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DINNER IN THE DARK: Matt Collopy, Gabby Zakas, Lisa Zakas and Karen Collopy of Castro Valley have dinner on the lawn during the PG&E blackout.

## **POWER IN NUMBERS**

NEIGHBORS PULL TOGETHER DURING POWER OUTAGE

**By Michael Singer**CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

PG&E's shutdown announcement last week left Castro Valley residents wondering if and or when their lights would be turned off, but many neighbors banded together around town to make sure no one was left in the dark.

The high winds and low humidity forecast last week prompted Pacific Gas & Electric to schedule a PSPS or "Public Safety Power Shutoff."

Approximately 6,000 homes in the Castro Valley and Hayward hills had their power turned off as a preemptive measure. Nearly 2 million people in the state went dark for a few days—mostly in the North Bay and East Bay hills.

Power was restored to most impacted homes in Castro Valley by late Thursday night. California law now requires utilities such as PG&E to reduce or cut off power to areas that face severe wind threat and fire risk.

While the waiting game and relatively calm airflow raised anxiety levels and some tempers, people began sending out the word among the community offering updates and support services.

see POWER on back page



PHOTO BY TINA SCHRADER

A RUSH ON GROCERIES: By Wednesday night, many of the shelves were empty at the Safeway supermarket at 580 Market Place in Castro Valley.

## MAC to Hear Complaints on Power Outages

By Amy Sylvestri
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

The Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) is considering putting an item about the PG&E shutoffs on the agenda of a future meeting in order to allow residents a chance to vent their frustrations and share their thoughts about the controversial move the utility made last week.

At Monday night's meeting, MAC Chair Marc Crawford said that residents want their voices to be heard and also want to hear form their representatives on the MAC even if they have no sway over the company, so he asked that the PG&E matter be discussed at a meeting in the near future.

"I think people are looking at us and saying 'You people need to take a position on this for the community' whether it is futile or not," said Crawford, adding that while the majority of Castro Valley wasn't affected, several people in the hills did have their power cut and should be granted a public forum to "air their grievances"

MAC Member Chuck Moore was among those who actually lost electricity, but said he was largely supportive of PG&E's decision because he sees how they might see MAC on page 14

## CVHS Holds Homecoming

**By Linda Sandsmark**CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Castro Valley High School had its annual Homecoming celebration last week, holding its parade in perfect weather on Friday.

The school band led the parade, playing "Celebration" for the parents and friends who watched along Redwood Road. They were followed by members of the football team, "royalty" chosen from the student body, plus floats and cheering participants from each class.

The overall theme for this year was "Blast to the Past," with each class choosing a past decade to represent.

Freshmen (Class of 2023) chose the "2000s" as their decade. They paraded in purple and pulled a float depicting such favorite video games from that era as Angry Birds and Pokémon.

Sophomores (Class of 2022) chose the 1990s. Their T-shirts were light blue, and their float portrayed movies and TV shows like The Simpsons, Rugrats and Magic School Bus.

Juniors (Class of 2021) picked the 1980s, wearing red T-shirts with the MTV logo on them. Their float featured a giant Rubik's Cube and a life-size arcade with Pac Man, Donkey Kong, and Space Invaders videogames.

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Cloudy High 67° Low 56°



Mostly Sunny High 68° Low 47°



Mostly Sunny High 69 Low 52°



Cloudy, Showers High 68° Low 45°



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THE CAST OF PLETHOS PRODUCTIONS' 'NEXT TO NORMAL,' from left, Ben Stevens, George Gill, Michael Dorado, Christi Waybright, Shyanna Bryan, Kristy Aquino and Tyler Gable. The show opens at Smalltown on Friday, Nov. 8.

## Musical About Mental Illness Coming to Smalltown Nov. 8

Next month, Plethos Produc- her husband and children have entions will present the Broadway dured. This show is a deep, emomusical "Next to Normal" a show tional dive into depression, anxithat won a Pulitzer Prize for drama ety and the mental health industry. and three Tony Awards.

typical "normal" American fami- audience, everyone is taken along ly. But just beneath the facade, is for the ride as Diana experiences has struggled with bipolar disorder absolute depths of severe depresand psychosis for 16 years.

This gripping, heart-wrenching of the rollercoaster years Diana, and love help them endure.

From a song about pharmaceuti-On the surface, they're your cals to mental tricks played on the sion and grief.

Journey along with this family musical is a snapshot of just one and see how empathy, patience

This timely rock musical is relevant, real and relatable in today's society which so badly needs to de-stigmatize mental illness and its treatment.

Playing at Smalltown Society in Castro Valley, Fridays through Sundays Nov. 8-24. Friday and Diana Goodman; a mother who the frenetic highs of mania and the Saturday shows are 7 p.m., Sundays are 2 p.m. matinees.

Seating is limited. Early Bird tickets are \$15 before Nov.1 at plethos.org. Advanced purchase is highly recommended.

## Register for Castro Valley Light Parade

returns on Saturday evening, Nov. treet.org/parade-entry.html 9 and you're invited to participate.

application you should do that Mel Speed, you are confirmed and 510-909-9334.

If you have already registered If you have not registered your and have received an email for Speed at melspeed@live.com or

The Castro Valley Light Parade now at https://www.cvmeetinthes- you will receive staging information the week of the parade.

For questions, call or email Mel



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Front row, from left: James Forster (CVHS Girls Basketball), Joseph Mui (CVHS Tennis), Patrick Ryken (CVHS Girls Water Polo), Jeff Miller (Chabot Marlins Swim Team), Dooney Jones (CVHS Track and Field), Benjamin Brookens (CVHS Girls and Boys Water Polo), Chris Fortenberry (CVHS Director of Athletics/ CVHS Boys Basketball), Terrell Carriere (CVHS Boys Basketball), Denny Molzen (CVHS Football), and Mark Williams (CVHS Weight Room); back row, Gianna Leogrande (CVHS Cheerleader), Samuel Lu (CVHS Badminton), Isabel Duarte (Creekside Middle School Cheerleading), Michele Nicol (CV Little League), Suzi Mills (Vannoy Elementary/Creekside and Canyon Middle Schools/CV Junior Tennis), Stacy Massey CV Little League), Amenda Lee (CVHS Badminton), Nicole Manley (CVHS Softball), Kelly Schroeder (CVHS Dance Team), Karen Johnston (CVHS Cheerleading), Rachel Lunt (President, CV Sports Foundation), Patrick Lee (Crossover Basketball League), and Chelsea Craig (CVHS Cheerleader).

## Sports Foundation Presents \$20,324 to Sports Programs

(CVSF) Board of Directors invest- community," said Lunt. ed in the Castro Valley Commu-\$20,324 to 22 local youth sports programs and teams.

out the year to invest in our local ley Little League and tennis pro- tion.org/upcoming-events.

Funds were presented to repsports programs from Castro Valley High School, including Dance Board President Rachel Lunt Team, Cheerleading, Water Polo, Banquet every two years. affirmed all of the coaches and Track and Field as well as Footprogram representatives for their ball, Basketball and Baseball, throughout Castro Valley, includ-

At their Oct. 7 meeting, the student athletes with all net programs at Vannoy Elementary and Castro Valley Sports Foundation ceeds going directly back into our Canyon and Creekside Middle schools.

In addition to raising funds for nity by presenting checks totaling resentatives from multiple school local youth athletic programs, the CVSF also hosts the Castro Valley Sports Foundation Hall of Fame

The 2020 Hall of Fame Banquet will be held on Sunday, April 26, commitment to the youth of Cas- in addition to youth teams from at which sixteen Castro Valley athletes and coaches will be inducted. "The Castro Valley Sports ing Chabot Marlins Swim Team, Inductee and ticket info at: https:// Foundation raises funds through- Crossover Basketball, Castro Val- www.castrovalleysportsfounda-

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#### **Public Intoxication** On the Boulevard

Sunday, October 13: at 3:01 p.m., Sheriff's deputies arrested a 34-year-old man with no perwas hanging outside a business on Castro Valley Boulevard near man failed his field sobriety test and was taken into custody.

#### **Methamphetamine Drugs** And Drug Paraphernalia

Sunday, October 13: at 4:15 a.m., a 37-year-old man from Sacramento was arrested on suspicion of drugs and associated drug para-

#### **Drug Possession**

Sunday, October 13: at 12:06 a.m., Saturday, October 12: at 4:56 deputies arrested a 43-year-old man with no permanent residence old woman from Castro Valley on on suspicion of possession of suspicion of grand theft at a home manent residence on suspicion 4.08 grams of methamphetamine on Kingston Way near Northwood of public intoxication. The man drugs. Deputies stopped the man Drive. The woman was found with for questioning as he was parked outside a home on Oak Street chandise in her possession. Depu-Redwood Road when deputies near Grove Way. Deputies found ties took the woman into custody. stopped him for questioning. The the drugs in the front seat of the vehicle. The man was taken into custody.

#### Fighting Fiasco at Fitness

Saturday, October 12: at 8:15 p.m., a 41-year-old woman from sued restraining order. Deputies San Ramon was arrested on sus- responded to a call from a convepicion of violating a court-issued nience store on Redwood Road possession of methamphetamine restraining order. Deputies were near Grove Way. The manager dispatched to a fitness business knew the suspect was prohibited phernalia. Deputies responded to a on East Castro Valley Boulevard from being at the store. The man suspicious person report on Jami- at the 580 Market Place shopping was taken into custody. son Way near Redwood Road. The center to investigate an altercaman admitted that he had taken tion. The woman was identified the drugs and still had some in his as the aggressor and ignoring the Friday, October 11: at 1:09 p.m., pocket. Deputies took the man into stay-away order. Deputies took the deputies pulled over and arrested a woman into custody.

#### **Grand Theft at Home**

p.m., deputies arrested a 35-yearan unspecified amount of mer-

#### **Restraining Order Vilotion**

Friday, October 11: at 11:13 a.m., a 22-year-old man with no permanent residence was arrested on suspicion of violating a court-is-

#### **Stolen Motorcycle**

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## Wednesday, October 16, 2019

## The Week Ahead

#### ● Wednesday, October 16: East Bay Rose Society Meeting

Master Rosarian Jolene Adams, former president of the American Rose Society, will speak at the next meeting at 7:30 p.m. today at Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue, Oakland. Adams is active in international rose circles. Learn how to identify squirrels, rats, mice, mage sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. this Saturday at Resurrection Greek moles, voles, gophers, or deer and what to do about them. Come enjoy snacks and the show. Visit www.eastbayroses.org for info.

#### ● Wednesday, October 16: Women's Club: "Ask a Muslim"

Moina Shaig, from the "Ask a Muslim" Organization, will be answering your questions regarding the Muslim Faith at the next general meeting of the Castro Valley Women's Club at 1 p.m. today at 18330 Redwood Road. The Public is welcome. Please let us know you are coming by calling 510-461-7692. For more info, visit www.castrovalleywomensclub.weebly.com

#### ● Thursday & Friday, Oct. 17-18: Public Transportation Classes

The Aitken Senior Center will host Travel Training Classes for those 55 and older, tomorrow, Oct. 17, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (must attend both days). Learn how to safely navigate Bay Area public transportation. Call 510-881-6738 to reserve your space (limited to first six participants). Training will be provided by United Seniors of Oakland and Alameda County.

#### ● Saturday, October 19: Soroptimist Garage Sale

Soroptimist International of the East Bay will hold a garage sale and flea market from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. this Saturday at 3841 Somerset Ave. in Castro Valley to raise funds for scholarships and local programs that

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#### • Saturday, October 19: FamFest 5K Fun Run

Join the fun at 9 a.m. this Saturday at the Ashland Cherryland 5K Fun Run hosted by Alameda County, at the Reach Ashland Youth Center, 16335 E. 14th St., in Ashland. Register now at www.acrun.org

#### **■ Saturday, October 19:** *Indoor Rummage Sale*

Support your local Cub Scouts by participating in an indoor rum-Orthodox Church, 20104 Center Street in Castro Valley. Reserve a table to sell your unwanted items for a \$25 donation fee, or just come shop for treasures to help support Cub Scout pack 777. Text Irma for more info at 510-303-1745.

#### • Saturday, October 19: October Moon Festival

All Saints Church at 911 Dowling Blvd. in San Leandro will hold a Moon Festival Spectacular at 5:30 p.m. this Saturday, with Asian cuisine, Taiko drumming, a silent auction and a raffle. Child care provided. For tickets (adults, \$50; children 12 and under, \$15; corkage, \$20) or more info, visit tinyurl.com/SLMoonFest

#### ● Saturday, October 19: Bunco Madness

The Hill & Valley Club at 1808 B St. (at Linden) in Hayward invites you to join the fun playing Bunco from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. this Saturday. Beginners are encouraged to attend. Tickets (\$20, which includes lunch) are available by calling Pat Keathley at 510-487-8827 or emailing hillvalleyclub@gmail.com

#### ● Saturday, October 19: Eden Area Village Monthly Coffee

Join Eden Area Village for coffee at the Cannery Cafe, 22380 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward at 9 a.m. this Saturday and learn how this group of seniors is providing each other with community support. For info, visit edenareavillage.org

#### • Sunday, October 20: Baby Boomers Dance

Join the fun from 2 to 5 p.m. this Sunday, Oct. 20, dancing to the music of Chico and the Band at the Ashland Holy Ghost Hall, 16490 Kent Avenue in San Lorenzo, sponsored by the Cabrillo Civic Club No. 11. All ages welcome. Call Shirley at 510-329-1705 for information.

#### ● Monday, October 21: Municipal Advisory Council Meetings

The Castro Valley MAC will hold a land-use meeting at 6 p.m. on Oct. 21 at the Castro Valley Library. Visit acgov.org/bc/cvmac for the complete agenda.

#### ● Tuesday, October 22: Rotary Topic: San Leandro Business

Katie Bowman, Economic Development Manager of San Leandro, will describe the latest business developments in that city at the next buffet lunch meeting at Redwood Canyon Golf Course, 17007 Redwood Road, Castro Valley, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday. The cost of lunch is \$15 and reservations must be made by 9 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 20, by contacting Rotary at cvrotary@iCloud.com or 510-402-5123. More information at castrovalleyrotary.org

#### ● Wednesday, October 23: Medicare Open Enrollment

Be prepared for Medicare annual enrollment by attending a free presentation on Changes to the Medicare Prescription Drug (Part D) Plans and Medicare Advantage (Part C) Plans for 2020, at the Castro Valley Library from 11 a.m. to noon next Wednesday. Learn about eligibility, costs, benefits, and changes in Medicare Parts A and B, options for supplementing Medicare and getting help with medical costs (including the Extra Help program), from the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program. For more information, call the Library at 510-667-7900, or see Events at www.aclibrary.org/branches/csv

#### ● Friday, October 25: CVSan Employee Recognition

All businesses in the Castro Valley Sanitary District are invited to attend the 6th Anuual Employee Recognition Brunch at the CVSan office, 21040 Marshall Street, where the achievements of 4R Star business employees will be recognized. RSVP to purvi@cvsan.org or call 510-537-0757 ext. 117.

#### ● Saturday, October 26: *Drug Take-Back Day*

California Public Health officers will be collecting unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medicines at the Castro Valley Library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 26. Drop off expired and unused drugs (no questions asked) for safe disposal and destruction that might otherwise be a source of supply for illegal use and an unacceptable risk to public health and safety.

#### • Saturday, Octocber 26: Kiwanis Club Pasta Dinner

The Kiwanis Club of Hayward-Castro Valley invites you to their annual Pasta Dinner from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Oct. 26 at the Kenneth C. Aitkens Senior and Community Center, 17800 Redwood Road. Adults \$25, children (ages 10-16) \$10. Pasta with red sauce, chicken Alfredo and pesto with salad, dessert and beverage. Also a basket raffle and silent auction. For more information, call David Wilhite at 510-886-1100 or Gerry Cockrill at 510-889-5885.

#### ● Saturday, October 26: Free SAT Practice Test

Teens are invited to partake in a free SAT practice test administered by The Princeton Review at the Castro Valley Library from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 26. In preparation for what might be

support women and their families. Enjoy a shopping experience while the most important test of your life, this 3.5-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 510-667-7900 or in person.

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# Entertainment

#### CASTRO VALLEY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

**Tickets for Center for the Arts** events (unless otherwise listed) are available at www.cvcfa.com; or at the Center Box Office, 19501 Redwood Road, Thursdays and Fridays 3-5 p.m. (phone 510-889-8961), or at the Castro Valley Adult School, 4430 Alma

● The Great American Sh\*t Show, featuring new works on life in the age of Trump, will be presented by solo performance stars Brian Copeland and Charlie Varon for one night only, Thursday, Nov. 7, at7:30 p.m. at the Castro Valley Center for the Arts. For tickets, visit www.CharlieVaron.com

#### OTHER THEATRICAL & MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

- "Cabaret," the Broadway hit musical set in a Berlin nightclub in the late 1920s, opens this Friday, Oct. 18, at Chanticleers Theatre. Cabaret explores the dark, heady, and tumultuous life of Berlin's natives and expatriates as Germany slowly yields to the emerging Third Reich. Musical numbers include "Willkommen," "Cabaret," "Don't Tell Mama" and "Two Ladies." Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. at Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Ave. in the Castro Valley Community Center Park. For tickets (\$18-\$25), visit chanticleers.org/ or call 510-733-5483.
- "Next to Normal," the award-winning Broadway rock musical about depression, anxiety and the mental health industry, will be presented by Plethos Productions Fridays through Sundays, Nov. 8-24, at Smalltown Society, 22222 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Seating is limited. Early bird tickets are \$15 before Nov. 1 at plethos.org

#### ART GALLERIES & ART INSTRUCTION

- "Celebrate the Arts," a gala fundraiser for the Hayward Arts Council, will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 8, in the Rotunda of Hayward City Hall, 777 B Street, with catered food, live music and a live auction with valuable tickets and hotel stays. For tickets (\$50 before Oct. 30, \$65 after), visit www.haywardartscouncil.org
- Hayward 21st Century Library Grand Opening Exhibit continues on the 2nd floor, featuring art by members of Sun Gallery and the Hayward Arts Council until Jan. 18.
- Hayward Arts Council "Members Show" will be presented by the John O'Lague Gallery at Hayward City Hall through Dec. 6. Gallery hours are 9 to 5 Monday through Friday. Sponsored by the Hayward Arts Council.

#### *AT THE CHABOT CINEMA 10/16 - 10/23*

• "**Joker**" (R) AD; CC; DVS

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Fri 10/18

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Sat-Sun 10/19-10/20

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Mon-Wed 10/21-10/23

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## Meatless Meals Don't Mean Giving Up Great Taste

or those wishing to cut down on their intake of saturated fats and cholesterol, there's no shortage of meat substitutes these days in your local grocer's refrigerated section – everything from vegetarian "ground beef" and hot dogs to chorizo and chickenless nuggets.

Lighter, vegetable-based dinners are also easy to create at home. You might find that many of them become family favorites.

#### **SPINACH-STUFFED PORTOBELLOS**

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- medium onion, chopped
- medium tomato, chopped
- (about 6-oz) bag fresh baby lettuce leaves
- (10 3/4-oz) can Campbell's Cream of Celetery Soup
- 4 large portobello mushrooms, stems removed
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- tablespoon bread crumbs, toasted

Heat oil in a 10-inch nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add tdhe onion and cook until tdender-crisp, stirring occasionally. Add the tdomatoes and spinach and cook just until spinach is wilted. Stir in the soup and cook until tdhe mixture is hot and bubbling.

Stir the bread crumbs and cheese in a small bowl.

Place tdhe mushroom caps onto a baking sheet. Spoon the spinach mixture into the mushroom caps.

Roast at 425°F for 15 minutes or until the mushrooms are tender. 1 large eggplant (2 pounds), Remove the baking sheet from oven. Sprinkle with the bread crumb mixture.

Heat the broiler. Broil mushroom caps 4 inches from the heat until the bread crumb mixture is golden brown. Yields 4 servings.

#### **ZUCCHINI** 'CRAB' CAKES

- 2-1/2 cups grated zucchini
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 cup bread crumbs 1/4 cup minced onion
- 1 teaspoon Old Bay Seasoning
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour 1/2 cup vegetable oil for frying

In a large bowl, combine zucchini, egg, and butter or margarine. onion, and seasoning. Mix well.

Shape mixture into patties. Dredge in flour.

In a medium skillet, heat oil over medium high heat until hot. Fry patties in oil until golden brown on both sides. Serves 4-6.

#### **PASTA WITH ASPARAGUS**

- 3 tablespoons olive oil 1 large clove garlic, minced 1-3/4 cups vegetable broth 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- leaves, crushed Half of a 1-pound package angel hair pasta



Spinach-Stuffed Portobellos are hearty, satisfying and delicious, and ready in just 30 minutes.

1 pound asparagus, trimmed and cut into1-inch diagonal pieces

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon black pepper 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Heat the oil in a 4-quart saucepan over medium-high heat. Add the garlic and cook for 30 seconds, stirring often. Stir the broth and thyme in the saucepan and heat to

Stir the pasta, asparagus, salt and pepper in the saucepan and cook for 5 minutes, or until pasta and asparagus are tender.

Stir in the cheese and serve im- 1 pound firm tofu mediately. Yields 4 servings.

#### **LIGHT EGGPLANT PARMESAN**

- sliced 1/2 inch thick crosswise
- 1 tablespoon olive oil Salt and ground pepper 1 cup fat-free (skim) milk
- 3 tablespoons flour 2 garlic cloves, minced
- cup marinara sauce 1/2 cup grated part-skim
- Mozzarella cheese

1/3 cup grated Parmesan

Preheat oven to 450°F, with racks in upper and lower thirds.

Arrange eggplant on two rimmed baking sheets. Brush eggplant on both sides with oil, and season with salt and pepper. Bake until golden brown and very tender, 20 to 25 minutes, turning slices and rotating sheets halfway

Meanwhile, in a medium sauce-Stir in seasoned crumbs, minced pan, whisk together 1/4 cup milk,

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flour, and garlic. Gradually whisk in remaining 3/4 cup milk and 1/2 cup marinara sauce. Bring to a boil; reduce to a simmer, and cook 1 until pink sauce has thickened, 2 to 3 minutes.

Spread 1/4 cup marinara sauce in the bottom of a shallow 2-quart baking dish. Alternate layers of baked eggplant with pink sauce. Dollop with remaining 1/4 cup marinara sauce. Sprinkle with mozzarella and Parmesan. Bake on upper rack until browned and bubbling, 10 to 15 minutes. Serves 4.

#### **TOFU STIR-FRY**

- 2 tablespoons soy sauce, plus more for serving
- tablespoon rice vinegar
- 1 teaspoon toasted sesame
- tablespoon canola oil
- 2 small onions, cut in wedges 9 ounces button mushrooms,
- quartered 1 large red bell pepper, ribs
- and seeds removed, cut into 1-inch squares
- 1-1/4 pounds bok choy, cut into 1-1/2 inch pieces, stem and green pieces

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- 1/4 pound snow peas, trimmed 5 paper-thin slices fresh ginger teaspoon cornstarch
  - dissolved in 2 teaspoons cold water

Lime wedges, for serving

Halve tofu block lengthwise; slice each half into 8 rectangles. Arrange on a paper towel-lined baking sheet; top with more paper towels and another baking sheet. Weight with canned goods or a skillet. Refrigerate overnight or at least 20 minutes.

Transfer tofu to a shallow dish. In a bowl, whisk together soy sauce, vinegar, and sesame oil with 1 tablespoon water; pour over tofu. Marinate 5 minutes (reserve marinade).

Heat canola oil in a 12-inch nonstick skillet over high heat. Cook tofu until golden, 1 to 2 minutes per side. Set tofu aside.

Stirring constantly, cook onions in skillet over high heat until browned, 5 minutes. Add mushrooms; cook 2 minutes. Add red pepper and bok choy stems; cook 3 minutes. Add peas and ginger; cook 1 minute. Add marinade, cornstarch mixture, bok choy

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through. Season with soy sauce as Heat to boiling; reduce heat. Cover desired. Serve with limes. Serves 4. and simmer 15 minutes

#### **VEGETABLE JAMBALAYA**

- tablespoon vegetable oil large onion, chopped
- medium green bell pepper, coarsely chopped
- garlic cloves, finely chopped cup uncooked regular longgrain rice
- (14-oz) can vegetable broth cup frozen whole kernel
- corn 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper (cayenne)
- (15 to 16 oz) can black-eyed peas, rinsed and drained
- (14 -1/2 oz) can stewed tomatoes, undrained

Heat oil in 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Cook onion, bell pepper and garlic in oil 3 to 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, until vegetables are crisp-tender.

stirring occasionally, until rice is golden brown. Serves 6.

greens, and tofu. Cook until heated light golden brown. Stir in broth.

Stir in remaining ingredients. Cover and simmer 5 to 10 minutes or until vegetables and rice are tender. Yields 4 servings.

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Vegetable cooking spray 1 (10-3/4 oz) can Campbell's Condensed Cream of

Celery Soup 1/2 cup milk

in the casserole

- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed
- (20 oz) bag frozen crinkle-cut carrots, thawed
- 1 (2.8-oz) can French's

French Fried Onions Spray a 2-quart casserole with cooking spray. Stir the soup, milk, thyme, carrots and 2/3 cup onions

Bake at 350°F for 35 minutes. Stir the carrot mixture. Sprinkle with the remaining onions.

Bake for 5 minutes or until car-Stir in rice. Cook 2 to 3 minutes, rots are tender and the onions are



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a doctor's certification, the home

(2) Rent Out the Home: The

second circumstance is much more

"doable." If, instead of keeping

the home vacant, you rent out her

home, then the rental income may

first be used to pay home-related

expenses, and only the excess after

payment of these expenses (i.e.,

the net rental income) would go to

the nursing home as mom's SOC.

Medi-Cal only permits the use of

mom's gross rental income to pay

the interest portion of the month-

ly mortgage, but not the principal

portion. Fortunately, however, the

interest portion is usually the lion's

share of most mortgage obliga-

tions, and in these situations, the

family is usually able to muster

the modest additional funds nec-

essary to cover the smaller princi-

pal portion. And even though the

net rental income, after payment

of these expenses, will increase

mom's SOC, this increase does

not impose any real financial hard-

ship upon mom, as it is essentially

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probable risk that her homeown-

funded by the renter.

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## Save Mom's Home While She's Assistance for Seniors with Debt In Nursing Home on Medi-Cal

a nursing home for care and has ward her nursing home bill as her it is rare that a physician is able *qualified for a Medi-Cal subsidy to* help with the cost. However, Me- Medi-Cal will pay the balance. chronically ill and not likely to di-Cal wants all of mom's income This leaves nothing to pay for her return home. Further, even with to go to the nursing home as her house expenses. "co-pay." That leaves nothing to cover her home expenses, includ- home would usually not be wise, ing her mortgage, property taxes, as this would convert an exempt insurance and upkeep.

the family, but we do not have the her Medi-Cal eligibility. funds to make these payments. Is there anything we can do?

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A: Yes, there is! But first a bit of background:

Medi-Cal assumes that all of pay these expenses: mom's care needs will be met in the nursing home, and that there The first is where her doctor ceris therefore no need to permit an tifies in writing that it is likely that income set-aside to pay for home she will be able to return home expenses while she is not actually within 6 months of entry into the living there.

Indeed, with the exception of a very modest income set-aside, Allowance and enough to pay her only for that 6 month period. medical insurance premiums,

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Q: Our mother just moved into all of mom's income must go to- ly available, as a practical matter "Share of Cost" ("SOC"), before to so certify, as most residents are

Further, the option of selling the upkeep allowance would currently asset into a large amount of cash We want to keep her home in which would then likely terminate

> Still further, most Medi-Cal applicants prefer to keep their home, whether in the hope that they may one day be able to return home, or so that they can pass it on to their children as an inheritance.

But there are two solutions to the problem of finding monies to

(1) Physician's Certification: nursing home.

If the doctor so certifies, then a portion of mom's income may be consisting of a \$35 Personal Needs set aside to pay house expenses but

While this option is theoretical-

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Say Area!

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ere are some tips and services that can help seniors who are facing credit card and mortgage debt.

#### • Credit Card Counseling

To help you get a handle on your credit card debt, a good place to turn is an accredited credit counseling agency. These are nonprofit agencies that offer free financial information and advice on how to handle financial problems.

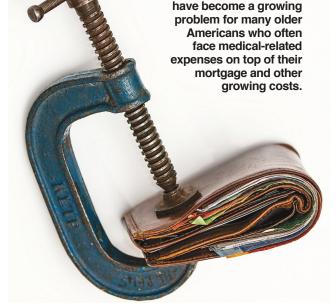
Depending on the significance of your credit card debt, they can help you sort out your finances and set you up in a debt management plan (DMP), which allows a counselor to negotiate with your creditors to lower your interest rates and eliminate any late fees and other penalties.

The agency will then act as a consolidator, grouping your debts together into one payment that you would make, and distributes those funds to your creditors.

Typically, the first counseling session is free, but a DMP comes with monthly fees of roughly \$20 to \$75 a month, depending on the

To locate a credible agency in your area, use the National Foundation for Credit Counseling website at NFCC.org (800-388-2227), or the or the Financial Counseling Association of America FCAA. Renting out the home so it is org (800-450-1794).

But make sure that you don't the risk of vandalism and the more use a debt settlement company that claims to settle all your debt or cut it in half for a fee without counsel-Gene L. Osofsky is an estate ing. Most of these companies use planning and elder law attorney deceptive practices and will only in Hayward. Visit his website at leave you more in debt then you already are.



#### Mortgage Counseling

and see if you can work out a payment plan. Be prepared to provide your financial info, such as your monthly income and expenses.

foreclosure prevention counselor. The National Council on Aging's These are HUD-approved, trained counselors that will work with you contains a database of more than and offer guidance on how best to 2,500 federal, state and local proavoid default or foreclosure. They grams that can help seniors with can also represent you in negotiations with your lender if you need

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Unfortunately, credit card and mortgage debt

#### • Financial Assistance

You also need to make sure vou're not missing out on any You can also get help from a financial assistance programs. website (BenefitsCheckUp.org) prescription drug costs, health care, food, utilities, and other basic

> The site will help you locate programs that you may be eligible for and will show you how to

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## 'Day of Remembrance' for Domestic Violence Victims

This Friday, Oct. 18, the Alameda County District Attorney ning of holiday family gatherings Nancy O'Malley and the Alameda for many, the season can also be County Family Justice Center fraught with stress and an increase host the 17th Annual Day of Re- in domestic violence. Domesmembrance to pay tribute to the tic Violence Awareness Month's women, men and children who brings attention to the reality of have lost their lives as a result of domestic violence and also sheds interpersonal violence, and to pro- light on resources and pathways vide hope and resources to those available to victims and survivors. struggling through violence in the

gin at 12:15 p.m. at the County empower women, children, and Administration Plaza at 1221 Oak men who have survived domestic St. in Oakland.

While fall brings the begin-

This event calls for the community to come together now to stop The official ceremony will be-domestic violence, as well as to

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## Reports: Illegal Narcotics; Wanted Man; Spousal Assault

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man was parked in front of a busi- Deputies were called to investigate pending \$50,000 in bail. ness on Lake Chabot Road when the man who was sitting behind a deputies stopped him for driving with an expired license. Deputies Place shopping center. The man ran the plates and found out the cooperated with deputies but was motorcycle had been reported sto- still taken to Santa Rita Jail pendlen. The man was taken to Santa ing \$5,000 in bail. Rita Jail and held without bail.

**Behind the Grocery Store** 

grocery store at the 580 Market

#### Wanted Man

Thursday, October 10: at 8:00 a 30-year-old man from CV was a.m., a 52-year-old man with no arrested as part of a warrant issued permanent residence was arrest- for his capture. Deputies served ed on suspicion of possession of the warrant at a home on Redwood illegal narcotics and violating the Road near Emily Court. The man Medical Center for her own minor ta Rita Jail pending \$5,000 in bail.

**Battled and Bit Her Boyfriend** 

Monday, October 7: at 7:12 p.m., a 911 call about a loud and aggres-

terms of his probation. The man had been previously charged with injuries. Deputies then transported a 55-year-old man on suspicion of was additionally wanted on pre- assault on a family member. Depu- her to John George Pavilion for driving a stolen motorcycle. The vious charges of drug possession. ties took the man to Santa Rita Jail a psychiatric evaluation before transporting her to Santa Rita Jail.

Drove Drunk and Drugged

Monday, October 7: at 1:10 p.m., deputies pulled over and arrested sive-sounding argument sent dep- a 59-year-old man on suspicion uties to a trailer park on the Bou- of driving under the influence of levard near Anita Avenue. There, drugs and alcohol and driving they arrested a 32-year-old woman without a valid driver's license. Tuesday, October 8: at 8:39 a.m., from CV on suspicion of assault- The man was traveling on Jennifer ing her boyfriend of 10 years, bit- Drive near Stanton Avenue when ing him on his shin, and assaulting deputies stopped him for quesa deputy in the process. The wom-tioning. He failed his field sobriety an was first transferred to Eden test. Deputies took the man to San-

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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



#### Niko Koperski

This week's Athlete of the Week is Niko Koperski, an 11 year old from Castro Valley. He just completed the Golden Hills Marathon as the youngest runner on Saturday, October 5.

This race was 27.76 miles in total, which started at the Chabot Space and Science Center and ended at Cull Canyon. There were 4,250 feet of elevation gain, which is a difficult race for any trail or marathon runner.

Koperski turned 11 the day before the race and competing in the race was what he wanted to do for his birthday. He was the youngest person in the race and won first place for the under 20 age group. Koperski is a Castro Valley native and was amazed to see the support from the local CV community at the

#### CASTRO VALLEY INDEPENDENT SPORTS LEAGUE



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## **CVHS SPORTS SCHEDULE**

#### **GIRLS TENNIS**

THURS., OCT. 17, 3:30 P.M. CVHS VARSITY VS. SAN LEANDRO AWAY

#### **FOOTBALL**

FRI., OCT. 18, 4:15 P.M. CVHS JV VS. SAN LEANDRO AT CVHS FRI., OCT. 18, 7:00 P.M. CVHS VARSITY VS. SAN LEANDRO AWAY

#### **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

THURS., OCT. 17, 4:00 P.M. CVHS FRESHMAN VS. ALAMEDA AT CVHS THURS., OCT. 17, 5:00 P.M. CVHS JV VS. ALAMEDA AT CVHS THURS., OCT. 17, 6:00 P.M. CVHS VARSITY VS. ALAMEDA AT CVHS TUES., OCT. 22, 4:00 P.M. CVHS FRESHMAN VS. SAN LEANDRO AT CVHS TUES., OCT. 22, 5:00 P.M. CVHS JV VS. SAN LEANDRO AT CVHS TUES., OCT. 22, 6:00 P.M. CVHS VARSITY VS. SAN LEANDRO AT CVHS

### CVHS Football Results

On Friday, Oct. 11, CV Varsity On Friday, Oct. 11, CV JV footfootball defeated Berkeley 21-20. ball defeated Berkeley 26-6.

## RECENT HOME SALES

#### **Castro Valley**

21318 Hobert Street 94546: \$685,000 3 BD - 1,743 SF - 1947 6144 Mt. Rushmore Cir 94552: \$705,000 2 BD - 1,324 SF - 1989 2413 Somerset Avenue 94546: \$740,000 2 BD - 1,206 SF - 1976 16999 Grovenor Drive 94546: \$980,000 3 BD - 1,894 SF - 1960 6545 Ridgewood Drive 94552:\$1,110,0004BD-2,244SF-1990 TOTAL SALES:

LOWEST AMOUNT: \$685,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT:

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LOWEST AMOUNT:

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\$400,000 \$869,000

MEDIAN AMOUNT: AVERAGE AMOUNT:

\$576,562

MINIATURE GOLF

## 'Fairway to Wellness' Tournament

Crisis Support Services of Alameda County will be hosting the "Fairway to Wellness" Miniature Golf Tournament on Friday, Oct. 25, at The Golden Tee Golfland in Castro Valley.

The tournament begins just after 6 p.m. and each foursome will have a chance to tackle Golfland's duo 18-hole courses, featuring the Enchanted Journey or the Adventure Quest.

Try your luck at the Foggy Cove, The Clock Town or Sleeping Beauty's castle, overseen by the ever-watchful giant red, blue and golden dragons! Top scorer will have the honor of wearing the Jacket of Champions.

Bid on such exciting silent auction items as a trip to Napa Valley's Wine Train, autographed Golden State Warrior swag, the- a huge milkshake, jukebox, and ater tickets, and take a chance on the raffle where everyone wins.

A spread of food and drinks will be served to fuel the fun.

\$30 or \$100 for a foursome. Junior golfers, ages 5-11, pay \$15 and

special Mini Mulligan Coupon for Haralambiew. \$20 that gives you one free "doover" shot which can save a stellar a rally in the stadium, followed by

supports Crisis Support Services coming dance was held Saturday (CSS)of Alameda County's free 24-hour crisis intervention and suicide prevention services. CSS provides for many of the East Bay's underserved community members access to much needed mental health services and support.

To register or for more information, visit http://www.tinyurl.com/ y3yes4kvc. or call: 415-336-9942.







## Homecoming: Parade, Rally and Football

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Seniors (Class of 2020) wore pink, and went retro all the way back to the rocking 1950s. Their "Senior Spot" diner float featured record signed by members of the class. All four classes were spirited, none more so than the seniors. This was their last time to partici-Admission to the Tournament is pate in Homecoming, making the event bittersweet.

"I'm not going to lie. I love youth golfers, ages 12-17, are \$20. Castro Valley High and our For greater confidence, buy a community," said senior Emily

Following Friday's parade was round from unforeseen mishaps. junior varsity and varsity football This family-friendly event games against Berkeley. A Home-



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## Castro Valley High School Tennis Results

feated Mt. Eden 6 to 1. The match Connie Shen, Anita Simon. roster consisted of Tania Beringer, Ashley Fang, Harneel Mangat, lost to Piedmont 3 to 4. The match Tam, Helena Liu, Camille Cam-Karen Chen, Hannah Pilgrim, roster consisted of Elena Lottich, oro.

On Thursday, October 10 CV

On Tuesday, October 8, CV de- Aneet Mangat, Stephanie Thach, Anya Mortensen, Lauren Leong, Gaby Madison, Marissa Chan, Sammie Lee, Kele Fong, Alex

## EAL ESTATE GALLERY



## REAL ESTATE REALIT



## **Financial Recourse** For a Late Close of Escrow

s much as everyone hopes transactions proceed smoothly once scrutiny brought to every deal. they hit escrow, there is plenty of room for the unexpected.

When delays happen, schedules are stretched, plans are disrupted, unexpected costs accrue and sellers ask the same question:

"What recourse do we have?" The answer is never easy and dependent on many things. Seller's, angry their transaction is not closing on time, typically focus on their financial ramifications, including additional mortgage and insurance payments, expenses related to redoing moving contracts and more.

It is particularly painful if the sellers have relocated and are paying two mortgages. Even more damaging are situations where delays cause contracts on seller's replacement homes to be jeopardized or canceled.

Transaction delays can typically be traced back to the lender. Lending institutions, memories of the financial collapse still fresh, have

**■ Vegetables** 

and pumpkins when the

are hard. Cut the stems

rather than breaking or

tearing them, and leave 2

inches of stem attached to the squash. Let them cure in a dry, well-ventilated

area at room temperature for two weeks. Squash and

pumpkins should keep for

**■ Vegetables** 

Transplant artichokes, Brussels sprouts, cabbage,

cauliflower, ornamental cabbage, rhubarb and

established herbs such as

comfrey, sage and thyme.

All of these should mature before the first frost and will

Most perennials can be

transplanted, or divided and

replanted. To divide, use

a spade or sharp knife to separate the large clumps. Discard the old, unpro-

ductive sections. Trim the

foliage of young growth to 4

or 6 inches. Dig in compost,

replant and water to settle

the soil.

overwinter nicely

**■ Flowers** 

about six months.

Harvest winter squash

vines are dry and the rinds

WEEKEND

GARDENER

dramatically increased lending requirements and the level of

To ensure any loan they fund will be saleable to investors, underwriters scrub every aspect of a borrower's finances in a process akin to a financial colonoscopy. Any item found wanting causes unplanned delays: even more so the later in the transaction they occur.

The answer to a seller inquiring about recourse is, in most cases, "It depends."

If instructions for any escrow delays were written into a purchase agreement (ie. per diem penalties for a late close), then it is a simple matter of following the contract. Most residential purchase agreements, however, do not contain clauses for penalties should a closing be delayed.

If all contingencies have been removed, a seller can issue a Demand to Close and, if the buyer is unable to comply, cancel the contract and go after

the deposit.

Many sellers, however, are hesitant to follow this course, knowing they will have to go on the market again. In this scenario, the best case would be to use the threat of a Demand to Close as a negotiation tool to negotiate financial recourse to the seller.

If the loan contingency has not been removed, it is more difficult to negotiate since the buyer has the ability to cancel and get their deposit returned.

Many sellers do not want to lose an existing transaction: any financial recourse obtained would consequently be the result of good-faith negotiations between parties where the buyer is cognizant of the financial impact their delay is causing and is willing to ease the seller's pain.

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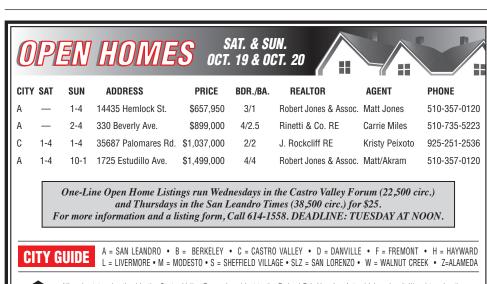


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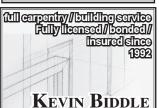
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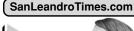
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## **Obituaries**

## Jo Anne Marino

On Friday, October 4, 2019, Jo Anne Marino, loving wife and mother of three, entered into rest at her home in Castro Valley. She was 56 years old.

She was a life-long resident of Castro Valley. She is survived by her husband Rick; her children Ricky, Randy (wife Danielle) and Danny; grandchildren Austin, Brody and Macie Jo; her sister Carrie, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

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In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you make a donation in Jo Anne's name to The American Diabetes Association at www.diabetes.org or 1-800-342-2383.

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#### Juan: Castro Valley is Proud of You

Such a blessing to see Juan Toscano-Anderson's picture on the front page of the (Sept. 25) Forum with the headline

Juan, a 2001 graduate of Castro Valley High School, has long been recognized locally for his talents on the court and off, including his induction into the Castro Valley Sports

It is important to remind everyone that he not only attended Marquette and played in the NCAA "Sweet Sixteen," Juan, unlike so many college athletes today, earned his degree. He

Today the Santa Cruz Warriors, tomorrow, hopefully, the

Regardless, Juan: your entire Castro Valley community is

Castro Valley Sports Foundation

#### Grateful for Return of Her Purse

I just want to thank the wonderful person who found my coin purse at Lake Chabot on October 9 (east trail) for turning

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—Patricia Giuntini Castro Valley

"Former CV Trojan Now A Warrior."

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is one in five professional basketball players with a degree!

Golden Gate Warriors!

so proud of you!

-Bruce D. Johnson, Board Member

trail walkers were good people!

I am eternally grateful. Thank you.

#### Takes Exception to PETA Concept

Editor:

In response to the letter by Paula Moore of PETA "Greatest Kindness to Dogs: Adopt Them from a Shelter," Letters, Oct. 2), I am an exhibitor of standard longhaired dachshunds and close friends with many ethical breeders.

It's not difficult to understand Ms. Moore's attack on breeders - the entire concept of PETA has been quoted by their founder Ingrid Newkirk..."One day, we would like an end to pet shops and the breeding of animals. [Dogs] would pursue their natural lives in the wild...they would have full lives, not waiting at home for someone to come home in the evening and pet them and then sit there and watch TV.'

"Ethical" breeders of pure-bred dogs are not to be confused with puppy mill breeders whose main goal is to sell puppies and who are the real contributors to the pet overpopulation in

"Ethical" breeders care about their dogs as if they were members of their family. Every purebred dog club has their own rescue. And, every "ethical" breeder of pure-bred dogs has in their contract that, "for any reason, in the life of this dog, if you cannot care for the dog, he/she comes back to

Most breeders know where all of their puppies live and remain friends with the new owners.

PETA operates on millions of dollars donated by citizens who see their ads on TV showing dogs in inhumane conditions and think they are saving their lives. The real agenda of PETA and Humane Society of the U.S., is identified by the FBI — they are groups who want to take away *your* right to own your pets.

These groups are behind the Breed Specific Legislation, hoping if they can get one breed banned it would be a start, and the mandatory spay and neuter laws.

Donate to your local animal shelters and not to PETA.

-Carolyn Menges

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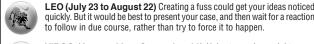
ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It might not be wise to pursue goals involving others, unless you can stop impulsively rejecting new ideas. Either



TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time for the Bovine to be creative and practical for yourself and your surroundings. Shop wisely, not impulsively, and keep your Bull's eye focused on quality, not quantity. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You should feel more confident about moving



**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Be considerate of others as you move into a new area in your professional life. Take time to meet people and discuss mutual goals. The more you get to know each other, the better.



to follow in due course, rather than try to force it to happen VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Unkept promises might cause plans to go awry this week. You can either grumble about people "letting you down" or find a way to make the best of it and move on. The choice is yours



**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Putting off making a commitment early in the week could be a good move. It's best to act when you know you're making an informed decision. Expect more facts to emerge by the week's end.



SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A recent act of kindness on your part could take on special meaning this week. Also, look for signs of upcoming changes in both your personal and professional relationships.



communication barriers between you and others in the workplace or at home could begin breaking down this week. Expect some surprises to emerge. CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your "tough love"

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Many of the tougher



attitude toward someone you care for could be misunderstood. Try to be less judgmental and show more consideration in the way you relate to that person. **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** An unexpected workplace challenge could be daunting. But take what you know (and you know more than you realize) and apply it to the problem, and you should see positive results.



PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Recent relationship changes for both single and paired Pisces continue to influence much of your week. Keep your focus on developing the positive aspects as you move along.

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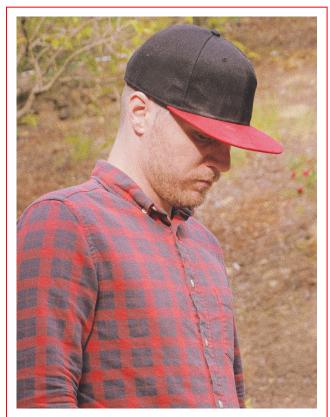
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A POWERFUL MESSAGE: To The Hopeless wants to raise awareness of societal pressures of mental illness with his music. He will be sharing music from his album and upcoming unreleased music at The Lab.

## Coming Up at Smalltown

- Thursday, Oct. 17: The Lab @ The Space with special guest To The Hopeless, a singer songwriter dedicated to empowering people who struggle with anxiety, depression and societal expectations. Sign up through email for a spot to perform in the open mike portion of the night 7 p.m. (info@Smalltownsociety.com)
- Friday, Oct 25: "A Night of Horror" with author Mark Vaz to heighten the senses. A night of scary readings by candle light and spooky snacks at 2849 Castro Valley Blvd. (Located to the right of the box office of the theatre). Doors open at 8 - get there early, limited space. Runs till 9:30 p.m.

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## HARD Buys 2.6 Acre Site

The Hayward Area Recreation District (HARD) has purchased the site of the former Coca-Cola bottling plant at the northeast corner of Mission Blvd. and Mattox Road, according to District Board President Rick Hatcher.

The centrally located 2.6-acre site was purchased for \$3,995,000, funded by Measure F1 which was approved by voters in November 2016.

This key acquisition by the District represents a transformative moment for the community that will have positive impacts for decades to come," said Hatcher. "We look forward to working with our residents and community partners to ensure this long-vacant property is reborn into a unique urban park."

The District will conduct a community outreach process next year to create a master plan for development of the property with park and recreation amenities.

The site contains industrial structures that will require study to determine suitability for reuse as part of the development or demolition

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PROCTOR GARDEN OPEN: From left, Karen Canady, School Trustee Jo Loss, Scott Troyer, Mindy Landmark of Eden Med, Thania Anglin, CV Rotary President Todd Anglin, Julian Omelagah, (Front); Carolina Pantoja; Jason Warbasse; Heather Ghereben - Proctor Principal.

## Proctor Elementary Garden

For more info about other Dis-nity project completed after a year strong support for transforming learning, healthy food, nature, and trict capital improvement projects, in designing and building plant- our school garden into an enrich- garden-based learning, while proers, tables, and seating. Principal ing hands-on educational learn-moting community participation."

The updated Proctor Elemen- Heather Ghereben thanked the ing space, Ghereben said. "Our tary School Garden was proudly many community groups that as- goal for this school garden is that unveiled recently, a major commusisted. "We are thrilled to see such it cultivates our students' love for

## **LEGAL NOTICES**

SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 MELISSA WILK County Clerk ALAMEDA CÓUNTY FILE NO. 563523

#### **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business: Ignacio Arechiga, Broker at 19131 Redwood Road Suite C, Castro Valley, CA 94546, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ignacio Arechiga, 10680 Crow Canyon Rd., Castro Valley, CA 94552. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced on 09/01/19. /s/ Ignacio Arechiga

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#### **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business: HR Support at 4061 East Castro Valley Blvd #158, Castro Valley, CA 94552, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Chawannoot Thordarson, 123 College Ave. Apt 18, Modesto, CA 95350. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced on 08/28/19.

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/s/ Baywood Court

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/s/ Baywood Court This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated

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#### **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT

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Bozzano Properties at 27771 Industrial Blvd, Hayward, CA 94544, county of Alameda. Mailing address: 3679 Oakes Drive, Hayward, CA 94542, county of Alameda. The business is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1) Joseph A Di Regolo, 8500 Berta Views Dr., Salinas, CA 93907, (2) Gloria M Coats, 3679 Oakes Dr., Hayward, CA 94542. This business is conducted by an Unincorporated association other than a partnership. This business commenced on N/A. /s/ Joseph A Di Regolo, Gloria M Coats

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Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930 The name of the business:

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#### **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930 The name of the business:

PauGlam at 2721 Sheffield Place, Castro Valley, CA 94546, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1) Ruben Pulido, (2) Paulina Cano, 2721 Sheffield Place, Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by a married couple. This business commenced on N/A. /s/ Ruben Pulido, Paulina Cano

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#### STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF THE USE OF FICTITIOUS **BUSINESS NAME**

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

Abandonment of the business name: A Woman's Touch Gardening located at 19782 Salem Rd., Castro Valley, CA 94546. in Alameda County is hereby abandoned by the following owner(s): Sandra M. Feisler, 19782 Salem Rd., Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by an individual.

/s/ Sandra M. Feisler This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above

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## Dynamic Dinner on November 8

The annual Dynamic Dinner Dance, sponsored by the Castro Valley Educational Foundation, will be held on Friday, Nov. 8, at the Castro Valley Masonic Center.

This year's theme is "Bollywood" and will feature a buffet Indian dinner by Aroma, no-host bar, music by DJ Billy Bradford, Henna Tattoos by Henna Happens, a photo booth by Charlie Moehle, and a Bollywood dance perfor-

Besides dinner and dancing, the evening will include silent and live auctions, featuring such exciting prizes as Disneyland tickets, and cakes and cupcakes from Jenn's Cupcakes. All proceeds from the 7 to 11 p.m. gala will go directly to fund the Castro Valley Educational Foundation's School Grants Program. Please join the fun while helping to support local schools.

The Masonic Center is locat-Purchase tickets before Nov. 1 at www.cvef.org/dynamic-dance



PHOTO BY LINDA SANDSMARK

WAITING FOR GAS: Worried drivers line up for gasoline at Castro Valley Blvd. and Redwood Road Wednesday afternoon.

## **Power:** CV Community Comes Together

continued from front page

gathering in Palomares for a community BBQ tonight," Castro Valley Matters posted on its Facebook ed at 4521 Crow Canyon Road. page. "Let us know if you are have invited everyone over for helped by posting general maps to gathering with your neighbors and friends for a #PowerOutBBQ."

Palomares residents Robert and Marilyn Hoffman helped organize the casual get together complete with a gas grill, picnic tables, and lawn chairs for people who didn't want their groceries to go to waste. codirects Chabad of Castro Valley About two dozen people showed with his wife, Chanie.

With the power outage coming Chabad of Castro Valley, which itors when the utility announced around town.

"We're hearing that folks are a free communal sit-down dinner where residents could type in their for anyone in need on Thursday night.

"If it were up to us, we would dinner at our house, but as the their social media pages. guest list kept growing, and the scope of the project kept growing, we realized that we needed to down except for an Internet outage move this to Chabad and invite the on Thursday near the 580 Market public, and that's what we did," said Rabbi Shimon Gruzman, who ask their customers for cash.

Castro Valley neighbors kept the community up to date on the outa day after Yom Kippur, the most ages. PG&E's website and phone ers worried about extended power sacred day on the Jewish calendar, app were overwhelmed with vis-

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had power, opened its doors for it would have up-to-date maps address and see if their home was in a potentially affected area.

Those who could get online

Businesses were relatively unaffected during the power shut Place, which forced some stores to

However, store shelves were emptied by Wednesday night by shoppers looking for water and other emergency supplies. Drivoutages also crowded gas stations

'It's pretty insane out here. Lines to gas stations out of control. I hope power is not shut off but I can understand precautions in the fire zone areas," Castro Valley resident Kendra Gilbert posted on her Facebook page.

As a precaution, Castro Valley Unified School District closed three elementary schools—Jensen Ranch, Palomares, and Proctoras well as Canyon Middle School.

Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi said she was pleased that most parents got the news and that only a few students showed up for classes at the impacted campuses. Additionally, she noted that school lunchrooms continued to serve students requiring free or reduced-fee meals during the blackout days.

"Most of the work that we do depends on electricity," Ahmadi said. "We have backup generators at our sites if the power goes out for a few hours, but these systems are not designed to run all day."

While other Bay Area communities called for curfews and beefed-up security measures, Alameda County Sheriff's Office and Fire Departments reported no major incidents related to the power shutoff.

This was a test run for all of us to see how prepared we are in our homes and in our neighborhoods," Alameda County Sheriff's Office spokesperson Sargent Ray Kelly told the Castro Valley Forum. "Hopefully, this is an opportunity to remind people to prepare for power outages and other emergencies such as fires and earthquakes."



CASTRO VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT (CVSan) staff is available to speak to Castro Valley clubs and organizations. Complete the Community Group Outreach Request Form by November 30, 2019 (for all presentations in 2020) and tell us what you'd like to learn about. Here are some topics that were presented to community groups last year:

- CVSan's Center Street Property
- Wastewater and/or Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) programs
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