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## Celebrating the Life of CV Teen Slain 27 Years Ago

At the 27th anniversary of the loss of Jenny Lin, her family is hosting a virtual ceremony tomorrow, May 27, at 7:00 p.m. to renew the commitment to finding Jenny's killer and working with friends and volunteers in building long lasting, community-based program services that model Jenny's love of music and friendship.

A young, talented musician and a straight-A student, Jenny was murdered in her own home in Castro Valley 27 years ago, at the age of 14.

This brutal death devastated her family and shocked the community. Jenny's parents, John and Mei-Lian Lin, vowed to continue working with the police until the case is solved, and to carry on Jenny's dreams so that her life may be extended in a unique fashion.

Since its establishment, the Jenny Lin Foundation has offered annual music scholarships and free youth music programs during the summer.  
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**CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL:** This life-size bronze statue at Hayward's City Hall is dedicated to the memory of Jenny Lin of Castro Valley, Christopher Jones and Warren Hoffman of Oakland, and all children who have died of violence in Alameda County.

## DA O'Malley Announces that She Will Not Seek Reelection

Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley announced last week that she will not seek reelection to a fourth term, but will complete her current term which ends in 2023.

"I will work as hard as I have in the past as I continue to lead this office," said O'Malley, who became the first woman elected to the position of District Attorney in Alameda County. She had joined the District Attorney's Office in September 1984 and, in 2009, was appointed to replace

retiring District Attorney Tom Orloff. She was first elected the following year.

"We have consistently strived to ensure that the criminal justice system in California and Alameda County is more responsive, more aware and more humane for those who are accused, for victims of crime and for those who witnessed crime," O'Malley said in a press statement.

Under her leadership, the office expanded the victim/witness division to 40 victim  
*see DA on page 4*



**Alameda County DA Nancy E. O'Malley**

### MAC MEETING

## Revitalization Of Downtown Gets Approval

*By Amy Sylvestri*  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

The developers of the Castro Valley Marketplace have been given the go-ahead to revamp an adjacent property and continue turning the downtown area into a revitalized, more pedestrian-friendly zone.

At Monday night's meeting of the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC), developer Craig Semmelmeier received unanimous approval (MAC Chair Ken Carbone recused himself) to redevelop properties located at 3341 and 3359 Castro Valley Boulevard,

currently occupied by a dry cleaning establishment, a auto shop and other businesses.

The property is located on the corner between Wilbeam Avenue and the pedestrian promenade next to the Joyful House restaurant and Ice Creamery, with the shared parking lot with the Marketplace building in the rear.

The Marketplace opened last year at the former Daughtrey's Building after that property stood vacant for decades. Semmelmeier now wants to take the corner existing property and make it  
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## COVID-19: What To Expect June 15

*By Michael Singer*  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

California is preparing to fully open for business starting June 15 with fewer restrictions to businesses and social gatherings anticipated.

But there is still a long list of items to consider before you run out the door.

Last month, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the state would pursue a goal of fully reopening in mid-June, contingent on (1) a low number of people going to the hospital for Covid, and (2) a high number of vaccinations for those aged 16 and older.

Currently, the state has fewer cases today than it did in mid-June last year and more than 16.4 million (41.5%) of residents have been fully vaccinated.

Alameda County currently has 61.2% of its population fully vaccinated and a rate of infections so low that it nearly qualifies for the state's least restrictive Yellow Tier.

But with the changes taking place next month, state health officials are eliminating color-coded tiers in favor of providing recommendations  
*see COVID on page 4*

**Castro Valley**  
Confirmed Cases = 2,583

**Alameda County**  
Vaccinations = 1,779,232  
Confirmed Cases = 88,545  
Deaths = 1,679

**California**  
Vaccinations = 36,364,200  
Confirmed Cases = 3,674,044  
Deaths = 61,762  
*as of May 24, 2021*



## Castro Valley Weather May 26-30, 2021



Wednesday  
Mostly Sunny  
High 71° Low 50°



Thursday  
Partly Cloud  
High 69° Low 53°



Friday  
Mostly Sunny  
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Sunday  
Partly Sunny  
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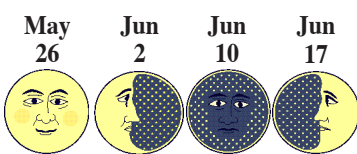
### Almanac



Sun sets at 8:22 p.m. today, rises at 5:52 a.m. Thursday.

Past Week's Rain: 00.00  
Season To Date: 10.21  
Normal To Date: 19.71  
Season Average: 21.22

### Moon Phases



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## School Board Appoints Susan Shih Principal of Creekside Middle School

The Castro Valley School Board last week appointed Susan Shih as Principal of Creekside Middle School, replacing Jaliza Eagles who has served in that capacity for the last six years.

Shih has been the Assistant Principal at Castro Valley High School since last July. Before that, she worked in the Mt. Diablo School District for 13 years where she was a student services coordinator for middle and high school students.

Prior to her career in public

education, Shih was a psychiatric social worker.

She earned her Bachelor Degree in Psychology and Social Welfare, and Master's degree in Social Welfare at U.C. Berkeley. Her Administrative Credential in Educational Leadership was completed at Cal State University, East Bay.

"Ms. Shih's impressive educational experience and expertise will positively impact Creekside and our district," Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi said in a press statement.



**Susan Shih, new Creekside principal**

## Community College Reopenings Offer Both Online and On-Campus Classes

Chabot College in Hayward and Las Positas College in Livermore will open for the fall 2021 semester with schedules that allow for the most flexibility for students, including hybrid online/on-campus courses and fully online offerings.

Safety protocols as recommended by the CDC will be in place for all in-person

meetings of classes at both campuses.

"As COVID-19 cases decline across the country and in our region, we feel very comfortable allowing more classes to be held on-ground on both campuses," said District Chancellor Ronald Gerhard.

"This hybrid format will allow our students to cautiously

enjoy some of the benefits of learning in a traditional setting, while reaping the rewards of a distance learning environment during the pandemic."

Fall classes start on Aug. 18 and registration is currently underway. Class schedules are subject to change to maintain compliance with Covid guidelines.

## John Wins National Merit Scholarship

Rohan John, a senior at Redwood Christian High School, has been selected as a National Merit Scholarship Winner, one of 2,500 winners selected from the more than 1.5 million juniors who took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test administered by the College Board last year.

Rohan will be attending University of California San Diego and studying Bioengineering with a specialization in Biosystems.

In addition to the National Merit Scholarship, he received the Regents' Scholarship from UCSD. He plans to go to medical school with hopes to



PHOTO BY CATHY BRESLOW

**Rohan John**

project at Highland Hospital in Oakland that investigated cost-effective breast cancer treatment for underprivileged women, after which he wrote a paper that was published in the Journal of Global Oncology.

In addition to being an outstanding student, Rohan is also a gifted musician recognized by "At the Music in the Parks" competition with the RCHS Concert Choir, received the Best Accompanist award both years. He attends 3Crosses Church in Castro Valley, where he has volunteered in the Children's Ministry as a keyboardist since the sixth grade.

John is the son of Pramod and Grace John of Hayward.

do medical missions overseas in the future.

In the summer of 2019, John participated in a research

## The Arc to Host its First 'Trivia Night'

The Arc of the East Bay, a nonprofit that offers life skills education and employment services tailored to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, is hosting its first Trivia Night on Thursday, June 10.

The fundraiser will begin at 6 p.m. virtually. The cost per player is \$25 and will consist of 4 rounds. Players will log on and we will do a quick welcome and overview.

The host will then read the questions for Round 1 before players are sent off with their teams to answer questions in a designated breakout rooms. They will have 5 minutes to answer the questions.

Players can register individually. If you do not have a team but want to join one, The Arc will find one that is fun and exciting for you!

Prizes will be awarded to the first place team.

Register now at [paybee.io/quickpay.html?handle=arceb&ppid=4#optionLi](https://paybee.io/quickpay.html?handle=arceb&ppid=4#optionLi).

For more information about The Arc, visit [arceastbay.org/](https://arceastbay.org/) or call 510-357-3569.

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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



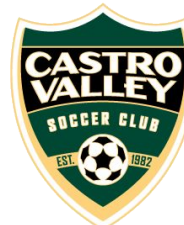
**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** A workplace situation could get stormy. But stay on course until there's a solution that meets with everyone's approval, and things finally can calm down.

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# Two CVHS Grads Named CVSan Scholarship Winners

Two Castro High School graduates have won the annual Castro Valley Sanitary District's Environmental Leader in Waste Reduction Scholarships.

Alina Huang and Oliver Zhang will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship award. Both winners were recognized with a certificate at the district's board meeting on May 4.

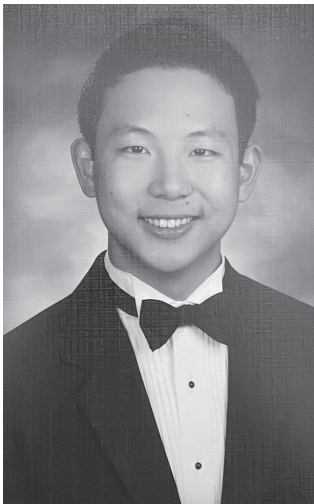
Huang served as an intern with Earth Team where she worked with water, soil, and air quality data to research environmental concepts and led discussions during Earth Team meetings and events.

She was founder and president of the Animal Rights Club at CVHS. As an intern with the nonprofit Factory Farming Awareness Coalition, Huang was recognized with the Animal Welfare Award for demonstrating determination and helping to advance the welfare of animals through education, research, and leadership.

In her scholarship essay she described environmental stewardship as "taking responsibility for the consequences that come from our actions and protecting the gifts that our home has given us. It is to show your efforts towards a greener future even with the smallest change."



Alina Huang



Oliver Zhang

Oliver Zhang is the founder and president of Sunshine America Youth Organization where, since 2013, he has led 55 members on dozens of Clean Hill Walks picking up litter and restoring 37,000 square feet of trails.

He has hosted environmental town halls and seminars. For his efforts with Sunshine America, Zhang received the Gold Level President's Volunteer Service Award for the last four years.

Zhang's scholarship essay says, "As stewards we must seek to first preserve, and then restore our ailing planet so that future generations can likewise experience the true beauty of a

fluttering sparrow in the frosty spring air, not just a lesser alternative. To protect Mother Nature, simply 'good enough' is nowhere near enough."

This is the eighth year CVSan has offered the scholarship to high school seniors in recognition for their work to encourage waste reduction and environmental protection within their school and community.

For more info about CVSan Scholarships visit: [cvsan.org/StudentScholarship](http://cvsan.org/StudentScholarship).

## SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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**Stealing, Reselling Fuel**  
Thursday, May 20: at 3:30 p.m., San Mateo Sheriff's deputies arrested a 38-year-old man from Castro Valley at his home on suspicion of commercial burglary, conspiracy, grand theft and theft of utility services. The man was connected to a ring of thefts of more than 10 thousand gallons of diesel fuel from various gas stations in Northern California between Napa and Monterey. Deputies say the thieves used an electronic device to unlock pumps, offload the fuel, and then resell the fuel at a discount. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail.

**Drugs and Weapon**  
Monday, May 24: at 2:17 a.m., a 30-year-old CV man was arrested as part of a warrant pertaining to a previous charge of possession of a stolen vehicle. Deputies served the warrant during a traffic stop on Grove Way near Center Street. The man was also in possession of illegal narcotics and related drug paraphernalia, and possession of nunchakus. Deputies took the man to Santa Rita Jail.

**Assaulted Police Officer**  
Monday, May 24: at 12:20 a.m., deputies arrested a 50-year-old CV man on suspicion of assault and battery on a peace officer at Eden Medical Center on Lake Chabot Road. The man was visiting the hospital but became confrontational following an argument with the hospital staff. Deputies were called in to intervene but were attacked by the man. The man was subdued and taken into custody.

**Family Fight**  
Saturday, May 22: at 4:37 p.m., a 911 call about a loud and aggressive-sounding argument sent deputies to a home on Proctor Road near Camelot Lane. There, they arrested a 32-year-old man on suspicion of assault on a family member. Deputies took the man into custody.

**Two Arrested in Pet Fraud Scheme**  
Saturday, May 22: at 2:46 a.m., deputies arrested two men with no permanent residence on as

part of a fraud scheme involving pets. A 36-year-old man and 27-year-old man were stopped for questioning outside a business on Grove Way near Redwood Road. Deputies positively identified the older man as having an outstanding warrant for possession of false identification and selling pets illegally. During questioning, the men revealed they both had burglar tools, illegal narcotics, and related drug paraphernalia in their possession. Deputies took the men to Santa Rita Jail.

**Assault on a Family Member at Motel**  
Friday, May 21: at 11:35 p.m., a 35-year-old man from Castro Valley was arrested on suspicion of assault on a family member. Deputies responded to an anonymous tip about an altercation outside a motel on Castro Valley Boulevard and Stanton Avenue. The man was handcuffed and taken into custody. The victim was treated at the scene.

CONGRATULATIONS  
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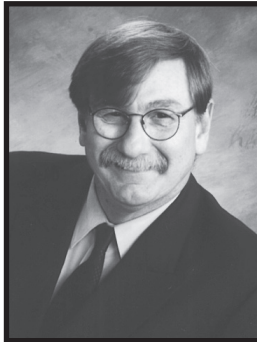
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## COVID: Help in Vaccination Effort

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for those who have been fully vaccinated compared to those who have not received the vaccine.

A person is considered fully protected two weeks after they have completed their vaccination protocol.

The state will assess conditions by this September, to determine whether updated requirements are needed beyond October 1 of this year.

"Thanks to so many in our community who have gotten vaccinated, we have come a long way and can finally start to see a return to normalcy in our area," said Dr. Nicholas Moss, Alameda County Health Officer. "This next month is our chance to further increase vaccination rates. Wear your mask now, so we can get to June 15 together."

To help in the vaccination effort, the Governor launched a toolkit for employers to be able



to request a workplace clinic or local provider partner, making vaccines even more accessible for their employees.

"Anyone who wants to (get vaccinated) should be able to get vaccinated," said Newsom. "Getting more people vaccinated will bring us closer to ending this pandemic. That's why we're working with employers to make it easier to access COVID-19 vaccines – so no one misses their shot at protecting themselves and their communities."

In Castro Valley, a Pfizer Vaccine Clinic for Castro Valley School District students aged 12 and over is being held this Friday, May 28, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Independent Elementary School. The clinic is being offered by Safeway. Those interested can sign up at: [mhealthsystem.com/CVUD-COVID](https://mhealthsystem.com/CVUD-COVID)

The second phase is to lift mask-wearing and social distancing requirements for anyone fully vaccinated.

California health officials are currently following the lead of the CDC by allowing anyone who is fully vaccinated to forego their mask-wearing restrictions apart from employees.

The other exception for the vaccinated are mega-events such as music festivals or county fairs. The rules apply to crowds greater than 5,000 (indoors) and 10,000 (outdoors) attendees.



**Monty** is a 2 week old male guinea pig who has a unique curly coat. He would like to be adopted with his brother, Ace. Call Hayward Animal Shelter (510) 293 – 7200.

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## DA: County

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advocates and opened the Family Justice Center, which provides services primarily to women and children who are victims of domestic violence, sex assault, human trafficking, elder care abuse and child abuse.

The office has become a national model for combating human trafficking. In 2009, O'Malley introduced the "Human Exploitation and Trafficking Watch," a blueprint for communities to build their own anti-trafficking initiatives.

In 2011, O'Malley created the District Attorney Justice Academy for juniors and seniors in high school, now a countywide program that helps youth advocate for a better society. More than a thousand students have participated in the program and all have gone off to college.

Since the beginning of her career as District Attorney, she has fought for the appropriate treatment of inmates; Individuals sentenced to State Prison for the most serious crimes committed in Alameda County make up less than 3% of the total prison population.

"We have created more alternative courts to incarceration than any other county in the State and perhaps the country, per capita," O'Malley stated.

She also led an initiative on both nationally and statewide to test forensic sexual assault kits. After discovering the crisis of untested sexual assault kits in police evidence, O'Malley took the issue to the White House. President Obama signed into law the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative.

Congressman Eric Swalwell, who was a law clerk in the District Attorney's Office for five months in 2005, and then worked there as a deputy DA for six years, said O'Malley inspired criminal justice reforms across America.

"I am saddened to hear she will no longer serve as District Attorney, but we are so fortunate for the commitment she's made throughout her career to help victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, and sexual assault.

"For me, Nancy has played many roles: hiring attorney, boss, mentor, friend, and most recently, wedding officiant. As Nancy's service to the office comes to an end next year, her work to serve justice will go on. I'm excited for what's next," Swalwell said.

O'Malley has written, sponsored and advocated for more than 61 bills that have become law in the State of California.



## CVSan ANNUAL CONTRACTORS MEETING

In observance of COVID-19 social distancing protocols, the Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) will host its annual Contractors Meeting via a virtual meeting on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Topics of discussion include, but are not limited to:

- Amnesty Policy
- Emergency Response Plan
- Contractor / CVSan Contact Communications
- COVID-19 Safety Measures and Protocols
- Private Sewer Lateral Program Review
- Online Permit Portal

A finalized agenda will be available on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, which can be accessed online at ([cvsan.org/ACM](https://cvsan.org/ACM)) or via emailed request to [evan@cvsan.org](mailto:evan@cvsan.org).

We highly encourage all contractors to pre-register to secure a spot and receive the virtual meeting instructions. To observe the meeting by video conference, please email Administrative Technician Kyle Levy at [kyle@cvsan.org](mailto:kyle@cvsan.org).

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MONDAY, MAY 31, 2021

### Government Operations

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

### Business Offices

Banks, stock exchanges and most business offices, including The Forum, will be closed.

### Stores, Pharmacies, Restaurants

Some will be open, but may be on shortened schedules. Check ahead to be sure of hours.

### Public Transportation

BART will run a Sunday schedule from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Memorial Day. It is a parking holiday (except for airport and long-term parking). Parking permits and fees will not be enforced in station parking lots. There will be a free bus bridge between South Hayward and Union City stations during Memorial Day weekend while vital maintenance work is completed.

AC Transit buses will operate on a Sunday schedule.

### Garbage Collection

Recycling, organics, and garbage collection services will occur on Monday, May 31 as scheduled by Alameda County Industries (ACI). Please call ACI at 510-483-1400 with billing and customer service questions or visit ACI's website [alamedacountyindustries.com](https://alamedacountyindustries.com).

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## California Median Home Prices Set a New Record

If you think Alameda County home prices are getting a bit crazy, you would be correct: the median single-family home price in April, 2021 hit a breathtaking \$1,300,000 – up a staggering 26.9% from the \$1,024,000 median price in April, 2020.

What a difference a year makes.

Prices are not high in just Alameda County. Contra Costa saw even higher percentage gains, rising 44.8% from \$686,000 in April, 2020 to \$993,000 in April 2021. Santa Clara County saw same period gains from \$1,389,000 to \$1,650,000, a jump of 18.8%.1

Statewide, the California Association of Realtors (CAR) just announced that the state's median home price broke \$800,000 for the first time in history, coming in at \$813,980, up 34.2% from April, 2020.2

The CAR market report, released on 5/17/21 states, "California's median home price broke last month's record and set another new record high in April as the statewide median price

surged more than 34 percent from a year ago.

The statewide median home price climbed 7.2 percent on a month-to-month basis to \$813,980 in April, up from March's \$758,990 and up 34.2 percent from the \$606,410 recorded last April.

The year-over-year price gain was the highest ever recorded, and it was the first time since June 2013 that the state recorded an annual increase of over 30 percent."

Compare that with median prices of \$235,834 in Texas, \$349,413 in Nevada, \$424,517 in Oregon, \$378,274 in Idaho, \$282,894 in Florida and \$218,000 in Tennessee, to name a few.3

California's epic prices continue to be fueled by a strong economy, vigorous job market and an extreme shortage of available housing. CAR reiterates, "Active listings continue(d) to fall more than 50 percent in April from last year, recording four straight months that housing supply was cut in half from a year ago.

"The ongoing decline in inventory is due partly to the surge in demand in the past

10 months, but the lack of new listings is also a contributing factor."

Making matters worse, the high cost of building materials coupled with increasingly overbearing statewide building regulations are producing a very unfavorable environment for new home builders. Currently, the number of new homes being built is dramatically less than the amount required to fill the state's housing gap.

How long this can continue is the burning question on everyone's minds. One thing is certain: for the moment, the housing market in California is officially out of control.

1. Data from Tredgraphix.com

2. [https://www.car.org/aboutus/mediacenter/newsreleases/2021releases/apr2021sales?mc\\_cid=339415b077&mc\\_eid=d8240848ad](https://www.car.org/aboutus/mediacenter/newsreleases/2021releases/apr2021sales?mc_cid=339415b077&mc_eid=d8240848ad)

3. Data from Zillow.com

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## Caterpillar Problems

By Buzz Bertolero  
Special to the Forum

*I had a horrendous caterpillar problem last year. Can I use a systemic insecticide to control bugs much as I do with aphids?*

A Systemic insecticides will not control chewing insects like caterpillars, worms, or beetles. They do an excellent job with aphids, mites and other sucking insects. These in-

sects feed on the plant juices and also ingest the insecticide, which then controls the population.

These chemicals do not affect chewing insects like caterpillars. You first need to be diligent in watching the host plants for the first sign of the problem.

The caterpillar and/or worm season begins just after Memorial Day and extends into the early fall. Petunias, geraniums, flowering tobacco, and tomatoes

are the primary host plants for summer worms.

In addition, there can be several batches of the same problem during the season, so the host plants need to be checked weekly.

I wouldn't spray until I see the problem. You could just pick them off the plants and dispose of them if you choose to.

Bt, (or *Bacillus thuringiensis*), is an organic solution that gives the caterpillars or worms a fatal case of stomach flu; however, it doesn't work immediately, so you have to be patient.

Spinosad is another organic solution that will kill the caterpillars on contact and provide some residual control. Captain Jack Dead Bug Brew by Bonide is one of several products.

Both of these solutions are widely available. So in summary, be diligent, monitor your plants, and react when necessary. The "Worm and Caterpillar Season" is just beginning and will last through September.

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# Transplant Roses Year Round

By Buzz Bertolero  
Special to the Forum

**Q** We have several roses that have been planted in tubs that are falling apart. They are not doing well. Is it okay to repot them now or should we wait for a better time?

**A** Roses in containers can be transplanted just about any time of the year. However, I'd avoid transplanting when the temperatures are above 90°F.

I'd remove the existing roses from the old containers and then slice through the root ball in five or six locations to break the circular pattern of the roots.

Next, you should trim off two to three inches of the matted roots at the bottom. The root ball is placed in the new container filled with potting soil or a rose planting mix. The top of the root ball should be within an inch

and a half of the brim of the container.

Here are the keys to growing beautiful roses in containers. Roses like lots of water, so when the temperatures are over 75°F, water them daily. Also, remove the saucers under the containers as you want the water to flow freely out the bottom.

Roses are heavy feeders so fertilize them monthly with Dr. Earth Rose Food or use the time-release fertilizer called Osmocote. Osmocote releases a little bit of nutrients with every watering and is reapplied every four months.

With very little effort, you can turn these ugly ducklings into beautiful swans. It's the

gardening version of an extreme makeover reality show

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All parts of the dandelion are edible and healthful. Its roots contain inulin and levulin (which balance blood sugar) and taraxacin (which helps digestion) and can be eaten raw or cooked. Its leaves are rich in potassium, antioxidants, and vitamins A and C, and can be eaten raw, steamed, boiled, sautéed or braised. The flowers can be added to salads, made into jellies or used to make wine.

**Dandelion**

- Brenda Weaver

Source: [www.motherearthnews.com](http://www.motherearthnews.com)

## Mortgage Rates Jump to Three Percent

After four weeks of declines, long-term home mortgage rates increased last week, according to Freddie Mac's weekly nationwide survey.

Thirty-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 3.00 percent for the week ending May 20, up from the previous week when it averaged 2.94 percent. A year ago at this time, the 30-year FRM

averaged 3.24 percent.

Fifteen-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 2.29 percent, up from 2.26 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 2.59 percent, unchanged from a week earlier.

"After a run up over the first few months of the year, rates have paused and hovered around three percent

since March," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's Chief Economist. "Despite this favorable rate climate, there remains a shortage of homes for sale. The lack of housing supply has been compounded by labor disruptions and expensive building materials that are driving up the cost of new housing, making it difficult for homebuyers to find homes to purchase."

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#### Castro Valley

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2375 Vegas Avenue	94546:\$624,000	3 BD - 1,031 SF - 1948
4215 Somerset Avenue	94546:\$770,000	2 BD - 859 SF - 1949
22247 North 6th Street	94546:	\$850,000
6344 Paloverde Road	94552:\$865,000	3 BD - 2,033 SF - 1979
3744 La Costa Avenue	94546:\$900,000	3 BD - 1,476 SF - 1963
20565 Stanton Avenue	94546:\$905,000	4 BD - 1,796 SF - 1961
18251 Apricot Way	94546:\$960,000	3 BD - 1,230 SF - 1954
2812 Chloe Court	94546:\$1,130,000	3 BD - 1,386 SF - 1963
18649 Stanton Avenue	94546:\$1,188,000	4 BD - 1,998 SF - 2001
2429 Irma Way	94546:	\$1,210,000
7979 Pineville Circle	94552:\$1,300,000	5 BD - 2,535 SF - 1997
5029 Tyler Lane	94546:\$1,355,000	3 BD - 2,413 SF - 1965
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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### ● Today, May 26: School Board Meeting

The Castro Valley Board of Education will hold an open virtual board meeting today, May 26, at 7:00 p.m. While the meeting will be held remotely, public participation is encouraged. To observe the meeting by video conference, click on LINK on the agenda at the noticed meeting time. The complete board packet and more information are available at [www.cv.k12.ca.us/boarddocs/](http://www.cv.k12.ca.us/boarddocs/). For questions, contact Aimee Cayere, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent at [acayere@cv.k12.ca.us](mailto:acayere@cv.k12.ca.us)

### ● Today, May 26 thru May 31: Online Auction

Join the Boys & Girls Clubs of San Leandro 23rd Annual Auction Gala celebrating the opening of the new Teen Center and Community Hub at 2200 San Leandro Blvd. Visit [bgcs1.org/gala/](http://bgcs1.org/gala/) to register. Win Warriors tickets, 2-night stay at the Fairmont and more!

### ● Today thru Sunday, May 3: Streaming of "Madness"

Chabot College Theater Arts presents an on-demand streaming of "Madness – A Tale of the American Prison System" now through Sunday, May 3. The film is sourced from remarkable first-hand accounts observing how the broken criminal justice system dramatically changes the lives of the imprisoned, their families and communities-at-large. The cost for admission is up to the viewer. Please consider a donation to support Chabot Theatre Arts. To view the event for free, tickets are still required. For tickets and to receive the streaming link, visit: [www.purplepass.com/chabottheater](http://www.purplepass.com/chabottheater). For ticketing issues, email [skeo@chabotcollege.edu](mailto:skeo@chabotcollege.edu). For more information, visit [chabotcollege.edu/theaterarts](http://chabotcollege.edu/theaterarts).

### ● Thurs., May 27: CHP Age Well, Drive Smart Class

The Age Well Drive Smart program is designed to keep seniors behind the wheel longer. As you age, you experience functional changes or medical conditions that can affect your ability to drive safely. By working with your doctor, you have the ability to change your driving habits or to take other corrective steps that allow you to stay safe on the road. This virtual class, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. on May 27, is primarily for seniors, age 65 and older, and is free of charge. Some insurance companies recognize the Age Well Drive Smart program as a safe driver program. Please call Jen to register and be sent the Zoom log on at 510-881-6742.

### ● Fri., May 28: Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic

Safeway Pharmacy will hold a Covid-19 vaccination clinic for ages 12 and above from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. this Friday at Independent Elementary School, 21201 Independent School Road in Castro Valley.

### ● Sat., May 29: Hike for Hope

Register now for the 2021 Hope Hospice Hike for Hope

Fundraiser for \$45. Registration fee includes an event T-shirt. Child hikers 12 and under participate for free, but must be registered. Then follow the regular style of a single-day excursion on Saturday, June 5, or accept the week-long Champion Challenge by setting a mileage goal for the week of May 29–June 5 and log progress on your participant page at [TheHike-ForHope.com](http://TheHike-ForHope.com).

### ● Tues., June 1: Rotary Topic: The Economy

David Wissenger, senior vice president of Mechanics Bank, will describe the current state of the economy at the next meeting of the Rotary Club of Castro Valley via Zoom next Tuesday from noon to 1:30 p.m. More information is available at [castrovalleyrotary.org](http://castrovalleyrotary.org)

### ● Weds., June 2: New Virtual Fitness Classes Begin

Join the Aitken Community Center for live, virtual fitness classes via Zoom to be held Mondays and Wednesdays, beginning June 2 from 9 to 10 a.m. and continuing through June 30. Have fun while improving your flexibility, cardiovascular health, bone density, and muscle strength. Lots of stretching, low impact aerobic dancing, strength training with light weights and floor exercises. Register at [haywardrec.org](http://haywardrec.org), class No. 17062. Zoom link will be sent via email prior to start date.

### ● Fri.-Sun., June 4-27: Lake Chabot Trail Challenge

The Castro Valley Sports Foundation is bringing back the 37th annual Lake Chabot Trail Challenge Half Marathon, 10K and 5K Fundraiser, but this year it's going virtual. Runners will have 3 weeks to complete the course they registered for. It will begin Friday, June 4 and continue through Sunday, June 27. To register and get more information, visit [runsignup.com/Race/CA/CastroValley/LakeChabotTrailChallenge](http://runsignup.com/Race/CA/CastroValley/LakeChabotTrailChallenge).

### ● Sat., June 12: Online Art Demo by Kazumi Cranney

A.R.T., Inc. invites its members and friends to a free online art demonstration by Berkeley artist Kazumi Cranney from 2 p.m. go 3:30 p.m. on June 12. Cranney has been painting sumi-e and haiga pictures for over 40 years. Visit [www.artinc.org/june-demo-artist](http://www.artinc.org/june-demo-artist) to view details. Email [artincv@gmail.com](mailto:artincv@gmail.com) for registration by June 10.

### ● Sat., June 12: Bay Area Walk for Hearing

Bay Area teams are now forming for the June 12th Walk-4Hearing Virtual Walk & Celebration, from 9 to 10 a.m. on June 12, the only nationwide event bringing attention to hearing loss and promoting the importance of hearing health. Join the celebration and be entertained by stand-up comedian D.J. Demers, inspirational singer Mandy Harvey and a theatrical performance of "No Limits for Deaf Children." Funds raised support Hearing Loss Association of America's national awareness and education programs. Register or donate at [www.hearingloss.org/event/bay-area/](http://www.hearingloss.org/event/bay-area/)



**ARE YOU HIGH RISK?** The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recently expanded their recommendations for lung cancer screenings.

## Lung Cancer: Should You Get a Screening?

By Jim Miller

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Lung cancer screening is used to detect the presence of lung cancer in otherwise healthy people with a high risk of lung cancer. Should you be screened? It depends on your age and smoking history. Here's what you should know.

### Recommendations

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force – an independent panel of medical experts that advises the government on health policies – recently expanded their recommendations for lung cancer screenings.

They are now recommending annual screenings for high-risk adults between the ages of 50 and 80 who have at least a 20-pack year history who currently smoke or who have quit within the past 15 years. This is a change from the 2013 recommendation that referred to patients ages 55 to 80 with 30-year pack histories.

A 20-pack year history is the equivalent of smoking one pack a day for 20 years or two packs a day for 10 years.

In 2020, lung cancer killed more than 135,000 Americans making it the deadliest of all possible cancers. In fact, more people die of lung cancer than of colon, breast and prostate cancers combined.

Lung cancer also occurs predominantly in older adults. About two out of every three people diagnosed with lung cancer are 65 or older.

Most health insurance plans cover lung cancer screenings to high-risk patients, as does Medicare up to age 77.

### Screening Pros and Cons

Doctors use a low-dose computed tomography scan (also called a low-dose CT scan, or LDCT) of the lungs to look for lung cancer. If lung cancer is detected at an early stage, it's more likely to be cured with treatment.

see LUNG on back page

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## Woman's Body Found at Lake Chabot Ruled a Homicide

By Michael Singer  
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

The death of a 60-year-old woman, whose body was found at Lake Chabot Regional Park in Castro Valley, has been ruled a homicide, police said Friday.

The victim has been identified as Tracy Denise Benson, who police say was a woman known to frequent the San Leandro area. The Alameda County Sheriff's Office Coroner's Bureau is withholding the cause of death and no suspects have been identified so far.

East Bay Regional Park District Police Captain Alan Love said officers responded to a call at the Lake on April 26 and found Benson's body at an undisclosed location within the park.

"The person who called our police department said they were out for a jog and taking a break when they discovered the body nearby,"



Tracy Denise Benson

said Captain Love.

While Benson was found on April 26, it wasn't until mid-May before a community member reported her missing to San Leandro Police. The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information about the death is urged to contact the East Bay Regional Park District Police Department by calling the confidential tip-line at 510-690-6521.

## MAC: Subdivision

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suitable for retail or restaurant use that will complement the Marketpalce, splitting the corner building into three suites totaling more than 6,500-square-feet.

Semmelmeier told the MAC that he envisions a walking and biking-friendly downtown with outdoor dining and people strolling among several shops, with small "parklet" features. However, the plan would necessitate the removal of some street parking in an already crowded area.

"The benefit of this is to create a space in Castro Valley that will increase foot traffic," said Semmelmeier. "The value would be far greater than five parking spaces. The activity on the street will increase value for all adjacent property owners. We're excited about what this property can be."

Semmelmeier added that "one of the best restaurants in the Bay Area" is interested in the space, but would not say

which one.

In other business, the MAC turned down an application to subdivide once parcel into three residential parcels at 4364 Edwards Lance.

Around 20 are residents wrote in to the Mac prior to the meeting, most expressing concerns about traffic and parking issues.

MAC Member Chuck Moore said that the reality is that there will be an ever-increasing need for housing in Castro Valley and while they want to create quality projects, there will always be public outcry to higher-density residential plans.

"We need housing," said Moore. "We are going to be faced with this conversation a lot more."

Ultimately, the MAC turned down the plan as proposed, and said they'd consider the application again if the plan was reduced to splitting the land into two parcels instead of three.

## Reports: Refused

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**Refused to Leave**

**Despite Manager Request**

Wednesday, May 19: at 8:30 a.m., a 59-year-old man with no permanent residence was arrested on suspicion of failing to leave a business property despite repeated requests by the manager. Deputies were called to a medical office on Lake Chabot Road near Congress Way after the manager found the man asleep in the parking area but refused to leave the private property. The man was taken into custody.

**Public Intoxication Outside a Business**

Monday, May 17: at 12:54 p.m., deputies arrested a 37-year-old man from Castro Valley on suspicion of public intoxication. The man was outside a business on Castro Valley Boulevard near San Miguel Avenue when deputies stopped him for questioning.

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## LETTERS to the EDITOR

### Incredible Reopening of the Chabot Theater

Editor:

My husband and I attended the Chabot Theater Reopening Saturday night.

It was an incredible evening starting with a pop-up dinner offered by Oakland restaurant Noodle Belly, followed by a free showing of the timely movie Gook, a 2017 Sundance Film Festival winner.

As we walked into the remodeled lobby, we were greeted by the friendly staff who now can offer wine and beer along with some special cocktails to accompany the popcorn that smelled delicious!

The best part of the evening was a surprise to us: The audience was treated to a Master Class in filmmaking. The producer and one of the stars were available for comments and questions live on Zoom on the big screen, and the amazing young star of the film, Simon Baker, flew in from Los Angeles to be with us.

Alex Largusa and Jared Callahan asked inciteful questions and involved the audience in the Q and A.

We were thrilled to have this caliber of entertainment in Castro Valley and can't wait for the next event.

Chabot Theater is a gem in our town with young enthusiastic, creative people at the helm. Yes, they will have first run movies like "Cruella" and "In the Heights," but they will also program independent, local films with special guests like the Saturday performance.

Plans include an A's game and some of the Olympics on the big screen as well as a skate board contest in the park preceding films on this unique sport.

They have great plans, but we need to support their endeavors and cheer them on. Check out [www.TheChabot.com](http://www.TheChabot.com) for more information.

—Terry Liebowitz, Castro Valley

## PG&E Aerial Patrols Friday

This Friday, May 28, PG&E will be conducting aerial patrols of power lines in Castro Valley and the surrounding area, beginning around 8 a.m.

The flights are part of a company-wide Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) preparedness exercise. No power shutoffs will happen, but PG&E's emergency response organization is conducting the readiness drill to be better prepared for actual events.

The patrols will be conducted by crews on the ground and by using low-flying helicopters. Customers may notice increased activity between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Friday.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



### Castro Valley JV Girls Water Polo Team

Our Athletes of the week are the members of the Castro Valley JV Girls Water Polo Team. The team finished their Spring season winning the WACC JV Girls Tournament this past Saturday.

After narrow 1 goal losses to both schools in the regular season, Castro Valley beat

Alameda 7-5, and Berkeley 11-6, to finish atop the JV Girls Division.

Pictured from left to right: Alenea Loera, Annalisa Siu, Emma Ayers, Nina Henry, Shreya Varma, Kaylee Poulos, Amelia Johnson, Kamaya Maloof, and Coach Patrick Ryken. Not pictured Coach Nicole Manley.

## Lung: Get Screening

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But a LDCT isn't recommended for every high-risk patient.

LDCT scans have a high rate of false positives, which means that many will undergo additional (and unnecessary) screening or medical procedures, such as another scan three, six, or even 12 months later to check for changes in the shape or size of the suspicious area (an indication of tumor growth).

For some patients, the anxiety or worry that goes along with waiting can be a real issue. Or you may need a biopsy (removal of a small amount of lung tissue), which has risks, especially for those with underlying health conditions, such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or emphysema. For example, in people with emphysema, there's a chance of a lung collapsing during the procedure.

If you meet the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force criteria for high-risk lung cancer, the University of Michigan offers a free online tool (see [ShouldIScreen.com](https://www.shouldiscreen.com)) to help you decide if you should get an LDCT. It's also important to discuss the benefits and risks with your primary care doctor before making a decision.

#### Tips for Testing

If you and your doctor determine that you should be screened, look for an imaging facility whose staff follows American College of Radiology requirements when performing low-dose CT scans. You can find accredited facilities at [ACR accreditation.org](https://www.aacr.org).

This can help to ensure an accurate read of your scans by a highly trained, board-certified or board-eligible radiologist. You may need a referral from your primary care provider. Most insurance companies, including Medicare require this before they'll cover the cost of screening.

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

## Dig Deep Farms Wins Unanimous Approval

Dig Deep Farms, the social-enterprise program that grows and distributes healthy food in Alameda County, won the unanimous approval of the East Bay Regional Park District directors last week to continue organic farming at the Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont for at least the next five years.

Founded in 2010, the nonprofit Dig Deep Farms food-raising program is a project of the Alameda County Deputy Sheriffs' Activities League.

Ardenwood is a 205-acre working farm that dates back more than a hundred years. It still grows the same kinds of vegetables and fruits using historical agricultural practices from the 1870s to the present.

"Alameda County has invested in and partnered with Dig Deep Farms and other stakeholders to strengthen the

local food system, increase food security, and provide training and employment to disadvantaged residents by building local capacity to harvest, process, and distribute fresh and sustainable specialty crops," said Alameda County Supervisor Richard Valle.

Ardenwood receives over 120,000 visitors annually. Park District interpretive staff and volunteers guide guests through the Victorian house, demonstrate historical farming practices and chores, and describe what life was like in the early 1900s.

Ardenwood Historic Farm is owned by the City of Fremont and operated by the Park District on a long-term management lease.

Dig Deep Farms is expected to begin site preparations in June, with the first crop harvest in late summer and early fall.

## Free Gardening Webinar

Ninety percent of the bugs we see on our vegetable and flower plants are actually good, and encouraging them is one of the best ways to effectively reduce the number of real pests in your garden.

Find out why the plants you have near your garden can have a big impact in a free Organic Gardening Webinar on Thursday, June 3, from 4 to 5 p.m.

In this session, you will learn about the most important beneficials and how to attract them. This gardening webinar is part of a series sponsored by the Alameda County-wide Clean Water Program, working to protect creeks, wetlands and the Bay.

Don't miss future webinars. Register at [www.cleanwater-program.org](https://www.cleanwater-program.org) and sign up for Clean Water News.

## Life: Jenny Lin Memorial

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Safety fairs, workshops and contests were some of the other events that the Foundation has organized to raise awareness of child safety issues and to improve safety knowledge and precautions for parents and children.

More recently, the Foundation donated a wide selection of titles covering safety-related topics targeting different age groups. These materials benefit the Alameda County Library

through branches in Castro Valley, San Lorenzo, Union City and Fremont, and may be accessed using the keyword "Jenny Lin (Jennifer Han-chi Lin) Foundation."

To date, there is still no arrest or conviction related to Jenny's murder. However, her family remains hopeful that through continuous police effort and public help, this senseless, horrifying case will be solved soon.

A \$100,000 reward for information leading to the conviction of Jenny's murderer is still available. Anyone with information should call the Alameda County Sheriff's Department at 510-667-7721 or the toll-free hotline at 855-4-JENNY-LIN (855-453-6695).

Visit [jennylinfoundation.org](https://jennylinfoundation.org) for instructions to join tomorrow's Anniversary Ceremony.

— Jenny Lin Foundation



6/4	<b>Blues Bottle Band</b>	<b>Fri. 8pm</b>
6/5	<b>The Touch of Class Band</b>	<b>Sat. 6pm</b>
6/11	<b>Dee Coco &amp; Co.</b>	<b>Fri. 8pm</b>
6/12	<b>The Collective</b>	<b>Sat. 6pm</b>
6/13	<b>TGGBS Blues Jam</b>	<b>Sun. 3pm</b>
6/18	<b>Luna Fish</b>	<b>Fri. 8pm</b>
6/19	<b>Johnny Mahalo</b>	<b>Sat. 6pm</b>
6/20	<b>Blues Bottle Band</b>	<b>Sun. 3pm</b>

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