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HELPING HOUSTON

Life-long Castro Valley resident John Machado boarded a flight from San Francisco International Airport before dawn on Monday to assist with rescue and relief efforts in the wake of Tropical Storm Harvey. Machado, 45, was deployed to Alabama for four days of training and then will be sent to Houston where epic flooding has left thousands of people stranded and homeless. Machado, who works as a Customs Agent at SFO, had signed up as a relief volunteer and was tapped by FEMA over the weekend. He was told that he could be in Texas for up to 45 days – a long time to be away from his wife, Fanny, and their two daughters, 12 and 14, who are all very proud of him.

MAC MEETING

Public Involvement Promised In Daughtrey's Development

By Amy Sylvestri
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

The future of the Daughtrey's building is a topic that Castro Valley seems most interested in and, after two decades of inactivity and one failed development plan, the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) has pledged to keep residents informed and involved as the new plan for a luxury grocery store moves forward.

So on Monday night, the council heard an update from developer Craig Semmelmeier and also formed a subcommittee on the "Castro Valley Marketplace" project consisting of MAC members Marc Crawford, Shelia Cunha, and Ted Riche.

In July, the MAC selected Semmelmeier's Main Street Properties as the developer for the building at 3259 Castro Valley Boulevard. Semmelmeier has promised to create a 24,000-square-foot "department store of food."

There will be a grocery store operated by Alameda Natural Grocery that will occupy the first floor and a "speakeasy" restaurant and cocktail bar run by the owners of Oakland's Blind Tiger restaurant on the basement level.

The rest of the property will be divided among smaller tenants such as a cafe, cooking school, or yoga studio.

Semmelmeier told the MAC that he has already held a series

of town hall meetings to gather public input on what they'd like to see at the store. He has also found some local talent including a Castro Valley baker who may sell goods at the new marketplace.

Semmelmeier intends to hold more town halls in September and October and the dates, times and, locations of these meetings will be posted on www.facebook.com/castrovalleymarketplace.

"We'd love to have an oppor-

tunity to talk to as many people as we can," said Semmelmeier, who will have a booth at the Fall Festival to get more input. "We're learning a lot and we'd like to learn more."

The developer also announced plans to create a temporary hand-painted mural including leasing information on the building that will be in place until it opens.

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THE 45TH ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL IS COMING UP

Mark your calendars for the weekend of Sept. 9-10 when Castro Valley holds its biggest street party of the year from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sponsored by the Castro Valley/Eden Area Chamber of Commerce, this year's Fall Festival will feature live bands, beer and wine, arts and crafts, food, and kids activities on the Boulevard from Redwood Road to Santa Maria Ave. Look for the Official Festival Program in next week's Forum.



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A Scene from the last Urban Shield exercise.

Urban Shield Coming to Town Next Week

By Amy Sylvestri
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Next weekend, Alameda County will host Urban Shield, a large-scale regional training exercise for police and other first responders.

Urban Shield involves various public works departments, law enforcement agencies, and fire and paramedic personnel acting in response to staged scenarios at sites all over the county.

The event kicks off on Sept. 8 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton with presentations on such subjects as trends in ter-

rorism. Vendors are also on hand to present new technology and tactical gear.

Over the weekend, there will be various drills and practice scenarios throughout the county, including search and rescue drills, hazardous materials spill scenarios, and water rescues on the Bay.

And the empty Daughtrey's building in Castro Valley may find a use even before the new grocery store moves in, as it is being considered as a site for a practice emergency drill.

"Right now, we are not disclosing the locations of our exercises,

but yes, we will be in Castro Valley," said Sgt. Ray Kelly of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, who said that the focus this year will be on natural disaster preparedness such as a major earthquake.

Past Urban Shield exercises have included SWAT teams responding to staged incidents at the Oakland Airport and on a BART train.

Volunteers wear fake blood and sport realistic make-up wounds and role-play as if the scenario is real as police attempt to secure the see SHIELD on back page

Castro Valley Weather Aug. 30 - Sept. 3, 2017



Wednesday
Mostly Sunny
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Thursday
Mostly Sunny
High 87° Low 61°



Friday
Sunny & Hot
High 95° Low 66°



Saturday
Sunny & Hot
High 92° Low 67°



Sunday
Partly Sunny
High 90° Low 63°

Almanac



Sun sets at 7:40 p.m. today, rises at 6:40 a.m. Thursday.

Past Week's Rain: 00.00
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Sept. 6



Sept. 13



Sept. 20



Sept. 28

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Valley Traffic: Palomares Road Closure Extended Through Most of Next Month

Palomares Road will remain closed through most of next month between Palo Verde Road in Castro Valley and Niles Canyon Road in Fremont.

Alameda County Public Works Agency crews are finalizing the installation of a debris barrier at the base of the slope, completing roadway surface repairs, and stripping the traffic lanes, according to

John Medlock, Jr., deputy director of the agency.

The road was closed after near-record rainfall sent a torrent of mud and rocks over the roadway last winter.

Crews have completed the slide repair, removed loose rocks and debris from the hillside, placed protective netting along the slope above the roadway, and installed

rock slope protection along the embankment.

Medlock said the measures should add a layer of protection to the roadway during future storms.

As of now, Palomares Road is expected to reopen on Sept. 23.

For updates, visit www.acpwa.org or call the Maintenance and Operations Department at 510-670-5500.

CV Woman Celebrates 100 Years

LENA FONTES of Castro Valley turned 100 this month marking the milestone at a party with family and friends.

"We celebrated on August 5," she says. "There were 47 people at the party. My grandson Jeff was 45 the same day."

Fontes was born August 8, 1917 in Denver Colorado, eventually moving west. She worked for the U.S. Navy for 35 years and married Patrick Fontes. They raised their daughter Sharon in Hayward.

"I lived in Hayward for 60 years, and was living by myself for a long time after my husband died. I drove a car until I was 93. My daughter didn't want me to live alone any more, so I moved here to Castro Valley. I'm going to stay here the rest of my life," she says.

Fontes is a resident of the Assisted Living section of Baywood Court Retirement Community. She's upbeat and active, especially enjoying dinners with fellow residents.

"I have all my friends here and they always eat with me. I like to be friendly with every-



PHOTO BY LINDA SANDSMARK

Lena Fontes of Castro Valley turned 100 on August 8, 2017.

body," she says.

Fontes also spends a lot of time with family, including her daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Ray DeMello, her grandson Jeffrey and his wife Wendy, and her great granddaughter Maurissa DeMello.

She says the secret to her longevity is staying active both physically and socially.

"I was always healthy. The doctor says I'm so healthy I don't even have to come back and see him," she says.

—by Linda Sandsmark

Get Homework Assistance at CV Library

For students struggling with homework this fall, the Castro Valley Library will be lending a hand beginning this Tuesday, Sept. 5.


The Library's Homework Center staff and volunteers will be providing in-person assistance to

primary and secondary students for individual daily assignments and research projects as well as skill-building for those in grades K-12 in math and reading.

Volunteers will also help students to use technology for their

school assignments in a safe, nurturing environment conducive to study and learning.

The Homework Center is open Monday-Thursday from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and in conjunction with the school district schedule.



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- Paralysis

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Actors and crew rehearse an ambulance arrival scene for "Look Into The Fire." Several scenes for the upcoming movie were shot at CV's Baywood Court Retirement Community.

Lights, Camera, Action for CV

By Linda Sandsmark
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

A movie crew arrived in Castro Valley last week, shooting scenes from the indie film "Look Into The Fire," which will be finished next year.

The psychological drama incorporates a character's trip to the hospital, which was shot at Baywood Court Retirement Community. Writer-director Tim Morrill also works locally at the Douglas Morrison Theater doing scenic carpentry.

Baywood has had film crews at its facility in the past, and allowed Morrill's crew to bring its own

ambulance to the facility's rear entrance.

"I believe in the importance of supporting the Arts," says Baywood's Executive Director, Bruce Udelf. "By allowing this filming at Baywood Court, we are showing that support, and our residents and staff get enjoyment from watching the process."

"Look Into The Fire" has some star power behind it, including Gregg Henry ("Scandal," "Guardians of the Galaxy") as Professor Hirsch, and Jackie Dallas, who plays the teacher's girlfriend in the popular "Stranger Things" Netflix series.

In "Look Into the Fire," Dallas is both producer and actor. She had previously worked on another film at Baywood and helped arrange the location.

Other nearby settings used for the film include Stanford, Oakland, and a cabin in Nicasio.

Morrill, who lives in Hayward, started working on the script two years ago and shooting began

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SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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Can't Stay Away

Sunday, August 27: at 6:14 p.m., Sheriff's deputies arrested a 49-year-old woman from Castro Valley on suspicion of violating a court-issued restraining order. The woman also had a warrant issued for her arrest. A call about a suspicious person outside a home on Vineyard Road near Parker Road sent deputies to the scene. There, they spotted the woman fitting the description. Deputies took the woman to Santa Rita Jail pending \$20,000 in bail.

Traffic Stop Ends in Arrest

Sunday, August 27: at 8:57 p.m., a 47-year-old man with no permanent address was arrested on suspicion of driving with an expired registration, violating the terms of his parole, and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia. Deputies spotted the man driving along Cold Water Drive near Crow Canyon Road and identified his registration had expired. The man revealed his parolee status and his drug kit during questioning. Deputies took the man into custody.

Relieves Himself in Public

Saturday, August 26: at 3:00 p.m., deputies arrested a 34-year-old

man from Castro Valley for exposing himself in public and defacing a business property. The man was spotted outside a fast food restaurant on Castro Valley Boulevard near Yeandle Avenue pulling his pants down in the parking lot to relieve himself. Deputies also report the man had an active warrant issued for his capture. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$20,000 in bail.

Drove Drunk

Saturday, August 26: at 3:03 a.m., a 25-year-old man from Fremont was arrested on suspicion of driving while intoxicated. Deputies pulled the man over at the intersection of Interstate 580 and Redwood Road. The man failed his field-sobriety test and was taken into custody.

Caught with Stolen Property

Friday, August 25: at 3:18 a.m., deputies arrested a 35-year-old woman with no permanent address on suspicion of theft, possession of stolen property, and resisting arrest. The woman was traveling on Crow Canyon Road when deputies stopped her for questioning and found her in possession of the stolen merchandise.

Driving Under the Influence

Friday, August 25: at 12:05 a.m., a 29-year-old woman from Pleasanton was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs. Deputies stopped the woman for a traffic violation at the intersection of Redwood Road and Lessley Avenue. The woman failed her field-sobriety test and was taken into custody.

Wanted Woman

Thursday, August 24: at 9:10 a.m., deputies pulled over and arrested a 38-year-old woman from Castro Valley on suspicion of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol. The woman was also wanted as part of a warrant issued for her capture. Deputies stopped the woman in front of a home on Miramar Avenue near Gray Fox Drive. The woman failed her field-sobriety test and was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$6,000 in bail.

Public Intoxication

Thursday, August 24: at 1:06 a.m., a 38-year-old man from Modesto (Stanislaus County) was arrested on suspicion of public intoxication. Deputies stopped the man for

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The Week Ahead

● Thursday, August 31: Free Smalltown August Gathering

Connect with the community and hear from local artists and advocates from 7 to 10 p.m. tomorrow at 22222 Redwood Road. Bring food and drinks to share. And support the work of 8 Castro Valley artists at Smalltown Society's second Pop-Up shop from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. over the Labor Day weekend, Sept. 2-4. Furniture, prints, woodcarvings, pottery, food, floral, watercolor, and more! For more info, visit www.smalltownsociety.com.

● Friday, September 1: Eden Area Village

Join Eden Area Village working together to help seniors in the Castro Valley, Hayward and San Lorenzo area remain in their homes and engaged in the community. Informational meeting at 2 p.m. on Sept. 1, at Hayward City Hall (check at front desk for room). A coffee meet-up will be held at 9 a.m. on Sept. 16 at the Cannery Cafe, in the HAHS Museum.

● Tuesday, September 5: Ohlone Audubon Meeting

Mark Rauzon and Meredith Elliot will discuss the Double-crested Cormorant Colony on the Bay Bridge at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 5 at Carlton Plaza, 3800 Walnut Ave. in Fremont. Learn from their research conducted over the past 30 years. For more info, visit www.ohloneaudubon.org

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LABOR DAY SCHEDULES

Monday, September 4, 2017

Government Operations

All Federal, State, County and City offices will be closed on Monday, except for emergency services.

Business Offices

Financial institutions and stock exchanges will be closed. Most business offices, including The Forum, will be closed.

Stores & Restaurants

Some will be open but may be operating on reduced schedules.

Public Transportation

BART and AC Transit buses will operate on a Sunday schedule on Monday.

Garbage Collection

Recycling, organics, and garbage collection services will operate as usual on Monday and the Waste Management office on 98th Ave., the Hayward Pay Station and the Call Center will be open on Monday. For solid waste service questions, call WMAC at 510-537-5500 (residential) or 510-613-8700 (commercial/business).

Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) offices will be closed Monday. Call 510-506-5821 for sewer emergencies. For information regarding CVSan services and programs, visit www.cvsan.org.

● Tuesday, September 5: Buon Tempo Club Family Dinner

The Buon Tempo Club invites everyone to a family dinner at 7 p.m. on Sept. 5 at Transfiguration Church, 4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd. Rich Gorham and his crew will serve tri tip in a six-course dinner family style with red and white wine included. Members \$15, guests \$20. For reservations call 510-483-6929 by this Friday, Sept. 1. Buon Tempo is looking for new members. To learn more go to buontempoclub.org

● Thursday, September 7: Parkinson's Support Group

The San Leandro Parkinson's Support Group holds its monthly meeting at 10 a.m. on Sept. 7 at the San Lorenzo Community Church, 945 Paseo Grande in San Lorenzo. There will be open discussion. For more information call Lona White 510-276-3119.

● Thursday, September 7: Free Science Lecture

The Castro Valley Educational Foundation presents Dr. Isaiah Nengo discussing the recent discovery of the skull of an infant ape from 13 million years ago and what it means in the evolution of humans, at 7 p.m. at the Center for the Arts on Redwood Road.

● Thursday, September 7: Free Tinkergarten Trial

Tinkergarten Leader Sabrina Dussau will facilitate an expert-designed play scenario, allowing children of various ages and needs to explore, problem solve, communicate, and create together from 10 to 11:15 a.m. on Sept. 7 and on again on Sept. 9 at the Cull Canyon Regional Recreation Area. Ages 18 months to five years. Registration required. Sign up at www.tinkergarten.com/leaders/sabrina.dussau

● Saturday, September 9: Hearing Loss Association Meeting.

Jerry Cardoso will demonstrate the latest mobile accessories for the hearing impaired including specialized phones, cell phone amplifiers and the Quattro audio neck loop with Bluetooth at 10 a.m. on Sept. 9 (refreshments at 9:30) at the Oakland Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Room G26 in the Fabiola Bldg., 3801 Howe St. Park free in garage across Howe. Email: athos.artist@att.net or call Kay at 510/886-4717.

● Saturday, September 9: Buon Tempo's Big Salami Shoot

The deadline for entries for Buon Tempo Club's 9th Annual Big Salami Shoot is Sept. 2 for the Sept. 9 event at the Ken Martin Bocce Courts in Adobe Park at 20395 San Miguel Ave. in Castro Valley. For info and entry forms, contact cvbearhouse@gmail.com or maxsmartin@aol.com or call 510-415-9043 or 510-9679753. BBQ and picnic tables available.

● Sunday, September 10: Writing Workshop

The Castro Valley Library will host well-known local author Camille Minichino for a free writing workshop titled "Taking the Next Step," from 1 to 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 10. She'll discuss the craft of writing and the publishing process and engage you in writing exercises and critiques. Space is limited and advance registration is required. Sign up at the Library or call 510-667-7900.

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.

● **"The Spouse Whisperer"** – Spend an evening with comedian Mark Cordes as he takes a hilarious peek into the world of relationships, at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16. The journey starts with "love at first sight" till "death do us part" and all of the funny stuff that happens in between. Always charming and congenial, the Spouse Whisperer entertains with acerbic observations and a great comedic rapport with his audience. *For tickets (\$26-\$32), see above.*

THEATRICAL & MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

● **"Arsenic and Old Lace,"** Joseph Kesselring' classic dark farce, will be presented by Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St., Hayward, through Sept. 17. Showtimes are Fridays and Saturdays at 8, Sundays at 2, with shows at 2 and 8 on Sept. 9. For information or tickets (\$29) visit www.dmtonline.org or call 510-881-6777. Discounts for seniors and students.

● **"Beauty and the Beast,"** based on the 1991 animated Disney film of the same name, will be presented by Woodminster Summer Musicals as the final show of its 51st Season on Sept. 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Thursday and Sundays at 7 p.m., at Woodminster Amphitheater on Joaquin Miller Road at upper Sanborn Drive in the Oakland hills. This magical family favorite puts 44 actors and a full orchestra onstage. For more information or for tickets, call 510-531-9597 or visit www.woodminster.com or buy at the box office before any performance.

AT THE GALLERIES

● **Art Fest**, an outdoor show and sale of original artwork, small pieces, matted work and cards created by local artists, will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, September 16, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 16, in the San Leandro Main Library Courtyard at 300 Estudillo Avenue. Artwork by students from the San Leandro Public Elementary Schools will be in the show and there will also be art demonstrations. Selected art will be on display from September 1 through the 26th in the San Leandro Main Library Gallery. Art Fest, sponsored by the San Leandro Art Association, is free and open to the public, and there is ample free parking.

● **"Arts & Letters,"** an exhibition sponsored by the Hayward Arts Council and featuring 135 works from 55 local artists, is on display until Sept. 10 at the new location of the Foothill Gallery at the Hayward Area Historical Society Museum of History and Culture, 22380 Foothill Blvd. Gallery hours are Wednesday to Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

● **"Blue Planet,"** featuring the works by members of Sun Gallery, will be exhibited until Sept. 29 at the John O'Lague Galleria in Hayward City Hall, 777 B Street. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

● **The 40th Area Artists Annual** will open Saturday, Sept. 23, with a reception at the Adobe Art Gallery. The exhibit will continue until November 11. Entries are due September 9. Submit online at adobegallery.org.

● **Artist Open Studio Every Thursday:** Join this informal gathering of artists working together in a friendly and helpful atmosphere. Begin something new or work on an unfinished art project. Adobe Art Center hosts provides tables, chairs and easels. \$3. Thursdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Redwood Studio 1 at the Adobe Art Center.

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AIDS Lifecycle Ride

Eden Bicycles' based, Pedal Pandas, set out for a brisk ride through Cull Canyon Sunday morning and ended the day with a BBQ to raise funds and awareness for their upcoming AIDS Lifecycle ride. The AIDS LifeCycle is a 7-day, 545 mile bike ride from SF to LA that will take place in June 2018.

MAC: Permit For Preschool

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"Anything that makes that building look better is a huge plus for the community," said Crawford.

Semmelmeyer said that it is his hope to open the marketplace for business in September of 2018.

Other MAC Business

Also at Monday's meeting, the MAC approved a 10-year extension on a use permit for a preschool at 20320 Anita Avenue.

The MAC also considered a draft letter which will be sent out to residents in the Stanton Elementary School area in the next few weeks reminding them to keep walkways safe and passable.

Many streets in the area don't have sidewalks and people park on the sides of the street, creating a hazard for pedestrians. If people don't comply with the letter, citations could be issued.

Residents can check out the county's pedestrian and bicycle safety information at www.acpwa.org/pas/safe-routes-to-school-program.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Washington Manor Babe Ruth 18U All Stars

This week's Athletes of the Week are the members of the Washington Manor Babe Ruth 18U All Stars who went 4-2 in the Regionals and defeated three teams from Utah and one from Southern California.

Manor finished in second place in the Pacific Southwest, after losing to Arizona in the regional championship game, with Arizona advancing to the World Series.

Stat leaders from the ten tournament games:

Jesus Manzo went 11-19 (.579) with two doubles and five RBIs.

Tyler Georgeson went 15-30 (.500) with six doubles, two triples, three home runs, and 20 RBIs.

Kyle Guerra went 15-30 (.500) with six doubles, one triple, and seven RBIs.

Pitchers Alex Vallejo, Sam Diosdado, Eddie Lopez combined 6-0 record. Vallejo pitched 8.2 innings and had a 0.00 ERA. Diosdado pitched 9.0 innings and had a 2.33 ERA. Lopez pitched 10.1 innings and had a 2.71 ERA.

Washington Manor 18U ended their summer season with a 21-4-1 record, first place in Northern California and second place in the Pacific Southwest for the Senior Babe Ruth Division.



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Fundraiser

The Castro Valley Wrestling Club will hold a fund-raising golf tournament on Saturday, Sept. 16, at Castro Valley's Redwood Canyon Golf Course. It will include a 4-person scramble, barbecue lunch, raffle, and an awards reception following the completion of the round of golf. For more information and to sign up, visit www.planmygolfevent.com/31044-CVwrestlinggolf-tourney

Cross Country Sign Ups

CV Track Club's cross country practices and sign ups began this week and will last until October. All practices will be at Canyon Middle School Monday through Thursday from 5:30-6:30 p.m., but moving to 5:00-6:30 p.m., as daylight shortens in October. Also, some practices will be at Lake Chabot (and other venues) starting in October. Sign up letter (with meet schedule) and forms appear at JOIN at www.cvtrackclub.com.

CYO Registration

Our Lady of Grace CYO registration is now open online at www.olgcvcyo.splay.com. Registration fee for Fall Sports is \$190, which includes uniform rental (\$15 discount if registered by Sept. 11). Fall Sports includes girls volleyball grades 4-8 and boys basketball: grades 2-8. For questions, email olgcycv@gmail.com

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3. Anya Mortensen (CV) - Camille Bullon 6-0, 6-1
4. Lauren Leong (CV) - Vicky Lacerca 6-0, 6-0

DOUBLES

1. Victoria Vitton / Gaby Madison (CV) - Anne Hritz / Mary L. 6-1, 6-0
2. Kele Fong / Paige Cason (CV) - Reanna Felix / Tammie Lakes 6-0, 6-0
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Reports: Shoplifter; Drugs; Stolen Vehicle

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questioning after they observed him stumbling along Castro Valley Boulevard near Redwood Road. The man failed his field-sobriety test and was taken into custody.

Shoplifter Caught

Wednesday, August 23: at 5:31 p.m., deputies arrested a 20-year-old man from San Leandro on suspicion of possession of stolen property from a grocery store on

Redwood Road near the Boulevard. The man was stopped by store security before deputies were called. Deputies handcuffed the man and took him to Santa Rita Jail pending \$10,000 in bail.

Drug Bust

Tuesday, August 22: at 7:35 p.m., a 20-year-old man from Oakland was arrested on suspicion of possession of an illegal amount of marijuana drugs. The man was hanging outside a gas station on Castro Valley Boulevard near Strobbridge Avenue when deputies arrived. Deputies also reported the man had an outstanding warrant issued for his capture. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$2,500 in bail.

Caught Passing Bad Checks at Bank

Tuesday, August 22: at 6:08 p.m., deputies arrested an 18-year-old man with no permanent address on suspicion of passing a bad check with intent to withdraw money. The man approached a bank teller just before closing at a branch on Castro Valley Boulevard near Patio Drive with a check with a signed forgery. The teller spotted the fake and alerted deputies who then took the man into custody.

Illegal Tear Gas Weapon Possession

Tuesday, August 22: at 11:06 a.m., a 45-year-old man with no permanent address was arrested on sus-

picion of possession of a teargas weapon with the serial number rubbed off. Deputies were called to investigate a suspicious person at Eden Medical Center on Lake Chabot Road. The man fitting the description was taken into custody.

Unwanted in Eden

Monday, August 21: at 8:20 a.m., deputies arrested a 26-year-old man on suspicion of failing to adhere to a court-issued restraining order at Eden Medical Center on Lake Chabot Road. Hospital security spotted the man who had been previously asked to leave the hospital waiting area for causing a commotion. The man was handcuffed and taken into custody.

Stolen Car Ends in Arrest and Illegal Drug Paraphernalia

Monday, August 21: at 6:46 a 26-year-old man from Tracy (San Joaquin County) on suspicion of possession of a stolen vehicle and illegal drug paraphernalia. Deputies responded to a call at a fast food restaurant on Strobbridge Avenue near the Boulevard. A woman claimed she spotted her brother's stolen vehicle in the parking area. Deputies investigating reported seeing a man enter the car with keys who was not the legal owner. The man confessed to stealing the car. He also confessed to possession of a pipe for smoking methamphetamine drugs. The man was taken into custody.

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): This week could offer more opportunities for ambitious Lambs eager to get ahead. But don't rush into making decisions until you've checked for possible hidden problems.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Some light begins to shine on professional and/or personal situations that have long eluded explanation. Best advice: Don't rush things. All will be made clear in time.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Although you might want to protest what seems to be an unfair situation, it's best to keep your tongue and temper in check for now. The full story hasn't yet come out.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Work prospects are back on track. But watch what you say. A thoughtless comment to the wrong person — even if it's said in jest — could delay or even derail your progress.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): A colleague might try to goad you into saying or doing the wrong thing. It's best to ignore the troublemaker, even if he or she riles your royal self. Your supporters stand with you.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): Be careful not to let your on-the-job zealousness create resentment with co-workers who might feel you shut them out. Prove them wrong by including them in your project.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Although it's not quite what you hoped for, use your good business sense to make the most of what you're being offered at this time. Things will improve down the line.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): A more positive picture of what lies ahead is beginning to take shape. But there are still too many gaps that need to be filled in before you make definitive plans.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Continue to keep a tight hold on the reins so that you don't charge willy-nilly into a situation that might appear attractive on the surface but lack substance.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): You still need to demand those answers to your questions. Remember, your wise counseling earns you respect, but it's your search for truth that gives you wisdom.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): You'll find that people are happy to help you deal with some difficult situations. And, of course, knowing you, you'll be happy to return those favors anytime. Won't you?



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Give that special someone in your personal life a large, loving dollop of reassurance. That will go a long way toward restoring the well-being of your ailing relationship.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Proposed State Tax on Residential and Business Water Users

Editor:

This is to advise all water users in the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) that the State is proposing a tax (on top of what is currently billed by EBMUD) as follows:

- 95¢ per month on water meters less than or equal to 1 inch
- \$4 per month on water meters greater than 1 inch but less than 2 inches
- \$6 per month on water meters greater than 2 inches but less than 4 inches
- \$10 per month on water meters greater than 4 inches
- If there is more than one meter to the property — the tax will be on the largest meter.

Ostensibly, these monies will be collected by the State and doled out to water agencies/suppliers that have not had the ability to maintain or upgrade their sys-

tems due to inadequate funds.

There is no sunset on this tax — except for Agriculture (having a separate fee structure), which will have a sunset. In other words EBMUD rate payers and all other urban/suburban water agency rate payers will be paying a tax on their water forever.

Oh, and the rates set by the State in SB 623 are only for now. Exempted from the tax are individuals whose income level is less than 200% of the Federal poverty designation (Just under \$50,000 annually for a family of four).

You can read the current layout of SB 623 at: leginfo.ca.gov and type in SB 623. It isn't easy reading — but the details are there when you read through it.

While it is known that there is a very large number of small water agencies that have serious problems with their water quality, supply and facilities due to lack of money, I am asking EBMUD rate payers to give

me your thoughts on whether to support this tax.

E-mail to: Frank.Mellon@ebmud.com. Likewise, express your opinion to the other EBMUD Directors through the website: ebmud.com

—Frank Mellon, EBMUD
Director Ward 7, Castro Valley

'Miffed' Over Late-Notice of Morning Traffic Construction On Center Street

Editor:

I am extremely miffed regarding the construction work on Center Street, conducted Thursday morning, August 24th, 2017.

While slogging through the detour, which shoved Creekside Middle School traffic to commingle with Marshall Elementary traffic during peak drop-off hours, I could only think of two things:

- 1) I wish they begun repairs at 9 a.m., after parents have dropped kids off at school, and
- 2) I wish they had called/ emailed to warn me about this construction.

I arrived home at 8:23 a.m., after dropping my daughter off, for *then* to receive a phone call about construction traffic. Day

late and a dollar short to send notice *after* I needed it.

Should construction teams need to work close to schools where it will affect drop-off traffic, where children need to arrive promptly to school and not be tardy or teachers' lesson plans might be interrupted by late stragglers due to traffic, it would help that notice be given the night before, so families can plan around traffic accordingly.

Better yet, construction companies can begin work *after* children have been dropped off, since it is a short window of time in the morning when so much traffic funnels through residential streets.

—Elizabeth Stump
Castro Valley

Parking Restriction Creates Risk to Kids Being Dropped Off or Picked Up at School

Editor:

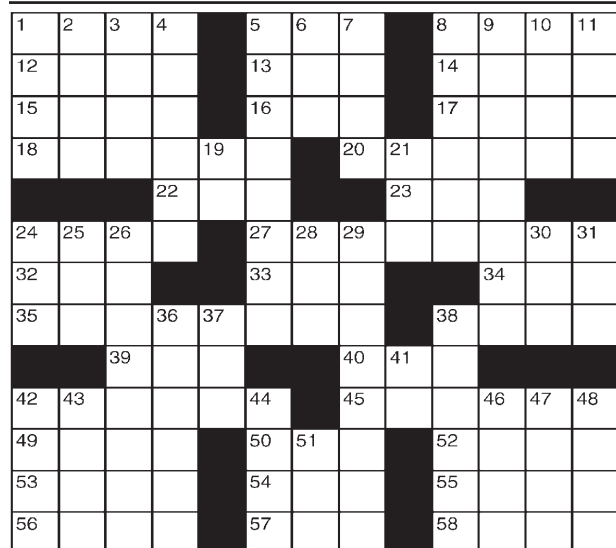
Once again the sheriff's office has posted a patrol car to prevent Castro Valley parents from picking their kids up from the high school.

Yes, I am aware of the signs restricting stopping between the hours of 8 and 4 all around the school. This is a ridiculous restriction however, which leads to the dangerous practice of parents picking up or letting their kids out in traffic.

Can't we come up with a better solution?

—Laura McMichael-Cady,
Castro Valley

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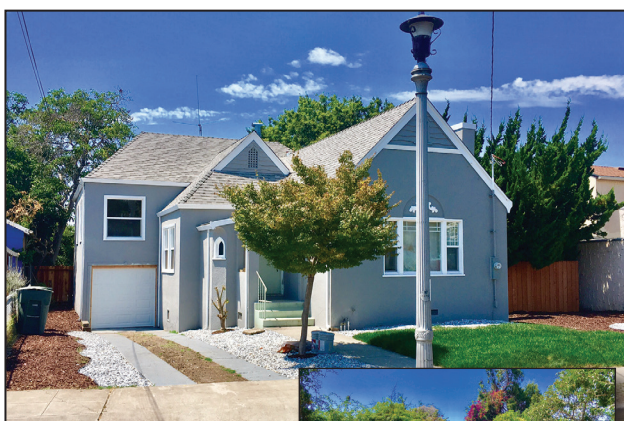


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'Exactly what is the MLS?'

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Forum

When you've been in an industry for a while, it's easy to forget that acronyms used every day mean nothing to the uninitiated.

The military is a great example, with classic acronyms like MRE (Meals Ready To Eat), AWOL (Absent Without Leave) and DOD (Department of Defense). With kids in the military, I've heard many of these over the years and frequently asked for translations.

It should therefore be no surprise that people venturing into real estate might not understand all the acronyms we use, but I was recently caught off guard nonetheless. While explaining to a buyer the various systems we would be using to help him find a house, he interrupted and asked:

"Exactly what is the MLS?"

MLS is short for Multiple Listing Service and its origin dates back to the late 1880s. Real estate agents used to list properties for sale, but there was no common list of all listed properties nor were there rules about how agents from various companies should interact with each other. Brokers from various companies finally met together to pool their listings so they all had access to each other's listings. They also hammered out compensation agreements to facilitate cooperation between the various companies and their agents.

Their agreements formed the organizations we now call The Multiple Listing Service.

Many benefits come from an MLS. The National Association of Realtors (NAR) states, "Today, through more than 800

MLSs, brokers share information on properties they have listed and invite other brokers to cooperate in their sale in exchange for compensation if they produce the buyer. Sellers benefit by increased exposure to their property. Buyers benefit because they can obtain information about all MLS-listed properties while working with only one broker."

When a home is listed by a local Realtor, that listing is then loaded into the local MLS** and the information about the property can then be accessed by agents representing potential buyers.

NAR clarifies, "MLSs... level the playing field so that the smallest brokerage in town can compete with the biggest multi-state firm. Buyers and sellers can

work with the professional of their choice, confident that they have access to the largest pool of properties for sale in the marketplace."

Additionally, local MLSs upload all of their listings to network portals such as Trulia, Zillow and Realtor.com so that everyone has easy access through the internet portal of their choice.

*www.nar.realtor/topics/nar-doj-settlement/multiple-listing-service-mls-what-is-it

**In Alameda County, the MLS is BayEast Association of Realtors (BEAR), www.bayeast.org.

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.

Long-term Rates Hit 2017 Low

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage dropped last week to its lowest mark since November 2016, averaging 3.86 percent, down from 3.89 percent the previous week.

A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.43 percent.

Fifteen-year loan rates averaged 3.16 percent, the same as last week.

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Deodorize Your Musty Closets

By Samantha Mazzotta
Special to the Forum

Dampness is the primary cause of mustiness and odors in closets, but how that dampness gets in there and how you can get rid of it only takes a few steps.

Since closets are generally recessed back into the wall and closed off by doors, airflow is impeded and stagnant, humid air gets locked in these spaces.

First, open the closet doors and remove everything. Set up a fan on a side table so that it blows air directly into the closet for 24 hours.

Then, refill the closet — but with half as much clothing and other stuff as before. Cluttered closets can cause that musty odor to come back in no time, because all that junk is blocking airflow.

While the fans are running, hunt for possible moisture problems in the house. Go into the attic with a flashlight and look for any possible leaks, while smelling for mustiness or mold. If your home has a basement, inspect it as well.

Also, check all the ceilings: Are there any light brown, circular areas? These are water stains, caused by a leaking roof or pipe.

If you smell mustiness and mold but can't find what's causing it, or if you see water stains on the ceiling or walls but can't locate a source, call a contractor who specializes in moisture problems.

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Shield: To Return Next Weekend

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site and rescue them.

Kelly said that last year, over 6,000 people volunteered for Urban Shield exercises in Alameda County and they will need a similar number this year. If you are interested in volunteering, visit www.urbanshield.org.

Emergency responders say Urban Shield is valuable in training them for intense emergency scenarios, but the concept has proved controversial for some.

Funding comes from the Department of Homeland Security and some opponents say the exercise promotes militarization of local police.

A Berkeley City Council meeting discussing Urban Shield ended in fighting and arrests earlier this summer and a group called "Stop Urban Shield" has been created to protest the event including a 4 p.m. demonstration on Sept. 8 at the Alameda County Board of Supervisors' Office, 1221 Oak Street in Oakland.



Guide Dog Visits Students at RCS

Bebe, a guide dog in training, was a visitor to Miss Orluck's first grade class at the Redwood Christian Elementary School's library last week. Pam Chinn, who oversees the Guide Dog for the Blind program in the Castro Valley-Hayward area, explained how guide dogs are trained and how they can help the blind. Each student was also able to pet Bebe and many received a gratuitous lick on the hand in return. For information about Guide Dogs visit www.guidedogs.com.

New Season Of Lectures Free to Public

The Castro Valley Educational Foundation opens its new season of free public lectures on Thursday, Sept. 7, with Dr. Isaiah Nengo and his talk titled "Alesi: the story of an infant ancestor."

His lecture will focus on his recently reported discovery of an infant ape from 13 million years ago in Kenya and how this may enable scientists to understand how we humans evolved.

Dr. Nengo is the Associate Director at the Turkana Basin Institute in Kenya at Stony Brook University in New York, and teaches Anthropology at De Anza College in Cupertino.

The public – and especially middle and high school students – is invited to attend the talk, which will begin at 7 p.m. at the Center for the Arts, next to Castro Valley High School on Redwood Road.

For more information, visit www.cvef.org

Kiwanis Club Names Slate Of Directors

The Hayward-Castro Valley Kiwanis Club, now in its 76th continuous year of service to the community, has named its slate of Officers and Directors for 2017-2018.

Perin Marwala is the new president, Amy Ortiz is vice president, Lynne Tierney is treasurer, Bill Mulgrew is secretary, and Gerry Cockrill is the immediate past president.

The directors are Bill Dorn, Redgy Jackson, Dolores Jackson, Zuberi Johnson, Pat Rosano and Dave Wilhite.

The Club has openings for new members and meets at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Joyful House Restaurant at 3335 Castro Valley Boulevard.

Movie: 'Look Into The Fire'

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this August. Production Assistant Spencer Gorton is from Castro Valley.

The crew of "Look Into The Fire" describes it as a story along the lines of "The Sixth Sense," where neuropsychology grad student Adam (played by Artie Shase) experiences something unexpected and undergoes a journey in his own mind.

When the film is completed, Morrill is looking to release it on DVD, through Amazon, Wal-Mart, Hulu and online, as well as at film festivals.

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