

## Palms: Tree Trimmer Cuts Danger Level

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Biscotti works in Castro Valley, San Leandro, Oakland, Hayward, and around the San Ramon Valley too.

His business card says, "Specializing in the removal of large, dangerous trees," and that's no joke. When trees are wedged in precarious positions, he uses a special lowering device which can move 2,000 pounds with just a small crank.

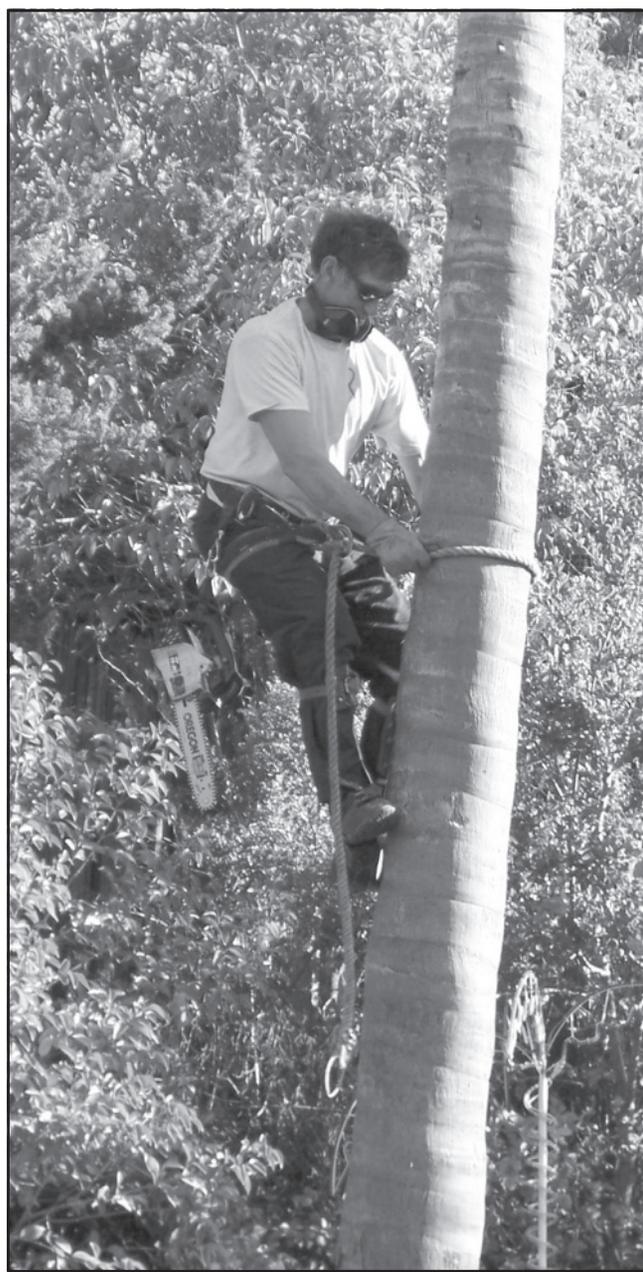
He also helps trim the trees in Castro Village shopping center and works with local landscapers and gardeners. He can do trimming, chipping, pruning, stump grinding, lot clearing, and just about everything else.

"I like doing ornamentals, small trees, things you do carefully by hand to make them look really good," he says.

Biscotti has been working with trees for over 20 years. He was raised here, but at age 18 took a week's vacation in Hawaii and ended up staying three years. After that he joined the Army.

"I got out of the Army and didn't know what I wanted to do. A friend said I ought to try to get into trees. I hooked up with A-1 Tree Service and they taught me a lot," says Biscotti.

Now The Tree Man works both independently and with other tree companies. A few years ago he was even filmed in a Dublin Tree Service commercial while trimming the Castro Village trees.



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**Biscotti uses safety goggle, ear covers, a waist harness and leg gaffs to stay safe while climbing trees.**

"I actually never saw the commercial," he laughs, "but people told me about it."

Biscotti is insured and easy to reach by telephone at 706-2402 for estimates and service.

## Fee: Now Officially the Law

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daily cost of a daily cup of coffee—just \$2.50, and that's a small bill to have good businesses."

The sheriff's department reported that in the past year it has conducted six minor decoy operations of 70 outlets and issued 11 citations—numbers Deputy Paul Liskey described as, "High and alarming that illustrate businesses should be monitored and watched."

Just prior to the vote, Supervisor Gail Steele expressed concern that the ordinance only applies to part of the unincorporated areas. "I don't feel that is something we should do," she urged.

The fee, originally set at \$1,200 and later reduced to \$800 is designed to help the sheriff's department enforce alcohol regulations in unincorporated Alameda County.

Miley, who has fielded public comment on the fee during dozens of public meetings, heard more last Wednesday from San Lorenzo Homeowners Association President, Wulf Bieschke.

"My position is that I'm not against this," said Bieschke. "My feeling is that there should be more stringent fines to hit the business owner with escalating fines for violations and only allow one appeal on the first offense."

The San Lorenzo Homeowners Association issued a memo to supervisors Tuesday, suggesting the fee apply to retailers, caterers, vintners and other licensees without exception, "We support a program that prevents the sale of alcohol to minors, but seri-

ously question whether the proposed ordinance is helpful in accomplishing these goals," it said.

Cheryl Miraglia, Co-Chair of Castro Valley's MAC, was dubious about which areas are covered in the fee, and which are not. "Does it apply to all of Alameda County, or just the Western area?" Miraglia asked at last Wednesday's meeting. "Why are the six wineries in the Eastern County not included? To me that seems unfair and discriminatory."

Miley said if it's proven to him that wineries cause similar problems, he'll take the data and make a future determination.

Miraglia, who was not at Tuesday's supervisors meeting, listened to the audio transcript, and was left confused. "I'm not sure what's going on, but I specifically asked (Supervisor Miley) at his Wednesday meeting if only the urban areas would be included and was told yes," she said.

If the fee were to include Supervisor Haggerty's area, Miley had explained to Miraglia, that "politics" would strengthen opposition to the ordinance.

"Later in the meeting, when Supervisor Steele was taking a stronger stand and was going to oppose it, Haggerty said 'Oh, isn't my area included?' to which a deputy said, 'it does—just not the wineries,'" contends Miraglia.

"So which is it?" Miraglia asked. "Is it for the entire unincorporated area or just the urban area? If it's now the entire area, exactly when did that change? I think we all need clarification on exactly what passed."

## Dress: Do's And Don'ts To Live By

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with your basic black. Do try a feminine, jewel-tone blouse in a fabric with sheen, like satin. A dressy blouse in a beautiful color paired with skirts and pants in dressy fabrics make for a nice change from sweaters for that holiday outfit.

Do buy a jacket in a current style to wear with your basics. You may want to look for a slightly cropped jacket, with higher armholes, or something in beautiful jewel tones and rich fabrics.

Some of this year's jackets have shorter sleeves, how about wearing gloves to match your shoes or belt?

Do add some sparkle with your jewelry, such as a current gold necklace with large chain loops, or try layering long necklaces.

Do wear a sequined or embellished tank or top under a daytime jacket when dashing from the office to a holiday party.

Don't wear daytime leather shoes with a cocktail dress or gown.

Don't overdo a trend in a way that is inappropriate with age, personality or personal style.

Do keep things simple and stylish—this season is all about femininity and elegance.

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