. Never leave a child unattended in or near water in a pool, tub, lake, river, canal or ocean, even when lifeguards are present.

- Always be aware of potential dangers in all environments, especially when away from home. Never leave your child in an environment with unprotected water hazards.

- If a child is missing, always check the pool or spa first.

- Install "isolation fencing" which completely separates the pool or spa area from the house or other structures. An isolation fence restricts unauthorized access from neighbors' yards and from inside the house. Isolation fencing is the



Drowning prevention begins with layers of protection.

preferred configuration for pool and spa protection.

- All fences must be non-climbable, meet all applicable local safety codes, and should be at least 60 inches tall, with vertical bars set close to one another so that a small child cannot squeeze through.

- Gates should be self-closing and self-latching and accommodate a locking device.

- Gates should open away from the pool and have self-closing hinges. They should never be propped open. Check and adjust your gate regularly to make sure it operates correctly.

- The gate latch should be out of the reach of children, at least 54 inches from the ground. Use a locking latch, and keep it locked when pool is not in use. Store the key out of children's reached and make sure all adults know where the key is kept.

- Keep anything that can be

climbed, such as chairs, tables, storage bins, playground equipment, ice chests, etc. inside the fence area.

- All doors providing direct access from the home to the swimming pool should be equipped with a self-closing, self latching device with a release mechanism placed no lower than 54 inches above the floor.

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By Joanne Sexton
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

For those living with cancer, treatments may be short or may extend for years, depending on the type and stage of the cancer. Regardless, most people battling cancer report changes in their energy levels, appearance, sleep patterns, and mood.

These changes may be symptoms of the cancer or they may be brought about from treatment – but they are so common that they deserve special attention and support.

Fatigue is the most common side effect of cancer treatment, and it can make everyday activities – like talking on the phone or shopping for groceries – difficult.

Called cancer-related fatigue, it is different from normal tiredness because it persists and often doesn't get better even after rest.

Cancer and cancer treatment can cause physical changes to the way people look and, as a result, feel about their bodies.

In 1989 a doctor wanted to help a patient who wouldn't leave her hospital room because of her appearance after cancer treatment. He arranged for her to have a makeover which transformed not only the woman's look, but also her outlook.

When Cancer Changes Your Sleep

Sleep is one of the most essential components of a healthy lifestyle and can help you recovery from cancer. A free workshop from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 30 at Eden Medical Center will explore natural ways to help you fall asleep and stay asleep, what restful, quality sleep entails, and how to continue to manage sleep even during stressful times. This class is designed for cancer survivors, those still going through treatment, loved ones and family members. Register by calling 925-933-0107.

Emotional Support

Most people face some degree of depression, anxiety, fear or distress when cancer becomes part of their lives.

A support group offers a safe and supportive environment for people to ask questions and get emotional support to help them with their cancer journey. Studies have even shown that cancer support groups can enhance participants' self-esteem and help reduce anxiety, depression, fatigue and stress.

Eden Medical Center hosts a cancer support group every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6-8 p.m. No registration is required, but those with questions are welcome to call 925-933-0107.

These support classes are offered to the community regardless of where an individual receives treatment for a cancer diagnosis.

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GUEST COMMENTARY



Market Provides Leverage For AS-IS Offers

With the inventory of listings at an all-time low, sellers are firmly in the driver's seat when it comes to dictating sale terms and conditions.

Not only are they getting record high prices for their properties, they can dictate almost anything they want.

A common specification is "Property is being sold AS-IS."

There is some confusion about what "AS-IS" really means. The California Association of Realtors Purchase Agreement states, in Paragraph 11, "Unless otherwise agreed in writing: (i) the Property is sold (a) "AS-IS" in its present physical condition as of the date of Acceptance..."

This means that the buyer is buying the home in the same condition it was when the purchase agreement was accepted and ratified by the seller *unless* there is a separate agreement in writing that specifies differently.

In a normal market, a buyer visits a home and, if interested, writes an

offer. After the contract is accepted, they can then fully inspect the property by ordering inspections, reviewing the seller's disclosures and examining any other pertinent information available.

After they have finished their investigations, they can (1) proceed with the contract as written, (2) cancel the contract or (3) negotiate repairs or other conditions based upon findings from their investigations.

If a Request for Repairs is submitted, the seller may (1) agree with everything as requested, (2) agree with nothing or (3) suggest an alternative response and submit back to the buyers for their approval.

The alternative terms may include credits, price reductions and the like. The buyer then has the choice of (1) accepting the seller's response, (2) suggesting an alternative response or (3) cancelling the contract. Documents flow back and forth until there is either agreement or a cancellation.

In contrast, in the current hot

market, some sellers are providing all critical documentation up front (including inspection reports, full disclosures and more) so buyers can fully examine everything *before* writing offers.

By so doing, sellers are communicating that, since they've provided full disclosure up front, they will *not* entertain Requests for Repairs and that buyers take the property "Completely AS-IS" with no exceptions.

In addition to insisting "AS-IS" be written into the contract, some sellers also want the Inspection Contingency fully removed up-front.

Ironically, some buyers, even after writing "AS-IS" offers, still try negotiating repairs. If the contract was written correctly, expect the seller's response to be ...

"Nice try, no cigar."

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By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener

Sowbugs Not Your Flower-Eating Culprit

Q What's eating the petals of the flowers in my flower garden? I have noticed that there are a lot of Sowbugs in the area. I've always thought of them as being harmless, but now I'm not so

sure. Could they be my problem and if not what is?

A It is doubtful that Sowbugs are the primary cause of the problem in your flower garden.

First off, Sowbugs are not an insect but a soil-dwelling crustacean,

more closely related to a crayfish than to an insect. By definition, insects have six-legs while Sowbugs have many more.

It would be very unusual to find Sowbugs climbing on plants and eating the flower petals. They are shy and reside on the ground under some debris where it is dark and moist.

They feed on the dead or decaying organic matter. It is this activi-

ty that makes Sowbugs a 'garden good guy' or a composting machine as they break down the decaying organic matter into nutrients that plants can use.

However, they can be problematic with edibles like strawberries, pumpkins, or melons when they come to rest on moist soil. The moisture causes wet spots on the

maturing fruits that never dries out, so decay begins and provides an entry point for the Sowbugs.

They're not a problem with cucumbers or any other edible with a waxy coating. Lifting the fruits or vegetables up off the ground solves this by allowing the air to circulate, drying out the moist spot(s).

With clusters of strawberries, a drip irrigation clip is a perfect answer while a layer of straw works with the others.

So what is the problem? I believe the holes are the work of earwigs or snails and slugs. They do their

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The dining area opens to kitchen with breakfast bar, quartz counter tops, stainless sink, free standing stove and stainless hood, tile flooring and recessed lighting, all looking onto the deck and backyard with lots of areas to garden, entertain and play! Hall bathroom with shower over tub and tile flooring. Master bedroom with bath with shower. Downstairs is a bonus room with new carpet on the stairway and new wood like flooring with a door to the side yard and one to the garage with a workshop/storage area. Features of the property include gleaming hardwood floors throughout, new interior and exterior paint, new light fixture and so much more!

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CV Woman Takes Home Crown At Inaugural State 'Petite' Pageant

Castro Valley resident Kayla Burton beat out the competition and took home the crown, sash and title of California Petite Miss 2018 at the inaugural Miss California Petite Pageant last month.

As the first pageant of its kind in The Golden State, California Petite recognizes women 5-feet, 6-inches and less. There is no minimum height requirement.

"One of my main goals as California Petite Miss 2018 is to be transparent and share my experience being bullied and cyber-bul-

lied," said Burton, who stands at 5-foot-2 and is 25-years-old. "I want to share my story with as many people as possible and educate the youth on what they can do if they are being bullied."

The pageant took place April 15 in Oakland where contestants competed in private interviews, swimwear, evening gown and on-stage questions.

Burton is an aspiring singer who enjoys volunteering at the Hayward Public Library as a Children's Storytime Reader.

In November, she will travel with her sister queens in the other three divisions to Florida, where they will represent California at the National competition, the 2018 USA Petite Pageant.

California Petite is the official state preliminary to USA Petite and will open registration for the 2019 competition in the fall of 2018.

For inquiries, contact State Director Dania Denise at info@miss-californiapetite.com or by phone, 707-631-7172.



Kayla Burton of Castro Valley was crowned "California Petite Miss 2018" on April 15.

Parade: Stacked with Floats, Bands, Classic Cars & More

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Wisteria Street. It then snakes back east on the Boulevard until it passes the grandstand in front of the Daughtrey's Building and turning south on Wilbeam Avenue.

If you've ever wondered why the Alameda County Fire Department leads the parade every year, Nott says it's because they need to have easy access out of the lineup in case of an emergency. After that, the parade is stacked with alternating floats, horses, classic cars, bands and walking groups to prevent the animals from getting

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Streets will be closed starting at 9 a.m. on Parade day until 1 p.m. on Castro Valley Boulevard between Redwood Road to Lake Chabot Road. Norbridge Avenue will also be closed from the BART entrance to Stanton Avenue. The BART entrance on Redwood Road will remain open. And as you can imagine, parking will be restricted in the parade zone including on Nunes Avenue and San Miguel Avenue as well as along parts of Baker and Kerr Streets.



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CVSan Ordinance Meant to Mitigate Ecological Harm

Editor:

I thought it ironic that the same issue of our Castro Valley Forum, which led with the story of Marc Crawford and others protesting a proposed ordinance requiring inspection of sewer laterals before home sales, also contained the article, EBMUD

financed for Sewage Discharge.

That article reported that EBMUD was fined \$134,000 for failing to prevent sanitary sewer overflows.

The proposed CVSAN ordinance is meant to mitigate just that ecological harm and customer cost. I guess, Mr. Crawford and others would prefer either the sewer overflows or have the buyer, not the seller, of the property responsible for fixing their sewer laterals.

Mr. Crawford reportedly was moved to shout out his opposition during the presentation. I wonder what his response would be if members of the audience at the MAC meetings he runs shouted over him anytime they disagreed with him.

—Bob Britton
Castro Valley

Calls CVSan's Lateral Sewer Program "The Ultimate Government Overreach"

Editor:

The CVSAN Private Sewer Lateral Program is the ultimate government overreach.

They want to stop you from selling your home until you prove your sewer lateral is OK. The CV Municipal Advisory Council recommended CVSAN convene a task force to investigate other possible options.

The task force found out that CVSAN replaces many sewer main sections each year. They can easily inspect the laterals attached to those mains and determine which ones are leaking.

There is no need to have these inspections done when the home is being sold. CVSAN claims this new law is needed to reduce the infiltration of storm water, but there is no connection between someone selling their house and having a leaky sewer lateral. They just want to target your money.

They justify this new law by saying that other districts in the East Bay are doing it, but they leave out that those districts are only doing it because they lost a lawsuit with the EPA for other issues.

CVSAN has never spent more than \$50,000 a year to replace or repair sewer laterals, but now they want us to pay over \$2,000,000 annually to replace laterals that aren't the source of infiltration.

At the Board meeting on May 1, the entire Board blew off the alternatives proposed by the task force and are set to approve this intrusive law on May 15. So much for public process.

It has been their intention all along to decree this onerous and costly requirement upon us. I am constantly amazed at the level of abuse CV is willing to take from the CVSAN Board. This is why they keep pushing the envelope.

Sky high garbage-sewer rates and now we need their approval to sell our homes. Two of the five Board members are up for re-election this November and I am not running, but someone should.

—Marc Crawford
Castro Valley

Proud of Senate Bill that Will Ban "Harmful and Antiquated 'Gay Conversion Therapy' Practices" in California

Editor:

We at Castro Valley Pride are proud to announce that State Senator Bob Wieckowski has pledged his support of California Assembly Bill 2943 which will be going to the Senate Judiciary Committee very soon.

This bill would make California the first state in the nation to ban harmful and antiquated "gay conversion therapy" practices from being performed on both children and adults. The bill would apply only to services that pretend to change a person's sexual orientation "on a commercial basis, as well as the advertising and offering of such services."

California law already bans the use of conversion therapy by mental health professionals for LGBTQ youth under age 18; this new bill would expand to cover adults as well. It would join a long list of commercial activities deemed "unfair or deceptive acts or practices" and therefore banned under state law.

On social media you can already find Evangelicals claiming that "they are banning the bible!" Of course that's simply not true, but spreading misinformation is a familiar tactic.

Why is "conversion therapy" banned? Because telling gay kids or adults that they can and should change their sexual preference is not necessary, and ultimately harmful.

The bill's author, Assemblyman Evan Low (D-Campbell), said in an emotional speech on the Assembly floor that "There's nothing wrong with me. There's nothing that needs to be changed." Exactly right, now we just need to get that message to the leadership at Neighborhood Church, who continue to promote their anti-gay HOPE group.

Even if this bill becomes law, that group can continue under so-called religious freedom protections, but we do not need to be "redeemed" from anything; we are not simply "involved in same-sex attraction" and no amount of praying will make us straight.

Haven't they got something better to do with their time?

—Billy Bradford
Castro Valley Pride

Lorentzen Column on Hawking Called "Inspirational"

Editor:

Hearty congratulations for the special article by Thomas Lorentzen about Stephen Hawking ("From the Boulevard," Page 7, The Forum, April 25). It was one of the most enjoyable and inspirational pieces that I have read in your newspaper since moving here last October.

Learning and overcoming challenges in life are key ingredients towards a wise and inspirational journey.

These attributes are not taught or emphasized enough in our current society. It gives me great pleasure to read an article that successfully shines a light on many of the best ingredients of an exceptional life

—Michael G. Eggert, PhD
Castro Valley

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Lois LaVelle

July 17, 1924 ~ April 8, 2018
Resident of Pioneer, CA



Surrounded by family, Lois Margaret LaVelle went to be with the Lord at the age of 93 on Sunday, April 8, 2018. Born in Visalia, California on July 17, 1924, Lois was the youngest of five children. She grew up in Layton and graduated from Layton High School. Then she attended Warner-Pacific Bible College where she met and married the love of her life, Chet LaVelle. They lived in Cutler, Ca., then Oxnard for a few years. They had three daughters and moved to Castro Valley in 1951 to raise their family.

Chet began teaching at Chabot Junior College and Lois got a job as an elementary school secretary and working with Principal Al Tingstrom, she helped open Vannoy Elementary. After a few years they moved to Chabot Elementary, then C.V.E. where she finished her career and retired.

Lois was active in Castro Valley School District and had many friends. She was a part of founding the women's group called the "D.O.s." Both she and Chet were active in forming a parent support group for the instrumental music program, M.P.S. Upon retirement Lois and Chet moved to Pioneer and enjoyed many years traveling with their trailer. They bought a Honda Goldwing motorcycle and visited many places in the gold country with their motorcycle friends. Her hobbies included cooking, reading, crafting and camping with family. She enjoyed having large family gatherings and was a great hostess.

Lois is survived by her husband of 73 years; daughters Kathy Peck and Wanda Rice; grandchildren Janine, Shelly, Jesse, Dayna, Ryan, Aimee, Erin, Isaac and Emily and ten great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Karen Sumner.

Friends are invited to attend a celebration of life on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Grace Fellowship Church in Jackson. A light lunch will follow.

Private interment will be held in the Keystone Mausoleum at Sunset View Cemetery. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family by visiting www.danerimortuary.com.

Shirley Jean Dormer

Resident of Castro Valley
March 17, 1933 ~ May 6, 2018



Shirley Dormer passed away Sunday, May 6 after a long battle with dementia. She was loving and headstrong to the end, making sure every last detail of her daily life was as she wished.

Shirley was born in Moline, Illinois to Hans and Ruth (Butler) Poehl. She graduated from Castlemont High School in Oakland in 1951, married Larry Dormer in March of 1952, and followed him to his army assignment in Germany. She held a clerical position in the US Marine Corps until beginning a family. After raising her three children, she enjoyed returning to work outside the home, but was happiest when surrounded by family and friends. As recently as two weeks ago, she was looking forward to getting stronger so she could go watch her great grandchildren play tennis, baseball, and soccer. She loved to travel, especially cruising, and continued that passion even after Dad died.

She was preceded in death by Larry Dormer, her husband of 35 years. They were such a perfect couple, complementing each other's strengths and weaknesses and mom missed him dearly. We always knew we would get a big smile whenever we told a story about Dad. She is survived by son Mitchell and wife Pam of Castro Valley, daughter Debra and fiancé Gene of Livermore, and son Michael and wife Sherri of Redding. She loved spending time with her 7 grandchildren (Jason and wife Jennifer, Josh and wife Michelle, Jessica, Joel, Jillian and husband Jeff, Jordan and wife Jessie, and Jarrett) and her 10 great grandchildren (Owen, Summer, Taylor, Sierra, Alexis, Ashlyn, Olivia, Emma, Braden, and Paisley). We are so sad she will never meet her 11th and 12th great grandchildren due later this year.

Family and friends are invited to a service on Saturday, May 12 at 3 p.m. at Jess C Spencer Mortuary, 21228 Redwood Rd, Castro Valley.

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"Market Forces Have Best Chance of Slowing Climate Change"

Editor:

In Jim Knowles' article ("San Lorenzo Town Hall," Page 1, *The Forum*, April 25), Congressman Eric Swalwell stated that the key to green energy is tying it to new jobs.

Representative Swalwell is right: any solution to climate change that doesn't harness the power of the economy is doomed. But calling for new green jobs isn't enough.

Solar energy is poised to create thousands of new jobs, but the industry is throttled by policies that support and subsidize fossil fuels over renewable energy sources.

The real key to green energy and new jobs in the green economy is a Carbon Fee and Dividend plan, in which oil-producing and oil-importing companies would pay a fee (not a tax) into a fund from which a monthly dividend is paid to every person in the country, regardless of their energy use.

Such a plan will encourage oil companies to explore greener energy sources in order to reduce their fees, which in turn will create jobs in the renewable energy sector.

It will also encourage consumers to use more renewable energy in order to save on gas and oil, which will become slightly more expensive as a result of the fee (though this slight increase will be more than offset by the dividend). The minute oil companies start to profit from green energy development is the minute the tides of climate change will turn.

Market forces have the best chance of slowing climate change. Carbon Fee and Dividend legislation is supported by the Climate Solutions Caucus, a bi-partisan group of Congressional Representatives, of which Congressman Swalwell has applied to be a member.

It's time to take legislative action to leash the power of market forces to save our planet.

—Mal May
Castro Valley

Says "Liberals...will Never Appreciate What President Trump Has Achieved"

Editor:

Ms. Boucher ("Takes Issue with Letter on Trump's Approval Rating," *Letters*, April 25) seems to be a little, no make that largely, loose with her alleged "facts" when it come to polling.

In the last presidential election not one major polling service had Donald Trump winning. In fact, only two polls called the election "to close to call." One was the L.A. Times, the other Rasmussen which had Mrs. Clinton winning by just 1%.

Those "more reliable polling" services that Ms. Boucher speaks of including CNN and the ABC/Washington Post poll had Clinton winning by anywhere from 7 to 11%.

Doing some further research I found that Rasmussen was either tops or a close second in its polling data for each of the last four presidential elections. I don't know what Ms. Boucher is calling "reliable" but Rasmussen has the proven credibility that no other polling service can match.

And yes Ms. Boucher, I thank God that we finally have a president who has the backbone to stand up to foreign dictators such as Kim Jong Un of North Korea. Unlike President Obama who sent arms and money to N.K. that was later used against our allies, President Trump applied real sanctions against the country and has forced its leadership to discontinue nuclear operations.

Yes, President Trump has indeed made decisions that, "affect our nation and the whole world" as Ms. Boucher put it, and by doing so North Korea is no longer much of a threat to anybody.

But, of course, Ms. Boucher and her liberal friends will never appreciate what President Trump has achieved. Thankfully, 51% of the country has.

—Chris Scott
Castro Valley

Hosting Exchange Students a Way to Enrich Your Life

Editor:

Our names are Larry & Carolyn Mazzanti. We have hosted students from Spain for 6 years and wanted to encourage other families to experience this wonderful program.

We just wanted to let Castro Valley residents know how much this program has enriched our lives. We still keep in contact with the students we have hosted. We had the opportunity to visit Spain 2 years ago and meet the families and visit their towns.

If hosting seems like something you would be interested in but wonder about logistics, please know that families that have hosted in the past work together to help each other out.

For more information please contact Jan Garcia at 510-749-7061 or by email at: garciapuccini@aol.com

—Carolyn Mazzanti
Castro Valley

Wants to Replace "Failing Policies of the Present Partisanship of California"

Editor:

It's election year! This year I would like to strongly encourage all responsible voters to elect new local and state government officials who stand up and support legal citizenship, hard-working, law-abiding American citizens.

Let's give new hope a chance to improve our beautiful state and replace the failing policies of the present partisanship of California.

—Mary Fells
Castro Valley

Supports Wilk for County Auditor-Controller

Editor:

The June 5th Primary Election ballot will offer more than a few complicated questions and difficult decisions. Thankfully, some of the choices are easy — such as voting for Melissa Wilk for Alameda County Auditor-Controller.

Melissa, the county's current Chief Deputy Auditor-Controller, has the experience and track record of success that make this race a no-brainer. As a leader on Alameda County's financial team, Melissa has been at the center of a string of successes that have made the county a shining example of fiscal responsibility for the rest of California and the nation.

Just look at the headlines. Alameda County made the news recently when it became one of only two counties in California to attain the rare "Triple-Triple" of AAA credit ratings from each of the Big Three rating agencies. As Deputy Chief Auditor Controller, Melissa played a pivotal role in this achievement.

And here's why you should care: these optimal ratings will enable the county to borrow funds at lower interest rates to fund critical infrastructure needs, getting the most out of your taxpayer dollars and saving substantial resources over time.

Results like this are exactly what voters should all be looking for — and why Melissa Wilk is the obvious choice for Alameda County Auditor Controller.

—Shirley Sanchez
Castro Valley

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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driver, a 41-year-old man, was charged with driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol, narcotics possession, breaking into private property, assault on a minor and giving drugs and alcohol to a minor. The passenger, a 50-year-old woman, was previously charged with reckless driving. Deputies found a pipe used for smoking drugs in her purse. The couple were taken to Santa Rita Jail pending as much as \$65,000 in bail.

Wanted for Attempted Armed Robbery

Wednesday, May 2: at 2:36 a.m., deputies arrested a 26-year-old man from Modesto (San Joaquin County) as part of a warrant issued for his capture. He was previously convicted of possession of a loaded firearm with the intent of committing a felony. The man was spotted outside a business on Castro Valley Boulevard near Wisteria Lane when deputies approached him and made the positive identification. Deputies handcuffed the man and took him to Santa Rita Jail where he was held without bail.

Drug Dealer Caught

Tuesday, May 1: a 38-year-old man from Oakland was arrested on suspicion of illegal drug possession with the intent to sell. The man was also wanted as part of a warrant issued for his capture. Deputies stopped the man for questioning when they discovered his stash at a motel on East Castro Valley Boulevard near the 580 Market Place shopping center. Deputies handcuffed the man and took him to Santa Rita Jail pending \$135,000 in bail.

Yelling with a Switchblade

Monday, April 30: at 2:56 p.m., deputies arrested a 44-year-old man from Oakland on suspicion of possession of a switchblade knife, violating the terms of his parole, and public intoxication. The man was being treated for an injury at Eden Medical Center on Lake Chabot Road when he became belligerent with hospital staff and other patients. Deputies were called to the scene after the man began yelling at the top of his lungs and waving a switchblade wildly. The man was subdued and taken into custody.

Suspect Had Mental Issues

Monday, April 30: at 1:17 p.m., a 54-year-old man with mental issues and no permanent address was arrested on suspicion of petty theft, destroying public property, and violating the terms of his parole. Deputies were called to a residence hotel on Castro Valley Boulevard near Strobbridge Avenue after complaints about a man taking unspecified items. The man became confrontational enough that deputies deployed tasers. The man was briefly treated at Eden Medical Center before being transported to John George Psychiatric facility.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although you might prefer moving forward at a steady pace, it might be a good idea to stop and reassess your plans. You could find a good reason to make a change at this time.



TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Just when you thought you had everything planned to the smallest detail, you get some news that could unsettle things. But a timely explanation helps put it all back on track.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Home and work continue to compete for your attention. But you handle it well by giving each its proper due. Someone you trust offers valuable advice. Listen to it.



CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Unsettling news creates a difficult but not impossible situation. Continue to follow your planned routine, but keep your mind open to a possible change down the line.



LEO (July 23 to August 22) Lick your wounded pride if you like, but it's a better idea to find out why your suggestions were rejected. What you learn could help you deal with an upcoming situation.



VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Feeling a bit listless? No wonder. You might be pushing too hard to finish everything on your to-do list. Cutting it down could help get your energy levels up.



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Taking time out of your busy schedule might be the best way to handle that sensitive private matter. It will help reassure everyone involved about your priorities.



SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Insist on full disclosure by all parties before agreeing to be part of a "great deal." What you learn should help you decide whether to go with it or not.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your decision to protect the secret that was entrusted to you might irk some people. But it also wins you the admiration of those who value trust and loyalty.



CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Creative activities take on a practical approach as you realize you might be able to market your work. Ask for advice from someone experienced in this area.



AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) If you're suddenly a bit unsure about your decision, ask trusted colleagues and/or friends or family members for suggestions that could help resolve your doubts.



PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A workplace situation could get stormy. But stay on course until there's a solution that meets with everyone's approval, and things can finally calm down.

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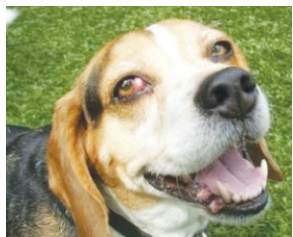
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MARLEY is a sweet, 9-year-old orange tabby. He is a playful, energetic boy that is friendly with other animals when he gets to know them. For more info, visit: dustypawsrescue.org

Garden Club Annual Plant Sale May 19

Eden Garden Club will hold its annual Plant Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 19, in the parking lot behind Moose Lodge, 20835 Rutledge Road in CV.

The sale includes baked goods and heirloom vegetables, perennials, succulents, orchids, trees, houseplants, garden art and tools.

Club members have grown a wide variety of seedlings ready to set out in your garden. Such easy-to-grow favorites as geraniums, irises and other drought-tolerant plants will be for sale as well as sun and shade plants.

The net proceeds from the Plant Sale benefit garden grants awarded to schools in Castro Valley and Hayward. The club's charitable activities include grants to Sulphur Creek Nature Center.

The Eden Garden Club has been active in the Eden Area for over 70 years with members in Castro Valley, Hayward, San Lorenzo and San Leandro. For more info about the Plant Sale, contact Karen Misenhimer at 510-397-1268.



Redwood Christian Tops at Disneyland

The Redwood Christian Middle School Choir sent six vocalists to compete at Music in the Parks at Disneyland Park the last week in April. It was RCMS choir's first competition, and they earned 1st place out of the more than 20 schools competing in the Middle School Girl's Division. With their trophy (above) are Julia Gehrke, Jinseo (Ruby) Park, Sayaka Ozaki, Kaitlyn Ng, Eva Seganish, and Simone Washington.

A Reminder To Motorists: Share Road

With Redwood Road now re-opened and the approaching summer months, the Castro Valley office of the California Highway Patrol is reminding the public of the shared responsibility of vehicle drivers and motorcyclists for roadway safety.

Recent data from the California Department of Motor Vehicles shows there are more than 900,000 registered motorcycles in the state and more than 1.4 million licensed riders.

Last year, 466 motorcyclists were killed in traffic collisions in the state, and more than 14,000 were injured, according to preliminary data from the CHP.

"It is important for drivers to understand the safety challenges faced by motorcyclists," says CHP Commissioner Warren Stanley. "Look twice for motorcyclists and leave plenty of space between your vehicle and the rider."

The majority of vehicle-motorcycle collisions are caused when drivers simply did not see the motorcyclist. Staying alert, sharing the road, and looking twice for riders will help reduce the number of injuries and deaths on roadways.

It can be easy to overlook motorcycles due to their smaller size. For that reason, it's all the more vital that drivers put forth extra effort in keeping watch.

Motorcyclists can also help protect themselves by always wearing the proper safety gear, including a helmet, obeying the speed limit, riding defensively, and always riding sober.

The CHP administers the California Motorcyclist Safety Program and encourages all riders, new and experienced, to enroll. The program trains approximately 60,000 motorcyclists per year and has trained more than 1.1 million motorcycle riders.

For more information, or to find a training site near you, visit californiamotorcyclist.com

CVSAN ANNUAL CONTRACTORS MEETING:

The Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) will be hosting its annual Contractors Meeting on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at CVSan's main office, located at 21040 Marshall Street, Castro Valley, CA 94546. Coffee and breakfast pastries will be served.

Topics of discussion include, but are not limited to:

- CVSan's Lateral Replacement Grant Program (LRGP)
- List of Qualified Contractors
- Inspection Availability and Requirements
- Code Updates
- Planned Projects for 2018/19

A finalized agenda will be available on Wednesday, May 30, 2018, which can be accessed online at www.cvsan.org/ACM, via emailed request to matthewl@cvsan.org, or via written request to CVSan, Attn: Matthew Lee, 20211 Patio Drive, Suite 200, Castro Valley, CA 94546.

Space is limited so we highly encourage all contractors to pre-register to secure a spot.

For additional information, please contact CVSan's Engineering Department at (510) 537-0757 ext. 108 or via email at matthewl@cvsan.org.

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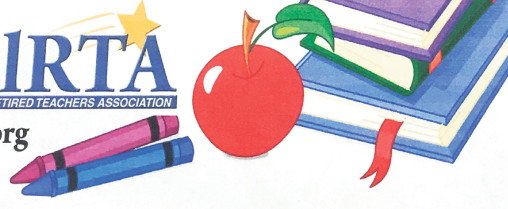
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Dumping:

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"The District Attorney sees this as a threat to the environment and public health and is committing to prosecute," said Miley.

The next steps will be producing a public service video and instituting a street sweeping schedule in the unincorporated areas, and getting people signed up for the Public Works Department's "mobile citizen app" where they can report dumping, as well as graffiti and potholes.

Miley took a few live questions and said he believes the Facebook Live format will be helpful in keeping in touch with constituents in the future.

"People expect a lot from the government, but government is only as good as the people out there sharing their concerns," said Miley. "I get my best ideas from the constituency."