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This Junior Rodeo parade float featured military service members.



CVHS's band marched in the Rowell Ranch Rodeo Parade.

CV Loves Its Annual Parade

By Linda Sandmark
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"Local Heroes, Service Above Self" was the theme for Castro Valley's 35th Annual Rowell Ranch Rodeo Parade. The Saturday morning event included over 70 entries: horses, floats, vintage vehicles, Scouts, sports teams, civic and faith groups, schools and bands.

Eight hundred people participated in this year's parade, which is sponsored annually by the Rotary Club of Castro Valley.

Crowds staked out spots along

Castro Valley Boulevard from Wisteria Street to Redwood Road to watch.

"The parade is really interesting," says longtime Castro Valley resident Susan Barajas. "I really like the music and all the bands. I also like the old-fashioned vehicles, like the truck from Val's Burgers."

This year's Grand Marshals were three World War II Veterans. John Zebratski, age 102, served 20 years in the U. S. Navy, including wartime duty on the Essex CV9 Aircraft Carrier; Peter Schantz was

in the Military Police at Normandy and Utah Beach; and Capt. Glen Barth served on the Christmas, Marshall and Gilbert Islands.

The Rotary also sponsored an art and essay contest for Kindergarten through fifth graders on the theme of "Local Heroes: Service Above Self." Winners were invited to ride in the parade on a special wagon.

Castro Valley Rotary President Carol Wikle presented awards to the winning entries. As always, the Boy Scouts helped provide clean-up for the parade and the preceding night's Chili Cook-Off.



PHOTOS BY LINDA SANDMARK

Winning contestants in the Rotary Club's Art and Essay contest rode in a special parade wagon.

Tour New CVSsan Site This Saturday

A new addition is coming to Castro Valley Boulevard, and residents will have the opportunity to contribute to its design this weekend.

An underutilized property previously owned by Caltrans is planned to be developed into the site of Castro Valley Sanitary District's (CVSan's) Engineering and Collection System Maintenance departments within the next three to five years.

In 2014 Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) acquired the 73,000-square-foot property at the intersection of Castro Valley Boulevard and Center Street for \$1,500,000.

Preliminary plans for a 13,000-square foot building and corporation yard will be unveiled during a public tour this Saturday, May 20th. This estimated \$6 million project will include LEED-certified architecture and Bay-Friendly landscaping.

"This property will allow CVSan to condense its wastewater staff and equipment into one location and in-



Architect's rendering of CVSan's proposed \$6-million building, corporation yard and landscaping at Castro Valley Blvd. and Center Street. CVSan will conduct tours of the property Saturday morning.

cludes room to expand should Castro Valley's needs grow in the future," explained Roland Williams, CVSan General Manager.

Saturday's public tour will be open from 10 a.m. until noon, and will include a walk-through of the property

and an architectural renderings presentation. This event is an opportunity for CVSan to receive input from the public on the site's final design and function.

To register for this event or request more information, visit www.cvsan.org/CenterStreet.

Dawn Balestreri Appointed New Library Manager

The Alameda County Library has appointed Dawn Balestreri as the new manager of the Castro Valley Library. She replaces longtime manager Carolyn Moskovitz, who retired this year.

Balestreri, who has lived in Castro Valley for 18 years, had been serving as the Children's Librarian for about the past seven years. She joined the county library system in 2010 after serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Estonia and working in public health in San Francisco. She has three children in the Castro Valley School District.

She received her Master of Library and Information Science degree at San Jose State University in 2010.



Dawn Balestreri

Castro Valley Weather May 17 - 21, 2017



Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
High 70° Low 48°



Thursday
Mostly Sunny
High 77° Low 50°



Friday
Mostly Sunny
High 83° Low 53°



Saturday
Mostly Sunny
High 84° Low 54°



Sunday
Mostly Sunny
High 86° Low 56°

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Past Week's Rain: 00.00
Season To Date: 36.22
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May 18



May 25



June 1



June 9

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Pardee Reservoir and Dam in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range, is the heart of Castro Valley's drinking water supply.

EBMUD Proposing a Rate Hike for Aging Infrastructure

By Linda Sandsmark
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

East Bay Municipal Utilities District (EBMUD) gave a briefing yesterday on the state of its facilities and a proposed rate hike. The District presented its long-range approach to water delivery structures and storage.

"Our dams are very well made and very well cared for," said Frank Mellon, EBMUD's director for Ward 7, which includes Castro Valley.

"If it didn't rain for the next two years, we'd be okay. What we're doing is investing money so we can ensure the water supply more than two years going forward."

Mellon said 80 to 90 per cent of our water comes from the Mokelumne River. It is conveyed to homes and businesses through some 4,200 miles of pipe, some of which is over 100 years old. EBMUD is investing in technology to detect pressure issues and failing pipes in advance.

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Memorial Service for Jenny Lin Next Week

At the 23rd anniversary of the loss of Jenny Lin, her family is hosting a memorial service on Friday, May 26, at the Castro Valley Library to honor the teenage girl.

Following the ceremony a public candlelight walk will be held in downtown CV to remind the public of the unsolved murder and to raise awareness of child safety.

A young, talented musician, Jenny was murdered in her own home on May 27, 1994, at the age of 14, devastating her family and shocking the community.

Jenny's parents, John and Mei-lian Lin, vowed to continue working with the police until the case is solved, to carry on Jenny's dreams, and to extend her life in a

unique fashion.

For over 20 years, the Jenny Lin Foundation has offered music scholarships and free music programs to the community each summer, and has organized numerous safety fairs, workshops and contests to raise awareness of child safety issues and to improve safety knowledge and precautions for parents and children.

To date, there is still no arrest or conviction related to Jenny's murder. A \$100,000 reward for information leading to the conviction of the murderer is still available. Anyone with information please call the Alameda County Sheriff's Department at 510-667-7721 or (855) 4-JENNY-LIN.



Jenny Lin was slain in her CV home on May 27, 1994. The crime remains unsolved.

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Broken glass and other wreckage littered the front of Boulevard Burgers last Wednesday after an elderly woman lost control of her car while trying to back out of the parking lot.

Car Plows Through Front of Boulevard Burger Restaurant

A 96-year-old woman lost control of her vehicle, hit a parked truck and then crashed through the plate glass windows of the Boulevard Burger restaurant last week.

The woman was driving a 1985 Buick Electra. She collided with a parked Ford pickup truck in the parking lot of the restaurant at around 11:40 a.m. last Wednesday. The woman then continued on, driving into the front of the building, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The CHP believes the woman

was attempting to back her car out of parking space when the accident occurred.

The restaurant, at 3714 Castro Valley Blvd., was open at the time of the crash, but no one – including the driver – was injured.

The collision is still under investigation by the CHP, but at this time, they do not believe drugs or alcohol were a factor.

Boulevard Burger repaired their front wall and reopened for business on Friday, May 12.

Cars colliding with buildings

have not been uncommon in Castro Valley. In 2012, a car crashed into the front of Lime Leaf Thai restaurant in the Village when the driver overshot a parking space – and in 2015, another car drove through the front window of the same restaurant.

And in October of 2015, a car speeding on Lake Chabot Road at the Boulevard left the street and landed upside down inside an optometry clinic and the jaws of life were necessary to extract the driver.

—by Amy Sylvestri

SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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Spousal Assault

Sunday, May 14: at 7:01 p.m., a 911 call about a loud and aggressive-sounding argument sent Sheriff's deputies to an apartment on Forest Avenue near Forest Circle. There, they arrested a 66-year-old man from CV on suspicion of spousal assault. The man was handcuffed and taken into custody. Victim was treated at the scene.

Wanted Woman

Thursday, May 11: at 2:40 p.m., a 61-year-old woman from Castro Valley was served a warrant for her arrest at a home on Columbia Drive near Slopeview Court. The woman was previously arrested for driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol, violating the terms of her parole, and possession of illegal narcotics. Deputies took the woman to Santa Rita Jail pending \$30,000 in bail.

Out of Town Sex Offender

Friday, May 12: at 12:49 a.m., deputies arrested a 62-year-old man with no permanent address on suspicion of failing to register as a sex offender and possession of a controlled substance. The man also had a warrant issued for his capture. Deputies stopped the man for questioning on Park Way near San Carlos Avenue when they verified his identification. The man told deputies that he knew that he was out of compliance and that he

had to go to Modesto to register his current whereabouts. Deputies took the man to Santa Rita Jail pending \$7,500 in bail.

Can't Stay Away

Thursday, May 11: at 6:58 p.m., a 46-year-old man from Castro Valley was arrested on suspicion of violating a court-issued restraining order and possession of illegal narcotics. Deputies responded to a suspicious person call outside a business on Castro Valley Boulevard near Forest Avenue. There, they identified the man who fit the description. The man was handcuffed and taken into custody.

Second-Story Men

Wednesday, May 10: at 7:10 p.m., deputies arrested two men on drug and burglary-related charges. A 41-year-old man from Hayward and a 45-year-old man from San Leandro were stopped for questioning outside a home on Grove Way near Dolores Street. Both men were charged with possession of illegal drug paraphernalia. The older man was also busted for possession of burglar tools. Deputies took the men into custody.

Robbery, Assault Charges At Eden Medical Center

Wednesday, May 10: at 2:50 p.m., a 23-year-old woman with no permanent address was arrested on, robbery and assault charges while at Eden Medical Center on Lake Chabot Road. Deputies were called to the scene after hospital security reported the woman had robbed a hospital visitor and held them against their will. The woman then became belligerent and began attacking nurses and other hospital staff members. Deputies reported that the woman had an active warrant issued for her arrest. The woman was subdued and taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$7,500 in bail.

Woman in Possession Of Illegal Narcotics

Tuesday, May 9: at 8:27 a.m., deputies arrested a 63-year-old woman from Dublin on suspicion of possession of illegal narcotics. The woman was traveling on Park Way near Congress Way when deputies stopped her for questioning and discovered his stash. The woman was handcuffed and taken into custody.

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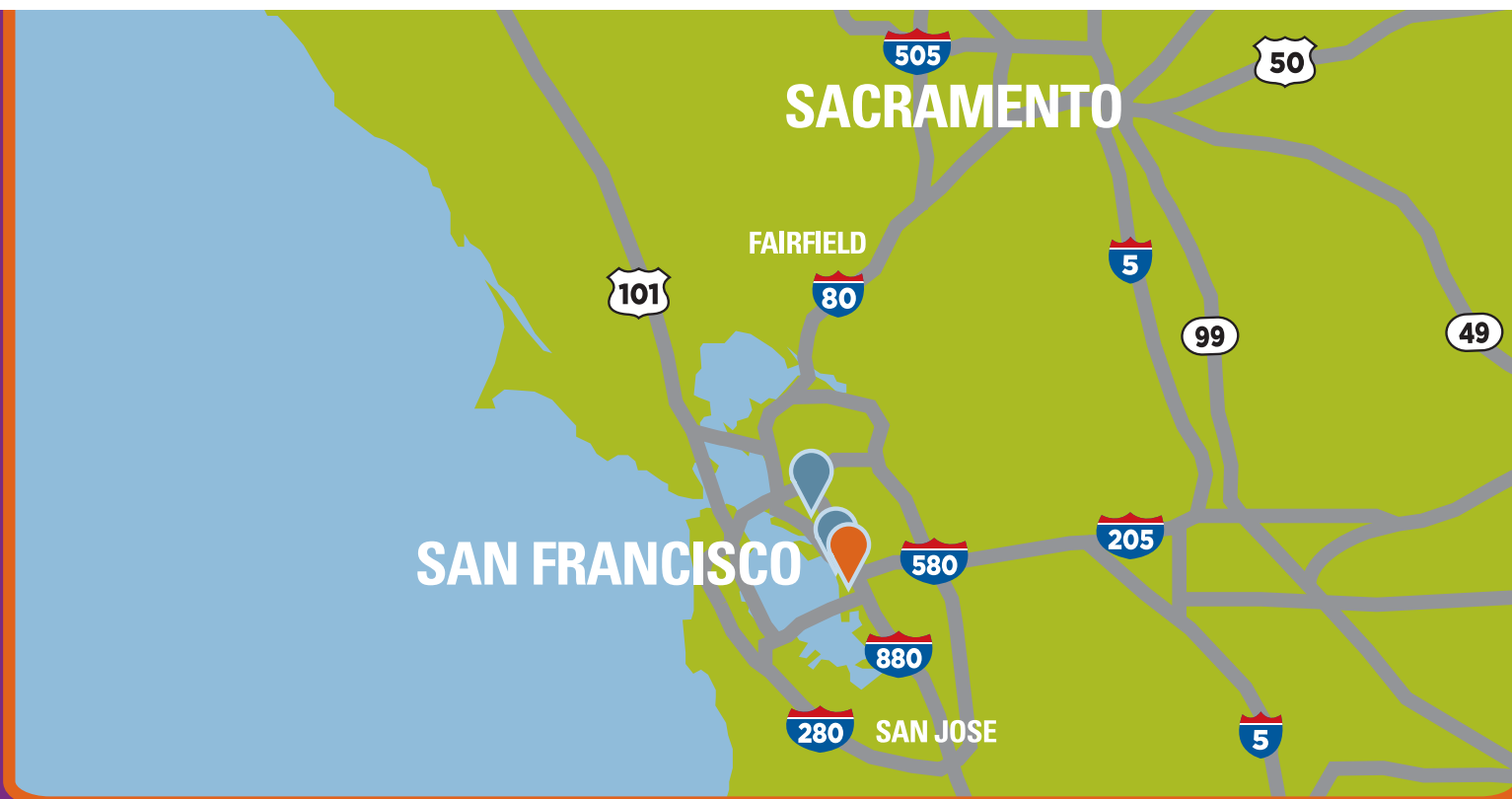
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The Week Ahead

● **Wednesday, May 17: Free Luther and Copernicus Lecture**

Faith Lutheran Church, 20080 Redwood Road, continues its lecture series in honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with "Luther and Copernicus" presented by Dr. Ted Peters today at 7 p.m., examining the possible connections between the Copernican Revolution and the Protestant Reformation. The lecture is free and open to the public. For info, visit www.flccv.org/Refo500 or call 510-582-0818.

● **Thursday, May 18: Local Team Roping**

Rowell Rodeo events kick off tomorrow evening at 5 p.m. with Local Team Roping at Rowell Ranch Rodeo Park. For more information, visit www.rowellranchrodeo.com

● **Friday, May 19: Marshall Elementary Music Carnival**

Marshall Elementary School PTA invites everyone to its Music Carnival from 5 to 7 p.m. this Friday, May 19, at 20111 Marshall Street in Castro Valley. Come listen to three live bands – Jammin Nachos, Oakland Future Trio and the Diabolical Bowl Cuts, plus Food Trucks and many activities and crafts for the kids. Other concessions will be available for purchase. All raffle proceeds will benefit the school.

● **Friday, May 19: Hayward Gay Pride Dance**

Everyone's invited to a Gay Pride Dance at the Hayward Area Senior Center, 22325 North Third St. beginning at 7 p.m. this Friday. Billy Bradford will be the DJ. Happy hour with beer and wine 7-8 p.m. For tickets (\$17 advance, \$20 at the door) call 510-881-6766 or visit www.haywardrec.org/seniors

● **Saturday, May 20: Canyon & Creekside School Meetings**

The Castro Valley Unified School District in partnership with Hayward Area Recreation District will host two public meetings this Saturday to discuss plans for the renovation of the Canyon and Creekside Middle School athletic fields. The staffs of both districts as well as project architects will be available to discuss and answer questions about the conceptual plans for the field projects. Your input is valuable to the success of the renovations, and we hope you can join us for the discussion. Both discussions will be held at the Castro Valley High School Cafeteria, 19400 Santa Maria Ave., from 9-11 a.m. for Canyon School and from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for Creekside School. If you are not able to attend but still have questions, please contact Dr. Candi Clark at 510-537-3000 ext. 1212 or email your questions and comments to measureg@cv.k12.ca.us.

● **Saturday, May 20: Eden Garden Club Annual Plant Sale**

Lots of plants, annuals, perennials, bulbs, succulents and vegetables grown by club members will be on sale along with garden art and baked goods from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. this Saturday in the Moose Lodge parking lot at 20835 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley. Come see what we've been doing and help support our garden club's grants to local school. The event is free. Call 510-537-1268 for further information.

● **Saturday, May 20: Eagles Auxiliary Spring Breakfast**

Eagles Auxiliary No. 1139 will serve a Spring Breakfast to raise money for local charities from 9 to 11 a.m. this Saturday at the Eagles Hall, 21406 Foothill Blvd., Hayward. Enjoy scrambled eggs, ham, hash-brown casserole, toast, juice, fruit, coffee and tea, all for \$10.

● **Saturday & Sunday, May 20-21: Rowell Ranch Rodeo**

The 97th Annual Rowell Ranch Pro Rodeo performances begin at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, May 20-21. See a Special Section on the rodeo beginning on page 10 in this edition of the Forum. For tickets and more information, see www.rowellranchrodeo.com

● **Tuesday, May 23: Castro Valley Street Eats**

Join the Castro Valley Eden Area Chamber of Commerce, HARD, and the Food Truck Mafia for Castro Valley Street Eats at Adobe Art Park, 20395 San Miguel, from 6 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday. Food truck lineup will be announced on Tuesday on the Chamber's Facebook page. HARD will have children's activities and Mobile Recreating. Parking is available in the park, on San Miguel Ave. and neighboring side streets, but is limited. Walking and biking to the event are encouraged.

...and Beyond

● **Wednesday, May 24: School Board Public Hearings**

The Castro Valley Board of Education will hold a regular open meeting beginning at 7 p.m. next Wednesday, May 24, which will include public hearings on the opening of collective bargaining agreements with the Castro Valley Teachers Association. The complete board packet will be available on Friday, May 19, at www.cv.k12.ca.us

● **Friday, May 26: Jenny Lin Memorial Service**

At the 23rd anniversary of the loss of Jenny Lin, her family is hosting a memorial service beginning with a reception at 6:15 p.m. on Friday, May 26, at the Castro Valley Library. The Ceremony begins at 7 p.m. followed by a Candlelight Walk.

● **Saturday, May 27: Muslim Panel**

The Hayward Area Historical Society Museum presents "Speaking for Ourselves: A Panel of Your Muslim Neighbors" from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 27, at 22380 Foothill Blvd. Five practicing Muslims discuss being Muslim in America, Islamophobia, the challenges of ISIS, and how we can be better neighbors and friends in our community.

● **Monday, May 29: Memorial Day Service**

Lone Tree Cemetery at 24591 Fairview Ave. in Hayward will hold its 114th Annual Memorial Day Service beginning at 11 a.m. with live band music, color guards and more.

● **Friday, June 2: Eden Area Village**

Eden Area Village is developing a non-profit membership based neighborhood "Village" that will help people in the Castro Valley, Hayward, and the San Lorenzo areas stay in their homes as they age. Public outreach meetings are held the first Friday of each month at 2 p.m. at Hayward City Hall. Next meeting is Friday June 2.

REGULAR GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

• Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) meets on land-use issues on most 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, and holds general purpose meetings on most 3rd Mondays. Meetings are at 6 p.m. at the Castro Valley Library Chabot Room, 3600 Norbridge Avenue.

• Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at the District Headquarters, 21040 Marshall St.

Arts & Entertainment

CASTRO VALLEY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Tickets for Center for the Arts events listed below are available online at www.cvartsfoundation.org; or at the Center Box Office, 19501 Redwood Road, Thursdays and Fridays 3-5 p.m. phone 889-8961; or at the CV Adult School, 4430 Alma Ave.

● **Spring Concert & Awards**, will be presented by Creekside Middle School's Concert Band, Jazz Band and Symphonic Band, performing both classic band and movie music at 6:00 p.m. today, May 17. For tickets (\$5-\$7) see above.

● **Creekside Middle School's Concert & Symphonic Orchestras** will present a concert ranging from classical to pop music at 7:30 p.m. today, May 17. For tickets (\$5-\$7) see above.

● **"Song & Dance,"** the annual spring concert and awards ceremony, will be presented by Canyon Middle School's 7th/8th grade Intermediate String Orchestra and Advanced String Orchestra, under the direction of Heidi Dahms, at 7 p.m. tomorrow, May 18, taking the audience on a musical journey to leave you with a song in your heart. For tickets (\$5-\$7) see above.

● **Concert** by the Castro Valley High School Concert Band, Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble will be presented at 7 p.m. this Friday, May 19. Tickets are \$10-\$5.

● **"Pops Goes the Orchestra,** the Castro Valley High School Spring Concert featuring the Concert Orchestra and Symphony Orchestra will be presented at 7 p.m. this Saturday, May 20. Tickets are \$10-\$5.

● **Castro Valley Adult School Orchestra**, will present a concert at 2 p.m. this Sunday, May 21. Tickets are \$10-\$5.

● **"Always Animated,"** a program of popular music from video games, animated movies and TV Show, will be presented by the Canyon Middle School Choral Ensemble and Treble Choir at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23. Tickets are \$6-\$4.

● **"Spring Into the Light,"** will be presented by the Creekside Middle School Choirs at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24. Tickets are \$10-\$7.

THEATRICAL & MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

● **"Concert Version of Guys and Dolls,"** with music by Frank Loesser, will be presented by the Oakland Symphony as its season closer this Friday at 8 p.m. at the Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway in Oakland. Ticket holders are invited to a pre-performance talk by John Kendall Bailey at 7 p.m. Tickets are priced \$25-\$80 and may be purchased at www.oaklandsymphony.org

ART GALLERIES & EVENTS

● **Art From The Heart**, an opportunity to donate to a good cause and acquire art at the same time this Sunday, May 21, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 655 Maud Ave. in San Leandro. This benefit exhibit and sale of original art by local artist Shirley Shatzen includes tapestries, paintings, and sculptures in clay, metal, stone, and wood. Over 60 pieces will be offered. Bring your checkbook. Proceeds donated directly to community groups...or to the organization of your choice.

● **"Wake, Sleep, Repeat: Repetition in the Everyday,"** an exhibition open to all Bay Area artists and featuring a variety of media encompassing the numerous ways repetition is embedded in our daily lives, opens May 20 at the Adobe Art Gallery, 20395 San Miguel Ave. in Castro Valley. The public is invited to an artists' reception from 1 to 3 p.m. this Saturday, May 20. For more information, call 510-881-6735, or visit adobegallery@haywardrec.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, 20395 San Miguel Ave., Castro Valley.

● **"Unmentionable: The Indiscreet Stories of Artifacts,"** an original exhibition exploring topics and artifacts that we, as a society, find uncomfortable to talk about, including race, lifestyle, politics and personal adornment, will be on exhibit thru July 30 at the HAHS Museum, 22380 Foothill Blvd., Hayward.

● **Art IS Education**, sponsored by Hayward Arts Council, features the works of Hayward students at the John O'Lague Galleria in Hayward City Hall thru May 25. Gallery hours: M-F 9-5. For more exhibits and events, visit www.haywardartscouncil.org/

● **Artist Demonstrations**, sponsored by ART, Inc. every 2nd Saturday of the month at the Adobe Art Center and Gallery at 20395 San Miguel Avenue in Castro Valley, California

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Jacklyn Scheberies

This week's Athlete of the Week is Jacklyn Scheberies, a sophomore at Castro Valley High School. Scheberies is a member of the CVHS swim team and has had a great season for the Trojans, winning every individual event and all the league dual meets this season.

Scheberies won the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:53.8 and the 100 freestyle in the time of 52.95, and tied for high point scorer with 40 points, at the Western Alameda County Conference High School Swim Championships held at Chabot College on May 6. Both times qualified her to swim at the North Coast Section Championships where she finished seventh in the 200 freestyle and seventeenth in the 100 freestyle.

Scheberies trains several hours a day, six days a week, and now her hard work is starting to show. She loves swimming for her high school and with her "great" teammates.

Scheberies started her swimming career with the San Leandro Darryl's summer swim team and now swims year round on the Crow Canyon Sharks, and has set her sites on competing at the collegiate level.



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Dakine Hoops Weekend Win At Mother's Day Tournament

Castro Valley based, Dakine Hoops basketball's fifth grade boys basketball team played and won first place at the Mother's Day Tournament on Saturday, May 13, at NB Courts in Livermore. Dakine won all 3 of their games, beating the Port City Black 39-27, in the first game, won 45-39 v. the Port City Blue, in game 2, and in the last game, won 67-46 against the Stanco Stampede. PICTURED: Front row from left: Riley La Rosa, Justin Chinn, Ayden Lui; Middle row: Ekam Sandhu, Michael Li, Aadi Malali, Avi Rajbhandary; Back row: Assistant Coaches: Kevin Chinn, Efosa Uwaifo, Head Coach-Armando La Rosa. Missing from picture: Shriyans Vittal, Porter Tien, Travis Simmons, and Assistant Coach John Tien.



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Extreme 11U Wins Tournament

Castro Valley based Extreme Baseball's 11U baseball team won the All-World "Twist-it" tournament Championship this past weekend in Hayward, finishing 4-0. They started their weekend beating the California Lightning 18-1, in the first game, then defeated the Dynamite 15-0. Extreme qualified for the Gold bracket on Sunday, where they won 2-0 against the Brentwood Blast in 6 innings, where J. P. Manzo threw a no hitter. In the championship game, Extreme had great pitching, tough defense, and power hitting, which led to a 10-2 Extreme victory. AJ Boyles hit a Home Run in the Championship game. The Extreme team outscored their opponents 47-3 in this tournament.



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CVI Sports League

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Soccer

Castro Valley Soccer Club's registration for Fall 2017 is now open and using a new registration system. If your child did not play for Castro Valley Soccer Club in 2016, please upload your child's birth certificate. All players U11 and older must upload head shot photo for their player pass. For more program information or questions please visit our website: www.castrovalleysoccer.com or you can contact the office via email at: registrar@castrovalleysoccer.com. No refunds after June 30, 2017.

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see RODEO on page 12

2017 ROWELL RANCH RODEO PARADE FINAL RESULTS

EQUESTRIAN

Dale Yearian Memorial Equestrian Sweepstakes

Joseph Fortine "National Day of the Cowboy"

Sheriff's Posse

1st-Alameda County Mounted Sheriff's Posse

Future Horseman

1st-Payton Gillians (6) and her horse "Dog"

2nd-Candence Kuntz (8) and her horse "Genie"

3rd-Scott Batteate (2) and his pony "Rainy"

Working Western

1st-Joseph Fortine "National Day of the Cowboy" Mounted Group Open

1st-Aahmes Shrine Mounted Patrol

Plain Western

1st-Corky Fellingham

Parade Horse

1st-Rowell Ranch Rodeo Flag Girls

Horse- or Pony-Drawn

1st-Sponsor Wagon

2nd-Grand Marshal

3rd-Art and Essay Contest Winners Wagon

NON-EQUESTRIAN

Non-Equestrian Sweepstakes

Rowell Ranch Pro Rodeo

Amateur Float

1st-Cub Scout Troop 722

Commercial Float

1st-Waste Management of Alameda County

2nd-Coldwell Banker

3rd-Castro Valley Sanitary District

Student Float

1st-Adventure Time Daycare

2nd-Redwood Christian Schools'

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1st-Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 9601

2nd-Sea Cadets of Hayward

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1st-Century 21 Marquis

Novelty Jr (13 and Under)

1st-Castro Valley Elementary Majorettes

2nd-Vannoy Cougars

3rd-Rowell Ranch Jr Rodeo

High School Bands

1st-Castro Valley High School Trojans Marching Band

2nd-Pride of Hayward High School Marching Band

3rd-Redwood Christian Middle School and

High School Eagles Marching Band

Miscellaneous Sports

1st-Castro Valley Little League

2nd-Castro Valley Independent Sports League

Miscellaneous

1st-Angry Anglers

2nd-Hayward Area Recreation District (HARD)

3rd-Creekside Middle School - Power Pack Club

Bully Prevention

Vehicles-Antique & Classic Cars & Trucks

1st-Dwight and Barbara Perry

2nd-Eden Garden Club Model A

3rd-Val's Burgers

Vehicles-Car Clubs

1st-Acorn A's Model A Ford Club

2nd-Bay Area Mustang Association

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First Place winners (above) Mike Batteate and Mark Salinas with Rodeo Queen Megan Stevens. Below, 2nd Place winners Bennet Francouer and Cliff Sherwood with Queen Megan.



Cowhand Poker Sorting Kicks Off Rowell Rodeo

The Rowell Ranch Pro Rodeo kicked off Saturday afternoon with a Poker Sorting for local cowboys and cowgirls.

Poker Sorting is a western-style equestrian sport that evolved from the common ranch work of separating cattle into pens for doctoring, branding or transport. It is an event that pits a team of two riders on horseback against the clock.

Teamwork is a key with both riders working in harmony against the clock to cut out the correct cattle and move them from one pen to another. The 10 cattle have different poker cards on their backs (A, K, Q, J, 10.) and the idea is to

get the best poker hand by cutting out and moving the cattle from one pen to another without bringing the remaining herd with them.

First place winners with a Straight Flush were Mike Batteate, Hayward and Mark Salinas, Hayward City Councilman, shown above with their winning buckles presented by Rowell Ranch Pro Rodeo Queen Megan Stevens.

Second Place winners with a Full House were Bennet Francouer and Cliff Sherwood of Castro Valley. Third Place winners with a Straight were Steve Swanson and Veronica Knowlton of the Alameda County Fair Association.

2017 ESSAY & ART CONTEST RESULTS

ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Kindergarten & 1st grade:

1st: Lily Yung, 1st Grade, RCS
2nd: Elijah Warner, 1st Grade, RCS
Honorable Mentions:
• Yarezi Garcia, 1st Grade, Our Lady of Grace
• Addison Hope, Shizuko Tomita, Kindergarten, Palomares School

2nd & 3rd Grade:

1st: Caleb Homer, 3rd Grade, RCS
2nd: Amayah Brinkley, 2nd Grade, RCS
Honorable Mention-Mackenzie Victor, 2nd Grade, RCS
• Honorable Mention:
• Andrew Fajardo, 2nd Grade, RCS

4th & 5th Grade:

1st: Isaac Baumann, 4th Grade, RCS
2nd: Riley Ramirez, 4th Grade, RCS
• Honorable Mention:
Matthew Chock, 4th Grade, RCS

ART CONTEST WINNERS

Kindergarten & 1st Grade:

1st: Abigail Valle, 1st Grade, RCS
2nd: Nick Bronken, 1st Grade, RCS
Honorable Mentions:
• Aldis Kuduzovic, Kindergarten, Castro Valley Elementary
• Jordin Bracey, 1st Grade, RCS

2ND & 3RD GRADE:

1st: Carter Strange, 2nd Grade, RCS
2nd: Laz Jones, 2nd Grade, RCS
Honorable Mentions:
• Collin Mantangela, 2nd Grade, RCS
• Ashton Varma, 2nd Grade, Independent Elementary
• Christabel Francis, 3rd Grade, RCS

4TH & 5TH GRADE:

1st: Matthew Chock, 4th Grade, RCS
2nd: Christian Chan, 5th Grade, RCS
Honorable Mentions:
• Jessica C. Woods, 4th Grade, RCS
• Heidi Chen, 5th Grade, RCS

—Results submitted by Bruce Johnson, Rotary Club of Castro Valley

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10:00 am	Gates Open
10:30 am	Special Partners Event
11:00 am	Cowboy Experience
1:30 pm	Grand Entry Rowell Ranch Pro Rodeo
5:00 pm	Tri-Tip BBQ with live music

SUNDAY, MAY 21

Tough Enough to Wear Pink? Wear it to show your support in battle against breast cancer!



10:00 am	Gates Open
11:00 am	Cowboy Experience
1:30 am	Grand Entry Rowell Ranch Pro Rodeo

Rodeo: Gates Open at 10 am; Cowboy Experience at 11

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The Rowell Ranch Rodeo Committee invites fans to come early to the rodeo each day (gates open at 10 a.m.) to be a part of the Cowboy Experience that starts at 11 a.m. before the Saturday and Sunday performances that start at 1:30 p.m.

See how we manage the care of our animals and the equipment we use in the sport of rodeo that holds the safety of the animals and cowboy as a top priority.

If you've never been to a rodeo, get ready to watch one of the toughest sports on dirt where you'll see some of America's best extreme athletes show their skills. One of the oldest on-going events in our region, it's a celebration of our community's history in our own backyard at Rowell Ranch Rodeo Park.

Professional rodeo action consists of two types of competitions – roughstock events and timed events – and an all-around cowboy crown.

In the roughstock events bareback riding, saddle bronc riding and bull riding a contestant's score is equally dependent upon his per-



formance and the animal's performance.

To earn a qualified score, the cowboy, while using only one hand, must stay aboard a bucking horse or bull for eight seconds. If the rider touches the animal, himself or any of his equipment with his free hand, he is disqualified.

In saddle bronc and bareback

riding, a cowboy must "mark out" his horse; that is, he must exit the chute with his spurs set above the horse's shoulders and hold them there until the horse's front feet hit the ground after the initial jump out of the chute; failing to do so results in disqualification.

During the regular season, two judges each score a cowboy's

qualified ride by awarding 0 to 25 points for the rider's performance and 0 to 25 points for the animal's effort. The judges' scores are then combined to determine the contestant's score. A perfect score is 100 points.

In timed events steer wrestling, team roping, tie-down roping, barrel racing and steer roping; cowboys and cowgirls at "the other end of the arena" compete against the clock, as well as against each other. A contestant's goal is to post the fastest time in his or her event. In steer wrestling and the roping events, calves and steers are allowed a head start. The competitor, on horseback, starts in a three-sided fenced area called a box. The fourth side opens into the arena.

A rope barrier is stretched across that opening and is tied to the calf or steer with a breakaway loop. Once the calf or steer reaches the head-start point - predetermined by the size of the arena - the barrier is automatically released. If a cowboy breaks that barrier, a 10-second penalty is added.

—Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association

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GUEST COMMENTARY



Staging Serves Sellers Well

With data confirming the positive effects staging has on home sales, the question is not, "Should we stage?" but "How should we stage?"

With various levels of staging possible, sellers can choose the type they feel best suits their needs.

Level 1: Re-organizational Staging

Rather than bring in furniture, pictures and accents, re-organizational staging focuses on moving existing belongings around to maximize spaces. Starting with de-cluttering, the goal is to boost the appearance of the home for the lowest cost. This type of staging is often done by realtors themselves.

Level 2: Partial Staging

A stager goes through a home

and determines what furniture can remain and what should be removed.

Since buyers, especially Millennials, are looking for homes with contemporary looks, the stager will bring in furniture and accents as needed to elevate the overall appearance.

Partial stages are difficult for two reasons: (1) the stager must find items that match the existing home décor and (2) while a partial stage is usually as much work as a full stage, sellers expect to pay less. Many professional staging companies will not do partial stages.

Level 3: Full Staging

This is the level preferred by all if cost is no issue. Once a home has been emptied of its belongings,

the staging company has a blank slate on which to perform their art. They bring in a full range of furniture and decorations designed to maximize the home.

Level 4: Virtual Staging

For those who want a full stage but do not have the budget, virtual staging will "fill" the home with graphically generated items.

Realtors send the Virtual Stagers pictures of empty rooms and receive back fully furnished images. Some agents believe this type of staging to be dishonest. "Full staging," they insist, "helps buyers experience the space as it might be. With virtual staging, buyers come because of the pictures and are disappointed or frustrated the rooms are actually empty." See: www.virtualstagingolutions.com.

Level 5: Faux Staging

Instead of real furniture, staggers insert plastic representations that show how a space might be utilized. Rather than showing up with trucks, staggers arrive with bags of items they assemble on site. While the cost is certainly less, the effect can be less effective as well. See: www.vimeo.com/110905750#t=0s

Real or faux, full or partial; now you have choices. Just make sure the level you choose works the best for your target audience.

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 at www.ccmgtoday.com.

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Sources: www.thegardenhelper.com/acidsoil

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4667 Cristy Way	94546	\$839,000	4 BD - 2,088 SF - 1958		
19024 Helton Street	94546	\$1,100,000	5 BD - 2,450 SF - 1975		
3683 La Costa Avenue	94546	\$986,500	4 BD - 2,026 SF - 1987		
2450 McLoud Avenue	94546	\$828,000	3 BD - 2,246 SF - 1961		
20163 Normandy Court	94546	\$725,000	3 BD - 1,355 SF - 1957		
22442 Ruby Street	94546	\$720,000	6 BD - 2,320 SF - 1974		
2313 Vegas Avenue	94546	\$560,000	3 BD - 1,032 SF - 1953		
19770 Laurelwood Drive	94552	\$799,000	4 BD - 1,875 SF - 1986		
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San Leandro					
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1170 Coburn Court	94578	\$515,000	N/ABD - 1,461 SF - 1978		
14835 East 14th St #10	94578	\$343,000	2 BD - 958 SF - 1997		
559 Majestic Way	94578	\$390,000	2 BD - 918 SF - 1987		
2132 Manchester Road	94578	\$661,000	3 BD - 1,239 SF - 1948		
15984 Windsor Drive	94578	\$635,000	4 BD - 1,683 SF - 1947		
1274 Belleau Street	94579	\$676,000	4 BD - 1,623 SF - 1958		
680 Fargo Avenue #11	94579	\$397,000	2 BD - 850 SF - 1965		
680 Fargo Avenue #18	94579	\$382,400	2 BD - 850 SF - 1965		
15108 Shining Star Lane	94579	\$890,000	4 BD - 2,968 SF - 1997		
949 Trojan Avenue	94579	\$550,000	2 BD - 1,190 SF - 1951		
TOTAL SALES:	11				
LOWEST AMOUNT:	\$343,000	MEDIAN AMOUNT:	\$550,000		
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The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 4.05 percent, up from 4.02 percent a week earlier. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.57 percent.

Fifteen-year loans last week averaged 3.29 percent, up from 3.27 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 3.14 percent, up from 3.13 percent.

WEEKEND GARDENER

Vegetables

Sow seeds or use transplants for lima and snap beans, beets, carrots, chard, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, endives, herbs, leeks, melons, peppers, pumpkins, radishes, spinach, squash, and tomatoes. This is the last chance to sow cool-weather varieties of lettuce, although heat-tolerant leafy lettuce can be grown during the summer. Thin vegetable seedlings when they are an inch or so tall for greater yield.

Flowers

Sow or transplant heat-loving flowers, such as ageratum, asters, clarkia, dahlias, hollyhocks, linaria, marigolds, nasturtiums, salvias, statice, strawflowers, sunflowers and zinnias. Cover the planting area with a 2-to-3-inch layer of mulch to conserve moisture and keep roots cool on hot days.

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Q&A: Health Coverage Options For Pre-Medicare-Age Spouses?

Q: My wife, who is 62, is on my health insurance plan through my employer. When I retire in a few months at 65, and go on Medicare, what are my wife's options? Is there some kind of Medicare coverage for dependent spouses, or do we have to purchase Obamacare?

By Jim Miller
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

A: Medicare, unfortunately, does not offer family coverage to younger spouses or dependent children when you qualify for Medicare. Nobody can obtain Medicare benefits before age 65, unless eligible at a younger age because of disability.

With that said, here are some coverage options, including Obamacare, to consider for your wife.

Keep working: If possible, consider working past age 65. This would allow your wife to continue coverage under your employer health insurance until she becomes eligible for Medicare.

Employer options: If your employer provides retiree health benefits, check with your benefits administrator to find out if they offer any options that would allow your wife to continue coverage under their plan. Or, if your wife works, see if she can switch to health insurance provided by her own employer.

COBRA: If you work for a company that has 20 or more employees, once you make the switch to Medicare, your wife could stay with your company insurance plan for at least 18 months (but could last up to 36 months) under a federal law called COBRA.

You'll need to sign her up within 60 days after her last day of coverage. But be aware that COBRA isn't cheap. You'll pay the full monthly premium yourself, plus a 2 percent administrative fee.

To learn more, see DOL.gov/ebsa/publications/cobraemployee.html or call 866-444-3272.

If, however, the company you work for has fewer than 20 employees, you may still be able to

get continued coverage through your company if your state has "mini-COBRA." Contact your state insurance department to see if this is available where you live.

Individual insurance: Buy your wife an individual health insurance policy through the Health Insurance Marketplace (aka Obamacare) until she turns 65. The Marketplace, as it stands now, offers comprehensive health coverage and they can't deny her coverage or charge extra for pre-existing health conditions.

And, if your income falls below the 400 percent poverty level – anything below \$47,520 for an individual or \$64,080 for a couple in 2017 – you may be eligible for a tax credit that will reduce the amount you'll have to pay for a policy.

To see how much you can save, see the subsidy calculator on the Kaiser Family Foundation website at KFF.org/interactive/subsidy-calculator.

To shop for marketplace plans in your state, visit Healthcare.gov or call their toll-free helpline at 800-318-2596.

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Guard Against Medicare Fraud

By Jim Miller
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Medicare fraud costs taxpayers more than \$60 billion every year, making it one of the most profitable crimes in America.

Here's what you should know, along with some tips for preventing, detecting and reporting it, if it happens to you.

What is Medicare fraud?

In a nutshell, Medicare fraud happens when Medicare is purposely billed for services or supplies that were never provided or received. Here are a few examples of some different types Medicare fraud that's out there:

- A healthcare provider bills Medicare for services you never received.
- A supplier bills Medicare for equipment you never got.
- Someone uses your Medicare card to get medical care, supplies, or equipment.
- A company offers a Medicare drug plan that has not been approved by Medicare.
- A company uses false information to mislead you into joining a Medicare plan.

What You Can Do

The best way for you to spot Medicare fraud is to review your quarterly Medicare Summary Notices (MSN) or your Explanation of Benefits (EOB).

Be on the lookout for things like charges for medical services, medications or equipment you didn't get, dates of services and charges that look unfamiliar, or if you were

billed for the same thing twice. You can also check your Medicare claims early online at MyMedicare.gov (you'll need to create an account first), or by calling Medicare at 800-633-4227.

If you do spot any unusual or questionable charges, your first step is to contact your doctor or health care provider. The charge may just be a simple billing error. If, however, you can't resolve the problem with the provider, your next step is to report the questionable charges to Medicare at 800-633-4227, or to the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General Fraud hotline at 800-447-8477.

When you call in, have the MSN or EOB with the questionable charges handy because you'll need to provide them with the following information: your Medicare card number; the physician, supplier, and/or facility name where the service was supposedly provided; the date the service was rendered; the payment amount approved and paid by Medicare; as well as the reason you think Medicare shouldn't have paid.

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Senior Q&A: When Administering Trust, Who Is Entitled to the Trust Information?

Q My sister just passed away and had previously appointed me as trustee of her trust. She was estranged from one of her sons and left him nothing on purpose. However, I anticipate that he will demand a copy of the trust and information about her estate. Am I legally obliged to share any of that information with him?

By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

A Here are the short answers: Yes, on a copy of the trust; No, on information about the estate. Here's the explanation:

Copy of the Trust: California law provides that, upon the demise of a trust-maker (aka, a "Settlor"), formal notice must go out to all of the Settlor's beneficiaries AND heirs at law.

Beneficiaries are persons or organizations named in the trust to receive a bequest; they may, or may not, also be family members. Heirs are close family members

whose status is measured by bloodlines and who may, or may not, also be named as beneficiaries.

This formal notice advises both named beneficiaries and unnamed heirs that they are entitled to a copy of the trust and that, if they wish to challenge its legal validity, they must do so within a prescribed period of time.

The law's rationale appears to be the following: heirs, who may have been left out entirely, as in your sister's case, or who may feel that they were "short-changed" on their anticipated inheritance, should have the right to challenge the trust by, for example, proving to a judge that your sister was of unsound mind when she signed the document.

To challenge the trust, the law understandably affords them an opportunity to obtain a copy of the trust instrument upon formal request.



Information About the Trust Estate: By comparison, however, only a beneficiary is entitled to information about the trust estate, including an accounting of the trust assets, income and expenditures.

In this sense, beneficiaries would include both primary beneficiaries and contingent beneficiaries, the latter being persons who would take in the event that the primary beneficiaries predeceased them or disclaimed their bequests.

Other Options: Sometimes clients with estranged family members balk at having to formally notify them of the commencement of formal trust administration following a settlor's death. These families are concerned that the estranged heirs may make trouble, especially when offered the right to a copy of the decedent's trust.

Unfortunately, if the decedent's assets are held in a trust, there is really no way around the formal notice requirement required by California law. However, if we are consulted in advance, say, at the time the Settlor is designing his or her estate plan, there are some-

times alternative arrangements that can avoid the necessity of formal notice.

One option: Instead of placing assets in a Living Trust, many kinds of assets can be held in Beneficiary Form, so that the particular asset goes automatically to the designated beneficiaries upon the owner's death and without probate or formal trust administration.

Examples: Pay on Death ("POD") Bank Accounts, Transfer on Death ("TOD") Brokerage Accounts, Insurance and Annuity Policies and even Transfer on Death Home Deeds.

In connection with trust administration, especially where -- as here -- you expect difficulty from a disgruntled heir, it is wise to engage the services of an attorney familiar with trust administration to guide you.

Gene L. Osofsky is an elder law and estate planning attorney in Hayward. Visit his website at www.LawyerForSeniors.com.

EBMUD: Public Hearing on Proposed Rate Hike July 11

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"But this technology is expensive," added Mellon. "We're investing very heavily in infrastructure."

A proposed rate hike would go towards equipment, pipe repair and replacement, continued seismic upgrades, and water storage.

The cost to customers would be 9.25 percent for water and five percent wastewater increase in July 2017; an additional 9 percent water charge and five percent wastewater charge would occur in July 2018.

The District estimates the typical two-year increase for residential customers would be less than \$9 per month for water and \$2 per month for wastewater.

A public hearing on the proposed rate increase will take place July 11 at 1:15 p.m. in the EBMUD Board Room, 375 - 11th St., Oakland.

Written protests may be sent in advance of the hearing to EBMUD, MS 218, PO Box 24055, Oakland, 94623-1055. Protests

RATE INCREASE PUBLIC HEARING

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may also be submitted in person to 375 - 11th Street, Oakland. Electronic protests such as e-mail or fax will not be counted as formal protests.

Proposed rate hikes must be in compliance with Proposition 218, which requires that property-related fees are proportional to the actual costs of supplying service to that parcel.

Mellon said that the rain slowed down Chabot Dam seismic upgrades, which should be completed towards the end of summer.

For more information, visit: www.ebmud.com.

Q&A: Many Healthcare Policy Options

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If, however, your wife isn't eligible for the government subsidy, or you want additional policy options to what the Marketplace offers, you can also buy health coverage outside the government marketplaces directly through a private insurance company, an online insurance seller, or an agent or broker.

These policies do not offer the federal tax credits, but they are re-

quired to offer the same menu of essential benefits as Marketplace policies do, and they can't deny coverage or charge extra for preexisting health conditions. You might even find slightly lower premiums on outside policies, assuming that you don't qualify for the tax credits.

To find a local broker or agent that sells insurance plans, check the National Association of Health Underwriters website (NAHU.org) which has an online directory.

But keep in mind that agents won't necessarily show you all available policies, just the ones from insurers they work with.

You can also look for these plans at insurance shopping sites like eHealthInsurance.com or GoHealth.com, which lists plans and providers that may not be listed on Healthcare.gov.

To submit your senior questions, visit: SavvySenior.org.

Fraud: Keep Record of Medical Visits

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As an incentive, if the suspicious activity you report turns out to be fraud, you may be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000.

If you need help reporting Medicare fraud or resolving your Medicare billing errors, contact your state Senior Medicare Patrol program, which provides free assistance. Go to smpresource.org or call 877-808-2468.

Protect Yourself

To help you protect yourself from becoming a victim of Medicare fraud, you need to guard your Medicare card like you would your credit cards, and don't ever give your Medicare or Social Security number to strangers.

Also, don't ever give out your personal information to someone who calls or comes to your home uninvited.

It's also a smart idea to keep records of your doctor visits, tests, and procedures so you can compare them with any suspicious charges on your MSN or EOB.

For more tips and information on how to protect yourself from Medicare fraud, visit StopMedicareFraud.gov.

Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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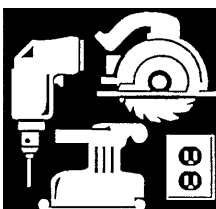
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Deputy Sheriff Killed in Crash

An Alameda County Sheriff's deputy was killed last week in a collision with a commuter bus on eastbound I-580 at the Altamont pass east of Livermore.

Deputy Sroeuy Khin, was rear-ended by the bus carrying about 50 Tesla employees from the auto plant in Fremont on their way to Stockton at around 7 a.m. on Friday, according to the California Highway Patrol.

Khin was driving to his home in San Joaquin County following an overnight shift at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin. The father-of-four, he was a 10-year veteran of the sheriff's office who would've turned 51 the

day after the fatal crash.

The CHP said Khin was driving slowly or possibly stopped in the number two lane when his Volkswagen Beetle was hit by the bus, which was estimated to be traveling at around 65 m.p.h.

The bus driver is cooperating with the ongoing investigation of the collision and at this time drugs or alcohol are not believed to have been a factor.

Three eastbound lanes of Interstate 580 remained closed until just before 2 p.m. Friday.

Anyone with additional information about the crash is asked to call (925) 828-0466.

LETTERS

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Urges Sanitary District Ratepayers to Protest Proposed Sewer Rate Increases

Editor:

The Castro Valley Sanitary District once again wants to raise our sewer service rates 5% for FY 2017-2018 (to \$399 per year) and another 5% for FY 2018-2019 (to \$419 per year). The rate increases are based on budgets that are fundamentally flawed.

For FY 2015-2016, the Board of Directors approved a budget that was \$3.5 million in error and resulted in an additional \$3 million in reserves for our Sanitary District. The Board of Directors did not return any surplus to the rate payers or apply the surplus to the proposed sewer service rate increases.

The Sanitary District now wants to build a corporation yard at the

former Caltrans property located at Center Street and Castro Valley Boulevard at a projected cost of six million dollars (with actual costs typically going over budget).

Without any public oversight, the District purchased this property several years ago for 1.5 million dollars and has spent additional money in design work.

The Sanitary District has a pay as you go philosophy, which means that our sewer service rates will dramatically increase in the future to fund this unnecessary project.

The Sanitary District is also considering giving the General Manager another pay raise. He already makes over \$200,000 per year and over \$300,000 per year in total compensation to manage a 20-person operation.

This unbridled spending has to stop. I again urge all ratepayers of the Castro Valley Sanitary District to submit a written protest against the proposed rate increases by May 23, 2017, as well as attending the public hearing scheduled for May 23, 2017.

—Ken Owen, Castro Valley

Calls for More Water Storage Capacity for EBMUD

Editor:

Open Letter to Steve Rosenberg ("More Reservoirs Needed to Accommodate Population Growth," Letters, May 10): As a resident of Castro Valley and an EBMUD employee, I would like to offer up some "not so new" information regarding water supplies.

As far as I know, Southern California does not have access to our watershed, which is the Pardee reservoir.

Also, late last year, before the rain, your water supply came from the Sacramento River by means of the Freeport project, which went online in 2011, due to low supply at Pardee (www.ebmud.com/water-and-drought/about-your-water/water-supply/sacramento-river-water-supply/).

If you recall, the water tasted a bit different and it was due to that. I have already expressed the need for more storage capacity at work, but with more voices, we can be heard.

The next bi-weekly board meeting held at 375 11th st. in Oakland will be on Tuesday, May 23.

—Jose E. Duarte, Castro Valley

Lists Trump Accomplishments in First 100 Days

Editor:

It seems that there is no pleasing some of the liberal establishment in America. Mr. Thomas ("No Applause for President Trump," Letters, May 10) said we should "spit" on the current president of the United States for his accomplishments in the first 100 days in office.

President Trump promised to "Make America Great Again" and he most certainly has kept his word. Sorry to let stone cold hard facts get in the way, Mr. Thomas, but read 'em and weep all you want:

Fact: Unemployment is way down and hiring is up since the election. 235,000 new jobs created in February alone.

Fact: Government ran a surplus of 182 billion dollars in April

Fact: The stock market is up over 10% since the election of President Trump.

Fact: Illegal border crossing is down over 75% since the election.

I could go on and on but this would only be ignored by the curmudgeons of our society like Mr. Thomas who's glass is always going to be half empty.

—Charles Scott, Castro Valley

Rodeo Parking Along Dublin Canyon Road Called 'An Accident Waiting to Happen'

Editor:

The inherent cruelty of rodeo aside for the moment, there's a related public safety issue which needs addressing.

Alameda County Sheriff Greg Ahern writes on April 18:

"I have been advised by members of my staff that due to the number of spectators and participants associated with the Rowell Ranch Rodeo, the Rodeo Committee annually applies for a temporary suspension of the parking prohibitions on Dublin Canyon Road in the vicinity of the rodeo.

"This temporary suspension is obtained from the Alameda County Public Works Dept. which is responsible for all road signage in the unincorporated area of Alameda County."

This application should be denied before someone is killed. The overflow crowd is directed by Rodeo Security to park on both sides of Dublin Canyon Road, despite the many "No Parking" signs, blocking both bike lanes and the public sidewalks – an accident waiting to happen. Shouldn't the rodeo folks be required to provide off-site parking, then bus the fans to the rodeo?

The property is owned and managed by the Hayward Area Recreation & Park District.

—Eric Mills, coordinator, Actions for Animals, Oakland

Obituaries



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Hans Alfred Lyth

September 7, 1921 – April 28, 2017

Hans (Farfar) gathered up his pool stick and played his final game April 28, 2017 at age 95. Born in Denmark, he served in the Danish underground during WWII, which gave him priority status for immigration to America in 1952. He was a master Furniture Maker whose work was commissioned in numerous locations, including the Dwight D. Eisenhower library. Hard-working and self-reliant all his life, he raised his family in the East Bay area.

Hans preceded in death by his wife of 43 years, Ester Lyth; his second wife, Famiko; his son, Allan; and grandson Russell. He is survived by his son, Kjeld Lyth, and wife, Kathe; his son, Dan Lyth, and wife, Shirley; and grandchildren, Sonja Lyth, Sasha Lyth and husband, Kenneth Buntin, Jason Lyth and wife, Arianna, Lena Goyen and husband, Tyson; and great-grandchildren, Allan, Davin and Sasha. He had many friends, especially his pool buddies at the Castro Valley and Hayward senior centers. Hans was loved by all who knew him and admired for his incredible skills, kindness and good humor.

He will be dearly missed. At his request, there will be no services.



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Celebrating the Life of

Sharon A. Chin

July 17, 1963 – April 20, 2017

Sharon A. Chin was born on July 17, 1963 in San Francisco. She grew up in Oakland and Castro Valley. Sharon graduated from Castro Valley High School in 1981 and the University of California, Berkeley.

Sharon went home into the arms of the Lord on April 20, 2017 after her short battle with cancer. Sharon is survived by her husband, Kevin; her children, Lauren, Daniel and Samantha; her parents, Dan and Elaine Jue; and her brother, Brian.

Sharon was creative and loved baking. She merged the two gifts together to begin her cottage business, "Sharon Chin's Secret Bakehouse."

Sharon impacted the lives of many women — in large groups as a Discussion Leader for Bible Study Fellowship and individually within her church family.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Sunday, May 28, at 3 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Livermore.



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Donate Hair for 'Locks of Love' This Memorial Day

Memorial Day won't be a day off for Yumi Pearson, Shauna Holt and the stylists at Valley Hair and Nail Design, and Liz Plunkett from Scotty's Salon.

They'll all be working from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29 at Valley Hair, 3300 East Castro Valley Blvd. cutting hair for the 2nd Annual Hair Donation Day.

Style haircuts will be given free for all donated hair 10 inches or longer, which will be given to Locks of Love, a nonprofit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children who are suffering from long-term medical hair loss.

Tax-deductible monetary donations will also be accepted and refreshments will be given to donors. Children comprise over 80 percent of the donors, making this

a charity where children have an opportunity to help children.

Most of the children helped by Locks of Love have lost their hair due to a medical condition, which has no known cause or cure. Others have suffered severe burns or injuries or endured radiation treatment to the brain stem or other dermatological conditions that result in permanent hair loss.

The hairpieces require between 6-10 ponytails and take approximately 4-6 months to manufacture.

Donated hair must be at least 10 inches in length, clean and dry, and bundled in a ponytail or a braid. While bleached hair cannot be used, dyed or permed hair is acceptable.

For more information or the schedule a Memorial Day appointment, call 510-581-6528.

Classical Music Concert

What better way to spend a Sunday afternoon than with some classical music?

The Castro Valley Adult School Orchestra is performing at 2 p.m. this Sunday, May 21, at Castro Valley Center for the Arts.

The Orchestra will feature Herbert Burgmuller's *Symphony No. 2*, Dvorak's *Czech Suite* and Bach's *Double Concerto for Oboe*

and Violin. This special performance will be conducted by Josh Cohen.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door for adults. Seniors over 65 and children are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. Tickets can be purchased online at: www.cvaartsfoundation.org or at Castro Valley Adult School, 4430 Alma Avenue.

Plumbing Contractor Bids

The Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) will be continuing the Lateral Replacement Grant Program effective July 10. Any California-licensed plumbing contractors interested in being listed as eligible to provide quotations to residents who are participating in the program should submit a written request to CVSan by Friday, June 9.

To be qualified, a contractor must be properly licensed to work

on sewer lines and in the public roadway, have no outstanding or disputed matters with the district, and must not have presented misleading print media to the community or to property owners.

Those who do not meet these criteria will be removed from the contractors' list for a year.

Written requests may be submitted to the CVSan, 21040 Marshall St., Castro Valley 94546. For more information, call 510-606-1300.



Rowell Ranch Rodeo Junior Queen Mayson Bothwell (center, in white sombrero) invited people to the Junior Rodeo August 5-6.

PHOTO BY LINDA SANDSMARK

Hundreds Turn Out to Sample Competing Chilis Friday Night

By Linda Sandmark
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

The popular Rowell Ranch Chili Cook-Off drew a large crowd Friday night. More than 20 booths featured a wide variety of chili, including sweet, spicy, vegetarian and meaty.

Live music, desserts and beautiful weather made for an enjoyable evening. The event is hosted by Castro Valley Rotary and is now in its 23rd year.

"The Rotary uses the money raised here for many local projects," says Bill Nott, Rotary member and Rowell Ranch Rodeo Parade Coordinator.

"We build things for the

schools, donate to FESCO (Family Emergency Shelter Coalition), and support the libraries. We even bought the "Owl Cam" for Sulphur Creek Nature Center. Also, one of our members is a registered nurse from Ethiopia, and we're raising funds with her for an oxygen generator for an Ethiopian hospital."

Junior Rodeo Queen Masysen Bothwell strolled the grounds, inviting people to the Junior Rodeo (ages 6 to 18) Aug. 5-6 at Rowell Ranch.

"It's a free rodeo, and everyone is welcome," she says. "We'll



have a snack bar and pee wee events."

The Chili Cook-Off, Rowell Ranch Rodeo Parade and related events are local favorites.

"It's valuable to the community, because everybody interacts with each other," says Castro Valley resident David O'Brien. "It's nice to see everybody and renew memories of things that go on in Castro Valley."

In the Cook-Off competition, the First Place \$500 Award went to the Back 40 Chili Team. Second Place was won by Carl Keeney, and Third Place was awarded to Alameda County Firefighters.

Foothill Sportsman's Club won both the People's Choice Award and Best Booth Decoration.

An Unusual, Disturbing Exhibition

The Hayward Area Historical Society is presenting one of its more unusual exhibits – "Unmentionable: The Indiscreet Stories of Artifacts" – in the Special Gallery now through October.

This original exhibition explores all the unusual, icky, scandalous, disturbing, awful, discriminatory, uncomfortable and surprising artifacts in the Hayward Area Historical Society (HAHS) collection.

Museums, like the HAHS, collect a wide assortment of artifacts that tell a story about a moment in time, a place, person or idea. While the physical artifact stays the same, the meaning and significance of that artifact can change depending on what's happening in the world.

With that thought in mind, the artifacts in this exhibition tell some, not-so-great, but very important stories.


Some of the items themselves are difficult to look at while others represent an idea or moment in time that is hard to comprehend in relation to our modern society and modern thinking. Other items may not seem so scandalous now but were at one time.

"This exhibition is really about looking at artifacts in a different way. Acknowledging that all these artifacts help tell the history of a community in some way but also recognizing that the story is not always a pleasant, happy one.

All together in one place...these artifacts make an intriguing statement about our history and how and what museums collect," states Curator Diane Curry.

Community members are invited to visit the exhibition at the HAHS Museum of History and Culture at 22380 Foothill Boulevard in Hayward.

For more information, call 510-581-0223 or visit www.hayward-areahistory.org.




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LONGTIME WOMEN'S CLUB MEMBER HONORED



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The Annual Federation Convention was held at the Hill & Valley Clubhouse in Hayward on April 27 to honor Ann Steppan, a 65 year member of the Montclair Woman's Club and California Federation of Woman's Clubs. Above, from left, are Vice President Gloria Santiago; Recording Secretary Alice Enriquez; President Cora Aroisa; Area Vice President Deborah Bushnell and Guest speaker Joann Silveira, convention chair. Seated is the guest of honor, Ann Steppan.

2018 Sports Hall of Fame Nominations

Nominations for the Castro Valley Sports Hall of Fame are now being accepted.

The Hall of Fame Class of 2018 will be inducted at a banquet and ceremony at the Redwood Canyon Events Center on Saturday, April 21, 2018. It will be the fifth class inducted into the Hall of Fame, which is sponsored by the nonprofit Castro Valley Sports Foundation.

Athletes, coaches and sports officials who have lived in CV or have made a significant impact on Castro Valley athletics are eligible.

One can nominate a candidate by going to the CV Sports Foundation's website – www.castrovalleysportsfoundation.org – printing and completing a Hall of Fame nomination form and mailing it to the address listed on the form. Nominations will be accepted through July 31, 2017.

Athletes become eligible for the Hall of Fame five years after graduating from high school. There is no waiting period for coaches or officials. Thus far, there have been 64 men and women inducted into the Hall of Fame, 16 in each of the first four classes. A new class is inducted every two years.

A committee appointed by the CVSF Board of Directors selects each class from the nominations submitted. It's a process that takes several months and the decision of the committee is final.

—Lowell Hickey



Jason Reimann

New Assistant Superintendent

The Castro Valley School Board has appointed Jason Reimann, Ed.D., to be Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services effective July 1. He will replace Mary Boyle who is retiring after 41 years of service in public education.

For the last four years, Dr. Reimann has served as the Director of Instructional Services for the San Ramon Valley Unified School District, where he had also served as a principal.

Following a series of interviews, he was selected from 52 applications that were received from across the country for the position.

Castro Valley School Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi said the district was fortunate to have Dr. Reimann join the team.

"I am very confident Dr. Reimann's experience and expertise will serve our students and district well," she said in a press statement.

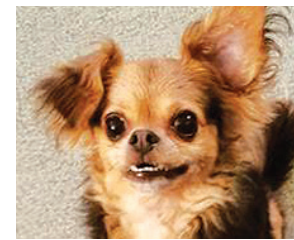
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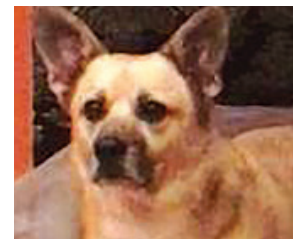
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CVHS Student Wins \$2,500 National Merit Scholarship

Shefali Bhatia, a graduating senior at Castro Valley High School, was among the 2,500 students in the U.S. to receive one of this year's National Merit \$2,500 scholarships.

Chosen from a field of 15,000 finalists, Bhatia was selected because of her combination of accomplishments, skills, and potential for success in rigorous college studies, according to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

She is the daughter of Indu and Jaideep Bhatia of Castro Valley,

and plans to pursue a career in the field of Software Engineering.

2 CV Grads

Two Castro Valley students were among some 1,700 who graduated from Azusa Pacific University in Southern California on Saturday, May 6. They were Sarah Eandi, with a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies, and Cassandra Liew, with a Bachelor of Science in Biology.



Eden Garden Club Celebrates 70 Years

Eden Garden Club members (from left) Jan Rehder, Kathy Flowers, Bonnie Remigio, Bea Van Wetter and Kathleen Mansfield celebrate the 70th anniversary of the organization, begun in 1947 by Bernice Jensen and Ann Harder. Over the years, the club (whose motto is "I'd rather be digging than dusting") has donated thousands of dollars to various local civic and school projects.

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