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## Hello, World! CV's First Baby of 2017

**Baby Marces was born just four minutes into the New Year at Eden Hospital in Castro Valley. He weighed 8 pounds, three ounces and was 19-1/4 inches long. Marces' proud parents are Frances Enriquez and Marlon Almendarez of San Leandro.**

## Fate of Daughtrey Building Back In Limbo; Developer Drops Out

By Amy Sylvestri  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

The New Year won't be bringing new life to the Daughtrey's building.

The developer behind the project has dropped out, citing the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council's (MAC) rejection of his ideas.

In November, developer David Greensfelder presented the MAC with a plan to turn the long-empty building at 3295 Castro Valley Boulevard into a children's entertainment zone called "Lost Worlds" with laser tag and a large jungle gym.

But the MAC gave the idea a resounding "no," saying it didn't appeal to the majority of Castro Valley residents.

MAC Chair Marc Crawford called the project a "non-starter" and most MAC members said they wanted a retail store or restaurant on the property.

Greensfelder said that under his agreement with the county, he had an option to purchase the property, but after getting no support for the Lost Worlds plan, he will not be exercising that option.

"We aren't moving forward," said Greensfelder. "I found it extraordinarily disappointing. There was no reason for me to continue



**The fate of the long-empty building at 3295 Castro Valley Boulevard is back in limbo after the developer behind the project dropped out, citing the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council's (MAC) rejection of his ideas.**

after that performance at the MAC meeting."

The Daughtrey's building has been largely unoccupied since 1991. The most popular idea among public speakers at MAC meetings has been to turn the space into a public park and gathering place where there could be food trucks, concerts, and other community events.

Greensfelder said that he understands why people would want a park, but doesn't believe it can

be financially viable for the space. The county would have to pay for environmental clean-up, razing the building and filling the basement, then constructing and maintaining the park — all at taxpayers' expense. "There would be very significant operating costs," said Greensfelder.

Greensfelder said he was disappointed at the MAC's rejection of Lost Worlds, particularly because he had such a difficult time getting

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## BART's History Captured in Former Spokesman's Book

As today's commuters scramble for seats on crowded Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) trains, it's hard to imagine a time before the BART system even existed.

Yet there were many years — particularly in the 1970s — when BART riders were scarce and funding even scarcer.

In fact, during the 1960s when the system was conceived and constructed, many locals questioned the wisdom of even building what is now the backbone of Bay Area transit.

BART's longtime spokesman Michael C. Healy — nicknamed "Mr. BART" — has penned a new book about BART's history, from its conception through the present day.

"BART, The Dramatic History of the Bay Area Rapid Transit System" contains entertaining anecdotes and behind-the-scenes machinations to create a lively read.

"It was a two-and-a-half year labor of love," says Healy, who was asked to write the book by BART General Manager Grace Crunican. "I always joke that I knew where all the bodies were buried, and found a few more as I did research for the book."

California was an automobile culture in the '60s, and suburbs in Alameda, Contra Costa and San Mateo counties were considered "crabgrass frontiers" which might never use a train system like BART.

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BART FILE PHOTO

**A BART train heads south on September 8, 1972 with Oakland skyline in the background.**



# Warning on Warmers: Focus on Safe Heating When Temps Dip

WITH TEMPERATURES expected to remain frosty overnight in the East Bay, PG&E is urging customers to be cautious when heating their homes.

Electric heating devices, such as space heaters, are a home fire hazard when not properly used or monitored.

"Space heaters should only be used as a supplemental source of heat. They are not intended to replace the home's central heating system and, when not used properly, can create serious safety hazards," said PG&E spokesman Jake Zigelman.

Fuel-burning appliances, such as gas furnaces, stoves and water heaters, can increase the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning when they are not working properly.

Heating equipment is the second leading cause of home fires and accounts for about 56,000 structure fires per year, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

Nearly half of these fires occur during the coldest winter months. The leading contributing factor to space heater fires is heating equipment too close to objects that can burn, such as furniture, clothing, mattresses or bedding.

PG&E offers the following tips:

- Place space heaters on level, hard, nonflammable surfaces, not on rugs or carpets.
- Don't put objects on space heaters or use them to dry items.
- Turn off space heaters when leaving the room or going to sleep.
- Keep all flammable materials at least three feet away from heating sources and supervise children

when a space heater or fireplace is being used.

- Never use cooking devices such as ovens or stoves for home heating purposes.

- Install carbon monoxide detectors to warn if concentration levels are high. All California single-family homes are required to have carbon monoxide detectors. They should be installed near sleeping areas and the batteries replaced at least twice a year.

- When using the fireplace to stay warm, make sure the flue is open so that the byproducts of combustion can vent safely through the chimney.

- Never use products inside the home that generate dangerous levels of carbon monoxide, such as generators, barbecues, propane heaters and charcoal.

If customers suspect there is a problem with a natural gas appliance inside their home, they should call PG&E at 1-800-743-5000. A gas service representative will be dispatched to do a thorough inspection. If you detect carbon monoxide in your home, you should get out immediately and call 911.

## Castro Valley Weather Jan. 4 - 8, 2017



Wednesday  
Showers  
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Thursday  
Partly Sunny  
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Sunday  
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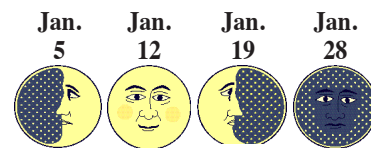
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Past Week's Rain: 00.28  
Season To Date: 12.19  
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Sun sets at 5:04 p.m. today, rises at 7:22 a.m. Thursday.

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## BART: System's Grand Opening in 1972

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Agreements with dozens of cities, unincorporated areas, and public and private entities were sought over the years, affecting the placement — and cost — of the initial 12 stations and those that followed. On September 11, 1972 the

first 18 cars were available for the system's grand opening. Over the years, notables from various walks of life came to check out BART, including boxer Muhammad Ali, former presidents Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon, Britain's Prince Charles and former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, and King Gustav of Sweden.

A low point came in 1979 when the system closed down twice, once during a lengthy labor dispute and another time after a fire in the Transbay tube.

"That was a horrendous year for the organization, and certainly for me," says Healy.

In 1988 BART hired comedian Henny Youngman to promote ridership. Youngman, who was famous for saying, "Take my wife, please!" appeared in ads saying, "Take your BART, please!"

"That became a very successful venture, despite a lot of skepticism. Everyone seemed to know and love him," Healy says of Youngman.

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Award-winning filmmaker Stacy Poulos at the Chabot Cinema where her music video "Into the Light" and a documentary about the production will be shown free on Saturday morning.

## Award-Winning Filmmaker's Work to be Shown Saturday

Castro Valley filmmaker Stacy Poulos calls it her "wow moment." That was when she saw her locally-produced music video "Into the Light" sharing a theater marquee with Lucas Films' "Rogue One."

Poulos, a 1983 graduate of Castro Valley High School, will be presenting her award-winning music video and a documentary about

how she produced it this Saturday at the CineLux Chabot Cinema in Castro Valley.

The four-minute video featuring singer-songwriter Sarah Smith was shot in a number of local spots over two days. The video clips, with scenes from such locations as Castro Valley, Bay Trees Park, Cal State Hayward and Chabot

College, were edited together over a month's time.

Despite the challenges of a low budget and a small crew (less than half a dozen), "Into the Light" has won both a 2016 Telly Award and a 2016 Akademia Music Award for Best Video in the Pop Rock category.

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## SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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### Petty Theft

Thursday, December 29: at 1:56 p.m., Sheriff's deputies arrested a 54-year-old man from Hayward on suspicion of petty theft from a grocery store on East Castro Valley Boulevard. Store managers spotted the man leaving the building in the 580 Market Place without paying. The man was handcuffed and taken into custody.

### Stubborn Guest

Thursday, December 29: at 3:00 p.m., a 25-year-old woman with no permanent address was arrested on suspicion of failing to leave an apartment on Wilbeam Avenue near Wilbeam Court. Deputies were called to the apartment about a guest who refused to leave. The woman also had illegal drug paraphernalia in her purse. The woman was taken into custody.

### Shoplifter Nabbed

Wednesday, December 28: at 8:27 p.m., deputies arrested a 43-year-old man with no permanent address on suspicion of shoplifting from a drug store on the Boulevard near Marshall Street. The man reportedly walked out of the store with an unspecified amount of unpaid merchandise when he was approached by the store manager. Deputies later found illegal narcotics and drug paraphernalia in the man's pockets.

### Wanted Man

Wednesday, December 28: at 9:11 a.m., a 46-year-old man from Glendale (Los Angeles County) was arrested as part of a warrant for his arrest. Deputies were called to Eden Medical Center on Lake Chabot Road after hospital security realized the man had a warrant for a previous offense. The man was transported to Santa Rita Jail pending \$16,000 in bail.

### Jaywalker With Drugs

Thursday, December 29: at 2:19 a.m., deputies arrested a 46-year-old man from El Cerrito (Contra Costa County) after they stopped him for jaywalking across the intersection of Castro Valley Boulevard and Redwood Road. The man was also found with illegal narcotics and drug paraphernalia in his possession. Deputies handcuffed the man and took him into custody.

### Thief Outside Bank

Tuesday, December 27: at 1:06 p.m., a 39-year-old man with no permanent address was arrested on suspicion of robbery, making death threats and destroying a cell phone being used to call for help. Deputies were dispatched to a bank on Castro Valley Boulevard near Redwood Road after a 911 call about a robbery in progress. The man was apprehended and taken into custody.

### Parolee Failed to Register

Monday, December 26: at 11:03 p.m., deputies arrested a 35-year-old man with no permanent address on suspicion of failing to report with authorities following his release from jail. The man was hanging outside a drug store on the Boulevard near Marshall Street when deputies approached him for questioning. Deputies took the man back into custody.

### Boxing Day Dustup at Eden

Monday, December 26: at 10:03 a.m., a 43-year-old woman was arrested after failing to leave Eden Medical Center even after being asked to leave by hospital security multiple times. The woman also had an outstanding warrant issued for her arrest. Deputies took the woman to Santa Rita Jail pending \$2,500 in bail.

### Illegal Driver

Monday, December 26: at 1:56 a.m., deputies pulled over and arrested a 49-year-old man from CV on suspicion of driving without a valid registration and driver's license. The man was also wanted as part of a warrant for his arrest. Deputies spotted the man driving down Lake Chabot Road and stopped him around Somerset Avenue. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$5,000 in bail. The vehicle was towed.

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Suzanne from San Leandro had sciatica so bad that she had a lot of pain in her leg, knee and foot for over six months and the pain was becoming unbearable.

Her doctor tried to treat her with medication which initially took the pain away, but came back after 2 days which made her anxious and unable to sleep.

"When my doctor wanted to prescribe another medication for my anxiety I knew I needed to try a more holistic approach. That is when I found Dr. Jerry at Intero Chiropractic. Now, just one month later, the pain in my leg is about 70-80% gone. I am so glad I found you!!

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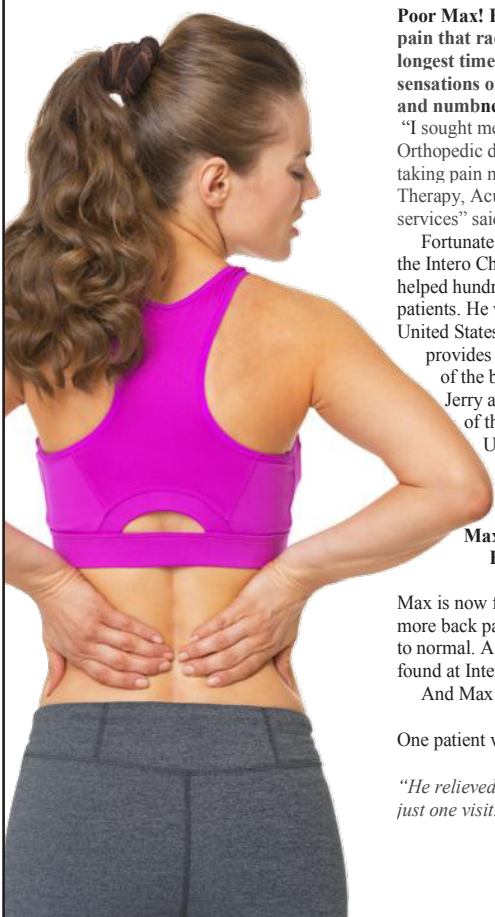
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## The Week Ahead

### ● Thursday, January 5: Parkinson's Support Group Meeting

The San Leandro Parkinson's Support Group will hold its monthly meeting at 10 a.m. tomorrow at the San Lorenzo Community Church, 945 Paseo Grande in San Lorenzo. There will be an open discussion. For information call Lona White at 510-276-3119.

### ● Friday, January 6: Eden Area Village

Eden Area Village is developing a non-profit membership based neighborhood "Village" that will help people in the Castro Valley, Hayward, and the San Lorenzo areas stay in their homes as they age. Public outreach meetings are held the first Friday of each month at 2 p.m. at Hayward City Hall. Next meeting is this Friday, Jan. 6.

### ● Saturday, January 7: Community Garden Open House

See what your neighbors are growing at an Open House at Paradise Community Garden, 20095 Mission Blvd. in Hayward from 10 a.m. to noon this Saturday, with a free workshop "Raising Backyard Chickens in the Eden Area" at 11 a.m. presented by Rick Hatcher who has 15 years experience. For more info call: Eden Urban Farms 510-909-4077

### ● Saturday, January 7: Getting Published

You wrote a book – now what? Four local writers will share how they navigated the publishing world at 11 a.m. this Saturday at the Castro Valley Library. Learn how they have worked with agents and publishers to get their work to bookstore and library shelves. You'll leave with a wide range of perspectives on the business of being an author and how to keep growing as a writer. Featured writers include Giovanna Capone, Karin Kallmaker, Camille Minichino and Mark Cotta Vaz. No tickets are required for this free library event.

### ● Saturday, January 7: Pet Available for Adoption

Dusty Paws Rescue will showing the available kittens/cats for re-homing this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pet Food Express, 3385 Castro Valley Blvd. Check out [www.dustypawsrescue.org](http://www.dustypawsrescue.org) for available animals. If interested, complete an on-line application.

### ● Sunday, January 8: Meet a Real Maasai Warrior

Meet Maasai Warrior Sabore Ole Oyie and hear about his life growing up in a small village in the Maasai Mara amongst the wild animals of Kenya, from 2 to 4 p.m. this Sunday at the Hayward Arts Council, 22394 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward. This fun event includes a silent auction, raffle prizes and a meet and greet photo opportunity with Sabore. For adults and children alike! Maasai jewelry and gifts for sale as well. All proceeds and donations support the nonprofit "saboreswell.org"

### ● Monday, January 9: Diabetes Support Group Meeting

Health coach Syam will discuss goal-setting at the next meeting of the Diabetes Support Group at 5 p.m. on Jan. 9 at the San Leandro Surgery Center, 15035 East 14 St., San Leandro. Meetings are free.

### ● Monday, January 9: Eagles Auxiliary Bingo Luncheon

Meatloaf, corn souffle, soup, salad, bread and dessert are all on the menu at noon January 9 for a donation of \$8 (includes one bingo card) at the charity bingo luncheon at the Eagles Hall, 21406 Foothill Blvd., Hayward. Help us help people in need. Call 584-1568 for further info.

### ● Tuesday, January 10: Senior Driver Safety Seminar

Drive smart and save money! The CHP will conduct a seminar that includes tuning-up seniors' driving skills, rules of the road and safe-driving tips, from 1 to 3 p.m. January 10 at the Castro Valley Library. On completion of the seminar, participants will receive a certificate that may entitle them to an auto insurance discount. Registration is required for this free program. Call the library at 510-667-7900

### ● Saturday, January 14: Hearing Loss Association Meets

U.C. Berkeley's Pieter Doevendans, one of the creators of an application for smartphones which provides captioning in real time, will be speaker at the Jan. 14 meeting. 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 in the old garage across Howe. For more info, email [athos.artist@att.net](mailto:athos.artist@att.net) or call Kay at 886-4717.

### ● Saturday, January 14: Crow Creek Restoration

Everyone is invited to join the Friends of San Lorenzo Creek for a morning of work to plant native vegetation and restore habitat on Crow Creek in Castro Valley. The goal is to plant 3,000 native plants! Come Saturday, January 14, from 9 a.m. to noon. Sponsored by The Restoration Trust, Friends of San Lorenzo Creek, and Hands-On Conservation. RSVP at [goo.gl/forms/WB7XzVt8HBW3jIto1](http://goo.gl/forms/WB7XzVt8HBW3jIto1). For questions call Emily at 510-622-8110.

### ● Saturday, January 14: Annual Flea Market

Find a variety of affordable merchandise; housewares including books, jewelry, toys and clothing at the Hill & Valley Women's Club Annual Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Jan. 14 in the clubhouse, 1808 B St. in Hayward (there's parking near by). Lunch will be available at the mini cafe. Proceeds benefit the club's philanthropic programs including college scholarships, children's education and health, aid to women's shelters and veterans hospitals.

### ● Saturday, January 14: 'Living with Dementia' Class Offered

To help give caregivers a better understanding of the dementia and the needs of patients who suffer from it, Hope Hospice presents "Living with Dementia" from 9:45 a.m. to noon on Jan. 14, at 6377 Clark Ave., Suite 100, Dublin (2nd floor conference room). Register at [HopeHospice.com](http://HopeHospice.com) or contact Debbie Emerson at [debbiee@hopehospice.com](mailto:debbiee@hopehospice.com).

### ● Sunday, January 15: Mass for Martin Luther King Feast

All Saints Episcopal Church at 911 Dowling Blvd. in San Leandro will commemorate the Feast of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a special mass at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 15, which will include African American Spirituals and a mass setting drawing from the African American tradition. All are invited to this festive service! For more information visit [www.saintsalive.net](http://www.saintsalive.net)

### ● Tuesday, January 17: Chamber's Marketing Meeting

The Castro Valley/Eden Area Chamber of Commerce invites everyone its Annual Membership and Marketing meeting from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17 at the Moose Lodge, 20835 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley. Chat with chamber members to learn more about all the activities that are being planned for 2017 and how to be involved. For more information, visit [www.castrovalleychamber.com](http://www.castrovalleychamber.com) or call the Chamber at 510-537-5300.

### ● Saturday, January 28: Eden Awards Presentations

The Castro Valley/Eden Area Chamber of Commerce will be saluting the winners of the Annual Eden Awards banquet from 6 to 11 p.m. on Jan. 28 at Redwood Canyon Event Center. Included are the Castro Valley and San Lorenzo Teachers of the Year, as well as First Responder, Volunteer and Business Person of the Year. For tickets or more info, visit [www.edenareachamber.com](http://www.edenareachamber.com) or call 510-537-5300.

## Arts & Entertainment

### CASTRO VALLEY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

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

● "Monster Concert," – witness the excitement as 24 young pianists, many from Castro Valley, perform together on 12 Yamaha pianos at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 7, at the Center for the Arts, presented by the Southern Alameda County Branch of the Music Teachers Association of California. Purchase tickets online \$10 (\$15 at the door) at: [www.eventbrite.com/](http://www.eventbrite.com/) (search "Monster Concert"). All proceeds from this concert will go towards student scholarships.

● "Rhythm of the North," celebrating our 50th State – Alaska – will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28. Take this boogie-woogie joy ride with John Bushell (known as "Johnny B.") when he presents this multi-media sensation, with stunning images, sizzling piano and hilarious stories. For tickets (\$20), see above.

### ART GALLERIES & EVENTS

● "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 presented from January 21 to March 4 at the Adobe Art Gallery, 20395 San Miguel Ave. in Castro Valley. Meet and greet the artists at the free awards and reception event from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21. Art judge Angela Johal will select the exhibition awards. Art submission and entry form information is available at: [adobegallery.org](http://adobegallery.org).

● "Local Botanical Beauties, Then and Now," an exhibit of watercolors showing the variety of plant life that once dominated the East Bay landscape as well as plants still seen in our foothills as curated by the Mary L. Hardin School of Botanical Illustration, is currently on display at the Museum for History and Culture at 22380 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward.

● "A Woman's View of the World," a variety of artistic techniques including watercolors, acrylics, pencil, ink and mixed media by the Diablo/Alameda Chapter of the National League of American Pen Women, continues through Jan. 27 at the John O'Lague Galleria in Hayward City Hall, 777 B Street at Watkins, open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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GUEST COMMENTARY



## Sellers Beware of New Flipper Tactics

An agent approached me with a tale of woe. A homeowner had signed a contract for a new home and needed to sell her existing property quickly.

Her home was immediately listed and within a week, received multiple offers and was in escrow. Unfortunately, after two weeks the deal crashed and she was back on the market. Another offer came in and, like the first, collapsed after a week.

Frustrated, the seller lowered the price to get a quick offer. By now, the cumulative days on the market was approaching 30 and she was afraid her listing would be viewed as tainted. Within a few days, a non-contingent cash offer arrived from a flipper offering less than list price, but able to close in seven days. The seller signed and started packing.

Days passed and it became clear the buyer was taking their time getting their deposit into escrow. Afraid of losing a third deal, the seller hesitated in submitting a notice-to-perform.

On day seven, and still with no deposit, the investor stated that they would continue, but only at a much lower price. The seller is-

sued a demand-to-close, but with no deposit, had no immediate recourse when the deal cancelled.

It's not a new story. With the recent lack of inventory and dramatic increase in the number of flippers, finding homes that can be flipped for a profit has become exceedingly difficult.

Tired of competition, it seems a few flippers are trying different tactics. Offering a competitive price, cash and quick close, they beat out the competition and secure the deal. Before submitting their deposit to escrow, they "inspect" the home and then come back with a request for a dramatic price reduction.

By this time, the other offers have disappeared and the seller is either back on the market or caves in to the flippers revised terms.

It's a case of Seller Beware, and we recommend the following when considering an offer:

1. Counter with "Deposit must be in escrow within 24 hours."

2. Submit a 24-hour Notice-To-Perform for the deposit the moment the offer is ratified.

3. Refuse property access until the deposit is submitted.

4. If the deposit is not in on time, submit a cancellation immediately and get right back on the market Subject to Cancellation.

Bottom line, if flippers want to start throwing curves, it's time for sellers to step up and play hardball.

Carl Medford is a licensed Realtor with Keller Williams Realty and a licensed general contractor. This article is sponsored by the Central County Marketing Association at [www.ccmgtoday.com](http://www.ccmgtoday.com).

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## Fixed Rates Move Higher

Average fixed mortgage rates moved higher last week for the ninth consecutive week, according to Freddie Mac's weekly survey.

Despite the recent jump in mortgage rates since the election, the annual average for the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage was 3.65 percent in 2016, the lowest annual average ever recorded in records going back to 1971.

Thirty-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 4.32 percent last week, up from 4.30 percent the week before.

Fifteen-year rates averaged 3.55 percent, up from 3.52 percent.

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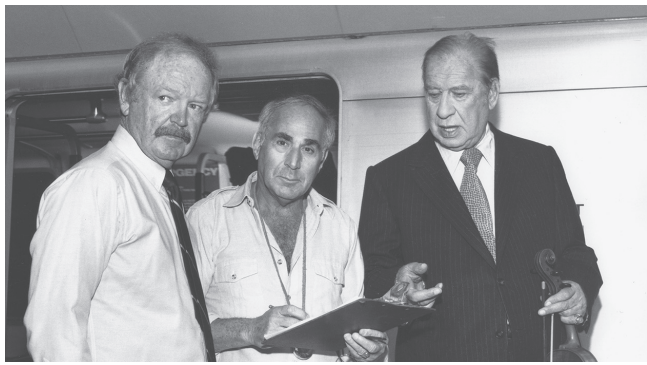


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From left, BART former public information chief and author Mike Healy with ad man Eddie Spizel and comedian Henny Youngman as they prepare to shoot a commercial for the "Take Your BART, Please" ridership campaign in 1988.

## BART: Made Worldwide News as it Filled The San Francisco Bay Area Transit Gap

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But BART's finest hour came in 1989 after the Loma Prieta earthquake, when a section of the Bay Bridge roadway collapsed.

Fortunately BART's Transbay tube was unscathed by the magnitude 6.9 temblor — in fact, passengers inside the tube hadn't even felt the earthquake.

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"BART became the only game in town for commuters," notes Healy. Ridership shot up by 20 percent, and many new riders remained converts from that point on.

BART made worldwide news as it filled in the San Francisco Bay Area's transit gap. Healy even got U.S. Congressman Don Edwards to include BART's contributions in the Congressional Record.

Numerous scandals and the

system's "growing pains" are also included in the book, warts and all. The year 2017 will mark BART's 45th year of service, and anyone interested in how the system evolved will enjoy Healy's book.

"BART, The Dramatic History of the Bay Area Rapid Transit System" is printed by Heyday Publishers of Berkeley, 510-549-3564 (\$20 paperback, e-book available) ISBN 9781597143707. Available from bookstores and Amazon.



Author Healy in the cab of an early BART train.

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# Daughtrey: It's Back to the Drawing Board for Building

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any businesses interested in the property.

Greensfelder said that stores including BevMo, Grocery Outlet, Big 5, and Target Express all

declined to open there, most citing the fact that they already have locations in nearby Dublin and San Leandro.

"The building has been empty for the better part of 20 years," said

Greensfelder. "We found a tenant that was going to activate the building. Under the circumstances, this was not only a very good use, this use was also dead-on consistent with every planning document."

So now it's back to the drawing board and the county will have send out a request for proposals to see if another developer can make something of the Daughtrey's building.

## Proposed Fairview MAC Headed for Vote Next Week

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors will hear a proposal next week for residents of the unincorporated Fairview area to get their own advisory council.

Similar to the Castro Valley

Municipal Advisory Council (MAC), the Fairview MAC would take on matters affecting the community of about 10,000 residents in the area between the Castro Valley and Hayward border.

The MAC is set to be made up of five appointed members who would advise Supervisor Nate Miley. The council would meet at Hayward Area Recreation District (HARD) headquarters at 1099 E

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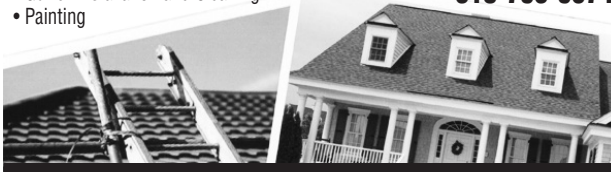
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# LETTERS to the Editor

## Wants School District to Investigate 'Teacher Seditious Activity' in Anti-Trump Student Demonstration

Editor:

In late November I submitted a critical Letter to the Editor regarding the Castro Valley School District handling of the anti-Trump Castro Valley High activity.

Shortly thereafter, Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi invited me to her office to discuss the issue, after which I called Principal Blaine Torpey for an additional discussion. These two informational opportunities have caused me to significantly change my opinion regarding the administrative response to the event.

I now have a greater appreciation for the impromptu action required for the safety and well-being of the students. Both assured me that no school administrator had advance knowledge of the event, no teachers were known to have actively participated in the walk-out disruption, no classes were dismissed and any student who missed a scheduled class because of the activity was given a "cut" on attendance records. In my estimation, the response was very

reasonably measured and professional.

However, I have lingering concerns about the act of sedition (incitement of rebellion) for which I was not able to receive adequate assurance. No one is investigating to assure that teachers did not assist in provoking the event and I did not get a sense that the school district would investigate related teacher seditious activity.

Secondly, issuing a "cut" is perhaps appropriate for individually skipping classes, but group defiance to attending is a far more serious issue and can, in my opinion, encourage even more serious disruptions (involving safety and well-being) in the future.

Castro Valley Unified School District did extremely well in controlling an initial serious disruption/rebellion; but, the administration and the Board of Education need to provide additional leadership to avoid a possible more serious and dangerous similar activity in the future. Developing specific teacher sedition and student defiance policies would hopefully deter and provide specific policy guidelines for similar future activity which could have serious safety and well-being implications for students, citizens and community business activities.

I'm grateful that our school children are in professional and responsible hands. I'm also hopeful that the District will be pro-active in deterring similar disruptions and being prepared for the future.

—Verne Teyler  
Castro Valley

## Public Safety Town Hall Meeting on Monday

Editor:

I am deeply saddened to hear about the death of homeless resident Betty Roosevelt, the sudden string of homicides and the recent house fire in Castro Valley. My heart goes out to the community and families

affected by these tragic events.

As the Sheriff's Office is conducting its investigations into the homicides, I am confident more information will come to light to help us better understand and begin healing.

The Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council (Castro Valley MAC) and I are hosting a Special Castro Valley MAC Session and Public Safety Town Hall Meeting next Monday, Jan. 9, at the Castro Valley Library at 6 p.m., for the community to come together and for all those concerned by these events. The Alameda County Sheriff's Office will be there to share the information they have to date.

We look forward to gathering community feedback and taking steps to improve neighborhood safety.

—Supervisor Nate Miley

## Suggestions for New Signs in Castro Valley

Editor:

How many residents of Castro Valley know that there is a sign on Redwood Road ("A" Street) that has signs of our service clubs listed with meeting information? Since Castro Valley has boundary signs (we are a Township not a city) on I-580 there seems to be a movement to have some type of identity; the now stored Castro Valley "pickle" sign that caused an uproar is now at rest.

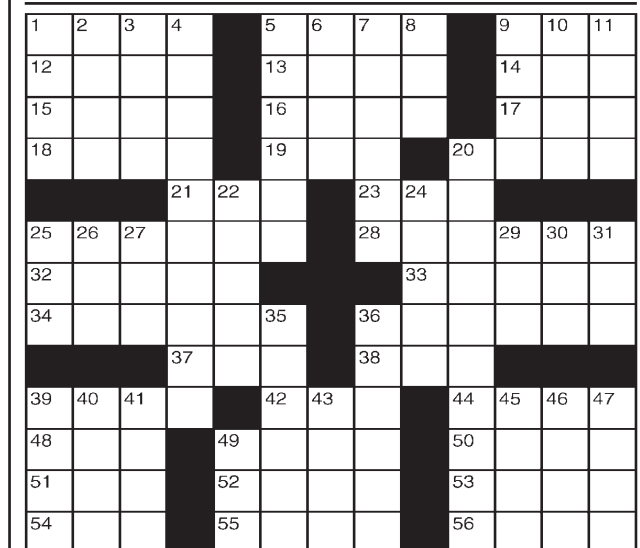
Why not put service/club signs on each end of the boulevard. The Chamber might want to place one at the end of the off ramp at East Castro Valley Blvd. and one in the center of the Blvd. across from the Castro Valley Lumber yard. This would show the public that we service minded. Anyone else have a positive idea?

—William M. Ferrell  
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After returning home to the United States, Melvin finished up his Master's Degree at Brigham Young University and moved to Castro Valley. He began teaching string instruments in the Castro Valley school district and was charged with building up a district orchestra which went on to receive many honors. With his colleagues, he was able to build a successful music program which several Bay Area programs were later modeled after.

Over the years, Melvin and LaRee raised four children and instilled in them the importance of education, hard work, service, dedication to God, and a love for music. Melvin loved to travel, and as a young man saw much of Europe. After his children left home, he was fortunate to be able to travel the world again. He took his last trip overseas at age 91.

Melvin was an accomplished violinist and served in many capacities in his church and in the community, including Bishop, choir director and teacher. He was ambitious, hard-working, compassionate, and had a great sense of humor.

Melvin is survived by 2 of his 3 sons, 1 daughter, 14 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. He leaves a great legacy that will be passed onto the following generations. His positive influence on so many people will not be forgotten.

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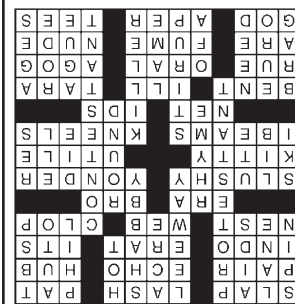
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## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



### Castro Valley United U13 2004 Green Team

This week's Athletes of the Week are the members of the Castro Valley United U13 2004 Green Team – the 2016 NorCal State Cup Champions in the Gold 3 Division.

The team won the final championship game 1-0, against the Ceres Earthquakes on Dec. 4, in Modesto. Castro Valley's only opportunity for a goal came with 4 minutes left in the game, from Charlotte Caistor, off of a corner kick.

The team's defensive stability has been the basis of their success this year and they were able to hold on for the win, giving them shut outs in their quarter final, semi-final, and Championship games.

"This really is an incredible achievement, one

in which the girls should be extremely proud of and I hope it stays with them, inspiring them towards future endeavors in the game," said their coach, Brendan McManus. The U13 girls finished third in the Fall League season, scoring 17 goals and only giving up 5 goals.

Shown top row from left, Katherine McElroy, Claire Cason, Mari Mc Kenna, Asst. Coach Matt Abreu and Head Coach Brendan McManus; middle row, Charlotte Caistor, Posie Hall, Marin Michieli, Taylor Seuis, Ce Ce Yao, Kyla Metchette, Maya Gutierrez-Zumudio, Erika Sun, Emma Fogle and Jamie Fong; bottom row, Mattea Abreu, Elisabeth Figueroa and Julia Bailey.

## Five CV Track Runners Excel at National Cross Country Meet

Annually, the second Saturday of December marks the USA Track and Field's National Junior Olympic Cross Country Meet, with top runners from around the country advancing through two qualifying meets in order to compete in this National meet.

Five runners from the Castro Valley Track Club advanced from the Region 14 meet where the top 30 runners from Central California (including the McFarland team, now famous from the movie) and the top 30 runners from the Northern California competed against each other in late November.

A record 3,500 runners converged on Birmingham, Alabama last month to race Nationals. No snow or freezing rain as in prior years, instead, the athletes competed in clear, blue skies and 30 degrees.

Each race held about 300-450 athletes, with each race run by age groupings of two years, 17-18 down to 9-10 and then 8 and under. Distances were 5000 meters for 15-16 and 17-18, 4000 meters for 13-14, 3000 meters 9-10 and 11-12, and 2000 meters for 8 and under.

In the girls' age 9-10 race, the



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The start of the boys' ages 9-10, 3,000-meter race, where the Club's Ryan Gauuan placed 76 out of 407 in a time of 12:39. Gauuan attends Independent Elementary School with the Dughi twins.

Club's identical twins of Anna and Maya Dughi finished tenth and forty-first, out of 301, and second and eleventh, out of the 9 year olds in the race, with very fast times of 12:19 and 12:55 over 3000 meters (1.864 miles).

Maya's had the Club's greatest personal improvement in the Region 14 qualifying meet, where Anna beat a girl from the McFarland team to take first place.

The Club's eighth grader, Lucas Chaney, competed with the Club's

CVHS freshman, Seth Miu, in the crowded 13-14 year old group of 446. In this 4000 meter race (2.485 miles), each ran outstanding races, with Miu finishing 118 and Lucas 178 in times of 13:54 and 14:13.

The Club's mottoes of "persistence" and "workouts work" showed the success of these great, young athletes, each of whom has a very bright future ahead of them.

Track and field registration begins now. Details on line at [www.cvtrackclub.com](http://www.cvtrackclub.com)

## CASTRO VALLEY INDEPENDENT SPORTS LEAGUE

**Youth Baseball and Flag Football Programs**  
[www.CVSPORTSLEAGUE.org](http://www.CVSPORTSLEAGUE.org)

### USTA Junior Team Tennis (age 10-17)

Eight weeks of singles, doubles and mixed doubles matches for intermediate to advanced players, emphasizing competition and tennis as a team sport will be held at Canyon Middle School on Sundays from 3 - 4:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 15. For more info, e-mail Coach Suzi Mills at [cvjuniortennis@gmail.com](mailto:cvjuniortennis@gmail.com) or visit the web site at [www.suzistennis.com](http://www.suzistennis.com).

### USTA HITS (age 6-10) (Honesty/ Inspiration/Teamwork/ Sportsmanship) Tennis

Eight weeks of tennis for beginners to intermediate players, incorporating the fundamentals of tennis with life skills enrichment will be held at Canyon Middle School on Saturdays from 9:30-10:30 am beginning Jan. 14 or on Sundays from 10:30-11:30 beginning Jan. 15. For more info, e-mail Coach Suzi Mills at [cvjuniortennis@gmail.com](mailto:cvjuniortennis@gmail.com) or visit the web site at [www.suzistennis.com](http://www.suzistennis.com).

### Castro Valley Track Club

CV Track Information to sign up for youth track and field is on line at JOIN at: [cvtrackclub.com](http://cvtrackclub.com)

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## Work: Film

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"Limited budgets force you to be more creative," she says.

Poulos comes from a show-business family. Both her dad and an uncle worked in the entertainment field. She took her one and only photography course at the Hayward Area Recreation District when she was 12 and produced her first music video at age 19.

But even as an elementary student in Castro Valley she loved working behind the scenes on school programs.

Today Poulos has a total of 10 prestigious awards, including "Best of Festival Adult Contemporary Music Video" at the Berkeley Video and Film Festival.

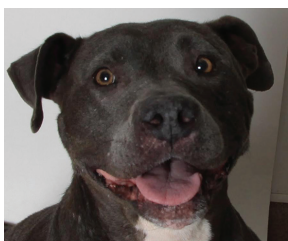
Now her latest music video and documentary will be on the big screen for a exclusive look before it gets submitted into film festival competitions around the world.

Doors open at the Chabot Cinema at 10:30 a.m. this Saturday, Jan. 7, with the free show starting promptly at 10:40 a.m. An exhibit of Poulos' fine art photography will be on display in the lobby before and after the show.

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## Seniors: A New Year's Resolution

**Q** My wife and I created our estate planning documents about 10 years ago and we really haven't looked at them since. Do you have any thoughts about when we should consider updating them?

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

**A** Yes, I do. I would tie a review and update into a New Year's Resolution.

Many of us resolve to eat healthier and exercise more in the New Year. I would suggest another resolution: persons who have not created an estate plan should resolve to create one; and those who have already created one, such as yourself, should resolve to update them as need and changes in the law may require.

A very basic estate plan would typically consist of the following legal documents: a "Living Trust," a backup Will, a Durable Power of Attorney and an Advance Health Care Directive for each person. These documents are designed to be reviewed, modified and updated as circumstances change.

Benchmarks for updating these documents might include the following: (1) changes in family structure, such as by births, deaths, divorces and marriages; (2) changes in the ability to manage one's own finances and/or the onset of incapacity; (3) the need for long-

term care; the disability of a child; and changes in tax law.

However, as much as we encourage clients to review and update their estate planning documents, too few actually take that advice.

In this regard, I have seen wills of deceased parents, prepared two or three decades earlier, which still refer to their children as minors, and others that mention only one child when the parents subsequently had more children.

Outdated documents can sometimes be more problematic than none at all.

If it has been 10 years or so since you created your documents, you very likely have provisions in them which were designed with old tax laws in mind, and that would now make administration of your estate unduly cumbersome.

I refer, specifically, to the common practice years ago, when the estate tax exemption was \$1 million per person or less, of requiring asset splitting and sub trust funding at the first death in order to minimize the estate tax bite.

Now, with the federal estate tax exemption at \$5.4-million per person (for persons dying in 2017), and the corresponding option afforded married couples to double



that amount, the need for burdensome sub-trust funding is no longer necessary for most couples.

If your 10 year-old plan falls into this category, you may wish to modify it to eliminate this requirement and make trust administration easier for the survivor.

For those who have not created an estate plan, I would encourage them to do so at the earliest opportunity. Sometimes setting a specific calendar deadline is helpful, such as taking steps to create a plan and have it in place by March 31 of the coming year.

The New Year is a time for renewal. Let's add getting your legal affairs in order to your other resolutions. Your elder law or estate planning attorney can assist you in crafting an appropriate plan to meet your present circumstances.

*Gene L. Osofsky is an elder law and estate planning attorney in Hayward. Visit his website at [www.LawyerForSeniors.com](http://www.LawyerForSeniors.com).*

## Senior Driver Safety Class On Tuesday

The California Highway Patrol invites senior drivers to stay safe while saving money by attending this year's first "Drive Smart" traffic safety seminar.

It will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 10, at the Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Avenue.

The seminar will include such topics as Compensating for Age-Related Changes, Tuning-Up Your Driving Skills, Rules of the Road and Safe Driving Tips.

On completion of the seminar, participants will receive a certificate for completing the course which may entitle them to an automobile insurance discount!

Registration is required for this free program. To register, or for more information, call the Library Info Desk at (510) 667-7900.

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### CVSan's Zero Waste Week 2017

Get involved and inspired during January 17 through January 21, 2017. Here's a short event schedule:

**ALL MONTH**  
The NEW Museum of Bad Design will be on display at Castro Valley Library.

Come watch a fun zero waste documentary *The Clean Bin Project* at CVSan at 10:00 a.m.!

**THURSDAY**  
12:00 to 1:30 p.m.  
(at the Palomares Hills Clubhouse) - Food scrap recycling workshop in Mandarin, Cantonese & English!

**SATURDAY**  
From 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Come to the CV Library to participate in the Fixit Clinic and Swap-O-Rama.

**ALL WEEK**  
Donate lightly used clothing, accessories & shoes (location to be announced).

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