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Large Crowd Turns Out for Swalwell Open House at New District Office

By Amy Sylvestri
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Hundreds of people gathered for Congressman Eric Swalwell's Open House at his new office in Castro Valley Saturday morning, hoping to meet their representative and hear what he has to say about his work in Washington.

Swalwell recently moved into his new 15th District office at 3615 Castro Valley Boulevard (behind the KFC store), and closed his other offices in Hayward and Pleasanton as a move to cut costs and improve efficiency.

A line stretched around the building for those hopeful to get some face-time with the Congressman and tour the office.

Swalwell told the crowd that he was "inspired" by their support and "positive energy."

Girl Scouts gathered with a sign reading "Unite," and a taco truck was on hand to feed the crowd.

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Congressman Eric Swalwell, at left, speaks to a large crowd attending the Open House at the new 15th District office building on Castro Valley Boulevard.

PHOTO BY BOB SWANSON

Storms to Taper Off On Friday

Rain and strong winds continued to buffet the East Bay yesterday, sending precipitation totals above normal full-season amounts in Castro Valley and elsewhere.

The National Weather Service issued a flash flood warning for south central Alameda County via the Emergency Alert System at 9:29 a.m. that was to remain in effect until yesterday evening. Rapid rises were reported on Alameda Creek near Niles which was expected to go above flood stage in the late afternoon.

Numerous mud and rock slides were also reported in Niles Canyon.

The rain is expected to subside today, but another storm system will bring more widespread rain on Thursday with showery weather tapering off on Friday. The weekend and the following week are expected to be dry due to a ridge of high pressure building up over the region.

CV Library's Moskovitz to Begin A 'New Chapter' Next Month

By Linda Sandmark
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

After 41 years with the Alameda County Library system, Castro Valley Library manager Carolyn Moskovitz is headed for retirement.

"I've been working since I was 13 years old, starting in my parents' business," says Moskovitz. "Now for the first time in a really long time I won't be overscheduled, and I'm pretty excited about it. I'm going to spend time with family, travel, and maybe get involved with political activism."

Moskovitz started out as a jail librarian, directly serving male and female inmates at both the county facilities and Federal Correctional Institute in Dublin.

She started the county Adult Literacy program, and has been a teen librarian and manager of Extension Services (including the Bookmobile, senior services and volunteers) in addition to her work here.

The highlight of her Castro Valley career was getting the new library built on Norbridge Avenue, which took ten years. Moskovitz spearheaded

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PHOTO BY LINDA SANDMARK

Castro Valley Library Manager Carolyn Moskovitz is retiring after 41 years with the Alameda County Library system.

Want to Get Married on February 14?

The Alameda County Clerk-Recorder's Office is now taking reservations for wedding ceremonies from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. next Tuesday, Valentine's Day, Feb. 14.

Reservations are available at both the main office at 1106 Madison St. in Oakland, and the satellite office at 7600 Dublin Blvd. in Dublin. The Oakland location offers a specially furnished Wedding Room, while the Dublin location features a charming outdoor courtyard for ceremonies.

Couples who would like to make reservations for their wedding ceremonies on Valentine's Day must obtain their marriage license by this Friday, Feb. 10. While wedding ceremonies are available at both locations, marriage licenses are sold only at the main office location in Oakland.

Ceremonies are \$75 and appointments can be made when purchasing the marriage license or by calling customer service staff at 510-272-6362.

Each appointment will last approximately 20 minutes. Walk-in service will also be available on Valentine's Day at the Oakland location on a first-come, first-served basis.

Castro Valley Weather Feb. 8 - 12, 2017



Wednesday
Showers
High 65° Low 58°



Thursday
Rain
High 64° Low 53°



Friday
Cloudy, Showers
High 58° Low 45°



Saturday
Mostly Sunny
High 57° Low 42°



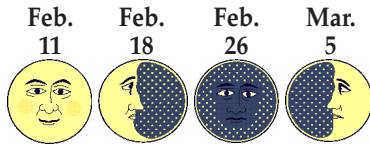
Sunday
Partly Sunny
High 59° Low 43°

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Past Week's Rain: 02.30
Season To Date: 24.69
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Fate Still Undecided for Eden Healthcare Township District

By Amy Sylvestri
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Several local politicians have made it clear that they want to dissolve the Eden Township Healthcare District (ETHD) and have its funding absorbed by the county.

But a number of citizens of the unincorporated areas say the ETHD is vital in making sure people in Castro Valley and San Lorenzo are represented just as well as people in cities like Hayward and San Leandro.

Castro Valley resident Elke Sommer said that the various politicians and agencies trying to shut ETHD down "evoked the image of scheming relatives trying to get a rich uncle declared incompetent in order to grab his cash."

After nearly 70 years in operation, ETHD has been hit with claims from Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan, Assemblyman Rob Bonta, and others that the district is redundant and its

function could be better handled by the county.

The district countered that if its functions were taken over, whatever successor agency put in place would still require funding and staff to operate and who is to say that would be anymore efficient than having ETHD do the job?

The health district took more criticism over the summer, when the Alameda County Grand Jury issued a report that said the district "failed in its mission" and lacked a plan for its future.

So the Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) ordered another report on the district's operations prepared by independent urban policy analysts Berkson Associates.

Richard Berkson presented a draft of his report to the LAFCo board Tuesday Night at a special meeting at the Castro Valley Library.

Overall, Berkson concluded that the ETHD provides a "service

of value" to the community and its services shouldn't be discontinued.

But Berkson did say that if ETHD were to be dissolved, those services could continue via a successor agency and it would be up to LAFCo to create such an entity.

The district started out managing Eden Hospital and, over the years, has owned and overseen various medical buildings. It was created with taxpayer money, but no longer collects tax money, nor does it own or operate any hospitals. It subsists on the rent from its three medical office buildings in Castro Valley and distributes healthcare-related grant money.

A main arguments against maintaining the ETHD is that it no longer provides direct health services, but Berkson said that is actually not unusual for a healthcare district. Of the 78 such districts in California, 30 no longer operate hospitals.

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Visitors wait to tour the new Congressional District Office and to talk to Rep. Swalwell.

Crowd: Visitors Wait to Talk to Swalwell

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Swalwell beat 20-term Congressman Pete Stark for his House seat back in 2012 and is the Chair of the House Democratic Policy Committee and currently sits on the House Committee on Homeland Security and House Commit-

tee on Science.

A lot of the folks out to meet Swalwell said they were hoping for reassurance that someone is representing their interests during Trump's presidency.

"He gave me a lot of hope about what's happening in Washington,"

said Paula Riva, who was at the open house. "There's a lot to be concerned about but also a lot of people doing good work."

The 15th Congressional District includes Castro Valley, San Lorenzo, Hayward, Fremont, and parts of the Tri Valley.

Film Discussion at CV Library

Bring your questions when San Francisco Chronicle film critic Mick LaSalle shares his insights and opinions about the Academy Awards from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 19, at the Castro Valley Library.

LaSalle, whose reviews influence the popular "Rotten Tomatoes" movie ratings online, will also discuss the past year in film.

He has been film critic at the paper since 1985 and is the au-

thor of two books on Hollywood's pre-censorship period. His latest book is *"The Beauty of the Real: What Hollywood Can Learn from Contemporary French Actresses."*

No tickets required for this free event, but seating is limited. The library, at 3600 Norbridge Ave., is wheelchair-accessible and will provide an ASL interpreter with at least seven working days' notice; call 510-667-7900 or TTY 888-663-0660.



Mick LaSalle, an American (film critic) in Paris.

SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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Domestic Assault

Sunday, February 5: at 4:27 p.m., Sheriff's deputies arrested a 38-year-old man from Castro Valley on suspicion of assault on a family member. A passerby noticed the man in an altercation on Strobbridge Avenue near the Interstate 580 onramp. Deputies handcuffed the man and took him into custody. The victim was treated at the scene.

Loaded Syringe

Sunday, February 5: at 11:55 a.m., two people were arrested on charges related to drug possession in the parking lot of the 580 Market Place shopping area on East Castro Valley Boulevard. Deputies spotted the pair parked in the lot and acting suspicious. An investigation revealed a 51-year-old woman from San Francisco with a loaded syringe in her purse. A 41-year-old man from Daily City accompanying her was additionally charged with possession of illegal drug paraphernalia. The pair were taken into custody.

Felon with a Stun Gun

Friday, February 3: at 11:00 p.m., deputies arrested a 34-year-old woman from Castro Valley on suspicion of illegal possession of a stun gun, possession of illegal narcotics, possession of illegal drug paraphernalia, illegal possession of a syringe, and violating the

terms of her probation. The woman was hanging out at a mobile home on Castro Valley Boulevard near Forest Avenue when deputies dropped by to serve a warrant for her arrest. The woman was taken to Santa Rita Jail and held pending \$12,500 in bail.

Stolen Car

Saturday, February 4: at 10:50 a.m., a 30-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of driving a stolen vehicle, possession of stolen property, possession of burglar tools, and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia. Deputies pulled the man over on Grove Way near Gary Drive after the car he was driving matched that of a reported stolen vehicle. The man also had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. Deputies took the man to Santa Rita Jail pending \$40,000 in bail.

Drug Possession

Saturday, February 4: at 2:27 a.m., deputies arrested a 37-year-old woman from Castro Valley on suspicion of possession of illegal narcotics and drug paraphernalia. The woman was hanging out in the Castro Valley Community Park on Quail Avenue when deputies stopped her for questioning. The woman was taken into custody.

Breaking and Entering

Friday, February 3: at 4:58 p.m., a 31-year-old man from Oak-

land was arrested on suspicion of breaking and entering a home on Somerset Avenue near Louise Court. Deputies were dispatched to the scene after a neighbor called about a loud noise at the property. The man was handcuffed and taken into custody.

Too Much Sauce at Lunch

Friday, February 3: at 12:12 p.m., deputies arrested a 42-year-old man with no permanent address on suspicion of public intoxication. The man was hanging outside a gas station on Stanton Avenue near San Carlos Avenue when deputies arrived. The man failed his field-sobriety test and was taken into custody.

Drugs in Pocket

Friday, February 3: at 8:43 a.m., a 38-year-old man from Hayward was arrested on suspicion of possession of illegal narcotics and drug paraphernalia. Deputies stopped the man on Castro Valley Boulevard near Forest Avenue and discovered his stash during questioning. The man was taken into custody.

Fake Report of Gun Backfires

Friday, February 3: at 2:34 p.m., deputies arrested a 48-year-old man from Oakland on suspicion of filing a false report. The man was at Eden Medical Center on see **REPORTS** on page 15

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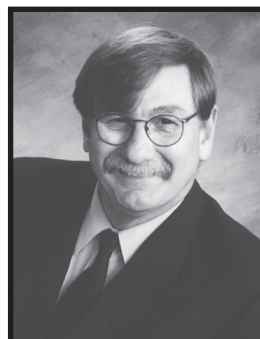
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The Week Ahead

● Friday, February 10: McConaghy House 'Date Night'

Celebrate Valentine's Day with a friend or your sweetheart at the historic McConaghy House, 18701 Hesperian Blvd. in Hayward from 7 to 10 p.m. this Friday. The Historical Society's "date night" provides an interactive history of Valentine's Day during a tour of the house. For tickets (\$25 dollars or \$40 for two), visit www.haywardareahistory.org/

● Friday, February 10: Parent's Night Out

Want a special date night the Friday before Valentine's Day, but you aren't sure what to do with the kids? Bring them to Parent's Night Out at Faith Lutheran Church in Castro Valley, 20080 Redwood Road in Castro Valley, where there'll be activities and dinner for kids ages 5-12 from 4-9 p.m. \$15 per child, \$10 for a sibling. Space is limited. Call 510-582-0818 to reserve a spot. More info at www.flccv.org/PNO.

● Thursday, February 9: Redwood 4H Club Meeting

See what 4 H is all about and what it can do for you at the next meeting at 7 p.m. tomorrow (and the 2nd Thursday of each month) at the Canyon Middle School cafeteria. Besides animal projects (swine, horse, sheep, poultry), we have needle works, archery, fishing, dog training and more. For info, call Karen at 510-566-3672.

● Saturday, February 11: Dusty Paws Bake Sale

Dusty Paws Rescue is having a bake sale and raffle from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Saturday at Pet Food Express, 3385 Castro Valley Blvd. to raise funds for their Foster Program. You need not be present to win raffle items (drawing at 3 p.m.) Check www.dustypawsrescue.org for dogs and cats available for re-homing.

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● Saturday, February 11: 'All Fur Love' Pet Adoptions

Dogs, cats and bunnies can be adopted free to qualified homes during the Hayward Animal Shelter volunteers' annual "All Fur Love" event from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11. (A \$17 dog license fee applies for Hayward dog adoptions only.) There will also be a Valentine's Day photo booth from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (\$10 suggested donation). For more information, visit www.facebook.com/haywardanimalshelter or call 510-293-7200.

● Saturday, February 11: 1st Annual Pancake Breakfast

Enjoy an all-you-can-eat breakfast of pancakes, eggs and bacon while supporting the CVHS Trojan boys basketball team from 9 a.m. until noon this Saturday at the Hayward-Castro Valley Moose Lodge, 20835 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley. The team is raising money for much-needed training equipment, and the event is also a fundraiser for the lodge. For more information or tickets (in advance or at the door, \$10 adults, \$5 kids under 11) call 415-405-5493.

● Saturday, February 11: Hearing Loss Association Meeting

Callie Frye will bring a sign language interpreter and with our captioning, looping and FM systems, this meeting is a must for all who are hearing impaired. An advocate for Disability Rights California (DRC), which provides free legal services to individuals with disabilities, Callie will address your questions. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m.; Program at 10, at the Oakland Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Fabiola Bldg., 3801 Howe St., Lower Level, Room G26. Park free on Saturday in the old garage across Howe. For more info, email athos.artist@att.net or call Kay at 510/886-4717.

● Sunday, February 12: Supportive Program for Black Youth

Urban Asset Protection, an Oakland-based organization, will present "Restoring Our Youth" to boost community engagement, promote awareness and encourage discussion about issues within African-American communities, from 4 to 8 p.m. this Sunday at Chabot Space Center 10000 Skyline Blvd. in Oakland. It will feature Rahiem Shabazz, Vin Rock, ZaZa Ali, Chairman Fred Hampton Jr. and more. Invited guests: NFL Star Colin Kaepernick & World Renowned DJ Nessa Diab. For tickets: saveouryouth.bpt.me/uapxroy@gmail.com (tickets start at \$25, student discounts apply)

● Monday, February 13: Valentine Bingo Charity Luncheon

Eagles Auxiliary 1139 will host a Valentine bingo charity luncheon of beef stew, salad, dessert, rolls, coffee and tea, at noon on Monday. A donation of \$8 (benefiting Meals on Wheels) will include one bingo card. Bring a friend and join us at 21406 Foothill Blvd., Hayward. Call 584-1568 for further info.

● Monday, February 13: Eden Area Village Webinar

Join Eden Area Village at 2 p.m. on Monday at Hayward City Hall, 777 B Street, to view a live webinar featuring Atul Gawande, author of "Being Mortal," speaking about virtual villages to help seniors remain in their homes and the value of community and opportunities as we grow older.

● Wednesday, February 15: Preparing Indian Cuisine

This class, from 6 to 8 p.m. next Wednesday, features two types of delicious Indian curries, butter chicken curry and vegetable korma curry, using traditional Indian spices and techniques. Also learn about the healing properties of the various Indian spices – at the Aitken Community Center, 17800 Redwood Road. The cost is \$50 plus \$15 material fee due to instructor. To register, call 510-881-6742.

● Wednesday, February 15: East Bay Rose Society

Jolene Adams, past president of the American Rose Society, will be discussing her travels to see roses from around the world, at the next meeting of the East Bay Rose Society at 7:30 p.m. next Wednesday at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue in Oakland. Come and enjoy snacks, meet people who talk roses and enjoy the show. No charge. For more info, visit www.eastbayroses.org.

● Sunday, February 19: Mick LaSalle on the Oscars

San Francisco Chronicle film critic Mick LaSalle will share his Academy Awards insights – and discuss the year in film – from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Castro Valley Library. No tickets are required for this free event, but seating is limited. LaSalle has been the film critic at the Chronicle since 1985 and is the author of several books on the movie industry.

● Monday, February 20: Lions Club 'Tips for Change'

The Castro Valley Breakfast Lions will hold their second 'Tips For Change' at Gianni's Italian Bistro in San Ramon from 5 to 8 p.m. on Feb. 20. Lions members will be servers, with all tips going to the organization. Last year the event sold out and funds raised were distributed to local non-profits including FESCO, Ruby's Place, Kids Breakfast Club, Meals on Wheels, Alameda County Food Bank, Salvation Army, Project Outreach of Castro Valley and others. For reservations call 925-820-6969 or go to opentable.com

● Saturday, February 25: Black History Month Celebration

The public is invited to attend a Black History Month Celebration hosted by the Canyon Middle School African American Alliance Network in the Canyon Middle School Cafeteria at 19600 Cull Canyon Road, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25. The Celebration will include live performances, art activities, health fair, raffle and light breakfast. All are welcome!

Arts & Entertainment

CASTRO VALLEY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Tickets for CFA events listed below are available online at www.cvarts-foundation.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.

● **Gina Eckstine**, daughter of famed bandleader and singer Billy Eckstine, brings her own style to the music scene at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25. With family friends that included greats like Sammy Davis Jr., Sarah Vaughan and Quincy Jones, she weaves personal stories throughout her selections from the Great American Songbook. *For tickets (\$17-\$25) see above.*

● **California Beach Boys Concert**, originally scheduled for this past October 15, has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. *For tickets (on sale now) see above.*

THEATRICAL & MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

● **"Rumors,"** – Spend a wonderfully funny evening at Chanticleers Theatre in the company of four nouveau riche couples romping through Neil Simon's farce, "Rumors." Guests arrive at a 10th anniversary party (in formal wear) only to discover that the hosts have been incapacitated by mysterious events involving gunshots. Do we have a scandal here? Could be. As in all classic farces, there are slamming doors, lots of misunderstandings, downright deceptions, and even some just plain silliness. The show runs through Feb. 26 at Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Ave. in Castro Valley. Curtain for Friday and Saturday evening shows is 8 p.m. Sunday matinees start at 2 p.m. For tickets (\$25 general; \$20 seniors, students and military) visit chanticleers.org or call 510-733-5483.

● **'Charley's Aunt '66,'** the World Premiere of a wonderfully silly farce by Scott Munson, comes to the Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St. in Hayward beginning with a preview tomorrow, Feb. 9 and an Opening Night Reception on Friday. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Feb. 9, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 and at 2 p.m. on Feb. 12, 19, 25. For tickets (\$10-\$29), call 510-881-6777 or visit www.dmtonline.org

ART GALLERIES & EVENTS

● **"Getting to Know the Map,"** an exhibition of 40 years of photography by Geir and Kate Jordahl, is now on display at PhotoCentral Gallery, 1099 E St. in Hayward. The Jordahls have been photographing and working with the photographic image for the past forty years. This special celebration will feature their images and projects which have been shaped by decades of exploring, studying, traveling and teaching. A Book Release & Signing will be on April 13 from 7-9 p.m. The PhotoCentral Gallery is open Monday 5-10 p.m., Tuesday & Thursday 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday 12-3 p.m. and by appointment. The Upstairs Gallery is open Monday-Friday 9 a.m. -5 p.m. For more, visit info@photocentral.org

● **People, Places & Pets**, an exhibition of 40 photographs – from portraits, local scenes, historical sites and favorite pets – is on display at Foothill Gallery, 22394 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward, sponsored by the Hayward Arts Council.

● **Hayward Area Photography**, the work of 23 local photographers including 10 members of the Castro Valley Photo Club will be on display through March 31 at the John O'Lague Galleria at Hayward City Hall, sponsored by the Hayward Arts Council.

● **"Finding the Quiet Places,"** a display of pastel paintings by Castro Valley artist Sarah Schneider, is on view at the Castro Valley Library. These landscapes show calm and restful scenes, a reminder of the local beauty of our area. Schneider is a member of A.R.T., Inc.

● **"Looking Forward,"** an exhibition by the members of A.R.T., Inc., featuring a variety of media including two and three-dimensional art, will be on display through March 4 at the Adobe Art Gallery, 20395 San Miguel Ave. in Castro Valley. Art judge Angela Johal selected the exhibition awards.

● **Making a Difference in Our Community**, a display of photos and text detailing the activities and 68-year history of the Castro Valley Women's Club, will be presented for the entire month of February at the Castro Valley Library.

● **Celebrating Community: Black Families of Fairview and Kelly Hill**, depicting the diverse experiences of past and present residents of these two areas of unincorporated Hayward, will be on display in the Hayward Area Historical Society Community Gallery at 22380 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward through March 5. The exhibit was guest curated by Karen McHenry-Smith. For more information call 510-581-0223 or visit www.haywardareahistory.org.

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A VALENTINE'S DAY STORY

By Steve Dimick
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

We didn't mean to be married in a third-floor walk-up apartment in a nondescript neighborhood of Paris. It was all Chuck's fault.

My friend, Chuck McLain, had married most of his large circle of friends and most of their children, too. (Years later, our daughter's ceremony was the last he performed before he died.)

Chuck was delighted when we called to check on his availability. Anytime for you, he said. Except for the last three weeks in February, when he would be skiing in France.

Unless, of course, we wanted to join him in France and be married

there... And, by the way, he would only be in Paris on February 13, 14 and 15.

Well. We really had no choice. Chuck would marry us in Paris on Valentine's day. How romantic, we thought. We'll be able to entertain our friends for years with this story.

How little we knew.

It was bone-numbingly cold in February, 1991 – the coldest European winter in years – and the fountains all over Paris were frozen solid. So much for the romantic outdoor locations I had chosen.

But Paris and I were old lovers and I had three prime indoor locations already selected. But when Chuck's Parisienne friend Chris-

tine started telephoning, only the on-duty priest at Notre Dame gave her the green light.

Unfortunately, Christine forgot to ask his name.



Six of us showed up the next evening at Notre Dame: Chuck, Marianne, Kristi (my soon-to-be step-daughter), Christine, her husband, Georges, and me. Christine brought white roses.

After photos outside (Marianne, Kristi, roses and me), we wandered inside. Foolish me: I was thinking of an inconspicuous corner. Instead, Chuck found an empty side chapel, opened the wrought-iron gate as if he belonged there, ushered us in and began the ceremony.

It wasn't long before the crowd started gathering. An angry Frenchman on the other side of the wrought-iron gate started complaining loudly. This was a sacrilege! A Protestant ceremony in a Catholic church! And in somebody's private chapel!

Chuck summoned up his deepest, calmest voice: "This is a solemn occasion. Would you please leave us in peace? We won't be long."

Chuck began the ceremony again, but the angry Frenchman had fetched a church official and a pair of Notre Dame policemen. Who would imagine that a cathedral would have its own police force?

"This is highly unusual," the official kept repeating in English. "Highly unusual."

Chuck explained that he had many Catholic friends and had assisted at many Catholic weddings.

"I have many friends in the reformed churches," the official countered. "But I would never try to perform a Catholic ceremony in one of their churches. This is highly unusual. Highly unusual."

Marianne made that little groaning noise that means, "how did I let myself get into this?" Kristi rolled her eyes as only a ten-year-old girl can.

Christine, who should have been explaining that she had obtained permission, was silent, hiding behind Georges.

I was thinking: just skip the



damned ceremony, Chuck. Say the pronouncement and let's get out of here.

But while Chuck was not about to skip his "damned" ceremony, the church official viewed it as literally "damned" and was determined to prevent it. And he had the muscle, so officialdom (and the official cathedral police) won out over Chuck's deep, calm voice.

Not only would Chuck's ceremony not be performed in Notre Dame, but we were unceremoniously escorted out.

Chuck later performed his precious ceremony back in our apartment, where the wedding music playing on the radio was from Car-

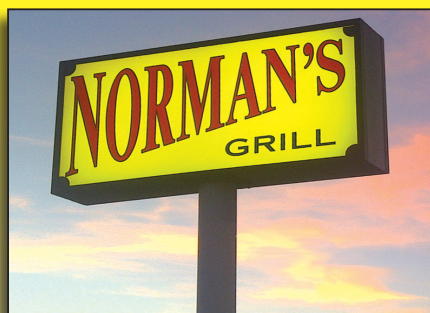
men: "If you don't love me, I love you. And if I love you, watch out!"



We have, actually, entertained friends for years with the tale of our wedding. It's just not quite the tale I imagined in advance.

(Chuck, on the other hand, claimed it wasn't the worst wedding story in his repertoire.) People say to us, "You were married in Paris? On Valentine's Day? How romantic!" Marianne makes that same little groaning noise.

Kristi, now 36, rolls her eyes. I say, "Well...a story goes with that."



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Moskovitz: Will Retire March 15, Plans to Take a Trip to the Lake District of England

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ed grant-writing for a \$14 million grant that paid for two-thirds of the building. The remainder was funded with county redevelopment money. These efforts began in 1999 and the new library opened in 2009.

"It was really hard getting it built during the recession. The Friends of the Library has been a fantastic source of support, and so has the community," she says.

Another high point for Moskovitz was the ceremonial "book pass," transferring books from the

undersized old library at 20055 Redwood Road to the new site located at 3600 Norbridge Avenue. 2,500 people lined up to help move books from one library building to the other.

Not only is the new library beautiful, its solar panels allow

the building to run entirely on the sun. Moskovitz notes that the 880 panels on the roof generate 2 million kilowatts of power, and were paid for with another grant from Obama stimulus money.

California State Assemblyman Alberto Torrico named Carolyn

Moskovitz Castro Valley's Citizen of the Year in 2006 for her extensive work in the community.

Moskovitz will retire March 15, and plans to take a trip thereafter to the Lake District of England.

"Working in the library is a wonderful way to spend your

time. Every day I enjoyed coming to work. I've been really blessed to work with wonderful people to get exciting and interesting things done," says Moskovitz. "I'm glad I've been able to make a contribution — that has always been what motivated me."

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The West Coast Basketball Association's one-day tournament on February 4 had Dakine Hoops-beating the Skyhawks 27-16 in their first game, and defeating the East Bay Ballers 36-17 in the second at Chabot College.

Pictured from left, Shriyans Vittal, Ekam Sandhu, Head Coach Armando La Rosa, Riley La Rosa, Michael Li, Aadi Malali and Travis Simmons. Not pictured were Justin Chinn, Porter Tien, Coach Kevin Chinn and Coach John Tien



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Six Ways to 'Winterize' Your Golf Game

By Andy Morris
& Eric Jones
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Here are six easy ways to winterize your golf game so you can hit the ground running next spring.

1. Chip & Putt - at home, the office, and the course. Short-game "feel" is often the hardest skill to recapture after a layoff. Work on 6-foot and 30-foot putts, chipping from 1-3 yards off the green, and pitching from 15 to 20 yards to stay sharp.

2. Fitness. Get on a regular program to improve your golf-specific fitness, particularly your flexibility and balance. You know you need to do it anyway.

3. Review the basics of GASP (Grip, Alignment, Stance, Posture). It's how Jack Nicklaus started every season, and if it was good enough for him, well ...

While you are at it, write out and refine your pre-shot routine and include that as part of your "basics." You'll see a big improvement in your consistency.

4. Work on Swing Changes.

The Tour pros make all their swing changes during the off-season. They don't want to be fighting the uncertainty that comes with making swing changes during season, and neither should you. In particular, get out your training aids to enhance your feedback and accelerate the change process. If you are looking for great training aids, visit our website.

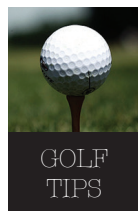
5. Check your equipment.

Take your clubs in and check them for loft, lie, and swing weight, and put new grips on them. If you are going to be investing in new equipment, now is the time to do it. Prices are at their best, and having your new equipment now will give you time to become familiar with it over the next few months so you don't have any questions when the season begins.

6. Invest in Instruction. Your coach can help you put together a game plan that will keep you focused on mastering your top priorities that will improve your game the most. They'll help you with drills and with putting together a complete training plan so that you are maximizing your time on the range.

For all of these tips find ways to a little in each area, but to do them consistently. When the season kicks off next year you'll already be in the swing of things.

Andy Morris is the instructional program manager at Eric Jones Golf, specializing in helping new golfers. Eric Jones is the Northern California PGA Teacher of the Year and coach at Stanford University with a Masters degree in Sport Psychology. The Eric Jones Golf Academy is located at Redwood Canyon Golf Course in Castro Valley.



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Is There Someone You Know That's Addicted to Painkillers?

Fifty-two people die every day from opioid overdoses nationwide, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported more than 12 million U.S. residents used prescription painkillers non-medically in the past year.

Unfortunately, even a small dosage can depress respiratory function, and these drugs can be especially dangerous when combined with other common substances like alcohol and sleeping pills. What's more, prescription drug abuse can be addictive, and even lead to heroin use.

If you know someone who may be addicted to prescription painkillers, here are five things the National Safety Council says you should know.

1. Addiction is a chronic disease that affects the brain. Addiction, like heart disease or diabetes, leads to increasingly poor health, and can be fatal if it's not effectively treated and managed. People who suffer from addiction still have self-worth and should be treated with dignity. Unfortunately, shame and discrimination prevent many of them from seeking treatment. Recovery can be achieved in many different ways and all recovery efforts should be celebrated.

2. Medication Helps. Opioid and heroin addiction cause a chemical imbalance in the brain, which medication can help repair.

There are three major medications typically used as part of a comprehensive treatment plan that includes counseling and participation in social support programs: Buprenorphine, methadone and naltrexone.

Buprenorphine and methadone diminish the effects of withdrawal and cravings restoring brain chemistry. Naltrexone blocks the euphoric effects of opioids and heroin. Buprenorphine and naltrexone can be administered by health care providers. Methadone is delivered in specialized clinics.

3. Traditional treatments aren't always effective. Recovery is a lifelong journey. Unfortunately, some traditional treatments focus on quicker fixes like attempting it alone or going cold turkey, which ultimately can be detrimental.

Rates of relapse and overdose are higher for people who have gone through 30-day treatment programs, and 56 percent of people who leave treatment centers relapse within the first week. However, medications, can offer longer-term solutions, and are often less expensive than in-patient treatment. If traditional substance abuse programs haven't worked, consider medication.

4. Support is critical. A failed

cycle of detox and inpatient therapy, then relapse, can leave a person feeling hopeless. This is why support is critical.

Doctors and treatment counselors are important, but even more so is a well-informed support group of family and friends.

5. Understanding addiction is crucial. Both patients and their friends and family should understand that addiction is a disease, and know what is needed to manage it.

There are more options than traditional 30-day-treatment and 12-step programs. In addition to medication, there are support programs like SMART recovery, which provide attendees with tools based on the latest scientific research, as well as a worldwide community with self-empowering, science-based support groups.

—StatePoint

How Study of Animal Diseases Is Important to Human Health

By Timothy Ogilvie
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

To find a cure for an infection that kills 30,000 Americans annually, the National Institutes of Health just awarded a \$1.5 million grant to a veterinary lab.

Scientists at North Carolina State University's College of Veterinary Medicine will use that funding to study how certain bacteria affects animals, with the hope that what they discover will apply to humans, too.

That's the nature of medical progress – insights gleaned from research in one species apply to others, including humans. Holistic approaches to health – ones that take into account human, animal, and ecosystem health – could be the key to understanding and eventually defeating the diseases of our modern age.

Many diseases are transmitted from animals to humans. Over 75 percent of infectious diseases originate in animals. Mosquitoes carry Zika and malaria. The 2014 Ebola outbreak was traced back to a diseased bat. Up to 60,000 Americans get rabies vaccinations each year after coming in contact with potentially rabid animals.

By studying the animals that transmit these diseases, health professionals can prevent epidemics. Consider the University of Pennsylvania veterinary school which monitors chicken populations for avian flu. The system helped identify and contain an avian flu outbreak in Pennsylvania before it could spread to other flocks or humans.

By contrast, an outbreak in Virginia led to \$100 million in damages and risked giving the disease time to mutate and infect people

because such surveillance technology wasn't employed. Mammals and humans also suffer from some of the same non-communicable diseases. Horses, for example, can develop cardiovascular disease.

Studying and treating diseases in animals often leads to advances in human medicine. One gene therapy for blindness in dogs proved so promising that researchers are now testing it on people.

Veterinarians have discovered a protein that helps animals' broken bones heal quicker – and it works for humans, too.

Given the links between human and animal health, it makes sense to tear down the walls between human and veterinary medicine. Some universities are doing just that.

The health of animals is intertwined with our own health. Doctors and public health officials who understand that will be better prepared to solve the medical challenges that afflict all species.

Dr. Timothy Ogilvie is the Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine at St. George's University in Grenada.

'Living with Dementia' Classes

With the goal of promoting a meaningful connection between the individual with dementia and those providing care, Hope Hospice in Dublin presents, "Living with Dementia: Communication and Feelings," from 9:45 a.m. to noon this Saturday, Feb. 11.

Hospice Certified Dementia Practitioner Jill Smith and Recreation Therapist Angela Piazza will demonstrate how communication can be enhanced through a focus on emotions and feelings to manage the deficits that worsen throughout the disease process.

Any community member engaged in the role of family caregiver or expecting to soon become a caregiver is invited to attend these classes. Light refreshments will be served.

Classes are held at Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Suite 100, Dublin in the 2nd floor conference room.

Visit: HopeHospice.com to register online or you may contact the Community Education Volunteer



Debbie Emerson by emailing her at: debbiee@hopehospice.com.

The class is part of Hope Hospice's Family Caregiver Education Series.

These classes are available at no cost to all community members; however, donations to Hope Hospice are greatly appreciated.

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GUEST COMMENTARY



One Game Is Over, A New Game Begins

With this year's Super Bowl in the history books, Realtors are gearing up for their favorite event: The Post Super Bowl Real Estate Surge.

Known to many as "The Super Bowl Effect," it's no joke. The real estate market usually gets into gear as soon as the post-game credits stop rolling and, if the first few weeks of 2017 have been any indicator, it looks like we may have another epic march up the field to another winning market in the spring.

Why the spike every year at this time?

There are a number of reasons, including the idea that with football season finally over, avid fans have nothing else to do on Sunday afternoons, so they head out and start looking at open houses.

Agreed, there is obviously more to it than that, but every year at this time, open houses start seeing visitor numbers increase right after the big game. In fact, February 2011 signaled the turn in housing market prices as negative numbers reversed and began a steady march upwards out of the depression lows.

Other factors triggering this year's rush might include rumored rate hikes, resulting in a frenzy to get in before the market becomes too rich. For others,

Mortgage Rates Hold Steady to Begin February

Average 30-year mortgage rates held steady last week after rising a week earlier.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 4.19 percent, unchanged from the previous week. A year ago at this time, the 30-year FRM averaged 3.72 percent.

Fifteen-year fixed rates last week averaged 3.41 percent, up from 3.40 percent.

The five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgage (ARM) averaged 3.23 percent last week, up from 3.20. A year ago, the 5-year ARM averaged 2.85 percent.

this time of the year symbolizes a new beginning, resulting in buyers popping up like spring flowers.

With the market seeing five straight years of significant gains, many have espoused the idea that 2017 will be the year when things begin to soften and turn.

Most real estate cycles span 10 years, so it's normative to figure prices will peak somewhere in the middle of the cycle. While that should be right about now (and I've said as much in previous posts), so far the indicators are still pointing upward.

While we won't have January numbers until after this article is printed, everyone I know points to a continued shortage of inventory and multiple offers on

everything in sight.

Looking to buy a home this spring? I'd recommend sooner than later. Once the rush begins, it's a lot like driving on I-880 during rush hour: there are way too many cars vying for far too little asphalt, and the result is severe, stress-inducing congestion. Similarly, as buyers emerge en masse, prices start shooting up along with the blood pressure of those trying to compete for new digs.

One game is over, now a new game begins.

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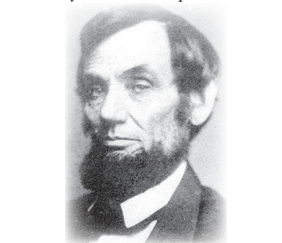
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Obituaries

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After an outstanding response last year, we decided to bring Mr. Lincoln back to Hayward. On February 22nd through the 26th, a replica of the Lincoln coffin will be on display at Holy Angels Sorensen Chapel, 1140 B St, in Hayward. Various Lincoln memorabilia will also be on display for viewing. A Lincoln impersonator will be present providing a glimpse of Mr. Lincoln's life, also delivering the Gettysburg Address and the President's 2nd Inaugural Address. A reenactment of President Lincoln's Funeral on DVD will be shown. Each presentation runs about two hours long.

Other special events that week include: Dinner with Mr. Lincoln on Friday, Feb. 24 at 5:30 p.m. Buffet style dinner served, seating limited, available to only 50 people, RSVPs are necessary, \$25 per person; and School Essay Contest Presentation, Saturday, Feb. 25, at 4:30 p.m.

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Joseph Bourassa

Born
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February 1, 2017
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Lone Tree Cemetery
24591 Fairview Ave.,
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ALCORN, Marie Johnson

AVELAR, Barbara Lou

LEE, Robert Eugene

LINCOLN, Abraham

RAY, Betty Sue

Robert Eugene Lee

Robert Eugene Lee, 93, went to heaven on Sunday, January 15, 2017. Bob was born the only child of Flave Olin Lee and Alice Isabel Lee on July 20, 1923, in Montana. He attended Whitworth College in Spokane, Washington, before enlisting in the Army, where he fought on the European Front in World War II. He was captured in France and was marched to Germany, where he spent the last three months of the war in a German POW camp. Upon returning home, he married his college sweetheart, Helen Josephine Jamieson, on February 15, 1946, in Seattle, Washington, and finished his college education at the University of Washington.



He was preceded in death by Helen in 2012, after 66 years of marriage. Bob is survived by his children, Linda Johnson (Bruce), Virginia Lewis (Todd), Patricia Boyd (Mark) and James Lee (Ruth). He is also survived by 8 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Bob was an active member of Redwood Chapel Community Church in Castro Valley, for over 50 years, where he was known for his sweet smile and kind nature. He had also been a member of the Safeway Retired Employees Association since his retirement.

Bob will be inurned alongside his beloved Helen at Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward. Donations may be made in his memory to Redwood Chapel Community Church, 19300 Redwood Road, Castro Valley, California, 94546, or to Redwood Christian Schools' Tuition Assistance Fund, 4200 James Ave., Castro Valley, California, 94546.

Marie J. Alcorn

Resident of Castro Valley

Marie Johnson Alcorn passed away on January 29, 2017 at the age of 96. She was born on June 21, 1920 in Virginia, Minnesota and lived in Castro Valley since 1963.

She married Dr. George B. Alcorn on December 6, 1963. She was the sister of the first Mrs. Alcorn, Ragnhild Christine, who died in 1959. She graduated from Bethesda Hospital School of Nursing, St. Paul, Minnesota. She also attended the universities of Minnesota and California. She was a registered nurse and served as a U.S. Navy nurse in World War II.

She is survived by sons, James Alcorn of La Jolla and David Alcorn of Graeagle, California; 6 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband in 1998; 2 sisters; and 3 brothers.

She was a member of Calvary Bible Chapel of Fremont — active for many years as a volunteer at Juvenile Hall under Follow Up Ministries, as well as women's Bible studies.

Graveside service will be held on Friday, Feb. 10, at 2 p.m. at Sunset View Cemetery, junction of Colusa and Fairmount Avenues in El Cerrito. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend a memorial service on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 11 a.m. at Calvary Bible Chapel, 32701 Falcon Dr., in Fremont.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Calvary Bible Chapel, 32701 Falcon Dr., Fremont, CA 94555, with a designation for "The Believers Bible Commentary Translation Project".

Arrangements were made by Sunset View Mortuary and Cemetery (510-525-5111).

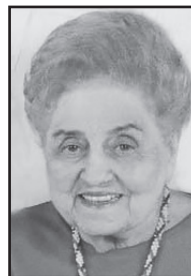
Betty Sue Ray

Betty passed away on January 3, 2017 at the age of 88. Betty was born in Greensboro, North Carolina, where she met her husband of 65 years, Corbit Ray. Betty and Corbit were married in 1952, upon his return from serving in the USMC during the Korean War and relocating to Castro Valley.

Betty enjoyed knitting and sewing, and loved to bake and cook. After raising their two children, Susan and Thomas, Betty worked for the Castro Valley USD as a secretary. After retiring from CVUSD, Betty earned a BA in Accounting from California State University, Hayward — a lifelong ambition of hers. She was an active member of the philanthropic sorority Epsilon Sigma Alpha (ESA) and was a member of local chapter Theta Phi, where she had many loving sorority sisters.

She is survived by her husband, Corbit; daughter, Susan (Bradley); brother, Jack Cecil; and granddaughter, Taylor (James). She was preceded in death by her son, Thomas; brothers, Doug and Roy; and sister, Virginia.

A small service will be held at Oak Creek Alzheimer's and Dementia Care Center in Castro Valley on Thursday, Feb. 16, at 3 p.m.



Barbara Lou Avelar

June 10, 1935 – January 28, 2017

Barbara experienced a peaceful faint while talking to the nurses who cared for her, then her heart just stopped. She was born in Los Angeles and passed away suddenly at 81.

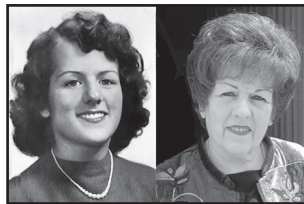
A Castro Valley resident since 1965, Barbara is survived by her husband, Ed Avelar; daughters, Rebecca Avelar and Regina (Avelar) Erdman; grandson, Daniel Avelar Hudson; brothers, Al Bailey (Truckee) and Charles Bailey (Copperopolis); and half sister, Ethel Reece (Alaska).

Affectionately nicknamed "Bobbie" as a child, Barbara was a twinless twin at birth and is predeceased by her parents, Lawrence and Virginia Bailey; beloved sister, Mary Calderon; and half brother, Richard Charles Monroe, Jr., a Purple Heart Veteran of the 8th Air Force killed in action while saving his flight crew.

Barbara touched many lives and is fondly remembered by Beverly (Avelar) Correa, Vicki Bailey, Rhonda Reinbolt, Mark Correa, Tracy Calderon, Leslie Calderon, Annette Bailey Setnor, Angie Bailey, C.J. Ross, Ashlie Ross, Dan Watson, Chris Erdman and her extended families: Britto, Kendricks, Novo, Sousa, Erdman, Scates, Smith and Staat.

Family and friends are invited to her Celebration of Life on Saturday, Feb. 25, from 2:30 to 6 p.m. at Hayward Area Historical Society, 22380 Foothill Blvd, in Hayward.

Private inurnment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward. Arrangements made by Holy Angels Sorensen Chapel.



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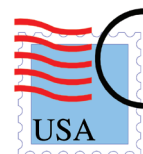


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Heartened by Determination in Woman's Marches

Editor:

If you happened to miss the many Women's Marches in our area Saturday Jan 21st, maybe because of the rain, or perhaps your joints weren't up to a full march, well, I'm sorry for you.

Rather than being an angry protest with a few people who were likely to blow up at any moment, the Oakland event had so many marchers they far exceeded the space available, and people were buoyed by the massive turnout and the camaraderie.

It wasn't just attended by women either, but the guys were still outnumbered. Music floated from every street corner as band after group after ensemble serenaded.

Most signs were positive with love-trumps-hate messages, and that largely set the tone. Yet maybe you shouldn't be too amazed. If you've been around these people before now you might already know how much they are driven to look after others, how open minded they are, which pretty much defines their core values, their world-view; it's just how they're made.

I also saw great determination, the kind you can be proud of.

People who are ready to do whatever it takes keep our nation kind, caring and benevolent. Given the fact that this was just one of half a dozen Women's Marches in the Bay Area, and that this event was so crowded no one I talked to (about a dozen) actually made it to the plaza for the main gathering. I hope folks take home the message that people still care. Decency will prevail.

—Karl Hodges, Castro Valle

Not a Fan of Today's Unions

Editor:

Unions are great. Unions are why BART janitors can "earn" \$276,000 annually in pay and benefits.

Unions are why teachers who abuse students cannot be fired.

They're the reason cities like Central Falls, Detroit and Stockton (all located in forced-union dues states) have gone bankrupt, unable to pay the tremendous burden of lifetime benefits forced on them by public employee unions.

Unions are why we don't have Sprouts in CV (and the jobs and revenues that go with it) because unions can't stand fair competition.

Since 1975 there have been over 9,000 recorded incidents of union violence and intimidation and over 2,000 racketeering indictments since 2001. They not only advocate for their viewpoint (which is fine) but (literally) are willing to beat the !@#% out of those who think differently.

Unions don't "pay" pensions. Private employers pay retirees from their profits, and public employers pay pensions using (mostly) taxpayer dollars. Unions merely disburse funds collected from others.

In 2014, the U.S. Labor Department's annual payroll reports showed that, from 2004 to 2014, private sector payroll in right-to-work states rose 9.9%, while force-unionism states averaged a 5.1% growth rate. Unions impede economic development and job creation.

The SEIU (in Harris vs Quinn) recently tried – and failed – to force home healthcare workers to pay forced union dues in order to care for their own disabled children. And the union is largely ignoring the court's verdict, deliberately lying to workers in order to (continue to) enrich themselves.

At one point in our history, unions were instrumental in helping create safe working environments and were truly beneficial. Now they exist to artificially restrict the supply of workers, decrease job growth, and raise wages for their members at the expense of everyone else. Yeah. Modern-day unions are great.

—Stacy Spink, Castro Valley

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Lots of mixed signals can create an unreliable situation in which to make decisions. Best advice: Hold off on making any commitments until you're sure you know what's going on.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): An apparently friendly offer comes with some strings attached. Be careful not to get tied into something you don't really want. Thoroughly examine all your options before making a choice.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): If you're not careful, distractions can interrupt your best efforts. Continue to focus on what you need to do. You'll soon have lots of time to enjoy the rewards of your dedication.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Knowledge replaces suspicion as you begin to learn more about that "act of betrayal." On a lighter note, someone close to you might be planning a pleasant surprise.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): Control your sometimes-overactive jealousy gene before you find yourself saying or doing something that you could later regret. Best advice: Stop obsessing and move on.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): It's a good time to loosen up and do something wonderful and exciting before your more reserved nature resurfaces. A message brings news of imminent change.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Cheer up. Things begin to improve significantly by mid-February. However, you might still need help to get through the rest of this sometimes-difficult period.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Something you learned last week takes on new meaning as you begin to relate it to another situation in your life. It's best to keep this matter to yourself for now.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Your energy level is climbing, and so is your self-confidence. Good for you, because you'll need a good dollop of both to tackle an exciting challenge on the way.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): A family issue might interrupt a career-linked project. Try to give the matter the attention it needs, but be careful not to jeopardize your workplace situation.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Some self-doubt shows up this week, causing you to question your ability to handle a new challenge. But you know you can do it, and this is your chance to prove it.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): A personal matter requires you to be as clear and forthcoming as possible in order to avoid misunderstandings. A career move is eased with the emergence of new facts.

Eden: Fate Undecided By LAFCo

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LAFCo heard public comments from over 20 speakers at Tuesday's meeting, which will be included in the final draft of Berkson's report.

San Leandro Mayor Pauline Cutter and a representative from Chan's office both said that if the money went to the county, hospitals with fewer well-insured patients – including San Leandro Hospital – would benefit.

"What I want is to keep our safety-net hospitals open," said Cutter, who added that she was disappointed that she and San Leandro city staff weren't contacted for the report.

Terry Lightfoot, director of the county health system, criticized ETHD for spending too much on administration and not enough on direct health care, calling their spending "extremely one-sided." He went on to suggest that ETHD donate some office space in the buildings that it owns to under-served patients.

ETHD's CEO, Dev Mahadevan, called shutting down the district "killing a golden goose" because if the district is dissolved and the real estate sold (as Berkson said was probable), all of the money will be distributed as a one-time event and new revenue will cease to come in.

After the final draft of the report on ETHD is completed, LAFCo will make its decision. It could decide to keep ETHD running as is, dissolve the district, or create a new structure. It is set to discuss ETHD's fate further at its March 9 meeting.

Three CV Students on Deans' List

Three Castro Valley students have made the academic Deans' List at Azusa Pacific University.

John Breslow, Luke Huerta and Theophilus Mok were honored for their fall 2016 grade-point average of 3.5 or better.

Azusa Pacific University is an evangelical Christian university with some 10,700 students on campus, online, and at six regional centers in Southern California.

CVHS Senior Named in U.S. Presidential Scholars Program

Shefali Bhatia, a graduating senior at Castro Valley High School, has been named as a candidate in the 2017 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program.

Shefali, the only candidate from Castro Valley, was one of 4,000 selected from some 3.5 million students who are expected to graduate this year.

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

A panel of distinguished educators will select 800 semifinalists in April. The U.S. Department of Education will announce the Scholars in May.

All scholars are invited to Washington, D.C. in June for the National Recognition Program, culminating in the presentation of the Presidential Scholars Medallion during a White House-sponsored ceremony.

The Scholars Program was established in 1964 by a presidential executive order to recognize the nation's most distinguished graduating seniors for their accomplishments in a variety of areas.

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PHOTO: BHATIA FAMILY

CVHS senior Shefali Bhatia of Castro Valley has been selected as a candidate in the 2017 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. Inclusion in the program is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors.

Reports: Wanted Man; Shoplifter Caught

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Lake Chabot Road when he called 911 and reported seeing a man with a gun at the hospital. Hospital security called the Sheriff's Department for backup but could not find any evidence of a gun or a suspicious person. The man later confessed he made the story up and was taken into custody.

Transients with Drugs

Thursday, February 2: at 9:10 a.m., two people were arrested on illegal drug possession charges. Deputies stopped two people loitering outside a home on Lake Chabot Road and Somerset Avenue. Further investigation found a 28-year-old man and a 24-year-old man in possession of illegal narcotics, illegal drug paraphernalia, and an illegal amount of marijuana drugs. The men were taken into custody.

Assault with Deadly Weapon

Thursday, February 2: at 2:10 p.m., deputies arrested a 22-year-old man with no permanent address on suspicion of assault with a deadly

weapon. The man was traveling on East Castro Valley Boulevard near Grove Way when deputies caught the man in an altercation. The man was also wanted as part of a warrant issued for his capture. Deputies took the man to Santa Rita Jail pending \$500 in bail. The victim was treated at the scene.

Wanted Man

Friday, February 3: at 2:05 a.m., a 37-year-old man from CV was arrested on suspicion of public intoxication. The man also had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. Deputies caught up with the man in the parking lot of a sandwich

shop on the Boulevard near Lake Chabot Road. He failed his sobriety test and was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$10,000 in bail.

Shoplifter Caught

Tuesday, January 31: at 4:35 p.m., deputies arrested a 33-year-old woman with no permanent address on suspicion of possession of stolen property. The woman was detained by store security after they observed her walking out of a grocery store on East Castro Valley Boulevard with an unspecified amount of unpaid merchandise. Deputies transported her to Santa Rita Jail pending \$5,000 in bail.

CVSan Handles Downpour

Despite record rainfall in January, the Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) did not experience any sanitary sewer overflows.

Castro Valley received 6.79 inches of rain during January, including 1.95 inches on January 10th alone. In comparison, the

town received 5.25 inches during January 2016 and no rainfall during January 2015.

CVSan has continued to be free of sanitary sewer overflows for over 10 months, keeping local creeks and Lake Chabot free of unwanted sewage.

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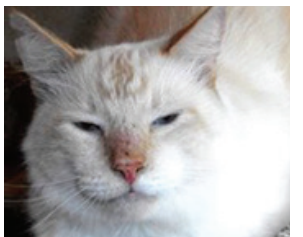
ADOPT-A-PET



NUTMEG is a sweet pup who loves attention and hugs. She enjoys playtime, tennis balls and squeaky toys. Good with kids 5 years and older. Info: Hayward Animal Shelter. (510) 293-7200.



MILLIE is a quiet bunny who loves munching on timothy hay and veggies. Napping on a soft towel is also a favorite pastime. She's spayed. Info: Hayward Animal Shelter. (510) 293-7200.



HANDSOME is a 5-year-old Flame Point Siamese Mix, blue eyes, easygoing to a fault; so sweet and gentle. Complete an app at dustypawsrescue.org if you are interested.



IVY is 2-years-old, undemanding, but loves attention. She is quiet and quite the lap cat. Complete an application at www.dustypawsrescue.org if interested for more information.

Canyon Hosts Black History Month Event

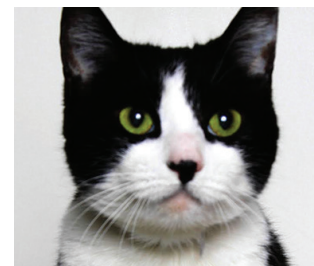
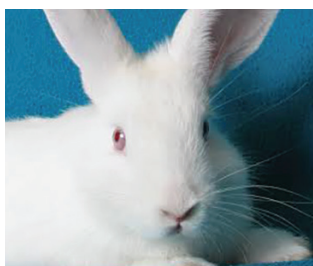
Canyon Middle School is culminating Black History Month with a community celebration in the school cafeteria on Saturday, Feb. 25, and all of Castro Valley is invited.

The event, facilitated by the Canyon Middle School African American Alliance Network, celebrates past leaders and salutes student leaders of the future. It will be jam-packed with live performances, art and activities for kids of all ages.

Included will be a health and resource fair and a student fashion show. Admission is free.

This is the 3rd annual event bringing the community together to honor, educate and celebrate black history. Please join in the celebration on Feb. 25 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Canyon Middle School Cafeteria. Canyon is located at 19600 Cull Canyon Road. A light breakfast will be served. All are welcome. Come celebrate!

—Eryka Cain



'All Fur Love': Free Pet Adoptions This Saturday at Hayward Shelter

The volunteers of the Hayward Animal Shelter will hold their annual "All Fur Love" pet adoptions from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. this Saturday at the shelter, 16 Barnes Court (near the DMV office) in Hayward.

Visitors will have many dogs, cat and bunnies to choose from.

All adoptions to qualified homes will be free thanks to Assemblyman Bill Quirk who will also be providing free spay/neuter vouchers to residents who live within Assembly District 20.

Although dog adoptions are free, Hayward residents pay a \$17 license fee at time of adoption.

Valentine's Day photos will be available at the Shelter's photo booth from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a \$10 suggested donation.

For more information, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200. Also, visit www.facebook.com/haywardanimalshelter or asmhc.org/members/a20/.

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