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Fly-Fishing a Bright Spot for CV Cancer Survivor

By Linda Sandsmark
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and as it draws to a close it's fitting to recognize resources for women with the disease.

One unique organization, "Casting for Recovery," took a group of 14 breast cancer survivors on a relaxing weekend trip last month — to learn the art of fly fishing.

Longtime Castro Valley resident Elizabeth McCune was fortunate enough to join this excursion.

"When you have breast cancer, or any kind of cancer, there aren't a lot of bright spots," says McCune, "but this was definitely one of them."

After her most recent surgery in March, McCune was given a packet of possible support services. One pamphlet that caught her eye offered a two-and-a-half day trip to Trinity River west of Redding to learn fly-fishing from experienced volunteers.

"I thought it was heaven-sent. I'm not a big fan of water, but I'd always wanted to learn how to fly-fish," she says.

"Casting for Recovery" takes only 14 women at a time on its Trinity River excursions, in order



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Breast Cancer survivor Elizabeth McCune of Castro Valley was taught fly-fishing by volunteers from "Casting For Recovery."

to devote time and care to each breast cancer survivor/patient. Although she signed up right away, McCune was on a waiting list until someone else dropped out 10 days before the trip.

"There is no charge to the participants, but you have to be willing to make that drive," she says, noting that some people might not be up to the journey at any given point in their treatment.

The ensuing experience included at least 20 volunteers helping

the 14 participants. McCune says her river helper was more of a "Sherpa" because he helped carry everything, even her water bottle and walking stick.

Nobody in her participant group had ever fished before, but they all

enjoyed the lovely setting, personal attention, and camaraderie.

"We had participants from their 30s to 70s, and I think that's what makes it good. I think it helps the younger ones to see older people who are still survivors," says McCune, who is retired. "It was a great experience even though the only things I caught were two leaves. But the second one was bigger than the first!"

For 20 years "Casting for Recovery" has been taking women, in all stages of breast cancer, on fishing retreats around the country. Its website says that the gentle motion of fly-casting, in a natural outdoor setting, is good for both the body and spirit.

The group serves over 800 women annually, at 60 retreats across the country. They rely on the support of over 1,600 volunteers, from fishing instructors to medical professionals. Donations are also gratefully accepted. To learn more, call 888-553-3500, or check out castingforrecovery.org/

"It's great for any woman who wants to get back to nature," says McCune. "My casting did get better by the end of our time on Trinity River. I wrote my helper afterward and thanked him. He answered, 'We love it. You ladies inspire us'."

CASTRO VALLEY ADULT SCHOOL

Manufacturing Day: Helping People Get Into The Workforce

By Linette Escobar
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Have you ever driven by that little school with the parking lot with cool solar panels on Seven Hills Road and wondered, "What goes on there?"

The answer may surprise you. In one room you will meet a man from Mexico who worked all day and is studying English at night.

In another room, you will see a 40-year-old woman, who dropped out of school when she got pregnant, returning to finish her high school diploma and be an example to her kids.

In yet another, a 26 year old woman is getting hands-on training to become a clinical medical assistant.

One thing is clear, Castro Valley Adult & Career Education is putting people on a pathway to college or career. A perfect example of this work is the Adult School's participation in last Thursday's "Manufacturing Day" sponsored by Chabot College, local Chambers of Commerce, the Eden Area Regional Occupational Program and local school districts.

Castro Valley Adult & Career Education has been participating *see WORKFORCE on page 6*



PHOTO BY FRED ZEHLER

DEM BONES, DEM BONES: The front yard at 4325 Shamrock Way in Castro Valley looks plenty scary all right, but it's not likely to keep many visitors away. Jim and Rosa Doll, who have lived in Castro Valley for 26 years, will be giving out full-size candy bars to Trick or Treaters brave enough to stop by. They've been painstakingly decorating their place for Halloween for years. The couple also collects antiques and a visit to their house is like stepping back in time.

Castro Valley Weather Oct. 31 - Nov. 4, 2018



Wednesday
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Thursday
Partly Sunny
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High 75 Low 51°



Saturday
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High 74° Low 52°



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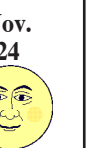
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Past Week's Rain: 00.00
Season To Date: 00.05
Normal To Date: 00.06
Season Average: 21.22

Sun sets at 6:11 p.m. today, rises at 7:36 a.m. Thursday.

Moon Phases



Vox Fortura, winner of the Black British Entertainment Award for "Best Song of the Year" in 2017, open their first U.S. tour at Castro Valley Center for the Arts this Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

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The Alameda County Registrar of Voters' office in Oakland will be open for voting from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday this next weekend.

The office is located in Room

G-1 at the René C. Davidson Court House, 1225 Fallon Street. Enter through the 12th Street entrance of the Court House.

The office is currently open for early voting Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and will be open on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 6, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Those who vote by mail can

save time, postage and Election Day lines by dropping off their ballots at the Official Drop Box at the front entrance of the Castro Valley Library, next to the book depository, between now and 8 p.m. on Nov. 6.

For more information about voting, visit acvote.org/VBM or call the Registrar of Voters' Office at 510-272-6973.

Vox Fortura Opens U.S. Tour In Castro Valley This Saturday

Vox Fortura bring their good looks, beautiful voices and magnetic stage presence to the Castro Valley Center for the Arts this Saturday, Nov. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

The four singers were 2016 semi-finalists in *Britain's Got Talent*.

They have been compared to Il Divo and, like Il Divo, they make calassical music hip!

Their program includes the music of Elgar and Bizet to David Bowie, John Legend, Stevie Wonder and Ed Sheeran.

Last year the group won the

Black British Entertainment Award for Best Song of the Year for their rendition of "Heroes." Castro Valley is the first stop on their first U.S. Tour.

For tickets, visit www.cvarts-foundation.org/shows.

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This Week at Smalltown

● **Saturday, November 3:**
**The Power of Words:
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In a techno-consumer culture obsessed by the latest gadgets, we can forget that content matters, that words—in all their infinite arrangements—have power.

Local author Mark Cotta Vaz invites you to join his free 2018 writer's workshop series at the Smalltown Society community center in Castro Valley. The program is open to any interest, whether it's forging a writing career, increasing one's communication skills at work, or writing the family memoir. *Free 10 a.m.-12 noon*

● **Tuesday, November 6:**
"CV The Sweet Live" Kickoff Gathering

Whether you're a local musician or a patron who would like to experience more live music in CV, we hope you'll join Castro Valley residents along with Castro Valley School of Music and Smalltown Society for our Kickoff gathering as we collaborate around one mission: to provide ongoing opportunities for CV residents to experience live music.

Whether as part of the audience; as a participant in a drum or singing circle, soloist/singer, band; or as a host in a CV House Concert network, opportunities for engagement are varied and many. CV The Sweet Live's mission is simple but not simply realized without teamwork that includes CV residents, business owners and others who share our passion for the beauty and healing that live music brings to our community and lives. More info and form: www.smalltownsociety.com/the-sweet-live. Free. 6 p.m. Castro Valley School of Music 3300 E Castro Valley Blvd, CV

More details on these events and others visit www.smalltown-society.com or text "Smalltown" to 797979. Smalltown Society is located at 22222 Redwood Road, Castro Valley



Best selling author Mark Vaz will be highlighting journalism at his next writer's workshop on Nov. 3.

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Celebrating CV Library's 100th

Hundreds of fans of the printed page turned out Saturday to celebrate Castro Valley Library's 100th birthday.

Cake, ice cream and entertainment for the event were sponsored by Friends of CV Library, a volunteer organization that raises money to support Library endeavors.

The cake featured a large road-crossing chicken, in recognition of the Library's early location in an empty rural chicken coop.

"I just think it's really cool that the Library has been around so long," says the Library's volunteer homework coordinator Dorothy Hamilton. "I grew up in a tiny town in Kansas and we had a Carnegie Library. It was such an important part of the community, just like this library. We serve a widely diverse group of people here, of many classes, ethnicities and incomes."

CV Library has existed in several locations, from the chicken coop in 1918 (where the Castro Valley Masonic Lodge sits today), to a "tank house" in 1927 on the current Castro Village property, to a larger facility on Redwood Road in 1962, and finally its current Norbridge Avenue home in 2009.

County Librarian Cindy Chadwick was at the celebration, along with representatives from Congressman Eric Swalwell's and County Supervisor Nate Miley's offices.

"We're so grateful for the partnership we have with the Friends of the Library and the Castro Valley community," says Chadwick. "People here want to gather and be civically involved. This Library is a big part of that. It's really open to everyone in this diverse area, and it's perfect for this community that wants to connect."

—by Linda Sandsmark



PHOTOS BY LINDA SANDSMARK

Visitors enjoyed live musical entertainment at the Castro Valley Library's 100th birthday celebration Saturday afternoon.



Library staff members Chris Selig, Lyn Leone and Nathan Silva served slices of birthday cake, which celebrated Castro Valley Library's origin 100 years ago in a former chicken coop.

SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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Asleep Behind the Wheel
Sunday, October 28: at 11:55 p.m., Sheriff's deputies arrested a 31-year-old man from San Ramon on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol. The man was spotted behind a fast food restaurant on Grove Way near Center Street. Deputies report the man was asleep behind the wheel with the car in drive. The man failed his field sobriety test and was taken into custody.

Trouble at Eden
Sunday, October 28: at 12:40 a.m., a 46-year-old man with no permanent address was arrested on suspicion of disturbing the flow of business at Eden Medical Center on Lake Chabot Road. Deputies were called to the scene after hospital security reported a man was blocking nurses and doctors from doing their jobs. The man was handcuffed and taken into custody.

Back to Jail
Sunday, October 28: at 1:34 a.m., deputies arrested a 61-year-old man from Hayward on suspicion of possession of illegal drug paraphernalia and violating the terms of his parole. Deputies stopped the man for questioning outside a business on the Boulevard near Redwood Road when they discovered his stash. The man was handcuffed and taken into custody.

Thief with a Stun Gun
Thursday, October 25: at 9:13 p.m., a 48-year-old woman was arrested on suspicion of theft, felony possession of a stun gun, illegal drug paraphernalia, and violating the terms of her parole. Deputies

stopped the woman for questioning while she was driving on Strobridge Avenue near the westbound off ramp from Interstate 580. The woman was taken into custody.

Shoplifter Likely to Continue
Thursday, October 25: at 4:50 p.m., deputies arrested a 27-year-old woman with no permanent address on suspicion of shoplifting from a drug store on the Boulevard near Yeandle Drive. The woman was caught leaving the store with an unspecified amount of unpaid merchandise. Deputies report this is not the first time for the woman and that she is likely to continue.

Unwanted Visitors
Wednesday, October 24: at 2:37 p.m., two arrested for breaking and entering a home on Crow Creek Road near Crow Canyon Road. Deputies responded to a tip about illegal visitors to an empty unit. A 29-year-old man from San Francisco was additionally found to be in violation of a restraining order. He and a 44-year-old woman from Hercules (Contra Costa County) were taken into custody.

Petty Theft
Wednesday, October 24: at 11:39 a.m., deputies arrested a 23-year-old man on suspicion of petty theft, possession of illegal narcotics, and violating the terms of his probation. The man was traveling on Wilbeam Avenue near Castro Valley Boulevard when deputies caught up with him and discovered his stash. The man was taken into custody.

Uber Fare Evasion
Tuesday, October 23: at 8:34 p.m., a 41-year-old man from Castro Valley was arrested on suspicion of petty theft in the form of fare evasion from an Uber driver. Deputies were called to an apartment on Anita Avenue near Castro Valley Boulevard after receiving a call from the driver who claimed he drove the suspect from Oakland Airport to CV. The passenger's debit card was declined and refused to pay any other way. The driver put the passenger under citizen's arrest until deputies arrived. Deputies took the man to Santa Rita Jail pending \$2,500 in bail.

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The Week Ahead

● Wednesday, October 31: *Free Harvest Festival*

New Life Bible Church will hold a Free Harvest Festival from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Halloween, featuring a live dramatic presentation of “The Greatest Story Ever Told,” to provide the community with another fun place to stop on their trick-or-treating route. There will be free goodie bags and carnival type games for the kids and refreshments for the adults, at Calvary Community Christian Center, 20613 Stanton Ave. in Castro Valley.

● Wednesday, October 31: *Trunk or Treat Halloween Night*

The San Leandro Church of Christ at 601 MacArthur Blvd. will hosting a free “Trunk or Treat” event Halloween night in the back parking lot. off of Lewis Avenue where there will be a bounce house, a petting zoo, Halloween-themed music, and treats distributed from church members’ decorated car trunks. Stop by anytime from 6 to 8:30 p.m. today.

● Thursday, November 1: *Parkinson’s Support Group*

Ysela Junenez from Alameda Healthcare will be speaker when the San Leandro Parkinson’s Support Group holds its next meeting at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow at the San Lorenzo Community Church, 945 Paseo Grande. For more information, call Lona White at 276-3119.

● Friday, November 2: *Holiday Boutique for Meals on Wheels*

Start your holiday shopping with unique hand-crafted items from local artists at the Castro Valley Women’s Club 6th Annual Holiday Boutique fundraiser at the Clubhouse, 18330 Redwood Road, to benefit SOS/Meals on Wheels. Preview from 5-8 p.m. this Friday, Nov. 2, and from 9-3 on Saturday. Local businesses are providing prizes for the “Pick- Your- Prize” drawing. For more information, visit www.castrovalleywomensclub.weebly.com

● Friday, November 2: *Eden Area Village Outreach*

Join Eden Area Village at 2 p.m. this Friday, Nov. 2, at Hayward City Hall, 777 B Street to meet some of our members, and hear about how we are working to help seniors in the Hayward/Castro Valley/San Lorenzo area to remain in our homes, active and engaged in our community Visit: edenareavillage.org or email: info@edenareavillage.org

● Saturday, November 3: *San Leandro Creek Restoration*

Join other volunteers this Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m to remove invasive plants, then “sheet-mulch” with cardboard and mulch. Meet good people, have fun and get your exercise in the outdoors! Meet at Chabot Park in San Leandro below the playground. Gloves and tools (and pizza lunch) provided.

● Saturday, November 3: *Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair*

Find a unique gift for the holidays or that special piece of art you can’t live without, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Saturday at the Aitken Community Center, 17800 Redwood Road. Vendors will be selling handmade gifts, wood crafts, jewelry, crochet, knitted, hand sewn items and other one-of-a-kind pieces at affordable prices. Also hand-made pottery — such as mugs, cups, bowls, plates, vases, wall plaques. Proceeds benefit the Art & Special Need Programs. For more info, call 510-881-6778.

● Saturday, November 3: *Community Garden Open House*

See what your neighbors are growing at Paradise Community Garden, 20095 Mission Blvd. in Hayward this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. At 11, Master Gardener Gina Lewis will speak on “Cool Season Gardening.” Visit exhibitor booths for California native plants, succulents, local honey, urban farming, body work, coffee roasting. Live music from Los Curenderas. Questions? Rick Hatcher (510) 909-4077.

● Saturday, November 3: *All Saints Food Pantry*

All Saints Episcopal Church is celebrating it’s 10 Year Anniversary and will host a food pantry this Saturday. Food is available to residents of Alameda County from 1 to 2 p.m. at 911 Dowling Blvd., in San Leandro. Volunteers are always welcome and should report at 11:30 a.m. The Hospitality Room with snacks for guests opens at noon. Food distribution is. For more information visit saintsalive.net and click “Social Ministries.” In these 10 years, the pantry has served 45,788 people!

● Saturday, November 3: *Free ACT Practice Test*

Teens are invited to partake in a free ACT practice test administered by Princeton Review at the Castro Valley Library from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. this Saturday. In preparation for what might be the most important test of your life, this 3-1/2 hour workshop will offer you the opportunity to practice and find out how you would score on the new test. Get realistic practice and try your hand at the types of questions you’ll face on the actual exam. You will also receive a personalized score report pinpointing your strengths and weaknesses. Registration is requested. Sign up by phone 510-745-1401 or in person.

● Saturday, November 3: *Hill & Valley Annual Bazaar*

Hill and Valley Women’s Club, at 1808 B Street in Hayward, will hold its annual scholarship bazaar from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Saturday Nov. 3 featuring jewelry, homemade jams, jellies, candy, and baked goods, gift baskets, handcrafted items, holiday decorations, collectibles, plants, books, and more. Box lunches available for \$5. To reserve a box lunch, call 510-785-2053 by Friday, Oct. 26. This event funds scholarships for graduating seniors from local high schools.

● Saturday, November 3: *Marine Corps Birthday Breakfast*

Celebrate the Marine Corps birthday at a breakfast at 8 a.m. at the San Leandro Veterans Hall, 1103 Bancroft Avenue, sponsored by the Lt. Frank Reasoner Det 919. Prepaid \$17.50, at the door \$20. Send checks to Ron Saunders, 566 Mildred Place, Hayward, CA 94544.

● Saturday & Sunday, November 3-4: *Holiday Boutique*

Shop for unique, one-of-a-kind gifts — jewelry, home decor, wood craft, local honey, fresh fudge and more — created by talented, local artisans from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. this Saturday and Sunday at the Holiday Boutique at the Palomares Hills Clubhouse, 6811 Villareal Drive, Castro Valley. Stay for lunch, or enjoy a cup of coffee while you browse. Enter to win our daily gift basket drawing.

● Sunday, November 4: *Laura Wiley Electric Quartet*

Enjoy an afternoon of jazz at the Castro Valley Library with the Laura Wiley Electric Quartet on Sunday, November 4 at 2 p.m. Flutist, singer and Castro Valley resident Laura Wiley performs jazz standards from the Great American Songbook and her own compositions. Laura will be joined by David McFarland on guitar, Edo Castro on electric bass, and Eric Smith on percussion. This program is free and no advanced registration is required.

● Sunday, November 4: *Shir Ami Tot Talk Program*

Congregation Shir Ami, a small, friendly, Reform synagogue, invites you to its free monthly Tot Talk program for children up to 4 years old and their parents/caregivers, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Nov. 4 at 4529 Malabar Ave. in Castro Valley (off Redwood Road). Learn a little about being Jewish, socialize, and have fun. RSVP to Bonnie at bonnie@congshirami.org if you’d like to attend. Visit: www.congshirami.org or www.facebook.com/CongShirAmi

● Tuesday, November 6: *Buon Tempo Family Dinner*

The Buon Tempo Italian American Club is having a family dinner at 7 p.m. at Mt. Tabor Hall, Transfiguration Church, 4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd. Everyone is welcome! Chef Joseph Sotello and crew will be serving a 5-course family-style dinner of Holiday Ham. Red and white wine, and soda are also included. Happy hour at 6. The dinner is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. Reserve by Friday, Nov. 2 by calling the Buon Tempo dinner line 510-483-6929 (option 1). For more info about events/membership see our updated website at www.buontempo.org

● Tuesday, November 6: *Ohlone Audubon*

Express your hidden artistic creativity with hands-on brush painting after a short slideshow. Learn how to paint birds and flowers—no art experience necessary—with artist-instructor Pauline Tsui at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 6 at the next meeting of Ohlone Audubon at Castro Valley Adult School, 4430 Alma Avenue. All art materials will be provided. Free, refreshments served. For info, visit www.ohloneaudubon.org

● Tuesday, November 6: *Rotary Meeting: Sheriff Ahern*

Greg Ahern, Sheriff of Alameda County will update the Club on the many activities of his department at the next buffet lunch meeting, from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 6 at Redwood Canyon Golf Course, 17007 Redwood Road, Castro Valley. The cost of lunch is \$15 and reservations must be made by 9 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4, by contacting Rotary at cvrotary@iCloud.com or 510-402-5123. More info available at castrovalleyrotary.org

● Wednesday, November 7: *Advance Health Care Directive*

An Advance Health Care Directive lets you have a say about how you want to be cared for if you cannot speak for yourself. Attend a free presentation by Legal Assistance for Seniors, from 11 a.m. to noon on Nov. 7, at the Castro Valley Library. You’ll learn about directives, appointing an agent, end-of-life decision-making, referrals for other planning tools (wills and durable power of attorney), and suggestions and resources for preparedness. No registration is required.

● Thursday, November 8: *Free Senior Driving Class*

Eden Medical Center and the CHP present “Age Well Drive Smart” senior driving class from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 8 at Eden Medical Center, 20101 Lake Chabot Road. Getting older does not mean you are a bad driver. By adapting your driving habits to your medical and physical changes, you can remain a safe driver. Call 510-727-8485 to register.

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.

● **Vox Fortura**, an exceptionally talented classical singing group and semi-finalists on *Britain’s Got Talent 2016*, will perform at 7:30 p.m. this Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Center for the Arts. Featuring 4 male a capella singers, the group combine a classical crossover operatic style with cover of iconic songs that audiences can sing along to. Described by fans as “the next Il Divo,” they are bringing classical vocals back into the mainstream. *For tickets (\$36-\$40) see above.*

● **Fall Concert**, will be presented at 2 p.m. this Sunday, Nov. 4, by the Castro Valley Adult School Orchestra at the Center for the Arts. The Orchestra will feature “Brahms Symphony No 1 in C minor,” Arthur Breur: “Dance of the Monsters under the Bed” and “Mozart Horn Concerto No 2 in Eb,” conducted by Josh Cohen and featuring Adrienne Chambers on French Horn. *For advance tickets (\$10 adults, \$5 children/Seniors) see above (at the door \$12 and \$7).*

● **Oakland Youth Orchestra** will present a free concert at the Center for the Arts at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 18.

OTHER THEATRICAL & MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

● **“Don’t Dress for Dinner,”** a laugh-out-loud comedy that contains adult themes, a rush of sexy shenanigans, mix-ups and wild coincidences, continues through Sunday, Nov. 11, at Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Ave., Castro Valley. Curtain time on Friday and Saturday evening is 8 p.m. with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. General admission is \$25; and \$20 for seniors and students. For tickets, call 510-733-5483 or visit chanticleers.org.

AT THE ART GALLERIES

● **41st Area Artists Annual Juried Exhibition**, a competitive exhibit which features artwork from 41 selected local artists reflecting the world as they see it, will be presented through Dec. 8 at the Adobe Art Gallery, 20395 San Miguel Ave., Castro Valley. The exhibit includes a variety of media. Visit www.adobegallery.org

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A GREAT SEASON OF SOCCER: The Castro Valley Soccer Club's Wrecking Ballz girls' team faced off against the Soccer Rockers and lost 2-1, on Saturday at Canyon Middle School. In an exciting last game of the season that saw two teams equally battling for the ball, the Wrecking Ballz scored first to make it 1-0, and held on to that lead until the last two minutes, when the Soccer Rockers put together an exciting rally, scoring two goals before the final whistle. Despite the loss, the Wrecking Ballz' players and parents were thankful for a great season of soccer with wonderful coaches. The players from the Wrecking Ballz Soccer team are Marley, Alynna, Analyssa, Saanvi, Naomi, Layla, Lilly, Emerson, Sasha, Elizabeth, Amelia, Kayla, Stella, Chloe, and Audrey.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Elena Lottich

This week's Athlete of the Week is Elena Lottich, a junior at Castro Valley High School and a member of the varsity tennis team since her freshman year. As a freshman, she was the No. 2 singles player for CV, but has been the No. 1 singles player for the last two years. Her first two years, she was voted all-league as a singles player (with only 6 players in the league that receive this award). Lottich is a tournament player, and currently is ranked in northern California. Last year, she played in the NCS singles tournament, and came in third place. She will be participating in the WACC singles tournament this Friday and Saturday, Nov. 2-3, with the hope of again participating in the NCS singles championships, because only 16 girls throughout the North Coast Section are selected to play in this tournament. In addition to her excellence on the court, Lottich has been a Scholar Athlete during her career as a CVHS Varsity tennis player.



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Workforce: Community Partnerships

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in Manufacturing Day for the last several years, but this was the biggest year yet with 23 students attending.

The students had a factory tour of IBC Creative Packaging where they were encouraged to apply to the growing company. Next, they visited Chabot College where representatives from Tesla and Ghirardelli Chocolate Company talked about careers in manufacturing.

Finally, students visited the Career Technical Education programs at Chabot to see what pathways are available to them after adult school. This day annually inspires students to become more motivated with their studies and transition to Chabot College.

"Manufacturing Day is a great example of how community partnerships can support adults as they build the skills and education that lead to meaningful employment," said Sharon Travers, Assistant Principal. "It's a core part of our mission to get people on the pathway to a livable wage. It not only



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THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX: Twenty-three Castro Valley Adult and Career Education students got a behind-the-scenes look the IBC Creative Packaging plant on Hesperian Blvd. in Hayward last Thursday as part of Manufacturing Day.

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

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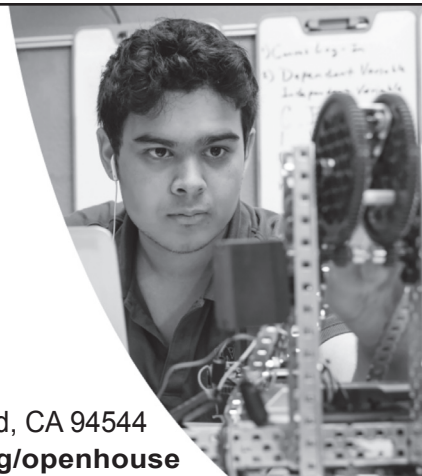
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Volleyball

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA UNLIMITED CIVIL JURISDICTION

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Respectfully submitted
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GENERAL CIRCULATION
(GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION
6020)**

Case No: RG18907379

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- Victor Manuel Castro
- Carolyn Nystrom

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Victor Manuel Castro

August 3, 1936 - October 23, 2018



Victor Manuel Castro, age 82 of Castro Valley, California passed away on October 23, 2018.

Victor was born on August 3, 1936 in Tijuana, Mexico to Luis and Maclovía Castro. He was the second youngest of nine children. Victor made his way to Los Angeles in the early 1970's where he met the love of his life, Socorro. They started a family together and had five children.

They relocated to Hayward, California in 1979, and then they moved again to Castro Valley, California in 1982.

Victor Manuel Castro is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Socorro Castro, as well as his sons, Victor Jr., Eduardo, and Daniel, his daughters, Cristina and Rocio, his grandkids, Alyssa, Jacob, Robert, Christopher, Isabella, Melia, Isaac, Danilo, Benico, William, Josiah, and Jet, and the family dogs Rosie, Diego, Brandy, and Dino. We love you!

A funeral celebration was held at Our Lady of Grace Church in Castro Valley on October 30, 2018.

Carolyn Mae Sandberg Nystrom

April 1, 1934 - October 19, 2018

Carolyn Mae Sandberg Nystrom, born April 1, 1934, passed away October 19, 2018, at home in Castro Valley.

Born to Sigfried and Mabel Sandberg in Alma, CO she grew up in St. Paul, MN and earned her RN at Lutheran Deaconess Hospital in 1954. She married Rev. J. Dale Nystrom the same year. Church ministry took them to Selma, CA and then to San Rafael, CA where they were founders of Lucas Valley Community Church and ministered for 15 years while raising 3 daughters. Along with her busy life as a cherished pastor's wife, she worked as a nurse.

They eventually settled in Castro Valley where she continued her quiet and selfless ministry at First Baptist Church. She was known for her caring and thoughtful acts of support and encouragement and for her dedication to her family.

Carolyn is survived by husband J. Dale Nystrom, daughters Jodi Riche (Jim), Caren Brignole (Chris), Sheri Albright (Pete) and brother Rev. Leroy Sandberg (Fay) of Bremerton, WA, and beloved grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, Carolyn has requested any contributions be made to She Is Safe (sheissafe.org).



LETTERS to the Editor

Let's Save Castro Valley by Following Recommendations On Defensible Space Between Forest and Homes

Editor:

CalFire – obviously the leading experts on forest fires – emphasizes the vital importance of *fire prevention and fuel reduction*. They recommend creation of a firebreak, a defensible space between the forest and residential areas. That space needs to be free of combustible vegetation and wide enough for fire-fighting equipment and for firefighters to move safely, and to kill off a fire.

Our hard surface vehicle road along the Ten Hills Trail, which separates the Lake Chabot forest from the residential area, is a blessing in disguise. We already have a 20-foot wide roadway, so all that's needed is a clearing of another 80 feet and maintaining it clear of vegetation.

CalFire points out the obvious advantages of aircraft water drops, but acknowledges their limitations – darkness, wind, smoke, etc. Aircraft waterdrops alone will not put out a forest fire but it will slow it down enough to give fire fighters time to finish it off, provided they have a defensive space.

In a recent news article, Fire Chief Patrick Reltz of the Idlewild Fire Protection District, relates, "The fierce Southern California fire raced through the forest towards Idlewild. When the fire reached the 100 feet wide plus, firebreak, that had been cleared of all combustibles, it slowed down enough to give firefighters, on the ground a chance to move on to this defensible firebreak and, with water, equipment, and hand crews, they saved the town." Let's save Castro Valley.

—John Sullivan, Castro Valley

Says Prop 6 Would Turn Back all of the Ground Gained On Highway Infrastructure

Editor:

About a decade ago my wife and I were surprised that Hwy 680 had potholes deep enough to blow a new tire on our car traveling the speed limit.

It wasn't a fun way to spend New Year's Eve, but things got better when Obama sent federal funds for fixing our roads, and Governor Brown finally built enough surplus to let some money out of our State's coffers.

Prop 6, however, promises to turn back all of the ground gained, so please consider a few facts. First according to the Dallas Morning News, the money we spend on road repair saves about 14 times that number in average cost of vehicle repairs.

You might have seen figures saying that, while the average person pays \$700 a year in gas tax, they also pay \$739 in tire/alignment/shock absorber damage costs because of bad roads. The 14 times figure is for road repairs, not general new roads, bridge structure etc.

Second, our current gas tax is anything but high; it pays only 20% of California's road costs, with the rest from raiding the General Fund.

Prop 6 advocates love to tell you that gas taxes are all headed to the general fund. Nope, they only lessen the rate at which the general fund is depleted for road work. So, let's get with the paying customers, maybe stop and think before complaining about not getting enough of a free ride.

—Karl Hodges, Castro Valley

Street Demonstrations are Free Speech, Not 'Whining'

Editor:

A Letter to the Editor on Oct. 8 began "While I can certainly respect all opinions..."

I thought that sounded like a good start and was eager to hear the point about to be made. The letter ended with "...liberals can whine, cry and throw tantrums in the streets, but in the long run, it won't change a thing." Shoot, the beginning sounded hopeful and in the end I was just sad.

Does one really respect all opinions if, in this nation that allows for free speech and free assembly, one views individuals exercising those rights as whining? Aren't demonstrators actually demonstrating what living in a free society should look like? Aside from our right to vote, isn't our right to such free expression one of the hallmarks of our democracy?

Some folks were out on the corner of CV Blvd. and Redwood Road the other day holding up signs in support of a particular candidate. In this free society we all enjoy the right to express our support of a candidate, ballot initiative, court case, what have you. What's even better is that we all enjoy the right to hold up a sign in opposition. Isn't living in America great!

—Gena McAllister, Castro Valley

Letters to the Editor

must include writer's first and last names, phone number, city of residence, and must be under 300 words. Not every letter can be printed. We do not print unsigned or anonymous letters. We reserve the right to edit as necessary.

Email Letters to:

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Keep your feelings to yourself as you work through an awkward circumstance. Complaining is useless, and also unwise since your words could come back to haunt you.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): A sudden flash of Bovine practicality shows you how you might be able to turn your artistic pursuits into a profitable venture. A spouse or partner offers some sage advice.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Be prepared with several "Plan Bs" that you might have to use as backups just in case you encounter some troublesome complications with your carefully constructed schedule.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): You might think you'll never have a free moment again with the demands of the workplace piling on. Cheer up. The pressure eases as holiday time nears. An old friend brings good news.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): Your Leonine pride might make it difficult to offer an apology to a co-worker you unintentionally offended. But a quick and sincere "I'm sorry" could prevent problems down the line.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): This is a good time to tackle those backed-up chores that have kept you from moving into other, potentially more worthwhile projects. A personal matter needs your attention.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): You usually have no problem rushing to the defense of someone you perceive as being treated unjustly. But perceptions could be deceiving this week. Check the facts before you act.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Before you point fingers at who might be to blame for the unexpected change in your plans, take a few moments to reflect on how this turn of events might be a blessing in disguise.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): You seek out advice in the first part of the week. But be careful not to let counsel from others overshadow your own sense of perception. Things become clearer by the week's end.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): The trusted colleagues you relied on earlier continue to offer support with your project. But you take more control, and by the week's end, you should be in full command.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Rely on your practical side while exploring investment possibilities. Caution is still your watchword in these matters. Your social life takes a gratifying turn by the week's end.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): An already confusing situation appears to grow murkier during the first part of the week. But it all starts to clear by the week's end. Plan to spend the weekend with someone special.

THE FORUM CROSSWORD

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ANSWERS ON PAGE 5

REAL ESTATE GALLERY



3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home, with approx. 1595 sq. ft., and lot size approx. 6795 sq. ft. Down-to-studs renovation in 2014. Extra-deep backyard with long gated driveway, this is a home you can really spread out in! Open floor plan, gas fireplace, tall baseboards, upgraded light fixtures. Professional-grade kitchen with quartz counters, deluxe cabinets, tile floor, and 48" gas range with hood. Close to BART, schools, shopping!

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GUEST COMMENTARY



Preventing Ghoulish Discoveries When Buying a Home

Backing their moving truck into the driveway of their new home, as a couple dismounted, they were greeted by a person saying, "Hi, I'm your next-door neighbor - welcome to the neighborhood! They told you about the murder, right?" As the couple looked at each other with shock, the neighbor, gauging their looks, added, "Oh dear ... I guess they didn't, huh?"

Spooky or ghoulish surprises may be OK for Halloween, but not when you are moving into your new digs.

Past deaths, crimes or even purported paranormal activities can all cast gloom on a purchase. How do you uncover "creepy" details before finalizing the deal? Here are our Top 4 ways:

1. Ask pointed questions.

While the law requires sellers to disclose any death on the property within the past 3 years, it does not require them to reveal specific details. Additionally, some sellers interpret the law as any death 'inside' the home versus one that may have occurred outside. For some buyers, this level of information is not enough. If prior deaths are a concern, dig deeper. Ask, "Are you aware of ANY death that has occurred anywhere on the property?" If the answer is "Yes", then ask additional probing questions, such as, "Can you clarify the date and method of death?"

2. Examine disclosures in a timely manner.

Ideally, any home you are looking to purchase will have the disclosures available for you to examine before writing an offer. Where this is not the case, carefully read the disclosures once they are available and ask pertinent questions prior to removing

your inspection contingency. If you are unhappy with any response, you can cancel the transaction. Once you have removed all your contingencies, it is too late. If, however, after removal of the inspection contingency, the seller or their agent provide hitherto undisclosed adverse conditions materially affecting the property, you then have the right to cancel the contract.

3. Query the neighbors.

Knock on doors around your potential home and ask the neighbors if they are aware of any adverse information. In most cases, nearby residents are more than willing to share. If you uncover undisclosed information, go back to the seller and ask for clarification.

4. Run an online search.

Google the address to see what comes up. Pay specific information to any news-related articles that may appear.

Avoid surprises. Perform due diligence and then sleep soundly at night!

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

Transplant Hydrangeas During Cool Weather

By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener

Q I have a hydrangea that I need to transplant into a larger container. When is the best time to do this, and can I trim it at the same time?

A There is no set time that you cannot transplant or transfer a hydrangea. It's preferable to do it when the temperatures are cool. So, now through May is a good time to transplant.

It's important to note that

your plant is probably one of the newer varieties. These varieties bloom both on the new and old wood, so there aren't any precautions when pruning.

This isn't the case with varieties planted in the last century as they bloom only second-year wood. With those varieties, prune off the spent flowers and stems as close to the ground as you can get and prune the rest of the growth lightly to shape it.

If you prune it too severely, you remove the flowering growth, and they don't bloom again until the following year.

Hydrangeas can be pruned at the time you transplant or at another time. The typical time to prune is late fall through March or after a flush of flowers. If you prune too late in the spring, the flowering cycle will be disrupted and they'll bloom much later than normal.

Buzz Bertolero is an Advance California Certified Nursery Professional. The Dirt Gardener's website is www.dirtgardener.com and questions can be sent by email to buzz@dirtgardener.com or on Facebook at [Facebook.com/BuzzBertolero](https://www.facebook.com/BuzzBertolero)



Flowers

Perennials for next spring and summer can be planted from nursery stock now. Look for seedlings of candytuft, columbine, cineraria and Sweet William. Take care of chrysanthemums by dusting for pests and staking for support. Stop pinching them out at the tips. There is still time to plant bulbs for a brilliant display of spring flowers.

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SATURDAY & SUNDAY
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A	1-4	1-4	2171 Buena Vista	\$599,000	2/1	Berkshire Hathaway RE	Cathy Brent	510-381-1065
A	—	1-4	16147 Via Sonora	\$675,000	4/1.5	J. Rockcliff RE	Lisa Ferraris	925-304-1271
S	2-4:30	2-4:30	3050 Roxbury Ave.	\$849,000	3/2.5	Marvin Gardens RE	Greg Novak	510-472-4770
W	1-4	1-4	469 Le Jean Way	\$995,000	3/2	J. Rockcliff RE	Lisa Ferraris	925-304-1271
C	1-4	1-4	18668 Capricorn Ct.	\$949,000	3/2	Berkshire Hathaway RE	Cathy Brent	510-381-1065
C	—	1-4	17849 Parker Rd.	\$999,000	4/2	Berkshire Hathaway RE	Cathy Brent	510-381-1065
A	—	1:30-4	393 Dowling Blvd.	\$1,188,000	5/3.5	Robert Jones & Assoc.	Matt Jones	510-357-0120

CITY GUIDE

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21198 Nunes Avenue	94546: \$725,000	3 BD - 1,267 SF - 1948
2740 Stanton Heights Ct	94546: \$841,000	4 BD - 2,067 SF - 1977
21465 Tanglewood Drive	94546: \$995,000	5 BD - 2,950 SF - 1962
17674 Trenton Drive	94546: \$855,000	3 BD - 1,939 SF - 1963
6050 Mt. Rushmore Cir	94552: \$800,000	3 BD - 1,561 SF - 1988
5817 Shadow Ridge Dr	94552: \$950,000	4 BD - 2,119 SF - 1972

TOTAL SALES: 7

LOWEST AMOUNT: \$725,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$841,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$995,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$853,714

San Leandro

850 Collier Drive	94577: \$1,062,000	5 BD - 3,070 SF - 1929
2269 Estabrook Circle	94577: \$698,000	2 BD - 1,966 SF - 1941
2273 Marina Boulevard	94577: \$808,000	4 BD - 2,242 SF - 1994
73 Preda Street	94577: \$721,000	3 BD - 1,401 SF - 1945
392 Sybil Avenue	94577: \$675,000	2 BD - 1,224 SF - 1894
1360 144th Avenue	94578: \$640,000	2 BD - 1,255 SF - 1951
947 Dillo Street	94578: \$635,000	2 BD - 1,042 SF - 1946
1510 Fir Avenue	94578: \$710,000	4 BD - 1,620 SF - 1955
16829 Los Reyes Avenue	94578: \$765,000	4 BD - 2,020 SF - 1958
14630 Pansy Street	94578: \$780,000	4 BD - 1,636 SF - 1953
1708 Russ Avenue	94578: \$581,500	2 BD - 1,514 SF - 1947
15298 Upton Avenue	94578: \$3,300,000	4 BD - 1,760 SF - 1952
16013 Wellington Way	94578: \$678,000	2 BD - 969 SF - 1948
1206 Dartmouth Avenue	94579: \$615,000	3 BD - 1,081 SF - 1951
1132 Devonshire Avenue	94579: \$765,000	3 BD - 988 SF - 1950
1143 Devonshire Avenue	94579: \$610,000	3 BD - 988 SF - 1950
15549 Maureen Street	94579: \$720,000	3 BD - 1,405 SF - 1959

TOTAL SALES: 17

LOWEST AMOUNT: \$581,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$710,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$3,300,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$868,441

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532 Doane Street	94580: \$585,000	3 BD - 1,014 SF - 1950
988 Via Bregani	94580: \$691,500	3 BD - 1,345 SF - 1957
1354 Via Hermana	94580: \$710,000	3 BD - 1,289 SF - 1955

TOTAL SALES: 3

LOWEST AMOUNT: \$585,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$691,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$710,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$662,167

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Assault with a Deadly Weapon

Tuesday, October 23: at 9:59 a.m., a 911 call about a loud and aggressive-sounding argument sent deputies to an apartment on San Miguel Avenue near Somerset Avenue. There, they arrested a 42-year-old woman from Castro Valley on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon, assault on a family member, and assault on a minor. Deputies handcuffed the woman and took her into custody. The victims were treated at the scene.

Back to Jail

Tuesday, October 23: at 1:46 a.m., deputies arrested a 57-year-old man from Oakland on suspicion of shoplifting from a grocery store on Redwood Road near Castro Valley Boulevard. The man was also wanted as part of a warrant issued for two previous charges of shoplifting. Store security detained the man until deputies arrived. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$7,500 in bail.

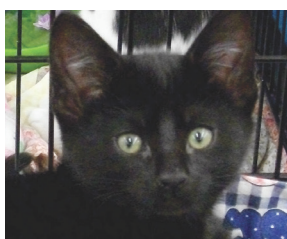
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Sheriff Ahern Honored at RCS Dinner

Redwood Christian Schools honored Alameda County Sheriff Gregory Ahern with the "RCS Lifetime Recognition Award" at its 49th Annual Dinner for friends and supporters of RCS last week in San Ramon.

Parents, teachers, staff, and administration from Redwood Christian joined honorary guests, alumni, and various other supporters of RCS for the Oct. 22 event.

Sheriff Ahern thus joins a select group of 29 honorees since 2010 in receiving the Lifetime Recognition Award, the highest honor given by RCS to individuals who have been faithful supporters.

"There is no greater supporter of students than Sheriff Ahern," Superintendent Al Hearne told the guests. "Under his leadership, the Student Resource Officer (SRO) program has grown and expanded. Although RCS is rarely in need of an SRO on campus, whenever we need one, all we have to do is call and an amazingly trained and knowledgeable deputy shows up to help out however needed."

In addition, Sheriff Ahern was recognized for his commitment to the "Student Citizens of the Year" through the Castro Valley/Eden Area Chamber of Commerce. Each year, the Chamber works with all the schools in Castro Valley, Cherryland, Ashland, and San



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RCS Lifetime Recognition Award recipient Sheriff Gregory Ahern shown with Redwood Christian Schools' Superintendent Al Hearne (left) and Board Chairman Harry Bruno.

Lorenzo to select a student citizen of the year whose commitment to excellence, kindness, friendship, and community service is readily evident to all.

The event honors 38 students each year, including three from Redwood Christian Schools.

Sheriff Ahern takes time out of a busy schedule to serve as the Keynote Speaker, challenging the students to continue on the path they are headed to pursue excellence and inspiring them to work

hard, attain their goals, and help make the world a better place.

In addition to the award ceremony, dinner highlights included live performances by RCS choirs and student, faculty, administrator, and alumni speakers.

Superintendent Hearne cast the vision for RCS to continue its academic ministry for the next 50-plus years. He also announced that the Bruce D. Johnson Gymnasium at the San Lorenzo campus will open on Nov. 24th.

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